Today's Weather

Prince Rupert — Raining, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.68; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

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High	2:51 a.m.	22:9 ft.
	15:30 p.m.	20:1 ft.
Low	9:25 a.m.	2:0 ft.
	21:30 p.m.	5:2 ft.

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TOLMIE HAS NO INTENTION OF RETIRING FROM PUBLIC LIFE

Notwithstanding Rumor Premier Tells House He Is Getting Back Health

Statement in Legislature During Budget Debate Greeted By Acclaim in Which Both Conservative and Liberal Members Joined

VICTORIA, March 24:—"Let me tell you I am not aiming to retire from public life in British Columbia until the people of the province say they wish me to retire," Premier S. F. Tolmie stated yesterday in the Legislature while speaking in the budget debate. "Despite all the rumors you may have heard, you can take it from me that I am on the way back to health."

This statement brought enthusiastic acclaim from Conservative benches in an ovation which was generously shared in by the Opposition.

CALIFORNIA FOR GARNER

Forty-Four Delegates From Golden State Will Support Speaker as Democratic Candidate

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 24:—William Gibbs McAdoo, who was Secretary of the Treasury in the administration of the late President Woodrow Wilson, during a brief visit here yesterday, declared that 44 delegates from California at the Democratic national convention in Chicago this summer would support the candidature of Speaker John M. Garner.

PREMIER CLEARED

Charges Against Squires of Newfoundland Are Found False By Sir John Middleton

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 24:—Premier Squires was absolved by His Excellency, Sir John Middleton, of charges of "falsification and irregularity" brought recently by Peter Cashin.

Good Progress Being Made on New Building

Framework of the second storey of the apartment building being erected on the southwest corner of Second Avenue and First Street by D. McD. Hunter for Old Country interests started rising this morning. The building will be finished by early summer, it is expected.

ALASKA GETS NEW INDUSTRY

SEATTLE, March 24: — Launching of a new industry for Alaska involving utilization of white birch stands on a 65,000 acre tract of leased government land across Knik Arm from Anchorage, was announced here yesterday.

Premier Tolmie

Tells Legislature he is not quitting public life.

MUCH GOLD TAKEN OUT

Importance of New McConnell Creek Diggings Becoming Apparent—$2500 in One Plane Trip

According to word from Burns Lake, a plane recently arrived there from the new McConnell Creek gold diggings in the Babine country bearing $2500 in coarse gold. The gold is stated to have come from six pockets in McConnell Creek which is near Thutade Lake.

A party of 20 Americans, under leadership of "Mickey" Brown of Tulsa, Okla., is working in the diggings. Mr. Brown arrived in the city on this morning's train from Burns Lake and will sail tonight on the Prince George for Vancouver on business.

It is expected that, with the spring, there will be considerable of a stampede into the area. Prospectors are already reported to be going in on foot from Fort St. James.

Use of the airplane makes it a simple matter for big operators to go in and bring the precious metal out.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

Tomorrow, being Good Friday and a public holiday, there will be no regular issue of the Daily News. The next regular edition will appear Saturday afternoon.

RAILWAY BUILDER IS DEAD

Late James Guthrie Scott Did Much For Development of Northern Quebec

QUEBEC, March 24: — James Guthrie Scott, aged 85, known throughout the Dominion in railway construction circles, died here yesterday. Among the more important executive offices which the late Mr. Scott held during an active business career were those of chairman of the British Columbia Anthracite Syndicate of Quebec and director of the Pacific Pass Coal Fields Limited. He was a past president of the Quebec Board of Trade.

Born in Quebec, February 13, 1847 of Scotch and Acadian ancestry, the late Mr. Scott was educated in the Quebec public and high schools. He left school at the age of 17 and engaged in the lumber business with the Montmorency Mills, becoming the head of one of the most important departments just one year after joining the service of the company.

Mr. Scott entered the railway business with the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway in 1879 and was eventually made general manager, retiring from the service of the company in 1908 after having carried out the building of the road and the Great Northern 500 miles in all. Both lines are now part of the Canadian National Railways system. Mr. Scott was chief promoter of the Transcanada Railway, the surveys and agitation for which resulted in the selection of the northern route for the Transcontinental Railway from Quebec to Winnipeg.

On completion of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, Mr. Scott organized, in connection with the railway, a system of assisted colonization for the Lake St. John district which was so effectual that its population, then only 10,000, later exceeded 63,000. The construction of this railway and the Great Northern also resulted in the development of large water power projects on these lines with resultant flourishing manufacturing towns such as Grand Mere, Shawninigan,

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Eugene Strickland Laid to Rest Today

Funeral of 70-Year Old Miner This Afternoon From Hayner Bros. Chapel to Fairview

Funeral of the late Eugene Strickland, 70-year old miner, whose death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital the day before yesterday, took place this afternoon from the chapel of Hayner Bros., undertakers, to Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Alfred Wilson, pastor of First United Church, officiating. Charles P. Balagno presided at the organ to accompany the hymns. Friends of deceased acted as pallbearers.

At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held last night at the home of the chairman, W. J. Greer, Eberts Street, Walter Longwill was given the job of installing a heating radiator in the principal's room at Borden Street School, his tender being $12 which was the lowest. Other tenderers were Smith & Mallett and Henri Letourneau.

A Present For Senator

Speaker Garner, candidate for the United States presidency has a habit of breaking gavels when calling for order. His Texas supporters recently sent this over-sized mallet to Washington, suggesting that he break down tariff walls with it.

