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Today's Weather
(8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert — Raining, south-east wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.08.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:42 a.m.	15.5 ft.
	22:21 p.m.	17.8 ft.
Low	4:19 a.m.	7.0 ft.
	16:10 p.m.	10.3 ft.

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Chinese Situation More Serious

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IS AMAZ... BY GARD...

Dr. Barss, in Addressing Hor... tural Society, Speaks of Trea... Given Him in Seeing Flowers Here

Gives Good Advice

Quality of Bloom in Prince Rupert Filled Visitor with Enthusiasm When Judging

"My visit to Prince Rupert has been a real treat and an education to me. I spent seven hours today visiting gardens and I saw the amazing results obtained. The quality of the blooms filled me with enthusiasm." This was how Dr. A. F. Barss, professor of Horticulture at the University of British Columbia, spoke of the Prince Rupert gardens at the dinner given in his honor Saturday night in the Commodore Cafe, Charles Balagno, president of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society, presiding.

The judge said he took time to talk over the gardening problems with the people he met. He tried to see what each was attempting and how each expressed the personality of the gardener. He tried to see quality both in prospect and retrosped. He realized that the people here knew more about gardening in Prince Rupert than he had ever known unless he lived in Prince Rupert. His thought was to give encouragement to the gardeners to keep on and improve. From the educational point of view it was not sufficient forhim to just go over the gardeners and give no help. It was this educational side of his work that interested him most.

In judging, Dr. Barss said he always considered the perfection of bloom, perfection of plants and the general effectiveness. He had to consider whether the general effect was pleasing and why. If the general effect was not pleasing the other virtues had no value.

Suggestions made to the Horticultural Society were that there should be a class for former prize winners, a class for non-prize winners and a prize for children's plot. Also in the flower show he urged that there should be a children's class.

Speaking then of the trials and joys of amateur gardening he said that the trials were such as to develop patience, self-control and those virtues which went to the making of a better man or woman. Many of the trials were due to lack of knowledge. Some people had a knack of getting things to grow. Knowledge and knack were desirable. He told a story of a boy who said his flowers did not grow that year because his mother was not there to talk to them. A gardening library was very desirable, either a section of the public library or separate from it. Also there might be a garden library in the home. This could be built up partly of government bulletins, garden magazines and such literature. It was well to remember, however, that articles in these magazines usually had to be readapted to local conditions.

Learn the Plants

The Professor urged his hearers to learn their plants. It was wise to know not only the common names but the scientific names. These scientific names were a common language used all over the world. However these names should not frighten the young gardener. The common names were useful although often not accurate.

Based on what he had seen here, the speaker warned against overcrowding in the garden. In some localities plants would properly be

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TRANSPORT MINISTER MAKES FIRST TRANS-CANADA SCHEDULE FLIGHT

On the first attempt to fly the trans-Canada air route on schedule, Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of transport, H. J. Symington, member of the board of directors of Trans-Canada Air lines, and C. P. Edwards, chief of air service, flew from Montreal to Vancouver in an all-metal aeroplane in 17 hours and 11 minutes. Hon. C. D. Howe is shown above as he entered the aeroplane at St. Hubert Field, near Montreal, prior to the take-off. Although only four stops were scheduled to be made on the flight, the huge machine made five landings en route.

RAIN HOLDS UP CRICKET

New Zealand Leading England When Stumps are Drawn for Week-End in Third Test Match

LONDON, August 16: (Candaian Press)—Rain which was country-wide interrupted the start of the third cricket test match between England and New Zealand Saturday and, when stumps were drawn, the New Zealanders had scored twenty runs for no wicket. Vivian scored thirteen and Hadlee seven. The match continues today.

Local Artillery Men Return Home

Officers and Men of 102nd. Battery Back After Attending Camp in Victoria

Capt. A. G. Rix, Battery Sergeant Major James Hadden, Sergeant J. A. Teng, Lance Bombardier F. Fitzgerald and Gunners L. Larsen and Martin Van Cooten, members of the local 102nd. Heavy Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, returned to the city on the Catala last night after attending a camp of instruction at Rodd Hill near Victoria, being attached while there to the Fifth Heavy Battery, Coast Defence, permanent force. Returning later will be Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston, Lieut. R. L. McLennan, Bombardier Jack Mussallem and Gunners Jack Unwin and Nelson Allen.

Card of Thanks

John MacLeod and family, 112 Eighth Avenue East, wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and beautiful floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement; especially the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Women's Auxiliary of Canadian Legion and Mrs. Norman McKay.

