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MAKING JASPER WINTER RESORT

JASPER PARK—A \$2,000,000 development program which is designed to make Jasper Park a winter as well as a summer tourist resort has been commenced. Such attractions as skating rink and indoor swimming pool, bowling alleys, are to be included. There will also be development of skiing grounds to the northeast of the town.

HOWE'S MIND IS UNCHANGED

OTTAWA, (C)—Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Acting Prime Minister, in an interview with the Canadian Press has reiterated that the case of four "political" refugees from France will not be reopened. The men in question were reported to have been Vichy collaborators when France was dominated by the Nazis.

Mr. Howe's statement came after Francisque Gay, French ambassador to Canada, had suggested that the four French persons in Canada, "accused of collaboration with the enemy," should return to their country and appeal before the courts if they have concern "for their honor." The suggestion was made in private discussions at the Prime Minister's office between Mr. Gay and Mr. Howe.

Mr. Gay, in a statement made public after the discussion, said that he told Mr. Howe that "the persons in question, who had been condemned in absentia, were tried by the French courts according to correct legal procedure and had been found guilty."

The four men are Dr. George Benoit Montel, 49-year old surgeon now lecturing in Laval University at Quebec; Julien Labedan, 35, interior decorator and cabinet maker working in Montreal; Andre Charles Emmanuel Bousset, 45, also a physician now working for a drug firm, and Jean Louis Huc.

ALASKA SHIP MERGER PLANNED

SEATTLE (C)—A consolidation of operations of the Alaska Steamship Co. and Northland Transportation Co. to take effect after settlement of the current maritime strike is contemplated, an official announced today.

R. C. Anderson, a partner in the Northland company, said that certain assets of the concern, including the steamship Chief Washakie, are to be transferred to the Alaska Steamship Co.

Meanwhile, today at Seattle, the strike-bound Alaska Transportation Co. said that it is suspending operations "indefinitely" and "has no future plans."

A spokesman for the company said that most of its Seattle operating personnel will be let go on Friday.

REVISITING PR. RUPERT

The man who built Prince Rupert's two main public buildings—the city hall and the fire hall—returned here Wednesday to pay his respects to the city which had been his home for 17 years prior to leaving a quarter of a century ago.

M. J. McNeil, pioneer city contractor, ex-alderman and building inspector, arrived on the Prince George from his home in Los Angeles for the first time since leaving in 1923. He is now 85 but his interest in life is still keen.

However, he finds it a bit confusing to be remembered by people whose faces and names he is unable to recall and these have been numerous since his arrival here.

"My memory must be slipping," he commented. "I have trouble remembering the people who remember me."

With Mr. McNeil is his daughter, Florence, a writer for Time Magazine's Los Angeles bureau. She was born and went to school in Prince Rupert and remembers much of it.

To Mr. McNeil, the greatest change in the downtown area is the growth of the trees which were just "knee high" when he left. The business district, too, contains more buildings.

Mr. McNeil came to Prince Rupert in 1906 after nine years in the Yukon and Alaska. He entered the contracting business and, in addition to building the city hall and fire hall in 1911 and 1912, he constructed a number of homes, just how many he can't recall.

He also had a hand in construction of the dry dock.

Mr. McNeil and his daughter plan to remain in the city about a week.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A disturbance which moved inland over Northern and Central British Columbia during the night now extends across Vancouver Island causing cloudy skies over the southern coast. The system was weakening appreciably this morning and will produce only occasional light rain in the vicinity of the Lower Mainland. Elsewhere over the province cloudy skies are general and a southwesterly flow of moist Pacific air is expected to bring some rain to the North Coast areas this afternoon and overnight. There will be little change in conditions over the rest of the province.

Forecast

Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Variable cloudiness, becoming overcast this afternoon. Intermittent rains tonight and Friday. Winds light, increasing to southerly (20 m.p.h.) during the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Friday—At Port Hardy 45 and 52, Massett 49 and 50, Prince Rupert 40 and 50.

City's Gravel Delivery Dicker With Construction Co. Fails

WILL COMPLETE GRAVEL DELIVERIES IN OWN TIME, COMPANY MANAGER INFORMS COUNCIL—CONTRACT LACKS PENALTY CLAUSE

An attempt by city council to dicker with Highway Construction Co. for a \$2,200 refund on an old contract in exchange for a 30-day extension to the current gravel delivery agreement fell flat Wednesday afternoon when the company announced that it would make delivery in its own time.

R. H. Hankey, local superintendent of the company, told a special meeting of council that, since the agreement contained no penalty clause, delivery of the gravel for street rehabilitation would be made on the company's terms without regard for the contract.

Mr. Hankey was quoted by City Clerk H. D. Thain as saying: "We will pay no penalty clause. We may fulfil the contract and we may not. The city can do what it likes about it."

