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City Commissioner Alder Ou. Improvements that Have Been. Made in City

Is Optimistic

Taking Over of Cow Bay Will Enable Cleaning up to Take Place Near the Waterfront

Stressing the need of caution in borrowing money for civic purposes and outlining the improvement the city had made since first it was laid out in 1906, City Commissioner W. J. Alder gave an interesting ad- hour; sea choppy. dress to the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday. His subject was "Individual and City Assets." He showed pictures to illustrate how great had been the

The Commissioner pointed out that personality and credit were two of the most important assets either for a man or a city. The latter was obtained by always being careful to honor an obligation. You could tell pretty much what a city was by the price of its bonds. He said he had been able to visit and inspect a great many cities in his time. He had been born and educated in England and apprenticed there. Then he came to Canada and lived in Winnipeg. Eventually \$10 a month and board and this had benefited him very greatly, making him very fit physically. Then he had gone to the United; States and worked his way through university and later became manager of a big mortgage and loan company. Looking over cities with a view to making loans had given him a great opportunity to study and compare cities.

When he was on his way to Prince Rupert to take over the commissionership he had overheard a zero. conversation in which a man said he had asked a taxi-driver to take him to see the sights. He had taken the visitor to the Cold Storage and then to the "Red Light" district From that time he felt it part of his duty to encourage the provision of things for the tourists to see. Since that time the Horticultural Society had been formed and had done excellent work. The Canadian National Railways had provided splendid gardens. The provincial government had done good work had provided the new Totem Park ing done toward improving the city.

Cleaning Up Cow Bay The next work the city would have in hand would be the cleaning up of Cow Bay. The Canadian National Railway had given up its ters. claim to that area and, completing ists and especially those leaving the duced to \$32,000 of which the city "Matters which have been steamers at the government dock, paid \$6,000. and the place generally improved. in 1933 been \$229,194.29. In 1934 it ernments have to a considerable the next improvement.

the huge costly contracts for grad- other things that promised well This council was instrumental in ing section one Some of the huge for the present year.

NORTH COLD :

Fifty Below Zero Recorded in Yukon in Contrast with Weather Prevailing Locally

While exceptionally mild weather + VICTORIA, Jan. 14: (CP)for this time of the year pervails A report of the Department of + all over southern and central Brit- + Fisheries shows a reduction in + ish Columbia, it has turned quite + the number of Orientals em- + cold in the Yukon, according to the + ployed in British Columbia fish + daily weather report of Government | * salteries. . Reports for the op- * Telegraphs today Stewart River in + erating year of 1937 showed + the Yukon reported fifty below zero. | + that fifty per cent of the +

Today's weather reports are as & workers were now white or na- *

Triple Island - Overcast, rain; + labor had been almost entirely + east southeast wind, 18 miles per se used before.

Langara Island-Overcast, rain; + + + + + + + southeast wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 28.92; temperature, 42; PROGRESS

Dead Tree Point-Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 28.96; temperature, 40; moderate swell. Bull Harbor - Overcast, rain. moderate southeast wind; barome teer. 28.96; temperature, 43; moder-

Alert Bay - Overcast, showery, easterly wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 29.42; light swell,

ate swell

Estevan-Cloudy, southerly wind, sixteen miles per hour; barometer,

Vancouver - Cloudy, southeast wind, four miles per hour; barometer. 29.50.

Victoria-Cloudy, northerly wind, he had taken a job on a farm at! 20 miles per hour; barometer, 29.58. Prince George-Clear, southerly ma wind, eight miles per hour; barom-

Terrace-Raining, calm, temper-

Aiyansh-Cloudy, calm. 30. Alice Arm-Cloudy, calm, 32. Anyox-Cloudy, calm, 30. Stewart-Cloudy, calm, 32. Hazelton-Cloudy, calm, 27. Smithers-Cloudy, calm, 30. Burns Lake-Clear, calm, 20. Stewart River, Y.T. - 50 below

PEACE RIVER SETTLEMENT EDMONTON - There was a marked speeding up of new settlement in the Peace River district of Alberta in 1937, accordhundred and seventy carloads of settlers' effects went in last year as compared with eightyeight in the year previous.

