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Demolition— Remnant of Warehouse on Waterfront May Still Be Saved from Wrecker

Fifths of the great warehouse which the States Army built on the Prince Rupert waterfront during World War II may yet be saved from demolition. No announcement is available today but a possible one may be forthcoming within the next few days.

The demolition of the fifth of the big building reached the second floor bottom and the ramp to the ocean dock is gone. The trusses which will be removed by Christmas or thereafter.

Edmundson, directing the demolition of the "Remnant Warehouse" operation for Sorenson of Edmonton, told the news that a surprising amount of material from the building consisting largely of heavy flooring and heavy beams had been disposed of in Prince Rupert—approximately 75 per cent, in fact.

The building is now out of the way, about half of it having been sold locally. The eastern two-thirds of the building is remaining—except for the floor joists which have already gone—current negotiations for retention of the building.

The Chamber of Commerce has been endeavoring to save the building. It has appealed recently to the Chamber of Commerce, Minister of Agriculture, who expressed interest in its possible retention on a visit to Prince Rupert during the past summer.

Communication from the Chamber of Commerce is to the effect that it is to be taken the matter up with the National Defence Department. It is stated that it had no objection to the building and to stop its demolition. However, if the Chamber of Commerce has a concrete idea for the building, the federal government would be glad to consider the demolition reconsidered.

Power Supply All Restored

Power supply in Prince Rupert was restored to full requirements Saturday afternoon as the new diesel generator was cut in at the power plant at the drydock. Company officials reported today the generator was working satisfactorily.

The line to Port Edward industries was put back in operation as soon as the extra power from the new generator became available.

Meanwhile work is proceeding on the line to the Falls River power plant, chief source of supply for the company. Work is slow owing to ice conditions all along the line. The Skeena River crossing near Tyee is being left until the remainder of the line is repaired.

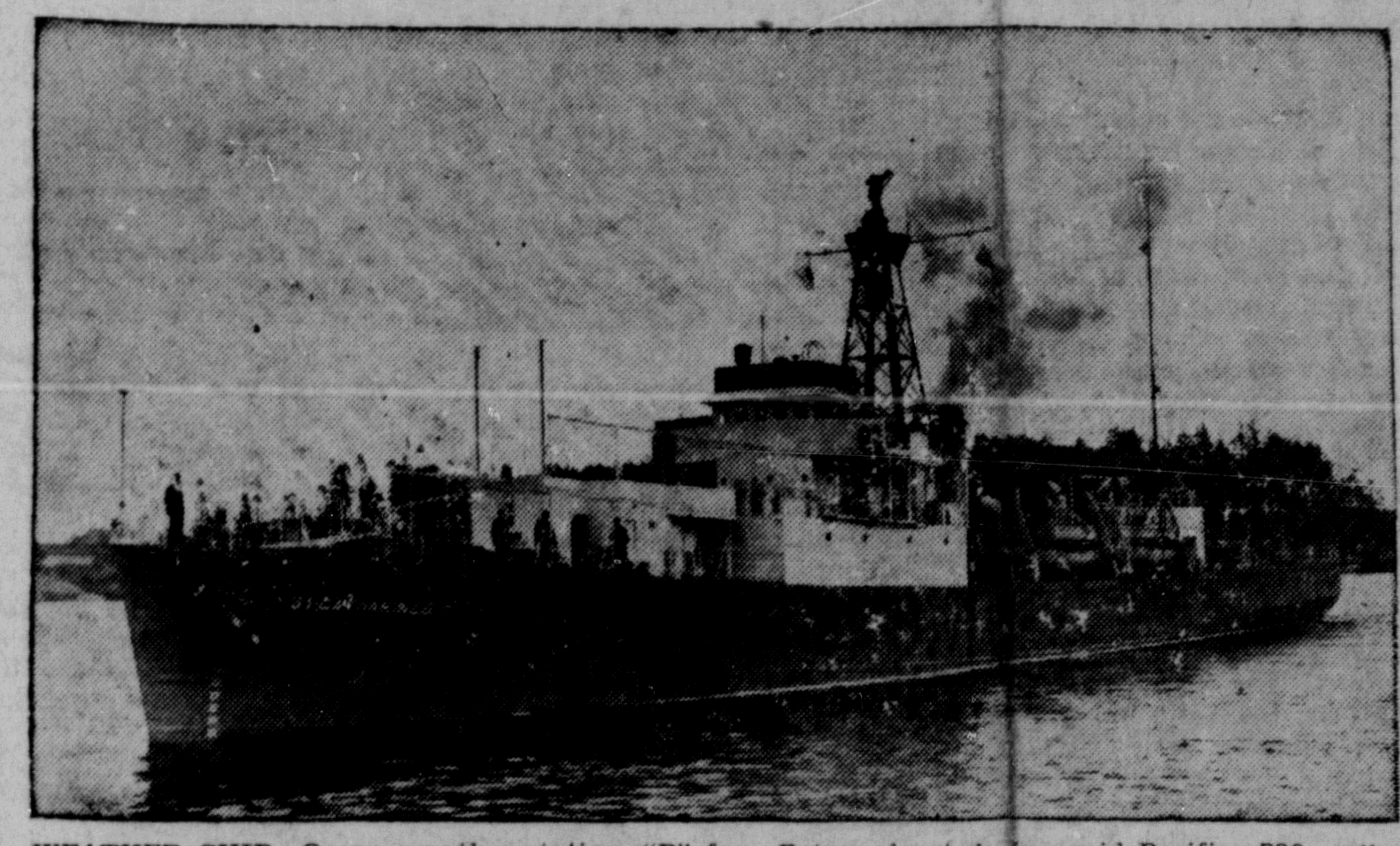
The lines went out last Tuesday when the most severe icing conditions in the company's history broke them at the river crossing and along the route to the power house.

