

Mail President Shows Interest In This Port

Editorial
Prince Rupert people, of whom had the opportunity of meeting Donald Gordon, president of the Canadian National Railway, last night, on his first visit to the Pacific coast in his new capacity, have expected that the new president and chairman of the Canadian National Railway would have a formidable and well-earned economic burden. That might have been the mental picture had made in advance of the former chairman of the Foreign Trade Control Board, Maritime Prices and Controls Board and later the governor of the province of Ontario.



RIMOUSKI IN RUBBLE—This bird's eye view of central Rimouski shows the extent of damage in the disaster that struck this industrial city of 15,000 during the week-end. This photo shows the city's main thoroughfares after the quick-spreading flames gutted some 312 homes and caused an estimated \$20,000,000 damage. Surrounded by burning buildings is the Rimouski Cathedral which was left untouched. (CP Photo)

Howe Tells Grads Opportunity Big

VANCOUVER (CP)—University of British Columbia's mushrooming campus, the third largest in Canada, was black with robes yesterday as one of the largest classes in history began the two-day ceremonies.
It will be the largest in a long time as the last of the post-war influx passed through. Yesterday's graduates included 968 applied science students from a total of 1,800. Trade Minister C. D. Howe delivered the convocation address with an accent on engineering, declaring "Opportunities for young engineers and graduates generally are as good or better than they were 40 years ago."
"I do not think that Canadian industry and the Canadian economy will develop at a rate not less remarkable during the next quarter century than during the previous quarter century."
Mr. Howe received an honorary degree.

Baseball Scores

THURSDAY
American
St. Louis 1-5, New York 5-6
Detroit 13-5, Boston 4-3
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 5, Washington 8

National
Boston 3, Chicago 0
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
Brooklyn-Cincinnati, New York-St. Louis, postponed.

THURSDAY
Western International
Tacoma 6, Victoria 3
Spokane 5, Wenatchee 2
Yakima 4, Salem 8
Vancouver 11, Tri-City 10

Pacific Coast
Los Angeles 2, Hollywood 1 (12 innings)
San Diego 3, Seattle 2 (11 innings)
Sacramento 10, Portland 0
San Francisco 12, Oakland 6

WEDNESDAY
American
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 6, Washington 7
St. Louis-New York postponed
Detroit-Boston postponed

National
Boston 3, Chicago 6
Brooklyn 0, Cincinnati 4
New York 1, St. Louis 5
Philadelphia-Pittsburgh, postponed.

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River Level Stays Same At Winnipeg Over Night

WINNIPEG (CP)—The twin cities of Winnipeg and St. Boniface today held their own against three ominous but steady rivers. Workers turned back the Red and Assiniboine Rivers at Norwood bridge, the danger point where the rivers threatened to hammer down the 100 foot dike and snap the main life line between the two beleaguered centres. The rivers held steady all night.
From 11 p.m. until 6 a.m., C.D.T. the official reading was 29.7 feet. There was a chance a second, higher crest might strike the cities within a few days. Record readings are reported from totally flooded Emerson at the international border where the Red comes into Canada from North Dakota.
The risk of serious further damage to Greater Winnipeg remains, but dikes are holding today and there is a prospect that some vital bridges over the Red may soon be reopened. Orderly evacuation of women and children from the flood zone continued throughout the day.
Brig. J. W. Brice, Deputy Commander of Red River flood relief, said the Red's level had remained stationary for six hours. He added that reports from flood control engineers gave "no proof that the peak river level had been reached."
"We are still in danger," he said. There is still danger from possible collapse of the soggy dikes and possible failure of power and water supplies.

Floods Cause Postponement

The Dominion convention of the Canadian Legion at Winnipeg this month has been postponed until June, it was announced at the regular meeting of Branch 27 Wednesday night. Flood conditions have made it impossible to hold it this month.
The meeting approved the executive's action in entering a float in the Kinsmen's parade May 24.
A letter of thanks was ordered sent to Wood, Parr & McClay for donation of the services of a bulldozer to clear the land in front of the hall.
Approval was given for the GYRO Club's bid to rent the hall for a dance New Year's Eve at a cost of \$150.
Two representatives from the Legion will work with the committee planning the Port Day celebration July 1.
The annual statement showing an operating profit for 1949 was tabled for inspection of members before coming up for adoption at the next meeting.
The entertainment committee announced tickets for the Legion cabaret Saturday night would be sold to no members after Wednesday night because of lack of response from members.
A letter from Provincial Command outlined procedure for obtaining treatment under the new classification.

