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Oil Drilling Starting On Queen Charlotte Islands

Britain Blames Russia For Atomic War Threat

SENATE APPROVES GOVERNMENT BILL

The Senate yesterday approved a government bill to give Canada the right to alter its constitution in federal matters. The resolution was passed by a vote of 63 to 17. Conservative opposition was limited to a few members of the opposition.

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EAST MEETS WEST—The East met the west over a pot of tea in Canada's capital when the wife of the Indian High Commissioner to Canada, S. K. Kirpalani, held a tea party. Left to right are: Mrs. L. B. Pearson, wife of Canada's minister of external affairs; Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of Prime Minister Nehru of India; Mrs. Kirpalani and Canada's first lady, Mrs. Louis St. Laurent. (C. P. Photo)

OREGON SCHOOL BAND COMING?

The High School Concert Band of Eugene, Oregon, is planning a tour of Southeastern Alaska and the Students Council of Booth Memorial High School with a view to making a stand in Prince Rupert. The band consists of thirty persons. It has also been in communication with the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

HOCKEY SCORES

N.H.L.		
Chicago 3, Boston 1		
Montreal 2, New York 2 (tie)		
Pacific Coast		
Portland 6, Seattle 3		
New Westminster 6, San Francisco 6		
San Diego 2, Los Angeles 2		

LOCAL TIDES

Friday, November 11, 1949		
High	4:54	17.0 feet
	12:18	19.0 feet
Low	10:18	10.6 feet
	23:23	5.9 feet

Mrs. M. P. McCaffery is sailing tonight on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver, accompanying that for her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Coulter, who are leaving for Rhodesia, South Africa.

MINERAL PROSPECTING 'RIGOROUS AND DISAPPOINTING,' JAYCEES TOLD

Anyone who plans to prospect for base or precious metals would be wise to ponder the chances arrayed against him of seeing any of his claims, no matter how hopeful they initially appear, being developed into paying producers.

Chances against the discovery of a paying property, whether to the lone free-lance prospector or the well-heeled mining company, far outweigh the possibilities of it being a producer, although the mining companies, because of their scientific approach and their wealth, are in a position of advantage. Monthly meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held last night.

The speaker was Neely Moore, exploration engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's newly-established office here. History of mining development, he said, is one of costly risks.

While the search for minerals is the most important phase of the work, the uncertainty of discovery is augmented by the need to prove the size and concentration of ore bodies, transportation problems, if the prospect is in an isolated area and financing.

The search for minerals is economically feasible quantities is "rigorous and disappointing," he said.

Belief that the pre-Cambrian mineral belt has "barely been scratched" for its metals content is no longer true, Mr. Moore declared. It is now believed that almost all major ore bodies in

BREAKS IN TWO

VICTORIA—The Panamanian freighter Andalusia broke in two on the reef north of Keah Bay, where she had been impaled since last week, and the two sections are now in tow of Canadian tugs.

WASHINGTON—President Truman said today that there will be no change in the value of gold as long as he is president. The gold price in United States has been \$35 an ounce since 1934.

Situation Intolerable, Envoy Says

Sir Alexander Cadogan Replies to Soviet's Accusations

LAKE SUCCESS (CP)—Sir Alexander Cadogan of Great Britain yesterday charged Russia with holding the threat of atomic war over the rest of the world.

The British delegate to the United Nations, describing the situation as intolerable, joined the United States in blaming Russia alone for lack of an east-west agreement on international control of atomic energy and prohibition of atomic weapons.

Sir Alexander replied sharply in the 59-member special political committee of the United Nations assembly to Russia's accusations that United States and Great Britain were working against prohibition of atomic weapons.