U.S. Talks Of Going All Out

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Defense Secretary George Marshall pointed out today to the gravity of the world crisis Saturday by saying that President Truman is "seriously considering" declaration of a national emergency.

The cabinet member told reporters this as he stepped from a closed conference with senators considering the President's request for nearly \$18,000,000 to strengthen the fighting forces. Several senators wanted to go beyond declaring a national emergency to at least a start on "all out mobilization."

UNITED NATION FORCES UNBEATEN-MacARTHUR



WEATHER SHIP—Ocean weather station "P" for Peter, located in mid-Pacific 730 miles southwest of Prince Rupert, has become the responsibility of Canada and was taken over by the Department of Transport's new weather ship, the C.G.S. "St. Catharines" on December 1. The above picture was taken as the "St. Catharines" sailed from Victoria to assume her new responsibilities. A sister ship, the C.G.S. "Stonetown" will relieve her in January while a third weather ship, the "St. Stephen" is available for emergency operations. Weather station "P" for Peter is strategically located to furnish information for long-range advance forecasts and is most essential for the operation of the airlift to Japan and Korea. The station has been operated by the U.S. Coast Guard on a temporary basis during the past few months. Daily weather reports from station "P" for Peter will include upper air observations by radiosonde every twelve hours, upper wind observations every six hours and surface weather observations every three hours. The weather ship will also act as a radio beacon station for direction finding purposes and will undertake sea-air rescue work in cases of disasters.

VITAL UNDERTAKING— Atomic Efforts Great Peace-War Potential

CHALK RIVER (CP)—They don't talk much about war around Canada's six-year-old atomic project but it was founded in war and it would swiftly have a vital role to play if war came again.

So far the crisis stemming from Korea has shown no signs of swinging the government away from the policy of devoting the \$40,000,000 plant to peaceful pursuits, yet ironically even now some of its activities and by-products have an inevitable relation to potential war purposes.

