

Maximum 40
Minimum 34

Saturday, Jan. 1
High 5:25 20.0 feet
17:19 19.2 feet
Low 11:27 7.4 feet
23:47 4.8 feet

Year in Prince Rupert—

ME OF MORE IMPORTANT EVENTS HERE IN PASSING DECEMBER MONTH ARE LISTED

(By Jack McLeod)

In the documentation of current events it is the distant, world-shaking recorded in heavy black type. The world, and the triumph of the men who fire shots and the screams of their victims make the headlines but in any city, big or small, it is the local news which make the news—

Recognition of this, the News has compiled a brief of what it considers to be the outstanding local events of the passing 1943, the shots perhaps not around the town, but around the town, in belief that it will be interesting because many of us are interested with agencies, or the who pulled the trigger, or dodged, or were struck by, shell.

JANUARY

The coldest weather since winter of 1915-16 hit Prince Rupert during the latter part of the year with the official temperature reading at the Digby Meteorological Station one degree above zero, unofficial readings in the dropping six below.

Prince Rupert's first school in ten years held its first meeting on January 6. Jack Deane, named chairman and the meeting was given over to the organization of committees and the preparation of estimates.

Captain John Menzies Macleod, New Westminster, of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps here, was killed when he and Capt. Stewart, another army officer, were riding on a rock cliff above the city and came to rest near the wharf. Capt. Stewart suffered shock, cuts and bruises.

Prince Rupert men hasten to the Prince Rupert Machine Regiment organized under the command of Lieut.-Col. G. C. ...

FEBRUARY

Out regulations became effective in Prince Rupert and the west coast cities on Feb. 1.

Men were killed and 11 injured when a rock slide buried the Keena River highway camp. The Tomlinson Construction Company near Kwinitsa on Feb. 12. The dead were Gerald Hillan and Andrew Kirkup, of St. Walberg, Saskatchewan.

MARCH

Restriction of the sale of liquor in Prince Rupert on March 1. Officially the allowance was set at one 40-ounce bottle of spirits and one gallon of beer a week. However, allowance did not mean as there was not nearly enough liquor at the vendors to supply it to everyone.

Representatives of Prince Rupert shipyard workers laid a protest before the commission headed by Mr. Justice A. E. ... on March 4 and 5 submitted that, in view of the increase in prices and living costs, wages should be boosted by 15 per cent. Prince Rupert's civic budget brought down by its first council in ten years, on March 22, provided for expenditures totalling somewhat of \$600, with \$186,000 of it to be raised by taxation.

APRIL

An acute shortage of canned goods which came upon the city led to a good deal of restlessness among the population and stirred protests to the War Prices and Trade Board by city organizations.

Canada's Fourth Victory Loan got off to a good start in Prince Rupert with a rousing

military parade on April 25.

MAY

William Scott of Atlin was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of John Cle. Chief Justice W. B. Farris presided at the hearing and Attorney General R. L. Matland prosecuted.

JUNE

The biggest fire of the year occurred in the Victory Rooms on June 3 when flames gutted the building, depriving 30 people of their living quarters and doing damage estimated at \$7,000. Workers at the local dry dock, protesting alleged improper food conditions in the dry dock commissary, decided to work four-hour shifts until their grievances were rectified. The slowdown lasted one day.

JULY

The city council decided to send Mayor Watts to Ottawa to negotiate for government assistance in renovating and extending the city's street, water and sewage facilities at an estimated cost of \$900,000.

AUGUST

Two well known district boys, Robert Carr, of Prince Rupert, and Douglas Brew of Haysport, were drowned in the Skeena River when they fell from a fisheries patrol boat moored at the Haysport wharf.

SEPTEMBER

The Governor General of Canada, the Earl of Athlone, and Princess Alice arrived in Prince Rupert on September 4 to inspect military installations in the area. They were warmly welcomed by the citizens, and honored by several functions.

Military and civilian authorities began a search for the motor launch Pull Moon, unreported for a week after it cleared for Porcher Island on a cruise. Aboard were Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Kergin and children. The launch returned home unaided after having experienced rudder trouble.

OCTOBER

Canada's Fifth Victory Loan began on October 18, and the first day's subscriptions totalled \$98,400.

The Hon. Ernest Bertrand, federal Minister of Fisheries, visited the city and viewed favorably the city council's petition for expansion of the fishermen's floats.

