

## Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Snowing, light northerly wind; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 32; sea smooth.

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## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 3:44 a.m. 19.8 ft.  
16:25 p.m. 16.5 ft.  
Low ..... 10:25 a.m. 5.8 ft.  
22:19 p.m. 8.3 ft.

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# SOUTHERN B.C. DOMESTIC TRAGEDY

## Considerable Interest is Taken In Assessment Appeal; Exchanges At Evening Session; Ends Today

Considerable public interest is being taken in the hearing of A. J. Prudhomme's appeal in Supreme Court here against the assessment value of \$1215 each placed on the two lots on Fraser Street this year by the city assessor and confirmed by the court of revision. There was a considerable turn-out of spectators yesterday afternoon in the public section of the courtroom and last evening there were again quite a few persons on hand. The appeal is being heard by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald. T. W. Brown is acting as counsel for the appellant and L. W. Patmore for the city.

## CAMPAIGN COMMENCES

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is about to launch its drive for memberships.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is commencing its campaign for funds for the Prince Rupert Museum. Tonight the broadcast feature will deal with it and to-day the committee in charge will mail out to citizens an appeal asking them to send in their membership fees.

The honorary curators of the museum are already getting the building into shape for the exhibit but money is needed both to pay the custodian his wages and to provide cases for the exhibits.

The hearing is to be completed by this evening as the presiding judge intimated yesterday that it would be necessary for him to leave to-night on his return to Vancouver.

Donald J. Matheson, city assessor, was the first man called by the appellants. He told of having made a complete survey of the city and of having prepared a value map of all lots. He took no orders from anyone in regard to assessments but as treasurer he was under the orders of the city commissioner.

Examined by Mr. Brown, Mr. Matheson said the total debt of the city was \$1,700,000 in addition to the soldiers housing debt. The sinking fund amounted to \$138,000. In 1936 the assessed value of the city was \$9,578,124 for land and improvements, the taxable property being valued at \$2,338,000 on land and \$3,613,000 on improvements, roughly six million dollars in all.

There were in the city, Mr. Matheson said, in all 11,676 lots of which 6,038 had reverted to the city. Taxable lots at present numbered 3970 and the government owned 1620. There was at present outstanding uncollected taxes amounting to \$542,494 including local improvements.

Last year approximately 62 per cent of the general taxes were paid and 45 per cent of the local improvements. About the same percentage was paid the previous year.

The assessor told of lands which had been sold by the city in Section I. In 1921 five had been sold at \$450, \$940, \$500 \$200 and \$400 respectively, all below the assessed value. In 1931 four lots were sold for \$550, in 1932 one for \$195 and in 1934 one at \$100. The city was anxious to get the properties on the tax roll, especially if people wished to build on the lots. The city was not in the real estate business.

Turning then to Fraser Street, Mr. Brown elicited the information that the lot adjoining the Savoy Hotel known as the Western Rooms had been sold for taxes but was redeemable this year.

The assessor did not seem very clear as to how he arrived at values on that street. When he took over the assessorship the lots were valued at \$1500 each. Since that

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## Boys of Juvenile Age Being Held

Alleged to Have Been Responsible For Attempted Breaking And Entering and Car Theft

Two boys of juvenile age were arrested this morning on charges of attempted breaking and entering and are being held at the city lock-up pending appointment of an acting juvenile court judge. The arrests followed the attempted breaking and entering during the night of the Canada Railway News store on the C. N. R. Wharf when a window was broken apparently during an attempt to "jimmy" the door. The same boys are also alleged to have been responsible for the removing of the Rupert Butchers car from in front of the residence of W. A. McLean at 320 Fifth Avenue West.

## TERRACE IS MILD AGAIN

Cold Weather Record Set During Month of February

TERRACE, March 12:—The recent cold weather has completely gone and Terrace recently has been enjoying spring-like days. The roads, which were blocked with snowdrifts a few days ago, are now passable, though somewhat soft and muddy. In fact, government notices are posted to the effect that heavy traffic must keep off the roads until the frost is out of the ground.

