

# The Daily News

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1944

(Pacific Standard Time)

High	1:17	18.7 feet
	12:56	21.8 feet
Low	7:00	8.6 feet
	19:40	2.7 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Light to moderate winds, becoming fresh toward evening in exposed areas. Fair and mild, becoming cloudy late afternoon, with occasional light rain during night.

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THESE NAZIS FIGHTING IN GERMANY HAVE HAD ENOUGH—These German soldiers were ordered to surrender to Allied forces approaching them in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Here, hands raised and with white flag denoting surrender, the Nazis say they've had enough.

## PROTESTS WERE MADE

Opinions Take No Objection to Action in Greece, Says Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 14 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House today that the Dominions had been kept fully informed of British policy in regard to Greece and no protests had been received from any Dominion as to action which had been taken.

Churchill met with a bar of questions and accusations. He ignored the interrogation of a Labor member: "How do you intend to go on with the murder of our Greek comrades?"

## NEW OFFICERS OF GYRO CLUB

Prince Rupert Gyro Club, at its regular monthly business meeting yesterday, elected officers for the year 1945 as follows:

President—Dr. J. J. Gibson.  
Secretary—C. G. Ham.  
Treasurer—Maurice Brydges.  
Executive—A. J. Dominato, Dr. G. Large, Don Forward and D. Lambie.

The installation of officers will be conducted at a special meeting to be held early in January with Jack Ryan, district governor, coming north to Nanaimo to officiate. Mr. Ryan will be accompanied by five of several Nanaimo Gyros and their wives.



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## Provincial Highway Program—

# New Road From Prince George to Peace River; Improvements to Rupert

Minister of Public Works Discusses Program Which Is Ready to Start As Soon As Men, Machines and Materials Are Available

VICTORIA, Dec. 14—"We have already provided some five million dollars with which to construct a road from Prince George to Dawson Creek, a distance of 294 miles, for the express purpose of opening up to our own people by a direct route, the great Peace River section in the northern part of the Province, and to allow our own citizens in the Peace River to do business with us instead of as at present being compelled to do everything with Alberta," said Hon. Herbert Anscomb, minister of public works, in a radio broadcast last night outlining the government's post-war public works program.

"I noticed that the Leader of the Socialist Opposition was caustic in his remark last month that we had not yet started on the construction of this route—perhaps his knowledge of conditions is so limited that he does not even know that machines, materials and men are still required for war first and are not now available for developments of peace. "And may I while referring to the Peace River connection, just point out that the vast potential resources of the Peace River district are not generally known. As a matter of actual fact this year there has already been shipped out of that territory some nineteen million bushels of wheat and there are five million yet to come out. That is annual production now. There are tremendous known coal resources. We have dealt with that by legislation so that they can be brought into production immediately the time is ripe. We have also provided that the Province will receive a much larger royalty per ton than has hitherto been assessed. Existing mines to date have paid a royalty of 10c per ton, and will continue to do so, but new ones in future will pay 25c per ton, indicating very clearly that this Government proposes to see that the natural assets of the Province are not dissipated without the citizens receiving an adequate return for them. The amount of known resources of coal are so vast that they stagger the imagination. It is also of a very high quality. It must be assured, naturally, that development on a large scale of that natural resource cannot be made until a railway enters the Peace. That also will be dealt with in due time and in the proper way.

"The other great natural resource that we have reason to think is there, is oil. We have taken the necessary steps by legislation to provide facilities, and encouragement, for private enterprise to go into that territory and see what they can do in that direction. That it would be tremendously costly to bring out because of the vast distance involved, and the immense cost of pipelines and refineries, there can be no doubt, but it is within the range of possibility that private enterprise may undertake that. As you know, a former Government invested some six or seven hundred thousand dollars in an oil well there, which proved unsuccessful, but that is no reason why we should not be willing to make a reasonable deal with private enterprise to investigate the possibility, and get some field of production if they are so able.

"Now this great road development plan that I was speaking of is not only on paper and ready for after war development. We are now proceeding, and have been for a long time, with the necessary surveys and acquisition of property where required so that we may be ready to proceed with construction the moment the signal is given.

Modernization of All Highways  
The program itself provides for the modernization of our main highways in every section of the Province.

