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Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert—Overcast, south-east wind, 24 miles per hour; barometer, 29.95 (rising); temperature, 43; sea choppy.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	9:01 a.m.	17.2 ft.
	22:20 p.m.	16.0 ft.
Low	2:32 a.m.	11.0 ft.
	15:50 p.m.	7.1 ft.

REPORT ON LAW MILL GRINDING HOSPITAL

Fire Marshal's Report on Present Structure Made Public By Commissioner

Is Fire Trap

Doubts if it Would be Possible To Remove Patients Above Main Floor

In view of the present discussion with reference to a new hospital building in Prince Rupert, a report made by the fire marshal's department as to the condition of the present hospital building from the fire standpoint is of interest. The report of W. A. Oswald, assistant fire marshal for the province, in collaboration with Fire Chief J. Morrison, local assistant fire marshal, was made public today by City Commissioner W. J. Alder and is as follows:

"Accompanied by Miss Harrison, matron, and Chief Morrison of the Prince Rupert Fire Department, I made an inspection of the above-mentioned hospital and found it is a large rambling wooden structure four storeys in height. The interior finish is wood lath and plaster in open joist construction. The stairways are wide and open on one case from the ground level to the top floor and in the other case from the street level to the top floor. It always has been a fire trap and nothing that can be done will eliminate its being a fire trap. It is quite an old building and starting to deteriorate very rapidly.

The stairways and fire escapes are so poorly located and arranged that I am extremely doubtful if it would be at all possible to remove patients from above the main floor. The main centre stairs are open from the ground floor to top floor and there is no means of cutting off at any of the landings. The end stairway which runs from the main floor to the top floor is cut off by fire doors so placed that once in the stairway the ground floor could be reached but how to get into the stairway past the main open stairs is a serious matter. The fire escape stairways have exit doors leading to them that are so narrow that few of the beds will go through them. The landings are too narrow to turn a bed on and the stairways and intermediate landings are too narrow to take a bed or even a stretcher down. The stairs are too steep to take anything but a chair type stretcher down.

Structurally Hopeless

"I may say that in my opinion to try to make this building safe for patients in case of fire is practically hopeless. It would be expending a lot of money in trying to get some degree of safety which would in no case be large. I realize perhaps better than anyone else the struggle hospitals have to keep going as I visit a great many of them and discuss with them their protection problems and hear their tales of woe. Very few hospitals are able to balance their budgets but even taking this into consideration I must say that this building is in such a condition that to try to do anything with it would be a sheer waste of money.

"I have reported on the fire alarm system before and I consider it absolutely worthless. It consists of single stroke pull gongs which would create more panic among the patients in the immediate vicinity than it would alarm nurses in other parts of the building. To install a new standard high frequency buzzer, pilot light type of alarm system in this building would run into a lot of money.

"As I have reported before most of the fire extinguishers are of a type which except in the X-ray room for electrical fires would not be in a hospital. It is a well established fact that the toxic gases given off by C. T. S. type extinguishers are very violent and in some cases prove very serious to the party inhaling them. They are

Number of Interferences Are Discussed by Expert When Visiting City

EDMONTON, March 6: (CP)—Two Social Credit bills, one dealing with issuance of Alberta credit notes and the other with an import-export bureau, will likely be introduced in the Legislature, Premier William Aberhart announces. The bills have been discussed at a caucus of government supporters and were approved in detail.

Radio Committee Was Very Busy

Last night D. C. McRae, chairman of the radio committee, reported in some detail to the Chamber of Commerce the activities of the committee during the past few weeks. Two or three visits had been made to the city by a radio expert who had done some good work. Interferences had been discovered in a drink mixer, the telephone office, the fire hall, an electric refrigerator, laundry apparatus, porch light, oil burner, and J. J. Little added to the list one transformer and a line interference of his company.

Mr. McRae was congratulated on the good work done and the committee was asked to continue.

Weather Forecast

Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 24 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.

General synopsis— Pressure remains quite low off the Pacific coast and moderate rains have occurred on the coast. It has been fair and mild inland.

Prince Rupert district and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong south east winds or moderate gales. Cloudy with rain and not much change in temperature.

all in various stages of disrepair and I have very serious doubts if more than one or two of the staff could handle them.

