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# DRASTIC ACTION IN HOLY LAND

## Coal and Timber Could Make Port of Pr. Rupert

**RICH MINERAL AND FOREST ASSETS AWAIT CONSTRUCTION OF HANDLING, ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT FACILITIES**

The Skeena Valley area, with Prince Rupert as its coastal outlet now is active with plans for furthering the development of coal, lumber and waterpower, says a staff writer in Financial Times, published in Montreal.

An estimate of the quantity of merchantable and accessible saw-timber in the Prince Rupert Forest District is twenty-one and one-half billion board feet contained in an area of 1,700,000 acres. It is estimated that, in the immediate vicinity of the port (50-mile radius) there is available twelve billion board feet of timber suitable for the manufacture of pulpwood and similar products.

## Looking To Northwest

**Financial Times Sees Prince Rupert as Important Site in Coming Development**

Canada's growth is naturally tending to the northwest where geo-political and population problems are calling for attention, says the Financial Times. Immediate advantages naturally will fall to localities like Saskatoon, Grand Prairie in the rich north farm area, and Prince George, hub of an increasingly prosperous north-central British Columbia. With a sea outlet at Prince Rupert and a vast hinterland adjoining Alaska—soon to become the 49th state—and with the anticipated coming of a pioneering people, which cannot be much longer delayed, country planners and local chambers of commerce alike will obtain a new illustration of the meaning of site value.

Due to the indented nature of the coast-line, with its succession of long inlets, a very large proportion of this timber is in stands relatively close to tide-water. It is an undisputed fact that the most economical method of transporting timber to the point of manufacture is by rafting or booming, by which means all logs cut in this area would naturally be transported.

The Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd. serves the Port of Prince Rupert and the immediately adjacent area with power developed at its Falls River plant—capacity 5,000-6,000 h.p. The Falls River output can be increased to 15,000 h.p. by an addition to the existing generating equipment. If assured of a steady demand the Company has given assurance that existing facilities will be expanded. Company officials state that there is a potential of 125,000 h.p. capable of practical development within the 50-mile radius of the city and that the Company would consider favourably the development of these sources if demand warranted.

## IS VICTIM OF TRICK SHOT

**New York Police Searching For Ex-husband of Woman After "Camera" Trick Shooting**

**NEW YORK**—Police posted 24-hour guards today at the hospital bedside of Mrs. Olga Rocco, victim of a Times Square subway station "camera" shooting, as they expanded the hunt for her ex-husband, Alphonse Rocco. Police said they feared another attempt might be made at the life of the pretty Brooklyn housewife, as they accused Rocco of hatching a scheme Mrs. Rocco, using a Christmas which led Pearl Lusk, 19, to shoot wrapped, saved-off shotgun which she thought was a disguised camera. Pearl Lusk told the police that she had been hired to take a picture of Mrs. Rocco.

## THE WEATHER

**Synopsis**  
Clear sub-zero weather was general over the interior of British Columbia early this morning. Although isolated snow flurries were reported, skies were clear over the southern coast while relatively warm moist Pacific air spread over the northern coast with resulting cloudiness and precipitation. A complex weather system over the Pacific appears to be drifting slowly toward the coast but should not affect the British Columbia coast before Saturday.

**Forecast**  
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy this morning, southern section; otherwise overcast, becoming generally overcast by afternoon. Friday—Overcast. Intermittent rain or drizzle today, becoming orizzle early Friday. Southeastern winds (15) increasing to 25 by Friday. Warmer tonight with low expected at Port Hardy, 35; Massett, 35; Prince Rupert, 30; Haida Gwaii—Port Hardy, 42; Massett, 40; Prince Rupert, 40.

## GOOD WATER SUPPLY READY

The source of present supply is Woodworth Lake, situated 7.82 miles from the centre of the city. The watershed comprises nine and one-half square miles, most of which is mountainous and heavily timbered, the lake itself being 450 acres in extent.

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## YEAR'S FIRE LOSS \$6,000

Fire damage in Prince Rupert during 1946 totalled slightly less than \$6000, according to the records of Fire Chief H. T. Lock, and resulted from 104 fire calls during the year. Greatest single loss was the destruction of the Pioneers' Home in April with the loss set at \$4,630.

In 1945, the fire loss was \$30,000, and the number of fire calls for that year totalled 105. During December, 1946, there were 11 fire calls and damage was estimated at \$200.

