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Road Maintenance and Improvement Is Assured

Promises Are Made By Public Works Minister

Reconstruction of Road to Port Edward—Gravel Crushing Equipment—No Further Deterioration

Hon. E. C. Carson, minister of public works, gave definite assurance in Victoria yesterday to Hugo Kraupner, secretary of the Prince Rupert Automobile Association, that:

CONSTRUCTION IN NOVEMBER TOTALS \$21,000

Prince Rupert had its third highest month this year from the standpoint of building construction in November when permits totalling \$21,450 were issued by the City Engineer's department. There were 31 permits issued during the month.

Permits authorizing construction of two new homes, with a total estimated construction value of \$13,000, were issued. One was to J. Marchant for a \$7,000 residence on Graham Avenue and one for \$6,000 to J. D. McRae on Fourth Avenue West.

Value of permits issued so far this year is \$180,898, as compared with \$204,860 for the same period last year.

Permits issued last month: Gordon and Anderson Ltd., Third Avenue, \$500, alterations. Belmont Hotel, Third Avenue, \$400, repairs. J. Storrie, Sixth Avenue East, \$200, repairs. R. Murray, Eighth Avenue West, \$350, addition. Mrs. H. Lien, Sixth Avenue East, \$500, repairs. L. H. Olsen, Sixth Avenue East, \$100, addition. J. D. McRae, Fourth Avenue West, \$6,000, construction. E. T. S. Moore, Alfred Street, \$190, repairs. A. Bergerson, Eleventh Avenue, \$300, repairs. Mrs. Berkley, Seventh Avenue, \$200, alterations. C. J. Currie, Graham Avenue, \$450, repairs. Forestry Department, First Avenue, \$275, repairs. Mrs. L. Hill, Fifth Avenue W., \$350, repairs. D. Sollien, Fourth Avenue East, \$200, repairs. A. Rivett, Fourth Avenue West, \$100, construction.

Mrs. H. B. Rochester, Eleventh Street, \$100, repairs. Silversides Block, Third Avenue, \$100, alterations. Commercial Hotel, First Avenue, \$800, repairs. M. Hill, Second Avenue, \$200, alterations. E. M. Harding, Eighth Avenue West, \$300, repairs. W. H. Shortridge, Fifth Avenue West, \$150, repairs. F. E. Anfield, Dunsmuir St., \$300, construction. W. Seymour, Eighth Avenue East, \$1,000, repairs. Trevor Hill, Eighth Avenue East, \$400, addition. J. Marchant, Graham Avenue, \$7,000, construction. J. M. Walker, First Avenue, \$100, construction. W. D. McRae, Eighth Avenue, \$50, addition. Mrs. M. McIvor, Sixth Avenue West, \$400, repairs. Peter Mark, Eighth Avenue West, \$300, repairs. R. E. Morton, Eighth Avenue East, \$150, repairs. R. H. Larsen, Piggott Avenue, \$75, construction.

Cy Kellett, district representative of Home Oil Co. and C. P. Renouf, of the company's Vancouver office, motored back to the city from Terrace, arriving here Wednesday morning after a 15-hour trip. They followed the Terrace snowplow most of the way.

First, rebuilding of the highway from Prince Rupert to Port Edward would be started at the earliest possible moment in the spring.

Second, a gravel crusher would be brought in for the resurfacing of the Skeena Highway next year on a permanent basis.

Third, the road will be maintained and not allowed to deteriorate further.

Fourth, bridges over the washouts between Remo and Shames will be replaced next year.

Snowplowing is not possible this year, the minister says, but the road will be kept open as soon as the Columbia Cellulose Co. requires it.

Mr. Kraupner was received by Mr. Carson, Hon. E. T. Kenney and the executive secretary to Premier Byron Johnson.

D. G. Stenstrom of the Columbia Cellulose Co. is in Victoria today to see the ministers.

TO PROBE BIG FIRE

Chapter of Blazes in Vancouver at Week-end Did Much Damage

VANCOUVER.—Complete investigation has been ordered into the \$150,000 fire which destroyed the John F. Sigurdson Millwork Co. plant here early Sunday morning and in which Inspector Lieut. Walter Carfrae of the Fire Department was injured when a falling timber struck him on the head.

