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Need Of Air Field

LACK OF AN AIR FIELD for the use of land planes at Prince Rupert almost caused the loss of the visit of the Harlem Globe Trotters and our deprivation of one of the biggest and most spectacular events in local athletic history. Had this city had such an air field, the land plane of the regular air service would have been able to come through to Prince Rupert yesterday and bring the important visitors as scheduled. As it was the entire Vancouver-Prince Rupert operation for the day had to be called off because weather conditions were such as to block off landings at the transfer point of Sandspit. And this has not been by any means the first occasion when there has been delay or cancellation of the service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert which could have been maintained had there been an air strip so as the Vancouver plane could come through here.

Canadian Pacific Air Lines officials have expressed the opinion that air traffic may increase this year to a point where two flights daily between Vancouver and Prince Rupert may be required. That could mean just double the inconvenience and delay to traffic through the necessity of the transfer between land and sea craft at Sandspit.

In addition to the commercial air service, there are also all the casual aircraft which would come here if there were the air field at this highly strategic point.

As we have often said before Prince Rupert is the only centre of such importance in the country that has no air field. Every day the necessity becomes more and more demonstrated. Continued dependence on sea aircraft is not in keeping with the times.

ROBERT BURNS DAY

NO MATTER HOW some of the uninspired may feel about it, the memory of Robert Burns is immortal and sacred with the most of good Scotsmen who today celebrate the anniversary of his birth. Prince Rupert has a double celebration with two banquets to mark the renewal of the occasion. The Haggis wi' a' the trimmings will be indulged in with all the traditional recitals and feasting.

The thing about these Burns celebrations is that, while there may be wassail and feasting, the real import of the occasion does not seem to be forgotten as is the case in the observance of possibly some more important events. While some may not be impressed with Burns, he must have been a great man. Else how could he have the hold on a nation such as he does? In spite of his shortcomings, he was able to catch and express the sentiment of a great race. But it is only a true Scotsman who can understand and really appreciate the Scotian bard.

Today is the 190th anniversary of the birth of Burns, which took place near Ayr, Scotland. Son of a gardener and small farmer, he became the poet of "the common man"—one whose gifts of mind and heart breathed such tenderness, simplicity and close touch with life itself.

Burns' youth was spent, assisting his father after which he moved to Mossiel where he learned the duties of flax dresser. A fire terminated his labors in this direction. With his brother, Gilbert, he resumed country life. During this period appeared one of his early poems, "The Cotters' Saturday Night" which greatly enhanced his renown in letters. Burns had an unhappy love affair with Jean Armour and planned to move to Jamaica but not long before sailing was persuaded to remain.

His growing fame brought him into association with many of Scotland's aristocrats, some of whom were among the most ardent admirers of his works. It was in 1788 he married Jean Armour. He held office as an exciseman at Dumfries and for a while lived in Edinburgh. His death, hastened by excesses, sorrows and disappointments, occurred at a comparatively early age. He was survived by a wife and four children.

