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# B.C. POWER COMMISSION TO COME HERE

Members of the British Columbia Power Commission will visit Prince Rupert in May on invitation of city council to investigate the feasibility of taking over the city hydro development when the contract with the Northern B.C. Power Co. runs out in 1954.

The discussions will be the result of a resolution presented by Alderman H. M. Daggett and approved by council a fortnight ago which authorized the invitation of the Commission to come here for discussions.

Council received two letters last night, one from W. H. Brett, M.L.A. for Prince Rupert and one from the secretary to S. R. Weston, commission chairman, to the effect that "some members of the commission would accept the invitation."

Mr. Weston suggested May as a suitable month and left it up to Council to recommend a date for the meeting. Council turned the matter over to City Clerk H. D. Thain to arrange.

R. H. Joyce returned by air Monday afternoon from a business trip to Vancouver.

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TUESDAY—P.M.
4:15—Stock Quotations and Int.
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5:00—The Looseleaf
5:30—Whatcha Know, Joe.
6:00—Supper Serenade
6:15—Dinah Shore
6:30—Musical Varieties
6:45—Smoke Rings
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC Roundup
7:30—Leicester Square to Broadway
8:00—Music by Eric Wild
8:30—Record Album
9:00—Points of View
9:15—Recital Time
9:30—Heritage of Music
10:00—CBC News
10:15—CBC News
10:30—Biltmore Hotel Orch.
10:55—Interlude
11:00—Weather and Sign Off

WEDNESDAY—A.M.
7:00—Musical Clock
7:45—Singing Sam
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert

# FIREMEN'S WAGE CONCILIATION STARTS TODAY

Hearings of a conciliation board attempting to settle wage differences between the city and the Prince Rupert local of the International Association of Fire Fighters began at the city hall this afternoon, climaxing an eight-week labor disagreement. Chairman of the conciliation board is County Court Judge W. O. Fulton while the city's representative is W. M. Watts. Thomas Elliott is the firemen's representative. The board was set up under machinery of the Provincial Labor Relations Act.

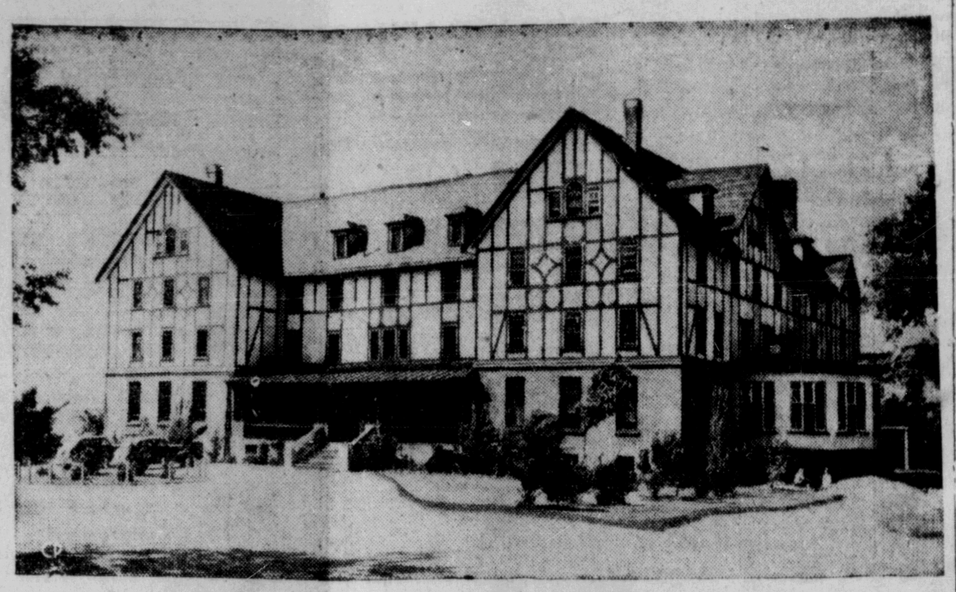
Advocate for the fire fighters is John A. Staton, of Edmonton, vice-president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, while T. W. Brown, local barister, is advocate for the city.

The firemen's demand is for a basic monthly wage of $260 for first class firemen who now receive $200. The city has offered $215. The firemen are also asking for a medical service plan to which both city and employees would contribute and also consideration of a group insurance arrangement.

