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Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Light showers, southeast wind, six miles per hour; barometer 29.62 (falling); temperature 41; sea smooth.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1938

Tomorrow's Tides

High 4:36 a.m. 19.5 ft. 17:55 p.m. 17.9 ft. Low 11:25 a.m. 3.5 ft. 23:44 p.m. 8.1 ft.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY 105 PARLIAMENT BLDGS. 31 MAR 38

Two Dictators Are In Conference

Railway Transportation Safest Method Of Travel; Canada Lines Are Defended By Local Official

Have Been Responsible For Development of Country and Creation of Wealth—Canadian National Has Not Been Given Credit it Deserves

"Railway transportation is today and always has been the safest method of travel," declared W. H. Tobey, C.N.R. divisional superintendent, in an interesting address before the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly dinner meeting last night. "Vital statistics conclusively prove that a person is far safer travelling by passenger train today than he is in his own home. With the modern air-conditioned passenger equipment, containing every comfort in furnishings, ventilation, heating and dining facilities together with the great reduction in fares, there is no question concerning the greater ease, comfort, convenience, speed, safety and ultimate economy in travelling by rail, particularly over the longer distances."

The great problem of the railways on this continent today, said Mr. Tobey, was competition with other forms of transportation such as was found on the highways, the rivers and oceans and in the air. The competitive forms of transport were free from very severe restrictions and regulations which were imposed upon the railways. These various types of transportation developing without interference or restriction since the railways had become established, threatened to sap the life blood of the railways. These other types of transport were quite a necessary, economical and desirable adjunct to the railways but they should be confined to their proper sphere of activity. The various governments now appeared to be slowly realizing the seriousness of the situation and through enabling legislation for the railways and restrictive legislation against competitors, were gradually bringing all the various forms of transportation near to a state of equilibrium and stability.

A great deal was heard, said Mr. Tobey, of Canada being "over railroaded." Critics pointed out that on a population basis, Canada had the lowest figure of population per mile of railway in the world. "Tell me," went on the speaker, "how can a country go through a development period without a low population per mile of railway? If population per mile were required to justify the building of a railway, how many miles of railways would there be in Canada today? The railway must precede population and development.

Statistics of population per mile tell nothing of the usefulness of a railway. The real test of a railway is the use that is made of it. Measured on the basis of transportation performed per capita, Canada and the United States stand on an equal footing at the head of all the railways in the world. This is simply another way of saying that per capita wealth production in Canada is high and that, in wealth production, the railways play an important part.

The history of the development of capital wealth in Canada parallels the growth in railways but at a much greater rate. Historically, for every dollar of railway capital invested, Canada has increased her capital wealth twelve dollars. Inasmuch as scientific planning was not a part of the railway building in Canada, there was, of necessity, some duplication of railway lines but, on the whole, the mileage which could be considered as unnecessary because of duplication was much less than might be expected. Generally speaking,

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With fellow countrymen attending the rites, the funeral of Fukutaro Hamura, local Japanese cook, whose death occurred Sunday evening at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, takes place this afternoon from the chapel of the B.C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery.

LONDON, May 4: (CP)—"No need of expert evidence 'my own nose tells me the difference,'" said Sir Harry Twyford, lord mayor, in hearing a case where it was declared a certain wine was port.

CLAIMS ARE CHECKED ON

Neutral Observers Endeavouring To Confirm Exact State Of Affairs in Shantung

SHANGHAI, May 4: (CP)—Neutral observers are endeavoring to confirm the claims of the Chinese that the Japanese campaign in south Shantung Province is on the verge of collapse. That the Japanese have suffered heavy reverses is conceded but whether these have been as complete as claimed is a question that has not been entirely clarified.

Today a general Chinese offensive all along the south Shantung front was declared by the Chinese command to have smashed through the centre of Japanese lines at Tairchwang and to have advanced twelve miles.

JR. CHAMBER IN SESSION

Committee Reports and Correspondence Among Matters Dealt With at Meeting Last Night

With an address by W. H. Tobey, C.N.R. divisional superintendent on the subject of "Railways" at the feature of the evening's proceedings, the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly dinner meeting last night in the Commodore Cafe. President J. C. Gilker was in the chair and guests, besides Mr. Tobey, were Stanley Saville and Allan D. Vance. Business, largely of a routine nature, included the reading of correspondence and the receiving of committee reports.

The executive brought before the meeting the condition of an open sewer originating on English Hill and branching off from McBride Street towards Cow Bay. It was proposed to take up the matter with the civic authorities but, after some discussion, no action was taken. It was suggested that there were other places in the city where sewage and drainage conditions were none too good.

