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## Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert—Raining, south-east wind, 4 miles per hour; barometer, 30.22; sea moderate.

## Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:20 a.m.	21.0 ft.
	23:33 p.m.	18.1 ft.
Low	3:56 a.m.	9.5 ft.
	17:15 p.m.	3.7 ft.

## LIVING IN FAR NORTH

Felix Batt Tells Interestingly Of Conditions in New Mining Area

### Extreme Seasons

Very Cold in Winter, Pleasant in Summer—Describes Country

In the mining town of Goldfields where the winters last from October to April and where just a few inches beneath the muskeg the ground is frozen winter and summer there is the same human nature as here — romance and crime, success and failure and all the phases of life—although the population of the town is only about seven hundred with several times that number in the immediate neighborhood. That is the way Felix Batt put it in an address he gave yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club.

Mr. Batt is an employee of the radio department of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company which has a camp at Goldfields with about 100 men employed. No actual production has so far taken place and the ore is not very high grade. Mining is the chief topic of conversation everywhere.

The town of Goldfields is in Saskatchewan, located on the northern shore of Lake Athabasca only a few miles from the Northwest Territories border, and its presence is due to gold strikes in the vicinity. To get there most people take the train from Edmonton, known locally as the "Muskeg Special," to Fort McMurray, and then by boat down the river to Lake Athabasca. He was among those who took the air route, travelling in one of the company's numerous airplanes from Edmonton in about five hours.

The country around Goldfields is flat or rolling with lakes and ponds everywhere in summer. Lots of scrub spruce and some pine trees are found around the lake but the timber is resinous and, if one leans against a house built of it, he is liable to stick to the wall. On the south shore of the lake there are miles of white sand which glitters in the sun like snow as one flies over it.

The weather is severe, the company's thermometer registering 55 below on one occasion but otherwise of lower temperatures. In summer it is sunny and bright there being no rain from October to April and not much in the summer. Growth is very rapid, so rapid that it is surprising to see the daily changes in the foliage around.

### Whites and Indians

The people in that district are either whites, Indians or half breeds. While mining is the chief occupation just now, there are many engaged in trapping and fishing. The Athabasca fox is noted as a high class fur.

There is plenty of fish in Athabasca Lake. White fish and lake trout in quantities are shipped to Chicago. Also many of the fish are taken out by airplane to Edmonton and are sold readily. Some of the trout weigh as much as forty pounds although, he said, the best he had caught was ten to twelve pounds.

A weekly mail brought letters and parcels by airplane, parcels costing 50c a pound. It was a common thing to see mail order catalogues by the sack, all having one-dollar stamps affixed to them. On mail day everyone came to the post office and it seemed like a lot of people. Sometimes the planes brought in dogs and cats and poultry, all paying 20c a pound for transportation.

Mr. Batt said he met a number of Prince Rupert people, one of whom had been bootlegging here and was engaged in the same lucrative occupation there. One booze plane a week came in from Edmonton every week and the li-

## Season Opens On March 15

VICTORIA, Jan. 22: (CP)—Halibut fishing on the North Pacific banks will open at midnight March 15, George J. Alexander, chairman of the International Fisheries Commission, announced yesterday. The catch quotas will be unchanged from those which were set last year.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

**Vancouver**

B. C. Nickel, 28.  
Big Missouri, 62.  
Bralorne, 8.80.  
B. R. Cons., .05 1/4.  
B. R. X., .09.  
Cariboo Quartz, 1.61.  
Dentonla, 14.  
Dunwell, .03.  
Golconda, .14.  
Minto, 20.  
Meridian, .03 1/4.  
Morning Star, .03.  
Noble Five, .10 1/4.  
Pend Oreille, 3.60.  
Pioneer, 6.40.  
Porter Idaho, .10.  
Premier, 4.25.  
Reeves McDonald, .90.  
Reno, 1.18.  
Relief Arlington, 32 1/2.  
Reward, .08.  
Taylor Bridge, .08.  
Salmon Gold, .09 1/2.  
United Empire, .01 1/2.  
Wayside, .05.  
Hedley Amalgamated, .44.  
Premier Border, .03.  
Silbak-Premier, 3.15.  
Congress, .11.

