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Contract For New Nurses' Home Is Awarded

Mitchell & Currie Get Contract For \$81,392

Another major building project in the city gets under way immediately following the awarding of the contract today by the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital for an \$81,392 addition to the Nurses' Home. The successful bidders were Mitchell & Currie who will start work immediately. Architects are McCarter & Nairne of Vancouver whose representative will be here shortly. The new structure provides for twenty-eight bedrooms and a recreation room and will occupy the most of four lots immediately to the east of the present Nurses' Home.

Big Winter Event— Burns Lake Ski Meeting

BURNS LAKE—With a strong executive in the saddle, Omineca Ski Club is planning the holding of the biggest and best Ski Tournament since the British Columbia championships brought the greatest group of ski experts ever gathered in the west and when the attendance was so great that almost every house in the young village was held open to visiting ski enthusiasts. Accommodation is no longer a problem, however, as the Tweedsmuir Hotel is especially prepared to entertain skiers. The big basement is equipped with showers, dressing rooms and an expert attendant will be on hand to overhaul damaged skis, to advise as to the different ski dope suited to prevailing weather conditions, and to repair and adjust ski hitches for the novice. The Club Instructor is conceded to be one of the best in America. Officers for the season are as follows: President—Jack S. Brown. Vice-President—Gordon Williams. Secretary—Isabel Curistan. Treasurer—Rodolphe J. Bourque. Instructor—Kaare Engstad, (former Dominion champion) aided by Karl Lindaa, winner of last year's gruelling cross-country run; Larry Curistan, Edwin Ostberg, Dale Dundas, Fred Ragsdale, Ted Rowland, Margaret Bickie. Honorary President—Lyster Mulvaney.



THRIVING SIAMESE TWINS—One asleep, the other awake, Brenda and Beverley Townsend, Siamese twin girls are placed on a scale for their first photograph in Tofield, Alta., municipal hospital. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Townsend, the twins, joined at the abdomen, weighed nine pounds two ounces. No attempt will be made to separate them until they are stronger. Marie Slavik is the nurse. (C. P. Photo)

Pipe Thawing Causes Fires

First cold snap of the season in Prince Rupert caused frozen water pipes and thawing of pipes resulted in two calls to the fire department. The first fire was at 5:25 a.m. at 625 Tatlow Street in a house owned by Mrs. R. Gilbert and occupied by the family of D. Magnus and Lief Nelson. A partition took fire and damage amounting to about \$25 or \$30 was done. The second pipe-thawing fire was at 11:15 a.m. to the suite of Mrs. Gowan in the Macey Apartment, 327 Second Ave. where smoke came through the floor but caused no damage.

Finning Tractor Tender Chosen

Finning Tractor and Equipment Co., Ltd. will supply the Shawatlans Lake emergency water pumping plant with a 140 H.P. Caterpillar engine and pump at a cost of \$3,762 f.o.b. Prince Rupert plus tax. The Board of Works committee recommended this last night at a special meeting of city council. Delivery is guaranteed within three weeks after placing the order. The machine has a six months guarantee tacked on to it which calls for two days continuous operation at the outset in order that city officials be satisfied the outfit is in good operating conditions. It is also guaranteed to pump 1000 gallons of water per minute. The engine is a new Caterpillar Model D13000 Diesel type complete with lower type fan and gasoline engine starting arrangements. The pump is a Goulds Centrifugal pump with six inch suction and four inch discharge. Other parts are a "V" belt drive for the latter and an oil and water safety device. Questions by Ald. Black and Ald. McLean drew assurance from Ald. Rudderham, chairman of the board of works, that the city was amply guaranteed from the vendors of the plant, of service and performance to meet the requirements. "Mr. Lane has assured us that the engine will do the job required," Ald. Rudderham declared. Ald. McLean said he had understood that a 160 h.p. engine would be required to do the job. One could not always depend upon the rating of an engine but Caterpillar rawas always known to deliver its rating. Ald. Rudderham said.