INSURGENT DESERTIONS GIBRALTAR-Desertions from around the Court House. The city the insurgent forces in the Spanish civil war continue to inwith a fine array of totem poles. crease despite rebel denials. The museum had been established Many of the deserters have and everywhere great work was be- crossed into British territory prior to joining the loyalists. Incerned that a special patrol has been set up at the frontier to prevent the departure of deser-

two years of negotiations, an agree- cuts had never been used Then portant to note that in many in ment had been drawn up and was Section Two had been put on the stances the employers have grant now being implemented providing market and a bridge built to con- ed wage increases and other bene for the transfer of Cow Bay to the nect it with the city A ball park fits. city in exchange for a number of costing \$30,000 had been made and "Your council has held somecity lots facing the Court House, later \$20,000 had been added The thing of a watching brief over the to be used for improving the city still had to pay \$70,000 a year relations between the civic auth grounds there. This would enable in interest charges after \$34,000 had ority and civic employees and citithe city to improve Cow Bay to been lopped off in the reduction of zens with I believe some advantage make it more presentable to tour- interest rates Relief had been re- to all parties concerned.

These improvements had to do a half dollars. He strongly urged citizens in general. Our members with the personality of the city, that the ratepayers should frown of parliament in both houses have Dealing with the credit of the city, on any bond issues and thus guard at all times given a measure of as-Mr. Alder showed pictures of the against going any further into debt. sistance. dock as it appeared in 1906 and of The city was making good progress! "Perhaps the most notable ach- a Canadian National Railways the city in 1910 in order that his and things were looking better. He ievement of the year was the pasaudience might realize how much was very optimistic that the pulp sage of the Labor Act in the pro- terday by a mud and rockslide it had progressed The seeds of the mill would become an accomplished vincial house allowing workers in the Fraser Canyon. The tiecity's insolvency had been sown in fact and, meanwhile, there were the right to collective bargaining. up caused the transcontinental

Cutting Down In Salteries

+ tive Indian whereas Oriental +

C. and L. Council in Annual Session-Thomas Black Re-elected President

The Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, at its meeting last night, elected officers for the com

ng year as follows: President, Thomas B. Black. Vice-President, J. J. Gillis. Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas El-

Statistician, George Anderson Sergeant-at-Arms, George Hude-

Executive-William Reid; Ben Dalgarno and James Black. Legislative Committee- Frank Derry, J. J. Gillis, George Anderson. James Forman and W. H., feated Acting Mayor J. R. Ander-

The Council will inform the contractors for the new Post Office building that the government scale of wages will be expected to be paid on the construction and there are plenty of available men here to take care of the employment si-

The question of having a mail idelivery for this city will also be taken up with the proper author-

Concern was expressed at the ing to government figures. Two spread of measles which is assumling epidemic proportions and the Council felt that there was a laxity on the part of those in authjority in dealing with the situation It was felt that the public schools, should be closed until the situation is under control.

Report of the President for the year was given as follows:

President's Report "In reviewing the activities of this council during the past year I am happy to say that cordial re surgent authorities are so con- lations between employers and our various crafts have been main tained and I believe in some cases have reached a new basis of un derstanding.

> "No disputes of any major consequence have arisen and it is im

brought to the attention of both The junk yard would be abolished The general levy in the city had the Dominion and provincial gov-The city had gradually been getting had been \$200,361.50 and in 1937 extent been adjusted, especially rid of eyesores and this would be this had been reduced to \$148,383.65. those of a nature pertaining, to The city still owed a million and the welfare of local workers and

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HERRING FISHING REOPENED Following representations made by Olof Hanson M.P. and in view of the extraordinarily large volume of the run, the fisheries department today announced reopening of Prince Rupert Harbor to herring fishing until such time as a total of 15,000 tons has been taken. A total of 9500 tons had been taken up to the time the harbor was closed to herring fishing some two weeks ago. The herring will be processed in the Tucks inlet and Port Edward reduction plants.

GUNS FOR STANLEY PARK

VANCOUVER- A new battery of two six-inch guns will be installed in Stanley Park to guard the First Narrows, entrance to Vancouver Harbor, by the Department of National Defense, it was stated yesterday by R. Rowe Holland, chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners. The new guns will replace old ones and the battery, it was explained by the department at Ottawa in confirming the announcement today will form a necessary part of the coast defense program. In view of its strategic position at the entrance to Vancouver Harbor, Stanley Park is reserved for military purposes.

NEW MAYOR OF NELSON VANCOUVER-Ald. N C. Stibbs, storekeeper for the Canadian Pecific Railway, is the new mayor of Nelson, having defeated Mayor J. P. Morgan in the civic election yesterday. At Trail, F. L. Groutage is the new mayor, having deson. Another mayor to meet defeat was John E. Gordon of Rossland who went down before William A. Taylor, an employee of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. Mayor R. C. Galer was re-elected at Port Coquitlam, defeating T. J. Routley.