Would Compel Defence Training

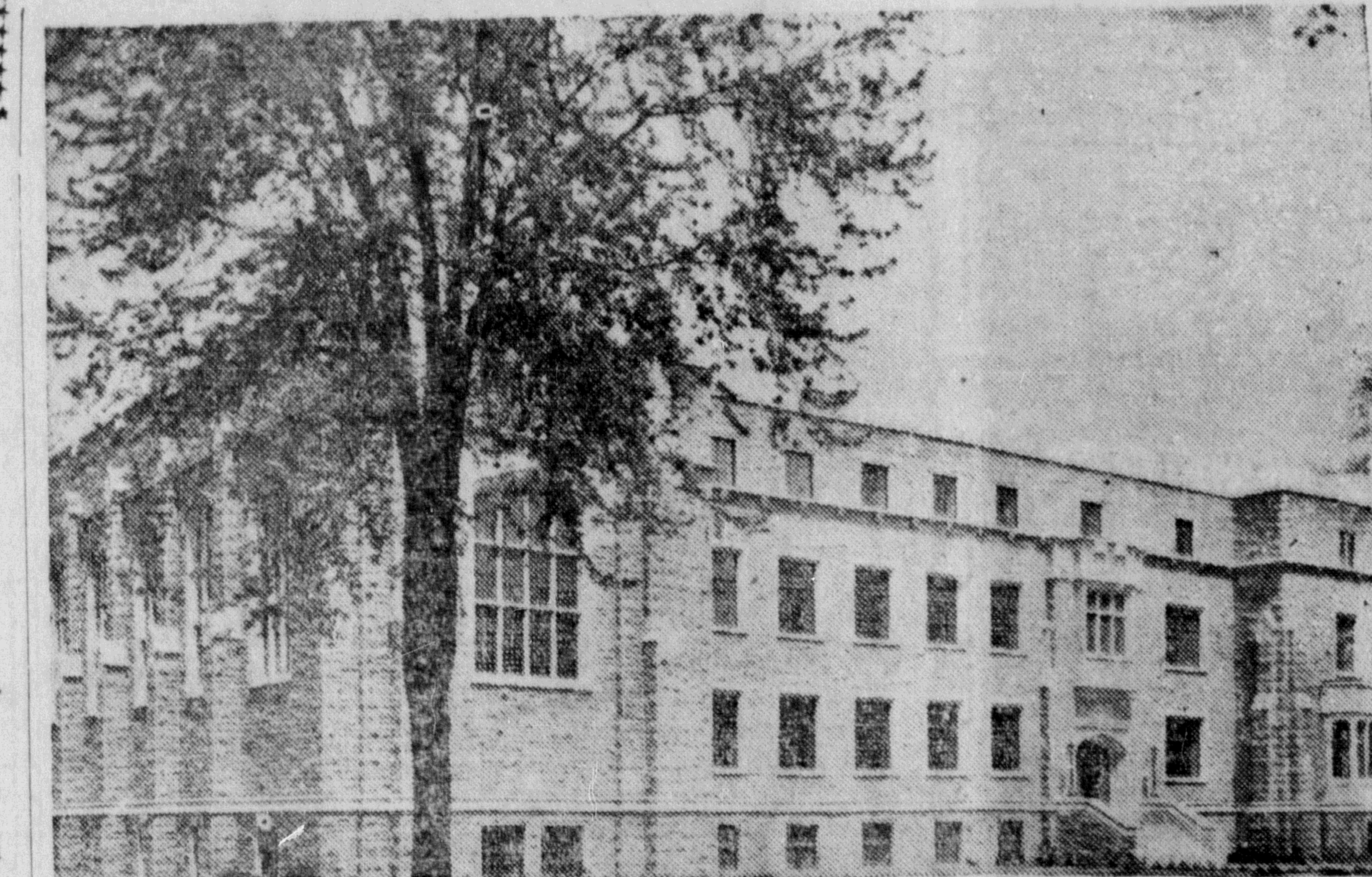
North Waterloo Defence Association in Ontario has sent a communication to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce advocating compulsory defence education for young men of Canada. Among other benefits would be regular medical examinations, training in citizenship and recreational activities. No action was taken by the Chamber at its meeting week.