(A) Vancouver Island, which must as time passes, look more and more to the Tourist Industry, should

## Vancouver Election—

# Cornett Is Re-elected

Close Result in Vancouver Mayorality Polling—Non-Partizans Win Council Seats

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14 (CP)—In the civic election which took place yesterday in Vancouver, after a close fight, Mayor J. W. Cornett was returned to office for a third term as chief magistrate. Cornett defeated the C.C.F. candidate, Albert Alsbury by only 479 votes. In third place was the Non-Partizan candidate, Alderman George Worthington, 1280 votes behind Mr. Cornett.

Mr. Cornett ran on the Independent ticket and was given a close race by both Alsbury and Worthington.

Nine money by-laws totalling just under five million dollars were passed by a three-to-one majority. The by-laws dealt with Nurses' Homes, parks and other civic improvements.

The Non-Partizan candidates for alderman were elected while Non-Partizan candidates also won the race for school and park board seats with the exception of Arnold Webster, a C.C.F. candidate, who was re-elected to the Parks Board.

## MORE JAP ADMIRALS ARE DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 (CP)—The death of five more Japanese admirals has been announced by the Tokyo radio. Checking the records, we find that the Japanese have acknowledged the death of seventy-nine admirals since last May.

# WAR NEWS

## Canadians Making Headway

ROME—The Canadians have enlarged their Lamone River bridgeheads in Italy this morning after beating off powerful German counter-attacks. After establishing a six thousand yard front across the river yesterday, the Canadians fanned out and cut the Ravenna-Ferrara Highway, and other Canadian units made another crossing of the Lamone at Mezzano—five miles north of the original crossings.

## Russians Grip Budapest

MOSCOW—The Russian grip on the Hungarian capital of Budapest is tightening. The Soviet communique tells of the capture of two towns near the outskirts of the city. The Germans, however, continue to put up fierce resistance in the area.

## Americans Pushing On

PARIS—One of the longest lulls of the entire campaign along the western front has settled over the British and Canadian sectors in Holland. Bad weather and flood waters are doing much to bring the offensive to a temporary halt. The American First Army, however, is shoving forward and two divisions have made gains up to two miles along both sides of the Roer River southwest of the enemy base at Dueren. The Americans have cleared the Germans from the village of Schophoven, on the west bank of the Roer River between Juelich and Dueren, overcoming strong enemy resistance in their advance. The American Third Army is making limited progress in the Saar Basin, and the Seventh Army has been slowed somewhat in its drive to the German border through the province of Alsace.

## Superforts Hit Thailand

NEW DELHI—India-based B-29's struck at enemy military targets in Thailand today. Bangkok, and also Rangoon in Burma, were hit. The last superfortress raid on Thailand bases was on November twenty-seventh. While full details are still lacking, it is known that yesterday's B-29 assault on the Japanese city of Nagoya caused extensive damage.

## Mopping Up On Layte

ORMOC, Lyte—The Allied mopping-up campaign on Leyte Island in the central Philippines continues, with the Japanese losing heavily. It is interesting to note that apparently not all Japanese are aware of the fact that the Allies have captured the important harbor base of Ormoc. Tuesday night three small enemy freighters loaded with troops attempted to put into Ormoc. All three vessels were immediately sent to the bottom. The Japanese, meantime, claim their fliers have set two Allied cruisers afire, but there is no Allied confirmation of this claim.

## U.S. COAST GUARD SMASHED NAZI BIDS FOR GREENLAND OUTPOSTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (CP)—Four United States Coast Guard cutters operating in ice-packed Arctic waters smashed a determined Nazi effort to establish fortified bases in Greenland during the early fall, the Navy department reported today.

A series of battles resulted in the sinking of one German armed trawler, the capture of another and the abandonment of a third. Sixty prisoners were taken, and a Nazi radio station captured and destroyed.

In addition, a German bomber attack was beaten off in the series of actions which lasted from July to October.

## MAKE BALLOTS COUNT, REQUESTED

With indications that today's vote may be the largest ever cast in a Prince Rupert civic election, Returning Officer H. D. Thain was offering a word of advice to voters.

"People are just wasting their time if they take the trouble to vote, then mark their ballots wrongly," he said. "There is only one way to mark a ballot and that is with a large 'X' after the candidate's name in black pencil. Ink marks on a ballot disqualify it."

Mr. Thain said that out of 816 cast at last year's elections, more than 70 were spoiled. "That is a very high percentage and could have been avoided if people would learn how to vote," he added.

Voters should be careful in counting the number of seats open, the returning officer warned. The main reason for spoiled ballots last year was that some voters voted for more candidates than there were seats to be filled.