An estimated 300 fire fighters were called to battle the flames which towered hundreds of feet in the air, lighting the entire industrial area. A complete investigation was started today.

The wet cleaning plant of the Vancouver Carpet Cleaning Co. in the Dunbar district of Vancouver was also destroyed Sunday night in a fire of undetermined origin which did \$25,000 damage.

Firemen fought for more than an hour to prevent the blaze from spreading to the adjacent dry-cleaning plant housing hundreds of gallons of cleaning fluid.

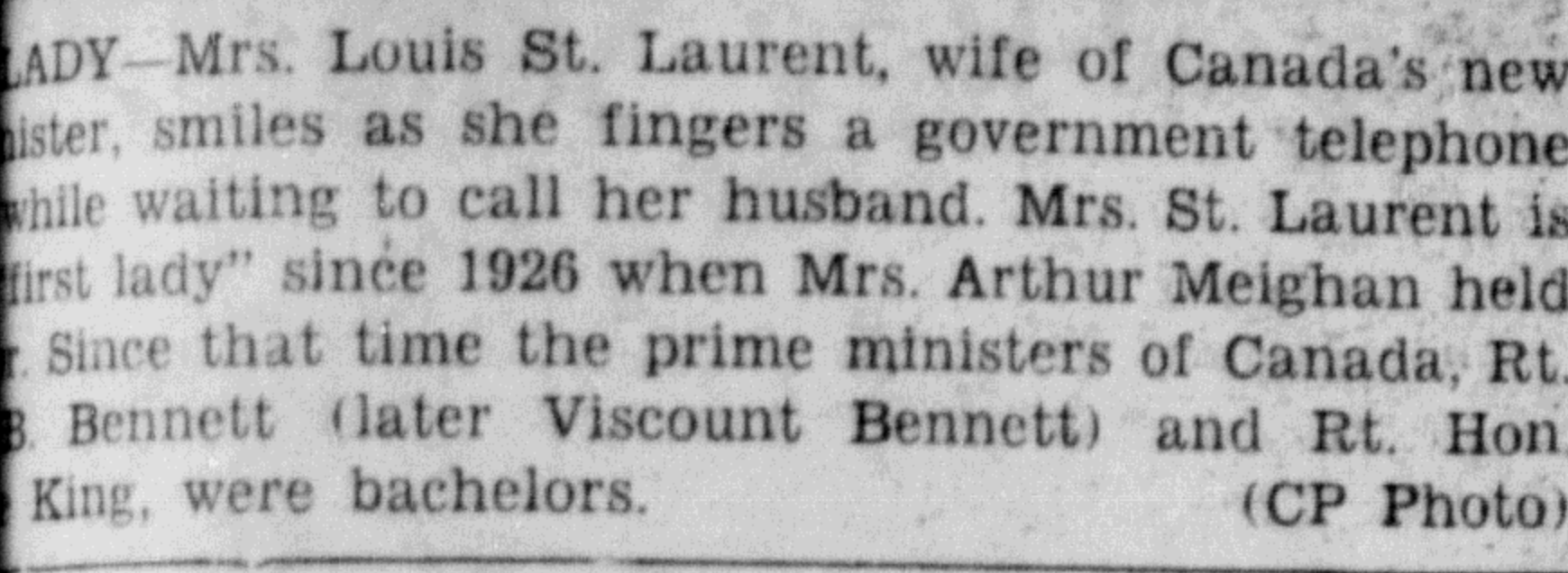
Earlier, more than 100 box cars were threatened in a fire which broke out in the National Harbours Board yards in the east end district. The inside of an Atlantic Coast Lines box car was gutted, with damage set at \$10,000. A lighted cigarette, dropped in the car, was blamed.

NO FIRE DAMAGE IN NOVEMBER

City fire department answered nine alarms during October, none of which caused damage, according to the records of Fire Chief H. T. Lock. November's total brings to 93 the number of fire calls so far this year. For the corresponding period last year there were 90 fire calls.