Fire claimed the lives of two men during the year, both being victims of the blaze which destroyed the Pioneers' Home.

## Customs Revenue Lower Last Year

Customs and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of December amounted to \$22,142.41, bringing the total for the year 1946, up to \$239,902.95 as compared with \$422,163.89 in 1945. Only in three months of 1946 did customs revenue exceed 1945—January, September and November.

## ACTION AGAINST JEHOVAH WITNESSES RAISES STORM OF PROTEST IN QUEBEC



These girls, members of the sect of Jehovah Witnesses, smile happily after their release on bail in Montreal following arrest brought about because of their religious views. A storm of protest has been raised in Montreal against the Quebec government and police for action taken against Jehovah Witnesses.



There are in Quebec almost 1,000 cases against Jehovah Witnesses who await trial on charges of distributing pamphlets. Victoria Douglas, of Chippawa, Ont., right is pictured at No. 1 police station as she telephones her lawyer while awaiting bail.

## Three Dead In Traffic

**Dangerously Icy Streets Take New Year Toll in Vancouver**

**VANCOUVER**—Holiday traffic accidents took a toll of three lives in the Greater Vancouver area over New Year's as icy snow-packed streets led to numerous accidents that also sent eleven persons to hospital. One driver was arrested and charged with manslaughter while two others are charged with dangerous driving.

Dead in the traffic accidents were: William H. Stewart, aged 40, Vancouver; Meford K. Procter, 65, and Mrs. M. L. Procter, his wife.

## YEAR'S BUILDING PERMITS \$230,000

Value of building construction done in Prince Rupert during 1946 was \$230,980, according to the building permits issued at the City Engineer's office during the year. The figure was \$36,299 lower than the value of construction done in 1945 and \$21,000 greater than for 1944.

Permits issued by the City Engineer in December, 1946, totalled \$1,350, the smallest monthly building list since December, 1943. Building permits issued in December, 1945, were valued at \$9,880, and in December, 1944, construction totalled \$4,900 was authorized.

The list of building permits issued last month is as follows: Fred Lowe, Ninth Avenue West, alterations, \$300.

Ideal Cleaners, construction, \$250.  
Ewen Gillis, Tenth Avenue East, alterations, \$50.  
Jack Strand, Fifth Avenue West, repairs, \$50.  
Elio's Furniture Store, repairs, \$250.  
T. Bussanich, Hays Cove Avenue, repairs, \$450.

## Local Man Gets Navy Commission

**OTTAWA**—The January promotion list of the Royal Canadian Navy, issued today, includes Ronald John Pitcher of Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street, Prince Rupert, to be commissioned shipwright.

**PALESTINE CASUALTIES**  
**JERUSALEM**—British authorities announced that 501 British military and civilians were killed or wounded by Jewish extremists in Palestine during the year 1946.

## Bulletins

**NEW YEAR FIRE TRAGEDY**  
**NEW YORK**—Fire tragedy marred New Year's Eve when an office building was destroyed on Broadway. Four firemen perished when a floor collapsed upon them. Three other firemen are in critical condition in hospital, last rites having been administered. It was one of Lower Manhattan's most spectacular conflagrations in years.

**TEA AND COFFEE UP**  
**OTTAWA**—Prices and Trade Board has authorized increases of 10c per pound in tea prices and 4c in coffee. Subsidies are being eliminated and price levels of 1942 restored.

**WHISKEY PRICES DROP**  
**NEW YORK**—Prices of rye, Scotch and bourbon whiskey, rum and gin dropped sharply in liquor stores. Scotch whiskey was down \$2.75 per bottle.

**TO PRIVY COUNCIL**  
**LONDON**—The King's New Years Honors List included the appointment of Canadian Minister of Agriculture James G. Gardiner and Minister of Veterans Affairs Ian Mackenzie to the Privy Council. They are now entitled to the prefix "Right Honorable," joining Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Minister of External Affairs St. Laurent, Minister of Reconstruction Howe and Former Premier Arthur Meighen. An American was included in the Honors' List—Former Ambassador James G. Winant—who receives the honorary Order of Merit.

**WOULD HELP HOCKEY**  
**OTTAWA**—Minister of Trade and Commerce J. A. McKinnon would give federal assistance in sending Canadian amateur hockey teams abroad to participate in international competition. A Canadian team was unable for financial reasons to go to Prague, Czechoslovakia, this winter.

