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AWA GRANTS VANCOUVER-PRINCE RUPERT AIR LICENCE

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A (CP)—License was issued by the Air Board for a new air service operated ian Pacific Airlines ill link Vancouver, Port Hardy, Sanspit ce Rupert.

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een Vancouver and Douglas wheel craft used and between and Prince Rupert ying boats.

mail contract will ought, it is expected.

EACON'S EMENT

anager of C.N.R. Press Public Relations ent Through

EAL—The retirement con, manager of press blic relations depart- adian National Rail- Trans-Canada Air der the pension plan mpany, is announced. on has been engaged listic and railway press anada and the United more than 40 years won a wide popularity wspaper men through- glish-speaking world" er S. Thompson, pub- ns director of the ation companies, in known the retirement May 1.

ief interludes of pub- ork which ranged from grand opera, Mr. Dea- important posts on ers and magazines in Ottawa, Winnipeg and k, before joining the s United States press ative. He contributed articles and stories zines, conducted col- the Montreal Herald, Telegram and New orning Telegram. He weekly theatrical re- r the Canadian Press the six years he was sup- ent of that organiza- New York.

Deacon was born at Mont- May 1, 1882, and will on rement make his home rgeville, Quebec.

aturday Mr. Deacon was by his colleagues in the nd air line with a re- nd presentation. More Canadian and United editors, railway execu- public relations offi- ed in a dinner to Mr. at which George H. ter, executive editor of ontreal Gazette, presided K. Sandwell, editor, Sat- night, Toronto, was prin- peaker.

ng Fingers Typo Speed Gruelling

NCOUVER (CP) — Albert ne-Gun Fingers) Tangora, me world typewriting mpion, said on a visit he had practised six ten 20 hours daily to speed of 142 words a On a lecture trip he shuns the time-worn he time . . ." and urged speed artists to "take it

SCHOOL, DEBENTURE LEVIES DOWN, GENERAL RATE UP IN 1947 BUDGET

Reduction of Prince Rupert's taxation levy from 52 mills on the dollar in 1946 to 50 mills in 1947 was announced formally to city council last night by Finance Committee Chairman T. N. Youngs and received its first reading in the form of the 1947 Rate Bylaw. Overall taxation drop is four per cent under 1946.

The new budget revealed a decrease of 5.51 mills for school purposes, a decrease of .42 mills to meet the debenture debt and an increase of 4.93 mills to meet general expenditure.

Amount of money to be raised for overall taxation this year is $224,156.49, as compared with $227,925.13 in 1946.

Here is the taxation picture as drawn by Alderman Youngs last night:

1947	Mills	
School Levy	16.13	$ 80,096.35
Debentures	14.83	66,484.52
General Revenue	19.04	85,358.41
		$231,940.28
—1946 School Surplus		7,783.79
	50.00	$224,156.49

1946	Mills	
School Levy	21.64	$ 97,760.38
Debentures	15.25	66,857.59
General Revenue	15.11	66,233.96
		$230,851.93
—1945 School Surplus		2,926.80
	52.00	$227,925.13

REDUCTION OF SCHOOL RATE

Reduction in the school mill rate, Alderman Youngs said, was made possible because of the implementation of the Cameron educational report and additional government grants for school purposes as a result of the Goldenberg municipal report.

The 1946 budget called for school expenditures of $97,760, minus $2,926 which was surplus from the 1945 budget. The 1947 school budget, due to increased government grants, was $80,096, from which the 1946 surplus of $7,783 was deducted, setting the mill rate for school purposes at 16.13 mills, a decrease of 5.51 mills.

Local improvement sewer debentures totalling $23,700 were issued in 1946, increasing the debenture debt charges by $3,044. However, this increase was slightly more than offset by the sale of various city properties and the consequent levying of local improvement taxes against the individual taxpayers concerned.

The result of this was that the amount of money paid to the sinking fund out of general revenue has been reduced from $66,857 in 1946 to $66,484 in 1947, thus enabling the mill rate for this purpose to be reduced from 15.25 to 14.83.

