

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Published at Canada's Most Strategic Pacific Port—"Prince Rupert, the Key to the Great Northwest."

VOL. XXXVII, No. 296.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1948

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PROVINCIAL
LIBRARY
VICTORIA, B.C.

ORMES DRUGS

Daily Delivery

PHONE 81

112
CABS

Israel Fails to Get Into United Nations



HISTORIC MOMENT—In a historic ceremony held in the Senate Chamber of parliament Saturday, the confederation agreement between Canada and Newfoundland was signed by representatives of both countries. Prime Minister St. Laurent is shown placing his signature on the document while A. J. Walsh, chairman of the Newfoundland delegation and premier for his country, looks on. (C.P. Photo)

LOODS IN AMERICA

DE JANEIRO.—More than a hundred persons are missing and hundreds are homeless in two states of Rio de Janeiro today in the heavy rains which sent floods over wide areas. In other parts of the state, heavy rains have beaten down with monotony for 15 days. Floods in the states of Minas Gerais and were caused by a cloudburst two days ago. In other parts of both states, hundreds were injured. Authorities have asked for military units to rush to the worst hit areas to parachute medicines and supplies.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Weather centres are moving north Pacific again, but milder weather to the south. The Charlottes and North Islands today but also considerable snow and rain. Over the rest of the province the weather will remain cloudy and rainy, moderating tomorrow. Snow flurries are expected in sections tomorrow.

Forecast
In Charlottes and North Islands intermittent mixed snow rain today and tonight. With scattered showers today. Wind southerly, 20 today and tonight. West, light tomorrow. Milder tonight. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow: Port Hardy 30 and 40, Prince Rupert 28 and 37.

\$1000 IN RIDE

A honest taxi driver last night saved a visiting couple from anxiety in addition to his loss. Henry Knutsen driven his fares to a residence on Seventh Avenue. After the trip he found the seat of the car a purse containing no less than \$1,000. Much to their gratification, the wallet was immediately returned to its owners. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Hartley Bay, who were paying a visit to the city.

C.N.R. CASE IS PRESENTED

OTTAWA.—Hearing of British Columbia's case against the mountain differential is expected to end today. Canadian National Railways, in its case for retention of the mountain differential, contended that the annual cost for the British Columbia run was \$3,000,000 above the prairie level. The railway evidence, it was expected, would be completed today. Figures for the C.N.R. were given by T. J. Gracey, assistant comptroller. He said that \$1,750,000 goes to extra operating costs because of the mountains and \$1,339,000 annual interest charges and debts incurred on early mountain construction. Gracey said that British Columbia costs are 12 per cent over the prairies in traffic units. He also showed, however, that British Columbia costs are under the national average and those of eastern lines.

HIGHER PENSIONS BEING SOUGHT

VANCOUVER.—Federal civil servants on pension have a message for Santa. They want an increase in pensions to meet the high cost of living. Pension allowances are now based on the 1924 cost of living. The dollar now purchases as much as 49c did then, it is said, and some civil servant pensioners are trying to get along on less than \$50 a month. A resolution is in process of preparation asking that allowances be increased at the next session of Parliament. Bonus of \$40 per month which is being sought is "sufficient to compensate, at least to some extent, for the present abnormal increase in living costs."

C.P.R. CONTESTS TAXATION RIGHT

REGINA.—The Canadian Pacific Railway stood pat today on its contention that an agreement entered into with the federal government in 1880 exempted its property in Saskatchewan from municipal business and property taxation. The point was raised by company counsel at yesterday's opening of a two-day session before Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, counsel saying that the 1880 agreement which stated that neither federal nor provincial or municipal body could tax any part of the Canadian Pacific Railway was still in effect. The right of Saskatchewan municipalities to tax C.P.R. property comes up with the contesting by the railway company of the validity of Saskatchewan government amendments giving the municipalities the power to tax the company.

United States, Russia Favor; Canada Abstains

PARIS (CP)—Israel's bid for membership in the United Nations failed to win security council approval today. Five countries voted to admit Israel. They were United States, Russia, Soviet Ukraine, Argentina and Colombia. Five countries, including Canada and Britain, abstained and one voted against the new state. An affirmative vote of seven was required for approval by the eleven-member council.

Q.C.A. MAY SEEK MAIL CONTRACTS

Queen Charlotte Airlines, which formerly operated a non-scheduled service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, is resuming its interest on the north coast and may station an aircraft here next year in anticipation of air mail contracts with the Islands and northern points. Word of the company's intentions was received by H. G. Archibald, M.P., after he had informed them that Postmaster-General Ernest Bertrand would view sympathetically applications for air mail service to isolated coast settlements. Mr. Archibald passed the information on some time ago. At present, Queen Charlotte Airlines is the only company holding air mail contracts on the coast other than the two major lines, Canadian Pacific and TransCanada. Q.C.A. operates an air mail service between Vancouver and Tahsis, Zeballos and Kyuquot on Vancouver Island.

Jobless Are Flocking In

VANCOUVER.—Unemployed are estimated to be flocking into British Columbia from the prairies and Eastern Canada at the rate of two hundred per week. Unemployment service officials are under orders to give no further figures on what they call a normal winter influx of jobless. Welfare people disagree that it is a normal situation. Police are also in a quandry. They blame much of the recent crime on floaters.

