

1950 Fish Harvest At This Port Starts

Halibut Of Season Is Landed In Prince Rupert Today

Halibut of the 1950 season following the opening May 1 operations, was landed at Prince Rupert today. Two boats, having gathered up the catches of small boats from out of Dundas and Stephens islands camps, arrived with a total of 63,000 pounds. The Rap I, Capt. Elmer Clausen, 100 pounds for Atlin Fisheries and the W. R. Lord, Capt. Sievert, 31,000 pounds for Canadian Fish & Cold Storage (B. C. Packers). Some, at least, of this fish will be immediately in the fresh state for the southern and markets.

Improvement Seen In Trade Balance

OTTAWA (P)—Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, yesterday estimated a favorable balance in Canada's payments. Ledgers dropped \$270,000,000 in 1949. The Governor of the Bank of Canada noted a decline in the overall surplus from \$452,000,000 in 1948 to \$180,000,000 in 1949 and attributed the drop to a bigger plunge into the red in Canada's trade and other dealings with the United States.

Mr. Towers made his analysis of Canada's 1949 international financial status as chairman of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

Sanders Would Assist Ass'd Boards

The perennial question of financial assistance to the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia so that organization may have funds adequate to carry on normal functions with dignity and efficiency came up at last night's meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that the Associated Boards should be invited to submit an estimate of the assistance it might require from the individual boards and that the local Chamber should meet its quota by voluntary contribution from its members was voted down in favor of the straight assessment proposal.

Red Reaches High Levels

WINNIPEG (P)—The Red River flood crest rolled on toward Winnipeg today as the provincial cabinet gathered to consider the situation. All along the river from the international border at Minnesota to this city of 300,000 it's the same story—one of higher flood level readings than experienced in the serious 1948 floods. The inexorable rise of the Red, which sent modern records tumbling as it swirled through a dozen Manitoba centres, brought it lapping at the foot of hastily reinforced ramparts in St. Boniface and Winnipeg suburbs. Experts and city officials feared the worst was yet to come. Desolation and evacuation are widespread.

ACCIDENT-FREE
MONTREAL (P)—A safety record has been chalked up by employees of the paint and varnish plant here of Canadian Industries Limited. They have completed their 12th consecutive year without a single lost-time accident.

Important Communication Line Riddled by Vandals' Bullets

Bullet holes in an overhead telephone line running across Digby Island from the Marine station to a radio shack farther inland were discovered shortly after April 27 by the city telephone department crew.

Superintendent of Telephones Jack Edwards revealed today that at 7:30 p.m. April 27 the ship to shore line went dead. Operators here contacted Mr. Edwards immediately and the line was tested by him at approximately 8 p.m. Mr. Edwards said he found no response in the line. Next morning Arny Signals checked the line to no avail. On Friday afternoon the city telephone crew went to work and finally discovered the damage caused by vandalism. They are still repairing the cable which was riddled by bullets. This line carries not only telephone connections with Prince Rupert and Digby Island but also the important fishermen's ship to shore communication.

Nationalists Pick Up Reds

TAIPEI, Formosa (P)—Chinese nationalists, in a Red hunt, arrested 1,284 persons Sunday on the big island of Formosa, authorities disclosed today. Reports from east coast centres and Pescadores Islands off south western Formosa are expected to swell the number. Most were detained for entering Formosa illegally or lacking proper credentials.

Yellowhead Gas Route Favored

At the suggestion of J. D. McRae, M.L.A. for Prince Rupert, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night passed a resolution to wire the federal government immediately, pressing for the all Canadian route through Yellowhead Pass for the proposed pipe line from the northern Alberta and Peace River gas fields to the Pacific Coast.

After considerable discussion, in which a few of the members expressed the belief that they were not sufficiently informed to take a decision on the matter, the motion following Mr. McRae's suggestion, was passed.

Mr. McRae strongly advocated the Yellowhead Pass route, already approved by the Legislature, as tending to the development and supply of the whole province. The distance would be about the same as a southern route and cost of tunneling would be half. It was the only route by which Prince Rupert and central British Columbia could be assured of a gas supply. The cost was estimated at about \$100,000,000, of which \$35,000,000 would be for materials and the balance largely for labor.



