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# New Local Payroll

COMMENCEMENT of scheduled air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert within the next few weeks will not only bring this city and district the speedy, modern transportation that has long been needed here but will also mean the setting up of quite an important little industry in the way of terminal air services. It is announced that there will be nine personnel permanently stationed here including air crew, ground surfacing men and agents. Feeder lines which are to be started out of here coincidental with the commencement of the main line services of Canadian Pacific Airlines will further add to the same type of population.

So institution of air service and the getting at long last of Prince Rupert on the air transportation map will be beneficial in more ways than one.

## 25 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1922

While doing assessment work on the Exchange Group, Albert Peterson, a miner, made a strike of solid ore that led mining men to believe that the mine might be the richest in the Stewart district. The property is just north of the Premier mine.

The city engineer found that the Hays Creek bridge on Sixth Avenue was in bad condition and closed it to vehicular traffic. The council was posed with the problem of deciding whether or not the bridge was worth repairing or if a new bridge was needed.

H. F. Pullen, Daily News editor, writing from San Francisco, declared it was possible and feasible to operate a radio telephone station at Prince Rupert for service of fishing boats and mining camps.

Classified Advertising Pays!

# "BILL" THORNE HAS RETIRED

**Well Known C.N.R. Baggageman Honored at Winnipeg**

William H. Thorne, for many years running on Canadian National Railways out of Prince Rupert and for some time more recently from Winnipeg, retired April 23 after twenty-nine years' service with the railway.

As Mr. Thorne stepped from the train at the Union Depot at Winnipeg he was greeted by officials of the company and a host of friends and relatives to congratulate him on his long and faithful service and to wish him good health, luck and long years of leisure.

Later a very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. Thorne's two daughters, Mrs. Dan Cory and Mrs. Don Thompson, 111 Lewis Street.

Mr. Thorne was born at Scarboro, Ont., in 1882, coming west in 1905 and going to Revelstoke, where he hired as a cook in a logging camp on the Arrow Lakes. He worked there until 1910 when he went to Fort George and opened a dining room in the first hotel of that town called the Northern Hotel. In 1916 he hired as a cook with the Giscome Lumber Co. and stayed there until 1918 when he got the urge to go railroading and hired as a trainman at Prince George with the then Grand Trunk Pacific Railway now part of the Canadian National system, working out of Prince George, Smithers and Prince Rupert until 1932 when he moved east to Edmonton and finally to Winnipeg where he finished his service as train baggageman.

Mr. Thorne intends to settle in Vancouver where he has a married daughter.

On the evening of April 21 before his retirement, Mr. Thorne was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Carlson, a conductor with whom Mr. Thorne had worked for the past five years, also the train crew members and wives, who were Mr. and Mrs. R. Fogg, Mr. D. Roberts and daughter Nellie, also conductor and crew members and wives with whom Mr. Thorne made his last trip, crew members being Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Taylor, also Mr. Thorne's daughters, Mrs. Dan Cory and Mrs. Don Thompson.

After a few pleasing remarks and a few very interesting experiences related by Mr. Carlson, a presentation of a set of briar pipes was made to Mr. Thorne by Mr. Carlson on behalf of the crew members present, after which a delightful lunch was served by Mrs. Carlson, assisted by Mrs. Elliott.

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