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**OVER POST**

Curves Becomes  
of Defence  
nt Budget

LEAL — Donald F. E. has resigned from an National Railways up an appointment of the Budget, De- of National Defence, rank of Lieutenant- Purves was special ve in the developm Department of Research ment, C.N.R.

was born at Gand- Newfoundland, on 1907. He graduated University of British 1934 with the degree of Commerce. He post-graduate studies tion economics and engineering at Colum- New York. In 1938, he the degree of Mas- ce. A gold medalist, ed a Carnegie En- ship.

es served as assistant rd the Canadian Na- coast steamships y periods between 0, and September, undertook research e British Columbia between 1934 and igned the Canadian ways as a clerk in of Economics, Mon- 1938, and was ap- search assistant, De- Research and De- in October, 1939. In 38, he enlisted with and two months erred to the Cana- in which he rose to Major. He had su- army real prop- rearing of prop- and disposal. He as a member of of the British Em- Division, in the ay Honors List in

ed to the Canadian ways in March, as appointed special e in the Depart- search and Develop-

**WEATHER**

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**The Daily News**

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**Peace River Publisher Sees Rupert as Outlet**

**Too Little Attention Being Paid To This Port — Would Be More Economical Than P.G.E. Extension**

"In planning a railway outlet for the Peace River empire too little attention is given Prince Rupert," writes George M. Murray, former M.L.A. for Lillooet and now publisher of the Alaska Highway News at Fort St. John in a special article in his paper inspired by the article of Richard L. Neuberger on Prince Rupert in the Saturday Evening Post. "This port at the terminal of the Canadian National Railway could serve the north just as well as any other. From the Prince Rupert terminal, Peace River products could be shipped to world ports. A Grande Prairie-Prince Rupert line would involve less capital expenditure than the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway north." Mr. Murray also sees the possibility of developing trade from as far west as Montana in the United States through Prince Rupert to Alaska.

Mr. Murray's article is as follows:  
Everyone in Northern British Columbia is excited over an article which appeared recently in Saturday Evening Post setting forth the glories and opportunities of Prince Rupert. Capt. Richard Neuberger, well known on Alaska Highway, is author of the article, which reviews the story of Rupert since the time that Dick McBride and Charles M. Hays figured prominently in early day history of the port.

Capt. Neuberger reveals the growth of shipping to Alaska from Rupert and gives figures to show that United States merchants and manufacturers are reaching the Alaskan coasts cheaper by way of Rupert than by Seattle.

One result of the article was a radio round-table held at Seattle where Neuberger stoutly defended his Prince Rupert story against the Chamber of Commerce spokesmen for Seattle.

In planning a rail outlet for the Peace River Empire, too little attention is given Prince Rupert. This port at the terminal of the Canadian National Railway could serve the North just as well as any other. Canadian National officials know this and they know also that a short line from Grande Prairie to Obed or Entrance on the C.N.R. would provide one outlet for the Peace River grain and coal. From their Prince Rupert terminal, Peace River produce could be shipped to world ports.

A Grande Prairie-Prince Rupert line would involve less capital expenditure than the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway north. True, such a line would not give much relief to the Land Beyond the Peace. But on the other hand this could be served very well for a time by an extension of the N.A.R. from Hines Creek to Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope and the Foothills of the Rockies. It would be a long way round about haul from Finlay Forks. But then: what does it matter if a load of lumber, coal or wheat is a few days extra on the road?

Another interesting factor here is the activity of Great Falls, Montana in seeking access to the Alaska Highway country. The Chamber of Commerce there is dead set on making Great Falls the great focal point for trade and travel north from "the Heart of America." They are linked now by air and highway northward. They have their plans for a hook-up of rail connections northward. It is conceivable that Great Falls could share in a big way in the development of Prince Rupert. It certainly has little in common with Seattle. There is keen rivalry. Great Falls wholesalers could place stuff in the warehouses of coastal Alaska via Prince Rupert. They could reach interior Alaska on a Great Northern rail extension northward. Back of Great Falls are the powerful Minneapolis and Chicago Railway financial and industrial barons.

**VANCOUVER MAY BE LEFT BEHIND**

Vancouver which swings the balance of political power in British Columbia is sound asleep politically as far as Northern B.C. development is concerned. Seattle and Tacoma have shown some interest in shipping by water to Alaska but are accused by Alaskans of selfish exploitation of the northern territory.  
This movement by Captain Richard L. Neuberger and the powerful Saturday Evening Post to bring Prince Rupert to the attention of the world as a great seaport should shake the younger generation of B.C. business men into wakefulness.  
Vancouver should surely assert itself or in regard to northern trade it will be left far behind. Prince Rupert, on the global map has many advantages over Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle and Tacoma.