One result of the unusually severe spell of winter was that the month of February broke all previous records by recording an average temperature for the month of nine degrees above whereas the usual experience as was the case last year, is an average of about 35 above for February.

In Terrace it is said that there are no two years alike, so far as weather is concerned, and last October broke all previous records for rain, when there was recorded over eleven inches.

## TORIES OF CHARLOTTE

T. Cummings Elected President Of Skidegate Inlet Association

QUEEN CHARLOTTE, March 12:—The annual meeting of the Skidegate Inlet Conservative Association was held in the Premier Hotel at Queen Charlotte last Saturday. There was quite a large turn-out considering the state of the weather.

The election of officers for the year resulted as follows:  
Honorary President, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett.  
Honorary Vice President, C. H. Orme.  
President, T. Cummings.  
Vice-President, J. Karkle.  
Secretary-Treasurer, R. G. McKenzie.

Executive—F. Atkins, Queen Charlotte; T. L. Williams, Port Clements; A. Andrews, Tiel; J. Kitson, Sandspit.

After routine business was concluded, the members listened to a very interesting address by Mr. H. Collison who chose as his subject "Too Much Representation."

The President also had a few remarks to make with regard to women's influence in politics.

## Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, March 12: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 83½c on the Vancouver Exchange today.

## EMPIRE AWAITS ABBEY DRAMA OLD AS THRONE

Traditions of Epochs Will Fortify Ceremonies of King Edward's Crowning in Historic Westminster Probably in June 1937

LONDON, March 12: (AP)—The most elaborate, vividly dramatic coronation ceremony in western civilization now awaits the people of the British Empire. There remains for King Edward VIII some time in 1937, probably in June, all the pageantry, flaming color, and undying tradition by which he will formally be vested with the authority of his throne.

In venerable Westminster Abbey the King must kneel to receive the old, jewelled crown that is heavy with memories of Kings that are past and gone.

In crimson silk jacket, seated on the old wooden chair of Edward the Confessor, he must be anointed and consecrated with oil from the golden anointing spoon. With splendor and majesty, and with music and spoken word, he must identify himself with the long line of English Kings who have preceded him.

In a four-hour ceremonial, lavish with gold cloth and braid, with ermine and diamonds, King Edward will be dedicated to God and "wedded" to the people of whom he becomes monarch.

And when it is over the great shout of "God Save the King" will ring once more, through a fanfare of silver trumpets, in the dim confines of the famous shrine of English history. The cry of the Westminster choir boys will again be heard in Latin: "Vivat! Vivat! Vivat Edwardus Rex!"

## Great Pageantry

It will be in its entirety the greatest display of emblematic pageantry that Britain can call forth from history. It will include street processions watched by millions. It will be Britain's link between the present day and the centuries-old.

There will be two exceptions to the day when King George V went the same path of tradition, on June 22, 1911. Unless the King marries in the meantime, there will be no Queen to walk at his side, to kneel in prayer with him at the faldstools; to share with him the retreat, through symbolism, to the days when the modern world could only be guessed at. And there will be no Prince of Wales to be the first of the princes and peers to take the oath of allegiance to the new King.

On that June day in 1911, as Prince of Wales, the new King walked down the aisles of Westminster Abbey attired in the dark mantle of the garter, with his train held by two pages, and with his high hat crowned with great white feathers.

In a clear, boyish voice he took his pledge: "I, Prince of Wales, do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die against all manner of folks. So help me God!" Now, in a coronation in which he will be the central figure, he will parade down the same aisles, with the ermine cloak of King above the imperial mantle. Eight pages will hold that blood-red mantle. His bodyguard will carry gold-tipped halberds.

## Receive Allegiance

Instead of pledging allegiance he will receive allegiance. He will hear the Archbishop of Canterbury declare, to the assembly: "Sirs: I here present unto you King Edward, the undoubted King of this realm. Wherefore all of you who are come

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## Osoyoos Man Takes His Own Life After Killing Wife and Three Girls

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mortinson and Daughters, Three To Nine Years of Age, Are All Found Shot Through the Heads

OSOYOOS, March 12: (CP)—Julius Mortinson, Dan'sh employee of the Dividend Mine, his wife and three daughters were found dead in their home last night. All had been shot through the head. The police believe that Mortinson took his own life after shooting the others as they slept early Wednesday. The tragedy was discovered by a woman neighbor.

