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It's Been a Good Year

THE YEAR 1949 which comes to an end today has been a good one to Prince Rupert and its people. We have prospered and, apart from the normal vicissitudes of life have had little to mar our happiness. As a community we have progressed. Our city and district has won new recognition as the growing importance of northwestern Canada in the national scene has been freely admitted.

From the industrial standpoint we have done well with the outstanding development a very tangible and realistic one in the progress of construction to a vividly impressive stage of the huge celanese pulp mill at nearby Watson Island—a project which by the time another New Year comes around, will have been almost completed and ready to go into operation as a permanent industry.

Our basic industry of the fisheries has, on the whole, had a satisfactory year with nothing spectacular yet few disappointments. If 1950 is as good there will be no reason for complaint.

The timber industry has had a steady year with expansion of logging operations, particularly on the Queen Charlotte Islands, and the manufacturing plants of the interior—at least the well established ones—coming through a changing situation with satisfaction. The prospect for 1950 may not be so rosy owing to uncertainty but there should not be any serious depression for the period of the coming twelve months at least.

Mining has staged a considerable comeback with such properties as Silbak-Premier, Torbrit and, Polaris-Taku the major bright incidents. It may well be expected that 1950 will be an even better mining year with other properties added to the list of operators and more activity in the field of exploration. The re-establishment, after several years, by Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of exploration headquarters at Prince Rupert has been a significant feature.

Unemployment has been practically no problem here during the year.

On the whole, it has been a good business year in Prince Rupert. The retail trade has entered a more competitive phase but progressive businesses have thrived. Banks have done a rushing business in view of the new industrial activity.

Building has had a good season and many improvements are to be noted.

A bumper tourist year brought many visitors to the city and there would have been more and they would have stayed longer but for the continued lack of facilities to accommodate and interest them, the improvement of which situation might well be a major objective for next year. Prince Rupert still seems to be somewhat unappreciative of the potentialities of this important industry.

From a municipal standpoint we have still had our vicissitudes yet the year has not been without progress, notably in the improvement of the downtown streets and the steps that have been taken towards betterment of school facilities through the erection of new buildings as well as the extension of sewers and the decision for a modified scheme of telephone service improvements. There is, of course, much yet to be done and, as has been suggested before, it is to be hoped that some new financial deal may be made whereby the civic needs, so many and so pressing, may be to some measure achieved.

We have had in 1949 no major calamities, the sickening rumbling of a considerable earthquake in late summer notwithstanding. The most of our people have had a good reason to be happy although some have had the griefs and trials of normal existence.

Even the weather has been kind to Prince Rupert when we consider what other places, usually treated more favorably than ourselves, have had to put up with.

Yes, 1949 has been a happy old year in Prince Rupert. The new year of 1950 may dawn in the midst of disturbing uncertainties and may appear to be loaded with perplexities. We can but hope that it will be as satisfactory as the dying one has been. We have at least one satisfactory certainty and that is the knowing that we sit here today in a more solid position than we ever did before to share in all good things. Yet, if things should not be so good, we should also face the future with courage and good cheer.

We may be sure that, if any place in the world is going to have a happy 1950, it will be Prince Rupert.

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Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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(Green 331)

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(Black 610)

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Archdeacon E. Hodson
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Blue 371)

REGULAR BAPTIST
629 6th Ave. E.
Pastor: Leonard A. Thorpe
Services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 12:15.



First Presbyterian Church
Director of Music: Mrs. E. J. Smith
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1950
Morning Service—11 a.m.
Speaker—P. H. Linzey.
Sunday School—12:15 p.m.
No Evening Service

First United Church
536 Sixth Avenue West
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Children's Story with hymn
Sermon: In Earthen Vessels
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
New Year's Theme: New Lives
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1950
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
Topic: "READY FOR ACTION"

12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.

Topic: "INCOMPARABLE PRICE"

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Wed. 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Fri. 8 p.m., Ambassadors.

WE PREACH
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SPECIAL WATCH - NIGHT
SERVICE COMMENCING AT
10:30 P.M.

Saturday, 31st December, 1949
Conducted by S/Captain W. Chas. Poulton.

Address by Rev. F. Antrobus.

The Congregations of First Baptist Church and The Salvation Army are uniting for this service and extend a hearty welcome to any other Christian groups who will not be having a similar service in their own Church building.

Let us thank God for His 1949 Blessings and Dedicate ourselves to His Service for the Year that will be born as we conclude the Service.



