

Friday, September 7, 1945
High 1:35 21.0 feet
14:01 20.7 feet
Low 7:59 2.9 feet
20:15 4.8 feet

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1945

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Temperature

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district during 24 hours ending 5 a.m.
High 61
Low 50
Rain 4.03

"MEN," LOSING WARTIME RESUMING STUDIES AT HIS

"Social Problem" Posed at Last Board Meeting—Twelve Hundred Pupils Are Enrolling

Members of the school board had an unusual social problem tossed into their laps at the board's meeting last night when the fact was brought to light that three 18-year-old boys are among the 444 students who were enrolled at Booth Memorial High School the first day of school.

The boys quit school at the age of 16 to take employment at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock, where they have worked for the past two years but, no longer having jobs, this term they returned to the school and were placed in the tenth grade.

If there had been any evidence of overcrowding in the school, said Principal W. W. C. O'Neill, they would have been refused admission but, since there was adequate room, he didn't want to deny them an opportunity to further their education. During a discussion regarding the 18-year-olds it was pointed out that, after a boy has worked for two years in a shipyard, he is no longer a boy but a man and could wield great influence with younger boys.

Some years ago, it was mentioned, there was a limit on the age of boys attending secondary school but the board did not feel it wanted to spoil their good intentions by imposing an age limit now, so the matter was left in abeyance.

1200 Pupils Are Enrolled

Attendances at the various educational institutions on the first day of school, totalling 1,156, were announced as follows: Booth Memorial High School, 444; King Edward, 307; Borden, 207; Conrad Street, 198.

When later students are counted, however, the number is expected to reach 1,200. The board appointed J. M. Clark vice-principal of Booth High School and Miss E. D. Moxley vice-principal of King Edward.

On motion of S. L. Peachey and A. MacDonald, the board dropped all negotiations with Wartime Housing for additional schoolroom space. Originally the city had offered Wartime Housing \$5,000 for a four-room staff house but the government agency wanted to rent it for \$250 a month.

In his report, Mr. O'Neill produced a letter from the W. H. Malkin Company which expressed itself as highly pleased with the work done by Miss Emily Schild, a Grade XI commercial student who was excused from school early last summer to work for the firm.

A lathe, costing \$500, will be purchased for the industrial arts class at the high school. It was decided that the tennis court behind the King Edward School should be destroyed.

During the course of the meeting it was decided to call for tenders for repairs to the furnace at the Booth school. Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the school board, was in the chair at last night's meeting.

BEVIN HONORED

LONDON. (P)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has accepted the invitation of Lord Bessborough to become a vice-president of the Franco-British Society, an office shared by Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Anthony Eden, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Lord Tyrrel and Alfred Duff Cooper.

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT

Atlin Electoral Act

Notice is hereby given that the list of voters for the above Electoral District will close on the 17th day of September, 1945, and no applications for registration filed with the undersigned after the said date will be accepted for insertion in the list of voters to be prepared for use at the ensuing election.

John W. Stewart
Registrar of Voters,
Stewart, B. C.
ATLIN ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Thousands Lose Jobs

Boeing Plant at Vancouver is Now Practically Completely Closed Down

VANCOUVER, Sept. 6 (CP)—Officials of Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. announced Wednesday night that its contract for superfortress bomber bases has been cancelled and about 2000 more employees are being discharged, leaving only a skeleton staff at the big Sea Island plant.

Officials said they were notified of the cancellation of contracts because of drastic reduction in the United States heavy bomber production. Nearly all employees but key personal and maintenance men have been given seven days' notice.

At the peak of production, Boeing employed 10,500 workers at six British Columbia plants.

The total number of employees is now about 500. Close to 9,000 Vancouver workers have been laid off since V-J Day. Of these 4,600 were Boeing employees and 3,400 shipyard workers.

It is estimated that 8,000 men are still employed at Vancouver shipyards.

New Parliament Is Opened

Occupation Plans—

Thousands Of Troops For Tokyo Occupation

Re-taking of Singapore Not Without Clashes—British Military to Govern Malaya

According to Radio Tokyo, 8,000 Allied officers and men will take part in the entry into Tokyo on Saturday. Originally, the radio had reported that 3,000 troops would make the initial occupation of the city.

It is known that the units assigned to make the initial occupation will take over between 35 and 40 square miles of Tokyo. At the present time they are just outside the city making preparations for the move into the capital.

General MacArthur will formally enter Tokyo Saturday with initial occupation forces—the United States 1st Cavalry Division which is estimated at 15,000 men full strength. Eighth Army headquarters will remain temporarily at Yokohama.

The Tokyo radio also has quoted a Japanese government spokesman as claiming that Japan's armed forces at the time of capitulation equalled nearly three times their strength at the start of the war. The spokesman said that Japan's army and navy casualties numbered approximately 5,000,000 men.

Girl Guide Leaders Are Visiting City

Miss D. Illingworth, provincial commissioner of Girl Guides, and Miss M. Hannah, supervisor of training, are expected to arrive in Prince Rupert shortly from Vancouver. The officials will spend a week here and in that time they will be guests at a meeting of city's Girl Guides.

