

# Canada's Weather Chief Is Baffled

## Reason For Change In Conditions Is Obscure

OTTAWA (C.P.)—Andrew Thompson, O.B.E., chief of Canada's Meteorological Service, is baffled at Canada's changing weather conditions. He is "amazed at the displacement in Canada's weather pattern." He said today that "the reason is obscure" why the West should have seven weeks of such cold weather while it has been abnormally warm in the East and why it should be colder in Vancouver than on the Arctic coast.

## Mild Weather Will Continue

Snow flurries and clouded skies are expected to continue through today and tomorrow with a probable change in wind direction. Although scattered snow flurries and wind this morning seemed a prelude to colder weather, the weatherman assured temperatures to remain about the same as yesterday and early this morning—unless, he added, the present southeasterly winds shift to northwest. It may then become slightly chillier.

Maximum reading yesterday afternoon was 34 above, apparent by melting snow and warm soothing air. The mercury dropped to 32 above overnight.

## Robert Henry Fuller Passes

Veteran of World War I, and a resident of Prince Rupert for thirty-one years, Robert Henry Fuller, 74, passed away last night in Prince Rupert General Hospital where he had been a patient for a few days. He resided at 107 Eleventh Street and had been in failing health for the past few months.

For many years Mr. Fuller was identified with canneries on the Skeena River and, during World War II, had been a security guard in the city. He was born in England and served during the first war in France with the 220th Battalion of the Canadian Army.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Mrs. John Eklund and Miss Alice Maude Fuller of Prince Rupert, and two sons, Edward and Robert Fuller of Vancouver. Deceased was a widower and has a sister in England.

Current disbursements under Canada's Family Allowances Act are about \$271,000,000 a year.

## HOCKEY SCORES

National	
Montreal 3, Detroit 3	
Boston 3, New York 2	
Chicago 3, Toronto 0	
Pacific Coast	
San Francisco 7, New Westminster 1	
Tacoma 4, Portland 1	
Los Angeles 7, Fresno 2	

## Bulletins

### ALL LOST IN CRASH

**THE HAGUE**—The wreckage of a Royal Dutch Airlines DC-3, missing on a flight from Schiphol Airdrome, Amsterdam to London, with freight and mail, was found in the sea early today about 50 miles west of The Hague, according to the Dutch Navy Rescue Service. The 1,579-ton Danish steamer Rigmor was stated to be standing by the wreck. Five British aircraft from England took off to help the plane — with a crew of seven, including six trainees—left Schiphol Airfield at 3 a.m. No survivors have been sighted.

### MORE SIGNALS HEARD

**WHITEHORSE, Yukon**—Two more radio signals, one of them a reported voice transmission, were picked up last night in the Smith River area where searchers yesterday concentrated effort in the week-long hunt for a missing C-54 transport plane and its 44 occupants. Air Commodore Martin Costello of Winnipeg, co-ordinator of the joint United States-Canadian search, said the second signal was picked up by a C-54. "Two planes from Fort Nelson (B.C.) have been sent to investigate," he said.

### INDO CHINA FIGHTING

**BANGKOK**—The Viet Nam news service said today troops of rebel leader Ho Chi-Minh had killed and wounded 4,000 to 20,000 Chinese Nationalist soldiers attempting to cross the French Indo-China border. The Chinese were moving under French fighter plane cover during the last two weeks, the news service said today troops French and has been recognized by Russia and the Communist China regime. The Nationalists, the service said, were encircled at Nangiao between the Chinese border and Cao Bang Jan. 14.

### POLIO SUFFERERS OUT

**MONTREAL**—Eight children from a lonely Northern Quebec village are in hospital here today undergoing tests for the dread poliomyelitis but a Labrador doctor says he does not expect there will be any more evacuations from the epidemic area. Two children were flown to Montreal by the RCAF last night from the Strait of Belle Isle village of St. Augustin, where a polio epidemic has been raging since Jan. 18.

### CANADA EXPELS CZECHS

**OTTAWA**—The Canadian government, in a formal statement today on the expulsion of two Canadian airmen from Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia, indicated the expulsion of members of the Czech Legation here in retaliation, informed sources said. The two airmen—Sgt. Reginald Danko of Laurier, Man., and Toronto, and Cpl. J. G. Vanier of Roche-Baucourt, Que., arrived in Ottawa yesterday. They denied the Communist allegations that they had attacked Czech policemen and engaged in espionage while on the staff of the Canadian Legation in Prague.

### NEW URANIUM FIND

**QUEBEC**—L'Evenement-Journal says today in a front page story that "important deposits of uranium" have been discovered in Charlevoix County in an area covering 40 square miles. The newspaper says the deposits extend from St. Simeon, about 150 miles down the river from Quebec to the Saguenay River. L'Evenement says a delegation of Charlevoix County residents is scheduled to meet Premier Duplessis and cabinet ministers Friday and will ask for an extension of the Quebec-Charlevoix Highway to St. Simeon to allow development of a new mining centre.