NOVEMBER

Relaxation of the west coast dim-out became effective on November 1. Street lights were brightened up and a few Neon signs turned on.

Compulsory registration of rented rooms began on November 15, and closed on November 29. During the interval more than 450 registrations were received.

DECEMBER

The Provincial Postwar Rehabilitation Commission, headed by the Hon. H. G. Perry, sat in Prince Rupert early in the month and received briefs from the City Council, the Chambers of Commerce and other organizations.

The civic elections, held on December 16, resulted in the election of Alderman H. M. Daggett to the post of mayor, and with one exception, a complete labor slate on the aldermanic board.

Russians On Greatest Drive

ISLAND OF LEROS MAY COME INTO NEWS AGAIN



Pictured here is Castelrosso, on the island of Leros, with the Turkish coast behind. This little island with the islands of Cos and Samos, recaptured recently from the British by Nazi raiders, may once again come into the news, with Turkey in the Allied camp.

CANADIANS ADVANCING

Have Now Advanced to Within Nine Miles of Pescara.

ALGIERS, Dec. 1—Canadian forces, continuing their advance up the Adriatic coast under unfavorable weather conditions and in the face of stiff German resistance, have now reached to within nine miles of Pescara. The Fifth Army is engaged in hard fighting around San Vitori as it moves on toward Cassino, stronghold 70 miles before Rome.

Anglo-American Fifth Army troops carried out a large scale raid along the west coast of Italy north of the Carigliano River yesterday and seized the initiative from the Germans along the front in that sector. Allied headquarters announced today. The announcement confirmed at least in part German broadcasts that the Allies had made amphibious leap-frog attack in that area and established a bridgehead.

On the eastern flank today the Canadians continued their advance toward a line of the Tesoro River, northwest of Ortona, under harassing enemy fire but met no determined opposition.

WILLIAM WILSON

TO PROBE SHOOTING

Case of Slaying of Former Provincial Officer to Get Attorney General's Personal Attention.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31—Attorney General R. L. Matland will probe all the circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of Frank Andrew Boland, former provincial policeman, on December 13.

Evidence at the inquest was that Boland was shot five times by Charles Hawken at a Vancouver house. Hawken said he had been held up earlier in the evening by two men.

V. F. Mayers, brother-in-law of Boland, is held on a charge of robbery with violence. Mrs. Hanes, wife of City Engineer G. S. Hanes, is here from North Vancouver for a visit over the holiday season. Mrs. Hanes plans to come here to reside later.

Liquor Ration Is Unchanged

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31—The liquor ration in British Columbia for January will be the same as at present—one 26-ounce bottle of spirits or three dozen beer. The purchase may be made on two occasions—a small bottle of liquor once and a dozen of beer the other time. A central card index system is being developed to ensure against any duplication of permit issuance. Visitors from United States or other parts of Canada will be unable to buy liquor until they have been in the province for five days.

ESTIMATE OF FISH OUTPUT

United States Expected to Have Considerably More Canned Salmon in 1944.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 31—A 1944 fish production in the United States and Alaska of four billion or more pounds, exceeding 1942 and 1943 yields but below the 4,400,000,000 pound normal production was forecast Thursday by Secretary of the Interior Harold Icks, fisheries co-ordinator.

YANKS MAKE LARGE RAID

Fifteen hundred American Bombers Over Western Germany—34 Fail to Return.

LONDON, Dec. 31—Objectives in southwest Germany were blasted yesterday in daylight by the largest force of United States planes ever to mass for such an attack. No less than 1500 of them went out on the raid and thirty-four failed to return. Berlin said the targets were Ludwigshafen and Mannheim.

British medium bombers and fighters were also out to attack the coast of France. Keeping up the day and night assault swarms of British mosquitoes were out again last night and today over western Germany and northern France as well as laying mines in enemy waters.

GOOD HUNTING FOR CANADIANS

LONDON, Dec. 31—Flight Lieutenant George Buerling Canadian No. 1 ace brought down his thirty-first plane over France yesterday. Flying Officer William Bliss of Toronto and Flying Officer Hart Findlay of Montreal also bagged enemy planes.

