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Sweep Forward In Tunisia

MORE CITY TAXES-

TAXRATE FOR YEAR IS DECIDED

Levy to be Fifty Mills on One Hundred Percent of Land and Thirty-Five Percent of Improvements

The city tax rate for the year 1943 will be fifty mills on one hundred percent of land and fifty percent of improvements as compared with last year's rate of 471/2 mills on one hundred percent of the land and 35 percent of improvements. The fifty mill rate is made up of 22 for schools, 15 for money debts and 18 for general expenditure.

The rate for the year was decided upon by the city council last night following the passage of a motion that the recommendation of the committee of the whole be accepted, showing estimated expenditures for 1943 of \$506,493.25 against estimated revenue of \$329,-408.00 leaving a balance of \$177,-085.25 to be raised by taxation for general, loan and school purposes and further that a bylaw be prepared levying taxes for the year 1943 on the basis of a rate of 50 mills on the run assessed value of land and on 50 percent of the assessed value of improvements, within the

Ald. W. H. Brett, chairman of the finance committee, made the following explanation:

are well aware these estimates have been cut to the bone and allow for very minor additions to existing services and only for bare necessicent as heretofore. Consequently I the ratepayers of the need for this increase

"The auditor's statement concerning operations for the year 1942 show an actual deficit of \$48,-406.77. In other words the rate levied for that year fell short by over Montreal Hockey Player Admits \$48,000 of paying for the year's! Guilt and Remanded to Grand expenditures. In addition we find that the previous administration towards the close of the year or-\$10,700, an iron fireman to the Orlando of Montreal, aged 28, de- the week-end, today's announcevalue of \$900, a garbage truck body fenceman for the Detroit Red ment confirming the fact. to the value of \$2600 and a new Wings, National Hockey League therefore faced with meeting these | bond to await grand jury action on payments, of an extraordinary nat- his case. ure out of the 1943 general revenue. These are circumstances over which this council had no control and Waterfront Lot explain the necessity for the inexplain the necessity for the increase in taxation.

Assessment Higher

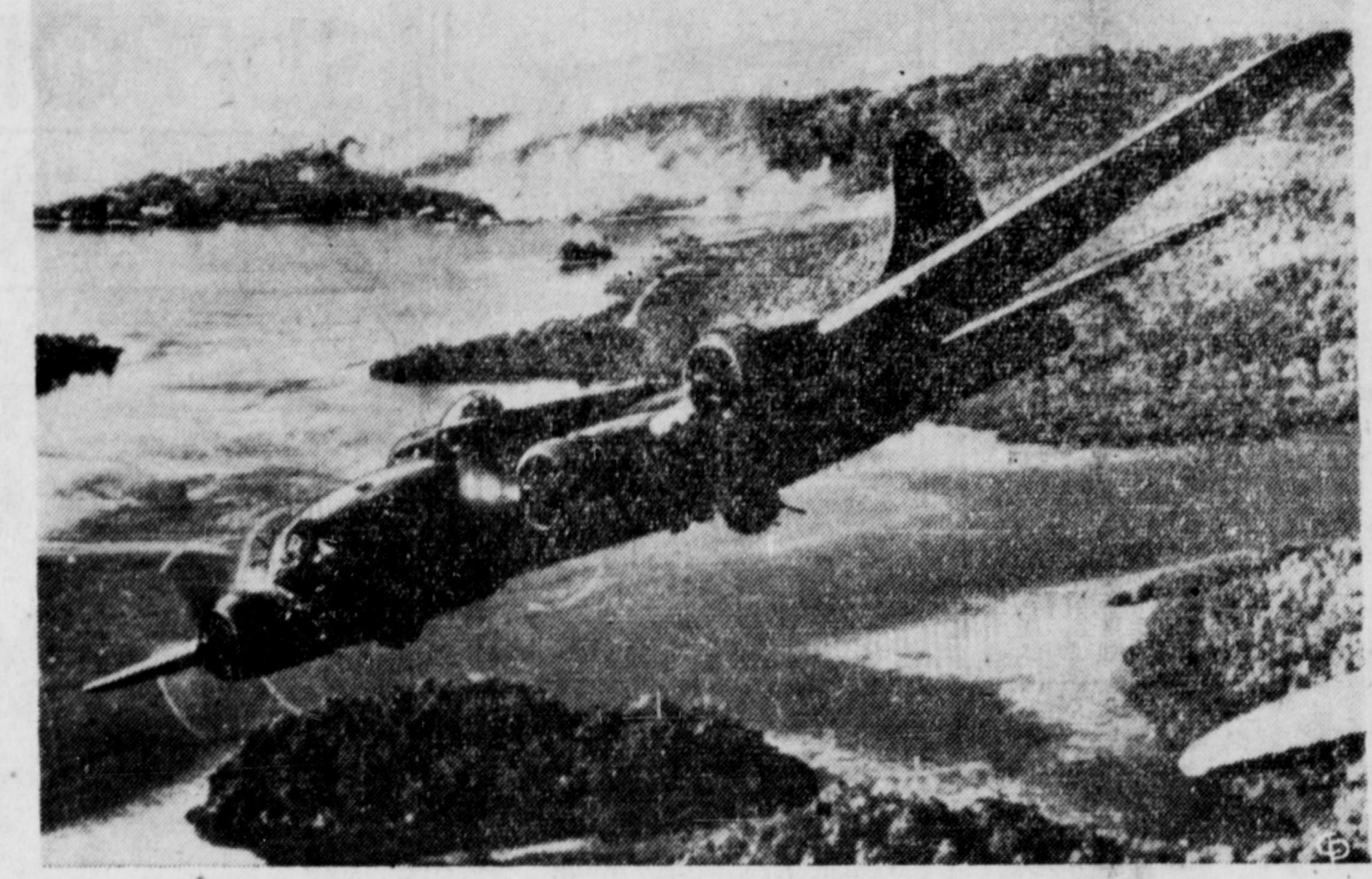
Taxable land in the city this year is placed at \$1,730,085 as compared with \$1,619,250 last year and taxable improvements at \$3,623,240 as against \$3,517,366 in 1942. The taxation this year, therefore, is raised on an assessment of \$3,451,705 (one hundred percent of land and fifty percent of improvements) as comof \$2,850,328 (one hundred percent of land and thirty-five percent of improvements).