It produces plutonium, a radioactive element said to be better than uranium for the A-bomb. The same process, frees invisible specks of radioactive dust that now are trapped and buried underground. In war, scientists believe they could become a death dust scattered from the skies.

With devices called generators or accelerators and the radioactive pile or reactor that is the heart of the whole project, a double assault is being made on the ramparts of atomic energy itself. One is along the avenue of approach to the A-bomb, the other along the avenue of approach to the hydrogen bomb.

There is no direct relation between the work here and either bomb. But the constant and varied explorations might divulge information that would benefit both because peaceful and martial uses of the atom run the same course for certain distances.

ENGINEERING PROBLEM
The search to tap the tremendous energy for power in ways that man can use widely is proceeding not only in the devices, both by splitting heavy atoms and synthesizing or building up light ones, but in the engineering field. They're trying to learn here how to handle the great energies already turned loose in the pile rather than simply letting them gush back into the Ottawa River in a stream of hot water.

If they can learn, if they can find the metal to contain it, if they lick the other problems—and they think they will—they will open the door to the atom's real bounty, but both for peace and war.

As for the ultimate question itself, could Canada make the A-bomb? Trade Minister Howe, the cabinet's expert, has said she could. The scientists say here it's possible—if the government wanted to put up the tremendous amount of money necessary.

They hope she won't have to. They're true and typical scientists. All they want is to go on aiming in the direction of tapping the atom's staggering potentialities for the benefit of all humanity.

5-Year Drivers' Licences in B.C.

VICTORIA — The British Columbia cabinet Saturday proclaimed amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act which will give provincial motorists five year drivers' licences. The law becomes effective January 1, 1951.

After that day all drivers' licences except for minors, will be issued on a five-year basis and will cost \$5 instead of the current \$1 fee.

Rebates of the \$5 licence will be granted if a person leaves the province.

Guarded Optimism is Note of Commander

Nothing Said of Evacuation—In Excellent Shape With Morale and Confidence High

TOKYO (CP)—General Douglas MacArthur flew to Korea today for a hard look at his heavily-hit United Nations command. He returned to say it was unbeaten, relatively secure and able to still battle the Chinese hordes.

MacArthur's visit to both the northwest and northeast fronts came as last remnants of 25,000 unshaven American marines and infantrymen and a small group of British commandos streamed down on to the Hamhung coastal plain from a series of Communist traps near Changjin reservoir.

A huge fleet stood off Hamhung's port of Hungnam but whether it would evacuate the weary, outnumbered United States Tenth Corps unit in the northeast remained to be seen.

The northwest front was relatively quiet. There was a note of guarded optimism in MacArthur's statement to correspondents after he returned to Tokyo from his quick trip to the war fronts. He had conferred on the spot with his top generals.

"The United Nations command, in spite of its recent heavy fighting, is in excellent shape with high morale and conspicuous self-confidence," the United Nations commander said. "Although heavily outnumbered, it has come through in superior manner."

Enemy claims of United Nations losses were "fantastically exaggerated," said MacArthur. The losses inflicted on the other hand, had been staggering—estimated by local commanders in the field as high as ten to one compared with our own.

It was the general's first statement to correspondents on the Korean campaign since he personally directed the Allied end-of-the-war offensive at daybreak November 24—a push which was turned into full retreat by the night of November 25 by bugle-blasting hordes of Chinese infantry.

TROUBLE IN SINGAPORE—

Troops Employed to Quell Riot Over Child's Custody

SINGAPORE (CP)—British troops with bayonets moved into the riot-torn streets of Singapore tonight to battle fanatic mobs, stirred to frenzy by the court fight between a Dutch mother and Malayan nurse for the custody of a white child. Hundreds of soldiers in trucks raced through the downtown sections where mobs were battling the police, attacking Europeans and overturning and burning automobiles.

About 5000 Malaysians stormed for three hours at the Supreme Court building, where the hearing was under way on an appeal to return the 13-year-old child, Maria Bertha Hertogh, to her Malay foster-mother and her Moslem schoolteacher husband.

