

**TOMORROW'S
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Thursday, January 8, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

6:32	18.3 feet
19:09	15.3 feet
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Writer Likes Guns

ATE AITKEN, Canadian writer and radio commentator, finds that boys in the northern frontier towns have the same interests as boys in the cities—both like guns. When she stopped in Yellowknife, N.W.T., during a holiday season tour she offered Albert Slicky, young Indian boy, a gift for Christmas. Albert chose the toy pistol as his father looked on with approval.

Secrecy Willing To Aid Hospitals But Will Not Release 'Freeze' Order

Dr. Stevenson, administrator of Prince Rupert General Hospital, said on his return from Vancouver this morning the Social Credit Government promised to give B.C. hospitals "every possible support short of an increase in per diem rates or special grants."

Health Minister Eric Martin, who appeared before the annual meeting of the B.C. Hospitals' Association to clarify his Dec. 1 announcement that government grants to hospitals would be frozen at the 1952 level, told the 80 delegates hospitals are now operating on a sound financial basis and are in a position to plan for their future operation.

Operating costs, said Mr. Martin, had increased almost 84 per cent in four years—from \$15,000,000 in 1948 to an estimated \$29,000,000 last year.

He said that prior to inauguration of the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, non-payment accounts at hospitals rose as high as 55 per cent, but in the past 85 to 90 per cent of all accounts have been paid by BCHIS.

"The minister stressed that the government has no intention of taking over the operation of hospitals in this province," said Mr. Stevenson.

In his address to delegates, Mr. Martin said "the people of B.C. have indicated that they are most concerned over the rise in hospital costs and, as has been indicated to you by your association executive they are of the opinion that this rapid increase cannot go on."

He said that when he entered the cabinet he was "faced with an unhealthy chaotic state of affairs with respect to BCHIS" and that he had spent a great deal of time "rectifying and strengthening" the insurance scheme.

He said cost of BCHIS administration is being steadily reduced.

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Pipes Frozen or Burst In Over 100 City Homes

On a hard blow last night, up to today more than 100 citizens reported water pipes frozen or burst as a result of the overnight low record.

Several city residents telephoned the Daily News to say their thermometers went as low as four degrees above zero.

The freeze-up was accompanied by a strong east wind, ranging between 40 and 50 miles an hour.

While children with ice skates welcomed the chilly weather, it was far from pleasing for citizens walking to work in the early hours. Many wore heavy winter coats for the first time this season.

The weatherman doesn't see any speedy let-up in the cold, but predicts an overnight low tonight of only 20 degrees above.

Plumbers were kept busy all morning. One plumber said he was called out early last night and worked until 2 a.m. thawing pipes.

No pipes in city buildings were effected and the city works department had no trouble.

One plumber said he had answered more than 30 calls before noon and "my phone's ringing every minute." He was using an electrical thawing machine to unfreeze pipes.

Another plumber, who had completed 25 calls, told of visiting one home in Section Two where the pipes burst during the night and flooded the kitchen floor although damage would not be excessive.

Most frozen pipes were in homes without basements where the intake is not covered.

All plumbers expect to work far into the night tonight.

Negro Worker Dies After Police Arrest

VANCOUVER (CP)—The death of Clarence Clemons, a waterworks worker who claimed he had been beaten by police, was ruled today by a coroner's jury as "accidental" and "unnatural."

The jury, which sat almost continuously for 15 hours and heard 58 witnesses, said the 52-year-old Negro granitiner died on Christmas Eve as result of an injury to the spinal cord.

The verdict added the injury was "caused by an old injury which may have been aggravated by his (Clemons') strenuous struggles in resisting arrest by two city police officers in the normal course of their duties."

Clemons died five months and days after his arrest, which was followed by accusations of brutality.

Except for a period immediately following his arrest, Clemons was paralyzed and unable to walk. He related his charges of brutality to a doctor and to his friend, and both testified in the inquest.

CURLING FEATURE OPENS TODAY IN DAILY NEWS

Although a newcomer to Prince Rupert, curling is fast becoming one of the city's favorite pastimes. To make sure that its growing number of fans get off on the right track, the Daily News will run a series of instructive articles on the game written by Ken Watson of Winnipeg, the home of curling.

