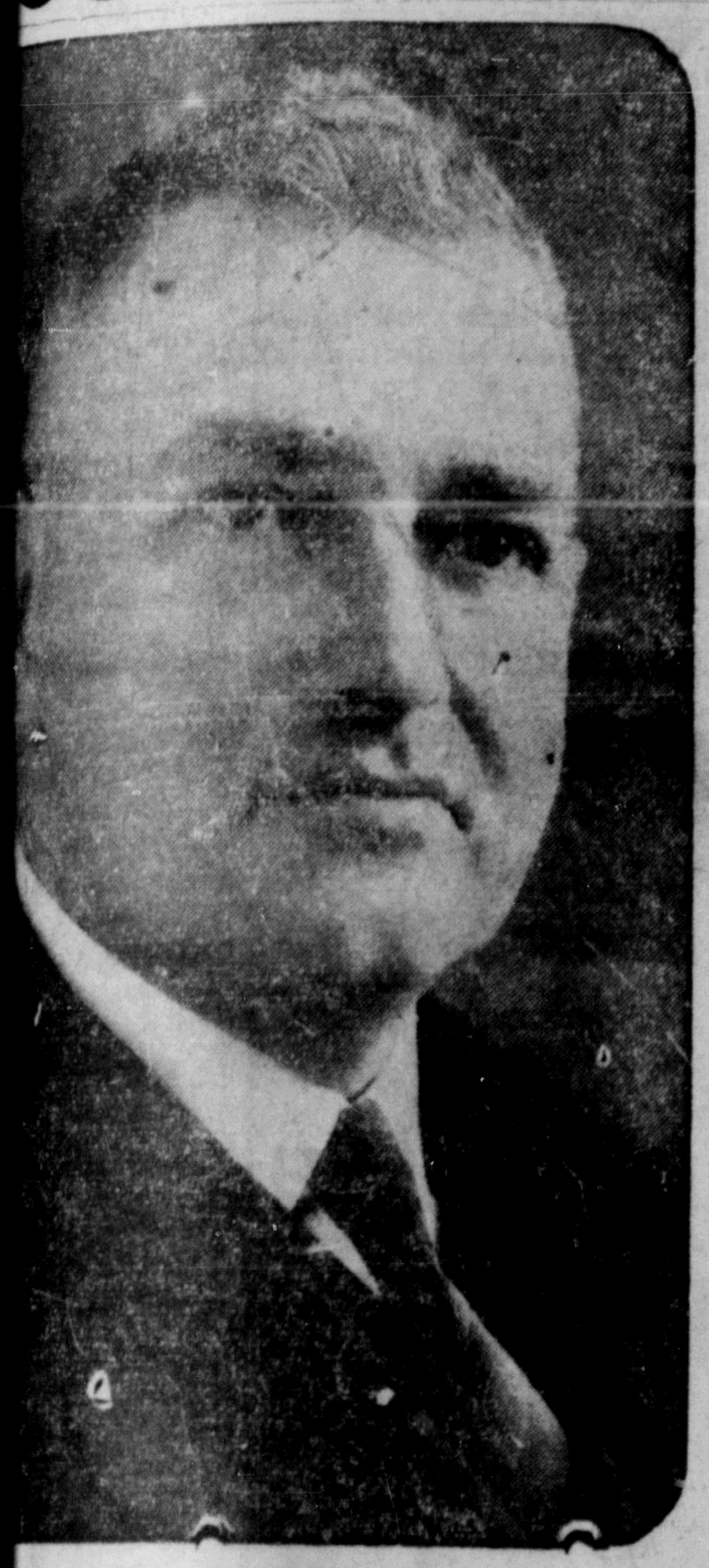


Largest Budget Brought Down At Victoria

No Taxation Increase Announced



BUDGET—Hon. Herbert Anscomb, B. C. Finance Minister

Caution In Spending of Money Important Says Mr. Anscomb

Protests At Filing

Ald. W. A. McLean Does Not Like Way City Council is Handling Power Representations

The power situation again crept into city council business last night as a resolution from the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council began its way into the filing cabinet, was pulled out and then finally filed. The communication was intended for the last regular meeting of the council but was delayed and therefore included in last night's agenda.

Ald. H. F. Glassey moved the document filed. Ald. W. A. McLean protested by stating that city council should make an effort to satisfy the public by seriously attending to the matter instead of using the filing process as had been done with the Junior and Senior Chambers and Community Ratepayers' Association resolutions.

VICTORIA—(CP)—British Columbia's first \$100,000,000 budget was delivered to the Legislature this afternoon by Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb. He placed estimated revenue for the coming fiscal year—April 1, 1950, to March 31, 1951—at \$105,831,189 and expenditures at \$105,558,517, leaving a surplus of \$273,000.