An estimated decrease in revenue for general purposes of $20,000 this year sent the mill rate climbing to 19.04 from its 1946 level of 15.11 mills. A drop of $9,000 in lease rentals from Canadian and United States military authorities and an estimated decrease of $5,000 in police court fines were the major revenue reductions. Revenue from sale of city-owned lands is also expected to be down by $3,500, Alderman Youngs said.

Although the city has experienced a decrease in population, it is not expected that revenues from the telephone and water departments will be reduced this year, he added.

MOUNTING COSTS RESPONSIBLE

"Despite every effort that has been made to reduce anticipated expenditure to a minimum, rising prices and other factors have resulted in increasing the amount to be raised for general purposes from $66,233 in 1946 to $85,358 in 1947," Alderman Youngs declared. "The general rate this year will be 19.04 mills as compared with 15.11 mills in 1946."

Northwest Salvage High Canol Bidder

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The highest bid submitted for the Canol No. 1 wartime project in the Northwest Territories and Yukon which cost $70,000,000 is $1,500,000 from the Northwest Salvage Co. of Edmonton and Calgary, it was announced yesterday. This is the same company that has been negotiating for the large warehouse which was built by the United States Army at Prince Rupert during the war.

AIR SURVEY OF INTERIOR

Area Between Prince George and Terrace to be Mapped

OTTAWA— A Mitchell twin engine photographic plane has taken off from Rockcliffe air station for Penticton, British Columbia to mark the opening of the RCAF's 1947 Photographic survey work, a task that will see Air Force planes fly thousands of miles and cover 700,000 square miles of the Dominion during the summer season. This year's schedule calls for the Air Force's greatest contribution during the 20 years that it has been helping to push back Canada's frontiers. Central British Columbia will figure prominently in the season's work.

The photographic aircraft is from 413 Photographic Squadron, which, with 414 Photographic Squadron is responsible for the RCAF's share in the mapping of Canada. Piloted by Flying Officer A. G. Robertson of Winnipeg and Flying Officer R. J. Quigley, it will carry out photographic surveys from Penticton and Prince George, of the Columbia River watershed, the eastern slopes of the Rockies near Lethbridge, and interior British Columbia near Terrace. Other crew members are Flying Officer B. Cook, navigator, and officer commanding the detachment, Ottawa; Flying Officer G. Y. Lebel, wireless operator, of Cocowna, Riviere du Loup, P.Q.; and Leading Aircraftsman W. H. Molyneaux, camera operator, of Calgary. Ground Crew members who will service the aircraft are Corporal G. E. Hudson of Ottawa; Corporal J. N. Sabourin, Ottawa; Leading Aircraftsman B. E. Bowman, Ottawa; Leading Aircraftsman D. M. Babcock, Am-

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Trans-Canada Air Liner Lost Since Midnight; Had Fifteen Persons Aboard; Big Search

Feared to Have Plunged Into Gulf of Georgia Off Vancouver Island Coast Near Nanaimo

VANCOUVER (CP)—The greatest search in the history of Canadian commercial aviation, with nineteen planes taking part, started at daylight today when the planes set seeking a TransCanada Airlines Lodestar that vanished early today with fifteen aboard after reporting its position over Vancouver airport. It is feared the plane might have plunged into the Gulf of Georgia as it sought safety at Patricia Bay airport after failing to make a landing here. Nanaimo reports told of a "clap like thunder" early today after the plane had been heard flying low with engines sputtering.

The aircraft, on flight number three from Toronto, has not been heard from since 11:27 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time just three minutes before it was scheduled to land on a westbound flight from Lethbridge.

The ship carried twelve passengers and a crew of three.

Airlines officials said the search had been narrowed generally to an area of about thirty miles between Duncan, Chemainus and Nanaimo.

Passengers were:

C. P. Reiner, Westmount, Quebec.

V. Armond, Winnipeg.

D. Vance, Winnipeg.

W. Robson, Winnipeg.

Miss Jane Warren, Vancouver General Hospital nurse.

Miss Margaret Hamblin, Vancouver General Hospital nurse.

L. Millar, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Nugent, Winnipeg honeymoon couple.

Miss N. Lesiuke, Trail.