**SUPPLIES THROUGH ICE**  
**MONTREAL**—The government ice-breaker C.G.S. Sorel, is on the way to the village of Natashquan on the lower St. Lawrence with 40 tons of relief supplies. The final regular ship of the season was unable to reach Natashquan before the freeze-up came.

**GENEROSITY INCREDIBLE**  
**BROOKLYN**—A Brooklyn tavern keeper, who gave away \$1,109 in one-dollar bills on Christmas Day and started New Year's Eve by distributing \$3,500, is now in hospital for observation.

**BRITISH ATOMIC PLANT**  
**LONDON**—Britain's first atomic plant will be built and in operation experimentally within two years, says the Evening Standard, but it is not said whether it will be for defence or industrial use.

**DISASTER MINIMIZED**  
**TOKYO**—United States Army officers, after an investigation, say that the earthquake and tidal wave which struck Japan last week was not of the proportions of a national disaster although some localities suffered heavily. Thousands of acres of rice lands were adversely affected by salt water. The officers say that the Japanese tendency was to exaggerate the extent of damage.

**BRITISH BILL TO SPAIN**  
**LONDON**—Great Britain is to present a heavy bill to Franco Spain for damage done to British property and shipping during the Spanish civil war.

**VANCOUVER PORT BUSY**  
**VANCOUVER**—Forty-two deep sea ships are in port here and at New Westminster leading grain for the United Kingdom and general cargo for the Far East. Vancouver looks forward to a busy year in shipping in 1947 with many new lines starting calls with their vessels here.

**ARSON THREATENED**  
**VANCOUVER**—C. R. Ballard received an arson note, saying his home was to be burnt to the ground. It is the third such threatening note to be reported. A pyromaniac is believed to be lurking.

**ARMS DISCUSSION**  
**LAKE SUCCESS**—Consideration of disarmament proposals by the United Nations committee is deferred until next week. The United States would withhold consideration of the Russian arms limitation resolution until all other such resolutions are in and could be dealt with simultaneously.

## Igor Gouzenko Is Big News Figure

**TORONTO**—Igor Gouzenko, star witness of the prosecution in the espionage cases, was rated in a Canadian Press poll as the person who created the most news during 1946. Prime Minister King was given second place and Minister of External Affairs St. Laurent third.

## Heavy Snow In December

Prince Rupert in December experienced the heaviest snowfall and the lowest average temperature of any single month in recent years, according to the monthly weather summary issued this morning by the Digby Island meteorological station.

Measured in terms of precipitation, the snowfall last month totalled only 3.56 inches out of the month's precipitation total of 16.61 inches but the actual depth of snow which blanketed the area was 35.6 inches.

Total precipitation for the year was 103.32 inches, as compared with 90.42 inches in 1945; 74.3 inches in 1944 and 90.76 inches in 1943.

The city caught glimpses of the sun for 16.9 hours on eight days during the month, bringing the total hours of bright sunshine for the year to 816.3. In December, 1945, there was only a meagre 4.5 hours of bright sunshine, and the year's total was 828.3 hours.

Average temperature for the month was 35.2 degrees, the lowest mean temperature in the last four years. Maximum temperature during the month was 47 degrees on December 24, and the minimum was 24 degrees on December 27.

Highest barometric pressure in December was 30.59 inches, and the minimum was 29.167.

Highest wind velocity was 33 miles an hour from the south-east on December 5 and December 17.



**BRITISH MINISTER**—Rt. Hon. George A. Isaacs, minister of labor in the British government.

## IS FLYING TO ORIENT

**Big Airways Reconnaissance Ship On Way to Anchorage From Edmonton**

**EDMONTON**—On the second lap of a survey flight for a new air service to the Orient, a Northwest Air Lines commercial DC-4 plane took off from here today enroute to Anchorage, Alaska, a 1,580-mile flight. The plane arrived here last night. Its ultimate destination is Manila and stops will be also made in the Aleutian Islands, northern Japan, Tokyo and Shanghai.

## TAXI STRIKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Many taxi-riding San Franciscans have had to walk to work since New Year's Day as a result of the strike of the Yellow Cab service which operates 2,000 vehicles.

