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## Parliament Approves Pact; Archibald Does Not Vote

(CP)—The House of Commons yesterday in favor of the Atlantic pact. The debate came when Prime Minister St. Laurent strode across the House and shook hands with the Opposition leader George Drew who had just returned from Ottawa.

### CASEY 'PHONE MOTION KILLED

**Council Spikes Another Plebiscite Attempt**

A motion by Alderman George Casey to toss council's \$550,000 telephone by a proposal back to the voters received an almost routine defeat at the hands of his colleagues last night after it had been seconded "out of courtesy" by Alderman T. B. Black, leading proponent of the rehabilitation scheme.

"I could rule the motion out of order, but I don't intend to," said Acting Mayor George Rutherford. "We already have the approval of the voters and have made our decision as to policy." Alderman Black said that he would second Alderman Casey's motion "as a matter of courtesy in order that Alderman Casey may further present his views."

Alderman Casey's motion recommended that the telephone question be referred back to the people in order that they might express their views on the three following proposals:

1. That the city install an automatic telephone system at a cost of \$550,000.
2. To extend, renew and repair the present system at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.
3. To advertise the existing system.

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### PURCHASING FOR RAILWAY

**Fuel Cost Second Only to Wages on C.N.R.**

GRAND MERE, Que.—Fuel is the largest individual commodity among the 75,000 different items purchased each year by the Canadian National Railways and its annual cost of seventy million dollars is second only to wages as the major items in the railway operating expenses, E. A. Bromley, vice-president of the company's purchases and stores, Montreal, told members of the Rotary Club here in an address last night.

During the past 10 years, the Canadian National Railways has had to pay out \$233.92 per minute for materials and supplies, an average of \$122,946,316.00 annually or a total of more than one and a quarter billion dollars over the past decade.

"From the magnitude of these figures, you will appreciate at once that the National system is the largest buyer in Canada," said Mr. Bromley. "It is the policy of the railway to buy as much as possible of its requirements in Canada and approximately 90 per cent of the money spent remains in this country" he said. "I do not think any one organization has done as much to foster the use of Canadian-made goods as the Canadian National Railways. It is constantly seeking to have Canadian manufacturers make articles which the company has to import and these efforts have been very successful."

"Transportation rates are low," continued Mr. Bromley, "and it is necessary to do a great deal of work to earn the purchasing dollar. To pay for an ordinary lead pencil, a ton of freight must be hauled 1.4 miles; to buy a keg of spikes, one ton of freight has to be carried 452 miles; and to purchase a typewriter, one ton of freight has to move 13,300 miles or roughly a carload of freight from Montreal to Toronto."

## LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS BEFORE ELECTION

The provincial election campaign in Prince Rupert, as elsewhere in British Columbia, is getting under way. General meetings of Liberal and Conservative provincial riding organizations are called for this week, the former Wednesday night, the latter Thursday night.

Liberals, at their meeting, will nominate delegates for the provincial convention to be held in Vancouver April 7 and 8 when the issue of continuing in the coalition or going it alone will be decided upon. Indications are that the local delegation will go to the convention unopposed, it being left to the delegates to determine for themselves on the spot, what would seem to be the best course of action. Certainly, it is apparent that the local Liberals, keen as they may be about the perpetuation of the party, are not ready or willing to accept the responsibility of initiating or promoting the "go it alone" movement.

Meanwhile, the local Liberals are also calling a nominating convention for April 19. The course of that convention will be determined, apparently, by what happens in Vancouver. If the

coalition continues, the Liberals will consult with the Conservatives, possibly offering their candidate to them for approval. Names of W. M. Watts, J. D. McRae and T. N. Youngs are heard mentioned as possible Liberal nominees.

The Conservatives, it is known, are all for coalition, taking it for granted that to have both Liberal and Conservative candidates would be to assure the election of the C.C.F. However, the Conservatives consider they too have good candidates in such persons as W. R. McAfee, Dr. R. C. Large and J. T. Harvey.

