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First Car Reaches City Over Highway Today

Skeena River Road Open But Not Being Recommended Yet

First car of the season over the highway arrived in Prince Rupert this afternoon from Terrace following the clearing of the final obstruction—a slide 30 feet deep and 300 feet long, four miles this side of Tyee on the slope beyond Rainbow Lake.

The car is that of W. E. Bottomley, assistant district engineer from Smithers. Mr. Bottomley himself has been in the city for the past few days. The car was driven in by Arthur Kennedy, road foreman at Terrace.

Caterpillars were working today on both sides of the slide and finally succeeded in closing the gap to make the road passable.

Speaking this afternoon, Mr. Bottomley emphasized that, while cars may be able to get through, the highway is "narrow, rough and wet" and not to be recommended for traffic. "I wouldn't advise anybody to make the trip for pleasure for some time," he said.

Along the Skeena River the road still runs through a snow trench, as high as seven or eight feet at some points.

The road has weathered the winter as well as last winter and is no worse than it was last fall, Mr. Bottomley said.

Last year the first car came through from Terrace on April 26.

Mr. Bottomley plans to leave this afternoon by car for Terrace and thence home to Smithers.

The road between Terrace and Smithers is in good shape. Between Vanderhoof and Prince George it is soft and traffic is restricted.

Native Is Candidate

Frank Calder of Aiyansh C.C.F. Candidate For Atlin Riding

Not only will the native citizens of British Columbia vote for the first time in the forthcoming provincial election. They will have a candidate for the Legislature, it was announced in Prince Rupert today.

The candidate will be 34-year old Frank Calder of Greenville village on the Naas River who has been nominated as C.C.F. standard bearer for Atlin riding.

Jack Scott, formerly of Stewart and now of Prince Rupert, withdrew in favor of Mr. Calder.

Mr. Calder, born at Naas Harbor, was the first native to enrol in the University of British Columbia and graduate therefrom with a degree in theology.

He has long been identified with organizational work among the natives and is a member of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union. At one time he was engaged in free lance writing for newspapers.

Expressing gratification at being chosen to represent the C.C.F. as their candidate in Atlin, Mr. Calder, although he is general secretary of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, wished to make it clear that he does not represent any native organization in the candidature but only the platform and policy of the C.C.F.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Light showers were recorded from most areas of the province this morning as moist air continued to flow in the Pacific. Skies will clear tonight but will become cloudy again tomorrow.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with showers today and again tomorrow. Clear tonight. Westerly winds (15 m.p.h.), little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy 35 and 50, Masset 35 and 50, Prince Rupert 35 and 50.

Says U.S. Help Proving Success in Free Nations

Marshall Plan Now One Year Old; Director Paul Hoffman Declares Communists Are Losing Ground

WASHINGTON (AP)—Just a year ago the United States Congress passed the Marshall Plan to help Europe, and the battle to keep Communism away from the shores of the Atlantic was on.

There was an almost immediate pay-off. The Communists lost the Italian election. No one had known how that election would tally.

Now Paul Hoffman, director of the Economics Co-operation Administration, tells Congress the Communists have lost ground in every European nation where there is a free vote.

The Marshall Plan has been aimed at several political hopes. Death of Communist strength in Europe has been one. Another hope—perhaps more of a dream, but far in the future in any event—has been a merger of European states into one nation.

Such a merger was first hinted in the speech which set off the Marshall Plan, made in June 1947 at Harvard by the then secretary of state, George C. Marshall. Marshall offered American loans and grants to Europe if it would co-operate to help itself.

It took European leaders exactly 11 days after Marshall's speech to meet the challenge. Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin of Britain went to Paris to talk over with the French premier of the day, Paul Ramadier, what Europeans could do.

Out of Bevin's trip grew the 16-nation Organization of European Economic Co-operation. In that group western Europeans put their cards on the table: what they could produce and sell, what they would need from each other and from the New World.

Last summer that led to an American demand that the Europeans work out the entire plan through 1952, when U.S. aid is to end.

SIGNIFICANT MOVE

Last month the O.E.E.C. set up an executive committee to be staffed with men of cabinet rank and hence with authority. Its purpose is to tie together Europe's future during the Marshall Plan period and perhaps even after that. Carlo Sforza, Italy's elder statesman, commented that this could be the start of a true European government.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson made another over-all political estimate of the Marshall Plan when he told Congress the mere announcement of American aid to Europe had forced Moscow to reveal its hand.