The bodies of two girls, Julia, aged seven, and Anna, nine, were found lying on one bed while the bodies of the mother and the youngest child, Eva, aged three, lay on another bed with the body of Mortinson who clutched a rifle in his hands.

A note addressed to "Police" said that ill-health was the cause of the tragedy.

Mortinson had been suffering from violent headaches, it is said, and the wife and one daughter are believed to have been afflicted with a malignant disease. Mrs. Mortinson had been ill recently with influenza.

There was an empty shell in the magazine of the rifle and four other empties were scattered throughout the house.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

### Vancouver

B. C. Nickel, 30.  
Big Missouri, 65.  
Bralorne, 6.90.  
B. R. X., 13.  
B. R. Con., 04.  
Cariboo Quartz, 1.48.  
Dentonia, 21½.  
Golconda, 19.  
Minto, 43.  
Morning Star, .02.  
National Silver, .03.  
Noble Five, .05.  
Pend Oreille, 1.05.  
Porter Idaho, .05.  
Premier, 2.25.  
Reeves McDonald, 10.  
Reno, 1.12.  
Relief Arlington, .38.  
Salmon Gold, .09.  
Taylor Bridge, .09.  
Wayside, 19.

### Oils

C. & E., 1.18.  
Mercury, 13.

### Toronto

Bidgood Kirkland, .90.  
Beattie, 1.43.  
Central Patricia, 2.77.  
Chibougama, 43.  
God's Lake, 1.12.  
Granada, 20.  
Inter Nickel, 48.50.  
Lake Maron, .06.  
Lee Gold, .03½.  
Little Long Lac, 6.60.  
Macassa, 3.95.  
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.33.  
Noranda, 48.00.  
Perron, 1.27.  
Pickle Crow, 4.45.  
Red Lake Gold Shore, .85.  
San Antonio, 2.80.  
Sisco, 3.02.  
Smelter Gold, .07.  
Stadacona, 31.  
Sturgeon River, .51.  
Sudbury Basin, 4.28.  
Teck Hughes, 4.65.  
Ventures, 2.16.

### BAR SILVER

NEW YORK, March 12: (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44½c per ounce on the New York metal market today.

## ROSE SHOW AS USUAL

Executive of Horticultural Society Will Recommend to Annual Meeting in April That Event be Held

The executive of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society, at its meeting last evening, decided to hold the annual dinner meeting of the society on Tuesday, April 14, and a committee consisting of President H. F. Pullen, Vice-President Theo Collart, Mrs. C. J. Norrington and Jack Frew was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. It is expected that there will be something different from the ordinary in the way of program.

The committee also decided to recommend to the members at the annual meeting that the rose show and garden competition be carried out this year along somewhat similar lines to last season.

On receipt of an offer from a southern firm to supply Prince Rupert with rose trees in quantities at a low rate, it was decided that the society would not import roses this year but suggested that those wishing to get them should buy from a local firm that is handling them. It was stated that orders for named varieties would have to be sent in this week as after that it would be too late to guarantee delivery.

Mr. Bayne, who was present at the meeting, stated that he planned to offer a prize for the show this year for sweet peas.

## Spends Much In Prince Rupert

Sunnyside and Claxton Made Purchases to Extent of \$28,000 Here Last Year

H. V. Morehouse, manager of the Namu Cannery of the B. C. Packers, and E. F. Nason, manager at Smith's Inlet for the same company, mentioned yesterday to the Daily News that the two canneries, Sunnyside and Claxton, managed by Tom Wallace, spent last year \$28,000 in Prince Rupert. Mr. Morehouse did not think his company had been treated quite fairly in a recent editorial discussing cannery expenditures in Prince Rupert.

## Today's Weather

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, 29.  
Anyox—Part cloudy, calm, 29.  
Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 28.  
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 27.  
Smithers—Cloudy, calm, cool.  
Burns Lake—Bright, calm, 22.