

An independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and all communities comprising northern and central British Columbia...

Using Dry Dock

PRINCE RUPERT'S dry dock was originally conceived as being part of a world plan of British Empire defence. In the event of war in Pacific it was to be used as a Pacific Coast repair base for the Royal Navy.

Towards the end of World War I it was used to build freighters for use in transporting war supplies, although the war was over before they were completed. After that war, the plant lapsed into years of near complete idleness.

Canadian National Railways has been in possession of the yard for some years now but does not even use it for the carrying out of repairs to its own vessels. Nor—if it bids very often at all—does it seem able to compete with other coastal ship-building yards for such new ship construction that might be going.

Possibly, it might be well to suggest that the Prince Rupert dry dock revert back to the government with the object of using it for what it was primarily intended, a repair base for naval and government vessels. The present international situation, with its important bearing on the Pacific arena, would suggest the wisdom of such a course, particularly since the railway company seems to have so completely lost interest and not being, as it has suggested itself, in the shipbuilding business anyway.

Under the government aegis, the local plant could still carry on all the work it is now doing and would be available for other work as suggested.

Peter Gamula Buys Theo Collart Home

The new modern bungalow on Fifth Avenue West, the home of Theo Collart, has been sold to Peter Gamula, a pioneer resident of Prince Rupert, the sale having been negotiated through the office of R. E. Mortimer, Second Avenue. Mr. Collart will be moving into the adjacent brick house and in early June will be leaving via the Panama Canal for a visit to Belgium, returning in the fall.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—W. G. Mallory, Mrs. H. Pettersen, Mrs. J. Cummings. From Vancouver—Miss I. Cross, Miss D. Butterworth, S. Scharfe, J. H. Tremble. From Sandspit—R. Smith, M. L. Greene, L. Coburn, J. Chell.

Letters to the Editor

ALD. WHALEN'S STAND

Editor, Daily News: I would like to reiterate my stand on the telephone system.

Regarding Alderman Casey's latest proposal that a second plebiscite be held on the following:

- 1. That the city install an Automatic Telephone system at a cost of \$550,000. 2. To extend, renew and repair the present system at a cost not exceeding \$150,000. 3. To advertise the existing plant for sale or lease, together with a twenty year franchise, for the operation of the system.

The people of Prince Rupert have already voiced the opinion that they were in favor of installing an automatic system. Why should the city be faced with the cost of a second plebiscite?

As a layman, I can rely on the expert advice, given by four of the foremost telephone companies' electrical engineers, namely, Northern Electric Co., Automatic Electric Co., B. C. Telephone Co., and the latest advice, last week by Mr. Scowcroft of the General Electric Co. of England. All these experts unanimously agree that our present system is hopelessly antiquated and liable to a major breakdown at any moment. They all suggest that automatic equipment would be the best solution to our problem.

How could the people of Prince Rupert, with the future that is promised, possibly afford to dis-

pose of a source of revenue, such as an up to date automatic system could provide? We definitely must retain public ownership of this utility. Would any individual, or company offer to purchase either the system or franchise, if there was not ample remuneration involved?

Prince Rupert must either progress or regress. Which is it to be? Let us be proud to own one up to date public utility, and look forward to the future with courage.

Thanking you for your space Mr. Editor.

ALDERMAN H. S. WHALEN.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Prince Rupert C. Campbell, Vancouver; G. L. Morris, Victoria; A. C. Davies, New Westminster; E. Jaquet, Edmonton; R. A. Forest, Vancouver; G. Joy, Prince George; E. Johnson, Vancouver; F. Guildford, Telkwa; R. Coburn, Prince George; L. Smith, Edmonton; D. McLennan, Alert Bay; C. A. Woolcott, Vancouver; Mrs. E. Sampson, Queen Charlotte City; Mr. and Mrs. R. Arnett, city; H. C. Daykin, Vancouver; D. Siddons, Vancouver; Miss E. Cross, Vancouver; A. A. Antilla, Ocean Falls; L. Fleming, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. M. Allen, Vancouver; M. L. Greene, Victoria; E. Grey, Vancouver; W. G. Drake, Vancouver; W. Dupont, Victoria; Mrs. J. Brown, Port Essington.

GROWING BEARD NOW WORTHWHILE

When bearded Prince Rupert men, and their number is now legion, parade at the big Gyro Club Klondyke Night on May 6, they will compete not only for the club's \$50 and other cash prizes but also for a cup being put up by Jerry Lemire as a permanent annual trophy.

Latest entries in the beard-growing contest are Norman Haywood, Boyo Gurvich, Kai Longwill, A. McLeod, Malcolm Finlayson, Clarence W. Dixon, Harold Ponder, E. Czepl and B. J. Scharffe.

