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Net Rail Investment

Not Basis For "Rate"

missioners today rejected a railway bid for a drastic

revision of Canada's rail rate setup at multi-mil-

lion-dollar increases in the country's annual freight

The board threw out almost

all of several parts in a railway

warning that the series of post-

war freight rate hoists has

brought the law of diminishing

returns into play on rail

judgment, one of the most im-

portant in Canadian rail his-

Special Train

Brings Pipe

was due to arrive here this af-

ternoon, carrying a load of huge

penstock pipe bound for Kem-

The special shipment, origin-

on by he CNR from Win-

ating in Milwaukee, has been

passenger train time to make

the trip in less than three days

nipeg to Rupert, operating

generators.

Kemano.

CHIEF ASKS CO-OPERATION

ON NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL

The new automatic traffic light controlling switch for

When the fire truck leaves for a fire that calls for pass-

The fire chief urged that motorists approaching the red

the Prince Rupert fire department at the corner of Third

Avenue and Fulton Street is now in operation Fire Chief

ing through the Third and Fulton intersection as most of

them do, firemen pull a switch in the firehall that turns the

lights, pull over to the curb before coming to a full stop to

leave the intersection clear for the fire truck.

tory, was the turndown of

Key point of the 40,000-word

application and it added

OTTAWA (CP) - The board of transport com-

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Railways' Request For Boosts

Rejected By Transport Board

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GANDER of himself in a new sealskin coat with zipper yet, Quack, a fashion-plate tit does do something for me." The coat was made by his master's grandmother in where even the ducks complain about the tough winters. Holding Quack up to the Andy and Kelly Hamilton.

The group was scheduled to

tion of sittings at 2:30, to look

The owner claimed he made

During discussion of the prem-

Only two persons attended the

The court, besides approving

one reduction, upheld asses-

further study, and made minor

One appeal for a reduction is

assessments received after the

deadline was not considered by

the court because of the late-

the city this year is approxim-

ately \$400,000 greater than last

During the luncheon recess,

Aldermen Casey and Lyons and

Mr. Long viewed the Hays Cove

district home and were sched-

uled to report their findings this

WEATHER

day. Wind northerly 15 today

day, Port Hardy 30 and 28

Sandspit 25 and 35; Prince Ru-

Low tonight and high Tues-

North Coast Region:

Total value of assessments in

adjustments to six others.

an error in calculating improve-

ments and seeks a reduction.

## sion Court Hears eals on Assessment

absence of H. Newman, who is ill meet as a body prior to resump-

reduce figures on over the hotel which had its asof property was sessment raised from \$11,200 court before the \$21,000.

ises, the court compared assessment values of other downtown Hills. Aldermen hotels before deciding to personally inspect the premises. with city clerk ng assessor in the hearings to present their complaints

#### loronto ments on four; set one aside for

mbosis in 1945 er to rest.

it well. Her poli- with snowflurries today and showed many Tuesday. Not quite so cold Tuesa career in the and southerly 20 Tuesday.

ned in "Big Four" Talks

pert 20 and 32.

olution on Major Issues

by the Big Four these Soviet terms.

on would be taken objective in view: n the Far East.

be banned forever tion. ce with the West.

## re Drops

e which supplied Treaty

hear future

- The last thin The West again flatly refused

The Western foreign ministers rested today in have asked Molotov to meet them in called to discuss again in Geneva April 15 to take he wars in Korea up the Korean question. The Russian has been considering was optimistic this, but still with one major

rence on steps to If Russia goes to such a conference, it was indicated, Red nce agreed Sunday China first must be called to a

There was one strange devel-Soviet foreign min- opment in the discussions Sunsign an Austrian day. Since the conference began, ependence by then the Western delegations have ther talk was use- claimed that Molotov's proposals, particularly his plan for an am insisted that all-European security pact, cleartreaty permit Big ly are aimed at destroying the n troops to re- yet unborn European army as a until a German well as the steadily growing is concluded and North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

Molotov singled out Eden in the closing moments Sunday night, saying the Briton "reads too many English newspapers which are of the opinion that the So-Mounted viet Union insists on the dissolution of the North Atlantic

s with the comic "We ask you not to believe the Royal Mount- this," Molotov declared. Later hued the feature Soviet press spokesman added: longer appear in "The Soviet delegation has not

proposed this." In the West, nobody knew what either Russian meant.