He said "the Red's true aims

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Liberals Are Hopeful For Queen Charlottes

E. T. Applewhaite, federal election candidate of the Liberals for Skeena, and Robert H. Parker, who made a trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands during the early part of this week, are well satisfied with the prospects for good support. Three logging camps in Cumshewa Inlet were visited as well as Sandspit, Queen Charlotte City, Skidegate, Tlell and Port Clements. Islanders, always optimistic, are particularly hopeful these days that the newly commencing industrial development on the northern mainland will have its reflection in better times for the Queen Charlottes.

Stewart For W. D. Smith

STEWART (P)—At a meeting of the coalition party here William Duncan Smith, sitting member, seeking re-election was proposed for renomination. Smith received an enthusiastic reception from the meeting to which he spoke briefly.

The meeting elected an executive consisting of W. R. Tooth, chairman; J. P. Hawkinson, vice-chairman; R. Barwise, secretary, Ernest Love,, William L. Newell, Mrs. John McLeod, W. J. Wakefield, Louis A. Behnsen and John Haahti.

The full coalition nominating convention will be held in Stewart tonight and delegates appointed to attend are W. R. Tooth, R. Barwise, Ernest Love John Campbell and Louis Behnsen with instructions to support Mr. Smith.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.06½
Bralorne	9.00
B. R. Con.	.03¼
B. R. X.	10
Cariboo Quartz	1.20
Congress	.04
Hedley Mascot	.23
Pacific Eastern	.05
Pend Oreille	4.25
Pioneer	3.30
Premier Border	.02¾
Privateer	.16
Reeves McDonald	2.05
Reno	.05½
Sheep Creek	1.30
Silbak Premier	.34
Vananda	.23
Salmon Gold	.12½
Spud Valley	.07½
Oils—	
Anglo Canadian	3.85
A. P. Con.	.20
Atlantic	.69
Calmont	.42
C. & E.	5.45
Central Leduc	.92
Home Oil	10.85
Mercury	.10½
Olakta	2.15
Pacific Pete	2.42
Princess	.25
Royal Canadian	.08
South Brazeau	.16½
Toronto	
Athona	.14½
Aumaque	.15
Beattie	.47
Bevcourt	.24½
Bobjo	.11
Buffalo Canadian	.12
Consol. Smelters	96.50
Conwest	1.18
Donalda	.48
Eldona	.58
East Sullivan	2.80
Giant Yellowknife	6.15
God's Lake	.37½
Hardrock	.16
Harricana	.07
Heva	.08½
Hosco	.22
Jacknife	.04
Joliet Quebec	.35
Lake Rowan	.09¼
Lapaska	.09½
Little Long Lac	.73
Lynx	.13
Madsen Red Lake	2.90
McLeod Cockshutt	1.02
Moneta	.42
Negus	2.38
Noranda	54.50
Louvicourt	.14
Pickle Crow	2.15
Regcourt	.04½
San Antonio	4.05
Senator Rouyn	.35
Sherrit Gordon	1.39

NEWFOUNDLAND VOTING

ST. JOHN'S—Premier Joseph Smallwood announced today that the first provincial election will be held May 27. Twenty-eight seats will be contested. Smallwood, Liberal, is expected to lead his party.

CANADA AMONG 12 NATIONS TO SIGN ATLANTIC PACT—Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Canadian minister for external affairs, indicated b[illegible] above, signed the historic North Atlantic security treaty for Canada in Washington. This photo shows French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman speaking on behalf of France at ceremonies held in connection with signing of the pact. Seated in first row behind speaker are foreign ministers of countries which signed the pact. In rear row are ambassadors to the U.S. Left to right, front row, are: Bevin, Great Britain; Lange, Norway; Bech, Luxembourg; Benediktsson, Iceland; Rasmussen, Denmark; Spaak, Belgium; Secretary of State Dan Acheson, U.S. Pearson, Canada; Sforza, Italy; Stikker, Netherlands and Da Matta, Portugal.

Flash

DREW CCCF CRITICAL

OTTAWA—Leader of the Opposition George Drew, charged that the government had been guided by "political expediency" in calling a general election in June. He said the Progressive-Conservatives had been seeking an election since January but was critical of the proposed dissolution of Parliament without giving the members a chance to examine estimates. C.C.F. leader M. J. Coldwell felt that the Atlantic pact and the British wheat agreement should be dealt with before dissolution.

LIBERALS VS. C.C.F.

OTTAWA—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said in Commons yesterday that the election campaign would be between the Liberals and the C.C.F. He predicted that the Conservatives would lose seats.