## Edmonton Has Fire On New Year's Eve

**EDMONTON**—More than \$15,000 damage was done by fire to a drugstore and cafe on Jasper Avenue New Year's Eve.

## Screen Comedian Left Big Estate

**HOLLYWOOD**—The late W. C. Fields, comedian of stage, screen and radio, left an estate valued at \$800,000.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bralorne	11.50
B. R. Con.	.04
B. R. X.	.11
Carlson Gold	2.75
Debtless (ask)	.30
Gold Mines	.09
Hedley Mascot	1.22
Minro	.05
Pend Oreille	2.95
Pioneer	3.45
Premier Border	.06 1/4
Premier Gold	1.30
Privateer	.58 1/2
Reeves McDonald	1.10
Reno	.11 1/2
Salmon Gold	.19 3/4
Sheep Creek	1.25
Taylor Bridge	.65
Whitewater	.02 1/2
Vananda (ask)	.27
Congress	.09 1/2
Pacific Eastern (ask)	.48
Hedley Amalgamated	.10
Spud Valley	.18
Central Zeballos	.06
Oils	
A. P. Con.	.10
Calmont	.25
C. & E.	1.65
Footfalls	1.90
Home	2.65
Toronto	
Aumaque	.72
Beattie	.66
Bobjo	.15
Buffalo Canadian	.23
Cons. Smelters	87.00
Eldona	.86
Elder	1.08
Giant Yellowknife	6.20
Hardrock	.55 1/2
Jackknife	.09
Joliet Quebec	.35
Little Long Lac	2.01
Madsen Red Lake	3.40
MacLeod Cockshutt	1.85
Moneta	5.58
Omega	.17
Pickle Crow	2.85
San Antonio	4.15
Senator Rouyn	.54
Sherritt Gordon	2.22
Steep Rock	2.15
Sturgeon River	.24
Lynx	.25
Lepaska	.40
God's Lake	.62
Negus	1.99
Aubelle	.35 1/2
Heva Gold	.86
Harricana	.18 1/2
McKenzie Red Lake	.78

## Irrked Over Palestine--Martial Law?

**British Must Find Solution of Situation At Once Or Revert to Military Rule**

**LONDON**—A government source said today that Great Britain was faced with the necessity of finding immediate and final solution to the Palestine question or conducting full scale military operations to maintain her mandatory position in the Holy Land.

"Civily," the source said "the situation is out of hand and, if Irgun Zvai Leumi carries out its threat to launch a new offensive against Britain's armed forces, it may become necessary to proclaim martial law in certain parts of the country." Under martial law courts and civil administrations could be suspended.

The British cabinet today summoned its second meeting in three days.

Meantime Jerusalem reported that threat of new violence hung over the Holy Land today as Irgun Zvai Leumi promised unremitting "warfare" to achieve the goal of a free Palestine. Rejecting a United States congressman's plea for peace, Irgun's action coincided with the verdict of a military court condemning a member of the Jewish underground organization to death for participating in an armed attack on a police station on April 23, two policemen being killed in the attack.

United States Representative Joseph Clark Baldwin had asked that Irgun halt operations "until it have acquiesced the American government and the people with your fight."

Dispatches from London report increasing indications that official British opinion is inclining to the view that the only feasible way to settle the Palestine problem is to partition the Holy Land into separate Jewish and Arab states.

## Gutter School Is Cutted By Fire

**VANCOUVER**—Continuation of the wave of incendiarism was seen in the fire early Wednesday which gutted 12-room Seaview School. A special investigation will be held, the fire chief announces.

The fire, which police and fire authorities are combining in investigating from the standpoint of possibility of arson, did heavy damage estimated at \$75,000. The school is situated in the Kitsilano district.

The police believe that a pyromaniac, already wanted for questioning in connection with three earlier suspected deliberate fires, may be responsible for the blaze.

A number of threatening letters have been received by residents living in apartment buildings in the district recently. There have been six fires since Christmas Eve which may have been of incendiary origin. The latest to receive an incendiary threat note is Mrs. J. E. Good of the 700 block East Forty-Eighth. The note says her home will be burned to the ground January 3.

## Local Tides

Friday, January 3, 1947

	High	9:49	20.5 feet
		22:49	17.5 feet
	Low	3:21	8.4 feet
		16:37	4.8 feet

**ATTENTION**  
Unemployed Members of UNITED FISHERMEN'S AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION  
Desiring work phone Secretary at Black 593

**BASKETBALL**  
**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT vs. BO-ME-HI**  
(New Westminster)  
TONIGHT • CIVIC CENTRE  
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