Howe Sees No Disaster

VANCOUVER (CP)—Trade Minister C. D. Howe last night "staked his reputation" to say he did not believe any flood disaster was possible in the Fraser Valley this year "with the kind of dike construction you have."
At a dinner commemorating the dissolution of the federal-provincial dike authority, Howe said he thought the system constructed since 1948 was foolproof. Premier Byron Johnson was less optimistic, but he saw reasonable security.
TODAY
National League
Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 3

Flash

23 TRAPPED
CHARLEROL, Belgium.—Thirteen miners were killed Thursday when coal gas exploded in the Mariemont Bacoup coal mine near here. At least 23 are reported trapped below the surface. Women and girls with tear-stained faces thronged the mine gates waiting for news as rescue squads worked frantically to reach the trapped miners.

SHIP RECAPTURED
HONG KONG—The British destroyer Cossack today intercepted the 564-ton British steamer Ethel Moller near the Chinese Nationalist stronghold of Formosa and recaptured her from the Nationalists. The ship was seized by the Nationalists three months ago for running the blockade. The Cossack raiding party disarmed 150 Chinese soldiers and placed the original crew back in charge of the merchant ship.

GOVT. SUSTAINED
LONDON—The government today fought off an unexpected Conservative challenge in the Commons and defeated a motion deploring state trading by a vote of 131-93. Today's motion was the eleventh the Conservatives have made in attempts to challenge the Labor Government's position.

PARLIAMENT RESTS
DAWSON, Yukon—Canada's smallest Parliament prorogued yesterday after passing a \$1,000,000 budget. The three members of the Yukon Territorial Council had convened April 26. The most important legislation was the Municipal Ordinance creating towns.

Student Likes Our Neck of the Woods

"The most beautiful scenery I have ever seen," was the comment of Herb Klinger, University of British Columbia student, who hitchhiked here from Vancouver in four days. He was referring to the trip by road and was particularly taken by the last 100 miles into Prince Rupert.
The ukelele toting student, who has just completed his third year, took his first two years at West Maryland College, Baltimore. Last year he hitchhiked his way to Vancouver, where he entered the Canadian university. He is not sure what his career will be, but rather favors teaching. He leaves today for Juneau aboard the Princess Louise. There he intends to work this summer and, if possible, find a teaching job for the winter.
Mr. Klinger was impressed by the hospitality of people he met on his trip here. Although there were few cars on the road, he said, almost any one who came along did give him a lift. He was sure if more Americans knew about the scenery, unspoiled by signs, through this north country they would flock here. He was disappointed, though, that there was a huge billboard just behind the tote-a-pole.

Two Ketchikan motor vessels arrived Thursday with frozen fish for shipment to U.S. points. The vessels returned to the Alaskan port the same day. The Sydney, Capt. O. Hendricksen, unloaded one carload of fish here and the Fairbanks, Capt. J. Stockweather, also discharged one carload of frozen fish.