This is a seventy-five bed hospital having a staff of matron, 20 graduate and student nurses, 11 domestic help, 1 day orderly, 1 night janitor and 1 engineer as well as the secretary. There is no doubt that the staff would do their best but, as the building is not laid out for the practice of drill and the matron is afraid to instruct them owing to the poor layout and the chances of being cut off should they try to execute any set form of drill, it would be a case of the staff keeping their heads and doing the best possible.

"The great redeeming feature of the place is the extreme care Miss Harrison exercises in the matter of housekeeping. The conditions are very, very good and if there is anything out of place there has to be a good reason for it. I may safely say that the housekeeping conditions here are as good as in any hospital in the province.

"While realizing the dangers that exist in the present building by way of getting the patients out, I feel that it would be extremely difficult to provide any adequate means of egress owing to the structural formation of the building and without a great deal of expense which might not be justified by the results. The hospital is clean and the fire hazards are kept to a minimum but still there is left a scene of dread that if anything unforeseen should happen many lives would be lost."

The inspection was made September 25, 1935.

Late Telegraphs

Cashier Held Up
VANCOUVER—A lone gunman held up W. A. Busted, cashier of W. H. Malkin Co., on a downtown street late Friday and fled with a satchel containing \$440 in cash and \$2840 in checks.

Furniture Strike Over
TORONTO—Settlement of the Western Ontario furniture workers' strike was reached here at a meeting between union representatives and manufacturers. More than a thousand striking workers will return to their jobs on Monday. Hon. David Croll, minister of welfare, announced the settlement and said that details of the new agreement believed to cover wages and hours of work would be made public late today.

Edmonton Wins Curling
TORONTO—Cliff Manahan's Edmonton rink won Macdonald's Brier tankard, token of Canadian curling supremacy, in Dominion championship play here, defeating Manitoba.

B. C. Bonds Sold
TORONTO—Premier T. D. Pattullo announced that British Columbia has sold \$3,000,000 of three year bonds, bearing interest at three percent, through a Toronto syndicate composed of Wood, Gundy & Co. Ltd., the Dominion Securities Corporation Ltd., A. E. Ames & Co. Ltd., Canadian Bank of Commerce and Royal Bank of Canada. The sale will cost the province 3 1/2 percent in Canadian funds only. The Premier said the proceeds would be used principally for necessary road construction.

Church Head Executed
ROME—Persistent but unconfirmed reports circulated here said that Abuna Kyrillos, head of the Ethiopian Coptic Church, had been executed by an Italian firing squad.

Actor Disappears
PLYMOUTH—Frank Vosper, 37, leading British actor and dramatist, is reported today to have disappeared from the French liner Paris when the vessel was two hours out of Plymouth. He was returning from Hollywood and had been attending a gay farewell party in the cabin of Muriel Oxford who was "Miss Great Britain" last year.

Natives Honored At Story Hour
Rev. W. H. Pierce Heard at Children's Gathering Today

The Indian was honored at the weekly story hour this morning when Rev. W. H. Pierce, for many years a missionary among the Indians of Northern British Columbia as the guest story teller. Mr. Pierce depicted in picturesque and fascinating manner the customs and legends of the natives and was greatly appreciated by the juvenile audience. Mrs. S. D. Johnson pleasantly broadened the theme by presenting an American Indian tale, "The Cloak of Gold and Feathers." Mrs. F. E. Robertson increased the interest in the serial story, "The Runaway Road" through her enthusiastic relating of thrilling chapter VII.

Next Saturday morning the story for children between the ages of 4 and 8 will be in charge of Mrs. Robert Cameron, Mrs. W. L. Stamford and Mrs. J. A. Barry.

LOCALS WIN IN BOWLING
Winning all three games, Prince Rupert bowlers defeated a visiting team of trundlers from Ketchikan in the opening of a series last night by an aggregate score of 2517 to 2159.

Text of Offer Made by Bishop Bunoz to Hospital Board Regard To Taking Over of Hospital

At the meeting of the Prince Rupert Hospital Board last night it was decided to release for publication today the text of the offer made by Right Rev. Bishop E. M. Bunoz O.M.I. in regard to an offer from the Sisters of St. Ann to take over the Prince Rupert General Hospital, operate it and erect a new building.

HIGHWAY DISCUSSED

Motion to Change Route Referred To Highway Committee For Report at Next Meeting

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular meeting last night, referred to a committee a proposal to recommend that a branch highway be constructed from Galloway Rapids to the canneries. The resolution was moved by W. O. Fulton but Mr. Fulton said he did so not because he liked the policy but because he had been requested to do so. He would like to have the sense of the chamber in regard to it.