THE WEATHER

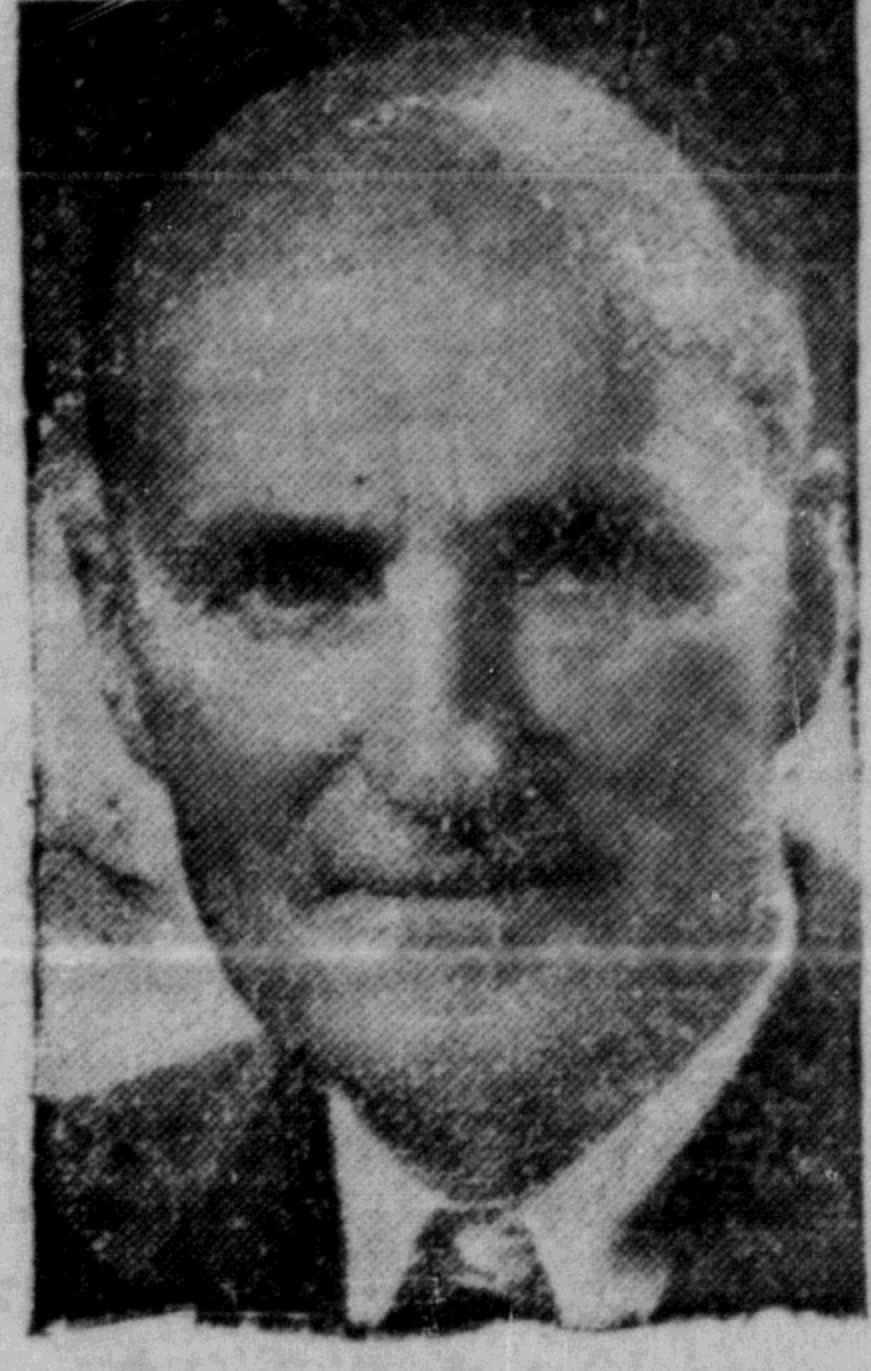
Forecast
North Coast Region—Cloudy with scattered showers today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind southeast, (15 mph) Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy 40 and 48; Sandspit, 42 and 50; Prince Rupert, 38 and 50.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

There will be no issue of the Daily News on Armistice Day tomorrow. The next regular edition will appear on Saturday.



