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Road Reopening Soon

IN SPITE of the heavy snows of the past winter, opinion of those who have just seen the situation in the lower Skeena Valley is that the Prince Rupert Highway might well be open again by the end of April, providing, of course, that something unforeseen does not occur. Now that the public works department is evidently undertaking to move out the snow westward from Shames, hope is expressed that snow-clearing operations from this end will be carried out with equal dispatch. Soft spring weather conditions are already aiding the department's snow clearing equipment.

Prince Rupert people are gratified with the prospect that the highway within the next few weeks will be open again and are hopeful that the department will be so organized before another winter rolls around that it will be all-year road with no winter interruption.

VISIT FROM PRESIDENT

EVERYBODY will approve of the idea which is being acted upon by city council and chamber of commerce that President Truman of the United States, in the course of a projected cruise to Alaska early this summer, be asked to make a call at Prince Rupert. The city would be highly honored if the invitation were accepted. It would be something really distinctive to have an incumbent chief executive of the United States make a call. Before the several visits to Canada of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, such calls were very rare. It would be a highlight event indeed for this city.

There is good enough reason, of course, for Mr. Truman to come here. He would see the American sub-port of embarkation which played such an important part in connection with the prosecution of the recent war in the Pacific and which appears to be on the eve of assuming an important role in connection with the commerce of Alaska through being the transcontinental railway terminus so strategically situated in relation to the territory now aspiring to statehood. And, in addition to that, there is the attention, indicated by recent events, that United States capital and industry are paying to the development of natural resources in this area.

UNPRECEDENTED PURGE

THIS is no witch hunt but an impressively large scale purge that President Truman has ordered in the loyalty test of 2,200,000 employees of the administrative and executive branches of the American civil service. In fact, it is something quite unprecedented and would suggest that there is suspicion of infiltration and subversive activity within the very fibre of the government on scale of some substantial proportions.

It is significant that similar clean-ups appear to be under way in other countries such as Britain and Australia. All, it has been suggested, has been to some degree at least inspired by Canada's espionage disclosures of last year.

WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT

PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN carries an interesting editorial about a small business man who found that he had to spend so much time meeting with government requirements in connection with carrying on the business that he came to the conclusion he better get out of business and rustle himself a government job.

The Citizen enumerates no less than 20 time-consuming jobs of nuisance work that the exasperated business man had to do for the government before he could get around to do something towards carrying on his own work. There were the jobs in connection with federal, provincial and municipal licensing, the Prices and Trade Board, the Labor Board, the income tax, the unemployment insurance, the sales tax, the Workmen's Compensation Board, the Minimum Wage Act, the Hours of Work Act.

There were what were mentioned for this particular small business. Other small businesses have such other requirements to meet as the returns for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the provincial and federal surveys of manpower, wages, equipment, costs of doing business, capital, etc.

No wonder we cry in exasperation for relief from all these things which are just as much a charge and a brake on business enterprise and initiative although possibly not quite as apparent as our almost confiscatory income and excess profits taxes have been.

What City Council Did

Approved a Board of Works recommendation that the City Engineer be authorized to work in collaboration with R. L. Newcombe to eliminate a water nuisance on Seal Cove Circle. Water from the street floods the basement of Mr. Newcombe's home and proper drainage requires that a culvert be laid under Mr. Newcombe's land.

Approved a grant of \$9,000 requested by the School Board to cover ordinary expenses for the schools for March. Similar requests are made monthly by the school board until the city's estimates are brought down.

Authorized payments of accounts totalling \$46,522 for the city during February.

Authorized the granting of an option, on recommendation of finance committee, to W. C. Collins, to purchase lots 15, and 16, block 3, section 2 (Graham Avenue) at the assessed value of \$600. The option, to run one year called for a down payment of \$60.

Adopted a finance committee recommendation that lot 19, block 5, section 1 (Water Street) be sold to M. J. Saunders for \$150 cash.

Whifflets

From The Waterfront

Herring have been running in substantial quantity during the past week in Eddy Pass around the north end of Porcher Island. The herring pound at Jap Inlet, formerly operated by McFadden Bros. and taken over during the last year by J. Martin, is full now with 150 tons of fish. They are kept there for use of halibut bait later in the season.