Miss Margaret Trerise, Vancouver.

The crew members were Captain W. C. Pike of Vancouver; First Officer A. A. Stewart of Vancouver; and Stewardess Miss H. M. Salisbury of Vancouver.

The Gulf was rainswept and a strong wind, 33 miles per hour, was blowing when the plane disappeared. It has cleared today to facilitate search operations.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.25
B.R. Con.	.06¼
B.R.X.	.10
Caliboo Gold	2.50
Dentonia	.22
Grull Wihksne	.07¾
Hedley Mascot	1.05
Minto	.03
Pend Oreille	2.50
Pioneer	3.50
Premier Border	.04¾
Premier Gold	.70
Privateer	.41
Reeves McDonald (ask)	1.50
Reno	.13
Salmon Gold	.25½
Sheep Creek	1.20
Taylor Bridge	.50
Whitewater	.02½
Vananda	.32
Congress	.04¾
Pacific Eastern	.27
Hedley Amalgamated	.08
Spud Valley (ask)	.17
Central Zeballos (ask)	.03
Oils—	
A.P. Con.	.12
Calmont	.27
C. & E.	1.95
Foothills	2.70
Home	3.05
Toronto	
Athona	.22
Aumaque	.44
Beattie	.86
Bevcourt	.95
Bobjo	.19
Buffalo Canadian	.20
Consolidated Smelters	84.00
Conwest	.98
Donalda	.93
Eldona	.41
Elder	1.00
Giant Yellowknife	6.15

NEW DEAL ON POLICE

Boost of $2,400 Above Contract In Effect For Last Four Years

City Council last night ratified the signing of a new agreement with the provincial police covering policing of the city for 1947 at a cost of $20,692—an increase of $2,400 annually over the contract which had been in effect since 1943.

The aldermen authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement after the police committee had met with Police Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons, Pyamaster Inspector D. D Moses and Divisional Inspector H. H. Mansell.

A new agreement with the city was requested by the provincial police last fall on grounds that rising costs had made greater contract charges necessary for municipal policing.

Council deferred preparation of a new agreement until Commissioner Parsons visited the city, allowing discussions of the local aspects. The increase also touches other municipalities policed by the provincial force.

However, the boost from $18,254 to $20,692, may be partially offset by the fact that, under recent amendments to the Municipal Act, cost of transporting prisoners to the provincial jail at New Westminster. Transportation cost of prisoners to the city last year was $1,294.

PULP PARTY DUE MAY 19

Head of Celanese Corporation and Other Officials of New York, Coming Then

Harold Blancke, of New York, president of the Celanese Corporation of America; D. G. Stenstrom, consulting engineer, and other officials of the company which has decided to establish a $15,000,000 celanese pulp plant at Port Edward near Prince Rupert are due to arrive in the city on May 19 to visit the site prior to the institution of actual construction operations. As previously announced, it is the intention to get the work started this year, the first step being a large excavation job.

Baseball Scores

American

Detroit 3, Cleveland 0.

Only major league game scheduled.

ROLLER KILLER

An armadillo kills snakes by rolling on them.

Income Tax Reductions Are Expected

NEW MUNICIPAL ACT CLAUSE HITS AT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT HERE

Charges that the Goldenberg municipal report, as adopted by the provincial legislature, is a two-edged sword that can injure as well as assist Prince Rupert were levelled in city council last night after City Clerk H. D. Thain read parts of the report pertinent to Prince Rupert.

Major objection was aimed at a clause which debars city councils from "endorsing shares and from granting any taxation exemptions to any industrial or commercial establishment. The aldermen saw it as one which would stifle the establishment of new industries here.

"This is a vital clause," declared Alderman Youngs. "It aboslutely debars us from making tax concessions to prospective industries. It favors big cities with established industries."

The American warehouse, he said, was an instance of taxation concessions being required. If taxation concessions are not granted there, it is likely to be scrapped.

Council presented a motion by Alderman Youngs which protested the clause, and requested the government to present an amendment to the legislature allowing exemption of Prince Rupert from it.