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, December 2, 1948			
High	2:30	19.9 feet	
	14:00	22.4 feet	
Low	8:05	7.8 feet	
	20:45	1.8 feet	



Mrs. Louis St. Laurent, wife of Canada's new minister, smiles as she fingers a government telephone while waiting to call her husband.

Mrs. St. Laurent is "first lady" since 1926 when Mrs. Arthur Meighan held the post. Since that time the prime ministers of Canada, Rt. Hon. Bennett (later Viscount Bennett) and Rt. Hon. King, were bachelors. (CP Photo)

Coalition Still Solid, Johnson, Anscomb

General Gordon Wiseman has such co-operation existed, party leaders of the Liberal and Progressive-Conservative Groups.

"MISSING" BOAT REACHES HERE

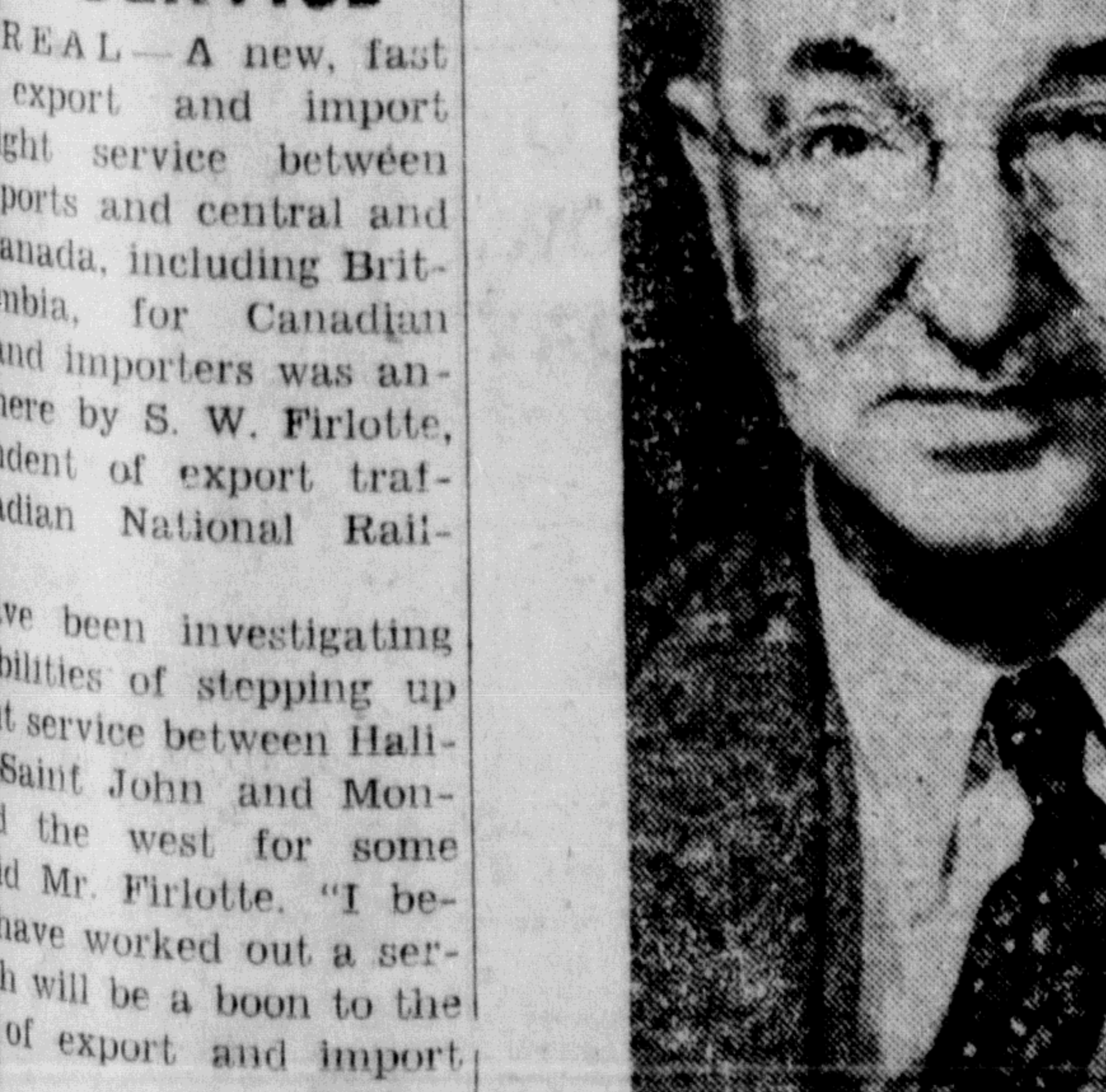
Just as a search was being instituted after she had been reported overdue, the Canadian Fishing Co.'s 32-foot gillnetter Porcher 17 reached port safely last evening. She had left Vancouver a week ago Monday for Prince Rupert and some concern had developed as she continued unreported. Bert Piper was in charge. Extremely stormy weather had caused delay to the vessel but she suffered no mishap.