QUEEN'S HONORS WAR DEAD—This large recreation hall, replacing a smaller structure which was destroyed by fire two years ago, was opened by Governor-General Alexander Sunday to honor Queen's University students who died in two world wars. More than 350 of the 4,500 Queen's students and alumni who served in the two wars were killed in action. (CP Photo)



HON. E. T. KENNEY
Minister of Lands & Forests

Speaks on Aluminum And Fish

Was Place For Protest—Deplores Undue Obstacles

Notices were published at the same time as the election was announced of water controller's hearings to be held on the application of the Aluminum Co. of Canada for water rights for hydro-electric development but Senator Thomas Reid, who has been making protests recently about menace to the fishing industry, did not appear at the hearings which were held only last week in Victoria after similar hearings at Ootsa Lake, Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests observed here in a newspaper interview last night.

"If there were any valid protests, it would seem to me that the time to make them was at those hearings," the minister commented.

Mr. Kenney deplored any tendency to put undue restrictions in the way of plans to establish an aluminum industry in British Columbia.

"There is going to be such a plant on the Pacific Coast," Mr. Kenney declared. "Do you want it near Prince Rupert, 150 miles north of Vancouver or at Skagway?"

Mr. Kenney observed that no decision had yet been made as to the site.

The election this year was fought among other things on the establishment of industries such as aluminum and the results of the election was obvious enough.

Mr. Kenney said he understood the salmon industry was not opposed to the Nechako power development project although it was interested in having it insured that there was always sufficient water preserved in the river system to permit the proper escapement of fish.

"It seems to me," said Mr. Kenney "that there is plenty of room for both the aluminum and the salmon industry."

The Aluminum Co. of Canada has spent \$450,000 on its surveys this year and it is going to spend a lot more," Mr. Kenney said.

Mr. Kenney was met while here by a committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce consisting of Ald. Whalen and Neville Gerrard when the position of the Salmon fisheries in regard to the Nechako River development was discussed.

The Minister left on last evening's train for Smithers. He will also visit Terrace and expects to be back here next week to sail by the steamer Prince George Thursday night on his return to Victoria.

Outfit Here On Way To Graham Is.

Well to be Spudded In Near Skidegate By Month End

Twelve carloads of drilling equipment is now on the move through Prince Rupert from Alberta to Graham Island where Royalite Oil Co. is about to start its hunt for oil, the finding of which would revolutionize the whole oil supply situation on the Pacific Coast and bring a new era to the development of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Soon there will rise about one mile north of Skidegate Mission a 127-foot steel derrick which will encase a rig which might drill to a depth of 5000 feet but which, it is hoped, will have accomplished its determining purpose before that depth is reached. It is expected, if all goes smoothly in the transportation of the equipment to the Islands, to "spud in" the well by the end of November.

The rig, which arrived here by rail this morning from Hobbema, Alberta, near where it had been used in drilling a wild cat well known as Royalite Sharphead No. 1, is one of Royalite's own. The outfit consists of 295 tons deadweight and includes derrick, diesel caterpillar motors, pumps, lighting plant and six motor-vehicles ranging from heavy 20-ton truck down to a jeep which will be used in the various aspects of transport on the job.

The derrick is of the National 50 type, diesel powered with rotary drill. Its height is 127 feet from above the substructure which is approximately nine feet above the ground.

Hard rock or diamond core bits will be used on the drill, depending on the nature of the rock formation in lower cretaceous and jurassic.

MOVING OUTFIT

Soon after arrival of the freight cars, the operation of transferring the outfit started at the dry dock. It is being transferred to the freighter Northern Express the Marine Express Lines of Vancouver which arrived Tuesday night from Vancouver to carry out the tendering operation from here to Alliford Bay. Four trips of the Northern Express, it is expected, will be required and the vessel should get away on the first tomorrow.

At Alliford Bay the equipment will be transferred from the anchored freighter to a log raft, 80 by 80 feet, which will be towed by a Northern Pulpwoods tug to a beach near the drill site and thence moved the 150 yards in from shore by the trucks.

The Northern Express is in command of Capt. O. Sorenson and J. Graham is chief engineer. The crew numbers twelve.

