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# Crippled

surpassed Activity-

### ear 1943 Brought Busin This City to New Levels, dustries Are Under Review

Cur city has, in the past year, had an experience Road Tip of unprecedented activity not likely to be surpassed," said the annual presidential report of R. M. Winslow Opposition to Hazelton Route at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. "Allied military activities, est as they were the previous year, rose to a new

movement, and express handled, ph and telephone busines,s surpassed even the preear. The volume of whole- men.

for funds for charitable able for this specialty. d wartime activities and sav- AGRICULTURE, eccounts, both in number volume of savings, have d new high figures.

revenues were, however, authorities. provements was raised from 35 despite shortage of help, and tax collections exceeded Prince Rupert tends to fall. car ago the city debentures sion." ere selling at 92 and are now A vote of thanks was tendered a gratifying evidence Mr. Winslow for his report. ly regarded in financial

art from these purely fi- THE HARBOR for 1943 accomplished deal under very trying ons and have built well future.

### NG STILL INDUSTRY

in Prince Rupert and pneumonia. parts of the fisheries disan and American, were medical treatment.

to new highs is to dian and American; under gov- consideration promised by inernment regulation, there is no fluential organizations and perlonger a free market for hali- sons in connection with north but and, consequently, the dis- ern highway development to a tribution of the catch as be- delegation which went south

"While the production of sal- route for ply shortages, did like- mon was almost exactly the link with the Alaska Highway. stoms collections reflect same for the entire district as there is reason to believe that als ternover. Wages paid out in in the previous year, it required powerful interests are at work plant is due to be ready by LONDON, Jan. 14—Royal Air ALCONON, Jan. 14—Royal Air Alcon ea rose to extremely high an unusual run of pinks in the which are not favorable to this April 15 in good time for the Force Mosquitoes bombed West- today that United States Fly-Namu area to compensate for route. After hearing a lengthy area was given an in- a generally disappointing pro- report on the mission by Walter ness. war loan quota in the duction on the Skeena. The Wilson of Burns Lake, chief The demolition will remove and a still higher one in herring catch was the smallest advocate of the Hazelton route the old Albert & McCaffery of-Yet subscriptions in for quite a number of years, northward, the Prince Rupert fice building and sheds and the chase exceeded the quota Wartime demands for Vitamin Chamber of Commerce last premises years ago occupied by stantial margins. There A resulted in a further large night indulged in considerable the Big Bay Lumber Co. which ready response to every increase in those varieties suit- discussion of the mater and de- have long been landmarks on

### LUMBER, MINES

Th production of timber in great increase in popula- this district increased 12.7 per on and the tremendous vol- cent over the previous year. me of construction and other This increase was due practi- FIND BODY perations threw a further over- cally entirely to spruce operaour city utilities and or- tions on the Queen Charlotte on. The mayor and coun- Islands. The total value of the cil installed in January, faced cut was about \$4,600,000, a desy task at best and one cided increase in value apart ed doubly difficult by the from the increased cut. Produccreased pressure. Their prob- tion other than 'spruce lem was all the more difficult held down by lack of men and city revenues were materials. Prices for timber gate a report of the death of be benefitting compar- and the marketing of the cut were closely controlled by the was found in a cabin not far

ncreased in several directions. For agricultural crops it was The tax rate was raised from a fair average season as to ing. 1716 to 50 mills; the tax on im- weather and production, and per cent of value to 50 per cent; overall volume was slightly up. sales of city property were very With an even larger local margood, exceeding expectations ket, the quantity reaching

"No definite statements car record. These increases enabled be issued on mining production the city to make very necessary in the area under wartime reimprovements in civic salaries, strictions. It would appear that particularly those of teachers. the curtailment of gold produc-Some additional fire depart- tion is perhaps more than counment equipment was purchased. ter-balanced by the increase in Funds to clean up the balance strategic materials, in some of of the Housing Scheme Loan which, developments have really were set aside. Sinking fund re- been important. Coal production quirements were fully provided. increased somewhat with indi-The city balanced its budget. A cations of a further expan-

D'Arcy Dawson, an elderly resident of a cabin across the harbor from Seal Cove, passed away yesterday, morning at his home a few hours before he was WARNING OF to be taken to the city for WARNING OF ng continues to be our to be taken to the city for primary industry. The treatment of his illness. He was poundage of fish believed to be suffering from POOR SHIPS

