

Rent Increases Are Causing Furore

Parliament Hears G.M. Cuts Big Melon

OTTAWA (CP)—The Speaker of the House of Commons in a ruling today, decided to permit debate on a motion of protest across the country. M. J. Coldwell, Progressive Conservative leader, urged today, as Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative chieftains did.

Airport Is Too Costly?

Chamber of Commerce Not Discouraged by Opinion of Minister
Latest word in the continuing campaign for an airport at Prince Rupert is not encouraging, but the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is continuing the fight.

The minister of transport, Hon. Lionel Chevrier, whose communication was among several others on the subject, admitted to the Chamber at its meeting last night the desirability of improved air service at Prince Rupert but said that the "prohibitive cost" of airport development under difficult conditions here would not be justified by the benefits to be gained. The Minister referred to the 30 minutes required to travel from Prince Rupert to Tugwell Island, the proposed airport site, and the rough water that would be encountered. From the standpoint of "strategic requirement" the opinion was also expressed that there was no urgent need at this time.

At the suggestion of Dr. L. M. Greene, who insisted that the need for an airport at Prince Rupert was still "urgent and important," the aviation committee was instructed to follow the matter up in co-operation with E. F. Applewhite M.P. Mayor Nora Arnold advised the meeting that the British Columbia Aviation Council was "vitaly concerned" in the establishment of an airport at Prince Rupert and suggested co-operation with that organization. Another effort will be made to obtain for use in the campaign an estimate made some time ago by W. R. May of Canadian Pacific Airlines on Tugwell Island development which was considerably less than government figures.

Proposal of the Associated Boards of Central B. C. that endorsement be given to an application of Central B. C. Airways for a franchise to operate a commercial air service westward from Prince George through Vanderhoof, Smithers and Woodcock to Terrace with eventual extension to Prince Rupert, when an airport was established here, was referred to the aviation committee.

THE WEATHER
Synopsis
An active storm is approaching the British Columbia coast and windy rainy weather will be general in coastal regions today and tonight. The storm will weaken as it passes inland and its effects will be felt in the interior regions tonight and Wednesday. Fog which has plagued the coast and some interior valleys recently will be blown out for a few days at least. Regional forecasts valid until midnight to night.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Continuous rain today. Cloudy with showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Winds southeast (25 mph) today, southwesterly (15 mph) tonight and Wednesday. Lows tonight and high tomorrow—at Port Hardy, 46 and 50; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 42 and 48.

AL TIDES
November 9, 1949
3:19 18.3 feet
14:50 20.7 feet
8:50 9.2 feet
21:43 4.4 feet

STOCKS
November 8, 1949
Vancouver .05 1/2
10.75
0.3
0.5 1/2
1.42
0.4
0.38
0.06
5.75
3.65
0.03 1/2
0.18
2.30
0.04
1.17
0.41
0.16 1/2
0.03
0.12
0.08
Canadian 4.60
0.25
1.20
0.60
7.50
1.38
13.10
0.14
2.02
3.95
0.38
0.08 1/2
0.09 1/2
0.15
0.56
0.12
0.14 1/2
0.10
104.50
1.16
0.62 1/2
0.52
4.20
6.70
0.38
0.29 1/2
0.07 1/2
0.10
0.13
0.08 1/2
0.56
0.07
0.06
0.64
0.12
3.40
0.62
1.64
0.37
2.11
69.509
2.13
0.04 1/2
4.10
0.37
2.75
2.06
0.22
0.52

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Record Made For Corporation Dividends in United States

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the biggest cash dividends in United States history will go to General Motors stockholders December 10. It totals more than \$190,000,000 which, with other payments already made this year, will bring the company's grand total of dividends for 1949 to more than \$333,000,000.

This is an all-time record for General Motors Corporation and financial circles say it is probably an all-time record for United States.

GOVERNMENT IS CRITICIZED

For Not Releasing Report of Trust-Buster McGregor Earlier

OTTAWA (CP)—The 60,000-word report of F. A. McGregor, resigning combined investigation chief, charging combined price-fixing of flour, rolled oats and other grain products, continued a subject of warm debate in the House of Commons yesterday. Opposition members sharply criticized the government for not releasing Mr. McGregor's report earlier.

The 60,000-word report that prompted Mr. McGregor's resignation, charged that the history of the activities of eleven firms "is a record of a series of agreements which were broken at times only to be followed by renewals or modifications designed to bring the parties back into agreement."

The report was submitted to the government December 29, 1948. Hon. Stewart Garson, minister of justice, said that the eleven firms named in the report will not be prosecuted.

The report charged:
(1) Threats of reprisals made on small independent millers not keeping close to the firm price levels.

(2) Eastern firms kept a double set of minutes of meetings, only one making reference to agreements on prices.