**Situation Serious But People Are Urged To Keep Cool**

**Sportsmen Urge Fish Hatchery Here at Rod and Gun Dinner**

Northern sportsmen ate copious quantities of moose meat last night and reminisced about big ones, both caught and uncaught, at the annual game dinner of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club held in the Broadway Cafe dining room.

They also gave serious thought to game conservation measures and delivered themselves of complaints and suggestions to two officials of the provincial Game Department in the hope of improving hunting and fishing conditions on the north coast and central interior.

Department officials who addressed the gathering of more than 100 following the dinner were James G. Cunningham, provincial Game Commissioner, and W. A. H. Gill, of Prince

**BULLETINS**

**MAY JOIN CANADA**

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—Choice of Confederation with Canada was offered the people of Newfoundland today when contents of the official ballot or the national referendum which will decide the colony's future were disclosed. It was announced simultaneously that the ballot will offer the following choices: 1. Retention of the present government by commission; 2. Return of responsible self-government; 3. Confederation with Canada.

**MASARYK'S FUNERAL**

PRAGUE—Jan Masaryk will be given a state funeral Saturday by Czechoslovakia's communist-controlled government. He will be laid beside his father, the founder and first president of the Republic.

**FATAL ASYLUM FIRE**

ASHEVILLE, North Carolina—Nine women patients died early today in the blazing inferno of a mental hospital fire. Seven victims were trapped helplessly in upper floors of the four-story central building—the Highland Hospital for nervous diseases.

**Legion Is Progressing**

Total Membership 620—May Build This Year

There was an excellent attendance at the annual general meeting last evening, of the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League. V. G. Houston was re-elected president. The total present membership is 620. Reference was made to building prospects but it could not be stated how soon anything in the way of actual work could get under way. The plans arrived a day or so ago. Officers were elected as follows:

- President, V. G. Houston.
- First Vice-President, R. P. Smith.
- Second Vice-President, W. H. Murray.
- Secretary-Manager, P. M. Ray.
- Executive-Miss Mary Morton.
- F. D. Hardy, C. Anderson, F. J. Hicks, V. D. Duncan, Capt. J. R. Eifert, A. M. Hurst, G. Alexander.

Honorary Officers are:  
Honorary President, Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O.  
Honorary Vice-President, Col. J. McGregor, V.C.  
Honorary Vice-President, Col. S. D. Johnston, M.C., V.D.  
Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "Chatham" Lt.-Cdr. J. D. McRae.  
The Legion trustees elected were H. A. Breen, S. A. Bird and E. Woodward, while C. L. Youngman replaced J. Scott as trustee of the Benevolent Trust Fund.

**GIRL HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAP**

A thirteen-year-old girl was injured Wednesday when her bicycle was struck by an automobile on Sixth Avenue East, just east of the Hays Cove bridge. The girl, Louise Leask, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Leask, 1137 Seventh Avenue East, was taken to hospital but released shortly afterward when her injuries were found to be not serious. Eye-witnesses told police that the girl's bicycle had cut in front of a taxi driven by William Stewart which was proceeding westward on Sixth Avenue.

**LOCAL TIDES**  
Friday, March 12, 1948

High	2:24	20.5 feet
	14:29	20.9 feet
Low	8:29	4.8 feet
	20:37	4.0 feet

**United States Building Up Strength Against Attack**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CP)—Military development in the United States reflect the "very, very serious" world situation noted yesterday by Secretary of State George Marshall. But as he voiced his warning he implied a plea for the American people to keep cool. Other top officials in both diplomatic and military branches of the government took pains to stress this. All efforts to build up the armed might of the United States are being aimed solely at guarding against aggressive attack, it was emphasized.

**DAILY TRAIN SERVICE HERE**

It was learned authoritatively this afternoon that there will be a six days a week train service on the Jasper-Prince Rupert line of the Canadian National Railways during the coming summer. Trains will leave for the East at 8 p.m. each day except Sunday and will arrive at 10:45 p.m. each day except Tuesday. The increased service will be effective April 25.