TRUMAN PLEASED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Truman expressed satisfaction Thursday with the proposal of Russia to lift the Berlin blockade if a four power conference is called. He believed the Soviet was "acting in good faith." Dr. Phillip C. Jessup, American ambassador, had a 92-minute meeting with Soviet deputy foreign ministers Andrei Gromyko and Jacob A. Malik but the meeting was surrounded by the usual secrecy.

Halibut Fleet Clears For Grounds For What May Be Shortest Season

Vanguard of more than eighty Prince Rupert halibut boats began leaving this morning on their initial voyages to the Area Two halibut grounds where they will compete with vessels from Seattle, Vancouver and the Alaskan ports in what may be the shortest season on record.

Skippers of the vessels began obtaining Area Two clearances Thursday and the first of the boats left this morning for the herring pounds at Hunt's Inlet and Klemtu to take on live bait.

Joining the Prince Rupert fleet to obtain clearances were dozens of boats from Vancouver, which came north during the last few days to be close to the Hecate Straits fishing areas which may see the greatest concentration of halibut boats in its history.

Veteran skippers anticipate that the 1949 season may be equally as short as the 948 season, which lasted only 30 days. Depending on their luck and the weather, some boats may make three trips but it is not felt that there will be many of these.

So far, the 1949 regulations of the International Fisheries Commission have not been published so the fishery will operate on the 1948 regulations until further notice. Area Two quota last year was 25,500,000 pounds and the Area Three quota, 28,000,000 pounds.

Prince Rupert's fleet cleared in the shabbiest condition in years because of constant rainfall which made it impossible in many cases to paint the boats. However, the gear is in first-class condition.

OPENING AT MIDNIGHT

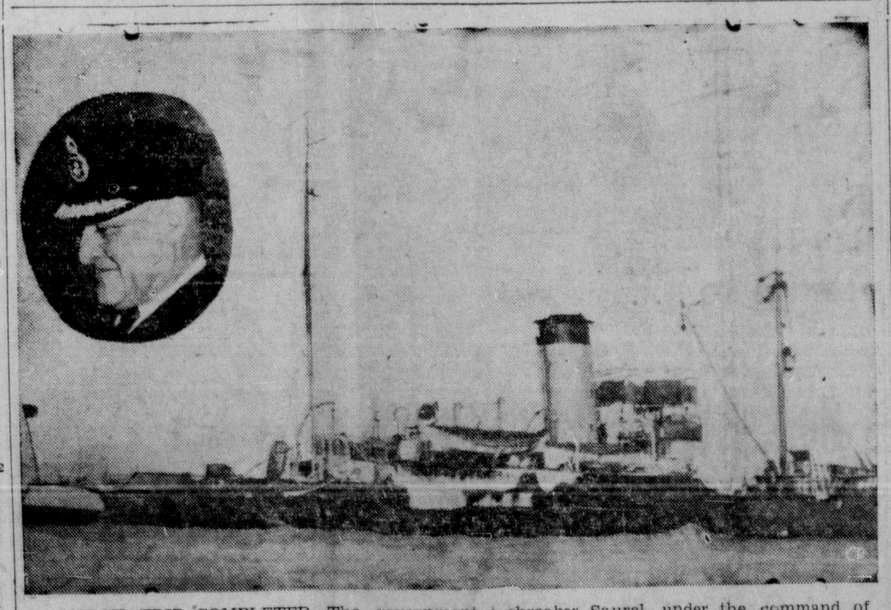
The 1949 season opens at midnight, Saturday, officially, but actually the gear will not go overside until daylight breaks over the straits Sunday morning.

While clearances for Area Two began from here this morning, some Vancouver boats cleared earlier this week for Area Three, planning to stop in some Alaska port until time to leave for the banks. They were bigger boats of the Canadian fleet—the B.C. Producer, Western Spirit, Kaare II, B.C. Clipper, Good Partner, Brooks Bay, and Aiiaverdy.

As was the case last year, the expected shortness of the season has caused the fishermen to cast aside their former practice of dividing the fleet into two groups to avoid congestion in the handling plants when they return with their first cargoes. The fleet will begin fishing all at once.

Imposition of a one percent landing tax on halibut in Alaskan ports may bring a large number of American boats to Prince Rupert this season to avoid the territorial impost.