**NURSES BATTLE EPIDEMIC**—Beaver village, primitive Indian settlement in Halfway Valley in the wild mountain country west of the Alaskan Highway, was stricken with a diphtheria epidemic in December. Of the 52 natives living there, 48 were victims of the disease which claimed five lives. Two nurses, Miss Aileen Bond of Kelowna, B. C. and Miss Amy Wilson, an Indian Affairs Department nurse, volunteered their services. Taken to the village by plane, truck, horse sleigh and finally on foot, the two waged a successful battle for three weeks to curb the attack. This photo shows Miss Wilson arriving at an Indian settlement with her medical kit. (C. P. Photo)



**ARRIVES FOR TREATMENT**—One of six polio victims from St. Augustin, Que., is shown being carried from an R.C.A.F. plane at Montreal's Dorval Airport after being flown 1,000 miles from the remote settlement on the Quebec-Labrador border for treatment. The six children were brought to Montreal after a polio epidemic in the village resulted in the death of two other children last week. (C. P. Photo)



**APPLY PADLOCK LAW**—Two members of Montreal's anti-subversive squad look at the padlocked door of a Jewish school in the north end of the city after the building was raided Jan. 27 because of alleged Communist activities there. The padlock orders were issued by Premier Maurice Duplessis in his capacity as Quebec's attorney-general. (C. P. Photo)

**AIR PASSENGERS**  
To Vancouver (today)—C. E. Starr, V. R. Clerihue, L. Saxbee, B. Stiles, C. Robertson, O. Dunlop.  
From Vancouver (Wednesday)—A. Richards, A. Myros.  
From Sandspit (Wednesday)—Rev. Wingfield.  
● Jerry's Barber Shop open 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Our own power. (29)

## Inspection Demanded

**WASHINGTON D. C.**—President Truman made it plain today that the United States stands by its demand for inspections before outlawing atomic weapons including the projected new hydrogen bomb.

He said he does not propose to use the hydrogen bomb order as basis for a new move on the international control front.

The United States government, he added, favors international controls with rigid inspections.

## Vancouver Rail Line Cleared

**VANCOUVER**—Canadian National Railways officials here announce that the company's Vancouver line has been cleared following a 12-day struggle by a mighty force of men and machines against snowslides which have blocked the roadbed since the night of January 19.

Railway cuts having been widened to allow for handling of the longer passenger cars, eastbound passenger service was resumed yesterday with a train leaving Vancouver over C.N.R. lines at 8 p.m. A westbound passenger train arrived in Vancouver over CNR lines this morning.

Two freight trains, reported earlier as being detoured last night between New Westminster and Kamloops, one in each direction, will now be handled over the Canadian National's own line.

The C.N.R. also commenced movement through to the Pacific Coast yesterday of a number of cars of coal which have been accumulating at Boston Bar, about 20 miles east of the area which has just been cleared.

## RAILWAYMEN ARE CONGRATULATED

**MONTREAL**—The following message of commendation from Donald Gordon, C.M.G., chairman and president, Canadian National Railways, was yesterday sent to railway forces in Western Canada:

"The courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty of the Canadian National men in Western Canada and particularly on the Kamloops division in British Columbia in fighting the storm has been an inspiration to all of us in the service of the railway. I would like to convey to all officers and men who bore the brunt of the struggle my heartfelt congratulations on clearing the line for passenger and freight service."

## High Grade Ore Sent to Trail

An estimated three thousand dollars worth of spectacularly high value ore from the Tide Lake property of Al Phillips in the Bear River area passed through Prince Rupert Tuesday aboard the steamer Coquitlam on the way to Trail smelter. Phillips and his associates are mining the property during the winter and are expected to get out about \$10,000 worth of sacked ore for shipment. Pilot George Dalziel of Telegraph Creek is flying the ore out.

## His Survival Is Miracle

**Aged Casey McLeod Still Lives from Amputation of Two Legs for Frostbite**

His two legs having been amputated near the knees because of freezing after having lain helpless for three days in his lonely waterfront cabin, Hugh (Casey) McLeod, aged 77, still lives at the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Even his surgeon, Dr. W. S. Kergin, calls it a miracle of stamina and resistance for one of such advanced years to have survived such an experience, undoubtedly the most harrowing of any during the recent cold snap in Prince Rupert.

McLeod fell out of bed following a seizure and, by the time he revived, he was too weak and helpless to move. For three days he lay there conscious. No signs of life around his dwelling, a neighbor became curious and it was then that his plight was discovered.

The doctor waited long enough to observe how extensive the frostbite was and then the amputation of the two legs was proceeded with. McLeod weathered the exposure and the added shock of surgery and Dr. Kergin reports that he is "doing fine."

## Premier Mine Is Back to Normal

**STEWART**—Silbak-Premier mine is now almost back to normal operations after the long shut-down and a force of upwards of two hundred men is on the payroll. Two trucks are engaged in transporting the concentrates down the sixteen-mile road from mine to dock here. The trucks carry supplies back in.



Friday, February 3, 1950

High	2:00	19.7 feet
	13:43	22.1 feet
Low	7:44	6.9 feet
	20:16	1.5 feet

## Herring Abundant But Prince Rupert Unable to Handle It

A great harvest of herring is being taken in waters immediately contiguous to Prince Rupert but, ironically enough, Prince Rupert plants, which earlier in the winter had been anxiously awaiting the appearance of the fish, are unable to use it now.

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. at Port Edward, where the reduction plant is otherwise ready to put up large quantities into edible meal and oil, is short of water with its supply from Wolf Creek almost dried as a result of the long cold, dry spell.

Cold storage plant at Prince Rupert, requiring hundreds if not thousands of tons for storage as halibut bait, are unable to take the fish because they have no power for freezing, being allowed only enough for the maintenance of temperature which is vital to hold frozen stocks on hand. One of the three local plants would take

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500 to 600 tons but only had 100 tons up to this morning. Meantime more than fifty seiners are operating in Eddy Pass, outside Prince Rupert, in Ogden Channel and at Racey Inlet in the south of Surf Inlet. No less than 14,000 tons have been taken from Eddy Pass since fishing resumed on Sunday after a ten-day lay-off owing to cold weather, 1440 tons in Ogden Channel and 700 tons from Racey Inlet.

The herring is being taken to Butedale, Namu and as far south as Vancouver.