(3) Western firms kept only one set of minutes but admitted destroying a copy after the probe started.

(4) The same sort of activities have been going on in the milling and bread-making industry in the west and measures were taken to link the two.

Save Japan From Reds

Problem in Drawing Peace Treaty For Former Enemy Country

WASHINGTON (AP)—Department of State planners have reached an advanced stage in their efforts to whip into shape a treaty of peace with the former enemy country, Japan.

Diplomatic aides and government officials, in trying to draw up the draft of the Japanese peace treaty, have been faced with this tough problem:

How can Japan be given full political independence while still keeping some measure of protection against the growing communist menace in Asia?

Decisions had to be reached on this and other tough matters.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT—9:15

Senior—Bo-Mc-Hi vs. Co-op



ATOMIC ENERGY—The awe-inspiring power of the atom was graphically illustrated to the House of Commons last week by Trade Minister Howe, shown holding a small cylinder of metallic uranium which contains an energy potential equivalent to that of 500,000 tons of coal. He showed the cylinder to the Commons while moving for the establishment of a 14-man House Committee to examine the activities of the Atomic Energy Control Board Uranium now is the main atomic radiation ingredient. (CP Photo)

Leaving Here For Rhodesia

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Coulter will be leaving this Thursday night for Vancouver where they will enplane for New York and thence for Rhodesia in Africa where Mr. Coulter has accepted an official position with a large gold mining company near the capital city, Salisbury. Formerly manager of the Premier mine in the Portland Canal district, Mr. Coulter left there three years ago and went to Newfoundland. For the past several months he and Mrs. Coulter have been visiting here.



INVOLVED IN SALE—G. Max Bell, left, of Calgary, head of a syndicate controlling the operations of the Calgary Albertan and the Edmonton Bulletin, negotiated the purchase of the Victoria Daily Times for the syndicate from Mrs. W. Spencer, right, sole owner of the Vancouver Island paper. The paper has been owned by the Spencer family for years but complete control was transferred to Mrs. Spencer only recently. (CP Photo)



HISTORIC ADDRESS—Prime Minister Nehru of India, addressing a joint session of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, said revision of the Commonwealth structure to include the Indian countries is a "significant step towards peace and co-operation in the world." Listening intently is former Prime Minister Mackenzie King, seated in the front row, fifth from left. (CP Photo)

Now Is the Time— Good Men Are Needed - Mayor

Before the close of the meeting, of the Chamber of Commerce last night, Mayor Nora Arnold was called upon. On the eve of her retirement, she said that she had enjoyed her term of office and expressed particular appreciation for the constant assistance and co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce which she always felt was behind the interests of the city. Mrs. Arnold stressed the importance of good men standing for election to the city council on which there would be six seats to be filled at the December election. She expressed the hope that Ald. T. B. Black and Ald. W. F. Stone, whose terms were expiring, would stand again. It was quite as important that there should be good aldermen as well as a good mayor.

REDS MARK BIRTHDAY

MOSCOW (AP)—Communists around the world joined Russia yesterday in celebrating the Soviet Union's thirty-second birthday, the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

Muscovites saw thousands of troops, tanks and planes parade for hours across the Red Square. From a reviewing stand on top of Nikolai Lenin's tomb, the Soviet minister of armed forces, Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky, told his people to "fight harder still for further growth in the might of our state."

The main speech in Moscow's celebration was by Georgi N. Malenkov who boasted that, with the atomic bomb, Russia would destroy capitalism in a third world war.

KENNEY ON WAY TO CITY

Hon. E. T. Kenney, provincial minister of lands and forests, is enroute to Prince Rupert and Terrace, according to word received Monday by J. D. McRae, M.L.A. for Prince Rupert. Mr. Kenney left Powell River last night and is believed to be traveling aboard the steamer Prince George which is due to arrive tomorrow.

SHIP IN BAD SHAPE

VANCOUVER—Attempt last night to pump out the steamer Chelohsin, ashore off Stanley Park, and refloat her failed. A diver is going down today to determine whether salvage is worthwhile. The vessel is leaking badly, particularly in the engine room.

Hawaiian Luxury Journey Winter Prospect For Thrilled City Girl

A common pastime of at least a few of Prince Rupert's winterized population—youngsters and oldsters alike—is to open the mind's eye to a palm-fringed vista of blue tropical skies and bluer Pacific water, but those who will be lucky enough to actually enjoy such a winter idyll are few indeed.

However, there is one city girl who is preparing for that very thing—a month's visit to the famed Royal Hawaiian Hotel at Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, with a generous portion of sub-tropical west coast travel thrown in—and even the envy of her friends can't bring the grandeur of the thing into focus yet.