Mr. Anscomb estimated that the current year's revenue will be around \$108,000,000 against an estimated \$93,000,000 and that expenditures will be \$105,325,781 against an estimated \$92,308,018.

Revenue for 1948-49 amounted to \$92,000,910 with expenditure of \$87,435,963, a revenue surplus of \$4,564,946.

Mr. Anscomb said that the three percent sales tax will amount to \$24,000,000 in the present year and an equal amount in next fiscal year.

The minister of finance announced a fifteen-month deficit of \$4,587,000 in the compulsory hospital insurance fund and announced it will be necessary to borrow \$5,000,000 for the Dominion—federal housing scheme, details of which will be given to the House later.

Mr. Anscomb announced no new taxation but said: "We must exercise the greatest caution in spending of our money for both current and capital purposes. We must protect to the fullest measure that high financial credit that now forms the basis of all our capital undertakings. Were we to fail in this, the outlook for the future would be dark indeed."

Municipalities, in direct and indirect aid in the next fiscal year will receive \$26,778,000 or \$5,000,000 more than was forecast for the current year.

There will be \$10,000,000 for new school buildings, \$7,000,000 for the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway including new construction costs, \$10,500,000 for new roads and bridges, \$2,579,000 on University of British Columbia buildings and \$625,000 on Okanagan Valley flood control.

Since the disastrous floods of 1948 in British Columbia a total of \$19,827,317 has been spent on control, relief and rehabilitation. The province paid \$5,704,785 of the total and the federal government \$14,122,532.

The municipalities will receive \$8,000,000 for sales tax revenues and payments to the social security fund will include \$1,954,914 for old age pensions, old age pensions cost of living bonus \$2,641,752 and social assistance aids, \$3,158,653.

Mr. Anscomb said that, to meet the deficit in hospital insurance scheme, it will be necessary to appropriate from revenue surplus appropriation account \$2,500,000 in addition to which \$2,000,000 stabilization fund will be set up to care for shortages.

The provincial net debt at December 31, 1949, totalled \$146,100,363, an increase of \$18,474,426. Most of the increase is attributed to new roads, buildings and bridges.

Executions At Oakalla

VANCOUVER—Walter Preslyko, aged 33, and William Worobec, 37, slayers of an elderly railway employee here last June, were hanged at Oakalla Prison at 6:08 a.m. Pacific Standard Time today.

An eleven-hour appeal for a stay pending introduction of anti-capital punishment legislation at Ottawa was denied by Mr. Justice Coady.

At Ottawa it was intimated that the Department of Justice had no intention of interfering with executions pending consideration of the Thatcher Bill.

Big Cat Is Captured

OKLAHOMA—The 200-pound leopard, which escaped from Lincoln Park zoo on Saturday and terrorized the city the week-end, is back in its cage safely secure. It was captured alive early today after eating meat to which a sleep-producing drug had been applied.

The big cat for over two days had eluded a dramatic stalk by hunters who had fanned out from a giant floodlight illuminated fenced-in area within which an armed band patrolled the heavily wooded twenty acres in automobiles for many hours. The cagey cat, however, outmaneuvered his would-be captors.

The leopard had not eaten for two days and zoo director Julian Frazier had warned his hunters that this would make him even more dangerous. "Beside that, his nature leads him to kill just for pleasure," Frazier added.

The leopard escaped from the zoo after springing eighteen feet in the air.

Farm families in the zoo area were warned to stay at home and keep their cattle penned up. Parents escorted their children to school.

The leopard was captured alive at its pit, felled by a "mick-ey." Knockout drops were placed in chunks of horse meat and subdued the ferocious jungle cat long enough for him to be captured.

The zoo keeper slipped a noose around the drugged animal's neck and held him while he was caged. Hunger had finally driven the beast back to the zoo.

