

## Skeena River Rising Into Flood Today

### Anxiety Expressed As Water Rises Suddenly

Railway authorities here today were expressing anxiety following a quick rise of one foot since yesterday in the level of the Skeena River.

"It is developing fast," said Divisional Superintendent C. A. Berner who, to date, had been optimistic and hopeful that no flood condition would develop this year.

had thought we might have reached the crest but it appears that we have not," Berner said this morning. There has been exceptionally heavy weather in the interior today or so—85 above at George and Smithers although it has cooled off to 44 by night.

So far water has not yet reached the tracks and at last report it was 7 feet six inches below the rails at Shames and Salvus, customary trouble points in the lower Skeena Valley.

Public works department officials also reported rapidly rising water but H. W. Stevens, district engineer, said it had not reached highway level yet. Motorists reported water on the highway at Kwinitsa early in the week but this was probably on account of a combination of high tide and rapidly rising river water.

### How Up Housing

Accepting Co-operation of Commerce Chamber and Council

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Trades Labor Council and other interested organizations will be asked to attend a meeting of a housing committee of City Council Monday night to discuss the representatives in conjunction with the city in bringing to a successful conclusion the drive to obtain the housing for the city.

Mr. J. McLean said that the reason some were asking for a questionnaire was they were afraid that some might occur within the repayment period to make payment impossible and the investment would be lost. He suggested the city set up an agency to help market their homes in a like that. Ald. H. F. Glassey said that was a matter for the senior governments.

### Subsidy Remains Same

AWA (Special to Daily News)—E. T. Applewhite, member of the Skeena, stated today he believed there would be no change in the amount provided for the main estimates for a year to Union Steamships for the Skeena run.

Applewhite said, "I am satisfied there will be no change of any of the north-western lines of Union Steamships for a year ahead."

### Wants to Know About Accounts

Ald. H. F. Glassey, at Monday night's meeting of city council, took exception to the manner in which requests for payment of accounts was made. The matter arose when the following terse report of the Pioneers' Home committee was read:

"Your committee has received and considered the report of the superintendent for the month of May and recommends that the accounts be paid."

Ald. Glassey asked what the amount of the accounts was. He thought the committee should produce a statement of accounts payable so that council would know how much the home was owing.

Ald. Douglas Frizzell agreed and said that all accounts put up for ratification should be enlarged upon and broken down in statement form.

Mayor George Rudderham said the accounts were kept in the treasury department, that it would be difficult to have statements placed before the council.

Ald. Glassey said he thought the council should have some idea of what those accounts were before passing them.

Ald. T. B. Black, chairman of the finance committee, said accounts were not mentioned in council meetings. They were approved by the committees and did not have to come before the council. The treasury department tried to keep the council informed on how things were going by issuing interim statements every three months. That was the best they could do at present.

After considerable discussion, the subject was dropped.

### Vancouver Board Of Trade Backs Airport

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Board of Trade Tuesday urged the construction of an airport at Tugwell Island, entrance to Prince Rupert harbor, to serve the Northern B.C. coastal city.

At present flights are made to Sandspit, where passengers and freight are transferred to sea planes. The board is advocating an air strip of at least 4,000 feet and, if necessary for defence purposes, at least 7,000 feet be established on the island.

### Airport Here Is "Natural"

Everybody Should Back It, Urges C.P.A. Official

"I feel that an airport here is a natural development," remarked H. Hollick-Kenyon, assistant manager of flight operation with C.P.A. in Vancouver.

He felt this morning that the Tugwell Island strip is a definite possibility provided everyone here backs the idea and supports it to the utmost.

Mr. Hollick-Kenyon, who arrived in the city by plane yesterday holds the rank of Air Commodore and, like many Canadian airline officials, flew the sparsely inhabited sections of Canada in the early days. They were bush pilots. Mr. Hollick-Kenyon did many flights in the bush country around the Pas and northwestern Ontario with the now defunct Western Canada Airlines and its successor Canadian Airways.

In 1936 he flew to the Antarctic with Lincoln Ellsworth, famous explorer who had chalked up many trips across both the north and south poles. Mr. Hollick-Kenyon journeyed to the Arctic in 1937 to aid in the search for missing Russian fliers. The search was world news at that time.

Following that, he joined Trans-Canada Airlines and then went to Canadian Pacific Airlines.

