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Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:49 a.m. 16.8 ft.
18:06 p.m. 18.6 ft.
Low 11:41 a.m. 6.7 ft.

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.98 (falling); temperature, 53; sea smooth.

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Russ. Jap Situation Is More Serious

HEPBURN OF ONTARIO IS MAGNETIC FIGURE; LIKES DUFF PATTULLO

Has No Third Party Intentions — Calls It "Eye Wash" — Interested In Prince Rupert On First Visit Here

By G. A. HUNTER

"So this is Duff Pattullo's town! A great fellow, Pattullo! He has ideas and likes to get things done. I like him."

Possibly it was natural that the smiling, energetic Premier of Ontario, Mitchell Hepburn, should have been interested in one of his contemporary provincial prime ministers in this way. In any case, Hepburn of Ontario and Pattullo of British Columbia are known to have much in common. They are both born leaders. Both radiate energy and enthusiasm. Both like a fight and they are those fiery sort of individuals who seem to thrive on opposition. Both are original thinkers.

It was Hepburn's first visit to Prince Rupert as he spent a couple of hours here Saturday afternoon while southbound aboard the steamer Princess Alice following an annual tour of the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and Alaska.

The big bare-headed, round-faced 42-year-old Premier of Ontario, who is so youthful in appearance and so easy of approach, was not at first in evidence as the steamer docked. As a matter of fact, ship's officers gave warning that he was dodging reception committees and interviewers. Indeed, he had flatly refused to speak over a radio transmitter at one point during his tour.

But once he was spotted among the tourists, there was no mistaking this dynamic personality, who is such a prominent figure in public affairs these days.

"So you are a newspaperman?" said Hepburn when button-holed in a ship's corridor. However, he was wearing that radiant smile which makes one understand why nobody ever thinks of calling him anything else but the familiar "Mitch."

"Well, just what is this trip for?" the visiting Premier was asked.

"Just a holiday or that is what I am trying to make it," replied Mr. Hepburn. "I have never been in this country before. It is the first time I have been on your northern coast."

"Nothing to say about national or political affairs?" was another question that was fired at the Ontario government leader.

"Really, I'd rather not. I don't want to start any arguments just now," he replied significantly.

"What about this line-up with such people as Duplessis, Pattullo or Harry Stevens?"

"That's all 'eye-wash.' As I have repeatedly said, I have no intention of having anything to do with third party movements."

The interview was progressing. "What do you think about the annexation of the Yukon by British Columbia?"

"I don't think anything about it. It has nothing to do with me. It's entirely a matter between your Provincial Government and the Dominion Government." That was the way the distinguished visitor got out of that one.

The discussion got along to the Alaska Highway. About all that Mr. Hepburn had to observe about that was that Pattullo was doing about all he could and the delay was now due to Ottawa.

Asked how Ontario was coming out of the recession, Mr. Hepburn said that, except for the newsprint and lumber industry, which was in a slump, it had not suffered a great deal. They were having wonderful (Continued on Page 4)

TALKING OF AIR ROUTES

Ald. Halford Wilson of Vancouver Admits Prince Rupert Should Have Service

The advantage of a direct route from Vancouver via Ashcroft, Prince George, Hazelton, Meziadin Lake, Telegraph Creek, Atlin and Whitehorse for the handling of the Yukon air mail was strongly advocated by Ald. Halford D. Wilson, youthful Vancouver alderman who was a visitor in the city at the week-end, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. Ald. Wilson is especially interested in aerial matters since he is president of the British Columbia Aviation Council and chairman of the airport committee of the Vancouver city council. He is 32 years old and a native son of Vancouver, his father being Canon G. H. Wilson of Vancouver. He and Mrs. Wilson came north on the Prince George and made the round trip to Anyox and Stewart transferring Saturday evening to the Prince Charles to return home on that steamer via Queen Charlotte Islands.

In advocating the Prince George-Telegraph Creek route for the Yukon air mail in preference to the present branch line which operates from Vancouver to Fort St. John where it connects with the United Air Transport service from Edmonton, Ald. Wilson pointed out that it would serve a more settled country where more business offers and also declared that ninety-five per cent of the Yukon mail originates or is destined for British Columbia points.

Ald. Wilson admitted the important part that Prince Rupert should be playing in commercial aviation on this coast. He agreed with a statement which had been made earlier in the day by Premier Hepburn of Ontario wondering at the fact that there was no commercial air service already established here.

Ald. Wilson suggested the advisability of Prince Rupert being represented at the convention of the British Columbia Aviation Council to be held at Nelson September 16. One of the functions of the council, he pointed out, was to encourage private operators to put in services where necessary and practicable. He intended to get in touch with the Prince Rupert, Rupert Chamber of Commerce on the matter, he said.

