



COURTS IN SHAPE SOON

Prince Rupert Tennis Club Gives Community Lesson in Co-operation

In the spring of 1931 the Prince Rupert Tennis Club found itself with two old wooden courts no longer safe to play on. There was some money in the bank and, by making an extra effort, three new courts were built in time to provide a full season's play. In January, 1932 a heavy wind storm completely demolished the new courts, leaving the club with a mass of wreckage, no money in the bank and several hundred dollars debt from last year's building. Times are hard, none of the members are wealthy and the prospects of the club seemed hopeless. The remark was freely made: "There will be no more tennis on the hill for a long time."

A general meeting, held immediately after the storm, appointed a building committee to clear up the wreck and submit plans for reconstruction but did not commit the club to spending any money. The male members have put on old clothes and turned out on holidays and week-ends, first to clear away the wreckage, then to rebuild. Several unable to work on the courts contributed cash in lieu, and several non-members have turned out with hammers and saws to help. The new lumber necessary was obtained on time and the ladies have undertaken to build a bigger and better club-house. At the time this is written, the new foundation is complete and more than a quarter of the new deck is laid. Given a little good weather and good turn-outs of volunteer workers, the job will be completed and the new courts ready for play by May 1. That the club, without funds, and saddled with debt, should be able to take a disaster of this magnitude in its stride and, like the Phoenix, rise from its ashes in so short a time, speaks well for the spirit of its members and, incidentally, every man, who has packed lumber or driven nails and each lady member, who has helped to make the new club-house possible, now has a stronger proprietary interest in the club.

Most of this world's problems—including the depression—would fade if they were faced with such a co-operative spirit and willingness to work as has been shown by the Prince Rupert Tennis Club.

SPORT CHAT

In the article by G. W. Laidler of this city on the English Cup football final which appeared in this paper on Monday a typographical error was made which led to confusion as far as the line-up of Arsenal was concerned. The last two players in the Arsenal list should have read as follows:

James (inside left)—The worst shot in the First Division and the greatest little match winner of the day. Sends defenders scampering the wrong way by a mere shrug of the shoulders. Players set to mark him seldom catch him.

Bastin (outside left)—The "baby" of the side; actually an inside right. Like all the other forwards, with the exception of Parkin, is an international.

Faith in the New York Yankees, hope in the Washington Senators, and a charitable belief in the potency of precedent may combine to make things tough for the Philadelphia Athletics in this year's American League pennant race. Even so, it is extremely difficult to figure just how Connie Mack's formidable cast can be stopped from making it four in a row, and a league record, unless the opposition has some novel plans, hitherto concealed, to check Grove, Earnshaw, Walberg, Simmons, Cochrane and Foxx. So long as the A's have this six-ply backbone, they cannot be regarded otherwise than as strong favorites again to win. Their pitching outclasses that of any other club in the league. They have the punch to slug it out with any rival, even the Yankees, and Connie Mack's reserve strength, on which he rode down the stretch last season, looks to be even better.

Mack is the only American League manager who has ever held a championship combination virtually intact for more than three seasons. He made few changes in the outfit that won four out of five pennants from 1910 to 1914. In the last three years of rulership, Mack has made only one alteration in the regular lineup, at shortstop. Except for a reversible infield feature, by which Foxx moves to third and the newcomer, Oscar Roettger, to first, the Athletics will start the 1932 season with the same lineup that dropped the world series to the Cardinals.

TORONTO WON OUT

First Game of Stanley Cup Series is Sensational Affair

NEW YORK, April 6.—Toronto Maple Leafs defeated New York Rangers by a score of six to four here last night in a sensational hockey battle which opened the three out of five game series for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's professional hockey championship.

The second game will be played in Toronto.

New Prince George Jail Is Subject of Inquiry in House

Thomas King, Liberal member for Columbia, has asked in the Legislature if a jail building was built during 1931 at Prince George and, if so, at what cost? Was British Columbia cement used in construction of the building and, if not, why not? Did tenders for such building specify concrete block construction and, if so, was building constructed in this manner? If any change was made, what was the nature of such change? Did the change in construction effect a reduction in contract cost and, if so, how much? Was an inspector employed by the department on the work and, if so, who was he and what was his total remuneration?

Skeleton Is Buried At Essington Today

Burial is taking place at Port Essington today of the skeleton which was found lodged under Balmoral Cannery wharf late last week and which is believed to be that of Werner Nilsen, one of four employees of the Power Corporation of Canada, who lost their lives two years ago this spring when they were plunged into the whirlpool of Falls River from a skiff during power house construction there.

Two can live as cheaply as one, but it takes both of them to earn plenty to do it.

Foreign Trade Figures Given For This Coast

Prince Rupert's foreign trade for the year 1931 amounted to 35,631 tons, according to figures published in the latest issue of the National Revenue Review, official publication of the federal department of national revenue. Figures of foreign trade for the principal ports of the coast during the year were as follows:

Vancouver, 4,216,160 tons.
Alberni, 145,707 tons.
Victoria, 119,377 tons.
Chemainus, 105,610 tons.
Ocean Falls, 92,455 tons.
Powell River, 77,648 tons.
Quatsino, 63,114 tons.
Prince Rupert, 35,631 tons.

Halibut Landings

Summary
American—133,000 pounds, 8.5c and 4c to 9.2c and 4c.
Canadian—13,000 pounds, 7.3c and 3c.

American
Arthur H., 48,000, Royal, 8.5c and 4c.
Nordby, 28,000, Adlin, 8.9c and 4c.
Norland, 15,000, Booth, 8.9c and 4c.
Emma, 12,000, Pacific, 9.1c and 4c.
Eastern, 3,000, Cold Storage, 9.2c and 4c.
Friendly, 13,000, and Mars, 14,000, Cold Storage, 8.9c and 4c.

Canadian
Ternen, 4,500, Pacific, 7.3c and 3c.
Helge H., 4,000, and Unome, 4,500, Cold Storage, 7.3c and 3c.

Mother of Ocean Falls Woman Has Passed in South

The funeral took place from Bowell & Sons funeral chapel in New Westminster on Saturday afternoon, Rev. R. J. McIntyre officiating, of Mrs. Anna Brice, aged 63, mother of Mrs. L. B. Webster of Ocean Falls, who died on Wednesday night of last week at the home in Vancouver of another daughter, Mrs. W. R. Flumerfelt. The late Mrs. Brice, who was born in Wisconsin, had lived in New Westminster and Vancouver for 24 years.



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FERRYMAN AT COPPER CITY ASKED ABOUT

In answer to a question by Thomas King, Liberal member for Columbia, Hon. R. W. Bruhn, minister of public works, informed the Legislature recently that H. W. Clark had been appointed ferryman at Copper City on April 22, 1931, since which time he has been paid an average of \$45 per month for summer and winter service.

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