Capt. John Boden is back on duty as master of the Union Steamship Co.'s coastal liner Coquitlam, following several weeks' vacation during which he travelled to Alberta. He found the cow country pretty well cluttered up with snow but the trip was an invigorating change. The old ozone of the Pacific, however, smelt good in the nostrils of the popular coastal skipper and he's really glad to be back.

Train Schedule

For the East—
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—
8 p.m.
For the West—
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday—
10:45 p.m.

Approved the action of the Health Committee in awarding a contract, to paint the ladies' rest room to Mr. Jardine.

Adopted a Health Committee report that the Sanitarian has been authorized to destroy any untenanted shacks south of Comox Avenue with the assistance of the city fire chief. This policy was previously approved by the council several months ago.

Referred to a special meeting of council the matter of appointing an accountant to replace S. B. McCafferty, whose resignation becomes effective April 15. Applications are now being considered by the finance committee.

Approved a finance committee recommendation that the agreement for sale between the city and Earl Gordon, covering lot 3 and the west half of lot 4, block 4, section 4 (Fourth Avenue East) be transferred to Martin K. Erickson, also an ex-serviceman desiring to build a home.

Bureaucracy, Sir, Is Like Tapeworm

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., (Present-day "bureaucracy," said W. Buchanan-Taylor, president of the Incorporated Society of Advertisement Consultants, reminded him of the Red Cestoda—a species of tapeworm. "The Cestoda," he said, "is furnished with suckers and hooks, has a complete set of reproductive organs, male and female, and forms fresh proglottides to replace those which are lost. "Something very like it is to blame for the restrictive measures and uninterpretable jargon of bureaucracy."

STARLING PEST THREATENS

VICTORIA, (Dr. C. Carl, director of the provincial museum says that British Columbia farmers may soon have another orchard pest to combat—the starling. He said this European bird, introduced to the east around 1890, has gradually extended its range to the west.

WARTIME DEVICE WILL SAVE COAL

LONDON, (A smoke-eliminator invented during the war to prevent convoys revealing their positions to U-boats now is being used in merchant vessels to effect a five per cent saving in coal. The method involves admitting air over a boiler fire to mix with volatile constituents which make up about a third of the coal and enable them to burn in the boiler instead of being carried out in the exhaust stream.

HER PICTURE PAID OFF—IN GOLD MINES—This sounds like something out of Hans Andersen, the teller of fairy tales, but actually is a true story about Randi Andersen, girl photographer who went to Canada's sub-Arctic gold fields on an assignment and came back owning nine gold mines. They call Randi "The Viking" because of her Norse birth and ability to take sub-Arctic hardships in her stride. How she got the gold mines was in a trade. She met an old prospector, Fernie Calverly, wanted some pictures of an area where he had just made a spectacular gold strike near Bisset, Map. He showed Randi where nine claims were open next to his and helped her to stake them in exchange for her pictures. It was a deal. Come spring, Randi will know whether she's rich or just the owner of some real estate in the wilderness.

CITY SELLS MANY LOTS

The city council last night approved the sale of the following city-owned lots as recommended by finance committee:

Lot 20, block 34, section 7 (Eight Avenue East), to Anton Halverson for \$150.

Lots 32, 33 and 34, block 5, section 1 (Beach Place), to C. K. Ytreberg for \$750.

Lot 6 and east half of block 5 block 27, section 6 (Seventh Avenue East) to J. A. Walker for \$375.

Lot 12, block 30, section 6 (Eighth Avenue East), to Otto Jerstad for \$410.

Lots 25 and 26, block 29, section 6 (Ninth Avenue East) for \$550, to George and Violet Bagshaw, subject to 50 per cent discount for ex-servicemen.

Lot 16, block 13, section 7 (Ambrose Avenue) to R. Rohmer, for \$150, subject to ex-servicemen's discount.

The expectant young father, registering his wife in the maternity ward, turned to her and asked anxiously, "Darling, are you positive you want to go through with this?"

LOW FARES FOR Easter

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RETURN LIMIT: APRIL 8 If no service April 8, take first available train.

SLEEPING and PARLOR CAR PRIVILEGES AT USUAL RATES.

Information from any Agent.

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LIST OF DEPOSITS

Of persons balances of whose service accounts are nil and on which no transaction has taken place since December 31, 1944.