Arrangements had been made by the company to institute a search out of Butedale. The P.M.L. 15 was standing by here ready to be dispatched to start looking. Game Warden Ed. Martin, heading northward from Ocean Falls to Prince Rupert in his boat, had been instructed to keep a look-out.

The Porcher 17 and Porcher 55 left Vancouver together on November 22, the latter vessel in command of John Brillion, reaching here without delay.

SPEDS UP PORT SERVICE

REAL—A new, fast export and import light service between ports and central and Canada, including British Columbia, for Canadian and importers was announced by S. W. Firlotte, president of export traffic of the National Rail-



MR. RULEBOOK RETIRES—Canada's foremost authority on parliamentary procedure, Dr. Arthur Baechesne, 72, left, has announced he expects to retire in January as Clerk of the Commons.

He has written three books on House rules and has been a vital background force in many Commons fights as adviser to the Speaker. Successor to Dr. Baechesne is expected to be Roy Graham, right, now assistant clerk. A former Liberal Member of Parliament for Swift Current, Mr. Graham received his present appointment after his defeat in the 1945 election. The position of Clerk of the Commons is considered the third ranking civil service job in the Dominion. (CP Photo)

RAINFALL MOUNTING

But Sunshine in Prince Rupert for 1948 Still in Excess of 1947

A total of 13.78 inches of precipitation during November ran Prince Rupert's rainfall for the present year to date ahead of 1947. So far in 1948, the precipitation has totalled 90.28 inches compared with 88.05 inches in the first 11 months of 1947. The precipitation included 12.1 inches of snow in two days late last week. (For purposes of precipitation reckoning an inch of snow corresponds to 1-10 inch of rain.)

There was a scant 13.4 hours of sunshine this November, bringing the total for the year to date to 1015.3 hours which is still ahead of last year's corresponding aggregate of 855.1 hours.

The weather summary for November was as follows: Maximum temperature, 49.4 on November 21. Minimum temperature, 26 on November 28. Mean temperature, 39.7. Maximum barometer, 30.50 on November 8. Minimum barometer, 28.53 on November 2. Precipitation, 13.78 inches in 30 days. Snowfall, 12.1 inches in two days. Sunshine, 13.4 hours on 14 days. Maximum wind velocity, southeast, 42 miles per hour, November 21.

Spencer Sells Out to Eaton

Major Business Transfer Announced—Fifteen to Seventeen Million Involved

VANCOUVER.—Sale of the department store of David Spencer Ltd. to T. Eaton Co. Ltd. was announced yesterday. The price was not revealed but the Montreal Standard says it was between \$15,000,000 and \$17,000,000.

Announcement of the transfer was made by Chris Spencer, president of the company.

Eight other stores—Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Duncan, Chilliwack, Mission, Courtenay, also the Vancouver groceries and warehouses—are involved.

John David Eaton said the company had laid aside temporarily plans to erect a large store on the site of the old Vancouver Hotel.

The site would be retained and the existing building demolished. Three thousand Spencer employees will be kept on along with the present managers.