There were communications from Olof Hanson M. P. in regard to fish traps and Japanese immigration. As for the fish traps, Mr. Hanson stated that nothing could be done this year as the licences had already been granted. Personally, he was opposed to fish traps and had made his opposition known at Ottawa. In regard to Japanese immigration, the government had taken the view that it would be inadvisable, in view of present unsettled international conditions, to introduce legislation that would prove offensive. However, he (Mr. Hanson) was personally in sympathy with the proposal to impose a ban on such immigration.

A communication was read from the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association expressing support of the move to impress upon the civic authorities the necessity and importance of having the road from Sixth Avenue on the east bank of Hays Creek completed through to the fishermen's floes including the crossing of the railway tracks. This will be taken up again with City Commissioner W. J. Alder.

William Bremner reported on the recent "Clean Up Week" campaign, outlining what had been done including the disseminating of propaganda. There had been co-operation with the city in this matter.

The Junior Chamber decided to sponsor a "Klondyke Night" this Saturday in the Prince Rupert Club, the affair to be in the nature of a farewell to Jack Roaf who is about to leave the city for Vancouver. Max Asemissen is co-ordinator of the affair.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ISHBEL AND HUBBY



Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the late Ramsay MacDonald, who rose from farmer's boy to premier of England, is shown with her house painter husband, Norman Ridgley, as they received a congratulatory telegram at the home of Dr. Alistair MacKinnon, Miss MacDonald's brother-in-law, at Leeds, Ridgley halls from Speen, Buckinghamshire, where Miss MacDonald is the keeper of the Plough Inn.

TODAY'S STOCKS

- (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.) Vancouver B. C. Nickel, 15 3/4. Big Missouri, 37. Bralorne, 8.75. Arctec, .07 1/2. Cariboo Gold, 2.16. Dentonia, .05. Minto, .02 1/4. Fairview, .03. Noble Five, .02 1/2. Pend Orielle, 1.55. Pioneer, 3.00. Porter Idaho, .02 1/2. Premier, 1.98. Reeves McDonald, .26. Reno, .52. Relief Arlington, .15. Reward, .04. Salmon Gold, .06 1/2. Taylor Bridge, .04. Premier Border, .01. Silbak Premier, 1.75. Home Gold, .01. Grandview, .06 1/4. Indian, .02. Quatsino Copper, .02 1/2. Haida, .07. Oils A. P. Con., .22. Calmont, .39. C. & E., 2.50. Freehold, .06. Hargal, .20. McDougal Segur, .19. Mercury, .10 1/2. Okalta, 1.65. Pacalta, .08 3/4. Home Oil, 1.35. Toronto Beattie, 1.10. Central Patricia, 2.51. Gods Lake, .46. Little Long Lac, 4.10. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.02. Red Lake Gold Shore, .19. Pickle Crow, 4.60. San Antonio, 1.28. Sherritt Gordon, 1.08. Smelters Gold, .01. McLeod Cockshutt, 3.40. Okland, .20. Mosher, .37. Madsen Red Lake, .29. Stadacona, .71. Francoeur, .38. Moneta, 2.14. Bouscadillac, .08. Thompson Cadillac, .30. Bankfield, .75. East Malartic, 1.63. Preston East Dome, .82. Huntchison Lake, .05 1/4. Dawson White, .04 3/4. Aldermac, .45. Kerr Addison, 1.75. Uchi Gold, 1.65. Int. Nickel, 46.25. Noranda, 59.25. Cons. Smelters, 56.00. Athona, .09. Hardrock, 2.18. Barber Larder, .36.

PLANNING EVICTION

Action to be Taken by City Against Cow Bay Residents Who Have Not Heeded Notices.

City Commissioner W. J. Alder, sitting in his capacity as a city council, decided this morning to take action for eviction on May 15 against such persons resident at Cow Bay who were recently served notice to remove as squatters and who have not made the necessary arrangements for occupation of property there recently acquired by the city from the provincial government.

Notice will also be served on certain occupants of Soldiers' Housing Scheme houses whose payments are in arrears.

Senate Railway Probe To Start

Will Be Most Searching Inquiry Since Duff Commission

OTTAWA, May 4: (CP)—A special committee of the Senate is about to commence the most searching inquiry into Canadian railway affairs since the Duff Commission. Activities of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways during the past six years will be particularly concentrated upon.

