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IMPROVING OF GROUNDS

This One of Principal Matters at Monthly Meeting of Hospital Board Last Evening

With business of a routine and not very important nature, the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital was in regular monthly session last night. President Frank Dibb was in the chair and others present were W. O. Fulton, F. A. MacCallum, Arnold Flaten, D. G. Borland, G. P. Tinker and Mrs. H. L. Landry, directors; Miss Jean Harrison R.N., lady superintendent, and H. W. Birch, managing secretary.

Improvement of the new hospital grounds came up for discussion and the grounds committee, of which D. G. Borland is chairman, was authorized to proceed with plans for the erection of a wall along the Fifth Avenue lot line outside of which alongside the sidewalk there will be a smaller curb wall the cost of which will be borne by the city. The walls will be of reinforced concrete and will conform with the color of the hospital. The inner wall will be 117 feet long and 18 inches high, tapering from ten to six inches. The cost of the two walls is estimated at \$250. Authorization of the purchase of a lawn mower for the grounds was given. Permission was also given for the erection of a marker for a tree recently planted by the Girl Guides.

The finance committee, Arnold Flaten chairman, reported negotiations proceeding with the Department of Pensions and National Health and Department of Indian Affairs in connection with contracts covering treatment for departmental patients in the hospital. The negotiations are in connection with revision of rates. The finance committee's report for the month showed expenditures for the month of \$4958.65 with capital expenditure of \$189.79. There had been 1294 hospital days at cost per diem of \$3.68.

Miss Jean Harrison R.N., lady superintendent, reported the hospital not quite so busy as usual at this time. The work was going along satisfactorily.

The existence of a radio nuisance in the hospital was again drawn to the attention of the board. Receivers were being spirited into the hospital and sometimes the use of them was proving a discomfort and annoyance to other patients. It was left to the lady superintendent to regulate the entry and use of radios in the hospital. Notices will be put up drawing attention to the regulation that permission must be obtained before any radio receiver can be taken into the hospital.

The house committee, F. A. MacCallum, chairman, reported the necessity of making repairs and adjustments to some of the operating room sterilizers.

Reference was made to a letter from Miss Blanche Curtin expressing appreciation for the treatment accorded her mother, the late Mrs. Curtin, in the hospital.

The monthly report of the fire chief, H. T. Lock, stated the alarm systems and housekeeping conditions both in hospital and nurses' home were in good order.



Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Landings Still Ahead This Year—Catch For Entire Coast Also Up

Halibut landings at Prince Rupert for the week ending yesterday were quite heavy at a total of 709,900 pounds, bringing the aggregate for the season 1940 to date up to 3,560,569 pounds as compared with 3,188,500 pounds at a corresponding date last year. The Canadian total this year to date is 1,501,269 pounds in comparison with 1,476,900 pounds and the American total 2,059,300 pounds as against 1,711,900 pounds last year. The landings for the week included 282,400 pounds Canadian and 427,500 pounds American. For Canadian fish the high price of the week was 10.7c and 7c which the Bruce was paid for 17,500 pounds while the low was 9c and 6.5c paid the Peerless and Blue Boy for catches of 9,000 pounds and 9,000 pounds respectively. The high price for American fish was 10c and 7.5c which the Heligoland, Viking and Wild Rose received for 40,000, 13,000 and 16,500 pounds respectively. The low American price was 9.3c and 7c paid the Lituya and North for catches of 33,000 and 39,000 pounds respectively.

Two Canadian Pacific coast liners were in port yesterday. At 3:30 p.m. the steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, arrived from Skagway and other Alaska points, sailing at 5 p.m. for Vancouver. The Princess Adelaide, Capt. John Williams, arrived at 6:30 p.m., sailing at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. There were forty-seven passengers aboard the Princess Louise, six disembarking at this port and five going aboard at this port.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 8:30 this morning from the south, sailing at 11 a.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. According to figures of the International Fisheries Commission the take of halibut from Area No. 2 by the Canadian fleet this April was 2,029,520 pounds as compared with 1,713,616 pounds in the same month last year. From Area No. 2 the American fleet took 2,591,803 pounds as compared with 2,397,996 pounds last year. Canadian boats took only 44,155 pounds from Area No. 3 this April as against 112,105 pounds in April 1939. The American catch from Area No. 3 this April was 3,141,330 pounds as against 2,600,325 pounds last year.

BUSY PLAYWRIGHT

LONDON, May 11: (CP)—Playwright of the wartime season is Emlyn Williams who has "The Light of Heart" running at the Apollo and who is playing in another of his plays, "The Corn is Green" at the Piccadilly.

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Infant charm, hilarious comedy and romantic intrigue are effectively combined in "Unexpected Father." The infant charm is supplied by Baby Sandy, who has already captivated movie audiences in a big way. The comedy comes largely from Mische Auer. The romantic intrigue is provided by Dennis O'Keefe and Shirley Ross. The story is about an orphaned baby who is taken by a group of theatre employees. Their unconventional methods of taking care of him provide the basis of the comedy.

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GUARD SOLDIERS' FARMS
PRETORIA, May 11: (CP)—Recalling marauders' damage to farm homesteads of service men in the First Great War, vigilance committees have been formed in some South African areas to guard lands of soldiers serving in the present conflict.

LONDON SILVER
LONDON, May 11:—Silver closed at 21 pence per ounce on the London metal market yesterday.

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