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Million Dollar Damage In Vancouver Fire

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Property In False Creek Area

VANCOUVER (CP)—Thirteen persons were injured early today in a four-alarm fire which raged uncontrolled for nearly two hours through the main industrial section of east-central Vancouver.

An early estimate by Fire Chief R. M. Macdonald was given as "easily more than \$1,000,000."

The fire broke out at 4:18 a.m. and was declared under control at 6 o'clock after it had razed or partly destroyed:

- Two fuel company's buildings.
- A refractory plant.
- An asbestos plant.
- Two paper stock companies.
- Two lumber plants.
- One cafe.
- A war salvage firm.
- A stone cutting plant.
- A welding shop.
- A pier and an unknown number of small boats and private homes.

Three casualties are in hospital. They are John Erickson, 63, burns, George Ingram, 24, shock, and Capt. C. Madison, with a punctured foot.

A 30-mile-an-hour wind fanned the blaze which is believed to have begun in a lumber yard.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with scattered showers today and tomorrow. Northwest winds (15 m.p.h.), little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy 45 and 60, Masset 40 and 60, Prince Rupert 40 and 60.

OSLO—Oslo was a busy place recently when the state, municipal and private organizations joined in a general spring cleaning. The idea was to make the Norwegian capital clean and bright for celebration of Constitution Day, May 17th.

BEST PROVINCIAL VOTE IN HISTORY EXPECTED HERE TODAY

Prince Rupert Riding Streams to Polls Choose Member For Legislature

It is anticipated will be a record number of voters started streaming to the polls in Prince Rupert riding this morning to select from candidates the one who will represent them in the legislature at Victoria for the next five years.

In other parts of the province, voting began at 8 a.m. and will continue until the polls close and counting begins.

At Port Edward there are two deputies.

Official count of the ballots probably will take place on July 11. Returning Officer Brown said. The law requires that the official count should not take place until at least 21 days after the polling date. The absentee vote will not be counted until the official count is made.

In addition to the polling stations at the Civic Centre, there is one at Miller Bay Hospital which also is classed as part of the city for voting purposes.

First ballot placed in a box this morning was that of Dennis Kerrighan, Civic Centre caretaker who fulfilled his basic democratic function within a minute or two after the polls opened.

Voting during the morning was comparatively light, although it picked up at noon and gained in momentum as the afternoon progressed.

Assisting Returning Officer Brown were M. R. Robertson, election clerk and H. D. Thain who acted as supervisor of Deputy Returning Officers.

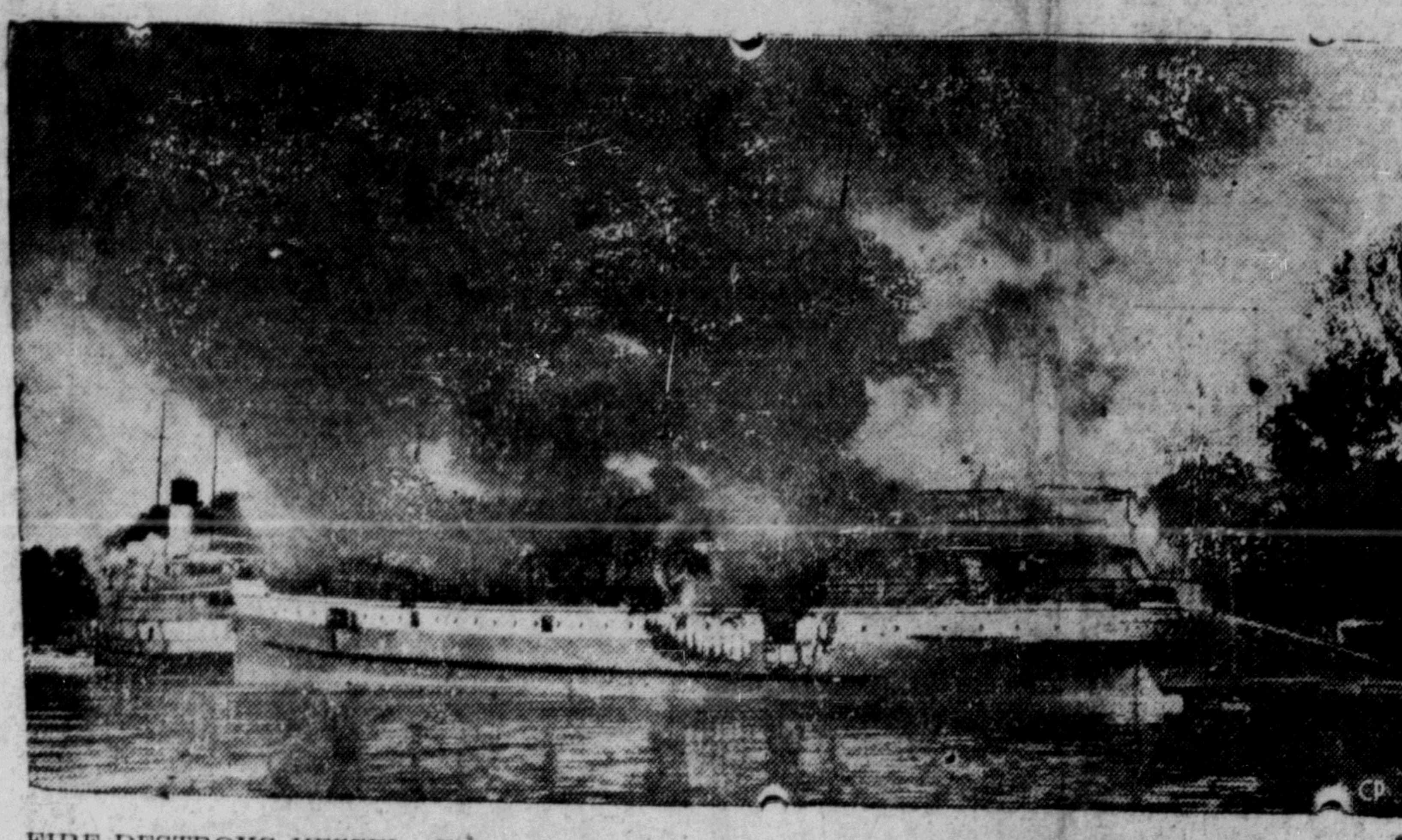
A. S. Nickerson acted as chief of Coalition scrutineers and George Rudderham was chief of C.C.F. scrutineers.