While the Liberals and the Conservatives have a number of questions to thresh out before finalizing their nomination or nominations, the C.C.F. course, provincially, appears clear. There is no questioning the right of W. H. Brett, the sitting M.L.A., to renomination. His choice is but a matter of course.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

| Vancouver         |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Bayonne           | .06     |
| Bralorne          | 8.50    |
| B. R. Con.        | .03     |
| B. R. X.          | .09     |
| Capiboo Quartz    | 116     |
| Congress          | .03 3/4 |
| Hedley Mascot     | .40     |
| Pacific Eastern   | .05     |
| Pend Oreille      | 4.75    |
| Pioneer           | 3.10    |
| Premier Border    | .02 1/2 |
| Privateer         | .18     |
| Reeves McDonald   | 2.40    |
| Reno              | .06     |
| Sheep Creek       | 1.25    |
| Silbak Premier    | .34     |
| Taku River        | .30     |
| Vananda           | .24     |
| Salmon Gold       | .13 1/2 |
| Spud Valley       | .06     |
| Oils              |         |
| Anglo Canadian    | 3.75    |
| A. P. Con.        | .21     |
| Atlantic          | .62     |
| Calmont           | .38     |
| C. & E.           | 4.60    |
| Central Leduc     | .95     |
| Home Oil          | 10.10   |
| Mercury           | .12     |
| Okalta            | 1.72    |
| Pacific Pete      | 2.20    |
| Princess          | .25     |
| Royal Canadian    | .08 1/4 |
| South Brazeau     | .18     |
| Toronto           |         |
| Athlona           | .14     |
| Aumaque           | .18     |
| Beattie           | .50 1/2 |
| Bevcourt          | .22     |
| Bobjo             | .10 1/2 |
| Buffalo Canadian  | .13     |
| Consol. Smelters  | 97.00   |
| Conwest           | 1.17    |
| Donalda           | .50     |
| Eldona            | .57     |
| East Sullivan     | 2.65    |
| Giant Yellowknife | 5.35    |
| God's Lake        | .40     |
| Harricana         | .17 1/4 |
| Hardrock          | .17 1/4 |
| Heva              | .09     |
| Hosco             | .23 1/2 |
| Jackknife         | .04     |
| Joliet Quebec     | .36     |
| Lake Rowan        | .08     |
| Lapaska           | .08     |
| Little Long Lac   | .76     |
| Lynx              | .13     |
| Madsen Red Lake   | 2.70    |
| McKenzie Red Lake | .36     |
| McLeod Cockshutt  | 1.02    |
| Moneta            | .38     |
| Negus             | 2.42    |
| Noranda           | 54.00   |
| Louvicoirt        | .18 1/2 |
| Pickle Crow       | 2.03    |
| Regcourt          | .04 1/2 |
| San Antonio       | 3.95    |
| Senator Rouyn     | .40 1/2 |
| Sheriff Gordon    | 2.14    |
| Steep Rock        | 1.55    |
| Sturgeon River    | .16     |
| Silver Miller     | .46     |

### First Robins of Season Are Here

First robins of the season and spring snow flurries came to Prince Rupert on the same day yesterday. A pair of red breasts were seen chirping playfully from a string of light wire even as chilly snow flurries fell. It has been a long and unusual winter but these are the real harbingers of the season's awakening. Where the robins are, spring is not far away.

## Flash

**DEPUTY PREMIER MISSING**  
LONDON—An aircraft, in which Sardar Patel, deputy prime minister of India, was flying from New Delhi was reported overdue at Jaipur airport tonight. He was due to attend an official ceremony at Jaipur tomorrow.

**MEETING OF PREMIERS**  
OTTAWA—A meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers is to be held in London beginning April 21, it was announced today. The announcement was made from the office of Prime Minister St. Laurent who said that it was proposed Minister of External Affairs L. B. Pearson should represent Canada at opening meetings.

**AMERICANS JAILED**  
PRAGUE—The senate of the Prague state court has found two American soldiers guilty of espionage against Czechoslovakia, it is officially announced today. They have been sentenced to 12 and 10 years imprisonment. The trial took place in secret and American authorities were not informed of the proceedings.

### USK RESIDENT SUCCEUMS HERE

The death occurred in hospital here Monday afternoon of Ernest Drake, a retired prospector of Usk, following an illness which had kept him in hospital since January 19. He was 69 years old. Born in Tennessee, Mr. Drake came to British Columbia in 1922. In 1926 he settled at Usk where he interested himself in mining properties. He is survived by his widow, who is at present in the city. The funeral will take place in the city at a date to be announced.

### RESCUE IS SUCCESSFUL

EDMONTON—A joint Canadian-American rescue mission, ended yesterday following the dramatic rescue of seven American airmen from barren Ellesmere Island, deep inside the Arctic Circle. The rescue was carried out with cool clock-like precision by a ski-equipped Royal Canadian Air Force Dakota. The plane touched down on the island where the airmen had been forced to crash-land their plane last Thursday. None were injured in the crash.