Customs and Excise Revenue Is Higher For Month of July

Customs and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of July this year totalled \$13,978.96 in value as compared with \$11,010.50 in the same month last year. Collections for this year to date have reached an aggregate of \$103,580.58 in comparison with \$109,658.33 in the first seven months of 1937.

Today's Baseball

American League Philadelphia, 4; Detroit, 0. Washington, 6; Cleveland, 8. (at the end of seventh).

Today's Weather

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, temperature 54.
Aaliyansh—Cloudy, calm, 53.
Alice Arm—Cloudy, southwest wind 57.
Anyox—Cloudy, calm, 52.
Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 52.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 56.
Smithers—Cloudy, calm, 53.
Burns Lake—Cloudy, calm, 50.

BULLETINS

DEAD IN CABIN

Matthew McLean, 50-year-old ex-service man of Scottish birth and a resident of this city for a number of years, was found dead in his cabin on the local waterfront near the elevator Saturday afternoon. His partner, John Cameron, had gone out for about three-quarters of an hour and, on his return, found McLean stretched out on his bed dead. Death is believed to have been due to natural causes. There is understood to be a widow in Scotland.

HIS BODY FOUND

The body of Giacomo Colussi of this city, who was drowned after a gas boat explosion off Jap Point on July 1, was found washed ashore a short distance this side of Big Bay yesterday. The remains were brought in by the provincial police last night for interment. The body was found by the eldest son, Lino, while engaged in searching.

DEAD AT HAYSPORT

The remains of Roy Herman have been found in his boat on the Skeena River. The provincial police boat left this morning to investigate.

DEADLOCK IN SPAIN

HENDAYE.—A series of attacks and counterattacks by reinforced Spanish Government and insurgent armies failed Sunday to break a two-day deadlock on the Catalan front. Both forces pitted all their available strength in battle on the Government's newly won 25-mile wide line.

OHIO TRAIN WRECK

TOLEDO, Ohio.—At least ten persons were injured Sunday night when two trains collided east of Rocky Ridge, near here.

JAMAICA TRAIN WRECK

KINGSTON, Jamaica.—Fifty-two persons were killed and fifty injured when four coaches of a train crowded with holiday makers were destroyed Saturday in Jamaica's worst train wreck. Bodies of 48 passengers and four tramps were recovered and others were believed under the wreckage.

BRITISH PROTEST

SHANGHAI.—Great Britain protested to Japanese authorities today against "increasingly belligerent attitude" of sentries guarding bridges from the international settlement into Japanese controlled sections of the city.

LIMITATIONS LIFTED

SOFIA, Bulgaria.—A new agreement cancelling postwar limitations of Bulgaria's army is seen in diplomatic circles as an important step toward Bulgarian membership in the Balkan entente. The agreement was signed yesterday at Salonika, Greece, by the Premiers of Greece and Bulgaria. It wipes out restrictions of the Treaty of Neuilly which Bulgaria had maintained were unfair.

HOSPITAL FIRE

CALGARY.—Fire broke out Saturday night from an explosion in the boiler room of Calgary General Hospital but was confined to the basement and none of the patients knew about it.

STILL IN SEARCH OF CLIPPER

MANILA.—Refusing to abandon search for the missing Hawaii clipper, one of the United States giant flying fleet, that vanished enroute from Guam to Manila last week, fourteen naval vessels and seven airplanes headed over the Pacific at dawn to resume the hunt.

Clash Described As "Terrible Fight" Develops In Disputed Area; End May Not Be Yet

Reports From Manchoukuan-Siberian Border Are Somewhat Disquieting — Nipponese Cabinet Goes Into Emergency Session

TOKYO, August 1.—(CP)—An army communique today reported Soviet war planes had bombed Japanese positions heavily in the disputed Siberian-Manchoukuan border area and said that five aircraft had been shot down by Japanese guns. An earlier communique announced Russian troops were withdrawing northward after a clash which was described as a "terrible fight." Cautious government statements appeared to give the impression that a major battle was developing in the disputed area although the communique declared Japan was now ready to assume the defensive and had no intention of advancing further.

The conflict on the Siberian-Manchoukuan border where officials said Japanese forces wrested disputed territory from Soviet troops precipitated emergency conferences Sunday among Japanese leaders. The war office reported 200 Russians were killed when Japanese troops seized a hill near Mount Changkufeng, which Soviets occupied three weeks ago. Japanese said they had some casualties. Two Soviet counterattacks were said to have been repulsed.

HOUSING HELD UP

But Chances of Prince Rupert Availing Itself of D. H. A. Are Good, Declares Commissioner

Speaking of the progress being made with a view to Prince Rupert availing itself of the Dominion Housing Act for new home building, City Commissioner W. J. Alder states that the insurance companies, which would do the financing, are still stressing the necessity of a local zoning by-law. A good deal of work has been done by the solicitor for the city in connection with the zoning by-law. Mr. Alder explains, but F. W. Nicols, Dominion housing director, has requested that the by-law be held up until he has had opportunity to send a draft of a general form which would be applicable in a uniform way in the west. There the matter now stands.