Final delivery date for the 10,000 cubic yards of gravel under the six-month contract signed last May is November 13. Earlier Mr. Hankey sought a 30-day extension in order to deliver 6,000 cubic yards of high quality gravel from the Denise Arm pit. Council then sought to get a refund from a year old contract in exchange for the extension.

In long-distance conversation, C. W. Nash, head of the company, told City Clerk H. D. Thain that he would not consider making a refund but that he was willing to pay of \$25-a-day penalty for every day current deliveries went over the contract period.

The special meeting was called Wednesday afternoon to consider this proposal. However, the meeting was thrown out of joint when City Engineer Don Stewart told council that Mr. Hankey had informed him that no such a penalty clause would be considered and that delivery of the remaining quantities would be made entirely on the company's terms.

A guarantee bond of \$17,000 posted by Highway Construction Co. cannot enforce delivery by the specified date but only covers the city against the company pulling out before the contract is completed. Mr. Hankey told the City Engineer.

"Then there was not much point in holding this meeting," a matter of \$475.

:: TODAY'S STOCKS ::

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Toronto	
Bralorne	7.25	Athlona	.09
B. R. Con.	.03	Aumaque	.18
B. R. X.	.08	Beattie	.58
Cariboo Quartz	1.20	Bevcourt	.21
Dentonia	.01 1/4	Bobjo	.10 1/2
Gruhl Wikhsne	.05	Buffalo Canadian	.08 1/4
Hedley Mascot	.33	Consol. Smelters	121.50
Pend Oreille	6.00	Conwest	1.10
Pioneer	2.35	Donalda	.62
Premier Border	.03	Eldona	1.11
Privateer	.12 1/4	East Sullivan	3.10
Reeves McDonald	2.75	Giant Yellowknife	4.95
Reno	.06 1/2	God's Lake	.46
Salmon Gold	.13	Hardrock	.27
Sheep Creek	1.42	Harricana	.07
Taylor Bridge	.31	Heva	.10 1/2
Vananda	.33	Hosco	.26
Congress	.03 1/4	Jackknife	.04 1/2
Hedley Amalg.	.02	Joliet Quebec	.41
Spud Valley	.09	Lake Rowan	.06 1/4
Central Zeballos	.01	Lapaska	.05
Silbak Premier	.26	Little Long Lac	.70
		Lynx	.09
		Madsen Red Lake	2.50
		McKenzie Red Lake	.32
		McLeod Cockshutt	.95
		Moneta	.35
		Negus	2.10
		Noranda	54.00
		Louvicoeur	.55
		Pickie Crow	2.06
		Regcourt	.05
		San Antonio	3.70
		Senator Ronyn	.48
		Sherrit Gordon	2.40
		Steep Rock	1.75
		Sturgeon River	.15
		Silver Miller	.33

ZEBALLOS MINE CLOSING DOWN

VICTORIA—Privateer Mines Ltd. announce the closing down of their gold mine at Zeballos on the West Coast of Vancouver Island owing to steeply rising operating costs. Suspension of operations becomes effective November 1.

A pail of water in a freshly painted room will help remove the odor.

LOCAL MEN TO BE GIVEN WORK

On Erection of Construction Camp Buildings at Watson Island

Forty men who are to start within the next week on the work of erecting camp construction building at Watson Island where the Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. is to have its celanese pulp mill will be recruited to a large extent locally, it was stated today at company offices.

The camp buildings are being put up at this time so that all will be in readiness to accommodate the construction crews proper as soon as the contractors are ready to start the work. Meantime, tenders for the main buildings have not yet been called, it was stated today, although it has been intimated that they will be within the next few weeks. First work to be undertaken will be the concrete footings which will precede the erection of steel which will come from the Dominion Bridge Co.

Alderman George Casey criticized the company, which, he said, had given "unsatisfactory service" in all its dealings with the city. Alderman Black echoed his sentiments.

Following the meeting, Mr. Hankey told a reporter that, while he intended to disregard the delivery date set in the contract, he planned to continue bringing in good quality gravel. Delivery of the total 10,000 yards would be completed about November 17, he estimated—four days behind the agreed period.

Despite the fact that the city failed in its attempt to obtain a pro-rata refund on the gravel contract, it did manage to obtain a commitment from Mr. Nash that a refund would be made on the cemetery contract. This contract followed the initial agreement on the Fairview Bay road which contained the refund clause.

The cemetery ditching contract was for \$2474 and the city withheld \$625 because of the company's alleged failure to complete it properly. The refund for which this contract qualified was \$200. Final payment of contract has been deadlocked for almost a year.