Then thousands of fanatic Moslems raged toward a Catholic convent, where the girl and her Dutch mother were reported hiding.

They threatened to kidnap the child and burn the convent "if it took all night."

After eight hours, the mobs were still throwing stones and bottles and beating up Europeans, especially Dutchmen, and attacking vehicles.

Several European women were attacked with bottles and sticks, and a police officer said there were reports that some white children had been kidnapped as hostages for Bertha.

Authorities feared a religious outbreak, at a time when the entire Far East is in ferment, would gravely endanger security and offer an opportunity for Communist sabotage.

Bertha was turned over to Mrs. Adeline Hertogh nine days ago by the Supreme Court after a prolonged hearing in which Malaysians, Indians and Chinese displayed great interest. The court also annulled the marriage of the child to a Mohammedan.

NEWSMEN CASUALTIES
One Associated Press correspondent is injured and another missing tonight in riotous Singapore.

Tom Maston, chief of the Associated Press bureau, suffered a broken leg and other bodily injuries at the hands of a Moslem mob. Friendly natives picked him up and took him to his residence.

Larry Allen, who wrote the early accounts of the disorders, was with Masterton at the time of the attack and is missing.

Allen, 42, won the Pulitzer prize

Flash

TWO MORE BATTALIONS
OTTAWA—Defence Minister Claxton today announced the formation of third battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal Twenty-Second Regiment as training battalions within the Army's special forces. That means the force, now training at Fort Lewis, will have five battalions or virtually two brigades.

TO 38th PARALLEL
TOKYO—Security blackout still darkens the northeast front in Korea although the Eighth Army is reported to have fallen back to the 38th parallel.

OVERLAPPING ORDERS
EDMONTON — The inquiry which opened today into the fatal collision of a CNR passenger train and a troop train at Canoe River revealed that there were overlapping orders. The passenger train had orders for a meet at Cedarside and the troop train at Gosnell, 30 miles west.

HOCKEY SCORES
SUNDAY
National League
Montreal 2, Boston 5
Toronto 2, Detroit 3
New York 3, Chicago 3
Pacific Coast
Seattle 7, New Westminster 2
Portland 3, Vancouver 3
SATURDAY
National League
Chicago 5, Montreal 6
Boston 1, Toronto 8
New York 0, Detroit 5
Pacific Coast
Victoria 4, New Westminster 1
Tacoma 5, Vancouver 5 (tie)

Car Plunges— Youths Drown

CHEMAINUS — Two Victoria youths died Saturday night when their "souped out" automobile crashed through a guardrail and dropped into the ocean here.

Bodies of Albert Curtiss, aged 22, and Herman Van Dyke, 21, were recovered from forty feet of water.

Visibility was poor at the time of the accident. It was raining.

Attlee Speaks— In Agreement With Canada

No withdrawal from Korea St. Laurent says
OTTAWA — Prime Minister C. R. Attlee said yesterday that "general identity of views" exists between Great Britain and Canada on the present critical world situation.

But that was as far the British Prime Minister would go in commenting at a press conference on current talks with Prime Minister St. Laurent and the Canadian cabinet.

The press conference was virtually over shadowed by a statement Saturday night by Prime Minister St. Laurent that information he has is that the United Nations are not going to be driven out of Korea.

Last night in a cross-country radio broadcast, Mr. Attlee said the world would have "no need to fear aggression" if the United Nations could be so strengthened that its member would act with the "same remarkable" co-operation as members of the British Commonwealth.

"When the ideals for which we stand are threatened," Mr. Attlee said in a ten-minute talk, "we react in the same way instinctively."

Mr. Attlee, who came to Ottawa from talks in Washington with President Truman, said there is "complete agreement between ourselves and the Americans on the objectives we seek."

Mr. Attlee, who left here today for home, reserved report on the conferences with Mr. Truman for his own cabinet and Parliament.