CANADIAN LEGION VETERANS' WELCOME HUT OPENING TODAY—ALL HEROES TO BE GREETED

Opening of a welcome hut by the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion on the C.N.R. wharf for returning service men and women is scheduled to be held today.

Members of the Legion supplied money and labor to make the hut possible and C. A. Berner, C.N.R. superintendent, gave permission to use dock space and instal lighting. The telephone was installed by the city council.

MRS. ROPER IS CHAIRMAN

Succeeds B. B. Thorsteinsson as Chairman of Union Board of Health—Dr. Kergin Takes Charge of Unit

Mrs. M. Roper was appointed temporary chairman of the Prince Rupert Union Board of Health to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former chairman B. B. Thorsteinsson at a regular meeting of the board in city council chamber Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Thorsteinsson's transfer to Vernon as inspector of schools there necessitated the change in chairmen of the Union Board of Health, a position he held in addition to his school inspectorship. Mrs. Roper will fill the position pending the appointment of another permanent chairman by the provincial Board of Health.

The board also accepted the resignation of public health nurse Miss Beulah Fry, effective August 15, and accepted an application for that position from Miss Helen Etherington, a graduate public health nurse of Ontario. Now in Victoria, Miss Etherington will arrive in the city later this month. Miss Fry has returned to her home at Toronto.

The board confirmed the appointment of Dr. W. S. Kergin as part-time director of the Prince Rupert Health Unit at a salary of \$150 a month. He replaces the former director, Dr. R. G. Knipe, who left the post to go into private practice in the south last month.

Fish Sales

THURSDAY
American
Pacific, 60,000, Pacific, Whiz, Bonanza, 44,000, Storage, Eileen, 60,000, Co-op.
Canadian
Allaverdy, 25,000, Royal.
WEDNESDAY
Dolina II, 35,000 lbs., Cold Storage.
Margaret I, 34,000 lbs., Pacific.
Lorna H., 30,000 lbs., Whiz.

Capt. (Dr.) Henry Gibson of the Royal Army Medical Corps was the speaker before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon. President James H. Thompson was in the chair.

Weather Forecast

Moderate winds, locally fresh southerly in exposed areas, cloudy and mild with light to moderate continuous rain being moderate intermittent in afternoon. Friday: light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy with light scattered rain showers. Not much change in temperature.

SALT CURRENCY

Salt is used today for money in most of the Ethiopian Empire and a chunk, the size of an egg, would buy a chicken.

ANCIENT MARKS

The pyramids of Egypt stretch for 60 miles along the west bank of the Nile.

MISS NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA IS PHOTOGRAPHIC CHOICE IN MISS AMERICA CONTEST, ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 6 (P)—Miss New York City, Miss Birmingham and Miss Tennessee took the nod of the judges last night in the first of three preliminary contests for the "Miss America 1945" title which will be decided Saturday.

Georgina Patterson, 19-year-old Sunday school teacher of

C.C.F. WILL NOMINATE

Socialists to Name Candidate For Prince Rupert Next Week

The C.C.F. will hold a nominating convention next Tuesday evening, September 11, in order to select a candidate to contest the Prince Rupert riding in the forthcoming provincial election. It was decided at a C.C.F. committee meeting Tuesday night in the Meropole Hall. Names mentioned as possible candidates include those of Ald. William Brett, Mrs. James Black and others.

A large-scale "invasion" of British Columbia by visiting speakers is in prospect for the C.C.F., according to a report from Vancouver.

Harold Winch, leader of the C.C.F., principal challenger of the Coalition government, recently announced that his party's plans were "well advanced" for fighting a winning campaign.

Citing the recent British election upset, he declared that "British Columbia has developed the same awareness of the need for a new approach to peace problems through the medium of government."

Bulletins

DR. FAUTEUX SPEAKER

OTTAWA—Dr. Gaspard Fauteux of Montreal was today unanimously elected Speaker of the House of Commons amid preparations for the opening of the first session of Canada's twentieth Parliament.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON—In a message to Congress today, President Truman called for relief of business from taxation next year and promised relief soon for income tax payers. He recommends huge expenditures for development of natural resources and for a tremendous housing project. Retention of some of the wartime economic controls is recommended so as to prevent business chaos.

NEWSMEN INVOLVED

VANCOUVER—Major-General F. F. Worthington, general officer commanding, Pacific Command, has ordered an investigation into an incident at the C.N.R. station last night when newspapermen were ordered by military provosts out of the station where they had gone to meet a train bringing repatriates. One of the provosts is alleged to have used abusive language. Gen. Worthington said he felt that newspapermen should always be welcomed on meeting returned men. Six reporters and three photographers were involved.

OIL HEAD DIES

TORONTO—Richard Leseur, president of the Imperial Oil Co., died in a Toronto hospital today.

PEARL HARBOR CASE

WASHINGTON—Senate Majority Leader Barkley, with knowledge and consent of the president, today introduced a resolution calling for a Congressional investigation into the circumstances of Pearl Harbor.

