

112
CABS

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Published at Canada's Most Strategic Pacific Port—"Prince Rupert, the Key to the Great Northwest."
VOL. XXXVIII, No. 233
PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1949
PRICE FIVE CENTS

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY,
118
VICTORIA, B. C. MAY 31/50

ORMES DRUGS
Daily Delivery

PHONE 81

Concentrating On Defence Of Alaska

Death Due To Neglect

Inquest Into Fatality On Highway Reconstruction Work

Neglect on the part of a trucking firm was blamed Saturday by a coroner's jury for the death of Hilding Swanson, rock drill foreman, who died Friday morning after being crushed by one of the company's vehicles on the Port Edward highway about one mile from the city.

The verdict was that "deceased came to his death December 2 due to neglect on the part of Contractors Russell Burt and Co."

Edward Reimer, 20-year old driver of the six and one-half ton wheel truck which struck Swanson while working on a road construction project, was completely freed of blame as was the firm of Wood, Parr and McClay.

The jury recommended that Russell Burt and Co. provide swamper—assistants to the drivers—on all vehicles and that Wood, Parr and McClay, the contractors on the job, provide proper turnouts along the road so that vehicles will not be required to back up for a long distance.

Dr. L. M. Greene, in a medical testimony, pronounced death was due to crushing injuries to the left side of Swanson's body.

The accident occurred as the 50-year-old foreman was walking on the highway toward the city limits. The noise of compressors and drill hammers drowned the motor of the oncoming truck. Reimer was unable to see Swanson as he was on the opposite side of the road.

Walter Wendt, one of the witnesses, saw Swanson about eight feet from the oncoming truck and called to the drill foreman.

"I yelled and he heard me. He made a step to turn when the truck hit him."

Alexander Grout, other employee who witnessed Swanson's death, stated he heard Wendt's call. He turned from his job and saw the truck wheels pass over the drill foreman's body.

Reimer stated he had been backing the truck one-eighth of a mile preceding the accident, to a curve in the road where he would be able to turn around. He was in a standing position—left foot on the running board, his body arched out of the door, so that he was able to see the road for approximately 30 feet behind. Due to the box on the dump truck, the right side of the road was not in view. And when Swanson was struck, only Wendt's call caused Reimer to stop the vehicle.

Const. Jack White, at the scene following the accident, took measurements of the road and vehicle. Main travelling portion of the highway, he said, is 9 feet wide. Width of the truck was 7 feet, 5 inches. He stated it was impossible to turn around on the road. The practice of backing a truck to a spot wide enough to afford turning around was common on such projects, he agreed.

Coroner M. M. Stephens stated that if more care had been taken, an inquest would not have been necessary.

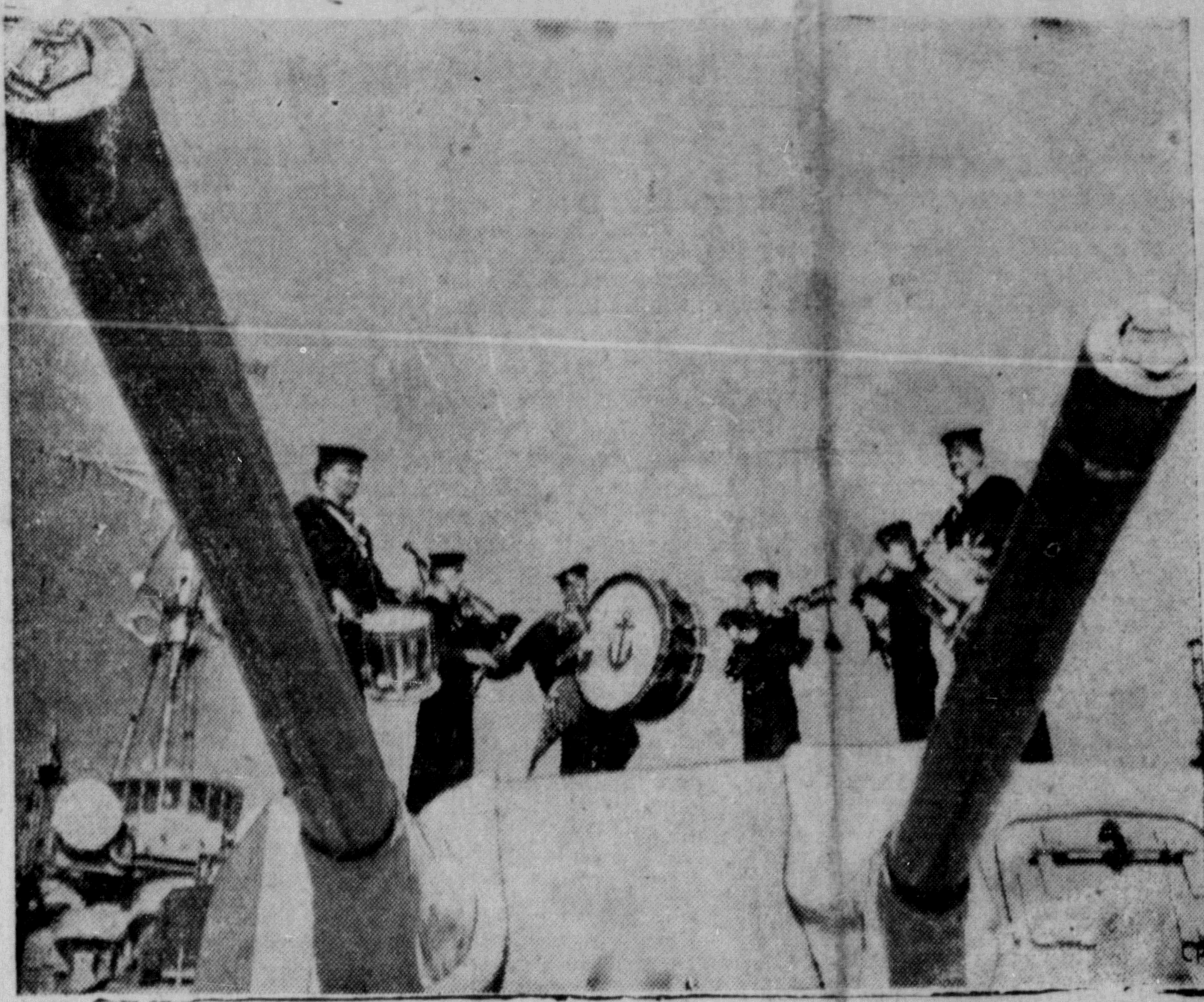
Jurymen were Armine Boas, foreman, G. Ciccone, William Clarke, Harold Kenny, Roger Whittaker, Peter Muchal.