JUNIOR RED CROSS SALE

Borden Street Raises Large Sum at Week-End Affair

Another very successful Junior Red Cross Sale was held at Borden Street School on Friday afternoon when the sum of \$104.12 was raised towards the Crippled and Handicapped Children's Fund and the National Service Fund of the organization.

Included in the sale were pyrex, aluminum ware, pot holders, hosiery, mouth organs, softball bats and silverware obtained as premiums in return for coupons collected by the pupils of the school. Since the reopening of school in September the pupils have collected over fourteen thousand coupons. On sale too were over fifty gliders made by the boys and girls of Division One. These met with a ready

New Schools For Smithers-Telkwa

Tenders were recently asked for a three-room school at Telkwa and the building of a three-room annex to the high school at Smithers. Bids will close April 16.

Tommy Fraser returned to the city on Saturday night's train from a trip to New Hazelton.

ASPIRIN advertisement with 'STOPS HEADACHE FAST' and 'GENUINE ASPIRIN IS MARKED THIS WAY'.

HOME BUILDERS! advertisement for property in N.H.A. district.

ARMSTRONG AGENCIES advertisement for real estate and insurance.

Household Appliances advertisement listing Kelvinator refrigerators, Victor radios, Philips radios, etc.

CHIROPRACTOR advertisement for John F. L. Hughes, D.C., Ph.C.

GREER & BRIDDE advertisement for construction and alterations.

YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS advertisement.

Gordon's HARDWARE advertisement with 'WE DELIVER' slogan.

Marshall Plan boomerang

There's a fast growing crisis in trade and finance as the democracies split into two separate worlds. Grave implications for Canada. Don't miss this important special article in The Post.

EXECUTIVE HEALTH is vital business problem. See what a specialist advises and the warning he gives company heads.

THE BUDGET. Authoritative comment and analysis for businessmen and investors.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BOOM Keep up with the immense developments in this dynamic province. In this issue read the comprehensive articles which report and interpret B.C. trends. Interesting now, valuable as a reference throughout the year.

15c. at your newsstand Yearly by mail \$5; 2 years \$10

The Financial POST advertisement with address 481 University Ave., Toronto 2.

WRATHALL'S PHOTO FINISHING advertisement for developing, printing, enlarging, etc.

Prince Rupert Florists advertisement for 300 3rd Ave.

MEMO advertisement with '68 millions saved on U.S. exchange' and 'new markets, new industries, more employment'.

What's happening in Alberta is good for everyone

What's happening out in Alberta these days? Plenty! New oil is being sought and found. Money's flowing faster. There's lots of activity, lots of opportunity. And as a result all Canadians are better off.

For instance, oil from Alberta's new wells is expected to save 68 million U.S. dollars this year! That's one of the big reasons for Canada's better trade position, one of the reasons we are able to buy more U.S. goods.

The new discoveries have meant lower cost operation in Alberta and Saskatchewan for farmer and industrialist, and this must ultimately benefit all of Canada.

Then, too, it takes a lot of money to find oil and lots more to develop a field once it's found. Two million dollars a week is being poured into oil exploration and development in Alberta today. That spending creates new markets for the things the rest of Canada has to sell.

And finally let's recall that in the war years—and after—we were dependent on foreign oil for roughly 90 per cent of our supplies. This year prairie production should exceed prairie demand. With continued effort and reasonable success it is not too much to hope the men who search for oil will make Canada self-sufficient in petroleum in years to come.

Everywhere in Alberta you hear about new oil discoveries—all the more because they followed the long years when nature baffled the oil seekers. Years when men drilled holes two miles deep and found only water. Years of million-dollar disappointments.

In 1947 the tide turned. First it was the Leduc field... then the Woodbend field... next Redwater... now, still untested by time, other discoveries give new promise and the hope of still greater benefits for all Canadians.

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

If you're interested in facts... Consumption of oil in Canada is the second highest in the world on a per capita basis. United States alone is higher. Canadians are using twice as much oil as in 1939 and more than three times as much as in 1932. At the beginning of 1949 Canada was importing 84 per cent of her oil. During 1948 Imperial Oil drilled a total of 138 wells in its search for oil and in developing the new fields of Alberta. The oil industry is spending more than \$100 million in exploration and development in Alberta this year.

Bringing you oil is a big job—and a costly one

Ormes Drugs advertisement for Rexall Drugs, featuring Kenneth Spencer and a reservation for April 14.

British Consols Cigarette Tobacco advertisement with 'IT PAYS TO ROLL YOUR OWN WITH' slogan.

Macdonald's British Consols Cigarette Tobacco advertisement showing the product pack.

MEN'S CLOTHES advertisement for B.C. CLOTHING and COTTAGE CLOTHING.

SAVOR HOT advertisement for Carl Zarella's restaurant.

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