Personally Mr. Fulton said he liked the idea of the highway going by way of the lakes and Wauke Canal. It was proposed to build to Prudhomme Lake this year and very soon it would be possible to drive to the head of Wauke Canal.

The motion was seconded by John Gurvich.

S. E. Parker made a strong plea for continuation of the highway as laid out by the engineers. He thought the chamber should be consistent. Last year it opposed a proposal to go to the canneries. He could not see where the city would benefit sufficiently to warrant a change.

Mr. Parker said he had gone into the matter with the engineer and he thought it possible they might get as far as Skeena City in about four years and then a flat car service to Terrace would serve the people here until the highway was completed through. The tourist business which would result from the highway would be much more important than any business that could come from the canneries. Engineers said it would cost \$275,000 to build a sub-standard road to Skeena or \$104,000 to improve it. It would be better to spend this money on the main highway.

Shower For Mrs. Armand Lund Is Delightful Event
Under the supervision of Mrs. George Dawes the Girls' Branch of St. Andrews' Cathedral Woman's Auxiliary gave a delightful miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Armand Lund (nee Alice Hanson) Thursday evening.

The evening was spent in playing monopoly. The girls got a thrill out of the working of an Ouija board. Miss Nancy Dawes and Miss Geraldine Cade were the winners of the monopoly game.

Later the girls gathered round the daintily decorated and abundantly laden refreshment table. The decorations were of pale pink and white with a wedding cake centering the table topped by a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. W. C. Aspinall and Miss Noreen Gibson, president of the branch, poured and Mrs. Lund, as the guest of honor, cut the cake.

After refreshments were served Miss N. Smith wheeled in a carriage overflowing with gifts which were presented to the bride.

Among those present were Mrs. Dawes, Mrs. Aspinall and the Misses K. Baker, G. Cade, E. McLean, N. Dawes, R. Cox, N. Gibson, M. Kirkpatrick, N. Smith and E. Smith.

The evening was brought to a conclusion by singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

PR. RUPERT IS WINNER

Scored Decisive Victory Over Ketchikan Last Night

Prince Rupert took revenge for their losses in Ketchikan a few weeks ago when they defeated the Ketchikan quintette by a 49 to 31 score before a packed house in the Moose Hall here last night.

The game started cautiously with neither team able to score for four minutes of play. Then Johnson scored a first one for the locals. A few minutes later the "kid line" of MacPhee, Lindsay and Morgan was sent in. They immediately took a commanding lead with Morgan doing most of the damage under the basket. At the interval the locals were leading by a 26 to 6 count.

The second half saw the locals outscored 25 to 23 but the visitors had too big a deficit to overcome and lost out. The game was very rough with the locals chalking up 23 personals as against five for Ketchikan. Ratchford and Arney were sent to the showers for Prince Rupert.

The visitors, although beaten believe it was just "hard luck" and will be out there again tonight to prove it. A big crowd is expected.

Prince Rupert — MacPhee (9), Lindsay (14), Johnson (9), Smith (2), Morgan (12), Arney (1), Ratchford (2), Stalker (1); total 49.

Ketchikan—T. Davies (4), Blando (1), Heller (2), B. Wells, Rice, McDonald (1), Erikson (13), Henning (7), Bussanich (3); total, 31.

In the opener Ben's Newsies lost to the Regiment 45 to 31. The winners were bolstered with a "kid line" from the Boy Scouts, who had much to do with the Regiment's first victory of the season.

Referees—Comadina and Skinner. Scorer—Joe Antonelli. Reporter—Mike Montesano.

Father And Son Banquet
Enjoyable Affair Held in United Church Last Evening

The combined boys' groups of the United Church held a Father and Son banquet last evening in the church hall. Being the first one in a number of years it was well attended and proved very enjoyable to all concerned. Dr. R. G. Large rendered a vocal selection entitled: "Tommy Boy" which was very appropriate to the occasion. Eddie Dawes and Alan Large gave piano solos. All present participated in community singing with Wilfrid Hicks leading and Dr. W. A. Riddell accompanying. Maurice Davey gave a further report on Boys' Parliament.

In the finals of an oratorical contest between Malcolm Wilding and Dick Clarke the former won. Judges were Arthur Sutton, G. F. Davey and Bob Irvine.