**Toronto**

Beattie, 1.45.  
Central Patricia, 4.36.  
God's Lake, 93.  
Inter Nickel, 65.15.  
Lee Gold, .06 1/2.  
Little Long Lac, 8.05.  
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.95.  
Pickle Crow, 8.60.  
Red Lake Gold Shore, 1.28.  
San Antonio, 2.25.  
Sherritt Gordon, 3.15.  
Siscoe, 6.40.  
Smelter Gold, .08.  
Ventures, 2.95.  
McLeod Cockshutt, 4.05.  
Oklend, .68.  
Mosher, .46.  
Gilbec, .06.  
Madsen Red Lake, 1.45.  
May Spiers, 31.  
Sullivan, 2.15.  
Stadacona, 1.27.  
Frontier Red Lake, .19.  
Francoeur, 1.28.  
Manitoba & Eastern, .10.  
Perron, 2.42.  
New Augarita, .42.  
Moneta Porcupine, 1.66.  
Sladen Malartic, 2.08.  
Bouscadillac, .70.  
Rubeec, .08 1/2.  
Thompson Cadillac, 1.72.  
Bailor, .07 1/2.  
Algold, .57.

## Port Simpson To Get New School

Tenders to be Called for Erection of New Structure at Village By End of March

The Department of Indian Affairs is to erect a new day school at Port Simpson. Tenders are to be called and construction is to be completed by the end of March.

quor sold at ten dollars a bottle regardless of quality. Mr. Batt came out because he was ill and had been in hospital. He plans to return in the near future.

## BIG JOB IS AWARDED

Dominion Bridge Co. Gets Contract on Lions Gate Span

MONTREAL, Jan. 22: (CP)—Contract for the erection of the steel superstructure of the \$6,000,000 Lions' Gate bridge across the entrance of Vancouver's Harbor at the First Narrows has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Co. and the Hamilton Bridge Co. A. J. T. Taylor, president and engineer-in-chief of the First Narrows Bridge Co. of Vancouver announced here Thursday. The superstructure will require ten thousand tons of steel which, with labor, will cost about \$2,400,000.

## MURDER-SUICIDE

This is Verdict of Coroner's Jury Investigating Tragedy in Peace River

FORT ST. JOHN, Jan. 22: (CP)—A murder-suicide verdict has been returned by the coroner's jury inquiring into the razor wound deaths of Stephen A. Delorie, his wife, Mrs. Norah Delorie, aged 30, and their two children, Stephen Eugene, aged six, and Stella Fay, two, in their homestead at Taylor near here.

The slashed bodies of Mrs. Delorie and the children were discovered in the homestead Monday. Delorie died several hours later from what the jury said were self-inflicted wounds.

## MEASLES EPIDEMIC

Malady Sweeping Ranks of Indian School Children Throughout Province

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22: (CP)—One death and hundreds of illnesses have been recorded in an outbreak of measles among Indian school children throughout the province, officials of the Dominion Department of Indian Affairs state.

Moses Joe, young son of Captain Joe of the Sechelt band, succumbed Tuesday night.

The medical staff of St. George's Indian residential school at Lytton, where the latest outbreak occurred, has been augmented, officials state.

## Anniversary of Lodge Founder Observed Here

The 118th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Wildey, founder of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in America, was observed by the local lodge Tuesday night. A supper was enjoyed after which a musical program was presented including violin solo by Bobby Hale, accompanied by Miss Nellie Lawrence, cornet solo by Allan Hale, vocal solo by Miss Betty Woods, accompanied by Miss Ruth Nelson, and reading by Mrs. D. V. Smith. The feature of the proceedings was an address by Rev. Dr. F. W. Dafoe, pastor of First Baptist Church, on the subject of Oddfellowship and its founder, G. B. Church, noble grand, was in the chair.

Another diverting feature was the production of a mock newspaper featuring members of the order.

There was a good attendance.

## HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast League Seattle 0, Portland 1.

## Pictured With Duke



When Prince George, Duke of Kent, youngest brother of King George VI, and favorite brother of the Duke of Windsor, visited a phrenologist in London to have his bumps read, he was accompanied by beautiful Mrs. William Allen (above), the former Paula Gellibrand, who was once a mannequin. The duke posed for photographs with Mrs. Allen.

## Late Telegraphs

**QUADRUPLE BIRTH**  
MONTREAL—Death broke up the Rondeau quadruplets today, taking in swift succession three of the four children born yesterday in the Quebec village of St. Thomas. Death of three of Mrs. Arcade Rondeau's children left little Marie Rita, second oldest, as the only survivor of the day and a half old quartet and her life hung in the balance as doctors tended her in a big hospital incubator. Two boys and one sister all died.

