

School Board Proposed Reduction 6.1 Per Cent of '52 Salary Scale

A reduction of 6.1 per cent of the 1952 salary scale for Prince Rupert teachers was proposed to the board of school trustees yesterday before a three-man arbitration board to set 1953 salaries.

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Frank Wilson, Chilliwack barrister, presenting the school board's brief and proposal, claimed the Prince Rupert teachers were overpaid and proposed the reduction.

He said that due to cost-of-living drop last year, the 1952 scale "which was designed to take care of even greater cost-of-living than the peak in January, 1952 of 191.5" gave the teachers "a very generous schedule of salaries."

But before the arbitration board retired last night at 9:30 to ponder its final decision, it gave an indication to the teachers that at least one concession would be made.

SHOULD BE RAISED

After Mr. Wilson had presented his case and during rebuttal of Allan Spragge, appearing for the teachers, one of the arbiters stated that the arbitration board recognized that the teachers' standard of living should be raised in line with those in other professions.

Mr. Spragge, executive assistant of the B.C. Teachers' Federation, claimed earlier that in Prince Rupert "the tendency of recent years has been to adjust teachers' salaries in terms of the cost-of-living."

"Arguments of teachers that their salaries should be brought closer in line with professional earnings and the relative economic status of teachers should be raised have been largely overlooked because of the more immediate necessity of making straight cost-of-living adjustments."

Mr. Spragge claimed that the 1952 salary scale was actually no higher than the 1947 scale, taking into consideration advances in cost-of-living and "special area bonuses."

When Mr. Spragge defended this claim against attack by Mr. Wilson, T. W. Brown, Q.C. Prince Rupert barrister on board named by the school trustees, said:

"I concede that is so. As a matter of fact, the three of us have agreed to that."

Other members on the arbitration board were Lyle Munn and V. L. Dryer, both Vancouver barristers. Mr. Munn is chairman.

Mr. Wilson introduced many lists of figures and tables to show, he said, that the economic trend of the province and Canada generally, was down, and that the taxpayers of B.C. could not afford to pay teachers more than they are getting. He claimed:

- That the cost-of-living index had dropped from 191.5 in November, 1951, to 184.8 in November, 1952.
- That B.C.'s four primary industries, farming, mining, logging and fishing had suffered economic setbacks in the last year.

The figures showed, he said, that economy in Canada was "leveling off."

MAXIMUMS TOO HIGH
Mr. Wilson stated that the 1952 salary agreement had taken into consideration the high cost-of-living during the time of negotiation—191.1 in December, 1951—and the school board had reasoned that the COL might "easily have reached the 200 mark."

"With this in mind, the 1952 salary schedule was agreed to."

"Actually, the teachers are now getting what they are asking for considering that the cost-of-living has come down far below the 1951 level."

"And especially the maximum salaries are far too high. They have gone far out of hand."

Mr. Wilson also denied Mr. Spragge's claim that there was a shortage of teachers in B.C. and that Prince Rupert's location was a disadvantage.

"Why, when your school board advertised its 21 vacancies last year, it received 116 applications."

"This alleged teacher shortage just isn't so," said Mr. Wilson. He said enrolment in the province's normal schools was "very good recruitment" and that B.C. "with the highest salary scale for teachers in Canada is attracting many good teachers from other parts of the country."

Mr. Spragge said "that very fact shows you that there must be a teacher shortage in B.C. and also that higher salaries attract more people to the profession."

"Only, they're not yet near high enough," Mr. Spragge quipped.

Present teacher salaries in Prince Rupert range from \$2290 a year for elementary conditional certificated teachers to \$4,235 for an elementary basic teacher with 15 years experience, and from \$2,750 for a secondary basic first year teacher to \$4,830 for a secondary advanced certificated teacher with more than 14 years experience.

The increase sought by the teachers would raise these salaries by an average of \$675 a year, or add to a total annual payroll of \$252,959 compared to the 1952 payroll of \$211,156.

Immigrants Welcomed To Rupert

More than 100 Italian immigrants in Prince Rupert were welcomed to Canada at a social evening in Valhalla Hall Saturday night.