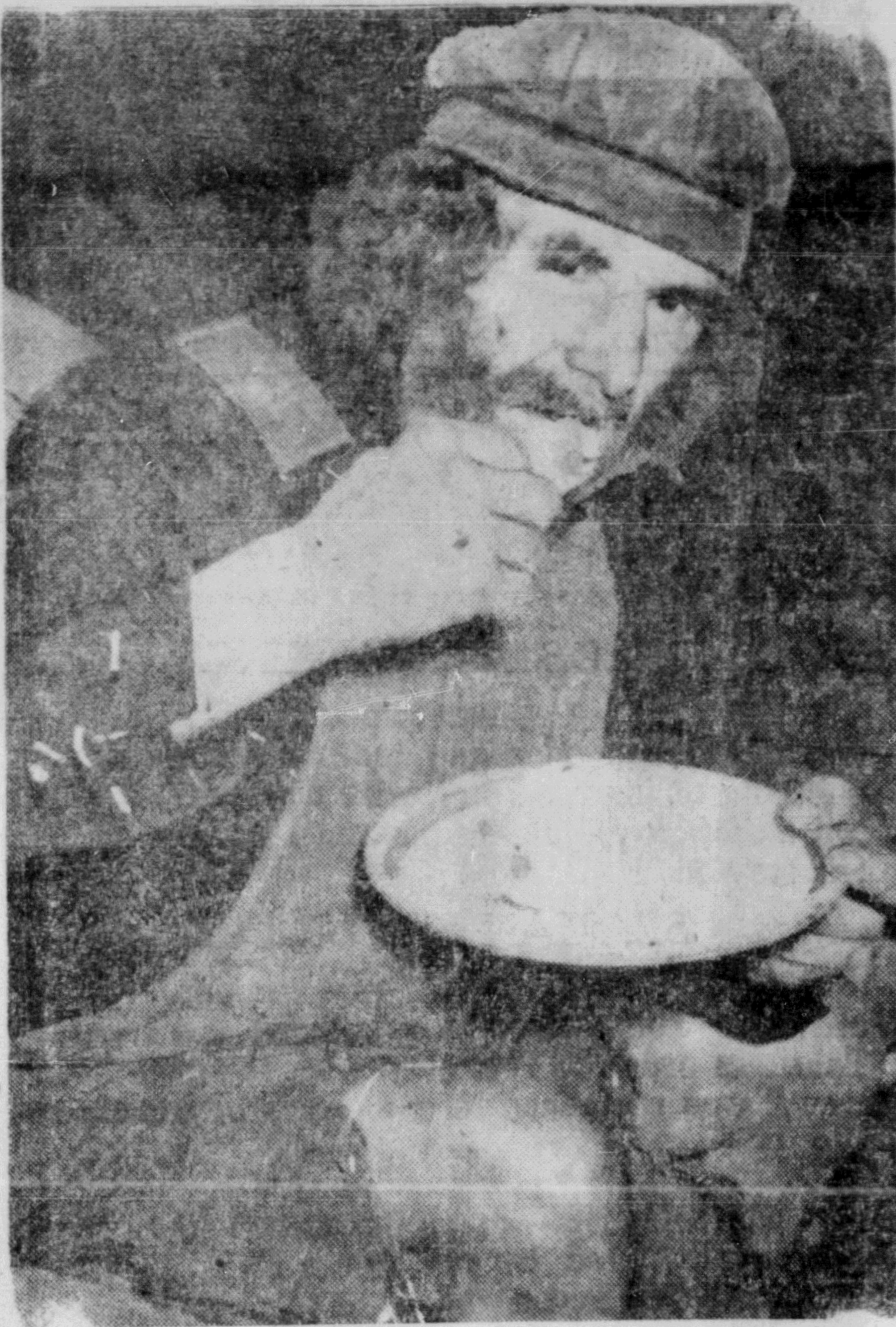
No poet ever gained a more enduring place in the hearts of his fellow countrymen.

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PEN NAME

Lewis Carroll was the pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote the fantasy "Alice in Wonderland" and other books.



GIVES UP CITY LIFE TO LIVE LIKE HERMIT—Raw flour and oatmeal, together with raw potatoes and carrots, are the staple diet of Percy Leggett. He was a Montreal business man, who gave up city life three years ago to live in rags in a tent near Englehart, Ont. Here he eats a meal of flour washed down with handfuls of snow. Leggett says he would like to visit his 38-year-old mother in Montreal but first must complete a cabin he is building. He feels fit, he says.

CFPR Radio Dial

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WEDNESDAY—P.M.

4:00—Edmund Rockledge
4:15—Stock Quotations and Int.

4:30—Maggie Muggins

4:45—Easy Listening

5:00—Rendezvous Room

5:30—Musical Cocktails

5:45—Supper Varieties

6:00—Supper Serenade

6:15—Sammy Kaye

6:30—Musical Varieties

6:45—Plantation House Party

7:00—CBC News

7:15—CBC News Roundup

7:30—Recital

8:00—The Well of English

8:30—Waddington Conducts

9:00—British Agents—BBC

10:00—CBC News

10:10—CBC News

10:15—Dr. G. C. Sedgwick

10:30—Biltmore Hotel Orch.

11:00—Weather Forecast and Sign Off

THURSDAY—A.M.

7:00—Musical Clock

8:00—CBC News

8:15—Morning Song

8:30—Music for Moderns

8:45—Little Concert

9:00—BBC News and Com'ry

9:15—Morning Devotions

9:30—Morning Concert

9:50—Time Signal

10:00—Ellen Harris

10:15—Morning Melodies

10:30—Roundup Time

10:45—Scandinavian Melodies

11:00—Musical Varieties

11:15—Songs of Today

11:30—Weather Forecast

11:31—Message Period

11:33—Recorded Interlude

11:45—Let's Waltz

—P.M.—

12:00—Mid-Day Melodies

12:15—CBC News

12:25—Program Resume

12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast

12:55—Recorded Interlude

1:00—Concert Hour

1:30—Bernie Braden Tells a Story

1:45—Commentary—Deeds

2:00—B.C. School Bdct.

2:30—Musical Program (Ott.)

2:45—Western Five

3:00—Ethel and Albert

3:15—Spotlight on a Star

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ALASKA TAXING FISH CATCHES

JUNEAU—A bill to tax halibut, cod, clams, crab and bottom fish, for the first time in Alaska, is before the territorial legislature.

It is also planned to increase by an estimated four to five times, the present tax on canned salmon. That would make the tax on sockeye 56 cents a case as compared with the present 10 cents.