Flowers at Show Today Much Appreciated by Visitors; Is Fine Display of Local Growth

Winners of Garden Competition Announced by Professor Barss Who Completed His Work on Saturday

"We are both fond of gardening and we have seen a great many flowers but we have never seen anything like the sweet peas you have on exhibit here," declared a man and his wife from Boston, tourists, who were in the city this morning and who visited the flower show. The were enthusiastic over the exhibits and enjoyed seeing them very much.

While the number of exhibits at the flower show today is not as large as last year, the tables are well filled and the quality of the flowers high.

The gardens were judged on Saturday by Professor Barss, the results being as follows:

Under Twenty-Five Feet

First—Mrs. P. Wikdal, 82 points, silver medal.

Second—Mrs. Strachan (Eleventh Avenue), 74 points, bronze medal.

Third—E. N. Valentine, 72 points, diploma.

Over 25 feet

First—D. G. Borland, 86 points, silver medal.

Second—Mrs. T. H. Priest, 84 points, bronze medal.

Third—Frank Ware, 82 points, diploma.

Best Lawns

Over Twenty-Five Feet—Joseph Naylor.

Under Twenty-Five Feet—Mrs. P. Wikdal.

Special Mention

Highly Commended—Ray Scherk, 78 points.

Highly Commended for New Garden—H. F. Pullen.

RAIN IN STEWART

Rainy weather has prevailed in Stewart the last week and all throughout the summer. The old timers say that it is the worst experienced in years.

WHAT— NO POTATO BUGS?

MILTON, Ont. Aug. 16: (CP) — District farmers are puzzled, though happy, because this year for the first time in memory no potato bugs have appeared.

Halibut Sales

American

Sherman, 17,000, Booth, 11.5c and 8c.

Eureka, 16,000, Atlin, 12.2c and 8c.

PROSPECTOR WAS DISHED

SUDBURY, Ont. Aug. 16: (CP)—A quarrel during a gold-prospecting trip had a court sequel here when one prospector charged another with taking his dishes. Magistrate McKessock dismissed the charge, saying: "Any man who lives beside a former friend for six months and refuses to ask for his own dishes, doesn't deserve to get them back."

RIGHT UNDER THE SHADOW

TORONTO, Aug. 16: (CP)—When a Rouyn man came to town he told police four strangers took $22 from him in a penny-matching game right outside the legislative buildings.

ANOTHER MOTHER'S HELP

MARKHAM, Ont, Aug. 16: (CP)—To make things easier for calves a feeding pail, rubber nippled, has been designed. It was demonstrated when York County Jersey breeders held a picnic here.

KILLING POISON IVY

TORONTO, Aug. 16: (CP)—Ontario department of agriculture has instituted a drive to eliminate poison ivy, especially for tourists and summer resorts. Poison ivy is declared a noxious wood under the weed control act.

Nanking And Hankow Bombed By Japanese Planes As War In Orient Becomes General

Blunder at Shanghai Caused 863 Deaths It Is Now Revealed—British and Americans are Preparing to Evacuate Great Seaport

SHANGHAI, August 16: (Canadian Press)—A massed fleet of forty-three Chinese war planes rained bombs on Japanese sections and the waterfront of Shanghai today in a determined effort to destroy headquarters of the Japanese garrison and the first and third Japanese fleets. British and United States authorities ordered immediate evacuation of all women and children as battle became general along a fifteen mile front encircling the metropolis. The Chinese are consolidating positions all along the front and are rushing construction of artillery positions across the Whangpoo River. Meantime Japan is pouring trops by thousands into Chinese war zones.

SHANGHAI, August 16: (Canadian Press) — The Sino-Japanese situation took a more serious turn again yesterday with the bombing of Nanking and Hankow by Japanese fighting planes. Casualties, as far as could be learned last night, were not heavy.

The Japanese charge d'affaires at Nanking has been ordered by the Foreign Office at Tokyo to close the embassy there and depart at an opportune moment.

A check up over the week-end disclosed that 863 persons had been killed and over 1000 injured in the Chinese blunder air raid of Shanghai. The dead include forty-two foreigners but, so far as known, no Canadians. One of the aerial bombs dropped on King Edward VII Avenue, another between the two principal hotels of the city.

It was stated last night that preparations had been completed to evacuate 8000 British residents and three thousand Americans from Shanghai.