The day before yesterday convas actually slightly lower stables of the British Columbia the year before but the Police marine detachment visitto fishermen rose to \$7.- ed Mr. Dawson whom they had a new high figure which heard was sick. Finding him ill red with about \$4,000,000 they offered to take him back Halibut landings, both with them so that he could get

identical in weight with | Dawson told them that h revious year, but the aver- was not prepared to go at that anded value per pound time but if they would come rom 14.06c to 17.08c. Es- and get him the following day, iment of ceiling prices vesterday, he would be ready bly prevented a still higher Yesterday when the police ar-

Although higher operating rived at his cabin he was dead. s and rigid collection of in- The late Mr. Dawson was said ome taxes are important, there to have lived in the community Theet will not be any smaller in the building industry and coming season and may in- was a lather by trade. It is not With prices, both Cana-known if he had any relatives.

"HIGHWAY FIGHT"-

## Delegation Reports On

Is Found and Must be Count

While an encouraging recep tion was given and sympathetic tween the different ports de- recently to visit Vancouver, Vicpends on how government regu- toria. Seattle and Spokane in lations work out for the fisher- furtherance of the Hazelton-Telegraph Creek - Whitehors a British Columbi cided that it must marshal all the Prince Rupert waterfront. forces possible to continue the fight on behalf of the westerly

> It was left to the incoming (Continued on Page Four)

British Columbia police the marine patrol crossed the harbor this morning to investian unidentified man whose body from the place where D'Arcy Dawson died yesterday morn-

Word of the man's death was brought in by Valentine Fabro. who resides in that area and who discovered the body when he visited the cabin where the unidentified man lived. Fabro said that he knew the man only is "Frank." He said that from the appearance of the body, the man had been dead for some time, perhaps a week.

## Were Guilty Of

William Ewart Maxwell pleadcontributing to juvenile delinquency, and was fined \$300 with an option of one year in jail by Magistrate W. D. Vance.

On a similar charge, Sulo Oscar Sylvesti was found guilty. and was fined \$200 with an option of nine months in jail. Both charges involved a 14-year-old native girl.

Bruce Brown acted for the defence in both cases.

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into the ships and a senior in-

The hearing will be resumed late in February.

Establishing Here—

## British Columbia Packers

Demolition of Albert & McCaffery Plant Now Under Way to Make Way for Large Building-Fuel and Lumber Yard Moving.

British Columbia Packers Ltd. is establishing itself permanently on the Prince Rupert waterfront for the handling of all types of fresh and frozen fish. Recently the company acquired the Albert & Mc-Caffery Ltd. fuel, lumber and building materials property and now it has commenced demolition of

all the structures thereon preup-to-date 95 by 60 foot two-storey fish handling plant of MOSQUITOES frame construction. John Cur- STING REICH rie & Sons, local contractors. have the job of demolition and will also erect the new building British Typhoons Over Northern as well as completely renewing the dock by repiling and redecking. The new fish handling

The Albert & McCaffery fuel sett waterfront property. .

B.C. Packers will not receive clams at Prince Rupert, as previously stated, but these will be handled at the company's Port Edward plant where they will be shucked, half cooked and brined for shipment to Vancou-

by J. E. Boddie, who said that road conditions in the city were Junior Chamber of Commerce steadily becoming worse, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night resolved to advise the city council that it was prepared to stand behind the council in representations that would be made seeking federa aid towards rehabilitation streets and local facilities. G. W. Nickerson joined with Mr Boddie in expressing indignation at the present state of affairs.

France - Still Counting Big Fight Score.

handling of this season's busi- ern Germany last night, it was ing Fortresses had blasted announced today as United two Naza air fields in the sub-States intelligence officers worked to compile a final accounting of Tuesday's epic sky battleover the Reich. That struggle is now known to have cost TWO CITIES ously damaged three enemy aircraft factories.

The Air Ministry also anand building material establish- nounced that Royal Air Force ment is being moved to the Typhoons and fighters shot Red Army Mill Sweeping For-Trotier dock on the Edward Lip- down eight enemy planes yesterday during patrols over Northern France. One Typhoon was lost in this action.

> made on the French invasion coast today.