However, Mr. Nash said that he would agree to the refund if the city would make final payment on the cemetery deal, now a matter of \$475.

PERMITS NOW NEEDED

OTTAWA—Import permits will be required for all shipments from United States of certain types of structural steel and iron beginning October 25, Trade Minister Howe announced today.

FRENCH COAL STRIKE

PARIS—Strike-ridden France, collieries flooded and fuel perilously low, was braced for more violence today as more troops were rushed to trouble spots in the south central coal fields.

JAM VOICE OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON—George V. Allen, assistant Secretary of State, said last night that the State Department has "located" eighteen transmitters in the Soviet Union which are trying to jam the "Voice of America" broadcasts to Russia.

IN CLOSET FOR YEAR

TORONTO—Police said today that an emaciated boy had been found scratching on the door of a west-end home begging for food. He said he had been kept for a year in a clothes cupboard, fed only with bread and water, by his uncle and aunt.

ALASKAN FIFTH COLUMN

JUNEAU—Representative Charles Kersten said yesterday that the congressional committee he heads had found evidence of fifth column activity in Nome and on Diomed Island.

BUILDING COSTS DUE FOR DROP

VANCOUVER—Spiralling costs of construction will taper off and drop during the next three years at the rate of ten percent annually, it was predicted by a panel of speakers at the north-west conference of the Society of Residential Appraisers held at Harrison Hot Springs. The average cost of putting up a home in Vancouver today, it was announced, is \$8.09 per square foot. In Portland it is \$9.18 and in Tacoma \$10.22.

Formula for Berlin is Now Being Worked Out

PARIS (CP)—Five big powers today declared themselves in favor of settling their differences peacefully. While the six "neutrals" of the United Nations Security Council, including Canada, polished up a new formula for the settlement of the Berlin dispute, the Big Five announced support of a Mexican resolution appealing to them to settle their affairs. Russia and France supported the idea conditionally while Great Britain, United States and China made no reservations. The two dissenters said the resolution should be amended for the "wording is not quite satisfactory."

Crash Kills Thirty-Seven

PRESTWICK, Scotland (C)—A flaming Royal Dutch Air Lines Constellation crashed into a cow pasture near here early today, killing 37 of 40 persons on board. The dead include one Canadian crew member and nine American passengers. The remainder were mostly Dutch people.

The four-engined plane burst into flames after striking a high tension wire about ten miles from the air field after an attempt had been made at landing in a mist.

The plane was bound from Amsterdam to New York.

A Canadian co-pilot, Kevin J. O'Brien, was killed. His home town is not known.

The resolution on Berlin calls for an immediate lifting of the blockade, adoption of Russian currency and a conference of the Big Four to iron out their differences. The three western powers announce acceptance of the formula. Andrei Vishinsky agrees to present it to Moscow.

B.C. BUYING OF BONDS IS HEAVY

Province Leads All Canada in Individual Average Purchases

OTTAWA—British Columbia's average bond subscription in the third series Canada Savings Loan is above the national average. According to figures released from Ottawa in the first tabulation in this loan, the average subscription is \$197 or \$4 higher than the average at this time in series two.

British Columbia's average bond purchase is \$277.

Through the savings plan \$15,380,100 had been signed on up until Tuesday. This is an increase of three million dollars over the last loan at the same time.

Employees in payroll companies buying bonds total 78,007, an increase of more than 11,000 over the number of subscribers at this time last October.

National highlights of early returns show that railway employees with nearly two million.

Dollar purchases have almost double subscriptions. Civil Service employees have increased purchases by nearly half a million dollars with sales to date totalling \$1,068,850.

Despite the fact that a number of B.C. payroll companies did not start canvasses until this week most returns to date show increase.

Canadian Pacific Air Lines starting a drive on October 13, has already exceeded the entire total of last loan. Forty per cent employee participation is a 20 per cent participation increase.

Victoria Lumber, Chemainus, now has 30 per cent employee participation, totalling \$40,000 against a 15 per cent participation for \$27,000 in the last offering.

B.C. Pulp and Paper at Port Alice has already exceeded the total take of last loan. Two hundred and forty applications total \$58,000. This is a 55 per cent employee participation as against 38 per cent participation last year.

Gordon Belyea employees have subscribed \$6,700, an increase of \$1,300.

Burrard Drydocks, North Shore, with 35 per cent employee participation, have signed up for \$125,000. Last loan at this time subscriptions totalled \$100,000 and participation was 20 per cent.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 10:45, is reported to be on time.

Have a Good Time—Navy Drill Hall. Music by Help a Good Sport! Four Dukes. Drawing for Bendix Washing Machine, Benefit DANCE Friday, October 22, 9 p.m.

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International Political Outlook

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PORT FROM BRITAIN"

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