Ban Is Put On

No Further Installations will be fishermen's float. Permitted in City of Prince Rupert

application being referred to the The city council has decided that special committee of Ald. Brett and no further permits will be granted Ald. Sorensen to investigate whethposed fishermen's floats site. within the city limits.

FLYING FORTRESSES BOMB JAPS IN SOLOMONS



Leaving fire and destruction in their wake, U.S. army Flying Fortresses carried out a bombing sortie on Jap installations on Gizo Island in the Solomons. The raid was part of a triplepronged aerial thrust against the enemy durin; the fight for Guadalcanal. The starboard wing of the Flying Fortress from which a U.S. navy photographer snapped this picture is visible at the extreme right.

Berlin Is Hit Hard Again; Tempo of Air Attacks Is Mounting

"As the members of the council Heavy Damage Inflicted on Reich Capital as Elsewhere-R.C.A.F. Playing Big Part

LONDON, March 30, 1943—The Royal Canadian Air the annual report was tabled in the ties in the way of upkeep. Despite Force joined the Royal Air Force in a great two-pronged these economies it has been found aerial offensive against Berlin and objectives in the Ruhr 543-more than a million dollars a necessary not only to increase the last night, it was announced today. Heavy attacks cost day and an all time high. taxes on 50 percent of the im- thirty-two bombers, ten of them Canadian. Sweeping provements rather than on 35 per- over Berlin for the second time in three nights, British basis of present indications will be

and Canadian fliers inflicted greater still. heavy damage. Twenty-one bombers were lost in this attack including two Canadian craft.

eight Canadian planes failed to

Yesterday squadrons of bombers and fighters crossed and recrossed the southeast coast, hinting at a continuation of intensive blows DETROIT, March 30 (Jimmy directed at the continent during)

Sunday night the Royal Air weigh scale at a price as yet un- team, pleaded guilty to a charge Force and the Royal Canadian Air known, with no provision made for of obtaining draft deferment by Force had struck at St. Nazaire in the payment of these items, in the posing as an essential war worker. a concentrated attack which cost 1942 estimates. This council is Orlando was freed under a \$2,000 two bombers, one of them Canaconsiderable strength and added new damage to the U-boat haven which has been attacked often and heavily in the past.