DOUKHOBOR TERRORISM—The aged woman sitting on the rock is bowed with grief as she watches the results of 50 years' work in Canada go up in smoke. Her house at Krestova, B. C., was set on fire by members of the radical Sons of Freedom Doukhobors. She saved only the clothes she is wearing but will go along with other members of the fanatic branch of the Doukhobor religion. (CP Photo)

Prospectus of New Charles Hays Hotel Shows Attractive Project

The modern Charles M. Hays Hotel to be erected here soon is expected to cost \$432,000, according to the prospectus issued by Charles M. Hays Hotel Corporation. It will be so built as to allow for an initial 50 and an additional 50 bedrooms. All rooms will have either private or connecting bath.

At last night's Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce meeting, W. A. Armstrong explained the prospectus of the proposed hotel. On motion of Dr. L. M. Greene, the secretary was instructed to write the Charles M. Hays Hotel Corporation, expressing the Chamber's approval of the new hotel and hope that the corporation proceed with construction at an early date.

The building will include a lobby, public space for functions, dining room, cafeteria, beverage room, if licensed, and stores. Plans show an ultra-modern building with complete facilities. In addition it is planned to build a theatre block with stores in conjunction with the hotel. Artists' sketches show adequate, comfortably furnished bedrooms, streamlined corridors and a spacious, well appointed dining room.

The prospectus boosts Prince Rupert and its area telling of the uses of the port as the quickest means of shipping from the mid-western United States to Alaska and of the port facilities already developed. It also goes into detail about prospects for the area.

The corporation is capitalized by 1,000,000 shares of class A common stock with a par value of \$1.00, of which 5,010 shares have been issued. In addition are 1,000,000 class B common shares.

Revenue from the hotel is expected to be \$287,000, while the theatre is expected to produce \$18,000 net revenue.

Officers and Directors

Officers and directors of the company are as follows:
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Vice-President and Managing Director—George B. Mulligan, Toronto.
Secretary-Treasurer and Director—James T. Harvey, Prince Rupert.
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The prospectus contains striking pictures of a very attractive building of five storeys facing on Second Avenue and inviting interiors including spacious dining room and bedrooms, roomy lobby and store fronts. There are also main floor and room floor plans.

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Laying Off Shop Men

MONTREAL (P)—Immediate layoffs affecting about 500 shop workers in Western and Central Canada were announced today by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Vice-president N. R. Crump said in a statement: "Lower rail traffic and consequent slackening in demands for equipment maintenance will cause minor reductions in staff of C.P.R. repair shops throughout the system." Principal units affected will be the main shops in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

WINNERS IN CRAFT CLUB

Bobby Gordon, Prince Rupert, was the winner of the handsome ladies' handbag set which was first prize in the raffle which was held Saturday night in connection with the annual Hobby Show by the Civic Centre Craft Club.

Mrs. J. Kinslor was the winner of the second prize brief case and Mrs. Ed. Lindeth took the third prize wallet. The Afghan raffle was won by Heather Wahl.

Winners in the leathercraft ticket selling contest was Marilyn Farmer who received a wallet with \$2 enclosed Verna Fossom and Sonja Jensen, for selling the most Afghan tickets, received wallets.

Prince George Boys Burned

PRINCE GEORGE—Joe Newmeyer and Johnny Warner, local boys, are suffering from burns and shock but their condition is satisfactory. The burns were sustained when they dropped a match into a near-empty gasoline drum while at play yesterday.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bayone	.03
Bralorne	3.40
B. R. Con	.03
B. R. X.	.05 1/4
Cariboo Quartz	1.26
Congress	.26 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.30 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.05
Pioneer	3.25
Premier Border	.03
Privateer	.12 1/2
Reeves McDonald	2.51
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	1.15
Silbak Premier	.37
Taku River	.14 1/2
Vananda	16 1/2

Oils—
Anglo Canadian 5.15
A. P. Con33
Atlantic 1.92

Flash

STAMPS LOSE OUT

CALGARY—Toronto Marlboros last night captured their first game in the Allan Cup final with a 6-5 victory over Calgary Stampeders, Western Canada champions. Scott Mair banged home the winning counter, the game winning effort coming with only 14 seconds of play remaining.

FISH BOAT SEIZED

Seized in Canadian waters off the Queen Charlotte Islands where she is alleged to have been found by the fisheries patrol cruiser Kitimaat, Capt. William Earnshaw, the Ketchikan crabbing vessel Jackie Joe was brought into Prince Rupert yesterday. Pending advice following a report to Ottawa, the fisheries department had no statement to make today concerning the incident.