Old Country :: Football ::

English League, First Div.
Burnley 0, Arsenal 0
Charlton Athletic 1, West Bromwich Albion 2
Chelsea 3, Birmingham City 0
Everton 3, Middlesbrough 1
Huddersfield Town 0, Blackpool 1
Manchester United 0, Derby County 1
Portsmouth 1, Newcastle United 0
Stoke City 3, Bolton Wanderers 2
Sunderland 3, Liverpool 2
Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Fulham 1
Aston Villa 1, Manchester City 0

Second Division
Bradford 3, Plymouth Argyle 2
Bury 0, Hull City 0
Cardiff City 2, Blackburn Rovers 1
Chesterfield 1, Barnsley 0
Grimsby Town 1, Southampton 1
Leicester City 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2
Preston North End 2, Swansea Town 1
Queen's Park Rangers 1, Leeds United 1
Sheffield United 1, Coventry City 1
Tottenham Hotspur 1, Brentford 1
West Ham United 0, Luton Town 0

Scottish League, Div "A"
Aberdeen 5, Motherwell 0
Clyde 6, Stirling Albion 0
East Fife 5, Celtic 1
Falkirk 0, Partick Thistle 3
Hearts 2, Raith Rovers 0
Rangers 1, Queen of the South 0
St. Mirren 1, Hibernian 3
Third Lanark 1, Dundee 0

Says Hooligans Upset Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, England—Two hundred ex-service undergraduates of Cambridge university were called "vicious and ill-disciplined" by Dr. C. E. Raven of Christ's College. Dr. Raven, who has just given up the post of vice-chancellor, told a meeting of the Workers' Educational Association: "I should estimate that in the university as a whole there are somewhere about 200 young men who had better not be there, who seem to be vicious and ill-disciplined—the kind of young men responsible for the hooliganism on Nov. 5 last year." (Last November students caused considerable damage to university buildings. Cars were overturned in the street and some visitors were injured). Dr. Raven said his criticism did not apply to 5,000 students "who are doing good work here."

HOCKEY SCORES

Vancouver 7, New Westminster 4
Victoria 6, Tacoma 5
Oakland 4, Portland 3

BASKETBALL

TONIGHT—8:45
Sr. Co-ops vs. Brownwoods

Interesting Here— Housing Plan Outlined To Council

In the near future Canadians, especially those in the lower income brackets, may be able to purchase new homes with a minimum of initial financial outlay, as a result of a new housing scheme now being worked out between federal and provincial governments. The plan appears to be very interesting to such places as Prince Rupert. City Clerk H. D. Thain, who attended a housing conference of dominion, provincial and municipal officials in Victoria this week, told city council last night the federal government realized housing as the number one requirement and is taking steps to boost home building at a reduced down payment under the National Housing Act. Under the new scheme one sixth of the ultimate price will be required. The federal government will foot 75 per cent of construction costs while provinces will pay 25 per cent. Municipalities will not be required to shell out a cent. Costs will entail purchase and surveying of lots and erection of houses. But, Mr. Thain stated, cities will be expected to survey their own needs. Frying a nest exists, they will take the matter up with the provincial government. Needs will be assessed, land will be made available at reasonable prices and an agreement that all services will be extended to the boundary of the construction area, must be fulfilled. If utilities are required in a new housing area, the cooperative scheme would not cost the municipality a cent. It was suggested a survey be taken immediately. It was agreed that a housing committee should be set up next year to look into the matter. It was a "far-sweeping" plan which the federal government, through Central Mortgage and Housing officials, had presented at the Victoria conference. Thain informed the council. In addition to the scheme, encourage private home ownership by reducing the down payment to one-sixth, in the lot purchase, the government was prepared to provide the province to co-operate, with the construction and servicing of houses for re-sale or rental.

What is Required

1. Make survey of its housing needs.
2. Make available land at a reasonable price.
3. Carry services to the boundary of any new residential area which might be established, the government providing the services within.
4. Agree on a 20-year period of fixed taxation.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The cold polar air mass which has gripped the northern portion of British Columbia for the past few days is now headed southward and will cover all the province by tonight. Temperatures will be considerably lower in all sections tonight than they were last night. Five to ten degrees of frost are expected along the coast while in the interior minimum temperatures will range from slightly above zero in the southern districts to well below zero in the central and northern regions.

