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Queen Charlotte Service . . .

A local businessman who received an order from the Queen Charlotte Islands at the first of this week found that he would be unable to make delivery of goods until the next boat leaves nearly two weeks later.

The present schedule is particularly unsatisfactory as far as Massett is concerned and the suggestion is being made that it would be much better if a change could be made whereby all Island calls were made on the one run north from Vancouver with a stopover of the steamer in this port long enough for the filling of orders before she starts back south again via all Island points.

Of course, the ideal set-up would be a vessel plying direct out of Prince Rupert with which it would be easy to give at least a weekly service to all Queen Charlotte Island points from Prince Rupert, the nearest mainland port and natural trading centre.

Meanwhile the present service is a matter of just complaint both for the people of the Islands and Prince Rupert in spite of the fact that the

operating company appears desirous of doing the best it can under existing difficulties including lack of tonnage due to it having had to tie up one of the vessels which had previously been in regular service on the Island run.

Improving City Streets . . .

The announcement of the city that necessary equipment is being purchased and that a program of street improvement work in some parts of the city is to be embarked upon is welcome news. It is to be hoped that work will be carried out on even more streets than these now named. Certainly, there has been clamor enough these last few years for something to be done as street conditions became rapidly worse and worse.

The city cannot be expected, however, to make all the repairs that are necessary—repairs to damage much of which has not been the city's fault and would not have been occasioned except for the fact that this had been made a base of defence and supply for a world war.

It is fair enough too for the city and all its public organizations to press for the governments concerned to assume their portion of the responsibility, which should be a major one, in the rehabilitation of the city and its utilities which would never have been in the condition they are today if they had been subjected only to the legitimate use of the community itself.

What City Council Did

Answering an inquiry by Ald. Thomas Black, Ald. George Hills, chairman of the police committee, told the city council last night that the committee had been informed of the recent incident involving the police patrol wagon and was awaiting a report from Sub-Inspector C. K. McKenzie, who had come here to investigate. Meantime it was not fitting to reveal further information which the committee might have.

A number of property sales were put through at last night's meeting of the city council including the following:

- Lots 13, 14 and 15, block 12, section 1, to the crown, \$4,138.57 (covering accrued taxes and local improvements).
- East half of lot 17, block 4, section 5, Rena K. Ham, \$163.33.
- Lot 24, block 7, section 8, James E. Stewart, \$40.
- Lot 58, block 27, section 1, David H. Leith, \$180.
- Lot 21, block 12, section 1, Bruce Stevens, \$695.
- Lot 54, block 27, section 1, John Moritz, \$95.
- Lot 1 and western half of lot 2, block 26, section 5, O. L. Martinson, \$350.

Demolition of the old Valentin Dairy building on Eleventh St. has been ordered. The city council last night received a report from City Engineer E. A. Phillips declaring it "unsafe and a menace." King Tai Co. is being notified to demolish it within 72 hours, failing which the city fire department will burn it down as the safest means of demolition. The recommendation was concurred in by the council. A small dwelling on the same property will be preserved.

The city council last night agreed to co-operate with the United Canadian Allied Relief organization by taking the leadership in a national collection of used clothing for dispatch by UNRRA to the suffering people of devastated areas in Europe. The mayor and city clerk will call together representatives of local organizations to organize a committee for local collection.

At the opening of last night's council meeting the mayor was absent for a time attending the opening of the Civic Centre Carnival in his official capacity. Ald. W. H. Brett assumed duties as acting mayor until His Worship arrived to take over the chief magisterial chair.

Tenders will be called by the council, on recommendation of the city engineer and board of works, for the construction of a new sewer line on Fourth Ave. E. It is a local improvement project to be financed by the floating of debentures authorizing of the issue of which is being sought from the Department of Municipal Affairs at Victoria.

A new procedure bylaw for the city council was given its introductory readings at last night's meeting. One of the purposes is to simplify the handling of bylaw passage formalities. Regular meetings of the city council remain as at present on first and third Mondays.

Erection of an arch of welcome to returning war veterans at the foot of the ramp at the Canadian National Railways dock and station was authorized at last night's council meeting. A free telephone is to be installed at the hut to be erected by the Canadian Legion on the C.N.R. dock for the purpose of welcoming returning veterans.

Phone Operators Take T.B. Tests

All operators at the city telephone exchange are expected by the city council to be tested for tuberculosis. On motion of Ald. Black and Ald. Sorensen, it was decided at last night's council meeting to request all the operators to present themselves at the mobile testing unit which is now in the city for x-ray examination. Conditions at a telephone exchange, it was pointed out, lend themselves to the spread of tuberculosis and it is important that all operators be free of it.

Replastering and redecorating of the city-owned Steele Block apartment building on Third Avenue was authorized by the city council last night on recommendation of the finance committee.

The police committee reported to council last night that the police report for the month of June had been received and considered. Information contained in the report has already been published.

