Today's Weather

Rupert-Overcast, light northerly wind; barometer, 30.50;

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1934

CITY TAX RATE IS TO BE LOWERED

COMMISSIONED MUNICIPALITIES TO HAVE AFFAIRS PROBED

Reduction From Fifty-Five Mill Impost Last Year Being Effected

Announcement Made at Rotary Club Luncheon Today By Commissioner Alder-Increase in Water Charges to Reduce Deficit is Indicated

Speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at its regular weekly luncheon today, City Commissioner W. J. Alder intimated that the general tax rate of the city this year would be lower than last year's rate of fifty-five mills. He was unable, however, to definitely announce the rate until it had been approved by the provincial government at Victoria. Such approval is expected to be forthcoming within the

on account of the large annual de-

ficit of that department. It was not

hoped to wipe out the deficit en-

Going Last

* company him.

Wheat Prices

Winnipeg

Chicago

in the local foreign exchange mar-

Judge W. E. Fisher this afternoon.

local exchange yesterday.

May, .673/4.

May, .86%.

July. .8634.

October, .703/4.

September, .873/8.

dollar at 99 31-32c.

Canadian dollar at \$1 even.

Pound Sterling and

July, .69.

tirely but to decrease it somewhat.

New York Stock course of the next few days. The city commissioner also fore-Exchange Dull east that an increase would be made n the city's water charges this year

Few Specialties Moved Upward Yesterday But Leading Issues Were Quiet

NEW YORK, April 5:-Numerous speciaities were brought dull trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

Vancouver Stocks

Supplied by S. D. Johnston Co. Ltr.

Vancouver Alexandria Gold, .07. Bayview, .021/4. B. C. Nickel, .65. Big Missouri, .36. Bralorne, 14.50. B. R. Cons., .38. B. R. X. Gold, .91. Butte I. X. L., .26. Cariboo Gold, 2.33. Dentonia, 1.55. Dunwell, .34. Georgia River, .03. Golconda, .43. Hercules Con., .051/2. Indian, .021/2. Meridian, .181/2. Minto, .42. Morning Star, .421/2. Native Son, .061/8. National Silver, .0434. Noble Five, .121/2. Pend Oreille, 1.10. Porter Idaho, 121/4 Premier, 1.40. Reward, .08. Reno. 1.12. Silver Crest, .03. Salmon Gold, .28. Taylor Bridge, .76. United Empire, .16. Wayside, .41. Whitewater, .071/2 (ask). Waverly Tangler, .02.

Toronto Inter. Nickel, 27.90. Dome, 40.15. Teck Hughes, 7.85. Granada, 1.07. Thompson Cadillac, 531/2. Macassa, 2.93. Read Authier, 1.15. Howey, 131,

New York U. S. Steel, 521/4. American Can, 1001/4. Allied Chemicals, 1513/4. General Motors, 38%. Chrysler, 551/2. Montgomery Ward, 321/8.

CANADIAN GOLD

was \$34.79 per ounce. the city.

IS MAKING COME-BACK

Rest of World Has to Take Off Its Hat to Great Britain, Says George Cunningham

"You have got to take off your hat to Great Britain for the great come-back she is making from the depression," declared R. G. Cunningham, pioneer business man of Port Esington yesterday, following an absence of seven months in the course of which he made an intensive tour of the British Isles. Mr. Cunningham told of greatly improved conditions both in England and Scotland. Things, however, he said, are not so good in Ireland owing to continued internal political strife there.

Owing to conditions being disturbed in so many countries there, Mr. Cunningham did not visit the Continent on this oc-

Mr. Cunningham will be in town a few days before proceeding to Port Essington.

WAS ACTIVE

+ Lethbridge Pastor Testifies to Zeal Of James Fahey-Helped Every Good Cause

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., April 5:-VICTORIA, April 5: Rev. J. M. Pritchard, pastor of Knox * (CP)--Premier T. D. * United Church here, declares that + Pattullo announced yes- + every worthy cause found a friend terday that he would go tin James Fahey, respected Jasper · Park carpenter, who was arrested last week for extradition on a 26-+ month to confer with year old jail breaking charge in the + the federal cabinet on United States. He broke away from British Columbia mat- a penitentiary in which he was + ters. Hon. John Hart, + serving a term of life imprisonment minister of finance, and for mail robbery. Mr. Pritchard + Hon. Gordon Sloan, at- + gives Fahey credit for building a

+ torney general, and pos- various Alberta organizations * sibly one other member * are appealing to the United States of the cabinet will ac- authorities for clemency for Fahey. Canners to Pay Fifty Cents For New Cold training" to meet individual needs. OTTAWA, April 5:- Rather more

Senate in Favor VANCOUVER, April 5: (CP)-

Wheat was quoted at 611/4c on the ALBANY, N.Y., April 5:-A bill offered by Senator James J. Crawford, Brooklyn Democrat, permitting oral wagering was passed by a vote of 32 to 14 in the State Senate. The bill would impose a fifteen percent tax on admissions and this year. provide approximately \$1,000,000 annually in new revenue for the

Budget Inside Of Canadian Dollar MONTREAL, April 5:- The Bri-Week or Two Due officers of Prospectors' and Detish pound sterling closed at \$5.1638

ket yesterday and the United States Ottawa Speculates Upon When Finance Minister Will Deliver NEW YORK, April 5:- The Bri-Important Document tish pound sterling was quoted at

\$5.161/4c here yesterday and the OTTAWA. April 5:--It is believed posisble that Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes minister of finance, will introduce Hearing of the County Court his budget near the end of next case in which H. W. Johnson is suweek but the greater probability is that it will be brought down the tario Prospectors' and Developers' ing the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert for damages in the week after. sum of \$45 is proceeding before

NO HALIBUT SALE

R. L. McLennan is acting as coun-MONTREAL, April 5: (CP)—The sel for the plaintiff while City Soli- No boats being in with catches, NEW YORK, April 5: (CP)—Bar again by labor troubles yesterday ment plans to go to the country tens destruction of the iron bridge Canadian price for gold yesterday citor E. F. Jones is appearing for there was no sale of halibut on the local when half of the employees walked in a general provincial election not at Waldemar as well as other local fish exchange this morning. metal market yesterday.