Mr. Hollick-Kenyon knows B.C. for he grew up in the Okanagan Valley. When the First World War broke the peace of the world, he joined the R.A.F. He remained in the air force until 1928 when he took a crack at bush flying and made quite a name for himself.

Mr. Hollick-Kenyo returns to Vancouver today.

### Protest To Government

"What is being done about paving in the city?" Ald. T. B. Black asked at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night.

City Engineer Don Stewart said the plant would be ready this week, that there were some paving materials on hand and that he hoped to get started with the paving within a week. Sixth Avenue west and the lower portion of Third Avenue were on the books, he continued, and he hoped to have Third Avenue completed by the end of July.

The subject of resurfacing McBride between Second and Seventh Avenues came up for discussion. (This portion of McBride Street is an arterial highway.) It was reported a letter had been received from the provincial department of public works stating there were no funds available this year for surfacing of roads within cities.

Ald. Black moved that a strong letter of protest be sent to the Minister of Public Works on the government's failure to live up to last year's agreement, and that a copy be sent to the Chamber of Commerce asking the chamber to back up the council. The motion was passed.

### Aluminum Man Here

Engineer of the Aluminum Co. of Canada, E. A. Clark, who has been visiting power and other projects installation sites between Tweedsmuir Park and Kitimaat for the proposed new multi-million dollar industry, arrived in the city last night by chartered Q.C.A. Fairchild Huskie seaplane piloted by Capt. Norman Jermyn. He proceeded to Vancouver by regular C.P.A. flight today.

### Acheson Says War Not Inevitable

DALLAS, Tex.—War is not inevitable, State Secretary Dean Acheson says. "It is our responsibility to find ways of solving our problems without resorting to war and to exhaust every possibility in that effort," he said in a major United States foreign policy review at Southern Methodist University here last night.

### U.K. CONSIDERS IMMIGRATION

LONDON—The Government is considering whether it should take steps to discourage persons who want to migrate to non-Commonwealth countries. It is also studying the question of continuing to allow non-British migrants to enter Britain to balance British emigrants to Commonwealth countries. These points emerged Tuesday night in a House of Commons debate on emigration.

Norman Nelson, president of Nelson Brothers Fisheries at Vancouver, after a business trip here and at Port Edward, returned to Vancouver by plane today.

## Flash

### EX-MEMBER DIES

VICTORIA — Richard R. Burns, 76-year-old former member of the B.C. legislature for Rossland-Trail, died in hospital today after a brief illness. He was elected in 1933 and sat until 1939.

### \$16,600,000 PROJECT

THESSALTON, Ontario — A project costing \$16,600,000 opened today by Premier Frost, will generate 56,500 horsepower of electricity from the turbulent Mississauga River for nickel mines at Sudbury and gold mines in Northeastern Ontario.

### ANOTHER \$100,000

WINNIPEG — Manitoba's flood relief fund last night moved another \$100,000 closer to its \$10,000,000 objective. The national total now stands at \$4,600,000.

### MYSTERIOUS CLOUD

HONOLULU — A vast cloud of mysterious origin blanketed 1,200,000 square miles of the Pacific today, and the U.S. weather bureau said it might last a day or a week and might have been caused by an atomic explosion, desert sands drifting or an eruption in the New Guinea Islands.

### Nine Missing In Native Boat

NOME, Alaska — Nine persons, eight natives and an Alaska Airlines pilot, Tex Ziegler, are missing on a hunting trip in Arctic waters in a native boat. The group, overdue a week, is believed to have ventured into Bering Strait in an attempt to reach Diomed Island. Searchers fear an early spring storm and heavy ice may have crushed the ski boat.

### Murder Charge In Guay Case

QUEBEC—Crippled Genevieve Roust, who admitted that he unwittingly helped in the construction of a time-bomb that sent 23 airline passengers to their death, was scheduled to appear in court here today for preliminary hearing on a charge of murder. The 51-year-old watchmaker will be specifically charged with the murder of Mrs. Rita Guay, whose husband, J. Albert Guay, was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Guay and sentenced to hang.

### Alone In The Blue Yonder

#### FIRST SOLO FOR AERO CLUB MEMBER

Ten minutes may not seem a great deal but to Bill Scherk, 1324 Overlook, it meant a great deal. Bill, an employee at Pioneer Laundry, took to the air alone Friday evening in the Prince Rupert Aero Club's blue and silver Taylorcraft. The occasion was the first solo by an Aero Club member and it took only seven hours and fifty-five minutes of dual training by Instructor Bob Kelsey to get Bill into the air for those first 600 seconds.