The lucky traveller is 16-year-old Marjorie Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thornton, 400 Fourth Avenue West, who will fly south next Wednesday to New Westminster preparatory to her trans-Pacific adventure. From there on, the dream begins.

At New Westminster, Marjorie will join her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin W. Cottle and will set off for San Francisco where the party will sail November 24 on the Matson luxury liner Lurline for Honolulu. Mr. Cottle is a hotel and restaurant owner at B. C.'s Royal City.

After a month's stay at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, the party will return to California then set off for an extended visit to Mexico, after which they will spend a few weeks in California. Marjorie expects to return to Prince Rupert at the end of February.

"Thrilled?" The girl can't think about anything else," said her mother, who seems to have absorbed some of the thrill herself. "Still, you can't blame her. It's something that everyone of us would like to do and it's over more wonderful when you're young."

OCTOBER LOG SCALE LOWER

Sawlog scale in the Prince Rupert forestry district for the first 10 months of 1949 showed a drop of 11,000,000 board feet under the 1948 level for the same period, according to totals compiled from monthly reports of the provincial Forestry office here.

Sawlog production up to the end of October this year totalled 203,412,142 board feet, as compared with 214,701,551 for the same period a year ago. October production was 27,045,056 board feet, a drop of more than 6,000,000 under October, 1948 and more than 3,000,000 less than for September, 1949.

However, pole and piling output for the 10-month period this year showed a slight increase over the corresponding period for 1948. So far this year, 2,703,998 lineal feet have been cut, while in the same period last year, production was 2,203,979.

Railroad tie output last month was 10,443 pieces, a drop of 7,000 under September and 19,000 less than in October, 1948.

Cordwood production in October totalled 191 cords, 98 more than in September and 67 more than in October, 1948.

Sawlog scale by varieties:
Fir, 1,681,788
Cedar, 2,685,058
Spruce, 9,066,416
Hemlock, 9,907,888
Balsam, 2,499,775
Jackpine, 1,210,086
Miscellaneous, 14,045.

TRAFFIC CONFUSED

Stop signs made their appearance on all five corners of the Third Avenue and McBride Street intersection today. While some motorists appeared to be confused as to who should start and when, police explained that this had now been set up as "courtesy corner" and as an added check on safety.

Usual rules of the road and right-of-way continue even though one can no longer drive on third avenue without stopping. It was all very simple—at least to police.

Interview Minister

When E. T. Applewhite, M. P. for Skeena, in a letter from Ottawa, asked the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce to watch reactions in regard to the Aluminum Co. of Canada's multi-million dollar hydro-electric power development with its sources on the upper Nechako River and keep him advised, he raised somewhat of a tempest last night on the usually tranquil waters of the Chamber of Commerce.

The outcome will be a conference of the augmented fisheries committee tomorrow with Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands, when the whole matter will be gone into with a particular view to ascertaining that the fisheries industry was being fully safeguarded in connection with proposed developments.

Mr. Applewhite's query was specifically a request for more information in regard to a report which he had noticed of fifty farmers in the Lakes district south of Burns Lake protesting against the Nechako power development project since it would inundate their land.

J. C. Glicker and Aid. Harold Whalen immediately took up the cudgels on behalf of the fishing industry, the vital importance of which as an industrial mainstay of the coast they emphasized. They suggested that the attention of Mr. Applewhite be drawn to this aspect.

J. D. McRae M.L.A. mentioned that Mr. Kenney would be arriving in Prince Rupert this Wednesday and suggested that, before any representations were made by the Chamber, a meeting should be held with the minister.

After some candid expressions of opinion back and forth as to the propriety of projecting the question of the effect on the fisheries into the matter until fuller information had been obtained, it was agreed to at first confer with Mr. Kenney and it was left in the hands of the fisheries committee, of which Aid. Whalen is chairman, to meet with Mr. Kenney, the committee being given power to add to its number for this purpose.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

It was the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber which drew out an attendance of forty-five members and guests with President G. S. Blackaby in the chair. The guests were Dr. D. R. Whitmore and Neely Moore, recently arrived local representatives of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.; Jack Wells of Vancouver, Gordon Bryant of Prince George and H. H. Davies, new general agent here of the Canadian Pacific Railway who was elected to membership in the Chamber in succession to D. H. E. McLean, recently transferred to Seattle.

William Seaby, fur dealer and C. N. Parker, Kelly-Douglas manager, were also welcomed as new members of the Chamber.

KING VISITS GOBS

PORTSMOUTH—King George visited the United States heavy cruiser Columbus today, received a 21-gun salute and lunched on steak and baked potatoes.

New Telephone Directory

A new Telephone Directory is about to be published. All changes of listings must be in by November 15, in writing at the City Telephone Office. CITY TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT. (262)