**POPE IS PROSTRATED**  
VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius XI suffered two periods of prostration late today as a result, prelates said, of strain imposed on his heart by terrific pain in his swollen legs. His spirits improved later despite the intermittent pain, the Pope expressed a desire to get out into the brilliant Roman sunshine.

## INVADING FISHERIES

Importance of Maintaining British Columbia Industries Admitted By Premier

OTTAWA, Jan. 22: (CP)—"The government attaches the highest importance to the conservation of these great Pacific fisheries and to the maintenance of protective measures for the halibut fisheries which have been gradually developed through many years of cooperation with the United States by treaty and joint administrative action," said Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King in Parliament. "The matter has been under discussion with other governments concerned for considerable time and the governments are now considering what further representations and action are open to them," the Prime Minister said in speaking of threatened invasion by foreigners.

## Mother of Local Lady Passes In Saskatchewan

Mrs. Walter Thompson of this city has received the sad news that her mother, Mrs. A. J. Leonard, of Kisby, Saskatchewan, recently passed away. She was 86 years of age and formerly lived in Prince Rupert. Mrs. Thompson will have the sympathy of her many friends.

## TWELVE DIE IN FLOODS

This is Toll so Far of High Water in Ohio Valley—Many Homeless

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22: (CP)—The death list as a result of the unprecedented floods of the Ohio, Arkansas and other rivers during the past few days now stands at at least twelve with damage of many millions of dollars and 120,000 at least temporarily homeless, having moved to higher ground for safety.

The water here reached a record crest of 61 feet and further discomfort has been caused by an epidemic of influenza. Thirty-five thousand are homeless here alone and property damage is estimated at millions.

The seven states most severely affected are Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, West Virginia, Kentucky and Arkansas. Three other states are less seriously affected. Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Marietta and Evansville are among the most hard-hit cities.

The floods, leaving death and destruction in their muddy wake, were caused by exceptionally heavy rains. Weather is now mild and cloudy. The flood crest has moved downstream from here.

With hunger stalking the flood wastes and fear of disease increasing, relief stations have been established, the federal government making a vote of \$100,000 for the purpose.

## BOSTON IS MOVING UP

Defeated Maroons Last Night To Take Second Place With Rangers

Boston 2, Maroons 1.  
Toronto 3, New York Americans 6.  
New York Rangers 0, Chicago 2.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22: (CP)—Boston Bruins defeated Montreal Maroons here last night by a score of 2 to 1 to move into second place in the American section of the National Hockey League tied with New York Rangers who were shut out 2 to 0 by the Black Hawks at Chicago. In the third scheduled game last night New York Americans won over Toronto Maple Leafs 6 to 3 at New York.

## Prince Rupert Is Better For Youth Than Vancouver

Prince Rupert offers greater advantages for young people than Vancouver. This was established in a debate Wednesday night at a meeting of the Anglican Young People's Association by a team consisting of Bob Irvine and Miss Winnie Cameron representing the Christian Youth Society. The negative side of the argument was taken by Peter Allen and Miss Ruth Nelson of the A. Y. P. A. Miss Nelson took the place of Miss Jean McLean who was ill. The judges were Richmond Mortimer and Miss Y. Love, who, after a long consultation, decided for the affirmative. Both sides were well prepared and some interesting arguments were developed for a large and interested audience.

Refreshments were served following the debate by Misses Joan Cross and Brenda Allen. The members of the Christian Youth Society were welcomed on behalf of the A. Y. P. A. by R. Yerburgh, Wilfred Hicks responding. There was a hymn and prayer at the opening.

NEW YORK, (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44 1/2c per ounce on the New York metal market today.

## Disbursements For Relief Less

Relief disbursements from the City Hall for December 1936 totalled \$3958.43, a substantial decrease from \$5025.62 in December 1935, it was stated by City Commissioner W. J. Alder today. There were 28 less families on relief during the past December than there were in the same month of the year previous. There were 17 less single men on relief.

## ELECTIONS AT SIMPSON

Various Organizations Name Their Officers for Year 1937 Including Celebration Committee and Concert Band

PORT SIMPSON, Jan. 22:—Various Port Simpson societies and organizations have been electing 1937 officers recently, among them being the Port Simpson Athletic Club, Young People's Educational Society, Ivy Guild, Port Simpson Celebration Committee, Ladies' Aid of the Young People's Educational Society and Port Simpson Concert Band.