## The subject being brought up AMBULANCE

Votes sum of \$250-Street Conditions Taken Up.

Prince Rupert Chamber of

VICTORNA - Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy announces yesterday that, in an attempt to eliminate racket- Been Knocked Out eering in liquor permits, he has gives instructions to institute proceedings against ten men throughout the province found with two or more liquor permits and registration cards.

ICKES-JONES HURT WASHINGTON - Secretary of the enterior Harold Ickes appeared in the House today with his arm in a sling, explaining that he had broken his collarbone in a fall in his home. Se latary of Commerce Jesse Jones is home with a factured leg as a result of an automobile accident.

BLASTED urbs of Rome, doing great

ward in Poland and Towards Ry many

Large scale aerial assault was the main Nazi supply cities in and freight rate matters. White Russia have been cap- Western outlet to the Peace Joseph Stalin announced in a Vancouver meeting and a welltic German counter-attacks on gate. The Peace River was

for the second straight day in proposal was that the expendiwhat is perhaps one of the de- ture would be borne by British cisive battles of the winter, kill- Columbia alone. while other Russians extended Air Force Wins the salient into pre-war Po- Air Force Wins The Junior section of the land to an eighty mile front.

commerce, in regular monthly Leading Aircraftsman Peter neeting last night, decided to Brass left by last evening's vote the sum of \$250 from a train on his return to his duties residue of Port Day Proceeds, with the Royal Canadian Air which has been on hand for Force at Dauphin, Manitoba, several years, to the ambulance after a two weeks' visit here on 45 to 31 in a hard-fought basketfund, other organizations which fur lough with his parents, Mr. ball game at the Naval Drill (Continued on Page Two) and Mrs. William Brass.

# Building New Fish Plant ELIMINATE RACKETEERING Fighter Production Has

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 14 (CP)-Air Marshal Sir Richard Hallam Peck of the Royal Air Force reported yesterday that twenty of Germany's biggest industrial cities have been crippled for a long period by Allied air offensive and about fifty more centres are well on the way to destruction. The Allied

> air assault has knocked out an estimated forty per cent of Germany's planned fighter production in the latter part of 1943.

### Makes Report On Conference

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting last night, i on his recent attendance at an Canadians to Go on Duty With Alberta-British Columbia conference held in Vancouver at which three principal moves were made-first to form British Columbia Division of Cananadian Chamber of Commerce second, to form a Pacific Northwest Trade Association, which had already come into being, and, third, to create a British Columbia - Abierta interprovincial Board of Trade organiza-

The movement aims, among other things, to remove government regulations against interprovincial trade and to deal with such matters as licensing. MCCOW Jan. 14 ()-Two of communication, transportation

tured by the Red Army, Premier River was also taken up at the special order of the day today, planned and delivered case was The Russians repulsed fran- presented by a Peace River delethe room to Rumania Thursday well represented. However, the

feated Navy by a score of 45 Hall last night.

### WILL MAN R. M. Winslow reported to the CARRIERS

Imperial Vessels-High Staff Changes. OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (CP) -Minister of the Navy Angus

Macdonald told a press conference today that the Canadian Navy will man two British Navy escort aircraft carriers some time in the next few months with the carriers remaining units of the Royal

new medium-sized cruisers from the Royal Navy will be added to the Canadian Navy, Mr. Macdonald also announced. Mr. Macdonald also an-

nounced that Vice-Admiral Percy W. Nelles will go to London as senior Canadian flag officer and will be succeeded as chief of Canadian naval staff by Rear Admiral George C. Jones, former vice-The presence of Admiral

Nelles, Air Marshal Breadner and Lieut. General Stuart in Britain "is a sign that we mean business over there," Mr. Macdonald suggested. This would probably mean that Canadian naval forces are also to take an active part in connection with the forthcoming invasion.

Hockey Scores

Montreal 2. Detroit 2. Chicago 5. New York 2.

### Establishment of Shipping Line Here Urged

Should Get Busy-

terday afternoon to a charge of SKEENA MEMBER PRESENTS SUGGESTION TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MAR-KETING ABROAD OF NORTHERN TIMBER AND FISHERY PRODUCTS WITH GRAIN.