Marcus Jensen, speaking of how it would affect the halibut catches, considered there would be but little danger of halibut being diverted to Prince Rupert to avoid the tax because only the southernmost catches go there. Besides, with the seasons becoming so short, fishermen could not afford the time to avoid a tax that would not amount to more than \$50 for a good-sized catch.

In reading, our eyes concentrate on the tops of the printed words.

City Merchants

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What City Council Did

Referred to the board of works for report, a petition signed by four Hays Cove Avenue residents seeking to have the city box in a drain cut by city workmen across property occupied by R. P. Smith and James Bremner. The open drain was described as a nuisance to property beautification and a hazard to children.

Despite a 47 per cent increase in cost since it was ordered two years ago, decided to confirm the city's desire to purchase a quantity of heavy steel pipe for renewal of the water main across Shawatlans Passage. Price at the time the pipe was ordered was \$10,768. Aldermen agreed that, because the line was badly in need of renewal, the pipe must be bought regardless of the heavy increase in cost. Delivery will be made between April and June. Money for the purchase will come from the city's water reserve fund.

Approved payment of \$112.50 as the city's annual dues to the Union of B. C. Municipalities, and also \$25 as annual membership fees in the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

Decided to endorse a resolution originating with the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce urging the Department of Transport to make a survey of Tugwell Island and to hold public hearings of the Air Transport Board here with the objective of having an air landing strip built at Tugwell Island.

Granted leave of absence to City Engineer Don Stewart for the purpose of attending Canadian Pension Board examinations at Vancouver between February 11 and 15.

Approved expenditure of \$450 for installation of a fence around the new Gyro swimming pool at McClymont park on recommendation of the board of works.

Agreed to an expenditure of \$75 for installation of a culvert at the foot of Dunsuir Street and the cleaning of a ditch and culvert to clear a water course which now is creating a nuisance on property occupied by A. A. Gauthier, Ninth Avenue West. The action was taken on recommendation of the board of works.

Decided to incorporate the former R.C.A.F. fire alarm system at Seal Cove into the city fire alarm system on recommendation of the board of works.

Approved sale of city-owned lot 3, block 6, section 1, Third Avenue near Eleventh Street, to H. G. Helgeson, Ltd. for its assessed value of \$200.

Approved sale of lots 4, 5 and 6, block 6, section 6, Fourth Avenue East between Green and Eberts Streets, to the Prince Rupert General Hospital for the nominal figure of \$1. The

lots had been sought by the Hospital Board as site for possible future expansion. Sale was made on recommendation of the finance committee.

A petition from the Commercial and Ocean View Hotels regarding construction of a sidewalk on First Avenue was held over for further investigation on recommendation of the board of works.

Received a report from the health committee that it had considered a medical scheme proposed by the provincial Department of Health and Welfare for social service recipients submitted to council two weeks ago, but had deferred decision on it pending receipt of its approximate costs.

Decided to purchase 10 pairs of blankets for the city jail at \$12 a pair. Recommendation was made by the police committee.

Heard Alderman Casey describe as "stingy" a recommendation by the Pioneer Home Committee that the Home be allowed \$20 a month to provide period relief for its caretakers who now work seven days a week. Council passed the measure after being assured by the Mayor that the caretakers had agreed that the amount was satisfactory.

DIVIDING OF FISH SEASON

Fisheries Commission in Favor But Other Fleets Want Time to Consider

International Fisheries Commission officials appear favorably disposed to a deferment of the opening of the annual halibut fishing season to June and the splitting of the season in Area Two into two parts, says George Anderson, secretary of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, who returned to the city a few days ago after attending a conference of fleet representatives with the Commission. However, the Commission is not committing itself to the suggestion until further agreement is forthcoming from other fleets besides Prince Rupert to which the proposal is something new. The Vancouver and Seattle fleets asked time to consider the idea. It will be necessary, however, to give an answer soon to the Commission, recommendations of which must be approved by Ottawa and Washington.



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FATHER DELIVERS HIS OWN CHILD—Now that Don Fencil, 22, Chicago, nervously bites his finger, gazes at his new six-pound daughter and his happy wife, it happened like this: a baby was on the way and was in a hurry, but the doctor wasn't. There was Fencil to do but deliver his own child into the world. His mother told newspaper reporters: "It wasn't any big deal."

Reminiscences

By W. J. — and REFLECTIONS

Those who have lived in Prince Rupert long enough to remember early days, agree that they never experienced a winter the equal of the present season for frequency of snow storms. Rains and gales were numerous. Zero has been felt. There were snowfalls, as a rule around Christmas and the New Year. There has been good skating for weeks. But the last months of 1948 and the first of 1949 have been remarkable for the severity and early appearance of snow, and the persistence with which it has kept falling.

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