Outspoken Declaration of Grit Policy is Given in Legislature By Pattullo During Budget Talk

VICTORIA, March 24:—An outspoken declaration of Liberal policy that will be followed if he is elected to office, was given in the Legislature by T. D. Pattullo, Opposition leader, and member for Prince Rupert, during the course of his speech on the budget, in which he voiced the opinion that the Tolmie Government would go to the country this summer.

Stock of the province's financial condition would be taken in an effort to make income and outgo balance.

There were outstanding cases of superannuation which should not be tolerated, he said, referring to $350 a month paid to F. A. Pauline, and other cases.

He proposed to reorganize the civil service fearlessly, with justice to all and vindictiveness to none.

The opportunity sought for a body of responsible men to investigate the financial position of the province should be given.

There should be publication of a quarterly financial statement of the province.

A commission should investigate the affairs of municipal finance sympathetically and not antagonistically, with a view to properly assigning revenues.

The education question should be similarly studied.

Measures should be formulated to meet the unemployment problem, reference being made to the plan advanced by G. S. Pearson, Nanaimo, for a board representative of industry, labor and the government for correlated effort to alleviate a considerable measure of unemployment.

Endeavors should be made to get more people on the land.

Greater production in livestock and products of soil should be aimed at.

New markets for timber should be studied.

Tourist traffic should be encouraged.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, March 24:—Wheat was quoted at 58⅞c on the local exchange today.

The Czar's Jewels

S'nuff to make Soviets weep to think that $5,000,000 worth of the czar's jewels found their way to Chicago. This jade snuff-box is on display.

WEATHER REPORT

Langara Island — Cloudy, light southeast wind; moderate swell.

Triple Island — Raining, light easterly wind; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 44; light chop.

Debate On Relief Must End on Tuesday; Taking Of Vote Will Proceed

Premier Bennett Charges Liberals With "Malicious Wasting of Time"—Conference of Provincial Premiers On Unemployment to Be Held Soon

OTTAWA, March 24:—Premier R. B. Bennett gave notice in the House of Commons yesterday of his intention to apply the closure on the government's unemployment relief measure when the House reassembles on Tuesday after the Easter recess so that it must come to a vote by 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The debate has been lengthened out considerably owing to Liberal criticism of the "blank check" feature of the government's bill.

Premier Bennett accused Liberals of "maliciously wasting time."

The Premier announced that a conference of provincial premiers on the subject of unemployment would be held in Ottawa after the various legislatures adjourn their sessions.

The House adjourned for the Easter recess.

YOUNG MAN IS ELECTED

Percy G. Davies Declared Winner in Athabaska Federal By-election Over Liberal Opponent

EDMONTON, March 24:—Percy G. Davies, Conservative, has been elected by a majority of 283 over Isaac Doze, Liberal, as a result of Monday's federal by-election in Athabaska riding. The final vote is announced as follows:

Davies, 4914.
Doze, 4632.
Normandeau (U.F.A.), 3434.
Axelson (Farmers' Unity Party), 2303.

Davies, who is only 29, will be the youngest member of the House of Commons.

ASKS ABOUT RELIEF CAMPS

Prince George Centre of Questions Asked in Legislature By Dr. J. J. Gillis, Liberal Member For Yale

Dr. J. J. Gillis, Liberal member for Yale, has asked in the Legislature what was the total amount of payroll for each relief camp in Fort George district for September 1931, October 1931, November 1931 and December 1931, what was the net amount paid to men at each of these camps for these periods and was any amount deducted as hospital dues? If so, how much was deducted, at what rate per employee and to what hospital or institution were the amounts paid?

Dr. Gillis also inquires if a relief camp was established near Newlands, if so, who was the owner of the buildings and site, were said buildings and site purchased, rented or leased and, if so, from whom and at what cost? How many men were provided for at the camp in December 1931 and January 1932 and what was the total cost of supplies or provisions delivered to said camp during December 1931?

NO FISH IN TODAY

There was no halibut in for sale on the local Fish Exchange this morning. Many of the boats are now tied up awaiting a better price situation.

TRAIN ONE HOUR LATE

Delayed in arriving on this division, today's train from the east was one hour late, not arriving until 11:40 this morning.

Infancy Claim Is Made Today In Court Case

In the County Court case of Bryant Co. Ltd. vs. Thomas Tasker, which is set for hearing this afternoon in County Court before Judge F. McB. Young and in which plaintiff is suing for $60.10 for goods sold and delivered, a plea of infancy is being entered. Defendant claims that he was only twenty years of age at the time of alleged sale of goods. This throws the onus on plaintiff of proving that the goods in question were necessary, since "infants" can only be held legally responsible for payment of necessities.

T. W. Brown is acting as counsel for plaintiff while W. E. Fisher is representing defendant.

PROTECT PUBLIC

Bill Introduced in Legislature in Connection With Possible Development of Oil Field

VICTORIA, March 24:—Protection for the public interest in the event of any commercial oil field being developed in British Columbia is contained in a bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. N. S. Lougheed, minister of lands.

LOCAL GIRL GETS COMMERCIAL AIR LICENCE—LAUDED

Miss Roberge, daughter of Mrs. Olier Besner of this city, recently completed flying tests for her commercial licence at Lasalle Airport, Montreal. "I think she will be the first French-Canadian lady to qualify as a commercial pilot," states her instructor, T. H. Finney, in an interview in the Montreal Star. We admire her pluck and tenacity in making her tests in the rigors of winter."