"The chances are good for the extension of the Dominion Housing Act to Prince Rupert," Mr. Alder says.

Mr. Alder, who returned at the week-end from a vacation trip south, reports a great deal of new residential building activity in Victoria, the Dominion Housing Act being a big factor in this building. New streets are being opened up in the Oak Bay area on account of this building.

"Victoria is actually growing," says Mr. Alder. "I attribute that growth largely to the ever increasing tourist business."

Mouat Resigns Teaching Post

Member of Local High School Staff Takes Principalship In South

W. J. Mouat has resigned from the teaching staff of the Prince Rupert High School to take the principalship of the Junior High School at Coquitlam.

Howard Denton, who had been appointed to the staff of the Junior High School here, has been offered the principalship of a high school elsewhere and has asked to be released from coming to Prince Rupert.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure appears to remain high southwest of Vancouver Island and the weather has been cool with scattered showers in Northern British Columbia but fair and moderately warm in the southern district.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, mostly cloudy and cool.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate west to southwest winds, mostly fair and moderately warm.

Mr. Bruce Love and children sailed Saturday night on the Prince Charles for a visit to Tiel.

JAPANESE ADVANCING SHANGHAI.—The Japanese claim to be advancing steadily towards Hankow, asserting that they wiped out three Chinese divisions within twenty-four hours.

FIRES ARE SWEEPING PROVINCE

VANCOUVER, Aug. 1.—(CP)—New forest fires in the interior swelled damage at the week-end.

Fires were reported in Coquihalla Pass, near Revelstoke, at Wood River, Bromley Creek, Princeton, in the Cariboo and Fraser Valley. The worst fire now covers 1000 acres near Port Haney. It went out of control yesterday with 175 men fighting it. There are also men fighting it. Still whipping beyond control today, it had destroyed 750,000 feet of bucked timber. Japanese families on Rawleigh Lake were forced to abandon their homes. There are also large fires near Vedder River, Stave Lake and Harrison Lake with many spot blazes in the Kootenay and Cariboo.

Large fires near Vedder River and Stave Lake.

Damage includes destruction of timber, railway bridges, homes and sawmills.

The Vancouver Island fire is now completely under control and being gradually extinguished.

The fire hazard throughout the southern part of the province is still high with no sign of an ending of the long dry hot spell.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver.	
B. C. Nickel	.09
Big Missouri	.31
Bralorne	9.50
Aztec	.07
Cariboo Quartz	2.50
Dentonia	ask
Golconda	ask
Minto	.0434
Fairview	.0712
Noble Five	.03
Pioneer	2.90
Porter Idaho	.03
Premier	2.20
Reeves McDonald	.35
Reno	.45
Relief Arlington	.16
Reward	.0312
Salmon Gold	.12
Taylor Bridge	.03
Premier Border	.01
Silbak Premier	1.90
Congress	.0214
Home Gold	.0112
Grandview	.10
Indian	.0112
Quatsino Copper	.0314
Haida	.0312

Oils.

A. P. Con.	.1812
Calmont	.32
C. & E.	2.50
Freehold	.0612
Hargal	.15
McDougal Segur	.15
Mercury	.10
Okalta	1.40
Home Oil	1.32

The Toronto market closed; eastern holiday.

July Building Here Was Not So Very Heavy

Building permits in Prince Rupert for the year 1938 to date have reached a total of \$262,534 as compared with \$20,949 in the first seven months of 1937. The total of \$3200 for this July compared with \$2075 in the same month last year.

The building list for this July was as follows:

- A. H. McPherson, shed, Seventh avenue West, \$50.
- Mrs. G. A. Bryant, concrete residence, First avenue, \$2700.
- H. A. Duhamel, repairs, Seventh avenue West, \$200.
- John Currie, repairs, Third Avenue, \$75.
- Ben Ferguson, pump installation and repairs, \$100.
- J. Oskey, addition, Seventh avenue and Thompson Street, \$75.

Porcher Island Mining Resumed

Surf Point-Eddy Pass Property Active Again Following Recent Fire

In the city Saturday evening on his way back to Vancouver after spending a week at the Surf Point-Eddy Pass property on Porcher Island, C. P. Riel, president and H. McN. Fraser, vice-president of the Reward Mining Co., stated that mining had now been resumed on the property with eight or nine men at work and that construction of the new mill to replace recently destroyed by fire would soon be getting under way. Earlier in the week, Mr. Riel had announced the intention of building a new fifty-ton mill at the beach on the Eddy Pass ground.

Mr. Riel and Mr. Fraser returned by gasboat Saturday afternoon from Porcher Island, sailing that evening on the Prince George for Vancouver.