Instructor Kelsey said today that all students are progressing rapidly in dual instruction and about five should be able to manipulate the small craft single handed in the very near future.

Members total 16, Mr. Kelsey said, of whom one is a woman, Miss Elizabeth Holmes, dietitian at the General Hospital. The aviator is due for solo in a few days.

### Usk People Hurry To Higher Ground; Hazelton Is Alarmed

The Skeena Valley from Hazelton westward was girding itself today for another flood crisis. Residents of Hazelton, Usk and Terrace were hoping against another inundation such as those of 1936 and 1948. The Skeena River is rising rapidly from 12 to 24 inches in twenty-four hours.

### Cyclone Taylor Giving Up Post

VANCOUVER — Frederick W. (Cyclone) Taylor, 65, often regarded as the greatest hockey player Canada ever produced, will retire from his federal government post here next week.

### Hunt For Missing Party Continues

Search for Don Fraser, sr., and Don Fraser, jr., Terrace, and William Gibb, Prince Rupert, and the automobile that is believed to have carried them to their deaths in the Skeena River, eight miles east of Kwinitsa, continues today.

Constables Ed. Anderson and Fred Gibson left early this morning to tackle once more the rapidly rising river. This time they are equipped with a power barge from which they hope to be able to do a more thorough job of probing the river bottom. The accident is believed to have occurred June 4.

### Train Tonight

The train from the East, which was delayed by a rockslide near Mount Robson, has been further delayed by high water conditions and is now reported due at 8:05 tonight.

### Last Minute Offer In Log Strike Considered

VANCOUVER (CP)—The union policy committee guiding 32,000 coastal loggers is meeting today to decide if union shop principles are worth a \$1,000-000 a day strike. Hopes are high that the strike may be settled on the basis of a new offer by the companies.

### Halibut Sales

Regina, 26.1c, 25.7c and 22.5c, 300th.  
Arrow, 33.00c, 26.7c, 25.7c and 22.5c, Atlin.

### Manitoba Flood Relief

Canvassers are requested to turn in books and receipts by June 15 to CITY HALL

### LOCAL FIRM GETS OCEAN FALLS JOB

Northwest Construction Co. of Prince Rupert has been awarded a big contract by the Pacific Mills Ltd. for the construction of a 45-suite apartment block at Ocean Falls. The project, which is to cost in excess of \$310,000, will be started immediately. It will be a four-storey structure.

### LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, June 15, 1950

High	0:41	20.2 feet
	13:50	17.5 feet
Low	7:31	3.1 feet
	19:18	8.7 feet

### TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver		Bobjo	
Bralorne	7.85	Buffalo Canadian	.30
B. R. Con	.04 1/4	Consol. Smelters	105.50
B. R. X	.05 1/2	Conwest	1.50
Cariboo Quartz	1.15	Donalda	.62
Hedley Mascot	.29	Eldona	.31 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.04	East Sullivan	7.00
Pend Oreille	6.50	Giant Yellowknife	8.35
Pioneer	3.15	God's Lake	.32
Premier Border	.03	Hardrock	.47
Privateer	.16	Harricana	.11
Reeves McDonald	3.25	Heva	.08 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.15	Hosco	.08 1/2
Silbak Premier	.36	Jacknife	.08 3/4
Vananda	.17 1/2	Joliet Quebec	.68
Silver Standard	1.66	Lake Rowan	.17
Western Uranium	.77	Lapaska	.06
Oils		Little Long Lac	
Anglo Canadian	5.55	Lynx	.26
A. P. Con	.52	Madsen Red Lake	2.70
Atlantic	3.05	Moneta	.31 1/2
Calmont	.70	McLeod Cockshutt	3.05
Central Leduc	1.93	Negus	1.40
Home Oil	16.00	Noranda	70.00
Mercury	.21	Louvicoourt	.19
Pacific Pete	7.00	Pickle Crow	2.20
Princess	.67 1/2	San Antonio	3.10
Royal Canadian	.11 1/2	Senator Rouyn	.31
Royalite	13.75	Sherit Gordon	2.11
Toronto		Steep Rock	
Athona	.09	Sturgeon River	.23
Aumaque	.30	Silver Miller	.99 1/2
Beattie	.59 1/2	Upper Canada	2.96
Bevcourt	.42		