### Rome Honors St. Laurent

By WILLIAM STEWART ROME @-Prime Minister St. ment. Laurent today received a silver replica of a she-wolf suckling Romulus and Remus, legendary

founders of Rome. Mayor Salvatore Rebecchini presented the Canadian leader with the city's symbol at a reception given by the municipal council at the Campidoglio, Rome's ancient city hall on Capitoline Hill.

The prime minister also saw the priceless collections of Graeco-Roman sculpture in the Capitoline museum.

On an official four-day visit to Italy, the Canadian leader leaves tomorrow for India and Pakistan.

Sunday night he was host at arriving here at 3:45 p.m. today. a dinner at the Canadian em- . The nuge lengths of pipe, carbassy for Italian premier Mario ried on two depressed flat cars Scelba and members of his new will be shunted onto a barge government. The dinner came the ferry slip tonight, for their at the end of a day in which the trip south Canadian leader heard mass at They will be installed at the a church near his hotel and Kemano power plant, to channel spend several hours touring Vat- the flow of water to feed power

The Pope still was too ill to An official of the Aluminum receive the prime minister, who Company of Canada Limited was called at the pontiff's special expected to arrive here by plane quarters with his son, Jean- today to supervise transfer of Paul, and daughter, Mrs. Hugh the flat cars to the barge, and to O'Donnell, and Canadian am- accompany the precious cargo to bassador Pierre Dupuy.

Becker announced today.

traffic light red four ways.

addition to setting up the rate base system, the board should declare the company is entitled to a return of at least 61/2 per cent on the rail investment. It now earns something under four per cent.

The government-owned Canadian National Railways took : neutral stand on the question of adopting the rate base theory at hearings before the board. proposal sponsored by the Cana- However, it said it would accept dian Pacific Railway that it be any rate increases granted by answer a specified annual rate the board as the result of the of earning on a "rate base" cal- application.

culated on its net rail invest-The application was made by the Railway Association of Can-The CPR had asked that, in ada, of which all the major lines are members.

On the opposing side, the application was fought by eight provincial governments, all except Ontario and Quebec. They claimed that rising rates were pricing the railway out of the A special, fast freight train freight market in the face of

> Looking at declining rail traffic in 1953, the board said in togay's judgment:

"We now are more strongly than ever of the opinion that the long succession of general freight rate increases, mainly due to added cost of labor which is the largest single factor and to increased costs of materials, has brought about a loss of traffic by the railways to competing modes of transport . .

"Thus the law of diminishing returns is now, in the inexorable economic sense, beginning to assert itself."

in time with that decision, the board dismissed an application for an immediate nine per cent general increase in freight tolls -amounting to around \$38,000. 000 a year-based on the proposed new system. The one point in the railway

application which the board granted partially was that establishing a net investment figure for that company's rail holdings, but it emphasized that this was not to be used as a rate

In summarizing its reasons for turning down the rate baserate of return method, the board said that:

• The nature and the expanse of Canada's railway enterprise "do not lend themselves to an automatic translation railway costs into rates - both freight and other rates - based on any preconceived return."

• The economic impact of freight rates "is such that they houses, in the Senate chamber died in Vancouver. should not be made the prod- declared Parliament open, the uct of any automatic formula." first time in Australian history

earnings to investment has ele- done so. has no control, such as taxa- throughout Australia and during tion, traffic fluctuations, labor it the Queen remained in the demands and the policies and glare of powerful lights for efficiency of labor manage- movie, television and newspaper



bia last year is four-year-old Debby Dains, who spent his first Thanksgiving in an iron lung. Debby was striken with polio when only four months old and has spent most of his young life in Idaho hospitals. The B.C. POLIO FUND, founded by the Kinsmen Clubs of this province, helps victims of this dread disease. The annual appeal begins here today. Send donations to: The B.C. Polio Fund, Box 151, Prince Rupert, B.C.

## Quota of \$2,000 Set As Polio Drive Starts

Kinsmen Club B.C. Polio Fund Fund, Box 151, Prince Rupert. opened here today. Quota has Letters were dispatched in the been set at \$2,000.

#### Queen Conducts Historic Rites

CANBERRA W Queen Elizabeth, wearing her Coronation gown, opened the 3rd session of the 20th Australian parliament rich in tradition and color.

She had driven from Government House through thousands the Moose, Stewart, B.C. of cheering people who flocked from surrounding districts to double for the day the capital' normal 30,000 population

• The relationship of rail that the reigning monarch has

The ceremony was broadcas cameramen.