Hospital At Hazelton Aid

OTTAWA (Special to Daily News)—E. T. Appiehaite, M.P. for Skeena, announces that the Department of National Health and Welfare has approved a federal health grant towards the construction of additional bed space at the Winch Memorial Hospital at Hazelton.

These grants are paid in instalments depending upon the rate of construction.

Maximum available to Hazelton is \$8,000.



BAGPIPES, NOT HORNPIPES—The Canadian Navy's pipe band practises atop a gun turret on the cruiser Ontario. Left to right Ordinary Seaman Lorne Knox, Brandon, Man.; Able Seaman Neil Sutherland, Winnipeg; and Ordinary Seamen Roy Terry, Toronto; Fred Wheeler, Cornwall, Ont.; Samuel Grier, Windsor, Ont., and Frank Labute, Vancouver. (C. P. Photo)

Sawlog Scale Is Below Last Year

Sawlog scale in the Prince Rupert forestry district this year seems destined to be less than that for 1948 on the basis of the scale for the first 11 months. Total production for the first 11 months of 1948 was 241,698,720 board feet, while so far this year, it was 232,303,930.

Production last month totalled 28,891,788 board feet as compared with 27,412,142 in October and 26,698,720 in November, 1948.

Pole and piling production last month was 389,880 lineal feet, as compared with 376,400 in October and 728,860 in November, 1948. Production so far this year was 3,093,873, while for the same period last year it was 2,932,859.

The production in November was 11,423 ties, a slight decrease under the November of last year. Cordwood production was 219 cords.

Sawlog production by varieties: Fir, 2,446,674 Cedar, 4,696,946 Spruce, 12,263,293 Hemlock, 7,316,213 Balsam, 807,708 Jackpine, 1,339,987 Miscellaneous, 967.



YUKON, HERE WE COME!—James A. Simmons, Liberal member of parliament for Yukon-Mackenzie River, is all packed for the long journey home to Whitehorse for Christmas. He and Mrs. Simmons and their dogs, Prince and Solo, are motoring 5,000 miles from Ottawa to Vancouver, where they'll continue the trip by boat passing through Prince Rupert. (C. P. Photo)

SILBAK - PREMIER MINE IN FULL OPERATION, 250 TONS PER DAY

Silbak-Premier mine is operating at normal again following its seventeen-month shutdown with the mill treating 250 tons of ore per day from which twenty tons of gold, silver, lead and zinc concentrates valued at \$250 per ton are obtained for shipment to smelter. One hundred and fifty men are now employed.

Announcement to this effect was made by D. L. Pitt, managing director of Silbak-Premier, who was in the city on the Coquitlam last evening bound north for a week's visit of inspection to the historic mining property which has been one of the greatest gold producers in the history of British Columbia and which still appears to have a rich future in store despite the company's traditional conservatism in the way of making estimates.

The old tram line having been abandoned, Premier concentrates are now transported the thirteen miles to the Stewart. (Continued on Page 2)

New Dep't Of Mines

Skeena Member Defends Action of Government in Commons

OTTAWA.—When Opposition speakers criticized the creation of a new Department of Mines and technical surveys in the House of Commons at the weekend, E. T. Appiehaite, M.P. for Skeena defended the action stating that for years parts of his district had advocated the creation of a separate Department of Mines with its own minister.

The act was passed and adopted.