Recognize Importance Of This Port And Traffic Artery

Reactions To Donald Gordon

Man of Hour—Great Canadian—No Rash Promise Maker

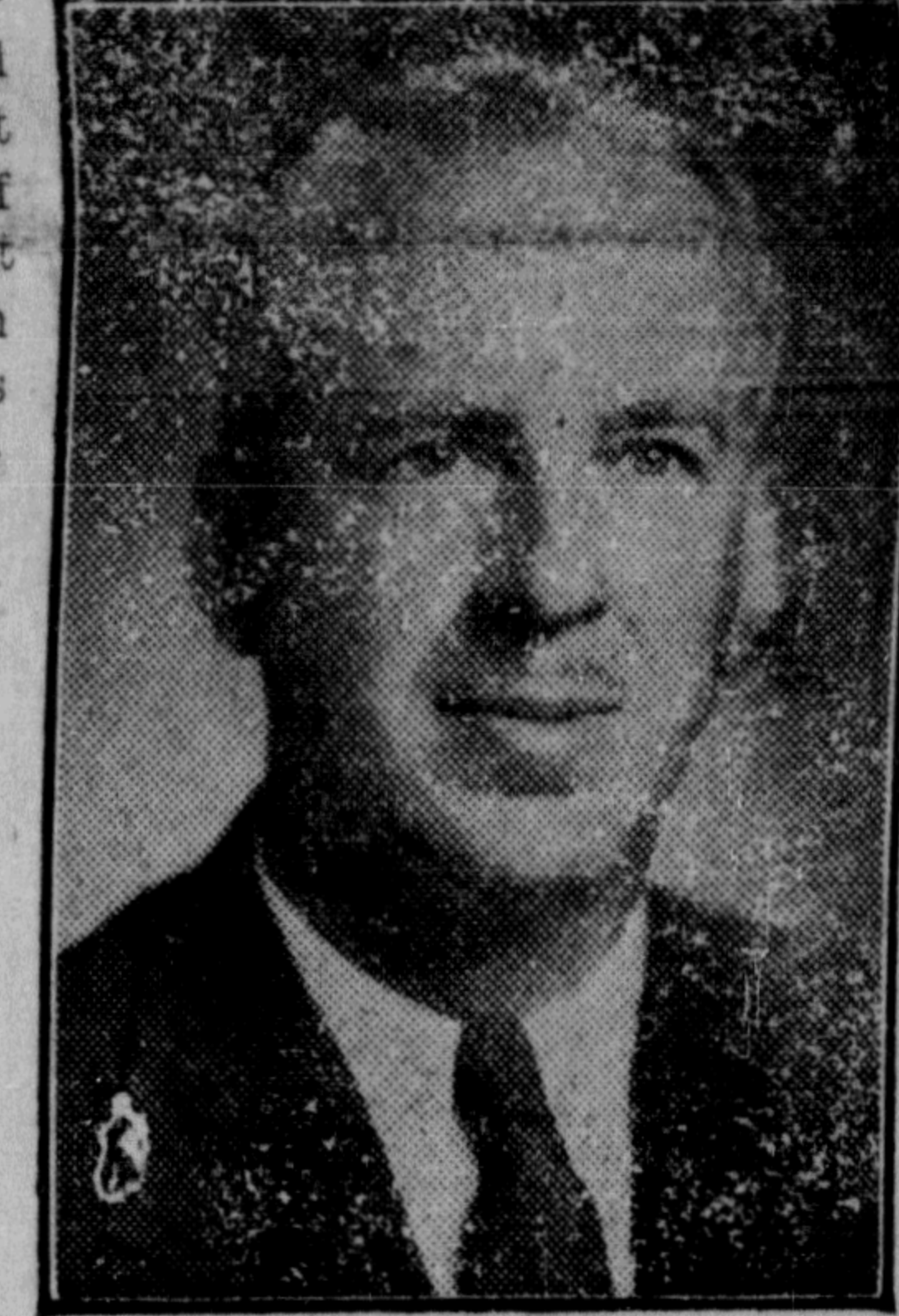
C. A. Berner, superintendent, Smithers division—A great Canadian who has sold himself to the rank and file. He'll be as great as Sir Henry Thornton, I think. It was obvious he was out to learn. He talked to everybody and was interested in even the seemingly little things.
L. M. Felsenthal, president Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce—As far as Prince Rupert is concerned, think we finally have the man of the hour. I was greatly impressed. I have the greatest confidence in Mr. Gordon's ability and, with his appreciation of our problems and his spirit, I expect to see Prince Rupert go ahead in relation to the Canadian National Railways.

Local Gathering Impressed By Donald Gordon Expresses Confidence In Future Despite Current Problems

"It is not easy to be certain of the future as long as we are subjected to the pressure of a cold war but the tremendous progress which has been made in this country during the past half century and, indeed, within the past decade, is sufficient grounds for confidence in the future," said Donald Gordon, C.M.G., president and chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways, in addressing the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Thursday night soon after reaching this northern port for his first visit to the Pacific Coast since becoming head of the railway system.



DONALD GORDON
President, Canadian National Railways



S. F. DINGLE
Vice-President, Canadian National Railways

Tenth Challenge Of Government Fails

LONDON (CP)—The Government tonight defeated the 10th Conservative challenge to its existence by a majority of 28, rejecting the opposition's motion amounting to condemnation of the government's Scottish housing policy.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Some cloudiness is developing in the southern regions of British Columbia as the remnant of a very weak Pacific disturbance moves eastward over the province. Afternoon temperature will be a little lower in these areas tomorrow but no appreciable rainfall is expected.
Light rain is falling in a few places in central B.C. this morning. Sunshine will return during the afternoon and skies are expected to clear overnight.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Cloudy today and Saturday. Sunny intervals along the northern mainland in the afternoons. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest (20 mph) in the exposed areas of the Queen Charlottes decreasing to light tonight. Light winds elsewhere. Lows tonight and highs Saturday—at Port Hardy, 45 and 55; Sandspit, 40 and 50; Prince Rupert, 40 and 44.

Rupert Prime Port
"The challenge must not go unanswered by the people in this area. For our part the Canadian National does now and will in the future regard Prince Rupert not only as Canada's prime northern port for the Orient but as the commercial focus of this vast northern area and a prime factor in our relations both economic and military with the United States and the nearby territory of Alaska."
The Canadian National had long been converted, Mr. Gordon declared, to confidence in the future of Prince Rupert. Train schedules and facilities were being constantly reviewed to make sure that the best service was being provided as warranted by current and promising traffic conditions.
Mr. Gordon said he was convinced that the interests of this

LOCAL TIDES
Friday, May 13, 1950

11:30	17.2 feet
23:35	19.6 feet
5:24	5.6 feet
17:20	6.9 feet

Amateur Championship Finals

B-O-X-I-N-G
40 Contestants • 9 Divisions • 7:30 p.m.

TONIGHT Civic Centre