Forecast
North Coast and Prince Rupert Region—Clear and cold today and tomorrow. Wind northerly (20 mph). Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Prince Rupert 13 and 30; Sandspit, 25 and 32.
Remainder Region—Cloudy with snow flurries today. Clear and cold tonight and tomorrow. Wind northerly (20 mph). Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy, 2 and 35.

Terrace Road In Good Shape

The crews of the Public Works Department have kept the road to Terrace open despite the heavy snowfall during the week according to reports reaching the News Office this morning and the road is in good shape for travelling today.

UNEMPLOYMENT on INCREASE

Situation Serious But Not Alarming
OTTAWA (CP) Unemployment in Canada this winter has reached the highest level since the war. So has employment. Federal Department of Labor officials say the unemployment problem is "serious but not alarming." No accurate estimate is available as to the number of people in the country who want jobs but cannot find them. Around 208,000 job seekers are registered with the National Unemployment Service. Some of them probably have jobs but are seeking the National Employment Service to help them change them.

Seventeen Dead In Plane Crash

JALAPA, Mexico—All seventeen persons aboard a Mexican air liner which crashed near the Gulf Coast yesterday are considered dead, an official said today. Wreck of the Compania Mexicana de Aviacion plane near here was the third major crash in Mexico in a year and a half. Thirteen of those aboard were passengers, the rest crew. Five other persons were killed today in traffic accidents while enroute to the scene of the crash.

Adult Craft Club Closing

A fitting conclusion to the social gatherings of the crafts club will be the social evening held at the Civic Centre for the Club members on Monday evening of next week. There will be an evening of moving pictures in the club lounge so that the members of the evening groups may have an opportunity to meet those attending the afternoon classes. Both of the Monday night groups will meet early to finish any work necessary for the Christmas rush and later will have an opportunity of seeing the movies and enjoying a social hour. Tea and cookies will be served afterwards.

Big Stock Of Liquor Here

The cargo of the Camosun yesterday included 2,500 cartons of beer and 800 cases of hard liquor all for delivery at Prince Rupert. The longshoremen had a sizeable job unloading the refreshments.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (Today)—J. Kullin, Miss L. Orton, C. W. Calhoun, Miss A. Waterman, Miss G. Findlay, C. M. Townsend, A. Beam, J. E. R. Wood, R. S. Gordon, Dave Bone, P. Korvista, R. Sandness, W. Kollett, Miss K. Howe.
To Sandspit (today)—Miss Dolores Jones, Miss Parker.
From Vancouver (Friday)—J. McKenzie, E. McDonald, A. F. Smith, D. Moore, O. Johansen.
From Sandspit (Friday)—J. Wellen, A. McConkey, M. B. Lorge, T. Ouliet.

Dr. Hershey Has Resigned

VICTORIA—Dr. J. M. Hershey, commissioner of British Columbia's Hospital Insurance Service announced his resignation today. He said in a statement that because he had not been given assurance that major change he had recommended in internal operation of the service would be carried out, he had no alternative but to resign.

High School Sports Banned

VICTORIA—British Columbia's High School sports finals have been banned by the Department of Education. Minister of Education W. T. Straith, in announcing the ban, said that attempts to organize provincial high school sports had been unsuccessful because of time lost and expenses involved.

Vancouver Stores To Defy Bylaw

VANCOUVER—Many Vancouver stores will remain open next Wednesday and test the validity of the Weekly Half Holiday Act. The Hudson Bay Co. decided it would take the lead in staying open, the bylaw notwithstanding and fifty smaller stores have followed suit. Time and a half wages will be paid the employees for the half day.



Sunday, December 18, 1949
High 0:09 19.2 feet
 11:52 23.1 feet
Low 5:48 8.0 feet
 18:39 1.6 feet

Christmas Carols
Civic Centre
Sunday—9:15 p.m.