LOSES FINGER IN GUN MISHAP

A railway speeder was used Sunday to bring James Flewin, 45-year-old Port Edward man to hospital in Prince Rupert following an accident in which he lost a finger in the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Flewin was brought to the city after his gun had gone off, and its load of pellets had taken off the index finger of his right hand. He was on a hunting trip along the Skeena at the time. Flewin is receiving surgical treatment at Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

More than one inch of rain fell on the west coast of Vancouver Island as a result of last night's storm but only 4/100 was measured at Vancouver Airport in the 24 hour ended at 4:30 this morning. Gale force winds occurred for the second time in 48 hours. Cloudiness extends to all regions of the province and scattered snow flurries are expected over the interior. Considerable shower activity will persist in the coastal areas. Another Pacific storm approaching the coast is likely to bring rain tomorrow.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Cloudy with showers today. Cloudy tonight, becoming overcast with intermittent rain Tuesday morning. Little change in temperature.

Death Removes Young Senator

OTTAWA—George J. Penty of Newfoundland, youngest member of the Canadian Senate, died yesterday from pneumonia. He was 51 years of age and had been appointed last year following admission of Newfoundland to Confederation. His death leaves nine vacancies in the Senate, three from Newfoundland.

Former Education Minister Passes

VANCOUVER.—Hon. George M. Weir, former provincial Minister of Education and Health, died here today after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Weir, who died in hospital here, entered politics in 1933, serving as minister of education in the Liberal administration of former Premier T. D. Pattullo and later as minister of education under Premier John Hart. He retired because



of ill-health in 1948 after representing Vancouver-Burrard in the Legislature.

Dr. Weir was head of the education department of the University of British Columbia for many years. He sponsored the original health insurance act in British Columbia, a measure which led to the present health insurance plan.

Dr. Weir was born in Miami, Manitoba. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

HOCKEY SCORES

SATURDAY National
Detroit 5, Montreal 3
New York 0, Toronto 2
Chicago 3, Boston 5
SUNDAY
Toronto 2, Detroit 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
New York 4, Chicago 0
SATURDAY Pacific Coast
Vancouver 2, Portland 2
Tacoma 13, Fresno 2
New Westminster 4, Seattle 0.
FRIDAY Pacific Coast
Vancouver 7, Fresno 3
New Westminster 3, Victoria 3
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 3, Oakland 1
WEDNESDAY
New Westminster 3, Fresno 2
Portland 6, Seattle 0
San Francisco 4, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 11, Oakland 2

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—Roy Thickett, M. G. Gormely, L. A. Maloney, A. Robertson.
From Vancouver (Saturday)—A. Ressel, W. Rowbotham, B. Rowbotham, Mrs. Johnson.
From Sandspit (Saturday)—Mr. McPhail, L. Hegedes, M. Liddle.

Mrs. P. M. Ray returned to the city on the Coquitlam last evening from a two weeks' trip to Vancouver.

Washington Approves Fifty Million Dollar Radar Network Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The Air Force said today it has cancelled or cut all other projects in order to provide \$50,000,000 to speed work on a United States-Alaska radar warning system. General Hoy T. Sandenburgh, chief of staff, made the announcement. He did not disclose what other approved projects had been eliminated or curtailed.

Air Force officials said that Congress had authorized an overall expenditure of \$85,500,000 for construction of the defence network. But, they said, the lawmakers had stipulated that funds for the first phase must be diverted from money already appropriated for other Air Force activities. The radar network is designed to detect that funds for the first phase enemy aircraft approaching from the Arctic Northwest.

Canada will co-operate by establishing a similar system within its borders.

Of the \$50,000,000, Alaska will get \$31,000,000 with the remainder within the United States.

ANTIGONISH STAYING HERE UNTIL TUESDAY

Visit of H.M.C.S. Antigonish to this port, which was to have ended with departure this morning, has been extended until tomorrow when the frigate will leave for base at Victoria.

ANOTHER DOUK FIRE

NELSON.—The home of a Doukhobor, John Lebedoff, who invited his followers to leave Canada earlier this year, was burned yesterday following a meeting of the radical fringe Sons of Freedom. Special precautions against further railway track dynamiting are being maintained.

NEW CAPILANO SPANS

VANCOUVER.—Two new Bailey bridges across Capilano River were completed by the Army today and limited one-way traffic to and from isolated West Vancouver has been resumed.

STORM IN EUROPE

BERLIN.—Five persons were killed yesterday when a fierce gale lashed Berlin. Bomb-weakened buildings in Hamburg were also toppled. Ships at sea put back to port owing to the fierceness of the tempest.

NATIONALIST RETREAT

HONG KONG.—Evacuation of the new Chinese Nationalist capital of Chengtu, 170 miles northwest of Red-occupied Chungking, apparently began today. The government is being transported to the island of Formosa.

STAMP
OUT
TB



BUY
CHRISTMAS
SEALS



RAILROADING RABBIT—Sandy the Rabbit has traveled 100,000 miles by caboose—his home for the last four years. Owner A. R. (Sandy) McDonald, veteran C.P.R. freight conductor, retired this week. (C. P. Photo)