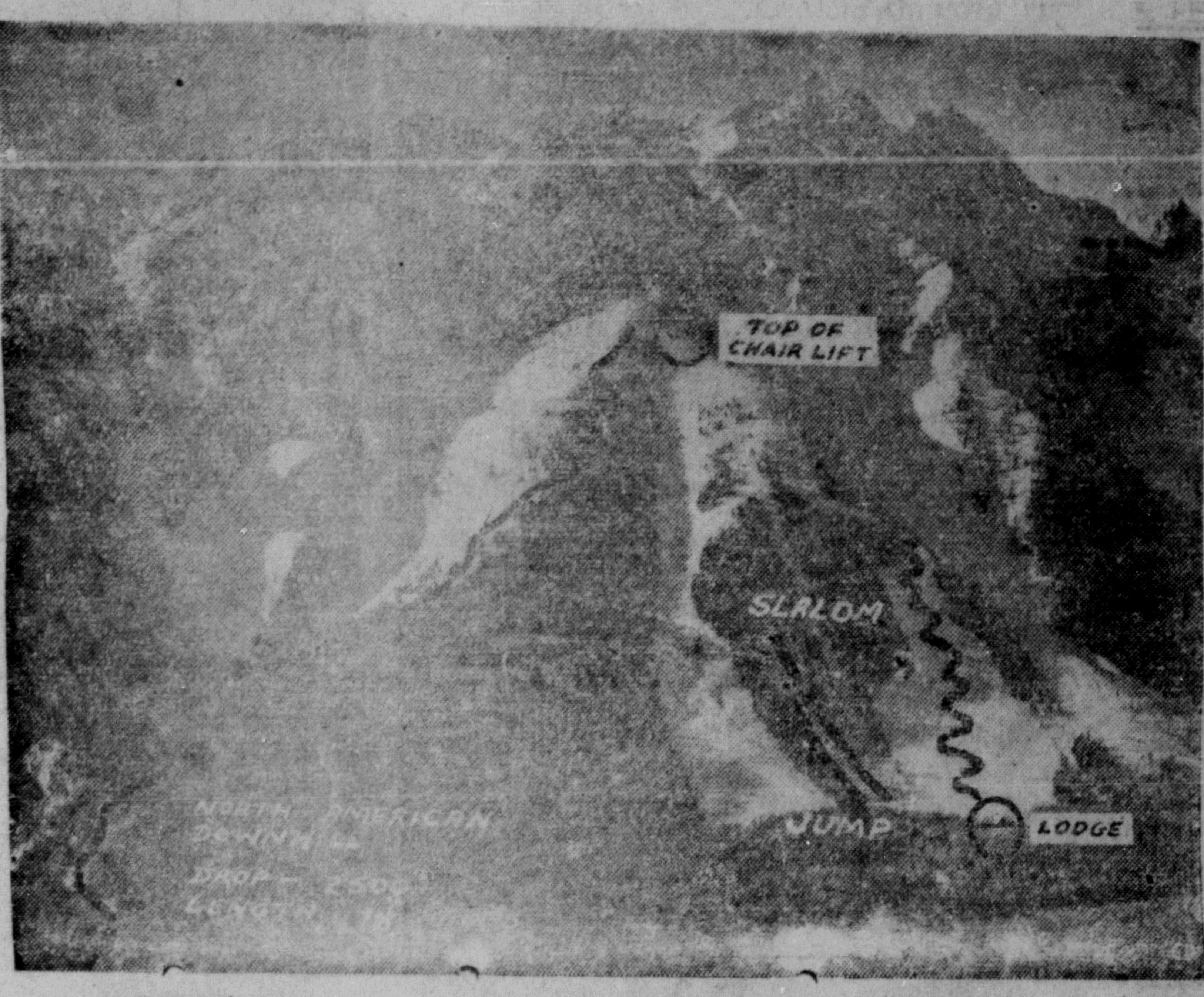
Jewel Haul In Montreal

MONTREAL—Five armed men today held up an east end jewelry store and fled with \$40,000 worth of watches, diamonds and other items of jewelry.

Police, who sounded a general alarm to all squad cars, said that five men entered the store of Julien Belvelemare on Papineau Street, just around a corner from busy St. Catherine Street.

Her Pulse Was Gone

MANCHESTER, N.H.—Nurse Elizabeth Rose testified yesterday that three persons had tried vainly to find a pulse beat in the dying cancer patient a few minutes before Dr. Hermann N. Sander arrived at her bedside last December 4.



SKI TOURNEY SCENE—This is where the North American ski championships are being decided Feb. 25 to March 6. It is Mount Norquay near Banff, Alta., and the markings show the top of the chair lift, the lodge, the slalom and jump courses and the downhill track which has a drop of 2,500 feet in 1½ miles. (C. P. Photo)

U.S. Ships Attacked

Chinese Nationalists Strafe Two American Vessels at And Near Tsingtao

NEW YORK—Two American ships were attacked yesterday from the air at the command-held North China port of Tsingtao. Officials in Washington said they assumed the attacking bomber was a Chinese Nationalist plane and that the Nationalists were attempting to extend the blockade of Communist ports.

United States Lines here said that the 8,000-ton freighter Pioneer Dalt was bombed and strafed as it approached Tsingtao. One member of the crew was slightly injured.