COURT MARTIAL FINDINGS

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire, England—After deliberating 90 minutes a Canadian general court-martial announced late today that its finding on two charges against Pte. Edwin Barnard Martin of Riverside, Ontario, of aiding the enemy while prisoner of war were subject to confirmation and would be promulgated. The 26-year-old soldier of the Essex Scottish Regiment has been on trial since last Thursday. The defence spokesman for Martin said he should be receiving a decoration from the King rather than being brought before a court-martial.

RE-occupation of Singapore Starts

Wary troops of the 5th Indian Division have begun the re-occupation of Singapore. There have been some clashes between members of the Singapore underground and Japanese collaborators. However, the Japanese troops themselves have sullenly, but without resistance, given up their arms.

The Indian troops are advancing block by block through the city with the guns of the mighty British East Indies fleet to back them up.

The British government stated last night that Malaya will be governed by a British military force which will prepare the way for the early return of civil government. The Allied Southeast Asia commander will assume full powers and responsibilities over all persons and property in Malaya. Japanese-proclaimed laws will be cancelled immediately and laws which were in force before the occupation will go into effect.

MRS. GAMMON IS HONORED

Presentation of a colored photograph of Prince Rupert by Mrs. J. A. Teng to Mrs. Ernest Gammon, who is leaving here for Kamloops, where her husband, Inspector Ernest Gammon, has been transferred with the B. C. Police, was made at a meeting of the Queen Mary Chapter, I.O.D.E., last night.

Donations were made toward the Polish Relief Fund and the British War Victims Fund by the organization, and \$50 was donated to the Refugee Club for the making of clothes.

Special thanks were extended to the Service Wives Club for their aid in the Bundles for Britain campaign.

Prince George, who came from Prince Rupert as "Miss Northern British Columbia" in the classic beauty contest, was one of seven girls selected by photographers yesterday in pre-contest unofficial judging.

Miss Patterson is the first Canadian girl ever to enter the contest and she has been proving very popular.

Pomp and Ceremony Marks Ottawa Inaugural Today

Guard of Honor for Governor-General—Formalities Completed and Houses Adjourned Until Afternoon

OTTAWA, Sept. 6 (CP)—Canada's twentieth parliament opened today. Indicative of the return to peace was the display of pomp and ceremony common to all openings of parliament in pre-war days but absent during the long war years. However, it was not a complete return to peacetime ceremony as many of the frills were missing.

Back on schedule was the custom of having a guard of honor for the governor-general's arrival at the Parliament Buildings for the opening ceremony. Dressed in the uniform of a major-general, the Earl of Athlone was given a royal salute by the guard on arrival while a 19-gun salute boomed from outside the city's limits.

Commons members took a blanket oath today on the floor of the house and then signed the official roll. On completion of formalities, both houses adjourned until the formal opening at 3 p.m.

The Speech from the Throne called for the creation of a distinctive Canadian flag and the use, meantime, of the Red Ensign which was even then flying from the Peace Tower.

Other measures in the Speech from the Throne include additional relief for the destitute, relief of the people of Europe, ratification of the United Nations charter.

WAKE ISLAND ATROCITIES

Are Revealed on Reoccupation Of Island by Americans

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 6—When the Americans reoccupied Wake Island today, it was found that Japanese victors in the original occupation bayoneted all wounded prisoners to death and then heartily banqueted the survivors for two weeks in an effort to pry American military secrets from them. Liberated Marine and civilian prisoners from Wake told the story.

Japanese intelligence officers and secret police questioned them steadily for 14 days of feeding during which they were given such wartime rarities as breaded veal cutlets, butter and milk. When this Japanese experiment failed the prisoners were shipped off to prison camps.

NEED FOR ADEQUATE HIGH SCHOOL HERE EMPHASIZED BY INSPECTOR

The greatest need of Prince Rupert as far as educational facilities are concerned is a new and adequate high school, emphasizes B. B. Thorsteinsson, inspector of schools, who is about to leave here for Vernon after having been for three years in charge of the local inspectorate. This school building should be designed and planned, among other things, to provide adequate library, technical training, auditorium and recreational facilities. Other school buildings are, of course, urgently required but the high school is the worst immediate need.

Mr. Thorsteinsson announces that arrangements have been made for the bringing to Prince Rupert of a miniature model of a school designed and built in Britain during the war and embodying all the most up-to-date in modern school design. The Prince Rupert Parent-Teachers' Association will be in charge of the display here.

The departing inspector comments on the growing interest that is being taken in the local community in the importance of modern education. He also pays tribute to the manner in which school boards and school staffs have carried on not only in the

Provincial Election VOTERS' LISTS

IS YOUR NAME on the Provincial Voters' List? It is your duty to register. Take no chances. Do not depend on anyone else. You cannot vote unless registered on the PROVINCIAL list. Being on the Civic, Municipal or Federal lists positively does not put you on the Provincial list.

THE LIST CLOSES on the 17th day of September, 1945, after which date positively no applications will be received by me.

Qualifications for Registration:

1. British subject by birth or naturalization.
2. Twenty-one years of age.
3. Residence six months in Province of British Columbia; one month in Electoral District.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Registrar of Voters,
Prince Rupert Electoral District.