George Greenwood thanked the ladies on behalf of those present for serving the supper. George Dawes moved a vote of approval on the way the boys and their fathers turned out and commended the work of the leaders.

Rev. C. D. Clarke also spoke and commented on how interest in boys' work has increased since the arrival of the two leaders.

Ken Harding made the announcement that the combined forces of the girls' and boys' groups of the church are to put on a mammoth circus on April 9 with a regular sawdust ring and elephants and clowns. This will most likely be the greatest effort the young people of the church will ever attempt.

The meeting concluded with a closing ceremony which took place around an imitation camp-fire.

BIRCH HILLS, Sask., March 6:—Rapid increase in rats, newcomers to this northern Saskatchewan community, has moved council to set a bounty of two cents a tail.

Old Country Soccer

English Cup—Sixth Round
Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Sunderland 1.
West Bromwich Albion 3, Arsenal 1.
Millwall 2, Manchester City 0.
Tottenham Hotspurs 1, Preston Northend 3.

English League—First Division
Bolton Wanderers 0, Birmingham 0.
Brentford 4, Leeds United 1.
Derby County 1, Chelsea 1.
Everton 2, Middlesbrough 3.
Manchester United 2, Stoke City 1.

Sheffield Wednesday 3, Charlton Athletic 1.

Scottish League—First Division
Clyde 4, Albion Rovers 1.
Dundee 2, Dunfermline 2.
Falkirk 5, St. Mirren 1.
Hibernians 2, Celtic 2.
Kilmarnock 3, Hearts 0.
Motherwell-Arbroath unplayed.
Partick Thistle 1, Third Lanark 3.
Queen of South 0, Rangers 1.
Queen's Park 0, Hamilton Academicals 1.
St. Johnstone-Aberdeen, postponed, ground unfit.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast League
Spokane 2, Vancouver 3.

REGULATE ISSUE OF LICENCES

Most of Japanese Fishermen Are Non-Residents and Objection Is Taken to This

It was reported at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night that a letter had been written to Olof Hanson at Ottawa in regard to the Japanese fishing licences issued here as follows:

"This Chamber of Commerce is of the opinion that some change should be made in the method of distributing the licences that are granted to Japanese gill-net fishermen in this district each year.

"While the 295 Japanese licence holders catch their fish in the waters contiguous to Prince Rupert, only about one hundred of them are residents of the Prince Rupert district, the remaining 195 come here each year from Vancouver. According to the method at present pursued, the same Japanese have their licences renewed from year to year, and should any of the Vancouver fishermen die, or for some other reason be unable to fish, he is replaced by a Japanese fisherman permanently resident in this district.

"This system has proven satisfactory to Prince Rupert and district until comparatively recent times, as there were no more than 100 Japanese living permanently here who could use the licences. However, the situation is now different, on account of some of the Canadian born Japanese having reached manhood, and other local resident Japanese having become naturalized, there are now another fifty Japanese altogether available, who could efficiently use the Japanese fishing licences, but by the system now used, it will be a long time (if ever) before they will be able to obtain one.

"Therefore, in view of the fact that the salmon are caught in Prince Rupert and district waters, we feel that the department should more actively see that Japanese permanently domiciled in this district be given preference to these licences.

"We are further of the opinion, that in the event of a reduction in the total number of licences on the Skeena, that the Japanese licences be reduced in the same proportion as those of the white and Indian fishermen."

FOUR LIVES WERE SAVED

Vigilance of Vancouver Constable In Noticing Flames Resulted In Quartette Escaping

VANCOUVER, March 6:—Constable G. T. Stiles was credited yesterday with saving four lives when he saw a fire in the back of a house here, he broke in and roused the sleeping occupants, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Elliott, and two boarders who escaped unhurt.

Today's Weather

(Government Telegraphs)

Triple Island—Cloudy, southeast wind, 16 miles per hour; choppy sea.

Langara Island—Rain, overcast, south wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 29.61; temperature, 37; light chop.

Dead Tree Point—Light southeast wind; barometer, 29.83; temperature, 36; choppy sea.

Terrace—Part cloudy, 34.

Aiyon—Part cloudy, calm, 35.

Abse Arm—Rain, calm, 34.

Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 33.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 34.

Smithers—Cloudy, calm, cool.

Burns Lake—Clear, calm, 27.

Prince George—Clear, calm, barometer, 30.22.

Vancouver—Calm, clear, barometer, 30.22.

Victoria—Fair, west wind, 8 miles per hour; barometer, 30.22.