A review of the 1945 provincial vote in Prince Rupert riding shows that of 5,447 voters listed, 3,811 cast ballots, or about 75 percent.

That campaign was fought between three candidates, W. H. Brett, C.C.F., who won by a margin of 525 votes; T. D. Pattullo, Independent, and Bruce Mickleburgh, Labor-Progressive. Brett, polled 1,873 votes, Pattullo 1,348, and Mickleburgh, 538.

In the 1945 election throughout the province, there were 456,017 on the voters' list. Of these 309,210 actually voted, a percentage of 65. Prince Rupert riding's percentage in that election was 75.

Number of names on the 1949 voters' list in B.C. is 600,000.



FIRE DESTROYS VESSEL—Fire last Thursday morning swept through the passenger steamer Northumberland at Port Dalhousie, Ont., a day before she was scheduled to begin her season on the Toronto-Port Dalhousie run. Damage to the vessel owned by the Canadian National Steamship Lines was estimated at \$200,000. This photo shows the ship during the height of the fire. (C. P. Photo)

SPEEDING CASE BRINGS FINE AND WARNING

A warning that the public safety must be protected against persons who drive cars at excessive rates of speed accompanied a fine of \$75 handed down by Magistrate W. D. Vance to Douglas Marshall, 21, who pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

The charge arose out of a high-speed midnight ride along Third Avenue at the week-end in which the city police car was said to have pursued Marshall at a rate exceeding 60 miles an hour from Fifth Street to McBride where Marshall's car skidded to a stop while making a turn.

"I can't imagine the speed you were driving, not even on the highway," Magistrate Vance said. "If you haven't any respect for your own life, you should respect the lives of others. I'm going to make you realize what you are up against for your own safety and the safety of the public."

Marshall's counsel, A. B. Brown, pleaded for leniency on grounds that Marshall had not been aware that he was pursued by the police and had attempted to slow down when told by his companion, a youth named John Parks, that he was being followed.

Police Corporal A. E. Wales asked that the case be "dealt with severely because the danger to the public is so great." He said that Constable George Redhead, who had pursued Marshall, had travelled 62 miles an hour and that Marshall's vehicle was still gaining on him.

In addition to the \$75 fine, which carried an option of a month in jail, Marshall received a restricted driver's license in place of his white license.

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, June 16, 1949		
High	4:46	18.0 feet
	17:59	17.5 feet
Low	11:24	5.0 feet
	23:56	9.1 feet

C.C.F. COMMITTEE ROOMS

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VOTE BRETT

FIRST INVESTIGATION CRUISE REVEALS NO SIGNS OF TUNA

First phase of the first complete summer investigation of the north coast's new tuna fishery industry revealed no signs of the fish which last year brought a substantial increase to the incomes of fishermen from Victoria to Prince Rupert, according to Capt. Llewellyn Sheppard which docked here after initial patrol Tuesday.

The Laurier, a steel-hulled fisheries protection vessel, which left Victoria on June 3 initiated what will be the first full season's investigation of the possibilities of a tuna industry on this coast with a zig-zag cruise which extended from 220 miles southwest of Cape Flattery to 65 miles southwest of Langara Island at the north tip of the Queen Charlottes.