Provision of the Water Bylaw requiring a deposit equal to two months' charges in all cases where arrears cannot be recovered by charging against the property is to be enforced henceforth, the utilities committee advised council in a report last night.

Purchase by the utilities committee of 15,000 feet of drop wire for the telephone department and 25 nightsoil pails was authorized by the city council last night.

SHIRTS FROM WEED
Shirts and dresses are now being made from a Florida weed, known as ramie, originally imported from China.

After Six Years In Navy, Is Back Here

Another war veteran who has just returned home to resume civil life following his discharge is George Brown, who has been in the Royal Canadian Navy on active service since 1939, having been a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Force here. Early in the war George spent some time in hospital in South Africa suffering from injuries. More recently he had been on Atlantic convoy duty is back with the Overland store where he was before the war.

COLCHESTER, Eng. (P)—George H. Jaggard, 95, has a family of nine drawing the old-age pension.

EDINBURGH (P)—Sir John Prosser, 88, crown agent in Scotland between 1919 and 1920 has died.

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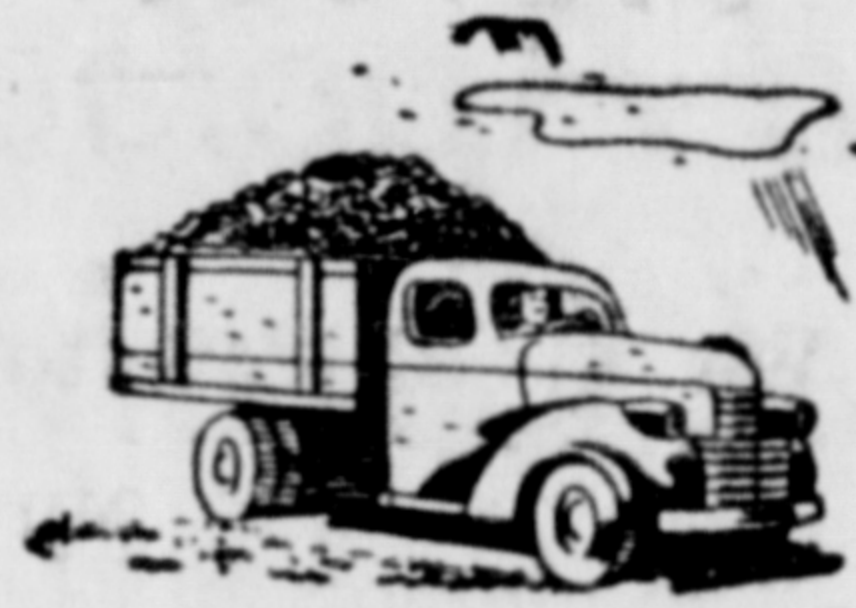
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Thumbs Down On Totem Painting

There will be no painting of totem poles in Prince Rupert this year. Last night Mayor Daggett reported to the city council that a painter had asked permission to paint the large pole near the City Hall, asking to be paid only for time and material so an idea might be obtained of the possible cost of such work. It was moved by Ald. Hills, seconded by Ald. Black, and carried, that totem pole painting be not entertained this year. Ald. Black thought that totem pole painting might well be left alone until tourist traffic resumed.

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NECESSITY OF TWO DELEGATES

Ald. Black Wonders If It Is Necessary to Send That Number to Convention

Ald. T. B. Black, at last night's meeting of the city council questioned the necessity of two delegates being sent from Prince Rupert to the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. In previous times one delegate had sufficed and sometimes merely resolutions were sent.

Mayor Daggett and Ald. George Hills, who have already been named delegates, felt from their experience of last year that it was advisable to have two

delegates. It was important Ald. Hills felt, that the north should be adequately represented to counteract the strength of the "cliques" in the south. However, Ald. Hills saw no reason why the council should not receive a motion from Ald. Black rescinding the decision to send two delegates.

Ald. Black said that he had merely been making an inquiry and had no intention of rescinding the previous decision.

It was possible the convention might be called off this year, the mayor said.

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Those required to register include all male persons who:

- (a) are either skilled or unskilled building construction tradesmen or labourers, and who are not now engaged in building construction work; and
- (b) have had a total of at least two years experience, continuous or otherwise, in the construction industry since December 31st, 1936; and
- (c) have passed their 16th birthday but have not yet reached their 65th birthday.

Workers at present employed on building construction are not required to register under this special registration.

Registration shall be made —

1. At the nearest Local Employment Office of the National Employment Service; or
2. At the nearest Post Office if a person does not live in a city or town in which a Local Office of the National Employment Service is located, nor within 5 miles of such a city or town.

Home construction is vital to the welfare of Canada.
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Experienced building construction workers—whether tradesmen or labourers—are urgently required.

If you are a construction worker not now working in the construction industry, you must register as here stated—but you should do more. You should offer your services immediately for transfer to the construction industry, so that you may help in providing the homes so urgently needed.

Local Employment Offices will be open Evenings till 9:00 p.m. to take registrations, from Monday, Aug. 6th to Friday, Aug. 10th.

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