

**CABLE RATES**  
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are against B.C. ports," Mr. Murray said. "and everything is routed via London. Our national markets on the Pacific rim for pulp and paper are filled by Scandinavian paper manufacturers who enjoy low freight rates and cheap methods of communication with East Asia ports.

"Given present rates on the Pacific equal to those on the Atlantic, we Canadians can keep well informed on events in East Asia. As it is today the Iron Curtain which now encompasses much of China, here Canadian newspaper correspondents from sending full reports on commercial, political and military affairs in a country which is now but eleven hours from Vancouver by regular air passenger service."

**TO PURCHASE CABLES**

The bill before Parliament, according to Hon. Lionel Clouston, who is sponsoring it, follows an undertaking by Canada with Commonwealth countries to purchase the assets of the cable and wireless corporations within Canada at a sum exceeding \$4,000,000.

Great interest centres upon the measures because of the socialistic tendencies.

"Unless our communications rates on the Pacific are guaranteed by statute to be fair and equitable—and certainly on an equality with those on the Atlantic—we may find ourselves worse off than ever," according to Mr. Murray.

"Naturally the great majority of Commonwealth people reside in Britain and are interested in maintaining London as the centre of the Commonwealth. Therefore the influence, unless the Canadians watch carefully, will be to maintain a rate structure with respect to cables and wireless which will continue London as the great distributing centre of news and information. We would have no objection to this so long as we are not discriminated against on the Pacific seaboard of Canada in respect to costs of messages."

**TED APPLEWHITE**

E. T. Applewhite, M.P., of Prince Rupert, asked certain questions regarding use of radio and cable services up and down the coast, more particularly in the fishing industry. The Minister assured him that the new crown company would not engage in this field of communication.

Jack Gibson, M.P., Comox, spoke briefly on the subject. The cable station on the western end is located on Vancouver Island within the constituency represented by Mr. Gibson.

**Basketball Season Coming Up, Several Teams Now Entered**

The 1949 basketball season is just around the corner with opening night scheduled for October 22. At a general meeting of the Association, entries were received in the four city divisions as follows:

Senior—Brownwoods, B. M. H. and Co-op.

Intermediate—Merchants and North Star.

Ladies—High School and Don's Junior—High School, Kinross's, Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets and Rupert Hotel.

With the final entry date set at October 11 it is anticipated that one more entry will be received in each of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions.

Shell Oil are rumored to be scouting the Senior field for enough players for a team and it is expected that Melakala will enter a team from across the harbor in either the Senior or Intermediate divisions.

The annual meeting re-elected Angus Macpherson as League president. Jack Marchant is the new recording secretary. Business secretary Don Forward continues to act as district representative on the B.C. Basketball Association executive.

Each team will elect their own

representative to the League executive which meets monthly to discuss League policy and programs. The meeting agreed to abide by the age rules of the B.C. Association and Junior team members will have an under-16-year limit, while Intermediates are required to be under 21, with ages computed as of January 1, preceding the season.

Over Centre sports director, Fred Calderone outlined plans for the coming season which would ensure a constant source of player material in the years to come. In addition to League play Mr. Calderone will organize supplementary school basketball with play on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There will also be Saturday morning sessions for boys who are not members of any basketball team in either city or school leagues.

Refered forums will be arranged with discussion and films on rules interpretation.

Don Forward announced the cancellation of plans for a Harlem Globe Trotters' tour through the north this season. The Trotters were originally scheduled to make a trip to Manila by way of Alaska, but the trip has been postponed until next season, with Prince Rupert definitely on the agenda.

**26 FINED UNDER PARKING BYLAW**

A police drive to bring the night parking habits of city motorists into line with the local traffic bylaw resulted in a lengthy procession visiting the police office to pay \$5 fines within the last few days. Total in the latest round-up was 26.

The offences were against a clause in the ordinance which requires that vehicles parked at night on streets of a width of 20 feet or less are required to keep their parking lights on. This was not enforced with particular severity in the summer which was marked by long hours of daylight but, during the winter, police say, it will be enforced strictly.

Blacked-out cars parked on city streets create a hazard which the police are aiming to eliminate, Sgt. L. A. N. Potterton said.



**ALL A MISTAKE**—Pretty 21-year old Ruth Comfort, University of Toronto student and daughter of Charles F. Comfort, noted Canadian war artist, was detained 24 hours by U.S. immigration officials at Ellis Island on her return from an international student conference in Holland. She was accused of making an inflammatory speech aboard the vessel bringing her home. U. S. state department now announces it was all a "regrettable and unfortunate mistake." This photo is by Knight of Toronto. (C. P. Photo)



**LAUNCHES TOUR**—George Formby, toothy ukulele-strumming British comedian, launched a Canadian tour before a packed house in Toronto Monday night last. Formby, who is widely known to Canadians who served overseas during the war, is shown here with his wife, the former Beryl Ingham, who gave up a stage career of her own to marry the comedian and who now acts as his agent. (C. P. Photo)

**BUILDING IN SEPT. \$9,620**

Authorization for construction of two new residences with a combined value of \$7,000 constituted the bulk of building permits issued at the City Engineer's office during September. Total value of permits issued was \$9,620.

The new residences are those of C. H. Insulander to be built on Sixth Avenue East at an estimated outlay of \$3,000 and of Karl Marki on Ambrose Avenue at a cost of \$4,000.

Value of permits issued in September raises to \$222,165 the amount of construction work authorized so far this year. For the same period of 1948 the amount was \$152,638.

- Permits were issued last month:
- C. Lorn, Eight Avenue East, repairs, \$150.
  - E. Faure, Eighth Ave. East, addition, \$160.
  - E. Mussellam, Tenth Avenue East, addition, \$600.
  - A. Mosley, Seventh Ave. East, addition, \$100.
  - Vans Bakery, Third Avenue, repairs, \$50.
  - M. Heise, Seventh Avenue East, repairs, \$1,000.
  - R. L. Wilkins, Herman Street, repairs, \$25.
  - W.M. Wallace, Ninth Avenue East, repairs, \$75.
  - D. Macpherson, Ninth Avenue East, repairs, \$150.
  - W. Robb, Eighth Avenue East, Wallace's Ltd. Third Avenue, repairs, \$100.
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**NORONIC BELLBOY**—Arthur Garth O'Neill, 19-year-old Montreal youth who was chief bellboy on the Canada Steamship Lines S.S. Noronic when it burned in Toronto harbor Sept. 17. Testifying at the federal inquiry, O'Neill said he tried to put out the fire when it was discovered in a linen room on the vessel. (C. P. Photo)

**FIREARMS ABOARD BOAT, ARE FINED**

For carrying firearms aboard a boat without a licence, Douglas Alvey was fined \$15 and costs by Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. Glassey in provincial police court. Similarly charged, Aale Arntsen was fined \$10.

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**CFPR EMITTING WORLD SERIES**

World Series baseball will be broadcast from Station CFPR, it was officially announced this afternoon by Manager C. H. Insulander. The broadcast will start tomorrow at 9:45 with the customary preliminaries followed by the play-by-play description of the game.



**GOOD FRIENDS**—Ties of friendship between Canada and Belgium are being strengthened by the visit to Canada of Foreign Minister Paul van Zeeland of Belgium, shown here as he chatted with Prime Minister St. Laurent following a luncheon at the Belgian embassy in Ottawa. (C. P. Photo)



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