However, his failure to find tuna so early in the season did not dampen his enthusiasm for the hunt.

"It wasn't until well on in July last year that tuna were discovered on this coast," he said. "The investigation was begun early this year because we are (Continued on Page 3)

WEATHER HOLDS WORK ON ROADS

Citizens of Prince Rupert can lay most of the blame for delay in getting the street servicing program underway on the weather, according to a statement made by City Engineer Don Stewart at Monday night's council meeting.

If the sun had shone yesterday morning men and machines would have started on Hays Creek bridge and worked west. Two carloads of asphalt are on hand with one of them in the heating vat and at the right temperature for pouring.

Mayor Nora Arnold who visited the hot mix plant Monday, in company with Alderman Rudderham and the city engineer, declared that the plant was well arranged for efficiency and she was sure that if any of the other aldermen were interested it would be worth their while to visit the plant. She said that the overhead loader which had been giving trouble for the past two weeks was now repaired.

In reply to a question by Alderman Black, Mr. Stewart reported that streets designated for surfacing this year, were in condition to receive the asphalt, when the weather permits.

City Council Happy at Cut On Sales Tax

There were broad smiles in the city council chamber Monday night when Mayor Nora Arnold announced that a cheque for \$27,448.10 had been received from the provincial government. The cheque represents Prince Rupert's share of the 3% sales tax collected during the last 6 months of 1948 and brings the municipality's share for the 9 months the tax has been in operation to better than \$47,000.

A letter from the Parks Board informed the council that the St. John's Ambulance Association have requested that a building be provided in Roosevelt Park for use as a first aid station. Suggestion was made that an old lunchroom behind the firehall be moved to the park but the council referred the matter to the Board of Works Committee.

In reference to a letter to the Daily News dealing with the condition of the City Cemetery, Alderman Black declared that the caretaker was doing an efficient job, and he recommended that the various orders which have plots in the cemetery be approached and requested to have their sections tidied up. Mayor Arnold agreed with Alderman Black and also agreed with Alderman Casey that something should be done about providing a turn-around for cars so that congestion may be avoided during funerals.

Alderman J. Forman wanted to know if citizens had any redress when they were kept awake at night by the blaring horns of passing or parked cars. City Clerk D. Thain said the violators of sleep could be charged with creating a public nuisance. During this discussion Alderman Black suggested that companies which operate vehicles should be forced to provide their own parking space and should not be allowed to use city streets for such.

Gyros Get Acquainted

Carrying on Business Sessions and Continuing Social Activities Today

Following an afternoon and evening of jolly get-acquainted proceedings to a large extent of delightful informal nature, District Four convention of Gyro International is proceeding today with headquarters at the Prince Rupert Civic Centre which, incidentally, is the admiration, if not the envy, of all the delegates.

A reception in the common lounge preceded the opening dinner last evening in the Gymnasium when, with a background of Canadian and American flags and a truly international atmosphere in song, speeches and felicitation, over 150 visitors and local Gyros and their ladies sat down to a dinner in the main gymnasium with District Governor Wilson Hunt of Penicton the principal speaker. The local president, Maurice Brydges, was in the chair. Presence of Capt. Harry McLean of S.S. Chilcotin was especially noted.

Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed with music by the Dukes Orchestra.

Meanwhile, other rooms of the Centre were used for gatherings of smaller groups.

Business sessions opened this morning with men enjoying a stunt lucheon at the Civic Centre while the ladies repaired to the steamer Chilcotin for their lunch.

Fishing and motor trips this afternoon culminate in a beach party this evening at Digby Island or, if weather is unfavorable, a leisurely cruise on the Chilcotin.

BUSINESS SESSION
At the opening business session of the convention this morning, the local president, Maurice Brydges, welcomed the international and district officers and delegates.

District Governor Wilson Hunt of Penicton then took over and welcomed International President Leon E. Isaksen of Madison, Wisconsin, and International Vice-President Russell Carter of Edmonton, who arrived last night from attending another district convention at Jasper.


District Governor Hunt nominated convention committees as follows:

Credentials—Ewart Maybee, Nanaimo; James Ritchie, Keremeos; Donald Fillmore, Kelowna.
Rules—William Hudson, Victoria; David Gray, Burnaby; L. V. Snyder, Victoria.
Resolutions—Andrew McGavin, Vancouver; Darrell Ireland, Seattle; Arthur Sweet, New Westminster; C. Y. Young, Kamloops.
Constitution—E. D. Ivey, Yakima; Henry Schumaker, Vancouver, Wash.; Clyde Nicol, Port Alberni; Davis M. Wood, Tacoma.
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June 17—Meeting at Houston, 8 p.m.
June 18 and 19—Lakes District.
June 20—Burns Lake Meeting, 8 p.m.

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