Chris Spencer, 80-year old son of the founder, the late David Spencer, who started 75 years ago with a small store in Victoria, told employees that "heavy taxes and succession duties after two wars made it impossible for the most of family companies to continue."

FIRE DAMAGES CRUISER AT COW BAY SHOP

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the 30-foot cruiser A.P.C. as it stood on "the ways of the Cow Bay Boat Works early this morning and threatened the boat shop itself before it was put out by the city fire department.

The blazing hull was noticed by Pete Le Claire, Fishermen's Co-operative night watchman, shortly before 2 o'clock this morning as he was making his rounds. He turned in the alarm. No estimate of the damage was available today but it is considerable. The plywood-hulled cruiser was gutted from stern to stern by the flames.

Speedy response to the alarm by city firemen saved the boat from complete damage as well as the large boat shed which housed the vessel. One other small boat also was on the ways.

Cause of the fire could not be determined either by Fire Chief H. T. Lock or by A. P. Crawley, owner of the vessel and proprietor of the boat shop. Mr. Crawley had taken the A.P.C. onto the ways more than a week ago for winter overhaul.

Overhaul work on the engine was under way, yesterday. All light and power switches had been turned off yesterday afternoon, Mr. Crawley said. Only one of the boat's three batteries remained in the hull and it had been disconnected.

The A.P.C., a 30-foot plywood boat, was built a year ago at the Cow Bay Boat Works and went into service as a ferry on the Skeena River and on the Salt Lake run last summer.



Pete Le Claire, Fishermen's Co-operative night watchman, noticed the blaring hull of the A.P.C. cruiser at the Cow Bay Boat Works.

RETURNS TO MADRID — Prince of Asturias, son of Don Juan, pretender to the Spanish throne, plays tennis at Lausanne, Switzerland, before returning to Madrid. Recent conversations between the youth's father and General Francisco Franco, Spanish chief of state, resulted in permission for the prince to return and complete his studies in the Spanish capital.

Says Chiang Is Betrayor

VANCOUVER.—Ping-Ti Ho, lecturer of Chinese history at the University of British Columbia, charged yesterday that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had betrayed the principles of Chinese democracy. He said he had identified himself with bankers and capitalists and pointed out the contrast between the extreme opulence of the ruling class and the abject poverty of the peasants. This was fruitful ground for the seeds of communism.

Ping-Ti scored the United States aid attitude, saying that half-hearted support was only prolonging the civil war. The United States should get out and leave the Chinese to settle their own problems or ship large scale aid. If the latter was done, Russia would likely reply with large-scale aid from the north.

U.K. PLACES BIG ORDER

VANCOUVER.—The United Kingdom has placed a \$7,000,000 order for British Columbia lumber. The contract calls for the purchase of 100,000,000 board feet in the first six-month period of 1949. No mention is made of a possible extension during the second half year. Coast lumbermen had sought a \$15,000,000 order.

SCHOOL BYLAW WINS APPROVAL

TERRACE.—Terrace district taxpayers went to the polls on Tuesday and approved by a substantial majority a bylaw authorizing expenditure of \$137,000 for the building and reconstruction of schools from Kispiox to Terrace.

On the basis of 12 polls reporting out of a total of 15, the majority in favour of the bylaw was 113, with 175 voting "yes" and 62 voting "no."

NEW LIGHTS ON ISLANDS

Particularly for the benefit of the fishing industry, several additional "necessary" aids to navigation in Queen Charlotte Island waters have been recommended for installation by the Department of Transport, Col. Keith Dixon, district marine agent, and are assured of "favorable consideration," according to a letter received by H. G. Archibald, M.P. for Skeena, from the deputy minister of fisheries whose department has recommended the work and will continue to press for its being carried out. Meantime surveys will be made covering the exact location of the lights and buoys.

The new aids being recommended number 11—three lights and eight daymarks.

The new lights will be at the western entrance of Skidegate Channel, Tasu Sound and Houston Stewart Channel, each light to cost an estimated \$25.

There will be four day beacons and three shore markers in Skidegate Narrows and three shore markers. A new pile dolphin day mark in the east narrows of Skidegate Channel will be the most expensive of all the new aids, costing \$950.



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