STORES BUSY— BANKS QUIET

Although it was not a pay day, men's clothing and footwear stores, which remained open Friday evening until 9 p.m. for the convenience of Columbia Cellulose workers, reported a brisk trade.

"We did a lot more business than we expected," said one merchant.

Practically all stores covered by the two categories stayed open.

Banks had a fairly quiet evening since there were no pay cheques issued that day.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—W. A. Watson, Miss H. Hamilton, George Mostad, A. V. Hill, J. Davidson, F. E. Nelson, F. W. Richardson, S. Cantwell, L. Nelson.
To Sandspit (today) — R. C. Glass.
From Vancouver (Saturday)—H. Smith, B. Downey, K. Garry, R. Nielson, J. Gunderson, F. Baldwin, J. Isley, J. G. Montgomery, Mrs. L. Tiesman, J. H. Gallagher, Mr. Cantwell, A. Brandstrom, Mr. Bjornson, D. Worabee, W. Scott.
From Sandspit (Saturday) — Mr. Gardner, Miss Roberts, R. C. Glass.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Mild December weather in almost all regions of British Columbia produced overnight temperatures ranging from 45 to 49 degrees along the southern coast and 32 to 37 in the southern interior. Readings of 28 to 35 in the Cariboo this morning were 15 to 20 degrees above the normal for the season. There is no indication of any immediate break. Rain on the coast will become showery during the day with showery conditions expected to continue through Tuesday. Cloudiness is expected to persist in the interior.
Forecast
North Coast Region—Showers during the afternoon. Showers again on Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Winds south-east, 25, in the exposed areas and light elsewhere. Lows to night and highs Tuesday—At Port Hardy, 40 and 48; Sandspit, 37 and 48; Prince Rupert, 35 and 45.

TODAY'S STOCKS :

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

VANCOUVER		
Bevoort	.....	41
Bobjo	.....	12
Buffalo Canadian	.....	23
Consol. Smelters	.....	128.00
Conwest	.....	1.85
Donalda	.....	46
Eldona	.....	25
East Sullivan	.....	7.25
Giant Yellowknife	.....	5.90
God's Lake	.....	40
Hardrock	.....	22
Harricana	.....	63
Heva	.....	7 1/2
Hosco	.....	5 1/4
Jacknife	.....	65
Joliet Quebec	.....	89
Lake Rowan	.....	6 1/4
Lapaska	.....	40
Little Long Lac	.....	47 1/2
Lynx	.....	12
Madsen Red Lake	.....	2.00
McKenzie Red Lake	.....	40
McLeod Cockshutt	.....	2.05
Moneta	.....	36
Negus	.....	68
Noranda	.....	69.00
Louvcourt	.....	16
Pickle Crow	.....	1.61
Regcourt	.....	43 1/4
San Antonio	.....	2.25
Senator Rouyn	.....	19
Sheritt Gordon	.....	2.92
Steep Rock	.....	6.45
Sturgeon River	.....	14
Silver Miller	.....	81
TORONTO		
.....	.....	7 1/2
.....	.....	23
.....	.....	50

PROGRESS...

Vote for
T. NORTON YOUNGS
for Alderman
VOTE THE LAST NAME FIRST

Terrace Man Burned to Death

Harry Sites, 50, Terrace baker, was taken from the ruins of his Kalum Street home which was almost completely gutted by fire this morning.

Cause of the fire is at present unknown.

David Bain, liquor vendor, turned in the alarm at 9:20 when he heard an explosion and looked out to see the Sites' residence in flames.

The volunteer fire brigade was on the scene almost immediately but found the inside of the building a mass of flames. Apparently it had been insulated with shavings and sawdust. When firemen could enter, they found the body near the bedroom door.

Deceased had been ill for several months and had recently been in hospital. He was intending to go south for further treatment.

Harry Sites Fire Victim

FORMER PRINCE RUPERT MAN PERISHES IN FLAMES

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