Deposit	Account	Name	Address	Deposit	Date of Last Transaction
N4853	15-6311	H. N. Dunn	1078 7th Ave. E.	\$5.00	Oct. /44
N0914	11-7961	A. R. Phillips	113 8th Ave. W.	5.00	/44
C1767	11-19501	Mrs. A. J. Phillipson	Summit Ave.	3.00	Oct. 29/44

LIST OF CREDIT BALANCES

(After deposits have been credited to accounts) of persons on whose accounts no transaction has taken place since December 31, 1944.

Account	Name	Address	Deposit	Date of Last Transaction
6B-4031	Yee Lee	3rd Ave. E.	\$1.25	Dec. 22/44
8-5121	G. Slater	No. 32 Inlander	.20	Dec. 31/44
8-4591	W. L. Holmes	936 2nd Ave. W.	.75	Dec. 31/44
8-3051	C. Mook	909 1st Ave. W. (Rear)	.73	Dec. 31/44
8-5142	Bodwill	2nd Ave. W.	2.16	Dec. 31/44
13-2681	W. Kerr	441 7th Ave. W.	.13	Oct. 31/44
13-4421	M. H. Hutton	140 7th Ave. E.	3.03	July 31/44

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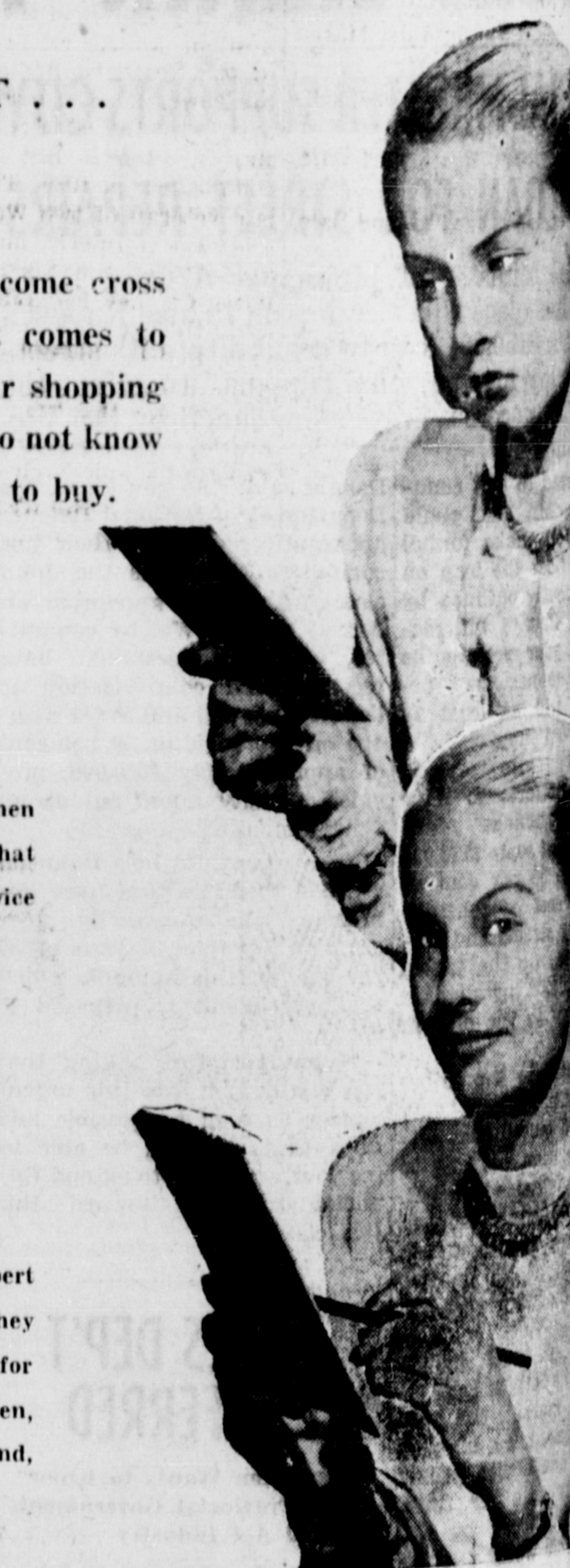


CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT NOTICE
Take notice that I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, at the CITY HALL at 10 a.m. the premises known as STEELE BLOCK, THIRD AVENUE, consisting of business premises on the ground floor, four suites above. Minimum terms: 1/2 cash, balance in equal annual payments with interest at 5% per annum on unpaid balance.
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