**HOCKEY SCORES**

National League  
Boston 6, New York 3  
Detroit 7, Chicago 2

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

**POLICE IMPOUND FIRST VEHICLE**

Taken Into Custody Because It Had No Pink Card

City police Wednesday afternoon impounded the first car in Prince Rupert under the "financial responsibility" clause of the Motor Vehicle Act following a collision on Third Avenue between a car owned by the Fishermen's Co-operative and the police wagon.

The car, said to have been driven by Lloyd Rice, was taken into custody because it lacked the "pink slip" indicative of insurance coverage. It will remain in the hands of the police until released by authority of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

According to Constable Keith De Witt, driver of the police wagon, the Co-op car pulled out from the curb on Third Avenue near the Killas and Christopher Block at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon, striking the right rear fender of the police vehicle which was proceeding eastward.

Damage to the police car was set at \$15. The other car received damage to the left front fender and headlight.

The vehicle is said to be covered by liability insurance but because it did not carry the pink card showing that it was covered, it was seized by the police.

The case is the second this week wherein a car has been impounded. A Ford, driven by Olaf Hanson, was placed in police custody at Port Edward Sunday night after an accident

**Russia Won't Talk To Jews Or Arabs**

NEW YORK (AP)—Russia threatened today to walk out of the Big Four talks on Palestine if Jews and Arabs were invited to take part in the discussions. Russia's Andrei Gromyko rebuffed a new American attempt to call the Arabs of Palestine or the Jewish Agency before the Big Power conferences. He said Jewish-Arab conciliation efforts of the past had failed.

**JEWS ARE BOMBED**

JERUSALEM—The closely-guarded Jewish Agency building was badly damaged by an explosion today soon after a car flying an American flag was seen entering its courtyard. Early reports said the death toll was eleven with ninety injured, twenty seriously.

in which a three-year-old Indian child was injured.

Constable Gordon Simons of the Port Edward detachment impounded Hanson's car after Raymond Wilson had received bruises and a leg fracture when his tricycle struck a front wheel of the car.

The child was riding downhill on the tricycle and headed into Hanson's car which was proceeding uphill slowly.

**Gas Price In B.C. Up Two Cents**

**Prince Rupert Price After Today Will Be 38 Cents**

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson today announced that the retail price of gasoline will rise by two cents per gallon throughout British Columbia at midnight tonight.

Standard grade gasoline will now cost 34c a gallon in Vancouver and 35c here and in most other sections of the province. (Prince Rupert price will be 38c).

Of the increase 1½c is earmarked for the companies and ½c for the dealers.

**C. M. LE CLAIRE PASSES AWAY**

Cyrus Merton Le Claire, an employee of Canadian National Railways for the last 26 years and a resident of Prince Rupert since 1942, died Wednesday afternoon in Prince Rupert General Hospital, after an illness of three months. He was 54 years old.

Born at Minneapolis, deceased came to Canada and joined the C.N.R. in 1922, working at various points in the west. He came here from Smithers six years ago. He was a freight checker at the wharf.

Surviving are his wife, one

**CHICAGO PLANE CRASH**  
CHICAGO—A Delta Airlines DC-4 plane crashed and burned explosively late last night a few seconds after taking off from Chicago's municipal airport. Twelve of 13 aboard were killed. Only survivor was a 33-year-old mother whose seven-year-old son perished.

R. G. Van der Sluys returned Wednesday afternoon by air from a business trip to Vancouver.

daughter, Mrs. L. Herring, and a son, Robert, all of Prince Rupert. A sister lives in Manitoba. The funeral will be held on Saturday with Bishop J. B. Gibson officiating.

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**THREE HOURS IN ATLANTIC**—Thomas Montanez, ship's carpenter, is shown as he arrived in New York City on the S.S. Santa Clara, after his rescue from a swim in the Caribbean. Montanez fell overboard and was missed until the ship had gone over the horizon. He was rescued by the Captain, John Fordan, plus the sharp shooter, picked the still floating Montanez up in a small boat to be lowered and bring him back aboard. From left to right: Able Seaman Raimundo Rivera of the Santa Clara, who called the rescue; John Fordan of the Santa Clara, who called the rescue; and Thomas Montanez, who credited his rescue to prayer; Mr. Norbert Berghoff of Fort Wayne, who sighted Montanez.

**Announcement --**

OPENING OF

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Second Avenue and First Street

Showing of Dodge - DeSoto Cars and Dodge Trucks

Public Inspection of Premises Invited