WAR NEWS

ZHITOMIR FALLS

MOSCOW—Zhitomir, important railway junction, was captured by the Russians today as the Red Army continued its sweeping advance against the crumbling Nazi defences all along a 200-mile front.

MOVING TO PACIFIC

LONDON—The Admiralty declare that it is now possible to move naval power from the Atlantic to the Pacific to fight the Japs. This is as a result of the U-boat menace in the Atlantic being definitely checked and control of the Mediterranean now being unchallenged. Great Britain lost no capital ships or aircraft carriers during 1943.

CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

LONDON—France is said to be on the verge of civil war. Pierre Laval is taking special measures to meet the situation. Curfew regulations have been extended.

OPERATING AGAINST ITALY

ALGIERS—Allied Mediterranean-based planes carried out widespread raids against various objectives in Italy yesterday including Vermini, Padua and the Po River Valley. Six Allied planes were lost and eleven enemy machines brought down.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE

LONDON—The Royal Air Force lost only four planes in the defence of Britain during 1943, it is announced. In making attacks, 316 German planes were shot down during the year.

NAZIS COME OVER

LONDON—Two German raiding planes came over southeast England last night but there was no damage and casualties were few.

BULGARS JOIN SLAVS

LONDON—Bulgarians are switching over in large numbers to fight with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisans against the Nazis.

PARIS BOMBED

LONDON—Allied planes bombed the suburbs of Paris in daylight, the Paris radio announced after great formations of fighters and bombers of all types had streamed out after dawn in continuation of the 1943 grand finale that sent more than three thousand planes over enemy targets yesterday.

William Wilson Is Laid at Rest

With war veterans and other friends in attendance, the funeral of William H. Wilson, pioneer of Usk, took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of B. C. Undertakers to the returned soldiers' plot in Fairview Cemetery. Rev. E. W. Scott, rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church at Seal Cove, officiated and Mrs. J. C. Gilker presided at the organ to accompany the hymns which were "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me." At the graveside "The Last Post" was sounded by Bugler L. C. McMurcher. Pallbearers were Charles Dur-

ham, George Holmes, W. H. Macey, J. H. McGlashan, S. A. Cheeseman and F. J. Fuller.

T. Norton Youngs, latest new member of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, gave an autobiographical talk at the weekly luncheon of the club yesterday. Treasurer Alex McRae announced the donation of \$40 from Bellist Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the Queen's Fund. The weekly raffle of war savings certificate for the Queen's fund resulted in S. C. Thomson being the winner. President A. S. Nickerson was in the chair.

Hockey Scores

Montreal 8, Detroit 3.

American Marines Take Air Field

WOULD SERVE HUDSON BAY

Ten Thousand Ton Ships Could Run From Churchill to United Kingdom, Bracken Suggests.

THE PAS, Manitoba, Dec. 31—John Bracken, National Progressive Conservative leader, told a public reception Thursday that after the war Canada will have more than two hundred ships, most of them of ten thousand ton capacity, and some of them should be used to establish a line from Port Churchill to the United Kingdom and other points.

Badoglio's Son Under Arrest

ALGIERS, Dec. 31—A son of Marshal Pietro Badoglio has been arrested by the German authorities in Rome where he had been in hiding.

Miss May McElwain is leaving tonight on a trip to Vancouver.

A proud parent called up the newspaper and reported the birth of twins. The girl at the news-desk didn't quite catch the message over the phone. "Will you repeat that?" she asked. "Not if I can help it," was the reply.

Gas Stations Closing Down

OTTAWA, Dec. 31—Hundreds of gas stations have had to close down on account of dwindling supplies of gasoline. It may be necessary to adapt a priority system.

Sergeant Donald Nelson arrived in the city this week from MacDonald, Manitoba, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nelson, Fourth Avenue East, over the New Year season and will be leaving next Tuesday for Quebec. He is with the Royal Canadian Air Force air crew.

Cape Gloucester Base Taken From Japanese

Gives Advantageous Position for Continuing Campaign Against Nipponese on Important New Britain Island.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 31 (CP)—American Marines have captured the airdrome at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, it was announced today. Two air strips of the vital field were overrun as the marines used flame throwers and artillery. American losses were light in a battle which gave the marines the main Cape Gloucester positions gives the Americans an advantageous base against the key port of Rabaul.

BEST WISHES FOR 1944 TO ALL OUR READERS AND FRIENDS