Boats which have obtained clearances up to this morning for Area Two were the Larry H., Annabelle, Ingrid H., J. R., Cape Race II, Louise M, Anker A, Dovre B, Thelma H, Staffen, Selma H, Teeny Milly, Gosnell, Phyllis Carlisle, Caroline Morin, Miss Margot, Embla, Aleutian, Gony, Twinkle, Amlac, Orco G, Lois N, Atli, Four-Forty, Laila II, Mae West, Rio, Five Princes, P. Doreen, Advance II, Gibson, Robert B, Helen II, North Cape, Northern Breeze, Shirlu, Taplow, Laila, Dominato II, North Forland, Viking, Keno II, Panda II, Parma, Telemark, Rider, Gudvanger, Vera Beatrice, Balzac, Wales Island 7.



MERCY TRIP COMPLETED—The government icebreaker Saurel, under the command of Capt. Louis Chouinard (inset), sailed from St. John's last Tuesday night for Halifax after completing a mercy mission to isolated outposts on the east coast of Labrador. The Saurel was dispatched to carry $25,000 worth of food and supplies to these outposts when word was received settlers, including babies and children, were starving due to lack of supplies. The ice was so heavy the vessel took two days to complete the last eight miles of her trip to Labrador.

MAORI MAY BE NEXT GOVERNOR

AUCKLAND, N.Z.—It is not unlikely that the next Governor-General of New Zealand will be a Maori. He is Sir Peter Buck and the suggestion has considerable support from both Europeans and Maoris. He is regarded as the leading living authority on the native races of the Pacific.

BASEBALL SCORES

National Lague

Brooklyn 2, Philadelphia 5.
Chicago 4, St. Louis 4 (end of sixth).

American League

New York 7, Boston 1.
Philadelphia 4, Washington 4 (eighth inning).

Hockey Openers

Allan Cup

Ottawa 6, Regina 4.

Memorial Cup

Montreal 3, Brandon 2.

DOUKS ARE WARNED

NELSON—Warning that "this outlawry must stop" was issued yesterday by Premier Byron Johnson who discussed the threat of new Doukhobor terrorism with the Board of Trade. He said the government will do all in its power to see that conditions are remedied. Meanwhile provincial and mounted police reinforcements in large numbers have entered the area.

LOCAL TIDES

(Pacific Standard Time)

Saturday, April 30, 1949

High	2:06	21.0 feet
	14:55	18.4 feet
Low	8:45	3.1 feet
	20:33	7.5 feet

The St. Peter's Young Peoples' Association presents
'SPRING FANTASY'
A Musical in Two Parts
"Easter Time" (A Gay Nineties Revue)
"Le Cafe Parisienne" (Romance in Gay Paree)
Civic Centre Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. Friday, April 29
TICKETS AT THE DOOR OR FROM Y.P.A. MEMBERS
(100)

IC VOTE T COMING

RIA (P)—With British ns going to the polls June, political campin the next few weeks ed to be the most hectic istory of the province. e Liberals and Conwill take a combined nst the Co-operative mmonwealth Federation.

ve days later both artners will seek infactory in the federal

mitted in political at the campaigning to be carefully exeavoid rupturing the that they have so careerved.

Leader Harold Winch double election of Coalition." Although party is split on suppe North Atlantic pact, political campaigners low the national C.C.F. supporting it.

UNISTS ADVANCING

NGHAI—Communist today seized Wuhing, nt 40 miles north of w, main prop for ai. A Nationalist come said the drive on ai appeared to be a protect the flank of ound communist col. It appears that the push is directed at chow, not Shanghai. he capture of Hangshanghai would be sealby land.

T BURDEN CESSIVE

Interest Should be n Half, Says Official—Railway Future

IA—In an address to nia Traffic Club on night, A. J. Lomas, sident, central region, National Railways, nowledgement to Canneer railways which the country for settlein later years, helped the Dominion into a ustrial nation.

the meeting that, becoming of the railnada was composed of ts strung along the waterways and it was rail lines to weld these communities into the it has become today. ilroads took their hisre as builders of a nagening new lands for nt, creating new nawealth and establishing ntres of distribution."

aling with the history Canadian National Rail- Lomas said that toresent system incorporany private lines which aken over when they ot meet their obligations. the acquisition of priowned lines," he said, Canadian National Railad to assume vast firdebts. As a result of this, dian National fixed s based on gross earnare perhaps three times of class one railways in ited States and Canada. on what has been done United States by reorion, our interest charges not be more than apately half of what they day. This is a disability which management has k, for we can only carry fixed charges when there ficient traffic to do so." Lomas foresaw a bright for the railways with the

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HOBBY SHOW
CIVIC CENTRE
IGHT AND SATURDAY
2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.
OSES SATURDAY, 9 P.M.