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RAILWAY POLICY

EXPRESSION OF OPINION by Senator-Mayor G. G. McGeer of Vancouver before the Board of Transport Commissioners at its freights hearing that the Canadian National Railways should be operated as a public utility rather than a private company is an interesting one, reminiscent of views that have often been expressed in this area when the railway has been under fire for lack of interest in pioneering the development of the district with a view to eventually creating business for its own line.

Sometimes when Mr. Vaughan and officials of the railway company have been faced with protest at services being curtailed, they have answered, and, no doubt, sincerely, that the policy laid out for them and which they must follow is that, if a dollar is spent, a dollar must be immediately earned. There is no disputing that such is a "sound" business idea although it might be met with the argument that to make money money must be spent.

Mr. McGeer's idea is by no means a new one in respect to national railway policy which, after all, is set not by the officers of the company but by the government which owns the railway. There are not a few who believe that railway policy has been getting a little too conservative, if not to the point of being niggardly.

It all brings up a very broad question and our views are sometimes expressed by influence of policy which would seem to suit us best at the moment. In this part of the country there has been a tendency to look upon the railway as an instrument of national development rather than as a straight business proposition. At that, even private enterprise usually admits that, if a dollar is to be made, a dollar must be spent, possibly with not too immediate a prospect of getting it back.

MR. ORME'S PROJECT

WE KNOW OF NO ONE who would be more qualified or more competent to write the history of Prince Rupert than that pioneer of pioneers, Cyril H. Orme, whose intention of doing so has been announced. It would be a public service of no small importance and anything he might produce would be a memorial to one of Prince Rupert's outstanding and most esteemed early day citizens. As the Daily News pointed out the writing of Prince Rupert's history is a need which is becoming more and more felt. Mr. Orme would be assured of the appreciation and co-operation of the citizens generally, not only the old timers but some of the newer residents, many of whom are distinctly interested in the early story of the community and district.

As for the Daily News we cannot too highly commend the project and we will be glad to do all in our power to assist Mr. Orme in making a success of the enterprise which we can see as having very definite prospect of both popularity and profit.

YEAR'S LONGEST DAY

TODAY IS JUNE 20 and that date in Prince Rupert comes very close to being the longest day of the year. The latter will fall officially tomorrow, June 21. The difference between the two is so slight it can hardly be noticed. But after a month or more the first hints of twilight will not be so long in appearing. After August, longer evenings, and thoughts of coal buying, heavier underclothing and school books.

OVERCHARGING OF TOURISTS DRAWS PROTEST

Prince Rupert Public Relations Council will urge the city council to speed passage of its proposed taxi regulating bylaw and will ask that it be made obligatory to post fare schedules in all taxi cabs following reports of excessive charges made to tourists using cabs to visit points of interest in the city.

The publicity group made its decision last night after members told of hearing reports from visitors who had been overcharged by cab drivers. They will request city council that the regulating bylaw set zonal rates and make it mandatory that these rates be posted prominently in all licensed taxis.

In the meantime a committee from the Public Relations Council will interview taxi operators and try to learn what they consider to be standard charges for various types of operation. The Public Relations Council will then offer to pay the cost of printing this schedule if the taxi men agree to place copies in their cars.

The council's main concern is that, if the reported "profit-taking" continues, Prince Rupert will get an unpleasant name as a tourist town.

At several times in the past, groups of taxi operators have urged city council to draw up a bylaw regulating the taxi business but action on the legislation has been delayed while city council attempted to formulate a bylaw acceptable to most of the operators.

INVENTED THERMOMETER
The word Fahrenheit comes from Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit who invented the mercury thermometer in 1714.

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AUTO DEALER DINNER HOST

Douglas Frizzell Entertains With General Motors Show in Commodore

Douglas Frizzell, proprietor of Long Motors here, was host at a delightful dinner party last evening in the Commodore with his guests for the occasion some 49 or 50 friends interested in automotive affairs and the special guest C. F. Folwell of Vancouver, field service organizer of General Motors. Mr. Folwell spoke briefly leading up to the presentation of three interesting moving pictures, the showing of which featured the evening's proceedings. One of the pictures was an Edgar Kennedy short feature on the subject of traffic safety emphasizing the importance of careful driving and the use of traffic signals. Another dealt with the history of the General Motors automotive manufacturing organization from the original carriage making days, also depicting the company's war service record. The third was a straight-soort fishing feature which delighted those interested in the science of angling.

Tables were attractively adorned with large bouquets of sweet peas. The fare featured tasty stuffed spring salmon.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Osborne (Terrace), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robins (Port Edward), Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Acton, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Budnich, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Kellett, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Cooten, Mrs. W. D. Vance, Miss Muriel Vance, Miss O. M. Johnson, Miss L. Barbe, Ald. Robert McKay, Ald. Cliff Ham, Sgt. L. Potterton, Dr. R. M. Lane, Dr. R. G. Large, Col. J. Hamilton Grant, G. R. S. Blackaby, Emile Blain, Malcolm Blair, Sam Blanchard, Cliff Gilker, Vic Menzies, Angus Gillis.