One of the all-time greats in the sport, Watson has skippered Manitoba rinks to victory in the Brier Cup national championships. There will be 24 of these articles, 22 of which will be illustrated. The first one appears in today's paper on page four. Experts and novices alike will find the series a valuable help to their game.

New Routes Proposed For PGE Extension Differ Sharply Here

City Group To Sponsor West Route

A proposal that railway extension into the Peace River country be made by a line connecting at Hazelton instead of projecting north from Prince George is being backed by the Chamber of Commerce here.

In moving support of the plan at the Chamber's annual meeting Monday night, J. C. Gilker pointed out that the B.C. and Alberta governments' scheme to push the Pacific Great Eastern Railway north and east to join with the Northern Alberta Railway fails to take into account future possibilities of the Peace River block.

"Their plan is merely one of immediate convenience," he maintained. "Northern extension of the PGE will only duplicate facilities already provided by the Hart highway and will have negligible future value compared to a line going up through the Hazelton trench and then turning east through the great mineral resources of that country."

Mr. Gilker urged that full advantage be taken of surveys already made of the alternative route and that closer consideration be given to future development of the country through which the line would run.

In supporting the motion, Robert McKay added that there was much material available on the subject. He mentioned in particular the articles by Page Rideout, of Nelson, who has long championed the project and whose writing have appeared in the Daily News.

The route proposed by Mr. Rideout would form the western end of a third transcontinental railway running from Prince Rupert to Churchill on Hudson Bay. In one article he remarked that millions were spent in making Prince Rupert a port of entry and exit for the Orient, and millions on Churchill as a port of entry and exit to Europe, but that both have become way stations.

"It is not a question of expending so many more millions," he wrote. "There is a direct connection between these two ports by rail, with the exception of small gaps of connecting lines amounting to a total unfinished mileage of some 510 miles."

A point often made in favor of line running into the Peace River country from Hazelton is that it would provide more immediate access to a railway into Alaska, which is considered a possible future development. Its proponents also observe that its proximity to Prince Rupert would be an advantage to trans-Pacific trade.

A resolution will be drafted by the Chamber of Commerce outlining its views.

The WEATHERMAN Says

Snow has fallen in all parts of southern B.C. over night. On the southern coast, the snow is gradually changing to rain this morning as warm air advances slightly northward from Washington. However, the lower mainland is not expected to come well within the mild Pacific air in the next two days. Conditions are favorable for freezing rain today in the lower Fraser Valley.

Intermittent rain is expected on the southern coast today and Thursday while snowfall over the southern interior will continue over the northern part of the province. Skies are becoming cloudy and a few snow flurries are looked for.

Forecast
Gale warning continued. Mostly clear along the northern mainland, otherwise cloudy with snow flurries today and Thursday. Continuing cold. Winds northeasterly 30, frequently 50 out of mainland inlets. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 28 and 36; Sandspit 25 and 35; Prince Rupert 20 and 34.



NEW PRESIDENT of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers of America (CIO), Local 708, Edward P. (Pat) O'Neal, is congratulated by W. C. R. (Ray) Jones, manager at the Columbia Cellulose Company plant at Watson Island. O'Neal came to B.C. from his home in Newfoundland and worked in a cannery, a silver mine and a logging camp before joining Columbia Cellulose as an electrician in October, 1951. He served with the Royal Canadian Navy in the Atlantic theatre during the Second World War.

City Ratepayers Stir Over Assessment Hike

One of the greatest verbal protests ever expounded in Prince Rupert is being waged today against increased assessments on property in the downtown area.

Target of all the criticism is Harry M. Daggett, city assessor. Main complaints are by those owning establishments on Third Avenue although many property owners also say their property has been over-assessed.

One leading businessman, who said he has written a letter to the assessor protesting an increase of more than 300 per cent in his land assessments, is among numerous men who have indicated they will appeal the figures before the court of revision which begins sittings February 9.

Another man said he planned to begin construction this spring of a \$100,000 store and office building on his downtown property but "increase in assessments make such a building prohibitive."

He said further: "Assessments are a block to city progress when jumped like this and should be reconsidered on the basis of how much improvements the owner and city have made in the past year."