The annual appeal by the donations to the: B.C. Polio should attach a protocol to

mails over the weekend The Rupert Kinsmen Club, householders throughout the city which last year collected more and Bill Bond, chairman of the full weight of Anglo-American than \$1.500 to help polio victims campaign, today urged donors air power, he said. and aid in the fight to beat the to return their contributions as disease, asks citizens to send quickly as possible. Receipts will be mailed to all contributors and may be used for income tax reduction purposes.

Also appearing today are cans "If they refuse—as they inevin the many stores and business itably would in the first inestablishments. They will be stance—we should say: All there for the next two weeks.

Moose are helping the Kinsmen get the advantage of its safeand any Stewart citizens here guards. who wish to contribute through today in a 15-minute ceremony their hometown may send donations to Mrs. Bob McLeod, Fire Destroys senior regent of the Women of Fire

two years and already this year The Queen, addressing both by the disease. One person has At Yellowknife



NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Yvonne de Bruyn, a Finnish officer's daughter, proudly holds her trophies after being crowned Miss Finland of 1954. The tall, slim blonde also won a substantial cash award in the national competition.

## Air Chief Urges Use Of H-Bomb

LONDON (Reuters) -Marshal of the RAF Sir John Slessor, former British air chief of staff, suggests that to end aggression in Europe the United States and Britain should undertake to use atom and hydrogen bombs on any aggressor.

"No one will force a major war if he knows that to do so will bring the annihilating force of atomic air power on his head," he said Sunday night in a broadcast speech.

Considering the problem of divided Germany, Slessor said there is not the smallest chance of reaching agreement with the Communists by international negotiations.

Among the proposals he put forward was the withdrawal of British and U.S. troops from Europe, except Berlin, after West Germany had been rearmed and the Anglo-American declaration on atomic war had been signed.

#### EXTEND TREATY

Slessor suggested the 1948 Brussels treaty, between Britain Holland, France, Belgium and Luxembourg, should be extended to include the United Stales, Canada and West Germany.

Britain and the United States their signatures containing solemn undertaking that, in the to event of aggression, the aggres sor would be subjected to the

"Then as soon as this new ex tended Brussels treaty is signe we should formally invite Ru sia, Poland and Czechoslov kia to adhere to it.

right, then you remain subject In Stewart, the Women of the to its sanctions, but you do not

# Polio has taken a big toll \$80,000 Arena throughout B.C. during the past \$80,000 Arena

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP) -Saturday by fire in 30 below zero weather. No one was in-Loss was estimated at 380.000.

Known as the Gerry Murphy arena, the large quonset-type cructure was built six years ago by public subscription matched by the federal government.

The volunteer fire brigade appeared to have the blaze under control when water pressure fell off, dooming the building.

The town's three hockey teams, which played to crowds of up to 1.000 fans three times

a week, now have no home. Also wiped out was a year-old addition to the arena which housed two sheets of ice for curling. However, there are five other ice sheets in this town of 2,800 per-

#### No Accidents After Snowfall

No serious traffic accidents were reported here this morning despite the three-inch snowfall which blanketed Prince Rupert overnight.

The snowfall, accompanied by a low overnight temperature of 13 degrees above zero, sent city and provincial public works crews to work, clearing and sanding streets.



FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS this photograph has been used by the Marine Corps in its officer procurement program. The model is 1st Lt. John Burwell Melvin of Annapolis, Md. A captain now. the photogenic officer has proved himself to be truly a model Marine. He has been awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism under fire in Korea.

## Move To Keep Liquor Store Open Longer Backed by TLC

at the Government Liquor Store | the members' views.

members endorsed a move orig- member of the special commitinated by city council suggest- tee formed here to protest the ing the liquor store remain open sale of the plant, reported on until midnight on the five days the various meetings held to each week that it is open from outline policy on the matter. April 1 to October 30.

Aldermen had endorsed a motion to keep the store open until 11 p.m.

TLC members, however, said endorsed a motion condemning that due to some boats leaving such a practice at this time here after 11 p.m. that the mid- "when so many are unemploynight closing hour would be ed" more favorable and would aid in John Dyck was named delethe city's drive to eliminate gate to the annual meeting of bootlegging.

action of the TLC executive in Consumers Credit Union.

The Trades and Labor Coun-| protesting unconditional sale of cil has joined the Chamber of the drydock here and sent an-Commerce and City Council in other telegram to E.T. Applerequesting an extension of hours whaite. Skeena MP, outlining

J. S. Black, a member of the At their monthly meeting, TLC TLC executive, who also is a During later discussion, it was

brought to the attention of the group that some union members are holding down more than one job in this city and the Council

the Kaien Consumers Co-Op The meeting also endorsed and Don Llewellyn to the Kaien