### ICE STAR IS TURNING PRO

VANCOUVER—Winsome green-eyed Jeanne Matthews, aged 19, says she is packing up her treasured amateur trophies and will take a three-year professional tour with an ice show. Tomorrow Miss Matthews will realize the culmination of ten years of practising ten hours a day when she gets a star billing in what she hopes will mean a tour of Europe this summer. Last year she was runner-up to Barbara Ann Scott in the Canadian championships at Ottawa. She held the Western Canada crown for three years in a row.

### Plane Survivors Rescued at Sea

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii.—Eleven survivors were rescued from a sinking flying boat in the middle of the Pacific yesterday. A Navy landing ship picked up the airmen nine hours after they went down but there were no further details available. The Catalina went down in the sea with a dead engine.

### LOCAL TIDES

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday, March 30, 1949 |                 |
| High                      | 1:49 20.6 feet  |
|                           | 14:04 20.6 feet |
| Low                       | 8:02 4.0 feet   |
|                           | 20:06 4.9 feet  |



**JOURNEY'S END**—A hospital bed was awaiting this little Eskimo when he reached Winnipeg with 12 companions aboard an R.C.A.F. aircraft which flew them from the Chesterfield Inlet area on the northeast coast of Hudson Bay. The 13 were the most seriously ill of the 60 affected by the poliomyelitis epidemic which claimed 13 lives. Assisting a stretcher-bearer in moving the youngster is Dr. W. J. Wood, right, of Winnipeg, regional supervisor of Indian health services who headed a five-man medical team which flew to the scene of the outbreak. (© Photo)

## GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT MAY FORESTALL RATE INCREASES

**Council Seeking Way to Hold Down Rates in Face of Anticipated \$8,000 Deficit in Department**

City council will seek to let its garbage collection system out on tender to forestall a rate increase which the aldermen believe will be necessary to eliminate a deficit of more than \$8,000 staring them in the face on the basis of this year's estimated costs and revenues.

Move for a 50 per cent increase in present rates, with an alternative suggestion that the city's garbage collection be let by tender were incorporated in a report submitted last night by Alderman W. F. Stone, health committee chairman. Estimated cost of collecting garbage in 1949 will be \$24,525, while revenues will be \$16,500, leaving a deficit of \$8,025. Alderman Stone reported. Collection costs in 1948 totalled \$20,267, with revenues of \$14,901, a deficit of \$5,366.

### THE WEATHER

**Synopsis**  
A blast of cold air moving across the north Pacific from Alaska has set up a storm which is causing rain along the entire British Columbia coast and increasing cloudiness followed by snow flurries in the interior. The weather will turn showery this evening and become mostly clear by Wednesday morning. Temperatures will be down a few degrees tonight and tomorrow in this new outbreak of colder air from the north.

**Forecast**  
Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with frequent showers today and tomorrow. Westerly winds (25 m.p.h.). Colder with frost tonight. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow: Port Hardy 32 and 42, Massett 32 and 42, Prince Rupert 30 and 42.

### TO BUILD WARSHIPS

OTTAWA.—Minister of National Defence Brook Claxton yesterday revealed plans to call for the laying down this year of three new high-speed anti-submarine escort vessels to be built in Canadian shipyards.

**Prince Rupert Liberal Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
in Common Lounge  
Civic Centre, 8 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
All members please attend  
(75)

### C.C.F. Muddled

difficult to believe... Archibald would... Alliance

Leaders were found... believe that their... Archibald, M.P.,... would be getting... on a political limb... Atlantic security... in a dispatch... newspaper last... believed that either... his position in the... was misrepresented or... change his stand... to such a length as... pact in Parliament... issue come to a divi... finally, the worst... his supporters here... would be to abstain... explanation, in... Vancouver dispatch... he demanded... his local... of the Atlan... it was to be gath... what CCF party peo... lead to rebuke or... of the member. It... affect his re... for it is said there... who would not look... toward carrying the... in the federal... one of those being... is Ex-Ald. George

### UNFAIR, VAUGHAN

—The conduct of... National Steam... effort to arrange a... near contract with the... been exemplary," de... C. Vaughan, president... speaking of the cur... "As a member of... Federation of Can... case respecting dry... and in concert with... Pacific, in the case... on page 5)

### BASKETBALL

**TONIGHT**  
Klatka (Alaska)  
Prince Rupert  
8:00 — 5:50 — 3:00  
Tickets Included  
Reservations (Phone 231)  
Start 8:15 p.m.  
FREE GAME 8:30 P.M.