Baseball Scores

National League
Brooklyn 2, St. Louis 3
Only games scheduled.
American League
Philadelphia, Boston, Postponed. Only game scheduled.

As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

ABOARD C.N.S. PRINCE RUPERT: A salt water voyage, long or short, is always a tonic relaxation for me. It is ten years since I made the trip to Prince Rupert before. This time the journey itself has been as relaxing as ever. The weather has been wonderful, and there is more to see.

There is time at Ocean Falls, for instance, to visit the bride and groom who live in an apartment looking out on majestic mountains. Ocean Falls intrigues me—for there I learn that when folks say they are going "downtown" they mean Vancouver which is a few hundred mile south. PRINCE RUPERT has changed decidedly for the better since I was there before. The war was a blessing to one city in one respect. For Rupert fell heir to as fine a Civic Centre building as there is in all Canada—certainly as fine as Nelson's—and therefore far ahead of any other city of similar size—maybe of any size.

The place is a beehive of happy activity. There are two gyms, a large and small hall, hobby and handicraft rooms, and the library. It is certainly no coincidence that Rupert has no "hoodlum" problem—and no juvenile delinquency to speak about. THE LEGION has just taken over the wartime Navy Officers' Club. It has as glorious an outlook as any building I have seen anywhere, including Switzerland or our own Rockies.

The construction of a huge cellulose plant just outside Prince Rupert should prove a great advantage for there has been too little diversification there. Too much of the district's prosperity has been dependent on fishing. There is a new worry in the fishing industry itself. For synthetic substitutes for cod and other fish liver oils are taking more and more of the market. Competition from Japan is already a reality—and a real future threat.

IN THE PAST few years our own native Indians have taken an ever larger part in the halibut fishing—which they formerly ignored—some say, even disdained. This is just one of many proofs that the Indians of Canada are more and more fitting themselves into the Canadian picture, as equals with others. It is a real thrill to see how the enlightened policies of the superintendents of Indian Affairs in northern B.C. are getting results. Year by year more and more Indian Affairs schools are being closed and the Indian youngsters are being fitted into the regular provincial system. The federal department pays the province an agreed fee for this service and it is working out to great advantage of all concerned. WHAT IS THERE about a sea voyage that helps to break down the standoffishness of us queer humans? You have a hard job to get Canadians to sing together on land—at least outside church, or without benefit of alcoholic tongue looseners. But on the first or second day out you will find them gathering around the ship's piano, shy at first, then more and more vocal. Northbound we had a regular spark plug who knew how to explode repressed humans. She was a middle aged, plumpish lady, with a soft face and a really beautiful voice. She sang "Jerusalem" herself beautifully, had the youngsters singing "Jesus Loves Me" and even hardened old sinners harmonizing on "Anie Laurie." MY TABLE mates, both north and southbound including a fine couple from San Diego, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore MacCauley. Mr. MacCauley was one of the very first, pioneer aviators in America. One of the jobs was at Toronto Exhibition in 1915. At the climax of the grandstand performance he dropped "bombs" on an imitation of the German cruiser "Emden." The actual sinking was done by a bomb attached to the bottom of the vessel and exploded by an attendant. Thus the vessel always sank—even when MacCauley missed by nearly a quarter mile with his phoney bomb.

M.P. Plumps For District

PEMBROKE—In an address on northwest British Columbia before the Pembroke, Ontario, Kiwanis Club yesterday, Edward T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, gave an interesting outline of gold mining in British Columbia with particular reference to the Atlin district.

Guest speaker of the club, Mr. Applewhite also described the close co-operation and community interest between the people of his district and the territory of Alaska. Among places referred to were Ocean Falls with its pulp mill, Burns Lake and Tweedsmuir Park, Terrace, Stewart, the port of Prince Rupert and "that Paradise on earth—the Queen Charlotte Islands."

After the meeting pamphlets of Prince Rupert and Terrace were distributed.

Ammunition Blast Kills 32

PATIALA, East Punjab (P)—Thirty-two persons were reported killed and 40 injured yesterday in an explosion which wrecked part of Patiala Fort's eastern wall.

Nearby shops in the heart of the town were destroyed. Other people were believed trapped under the debris. A high state official said the explosion was caused by an old ammunition dump accidentally catching fire. He states the union government has ordered an immediate inquiry.