> Now is the time that Prince Rupert should be sidy would of course, be desirinteresting itself actively in the establishing for this able for such a line. port of a steamship service for the handling of timber, grain and fisheries products abroad in the days stand of timber in the interior, and artificial defences of Casfollowing the war when a great expansion may be fifteen botton feet of which was sino, Allied headquarters anexpected in the flow of trade and commerce, E. T. hemlock. Already Alaskan inter- nounced today.

Kenney, M.L.A. for Skeena, sug-Chamber of Commerce at its countries to the advantage of the catting of their hemlock for on cervaro about midnight meeting last night. The Cham- resources of this part of the shipment to the Old Country. Wednesday, then consolidated ber readily concurred with the country. The interior country Now was the time to act in this their gains and threatened Nazi United States Maritime Com- idea and agreed that it was a would be particularly interested matter and he believed the control on the northern slopes mission Gives Evidence in matter which should be given in disposing of timber products. Prince Rupert Chamber of of Mount Trocchio, just south Liberty immediate and energetic atten- Prince Rupert might be espec- Commerce was the proper place of the Rome road and less than tion by incoming president and ially interested in the shipping in which to start the movement. three miles from Cassino.

ing at the Senate Truman com- flow of trade and commerce mittee hearing into the crack- would commence, a flow that that both his superiors and This district had the assets fish, grain and timber prodthe Oregon Shipbuilding Corp- and the port had the facilities ucts. To handle fish he would

of fish. Then there was also SUGGESTION SEATTLE, Jan. 14 (P)-Robert Soon after the concrusion of grain. With an anticipated slack- APPROVED Day, United States Maritime hostilities, said Mr. Kenney, it ening up in ship construction, Commission inspector, testify- was to be expected that a new now was the time, Mr. Kenney suggested, that a move should be made to get a new service ing as reported of fourteen would go through places that with a specially constructed Liberty ships at sea, charged were prepared to handle it. type of ship for the handling of oration, ignored his warning but there was an inclination to suggest that the ships should of "tremendous stresses" locked hide the light behind a bushel be fairly speedy and that they and to suffer from an inferiority have a refrigerator capacity of until there was a proper outlet. On motion of Arnold Flaten ed "if you would offer a suggescomplex. He felt that there at least 150 tons. With Prince As for ships, Mr. Nickerson the matter was left to the in- tion as to where the five or

berni for calls to complete cargo, proceeding by way of the Panama Canal and West Indies to hie old Country. Returning Halfar and St. John might be

esta were moving to establish a The American repulsed gested to the Prince Rupert the United Kingdom and Asiatic mili at New Westminster for heavy German counter-attack

G. W. Nickerson felt that "we Kenney for bringing this idea ers which had been built. to the attention of the Cham- R. M. Winslow observed that for Skeena, who was in attendber. He hoped the idea would this idea of transoceanic trade ance at the meeting, inquired be embodied in the proposals of was along the very lines which if there were any ideas as to

would be an opportunity to es- Rupert as the northern termin- said it would be necessary to coming president for immediate six million dollars would come tablish shipping contact with al such a line might include have for postwar trade vessels attention.

## such ports as Ocean Falls, Powell PUSH THRU

ALGIERS, Jan. 14 @-French ports of call for cargos of freight forces pushed through Italy's direct to Prince Rupert. A sub- ragged Appenines for a two-mile Americans advanced slightly Mr. Kenney, centinuing, re- from the south yesterday in an ferred to a fifty billion foot encircling assault on natural

Only patrol activity is reported by the Eighth Army.

owe a debt of gratitude" to Mr. faster than the ten-knot freight Postwar Rehabilitation had led to the original concep- how the necessary money would Council of which Mr. Kenney tion of the port of Prince Ru- be made up if school taxation was a member. The north coun- pert as the terminus of the was removed from the land. would never be developed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. "It would be fine," he remark-

### TRANSFER OF SCHOOL TAX

Chamber of Commerce Concurs With Idea That it Be Removed From Land.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting last night, endorsed a resolution from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urging that a change be made whereby no part of the cost of education should be charged to the land but that education costs should be taken care of out of consolidated revenue of the province.

Ex-Mayor W. M. Watts, stating that the city cooncil had already approved of this proposed change, moved that the Chamber go on record as favoring it. This was seconded by Frank Skinner and carried.

Later, in commenting on this subject, E. T. Keney, M. L. A.