In Washington the Department of State said the Israeli ship Flying Clipper was attacked while anchored in Tsingtao Harbor. Details were not available.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Clear skies and light winds over the lower mainland and the interior of the province last night allowed temperatures to drop 5 to 10 degrees lower than they have been during the past week. Vancouver minimum was 30 with Prince George zero. However, sunny skies throughout the day will raise temperatures to the high forties or low fifties. Some increase in cloud is expected over the southern coast and interior tomorrow. Rain and strong southerly winds which will occasionally reach gale force are expected positions will prevail over the north coast today and tomorrow.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Intermittent rain today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind southerly, 20 miles per hour increasing to southeast 40 by evening. Southerly 20 to 30 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow—At Prince Rupert 36 and 45.

Northern B. C.—Clear today. Cloudy with snowflurries tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind light. Low tonight and high tomorrow—At Telegraph Creek 5 to 20.

BASKETBALL

TONIGHT
6:45—North Star vs Merchants
7:45—High School vs Kinsmen (Jr. Semi-Final)
8:45—Brownwoods vs Co-op

City Advised By Solicitors On Recent Power Situation

City, So Far, Appears to Have No Specific Claim for Damages

A letter from Brown and Harvey, city solicitors, read at city council meeting last night, dealt with the power situation in regards to default, mentioned that correspondence was located "drafted by us in 1943 which enabled you (city council) to find a formal demand made by the city on the power company in 1943. You were also able to locate the original unsatisfactory reply to that demand."

Defends Her Sex

Mrs. Rolston Feels That Private Members Are Overlooked

VICTORIA—A dauntless defender of her sex and her beliefs dominated the Legislature yesterday in her inimitable fashion.

Mrs. Tilly Rolston, Coalition member for Vancouver—Point Grey, held the floor to discuss, among other things, "the private member, the ordinary garden variety," and how too often he or she was left out in the cold in general policy.

When the Throne Speech is presented, Mrs. Rolston declared, members have not had time to understand it as thoroughly as if they were called upon to participate in its formation.

She told Madame Speaker Hodges: "You have power over 46 men—most of us have only one—and I hope you will enjoy it thoroughly."

Mrs. Rolston admitted the necessity of hospital insurance but doubted the efficiency of the present scheme. She warned against any increase in the sales tax. "It cannot be imposed upon the public," she declared.

All Canadian Oil and Gas Line Advocated by Kenney

VANCOUVER—An all Canadian route to pipe natural gas and oil from Alberta and Northern British Columbia fields to the Pacific Coast was mentioned yesterday by Minister of Lands E. T. Kenney who wound up the Throne Speech debate in the Legislature. He said that such a project, when complete, would mean cheaper fuel, a huge amount of United States currency and the creation of new industries.

Two Lost In Life Boats—Staying Aboard are Saved

HAVER, Iceland (CP)—Thirty-two men lost today when two lifeboats carrying the stranded British tanker "Claim" drifted away to shore. Most of the tanker's crew were Chinese.

Others who remained on board the "Claim" were saved by a breeches buoy.

Will Not Be Extradited

SINGAPORE—A responsible official said last night that there will be no extradition of Capt. R. P. P. (Turk) Westerling, Canadian—trained former Dutch Army command officer, who turned guerrilla chieftain in Indonesia. The Indonesian government yesterday had formally demanded the extradition of Westerling who was arrested by British police on what friends said was a mission to collect arms.

Mayor In Trial

Nova Scotia—A grand jury today returned a bill in the murder case against Dan Jack, 34-year old former mayor. He will go on trial next week for the murder of a 63-year old voter.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co Ltd.)

Vancouver	03 3/4	Bobjo	13
9:25		Buffalo Canadian	08 1/2
03		Consol. Smelters	94.50
05		Conwest	1.09
1:44		Donalda	.58
20		Eldora	.31
04 1/2		East Sullivan	5.16
5:60		Giant Yellowknife	6.15
3:25		God's Lake	.33
03 3/4		Hardrock	35 1/2
13 1/2		Harricana	05 1/4
2:00		Heva	06 1/2
06 1/2		Hosco	08 1/2
1:10		Jackknife	.07
37		Joffet Quebec	68 1/2
12		Lake Rowan	.06
06		Lapaska	04 1/2
04		Little Long Lac	55 1/4
3:35		Lynx	.16
1:35		Madsen Red Lake	.310
7:10		McLeod Coekshutt	.54
10:75		McKenzie Red Lake	.34
19 1/2		Moneta	1.46
1:82		Negus	.70
4:30		Noranda	.70
33		Louvicourt	.16
06		Pickle Crow	3.30
1:14		Regcourt	.04
58 1/4		San Antonio	3.60
30		Senator Rouyn	.27
		Sheritt Gordon	2.28
		Steeple Rock	2.35
		Sturgeon River	.21
		Silver Miller	64 1/2
		Upper Canada	3.25