Clean-up Of Leased by City Cow Bay Is Site is Voted to Armour Salvage To Be Made Co. Instead of United States

Engineering Department

Ald. W. H. Brett and Ald. T. H.

Sorensen reported that this loca-

tion would not conflict with that

There is to be another clean-up The city council has agreed to of old hulks which have been acpared with last year's assessment lease the easterly 100 feet of water- cumulating in Cow Bay. The city front block D and westerly 100 feet | engineer has been instructed by the of Block E to the Armour Salvage | board of works to notify the owners Co. The United States Engineering of such hulks to have same remov-Dept. had also sought to lease the ed from Cow Bay within a limited property which is located near the period. Otherwise, the city will reelevator but the Armour Co. was move them and bill the owners with favored. A committee consisting of the cost of such removal.

439 KIRKS HIT

EDINBURGH, March 29 (P)-Enerequired for the construction of a my action has damaged 439 Presbyterian churches and other prop-The United States Engineering erties it was reported at the Gen-Department has also applied for a eral Assembly of the Church of lease on waterfront Block B, the Scotland.

10,000 TIN CANS

10,000 tin cans.

C.N.R. DOES VERY WELL

Revenues Reach New All Time High And Over \$25,000,000 is Cleared

OTTAWA, March 30 (P) - The Canadian National Railways had a most profitable year's operation during 1942 and was able to turn over \$25,063,268 to the government after payment of taxes and interest to the public and the government, it was shown yesterday when

Gross revenues reached \$375,654,-

The report said that Canadian National traffic this year on the

Bochum and other centres of the Ruhr were targets from which

PUCK SERIES DEADLOCKED CALGARY- Victoria Army defeated Calgary Army four to + ed slight damage and no casu- + three to deadlock the west- alties. ern senior hockey semi-final series at two wins each. The de- + + + + + + + + ciding game will be played Wednesday at Calgary. Calgary Army Fuel Situation had defeated Victoria Army Satto one lead in the best of five Before Council Allan Cup playdowns.

STRIKE IS STILL ON MONTREAL-This footsore city set out again today to hoof it to work with little sign of settlement in the crippling ramways strike that has knocked the city's tempo out of kilter. However, the stage has been set for federal government mediation with the arrival here of Dr. H. Carl Goldenberg, appointed special commissioner under the Industrial

EDEN IN OTTAWA OTTAWA -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain arrived today and will be here until Friday.

Disputes Investigation Act.

NAZI SHIP SUNK LONDON- A Nazi troopship is reported to have been sunk at Trondheim by loyal Norwegians.

BERLIN ADMITS DEFEAT MADRID— A dispatch received here from Berlin admits that the Axis days in Tunisia appear to be numbered in view of overwhelming Allied strength.

BRAZIL JUMPING IN RIO DE JANEIRO-A Brazilian expeditionary force is to be sent

British and American Keep Up Pursuit of Nazis; Gabes and El Hamma Are Already Passed

houses moved.

MOVING ON SMOLENSK

Advance-Nazis Smashed on Donets

LONDON, March 30 (CP) -Violent fighting rages on the with the Russians making slow Wartime Housing but stubborn new advances to-ward that powerful German On Sand Pit Is stronghold while Soviet lines along the Donets are holding Reported Upon firm under minor German attack, Moscow reported Monday ight. Russian thrusts toward trongly fortified German centre struction of houses on the Sand ships. roads to Smolensk,

On the southern front another was smashed back with two hun- been used as a community play- retreating enemy forces north of dred Germans killed.

Jap Strength In Air Grows

+ AUSTRALIA, March 30 (P) - + 7, block 41, section 7. + Japanese bombers slashed on + * Monday at the Allied base of * * Orobay in New Guinea, the * Crushed Rock and * Allied command reported. The * * second successive attack on * Asphalt Supply Orobay in two days gave more * Asphalt Supply + point to recent warnings of + + the air. A communique report- + + ed that the Monday raid caus-

Finance Committee Says City is in No Position to Finance Operations

The finance committee has ad- Centenary Of vised the city council that the city vised the city is not financially able to subsidize Victoria City any fuel operations at this time. The committee reported to the council last night that a communication from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board regarding fuel wood had been discussed and the mayor was delegated to interview formally extended its greetings to Third Reading Given to Measure J. V. Scrivener, local representative of the board, in this connec-

AUSSIE SHIP-BUILDING

SYDNEY, N.S.W., March 29 (P) versary. A merchant vessel of 9,000 tons, one of 60 to be constructed at Australian dockyards under a five-year program, was launched in New South Wales and named after an proposal in Mauritius (Indian) Australian river.