MAY APPEAL
A Second Avenue owner said "Mayor Harold Whalen was remiss in his duties because he did not instruct the assessor to keep assessments in line with development."

(The city assessor is appointed by council to do a job and does not receive instructions from any department nor can council interfere with his work. His assessments can be appealed before the court of revision.)

Another property owner claims the assessment on his Second Avenue corner has been increased from \$1,200 to \$4,725 "yet there have been no city improvements for five years." He told of increasing assessments on other lots which he owns from \$400 to \$1,000 and others from \$850 to \$2,200.

"It isn't so much the increase, it's the inconsistency," said one rate owner on Third Avenue. "Increased assessments like this will stymie development."

He told of other property owners along Third Avenue who have had their land assessment more than doubled. One location jumped from \$6,000 to \$14,000 and another from \$7,800 to \$18,000.

Railway Minister Says Shorter Way Less Costly

VICTORIA.—British Columbia government officials are considering a new and shorter route for the proposed northern extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The new route would cut 110 miles and millions of dollars off the 270-mile, \$30,000,000 Pine Pass route from Prince George into the Peace River country.

No decision on the choice has been made, but Railways Minister Ralph Chetwynd said Tuesday a preliminary survey shows that construction would be much cheaper and easier along the new route.

Living Cost Declines In November

OTTAWA (CP)—New consumer price index, reflecting changes in living costs, declined by three-tenths of a point during November to 115.8 from 116.1, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

The index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, has been relatively stabilized—at a high level—for more than six months.

During November, rents continued to climb to a new high, but lower food prices provided the main impetus for the decline.

Berserk Father Injures Children, Kills Self

TORONTO (CP)—A family quarrel exploded into violence that brought death Tuesday to a Hungarian immigrant and serious injuries to his two children.

Police said John Kolozsvari, 35, went berserk in his home, tried to beat his two children to death with a hammer, then stabbed himself in the heart and fell dead at the feet of his wife.

Eight-year-old John Kolozsvari, Jr., is in critical condition with a fractured skull, partial paralysis and undetermined injuries. His three-year-old sister, Bridgetta, is in serious condition with head injuries.

Truman Gives Farewell Talk To Congress

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Truman today coupled "good-speed" to his successor, Dwight D. Eisenhower, with a word of hope that the growing Western strength may force Soviet rulers to "become more realistic and less implacable, and recede from the cold war they began."

If the effort fails, he said, a resulting atomic war would be one in which man "could extinguish millions of lives at one blow."

In his final "state-of-the-union" message to Congress, Truman warned Prime Minister Stalin that if such a war comes between East and West it can bring only "ruin for your regime and its homeland."

Car Insurance Rates Remain Same As '52

VANCOUVER (CP)—Automobile insurance rates will remain unchanged until some time in April, the All Canada Insurance Federation announced Tuesday.

The plan offers 20 per cent reduction for public liability and property damage to drivers in the "A-1" classification. This covers drivers of pleasure cars not operated by under-25 motorists, the group with the high accident record.

Dr. Large Again Heads School Board; Trustees Appointed to Committees

Dr. R. G. Large, school trustee here continuously since his election in December 1944, has again been appointed chairman of the board.

Re-elected at the last civic election by acclamation, trustees last night unanimously re-appointed him chairman for another two years.

Mrs. Grace Greene, only new trustee elected, also by acclamation, at the December elections, was welcomed by Dr. Large. She replaces Mrs. Dorothy Becker, who declined to seek re-election.

The board appointed committees and instructed the secretary to ask architects who designed the proposed six-room elementary school at Port Edward to speed up working plans and specifications.

Trustees pointed out that work should get started on the \$16,000 structure as soon as possible, as it is hoped to have the school completed in time for the 1953-54 school term.

Committee heads appointed were:

Personnel — Dr. Large, Joe Scott.

Grounds — A. J. (Dom) Dominato.

Resolutions and Finance — Bruce Brown.

Prince Rupert Health Unit — Mrs. Grace Greene.

School representatives: Booth, Mr. Brown; Borden, Mr. Scott; Conrad, Mr. Dominato; King Edward, Mrs. Greene; Port Edward, Harry Robbins; Digby, Jens Klummen.