Victor Basso-Bert, former Prince Rupert alderman, in a toast to the newcomers urged them to be good Canadians and contribute as much as they can to Canada as they are the future citizens.

A speech of welcome was also given by Father Rayner, who urged them not to forget to practice their religion. His address was translated into Italian by Inez Amadio.

Some of the guests came from as far away as Terrace.

Music was supplied by Mike Colussi and the new citizens sang several songs.

Convenor was Mrs. E. Pettenazzo. Her assistants were Mrs. J. Van der, Mrs. P. Vaecher, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mrs. L. Colussi, Mrs. M. Colussi, Mrs. V. Ciccone and Mrs. J. Pettenazzo.

Head Scarves Selling Well

EDINBURGH (CP)—Fancy head scarves giving Britain's young monarch the title of "Elizabeth I Queen of Scots" instead of Elizabeth II are a big selling item in Edinburgh stores.

The novelty is the promotion scheme of the Scottish Covenant Association, a leading national group, which claims this is the rightful title since Scotland was an independent kingdom when the first Queen Bess ruled over England.

"We have been flooded with orders," said George Gilmore, in charge of distributing the scarves.

Dr. Darrach Gets New Post

Dr. Marvin Darrach, professor and head of the department of biochemistry at the University of British Columbia, has been appointed assistant to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Darrach succeeds Dr. L. E. Ranta, who resigned recently to take the post of assistant director, medical, at Vancouver General Hospital.

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Country Captain is a Sumptuous Rice, Fried Chicken and Gravy Main Dish

Truly "De Licious"—Country Captain won first place honors in the rice and meat division of the Creole Cookery Contest at the 1952 International Rice Festival.

This rice and chicken meal is so good that eaters will feel like generals and you will be awarded a medal of honor for putting forth such wonderfully tasty rice and chicken fare. Friends will become enemies if an attempt is made to ration servings. After discovering how superfluous the almonds and currants make rice with chicken and gravy, there will be a siege of warnings that this rice, chicken and vegetable combination be served again real soon.

INGREDIENTS:
1 frying chicken
1 cup flour
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Fat for frying chicken
1/2 cup flour
4 cups water
1 No. 2 can tomatoes (2 1/2 cups)
1 1/2 cups cooked green peas
1 can mushrooms (1 1/2 cup)
1/2 cup diced celery
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 clove garlic, chopped
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon salt
6 cups hot cooked rice
1/2 cup toasted almonds
1/2 cup cooked currants

METHOD: To make 6 liberal cups of fluffy rice, put 2 cups of uncooked rice, 4 cups of cold water and 2 teaspoons of salt into a 2 quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn

the heat as low as possible. Cover saucepan with a lid and leave over this low heat for 14 minutes. Turn off the heat. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking. After rice has cooked, remove saucepan from heat—but keep lid on until rice actually is served. Use exact measurements of uncooked rice and water. Time the cooking accurately.

METHOD: Have chicken drawn and cut into serving pieces or if frozen, thaw. Rinse with cold water and drain. Mix flour, salt and pepper in a paper sack. Shake three or four pieces of chicken in the sack at a time to coat thoroughly. In a very large skillet or soup kettle, melt the fat, add the chicken and fry until crisp and brown. Remove the chicken and all but 1/2 cup of the fat in which chicken was fried. To this fat, add the flour, mix well and cook over a low heat until slightly browned. Gradually add the water, stirring constantly to make a smooth gravy. Add the tomatoes, peas, mushrooms, celery, onions, garlic, thyme, curry powder and salt. Return the chicken to the large skillet or kettle. Cover and cook slowly for 30 to 40 minutes or until the chicken is tender.

Arrange the cooked rice on a large platter. Place the pieces of chicken over the rice and pour the gravy over the chicken. Some of the gravy may be served in a separate dish. Sprinkle the almonds and currants over the top of the chicken. This recipe makes 8 generous servings.

Owner of Fashionable Home Denies Junk Storing Charge

VICTORIA (CP)—Junk dealer Harry Haigh denies he is storing junk at his 12-room mansion on fashionable Rockland Avenue here.

But he says there is lots of junk on the 23-acre lot and that he's been carting it away since he moved to the choice location in October. One of his neighbors in the district is Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace.