The city council last night, on recommendation of the board of works, gave permission to G. T.

New Zealand Troops Are Playing Prominent Part, Prime Minister Churchill Tells House of Commons

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 30 (CP)—A junction between the British Eighth Russians Continuing Their Steady Army and American forces appeared imminent today as British troops stormed through Gabes and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing Nazi Africa Corps. Occupation of Gabes an El Hamma on opposite sides of the Gabes

lakes was announced by an Allied communique.

The New Zealand Second division continued the chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel along the coastal road towards Sfax, seventy miles to the north.

German armor withdrew from Mayor W. M. Watts advised the Gabes under terrific Allied air Smolensk burst into a number city council at last night's meeting bombardment as well as punishof Nazi strongholds with partic- that Wartime Housing Ltd. was ment from the sea delivered from ularly severe fighting at a- too far advanced with the con- salvoes of shells from Allied war-

of resistance south of Bely on Pit on Conrad Street to interfere Announcing the passage of New one of the main directional with the work at this time or the Zealand troops through Gabes this morning, Prime Minister Win-Last week the point had been ston Churchill told the House of German plunge to cross the raised that houses were being Commons in London that van-Donets River south of Kharkov built there on property which had guards were still in contact with

ground. It had been suggested Gabes. that the houses were being built! Abandoned Nazi tanks and guns + + + + + + Allies against veyed to the city by the late the enemy.

John P. Ersch for playground pur-* poses. However, the finance com-mittee now reports that the houses POICY ON mentioned are being built on iots * 1 and 4, block 40, section 7, where- LOT SALE

Aim of City Council is to Stick to Assessed Values as Far as Possible

In future all offers to purchase. + increasing enemy strength in + City Council Looking Into Supplies tax sale lots will be referred direct to the finance committee of the city council which will have power The city engineer has been in- to dispose of such lots at a price structed by the Board of Works of equivalent to the assessed value of the city council to ascertain the property in question. Where whether crushed rock can be obany conditions exist which in the tained from the United States Enopinion of the committee render gineering Department crusher at such lots less valuable, the committee shall have the power to dispose The oil controller will also be of the property at a price not less asked how much asphalt will be than two-thirds of assessed value but shall not have power to accept The crushed rock and asphalt offers at less than this figure without approval of the council.

This will be the future policy in regard to the disposal of tax sale lots as set down in a recommendation from the finance committee which was adopted at last night's council meeting.

One Hundredth Anniversary of Traffic Bylaw Capital City-Greetings From Going Through

Prince Rupert The local city council last night

of Materials for Street Work

available for the city this year.

ance work in the city.

would be used on street mainten-

Port Edward.

the city of Victoria on attaining its one hundredth anniversary recently. The message was ordered sent to Victoria in view of the receiving of an illuminated scroll heralding the event of the anni-

SHARK LIVER OIL

CAIRO, March 29 (P)—There is a Ocean Island) for the commercial production of shark liver oil. Shark liver oil is rich in vitamins.

37,000 DAYS LOST

installation of septic tanks er it would interfere with the pro- a medium army tank would make size and destination is not intiposes. no water connection being the loss of 37,000 work days, the been approved by the Joint Electriposes.

Which Completely Overhauls Regulations

The new traffic bylaw received its third reading at last night's meeting of the city council. It was left to the finance committee to have copies prepared for sale to the public. The new bylaw, which has been in course of preparation for a long time, completely overhauls the city's traffic regulations.

MERGING ELECTRICS

LONDON, March 29 (P)-Proposals for bring the 75 electrical un-LONDON, March 29 (P) - Trade dertakings around London under overseas to aid the Allies but the a building which will be used for disputes during January involved the ownership of one authority have