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F. Fares, Canadian Pacific Airlines pilot arrived in the city by air on Wednesday from Vancouver. He is here for a few days familiarizing himself with local flying. He may later be stationed here in the company's service.

C. F. Folwell, field service organizer for General Motors with headquarters in Vancouver, sailed by the Prince Rupert last night on his return south after a two day visit here on company business.

Members of the Canadian Legion and Women's Auxiliary are invited to take part in Decoration Day Ceremonies on Sunday next with I. O. O. F. (Queen Mary Chapter).
Members will "fall in" at Legion Hall, 2:30 p.m., and proceed to Cenotaph, thence to Soldiers' Plot, Fairview Cemetery.
Members willing to supply cars, please advise Legion Secretary, by Saturday.
PHILIP M. RAY,
Secretary-Manager.
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THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Skies were clear or only partly cloudy across British Columbia this morning. High pressure along the coast, and a dry northerly flow over the province will cause fair and warm weather for the next few days.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy and occasionally clear today and Saturday. Light winds. Warmer today and Saturday. Minimums tonight: Port Hardy 45, Massett 45, Prince Rupert 45, Maximums Saturday: Port Hardy 65, Massett 65, Prince Rupert 65.



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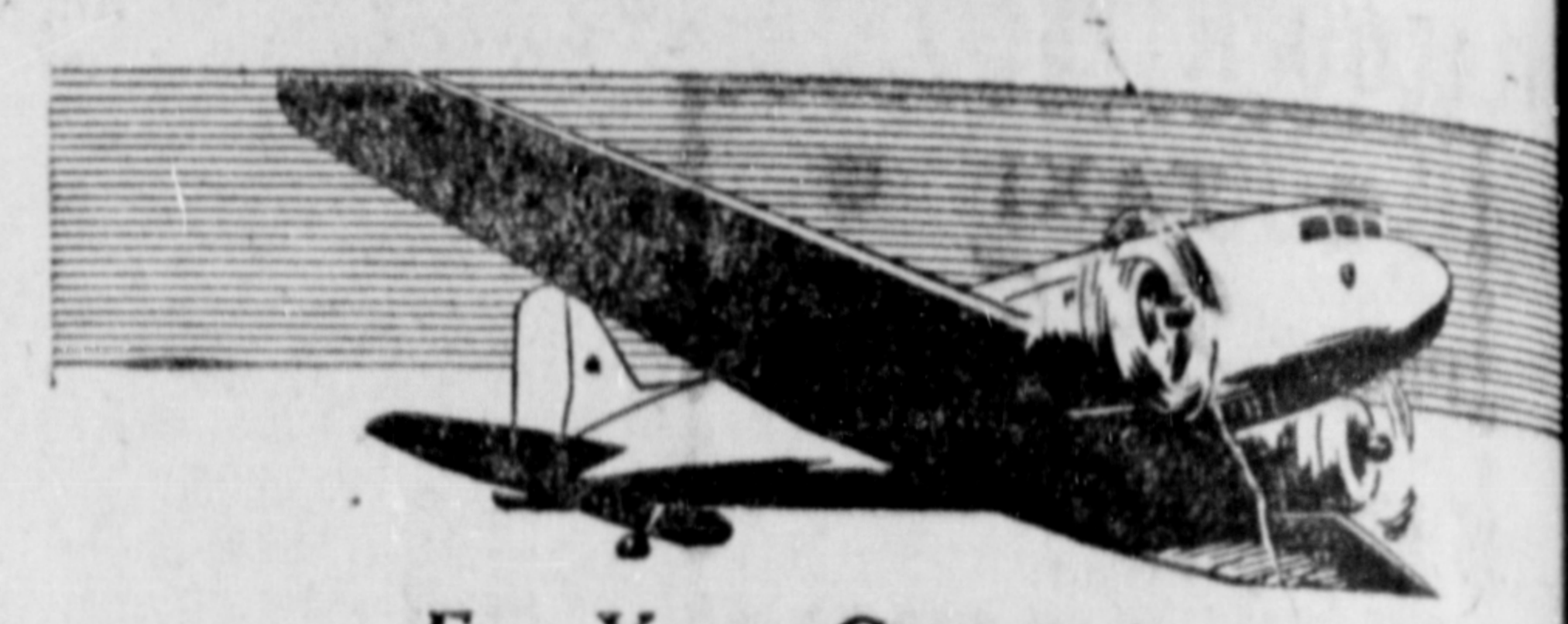
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