"There were four aldermanic seats open last year, just as there are this year, yet some people

voted for six aldermen."

Some voters who were apparently used to the proportional representation system marked their ballots 1-2-3-4- and these were thrown out.

Mr. Thain said that 816 people who voted last year represented half the names on the voters' list and this was proportion.

In some towns only 25 per cent of the electors use the vote," he said. "There are more than 2,000 names on this year's voters' list."

## Even Returning Officer Called About Election

The Junior Chamber, of Commerce campaign to "get out the vote" was clicking last night and there were few voters with telephones who were not called up to remind them that today was municipal election day. Even the city clerk and returning officer, H. D. Thain, received a call to remind him of it.

## STRUCK BY CAR—DIES

Victim of a traffic accident on Second avenue at 11:15 last night George Ross, a guard employe by the U.S. military authorities, succumbed to injuries in the American hospital a short time later. Police say he was struck by a light truck while crossing the avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets while in the course of his duties.

The truck is a light vehicle owned by the U.S. army. Ross was a Canadian.

First to arrive on the scene of the accident were Corp. A. T. Lashmar and Constable Hamblin of the city police. There were no close witnesses to the accident, they were told. The truck had been travelling eastward when Ross was struck down.

Calls were sent in to the city ambulance and to the American ambulance. The American ambulance arrived first and took the injured man to the Acropolis hospital. He died a short time later.

A preliminary investigation was begun by military authorities.

Ross was struck by the right front fender. The headlight of the truck was knocked askew by the force of the blow. It was the second traffic fatality of the year. In August a child died after being struck by a jeep on Eleventh Avenue. Ross roomed at a house on Market Circle. It is not known if he had any family.

# End of Strife May Come Within Day; Removal of Premier Is Leftist Desire

ATHENS, Dec. 14 (CP)—A settlement between the Greek leftists and the British authorities to end the strife in Greece might come today, it was expected.

It is understood that the Greek Left Wing is willing to come to some sort of agreement with the British authorities. They will obey the British ruling, it is believed, if they are allowed to form a new national government headed by some one other than the present premier, George Papandreu.

## John Good Gets Army Commission

John Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Good, of Prince Rupert, has received his certificate as Lieutenant in the Canadian Army after graduating from the Canadian Army Officers Training centre at Brockville, Ontario, on December 9, it has been learned.

The fighting in Greece continued this morning, with the movement of guerilla forces reported throughout the country. Later in the day an almost complete lull settled down in the fighting.

Casualties have been very heavy. British forces have cleared most of the port city of Piraeus and sharp fighting has been going on in the northern sector of the Greek capital.

## VOTERS STREAM TO POLLS IN WHAT MAY BE HEAVIEST POLL

Four Aldermen, Three School Trustees and One Mayor Before Electors

Vanguard of some 2,000 Prince Rupert voters began to stream to the polling station in City Council chamber at the City Hall at 8 o'clock this morning to start off what is expected to be an all-time record vote. They will elect four aldermen and three school board trustees and approximately three-quarters of the voters who are ratepayers will signify their attitude toward the bus purchase by-law approved by city council last month.

In the first hour and a half of voting approximately 50 voters had put their ballots in the boxes.

Mayor H. M. Daggett, who was elected by acclamation at the close of nominations Monday, shared the privilege of being the first to vote with Mrs. A. B. Love, who for the third straight year has had the distinction. Mrs. Love presented herself at the second table at the time voting began.

Present in the polling station are returning officer H. D. Thain, six deputy returning officers and the scrutineers of the candidates.

At the ballot tables are Mesdames Agnes Pierce, Gwendolyn Thain, Kathleen Hamblin, Dorothy Becker, Dorothy Kielback and Florence Huchek as deputies.

This year's voters' list, the largest in the history of the city, comprises 2,037 names. However, only three quarters of this number, or 1,524 are ratepayers entitled to vote on the bus purchase by-law.

Total vote cast last year was 819. At 11 o'clock last year 108 votes had been cast. At 11 o'clock today 152 people had voted.

At 12 o'clock today 231 votes had been cast as against 196 last year, so a much larger vote is being recorded.

**A Slate Worth Noting . . .**  
**NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

**ALDERMEN**  
Thomas B. Black — C. G. Ham  
R. McKay — J. H. Mair

**SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
A. Don Ritchie—D. Wood—Dr. R. G. Large