In presenting the case for the firemen, Mr. Staton contended that the wages here were out of line with other places when cost of living was considered. There was also equal responsibility here, he contended.

Advising Mr. Staton are J. C. Ewart, president of the Prince Rupert local, J. S. Furness and M. Hauser.

City Clerk H. D. Thain acts in an advisory capacity to Mr. Brown.



TOURIST HAVEN—When Newfoundland enters confederation as the 10th province Canadians will have a new area to explore. In addition it is expected many United States citizens will visit the country as tourists when the abundance of wild game and fish is publicized. The tourist industry is not a large industry now but the country has some first class facilities. This photo is of Glymill Inn, located at Corner Brook, one of the finest hotels on the island. (P)

# DANCE BY SKI CLUB ENJOYED

An enjoyable event of the week-end was the dance held by the Prince Rupert Ski Club in Oddfellows' Hall Friday night for the entertainment of members and friends. About sixty coupled gathered in the hall which was decorated with ski cartoons and scenes.

Duncan McRae, president of the club, was in general charge, being assisted by a committee consisting of Mrs. McRae, Miss Laila Husoy, Miss Marjorie Eby and Miss Rusty Thain.

Delicious refreshments were served.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS

**Prince Rupert**

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Union steamer Coquitlam, Capt. Alf Aspinall, arrived in port at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from south Queen Charlotte Islands points, sailing at 10 p.m. for Butedale, Namu, Westview and Vancouver

# "STREAMLINED" CITY AUTHORITY

**Casey Proposes More Power For City Clerk in Efficiency Interest**

A resolution by Alderman George Casey which would increase the authority of City Clerk H. D. Thain in the interests of city efficiency and economy was discussed by the aldermen last night, then tabled for two weeks while the aldermen consider its ramifications.

Alderman Casey moved that Mr. Thain be appointed cost accountant and co-ordinator to survey the entire departmental field with a view to effecting greater efficiency in both the collecting of revenue and the prosecution of work and make such recommendations as he deems advisable in the interests of efficiency and economy."

The job, Alderman Casey admitted would be "something like a city manager" but would not have the wide authority of a city manager which Alderman Casey had always opposed as dangerous to the autonomy of the council.

Nor should it, Alderman Casey suggested, carry any higher pay, at least in its experimental stages.

Alderman Casey complained that, throughout the years, there tended to be a "lack of continuity" in city work and financial and technical information owing to the fact that the chage of councils brought in new members. This, he said, could be eliminated if a co-ordinator were put on the job.

The aldermen agreed generally that the plan had "some merit" but declined to make a decision on it without further study.

**FAVORS MANAGER**

Alderman Wilfrid McLean told the meeting that he favored a system of a city manager and four aldermen. Actually, he said, under the present set-up, the committee heads did most of the work and the "rest of us are honorary."

Mr. Thain explained that he believed the position suggested by Alderman Casey would be more in the nature of a city controller than a city manager.

The matter was referred to the March 28 meeting for further consideration.

# RUDDERHAM IS APPOINTED AS ACTING MAYOR

A message of condolence on her illness and wishes for a speedy recovery were passed to Mayor Nora E. Arnold last night by the city council which granted her request for two months leave-of-absence. Mrs. Arnold underwent surgical treatment yesterday.

Acting on a suggestion contained in Mayor Arnold's letter, the eight aldermen appointed Alderman George Rudderham acting mayor for the period at an indemnity equal to that received by the mayor.

Mrs. Arnold plans to leave for the south as soon as she is able to travel to spend a period of convalescence in Vancouver.

Regret at her illness and hopes of a quick recovery [illegible] by the aldermen [illegible] send her a letter [illegible]

Leave of absence [illegible] granted to Alderman Whalen, who is in the business. He also asked, received, permission to [illegible] from the first council in April for business.

Alderman Rudderham voted into the chair [illegible] tion, first to serve for the meeting only and then duration of Mayor [illegible] sence.

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A. MUHEIM,
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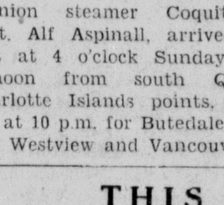
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