BUILDING INCREASE

Construction is Not Heavy This Year Although More Than Double That of 1936

Building permits for the month of July in Prince Rupert were again light at a total of $2075 as compared with $235 in the same month last year. The aggregate of building permits for the present year to date is now $20, 94r as compared with $9, 503 in the first seven months of 1936. July building permits were as follows:

James L. Lee, addition to porch, $375.

P. L. Peterson, alterations and repairs to residence, Eight Avenue East, $200.

John Lindseth, addition to porch, Hays Cove Avenue, $500.

H. M. D. Lambe, addition to porch, Hays Cove Avenue, $500.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH

Was The Last Hoodoo Day Until May, 1938

Old Man Superstition popped into wary folks' lives again for a one-day stay last Friday, the 13th. Just why anybody should be nervous about this combination is not known, but it's here and there is nothing one can do about it.

If any one breaks a leg, loses money or a wife on Friday the Thirteenth, you can lay a 2 to one bet (and collect) that the victims will plunk an accusing thumb down on the day and date, "just because."

Those who steer clear of ladders, mirrors and other reportedly ill-omened objects, will point out that there were 13 at the Last Supper, including Judas Iscariot, who next day, traditionally a Friday, betrayed Jesus Christ.

But, say those who taboo the crossed-finger and wood - touching rituals, how about Columbus? Didn't he sail on a Friday and discover land on another Friday —October 12, 1492? True, it wasn't the 13th, but it was as close as anyone could come to it.

It is generally conceded Friday is an unlucky day no matter the date. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that "according to Mahommedan tradition, Friday, which is the Moslem Sabbath, was the day on which Adam was created, entered Paradise and was expelled, and it was the day of his repentance, the day of his death and will be the Day of Resurrection."

It has all boiled down to that mysterious "13." If anyone can prove—by actual data in recording of events—that this numeral is jinxed a lot of arguments will be closed.

One comforting thought is that Friday the 13th won't appear again until May, 1938. Twice-yearly visits are down for January and October, 1939 and in September and December, 1940.

Ore Sampling Plant Readv For Use Now

The provincial government's ore sampling plant on the lumber assembly wharf here is now practically completed. The first ore to be handled through it will be here this week from an interior claim. From the interest being shown, it is expected that this will be followed with many more shipments in the immediate future.

Huge Sun Spots In Sight Again

Seen With Naked Eye They Indicate Storm Centres, Whirilng Gases

NEW YORK, Aug. 16: (CP)—New Yorkers, who wanted to see spots before their eyes, recently took a look at the sun. Two large spots, covering between 1-300th and 1-400th of the sun's surface, could be observed with the naked eye.

Dr. Clyde Fisher, curator of scribed them as "a remarkably fine pair." He said they were the only ones he had ever seen without a telescope and possibly the largest ever observed in New York. The larger of the two, he said, is bigger than Jupiter, greatest planet in the solar system and its diameter is about one-eight that of the sun.

The spots were first noticed by Hugh S. Rice, associate in astronomy at the American Museum of Natural History. He explained that sun spots are storm centres, caused by the whirlpool exchange of gaseous materials from internal layers of the sun to the surface. The large spots, he said, indicate a tremendous expulsion of gases from the inside of the sun.

The sun spots would travel across the sun's face to the left, the scientist said, and would be visible for about a week.

Sailing McLeans Arrive In Port

Three Generations Represented When Boats From Separated Routs Are in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Aug. 16: (CP)—Three generations of seafaring McLeans met recently when three vessels, sailing widely separated routes, were berthed here within a few hundred yards of one another.

In the engineer's store-room of R. M. S. Niagara, Canadian Australasian liner, was the patriarch of the sailing clan, Charles McLean, who has completed 101 voyages on the Niagara between Australia and Canada. McLean first saw Vancouver the night it was razed by fire in 1886.

When the passenger liner and flagship of the Union Steamships Limited coastwise service, s. s. Catala, docked at the company wharf, Charles McLean's son, Captain Harry McLean, was her pilot.

Within a stone's throw of the Niagara lay the R. M. S. Empress of Canada, aboard which William McLean, son of Captain Harry, was having his first taste of the sea as a messenger in the purser's department.

URGE PRAYER FOR UNION

TORONTO, Aug. 16: (CP)—Prayer for the union of the Church of England with the Church of Rome and the Eastern Orthodox Church was urged in a sermon here by Rev. Father Mathew, organizing secretary of the English Church Union.