In addition to the present well drilling, Royalite is putting in a geological survey crew to make a complete survey of a 230,000 acre area included in a permit held in the name of Britalta-Petroleum Limited, a privately owned British Columbia company of which R. H. B. Ker of Victoria is president and W. C. Mahwahing and A. Bruce Robertson of Vancouver, vice presidents. Approval has been given of the assignment of the permit to Royalite.

Crew of twenty-six, with Robert E. Stanhope as "chief tool push" in charge of the operation,

TOURING ON SCHOLARSHIP

MONTREAL—On a scholarship from the Norwegian State Railway, Jules Saxhaug, young railway officer, is in Canada to learn as much as possible about Canadian railroading. For the past two weeks he has been touring Canadian National Railway facilities here when he returns to Norway he will submit a report on his investigations which will be studied to find if any of the Canadian railway methods can be adopted in Norway.

Mr. Saxhaug was impressed with the modern facilities at Central Station and with the warmth of his reception here by railway officers and said that the Norwegian Railway is undertaking the building of a new Central Station in Oslo. Although, it is small compared to Canadian standards, with only 4,000 miles of track, the Norwegian rail system nevertheless employs 7,000 persons and is an important contribution to the country's economy. He added. Its only competition comes from coastal steamships lines for buses and trucks are not permitted to operate parallel to rail lines. Some of them have been taken over by the railway.

The scholarships are financed by the Norwegian Government which hands certain amounts of money annually to the larger firms in Norway to pass on to their employees in that form. The scholarships consist of a flat sum of money to visit a country of the recipient's selection and to cover all expenses. In addition he receives full pay while away and on his return makes his report to his company.

If one is thinking of a nice long, inexpensive holiday next year, look to Norway is Mr. Saxhaug's advice. It's simple arithmetic as he tells it. Four good Canadian dollars can get a room with meals at the best Norwegian Hotels and other expenses are on the same level. It's all a result of the recent devaluation of the kroner which followed when Great Britain devalued her currency.

Conditions in Norway, are at their best with no unemployment said the young Norwegian. There has been a problem in readjustment of the people, however, for most of the population left their homes to move about the country when the Germans entered and have found difficulty in returning to their former places. Rationing is still in effect; but he reports big business in the tourist industry that has again developed since the war.

Mr. Saxhaug, who has already crossed the United States, expects to leave Canada at the end of the month to arrive home for Christmas. Two fellow employees, who received scholarships, were to have made the trip with him but decided to leave it to the spring. Jules did not like the sound of the devaluation rumors though and did not wait. Now he is pleased with his perception for his two friends will have about one third less money with them to make the trip.

has already been landed at Skidegate, having been flown from Calgary to Vancouver and thence to the Queen Charlottes.

Oil seepsages on Graham Island were observed as far back as 1914 by J. D. McKenzie of the federal Geological Survey.

Formation there is similar to that at Tampico, Mexico, where important producing wells exist. There might be a parallel here.

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Bulletins

MANITOBA ELECTION

WINNIPEG—This is election day in Manitoba. About 200,000 voters will approve or reject Premier Campbell's coalition government which enters contest with 20 rivals safely tucked under its belt.

RENTAL BOOSTS

OTTAWA—Maximum rental boosts which can be made on self-contained dwellings next month are 22 percent of "existing ceiling rentals," Owen Campbell, Canada's rental administrator, said today. Renters living in rooms can have their rent increased straight twenty percent.

FIRE ON BRITISH SHIP

HONG KONG—Two Nationalist planes fired bursts of machine gun fire today on the British ship Yangsang being held at the mouth of the Yangtze River by a Nationalist government gunboat.

WASHINGTON

JOHN L. LEWIS, president of the United Mine Workers of America, failed to show up at a meeting called by Federal Mediator Cyrus Vance on the coal strike. Ching took it as a "snub" and said he would be too busy to meet Lewis on Monday.

Armistice Day DANCE

NOVEMBER 11

NAVY DRILL HALL

Dancing 10 pm. till 2 a.m.

Tickets \$1.50 Couple EVERYBODY WELCOME

'The Dukes Orchestra'