WILL VISIT SINGAPORE WASHINGTON, D.C. - Three

United States battleships, now in Australia in connection with the 150th anniversary celebration of the Commonwealth, will proceed to Singapore to attend the opening of the great new British naval base there, it is announced by the Department of the Navy.

FOR ALBERTA COAL VICTORIA-Returning yesterday from a trip to Edmonton where he conferred with the Alberta government on the subject of increased inter-provincial trading Hon. W. J. Asselstine, minister of trade and industry, expressed himself as being particularly anxious that there should be no discrimination against Alberta coal.

FORMER GOVERNOR DIES VICTORIA-Hon. William Legh Walsh, veteran Alberta jurist and former Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, died at his hotel here last night at the age of eightyone years. He had lived in Victoria since 1936 in which year he had completed a five year term as Lieutentant Governor of Alberta.

ADVANCE AT HEAVY COST SHANGHAI—Tsinan city fell to the Japanese yesterday in the course of their advances into Shantung Province but, before retreating, the Chinese killed two thousand of the invaders and wounded a similar

RAIL TIE-UP

VANCOUVER - Seven cars of train to be one hour late in arriving from the East yesterday.

LAND DEAL IS PASSED

Transfer of Property Authorized by City Commissioner-New Car for Utilities Department

Sitting in his capacity as a city council this morning, City Commissioner W. J. Alder gave introductory readings to a bylaw providing for the transfer to the provincial government of lots 7 to 11, 13 to 25, 28 to 30, 33 to 35, 40 to 41, 43, 45 to 46-all in block 16, sect. 1-in the government will be used in con- conducted on Dominion experimenbe cleaned up in order to provide that strip farming will keep soil better tourist approach to the drifting under control

ed the purchase of a new Chevrolet ly injured by soil-drifting. Finely car from the Royal Motors for the pulverized dry soil is carried along city utilities department. The price by the wind and piled up in drifts, of the car is \$1050 and an allowance leaving the land bare of its fertile of \$125 is made on the old car surface. which it will replace.

certificate rights in lot 20, block 15, of summer fallow and forage crops section 5 for \$164.90.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

B. C. Nickel, .24. Big Missouri, .50. Bralorne, 9.05. Aztec, .07. Cariboo Quartz, 1.80. Dentonia, .12. Golconda, .08. Fairview, .061/2. Noble Five, .041/2. Pioneer, 3.15. Porter Idaho, .03. Premier, 1.98. Reeves McDonald, .55. Reno, .53. Relief Arlington, .181/2. Reward, .061/2. Salmon Gold, .071/2. Taylor Bridge, .041/2. Hedley Amalgamated, .047/8. Premier Border, .02. Silbak Premier, 2.00. Congress, .021/4. Home Gold, .011/2. Grandview, .10. Indian, .021/2.

Haida Gold, .053/4. Oils A. P. Con., .33. Calmont, .59. C. & E., 2,95. Freehold, .071/2. Hargal, .25. McDougall Segur, .27. Mercury, .18. Okaita, 2.15. Pacalta. .12. Home Oil, 1.31. Toronto

Beattie, 1.37. Central Patricia, 2.30. Gods Lake, .60. Little Long Lac, 5.45. McKenzie Red Lake, .98. Pickle Crow, 5.00. Red Lake Gold Shore, .23. San Antonio, 1.40. Sherritt Gordon, 1.58. Smelters Gold. .011/2. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.37. Oklend, .20. Mosher, .14. Madsen Red Lake, .31. Stadacona, .29. Frontier Red Lake, .051/2. Francoeur, .41. Moneta Porcupine, 2.23. Thompson Cadillac, .66. Bankfield, .66. East aMlartic, 1.30. Preston E. Dome, 1.17. Hutchison Lake, .09. Dawson White, .02. Aldermac, .57. Kerr Addison, 1.94. Uchi Gold, 1.25. Martin Bird, .50. Inter'l Nickel, 49.25.

Noranda, 60.00.