The officers of the 1937 celebration committee are as follows: Chairman, Charles Dudoward. Deputy Chairman, Joshua McKay. Treasurer, Sam Hughes. Financial Secretary, Alfred Wesley. Recording Secretary, Cecil Ross. Announcer, Paul Price. Starters—James Lawson, James Henry, Charles M. Ryan and James McKay. Judges—Tom Gosnell, Moses J. Wesley and John S. Morrison. Clerks of Course—Joseph Sankey, Peter M. Ryan and Herbert Green.

## Concert Band

The officers of the Port Simpson Concert Band for the year are: Honorary President, Phillip Green. President, Mark Green. Vice-President, James Henry. Secretary-Treasurer, Peter M. Wells. Recording Secretary, Paul Price. Conductor, James Henry. First Leader, George Sankey. Second Leader, William Alexcee. Y. P. E. A. Ladies' Aid. The Ladies' Aid of the Young People's Educational Society has elected the following officers: Honorary President, Mrs. J. Watson. President, Mrs. Joshua Morrison. First Vice-President, Tom Gosnell. Second Vice-President, Miss Violet Ryan. Treasurer, Mrs. George Sankey. General Secretary, Herbert Bryant.

## Ivy Guild

The newly elected officers of the Ivy Guild are as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. Moses Johnson. President, Mrs. Casper Webster. First Vice-President, Mrs. John C. Tait. Second Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Gray. Treasurer, Mrs. Peter M. Wells. Financial Secretary, Mrs. Paul Price. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice Henry. Charles Dudoward is honorary vice-president of the Young People's Educational Association. Howard Spencer is fourth vice-president of the Port Simpson Athletic Club.

## Enjoyable Social

A very enjoyable social evening was held in connection with the meeting of the Port Simpson Athletic Club at which officers were elected, the ladies of the Ivy Guild springing a surprise party on the men. The ladies all dressed in hoe-down clothes and some of the costumes were very amusing.

## COMMUNISM IN FLOWER

Party Opens Hall Here and Observes Anniversary of Death of Nikolai Lenin Thirteen Years Ago

The Communist Party of Canada's local branch, which has been more or less quietly active for some time, came into full flower last night with a public meeting which marked the opening of the party's new hall on Fulton Street as well as observance of a memorial on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenin, founder of the Soviet movement. There were about one hundred persons present and the meeting was presided over by August Wallin. The speakers were Gerald Murphy, who expounded with considerable ardor on the theories of Leninism, and R. R. Webster, who spoke more particularly on local application and suggested that Canada would be much happier if it were communistically rather than capitalistically governed.

August Wallin explained that the Communist party had been in being in Canada for fifteen years but only now was it assuming the form of a mass movement. It had 15,000 members in Canada with 2,000 in British Columbia. It was just as legal as any other party and welcomed to membership workers, intellectuals and small business people.

Gerald Murphy referred to the birth of Lenin on April 22, 1870. He then entered upon a discussion of Marxian philosophy and how it had been developed by Lenin who, after many vicissitudes, had been instrumental in liberating Russia's 170,000,000 from the tyrannical czarist regime. The aim of Leninism was the betterment of the human race and the promotion of peace. Since Lenin's death his teachings had spread internationally and were now recognized as the basis of the workingman's future welfare. Mr. Murphy described Lenin as an anti-Leninist, an egotist and counter-revolutionary whose endeavor was to divide the workers and establish Fascism in the interests of the capitalist class. Unity of all workers behind the banner of Leninism was essential if the workers were to resist the onslaught of an Imperialist war. There should be mass organization along national and international, racial and inter-racial lines. Speaking of Spain, Mr. Murphy declared that non-intervention efforts were merely meant to help the Fascist cause. A similar situation might arise in Canada. Workers should organize so as to be able to compel the governments to legislate in their interests and give them work and decent wages such as the potential wealth of the country was capable of affording them, instead of present conditions which were devaluing them both mentally and physically. To follow Lenin was the way out.

## R. R. Webster

R. R. Webster declared that the workers in Russia knew freedom such as did those in no other part of the world. They were guaranteed work and decent wages, the right to rest and labor. Russia had set an example for Canada. The Communist Party was leading the Canadian workingman to freedom. It was necessary for the workers to be united if they were to head off Fascism and war. Efforts should be bent to obtaining control of government. There should be consolidation with the C. C. F. instead of working at cross-purposes. Without this, there could not be success.

A question period followed. In answer to one question, the chairman said that the Communist Party had refused to participate in any capitalist government. That was why it had not joined with Blum's weak compromise administration in France. The communist party was 250,000 strong in France with 100,000 members in Germany. The difference between (Continued on Page Two)