Star Denies Charge of Parents



Charges that Mary Astor, film star, had failed to contribute to the support of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto L. Langhanke, of Los Angeles, which were included in a suit filed by the parents in the Los Angeles superior court, have been denied by the actress. Miss Astor and her father are shown below, and at top, an interior view of the \$200,000 Langhanke home, which the parents contend they will lose unless a \$15,000 mortgage is met.

FOR SEASON

Sockeye in This District

VANCOUVER, April 5: (CP)-British Columbia canners have set a price of fifty cents per fish for gill-net caught sockeyes in the central and northern districts comprising Rivers Inlet, Smith's Inlet and the Skeena and Naas

Fraser River prices have not been fixed as yet as fishing does not open there until July.

Canners expect a pack of 300,-000 cases of sockeye on the coast

Ontario Mining Men to Convene

velopers' Association To Be Heard Next Week

HAILEYBURY, Ont., April 5 Prospectors and mining men of Northern Ontario will meet here and in Cobault on April 9 and 10 to hear addresses by President R. J Howsey and Walter Segsworth. Secretary-treasurer of the On-Association.

BAR SILVER

Storage Plant Will Put 1934 Ahead of All 1933

March this year, bringing the total value for the year to date up to \$3925. Last year in March permits SEEKING TO represented a value of \$2585, making the total for the first quarter. of 1933 \$4215.

During the month of April it is expected that a \$40,000 permit will be taken out for the new cold storage plant of the Northern Fishermen's Cold Storage Ltd. on the local waterfront, thus putting the 1934 building value for the city ahead of the entire year 1933.

March permits were as follows: Fred Gilhuly, repairs to residence. Fifth Avenue West. \$100. Cow Bay Cash and Carry, store building, Cow Bay, \$750.

Another Strike In Shoe Factory

More Labor Troubles in Plant of Aherns Co. at Kitchener, Ontario Yeste May

KITCHENER, Ont., April 5-The plant of the Aherns Shoe Co., where a strike was settled only on Monday of this week, was visited learned that the Ontario govern- which jam the Grand River threalout.

Refinancing Proposals For Cities Like This To Be Considered

New Department of Government Already Getting Busy-Robert Baird Named Deputy Minister-May Devise Taxation on Basis of Service Rendered

VICTORIA, April 5: (CP)-British Columbia's new Department of Municipalities will start immediately a thorough investigation of the affairs of the municipalities of the province which are now being handled as commissionerships following default on bonded indebtedness. Robert Baird, former inspector of municipalities, has been installed as deputy minister of the new department.

Refinancing proposals will be considered for some municipalities which are now under a commissioner, Hon. A. Wells Gray, minister of municipalities, stated. Other municipalities are also in need of immediate assistance because heavy charges for unemployment

The minister said that the department hopes to evolve a plan of revising the entire assessment system for land taxation so that it may be placed on a basis of payment for services rendered.

Ontario Premier in Favor of More Diversified Training, He Tells Ontario Educational Ass'n

TORONTO, April 5:-Addressing the trustees' and ratepayers' section of the Ontario Educational Association, in annual convention here, Premier G. S. Henry declared that there was too much similarity in present educational systems and pointed out that he intended laying down new policies of "diversified

The urban teachers' section of than casual interest has been creathe association elected officers as ted by the report that the United follows: president, George R. States Senate will vest President Only two small building permits Coombs. Mimeco; vice-president, Franklin D. Roosevelt with treatytotalling \$850 in value were issued Miss J. Calder, Sault Ste. Marie; making powers and the suggestion n the city during the month of secretary, D. G. Anderson, Toronto; that the St. Lawrence waterway treasurer, R. G. Elliott, Toronto.

GET ESTATE Todelo School

Canadian Descendants of British Trader-Explorer Start Action to Obtain Share of Millions

TORONTO. April 5:--Four great granddaughters and two great grandsons of James Hudson, English explorer, who founded a vast fortune in the fur business around James Bay 150 years ago, have started action to obtain a share of millions of dollars held in England for more than one hundred years.

Election About Middle of June

Ontario Government Not Expected To Go To Country Before That Time

earlier than June 15.

OF SYSTEM

Prominent British Industrialists And Financiers Suggest "Tyranny of Gold" Be Ended

LONDON, April 5: (CP)-Suggesting that the paradox of poverty and plenty "which has marked the last few years" is the result of tyranny of gold, a group of prominent British industrialists and financiers addressed an open letter to the Times yesterday asking Parliament to consider reform of the monetary system.

The letter bore the signature of such men as Lord Sempill, Sir Maurice Jenks, Sir Geoffrey Clark and Sir Stanley Machin.

in Report That Roosevelt is to Get Treaty-Making Powers and That Waterway May be Revived

project, recently rejected by the United States Senate, will be re-

Seven Year Old Mary Elgin Kidnapped While Returning to Classes at Noon

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 5:-Mary Elgin, seven-year old grade school pupil, was abducted by two men as she was returning from her home to classes following the noon recess, the police here have reported.

RIVERSIN FLOOD NOW

Ice Jams in Grand River Threaten Destruction of Iron Bridge Near Waldemar

GRAND VALLEY, Ont., April 5 TORONTO, April 5-It has been -Tremendous force of ice fields bridges al lthe way down the river.