Con Smelters, 61.50,

FARMING IN STRIPS NOW

Stop Soil-Drifting on Prairies

Rehabilitation

Experimental Side of Restoring Dried Out Farm Lands

OTTAWA, Jan. 14: (CP)-Discovery of an effective method of controlling soil-drifting marked comreturn for certain portions of Wa- pletion of the major task on the exterfront Block F inside Cow Bay perimental side of prairie farm rebridge. The property acquired by habilitation. Through experiments nection with the extension of Court tal farms and stations and study House grounds improvement. The of farming methods in various diswaterfront which the city gets will tricts it has now been established

Wide areas of prairie farmland The Commissioner also authoriz- have been more or less permanent-

Strip-farming is planting crops Louis Leroux was granted tax sale in long narrow alternating strips where forage crops can be grown. The strips run at right angles to the prevailing wind and may be from four to 16 rods wide, depending on the severity of conditions making

for soil drifting. Other aids are tree-planting, cover crops, seeding abandoned land to grass and special methods of cultivation calculated to leave as much stubble and other refuse on the surface of summer fallow as

possible. Soil-drifting has proved one of the most annoying accompaniments of drought on the prairies. It robs the soil of fertility, destroys crops, in some cases buries roads, fences and even buildings. But it also afflicts the city and village dweller with suffocating dust

Although few areas on the prairie are entirely immune from soil- Man Passes Away drifting its causes are not yet fully understood. Whenever there is bare soil and certain other factors including dry weather and high winds there is usually some drifting. Scientists, however, believe there must be a certain turbulence in the wind before drifting starts.

Tons Blow Off

blown off a section of land 100,000 the longest continuous telephone tons of soil would be moved. As subscriber in the world. several million acres are subject to drifting the amount of soil shifted each year is tremendous.

Experts have estimated that the removal of one inch of soil from an acre of land means the loss of 649 a couple of months. phosphorus and 5,380 pounds of potash. The phosphorus alone is low to assist in checking drifting equivalent to the amount removed include stirring up the soil near the in the production of 485 bushels of surface without burying weeds and

living organisms which profoundly litter. affect the productivity of the soil. Implements have been evolved It spreads weed seeds and insect for this purpose such as the blade eggs, injures growing crops in its and rod weeders and the basin lispath, makes living conditions in ter. This implement forms the soil

Strip-farming originated in between with small dams, 'so that southern Alberta where some farm- any rain water is caught and held. ers noticed the last places to drift Autumn is a bad time for driftwere the west sides of their fields ing. Tests made with cover crops and that the prevailing winds came have met with some success. The from the west. This led to the idea fallow land is lightly seeded to of presenting as many as possible grain in late August. Frost kills west sides to the wind.

the prairies to restore moisture to the frozen grain checks the erosion soil after a year or two of cropping. of the autumn winds. ing the width of summer fallow tions have been established under soil is limited.

Dealing With Weeds

Cultural methods on summer fal-1

Tree Planting is Another Plan to Political Crisis in France as Chautemps Quits After Blum Group Withdraws Support

> PARIS, Jan. 14: (CP)—After nine Socialist members of the cabinet led by Former Premier Leon Blum announced withdrawal of their support, the government of Premier Carille Chautemps resigned early today, precipitating another political crisis in France. The government had consisted half and half of Socialists and National Socialists. Chautemps declined to form a new government, his split with Communist and Socialist allies in the People's Front, which preceded the resignation of the cabinet, precluding attempts to form another, he said. The crisis was precipitated by growing labor unrest and the fall of the franc.

> George Bonnett, until recently French ambassador to Washington and minister of finance in the retiring Chautemps cabinet, was invited by President Albert Lebrun today to form a new govern-

Despite refusal of French industrialists to attend Premier Chautemps' peace conference, it had been announced earlier in the day the government would proceed with measures on behalf of French labor. There were demonstrations by Communists on the streets of Paris in criticism of the employers' attitude.

The franc dropped to its lowest level in twelve years yesterday. In unofficial trading it sank to 30.20 to the dollar

All trading in gold and silver was suspended today. Trading in currency hed already been suspended on account of the cabinet crisis.

Aged Telephone

Hugh Neilson of Toronto Dies at Age of Ninety-Three-World's Longest Subscriber

TORONTO, Jan. 14: (CP)-Hugh Neilson, ager 93, whose life was intimately identified with the development of Canadian telephone com-If one inch of surface soil were munication, is dead here. He was

> Mrs. James Farquahar sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver. She will visit with her mother, Mrs. Marsh, for

wheat or bumper crops for 20 years. stubble. This kills weeds and leaves The drifting also removes certain the surface covered with protective

farm houses almost unbearable. into ridges and blocks the furrows

the young plants before they take Summer fallowing is necessary on much moisture from the soil and

But it also presents a large area of Since the rehabilitation program bare soil to the wind. By narrow- was started a number of substastrips alternated with grain crops direction of officials of the Dominthe scope for wind erosion on bare ion experimental farms. They are for the purpose of experimenting with soil drifting in different areas (Continued on Page Two)