FINED \$300 FOR ILLEGAL FISHING

Fine of \$300 was imposed by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court this week in the case of the local fishing vessel Strafen, owned by Peter Anderson, which was convicted of fishing hilibut illegally in Area 2. The charge was laid under International Fisheries regulations with evidence by American authorities. Rod MacLeod acted as counsel for the prosecution and Bruce Brown for defendant.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Bayonne	05 3/4	Beattie	55
Bralorne	7.50	Bevcourt	25
B.R. Con.	03 1/2	Bobjo	.13
B.R.X.	08 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	.17
Cariboo Quartz	1.20	Consol. Smeiters	121.75
Congress	02 3/4	Conwest	1.30
Hedley Maseot	.40	Donalda	.52
Pacific Eastern	.04	Eldona	.72
Pend Oreille	5.65	East Sullivan	3.00
Pioneer	3.15	Giant Yellowknife	4.70
Premier Border	02 3/4	God's Lake	.38
Privateer	.15	Hardrock	.20
Reeves McDonald	2.80	Harricana	.08
Sheep Creek	1.53	Heva	10 1/2
Silbak Premier	.36	Hosco	.18
Taku River	.28	Jackknife	04 1/2
Vananda	.41	Jollet Quebec	.42
Salmon Gold	10 1/2	Lake Rowan	.06
Spud Valley	.05	Lapaska	08 3/4
		Little Long Lac	.80
		Lynx	12 1/2
		Madsen Red Lake	2.42
		McKenzie Red Lake	.32
		McLeod Cockshutt	.94
		Moneta	.40
		Negus	2.22
		Noranda	54.50
		Louvicourt	.37
		Pickle Crow	2.11
		Regcourt	05 1/2
		San Antonio	3.80
		Senator Rouyn	.42
		Sherrit Gordon	1.99
		Steep Rock	1.70
		Sturgeon River	12 1/2
		Silver Miller	.35

Terrace Elects Dudley Little

TERRACE. (Special to Daily News)—Dudley G. Little won a three-year term on the Board of Village Commissioners at the municipal election here yesterday. He defeated the retiring commissioner, Thomas P. Walsh. The vote: Little, 118. Walsh, 67. There were two spoiled ballots.

Stranded Trucks Are Back In City

Clarence Thomson and William Gair bring vehicles in after snow blockade. Two local trucks which were caught last week near Kwititsa when heavy snow blocked the Skeena River Highway are back in Prince Rupert. Clarence Thomson arrived yesterday afternoon and William Gair, with a Lindsay Cartage vehicle, arrived Wednesday. They were extricated by Department of Public Works snow fighting equipment which came west from Terrace. Thomson reports that a trench wide enough for one vehicle was cut through. The snow is up to a depth of three feet on either side. The Public Works Department has already announced that it is not the intention to keep the road clear of snow this winter through the "snow belt" of the lower Skeena. Efforts will be made to keep the road open from Prince Rupert to Tye and that section is today reported to be in good shape for travel.

Three NPA's, Two Independents Returned In Civic Voting Here

Casey Back In With Wide Margin—Present School Board Members Are Returned—All Plebiscites Approved
Prince Rupert electors returned three Non-Partisan candidates and two independents to city council, three Non-Partisan-endorsed school trustees and gave clear-cut approval to three plebiscite questions when they voted in the annual civic elections Thursday.

Harry M. Daggett, independent candidate for a two-year aldermanic seat, topped the poll among city council aspirants, while Dr. R. G. Large, present School Board chairman, led the trustees race with 821.

The present School Board, which includes Mrs. E. W. Becker and A. Bruce Brown who sought office again, was re-elected. Ald. G. B. Casey won over Ald. Robert McKay in a spirited contest for the one-year aldermanic term.

Despite the fact that this year's voters' list contained almost 500 more names than in 1947, there were fewer votes cast yesterday than in the civic election a year ago. Thursday's vote was 1,304, while in 1947 1,366 ballots were cast.

The results:
ALDERMAN
Two-Year Term (First Four Elected)
Harry M. Daggett, 737.
Harold S. Whalen, 651.
James N. Forman, 644.
Wilfrid J. McLean, 512.
George E. Hills, 498.
George D. Frizzell, 464.
August Wallin, 442.
George D. Anderson, 390.
Elmer D. Manson, 256.

ALDERMAN
One-Year Term (First Named Elected)
Ald. George B. Casey, 594.
Ald. Robert McKay, 428.
Henry N. Powell, 209.

SCHOOL BOARD
(First Three Elected)
Dr. R. G. Large, 821.
Mrs. E. W. Becker, 787.
A. Bruce Brown, 718.
Mrs. J. S. Black, 471.
Peter P. Forman, 399.
Hugh A. MacDonald, 321.

PLEBISCITES
Favoring Chloramination, 894; Against, 345.
Favoring Telephone Rehabilitation, 920; Against, 272.
Favoring Roosevelt Park Improvement, 761; Against, 433.



STAGES COME-BACK—Ex-Mayor H. M. Daggett who headed two-year aldermanic poll by substantial margin in yesterday's civic election.

LOCAL TIDES

Saturday, December 18, 1948
High 2:54 19.3 feet
14:25 22.1 feet
Low 8:26 8.2 feet
21:10 1.8 feet



WITH FRONT LINES OF NATIONALIST FIGHTING NEAR SUCHOW—Chinese Communist soldiers captured on the Suchow front are shown with their captured weapons. Red troops have since occupied Suchow. Three government army groups had been evacuating the city and the Communists entered without having to fight. Meanwhile heavy fighting is reported between Nationalists and Communists along the Hual river, 140 miles from Nanking. The Canadian embassy in Nanking is headed by Ambassador T. C. Davis.