Halibut Sales

- Summary American—63,000 pounds, 6.9c and 5c to 7.3c and 5c. Canadian—17,500 pounds, 6.4c and 4c. American Coolidge, 26,000, Pacific, 6.9c and 5c. Sentinel, 22,000, Cold Storage, 7.3c and 5c. Reliance I., 15,000, Pacific, 7.2c and 5c. Canadian Johanna, 17,500, Cold Storage, 6.4c and 4c. BAR SILVER NEW YORK: (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 per fine ounce on the New York metal market today.

BULLETINS

TAX RATE SET

In his capacity as a city council, City Commissioner W. J. Alder was in session this morning and set the tax rate for the year at fifty mills, the same as last year. The division of the rate is: general, 10.4 mills; schools, 17.6; money debts, 22. Another meeting will be held tomorrow to finally reconsider and adopt the rate.

PACT NEGOTIATED

OTTAWA—A new trade treaty between Canada and Eire (the former Irish Free State) has been signed and will come into effect in ten days. Under the pact, there are similar favorable tariff relations such as were recently closed between England and Eire.

POLICE TO CARRY ON

OTTAWA—The Dominion government yesterday declined to comply with a request of the Alberta government to terminate the arrangement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the policing of the province. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, stated that the present agreement did not expire until 1940 and the federal government did not intend to terminate it until that time.

CROP OUTLOOK FINE

CALGARY—Three days of rainfall in Saskatchewan and Alberta have made 1938 crop prospects this spring the best for any year since 1928 when there was a bumper harvest. In some of the drought areas there has been as much as an inch of rain and ground moisture conditions throughout the prairies are now reported to be excellent.

FIGHT IN TORONTO

TORONTO—The next fight of Tommy Farr, British Empire heavyweight champion and former contender for the world's title, will be an all Empire affair. Farr's opponent will be Maurice Strickland of New Zealand and the bout will take place in Toronto in June or July. Farr's British Empire heavyweight crown will be at stake.

WORKLESS DEFIANT

CALGARY—Despite twelve arrests yesterday and warnings against further demonstrations, Calgary unemployed are planning another mass parade for this afternoon.

DIES AT TERRACE

TERRACE—Death of Felix Chassin de Kergommeaux at the age of 76 from the effects of asthma took place Saturday at 10 p.m. at his son John's home in Terrace.

ANOTHER GOLD RUSH

NEW WESTMINSTER—A gold rush started near Point Roberts, 24 miles south of here by road, when road workers obtained mining licences and began staking claims just north of the international boundary line. The "rush" started when a workman noticed yellow particles in a shovelful of gravel. A sample brought here was described as "probably gold."

IS GRAND MASTER

NANAIMO—Allan M. Davies of Prince Rupert was yesterday elected Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of the Orange Order in British Columbia at the thirty-fourth annual sessions here.

ENTHUSIASM IS POLITE

Half a Million People Take Part In Roman Reception to Chancellor Hitler

Colonies Discussed

Der Fuehrer is Doing Most Of Talking With Duce Listening

ROME, May 4: (CP)—Five hundred thousand people packed the route between the railway station and the Quirinal Palace, where Der Fuehrer is staying, on the arrival yesterday of Chancellor Adolof Hitler of Germany for his visit to Italy. The attitude of the crowds was described by observers as one of "polite enthusiasm." In addition to Premier Benito Mussolini, King Victor Emmanuel also took part personally in the welcome to the German chancellor.

The chief note of the official welcome was that friendly relations between Italy and Germany were as strong as ever although the belief of neutral political observers is that the Rome-Berlin axis may not be as stable as before since it was not so essential to Italy following the negotiation of friendly agreements with Great Britain and France.

Meantime, the British and French authorities follow with much interest the development of relations between the two dictators.

Colonies Discussed

The two dictators, in private conversations today, discussed the question of colonies. An informed source told the Associated Press that their exchange had dealt entirely with the colonial question Hitler doing most of the talking and Mussolini listening.

CAHAN BILL DEAD ISSUE

Looks Like Nothing More Will Be Done This Year About Privy Council Appeals

OTTAWA, May 4: (CP)—Appeals to the judicial committee of the Privy Council will not be abolished at the present session of Parliament, it was learned today. Unless the Cahan bill calling for the abolition of such appeals is discussed again in private members' bills committee, nothing more will be heard of it this session.

Dr. Douglas Hyde Eire President

Eminent Celtic Scholar is Named First Head Under New Irish Constitution

DUBLIN, May 4: (CP)—Dr. Douglas Hyde, eminent Celtic scholar, today became the first president of Eire by acclamation.

Naval Expansion Program Adopted

United States Endorses Administration's Plans by Two to One Vote

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4: (CP)—The administration's naval expansion program was approved by the Senate yesterday by a two to one vote.