The Municipal Act amendments also give the city the right to levy a tax on all businesses, the tax to be based on the annual rental of the business property. The aldermen could not agree that this would work out equitably. Other pertinent clauses were:

Commencing with the next elections the mayor will be elected for a two-year term.

In future, no loans of any description may be made by municipalities for a period of greater than 30 years. Former maximum was 50 years.

The council is given power to pass a bylaw taxing house boats and other dwelling structures which have not been subject to real property taxes.

The statutory maximum borrowing power of all cities has been substantially reduced.

Facilities of telephone, light, power and other public utilities, excepting bus lines, will be subject to taxation on the basis of three per cent on the amount annually received for the sale or rental of those services.

The city is no longer responsible for delivery of an accused person to the provincial jail or for maintenance of prisoners in the jail.

In future, council is required to pass a bylaw setting aside all money received from the sale of tax sale properties for the purposes of bringing sinking funds up to the required amounts, reduction of the debenture and other debts, or for capital or special expenditures.

Expenditure of such money will require passage of a bylaw which shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, who may direct that the bylaw receive the assent of the electors.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The storm which moved inland over British Columbia during the night is followed by cool, moist air from off the Pacific. Showery weather will be general throughout B.C. today, with skies expected to clear through the lower mainland and the interior of the province this evening.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, North Coast and Queen Charlottes—Overcast, frequently cloudy with rain showers today and Wednesday Winds southerly (15 m.p.h.); little change in temperature. Lows tonight—At Port Hardy 38, Massett 35, Prince Rupert 35. Highs Wednesday—At Port Hardy 52, Massett 48, Prince Rupert 50.

Local Tides

Wednesday, April 30, 1947

High	9:53	17.9 feet
	22:40	19.0 feet
Low	3:52	8.2 feet
	16:14	5.0 feet

LOST ON DEAL

Ismail Pasha, khedive of Egypt in 1860, built up a national debt of over $400,000,000 and had to sell Egypt's shares in the Suez canal to Britain to pay off the debt.

Canada Speculates as Budget Delivery Tonight is Awaited

OTTAWA (CP)—Official Ottawa, with the rest of Canada keeping company, sits tight today on the eve of budget night amid predictions that Minister of Finance Douglas Abbott's budget will be a "surprise package." Three features are being predicted:

The final draft contains greater personal income tax reductions than were at first anticipated.

A change—very likely downward—will be made in the excise tax on cigarettes and possibly some other tobaccos.

There will be no reduction in the wartime tax applying to postage.

Excise profits tax, applying to business, may be reduced or even eliminated.

Extent of the income tax reduction is unknown but it is reported it will be "much more" than the ten percent cut previously forecast.

IN SPOTLIGHT—Hon. Douglas Abbott, who brings down his budget tonight.

SHORT-LIVED AT PRICE

The Colossus at Rhodes, erected in 280 B.C. and destroyed in 224 B.C., cost about $258,000.

"Untouchability" To Be Abolished

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Indian Constituent Assembly today accepted as a fundamental right the abolishment of "untouchability" in any form.

DIFFERENCE IN RIBS

Six per cent of humanity have 13 pair of ribs; all the rest have 12.

COMMUNISM FLOURISHES

Tim Buck Says L. P. Party Will Gain From C.C.F. and Liberals

TORONTO—Returning from a tour of Europe, Tim Buck, leader of the Labor-Progressive Party, Canada's Communist counterpart, declared his party would add to its strength by boring into the C.C.F. and the ranks of Left Wing Liberals. There were twice as many Communists in Europe than there were before and there were many rebels tending toward Communism in the Attlee Labor government in Britain, he said.

TONS OF PERFUM

Italian Somaliland is the source of half the world's supply of incense.

SPECIAL ENDS MAY 2ND

Take advantage of 50c discount on $2.00 worth of dry-cleaning before May 2nd.

Costs of labor and materials have advanced—our prices after May 2nd are as follows:

Ladies' Plain Dresses, 1-piece	$1.00
Ladies' Suits, 2-piece	1.00
Gents' Suits, 2 or 3-piece	1.00
Ladies' Suits, sponged and pressed	.60

Other prices on request.

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