IRANIAN SHAH VISITS TRUMAN—On his arrival in Washington, the Shah of Iran is welcomed by President Truman. The 33-year-old Iranian ruler pledged that his country, rich in oil and bordering Russia, will "work with the U.S. in the maintenance of peace in the Middle East." President Truman said that U.S.-Iranian friendship, cemented "in the struggle against fascism" will "become closer in the years ahead."

COLDEST WEATHER

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During the afternoon yesterday snow on sidewalks began to melt but that was no indication of decreasing temperatures. The Digby Island forecaster stated temperatures at the Wireless Station were around 16 above yesterday while Prince Rupert readings were slightly higher—but still far below the freezing level.

So New Year's Eve and day will be dry and very cold and no rain or snow is expected in this area as far as the weatherman predicts.

Numerous parties of private and semi-private nature will mark the farewell to the old year and the welcoming of the new. Major events will include large dancing parties at the Chatham and at the Prince Rupert Aero Club. Another large affair will be a party at the Moose Temple.

The chaf wintry weather brought joy to the hearts of the lovers of such winter sports as skating and coasting. Excellent skating on good smooth ice is attracting the skaters to the various sheets around the city as well as to the Salt Lake across the harbor.

The continued cold weather and the intensive stoking up of fires brought a warning from the city fire department today that extreme caution and watchfulness should be observed.

There was grief for many people this morning as they rose to find water pipes frozen after the coldest December night in seven years. Burst pipes in some instances accentuated the discomfort.

M. Mays, associated with the Jehovah Witnesses, who recently made a trip to Masset, Port Clements and Queen Charlotte points, is leaving for Vancouver aboard the Camosun Sunday. His headquarters are at Prince George.

Classified ads bring results.

53 CABS
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situation should take a favorable turn which would improve the supply the train services will be immediately reviewed.

Details concerning the passenger schedules affected will be announced from regional headquarters, Moncton, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Albans and Detroit, as quickly as possible.

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Clip this for reference
Week of Prayer
Monday, January 2 to Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m.
Day Church Speaker
Monday, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Rev. L. G. Sieber
Tuesday, First United Church, Archdeacon E. Hodson
Wednesday, First Baptist Church, Capt. W. C. Poulton
Thursday, St. Peter's at Seal Cove, Rev. F. Antrobus
Friday, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Pastor L. A. Thorpe
Saturday, Salvation Army, Rev. C. Fawcett
The offerings taken at these services will be given to the British and Foreign Bible Society

Train Cut Is Explained

MONTREAL — Effective Monday January 9 a system-wide reduction of twenty-five percent in steam-operated passenger trains will become necessary on the Canadian National Railways. This drastic curtailment of train service is due to serious depletion of coal reserves of the company because of work stoppages and shortened working hours in United States mines upon which the company relies for huge quantities of fuel.

In making the announcement N. B. Walton, executive vice-president of the Canadian National, stated that in August last the company had reserves of coal in stock equal to four months' supply and that this quantity was more than sufficient to see it through an average winter season providing the flow of coal to the company from the mines was also normal. However, the coal strike followed by the severe reduction in miners working hours, have combined to drastically reduce the inward flow of coal and the four months' reserve has dwindled so that now the stock pile is only sufficient for 30 days operation and this the management regards as a critically dangerous margin with the winter season ahead. No alternative except curtailment of train service is possible.

The Canadian National is the largest consumer of coal in Canada using between six and seven million tons a year.

In Eastern Canada the Canadian National spreads westward as far as possible the use of coal mined in the maritimes and the practice is followed also on the western region with coal from local mines. The company is, however, dependent practically wholly on the U. S. mines for the supply of the heavy coal tonnage required in central Canada.

"A review of our present position," said Mr. Walton, "indicates that the diminution in the limited supplies of coal which we are presently receiving from the U. S. mines has made our situation precarious. The reduction now ordered will result in a weekly saving of approximately 95,000 miles in steam passenger train service. If the



BOY BISHOP — Thirteen-year-old Peter Pennings of Wednesbury, Staffordshire, Eng., became boy bishop for a month when, exchanging his cap and satchel for cope and mitre, he was "inducted" by Rev. T. F. Woolley, priest-in-charge of St. Luke's church. Here the boy bishop receives his mitre from the Rev. T. F. Woolley at the "induction" ceremony.

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