The place was vacant for a year and a half before I bought it," he said Saturday, "and apparently it had been used as a garbage dump. I've carted away four truckloads of junk picked up from the property. There were thousands of tin cans and other junk of every kind."

Mr. Haigh was replying to charges made by his back-fence neighbor, F. J. Sinnott, who complained that civic officials had given him the run-around when he filed a complaint that Mr. Haigh was using the exclusive residential property to store junk.

Mr. Sinnott complained there were "oil boilers and things" behind the Haigh house.

Mr. Haigh replied that the boilers were bought for a new heating unit in his house. Then he and his wife filed a complaint of their own.

They said some neighbors were still dumping garbage over the fence into their yard. And they said that since Mr. Sinnott made his complaint, they have been pestered by curious Victorians coming to see for themselves if the property had been converted into a junk yard.

They also complained somebody had posted a sign reading "Haigh's junk yard" at the entrance to their driveway.

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B.C.'s Doukhobor Problem Reported Under Study by Provincial Cabinet

VICTORIA (CP)—A program directed at settling British Columbia's Doukhobor problem without relocating the fanatic elements is reported under study by the provincial cabinet.

Government sources were quoted today as saying the program included recognition of the Doukhobor form of marriage and voting privilege for Doukhobors, but would not involve the exodus of the Sons of Freedom from the Kootenay region.

Representations will be made to Ottawa to relax the punishment for nude parading and establish a new Department of Doukhobor Affairs.

Nelson Junior Chamber of Commerce has demanded the provincial and federal governments take immediate action to stop bombings in the Kootenays.

Radical Sons of Freedom Doukhobors have been accused of bombings in the Kootenay area where power poles and railway lines have been blasted.

The Chamber accused the two governments of apathy and demanded arrest and punishment of those responsible for recent bombings.

President Jack Morgan said there was no other centre where "a few people can tie up a national railway to the extent of a curfew on traffic."

Within the last two weeks an unexploded bomb has been found near a railway bridge at nearby Creston and West Kootenay Power and Light power ponds have been dynamited.

It was reported that residents near the site of bombings are getting apathetic and not reporting them to the RCMP.

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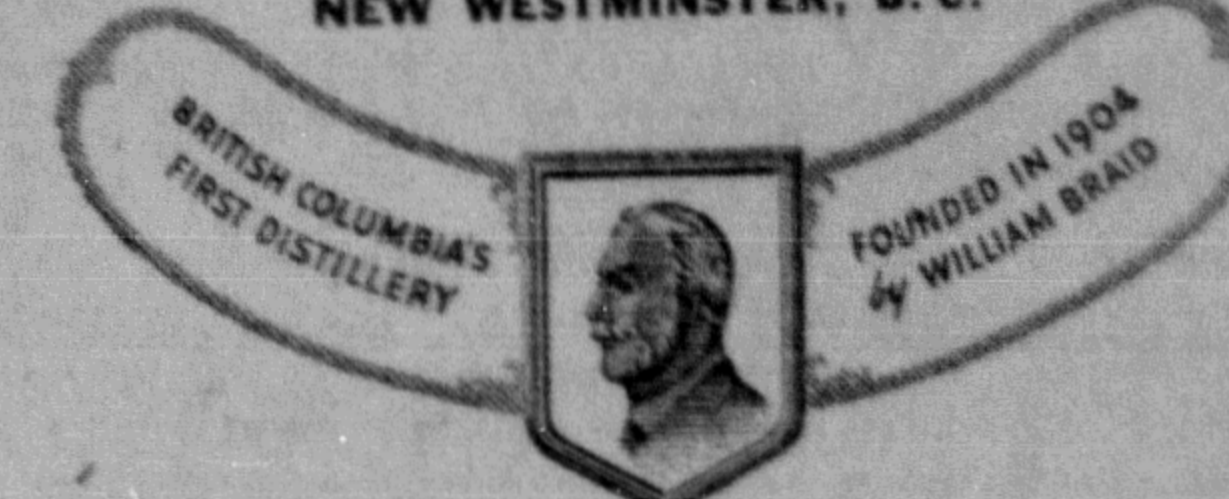


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