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Going to Hollywood

BEAUTIFUL RITA HAYWORTH today received her divorce from healthy Moslem Prince Aly Khan in Reno, Nevada. She is here with her young daughter Yasmi. Rita is now on her way back to Hollywood.

Railway Presidents Meet With Union

VICTORIA—Hope that the tie-up can be averted Monday night with announcement that the president of the two big Canadian railways will meet today with heads of the Brotherhood of Railway Men.

Announcement came less than 24 hours after negotiations at the presidential level had broken down and the railroads had

eds Demand Extortion Money Again

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Herald today printed a picture of two telegrams for money and said in a story the Communists in China have resumed extortion money from Vancouver Chinese.

The story says: A Vancouver Chinese merchant, whose son was executed by Chinese Communists a year ago, has received two telegrams demanding extortion money. The demand for ransom money is just one of at least 50 such demands received by Communist Chinese extortionists who swept North China a year ago.

Two telegrams from Hong Kong, one asking for \$3,000 and another for a total of \$10,000, were received by the merchant, Mah Chorsan, who, the story says, is the son-in-law of the late Cheung Chiew, Vancouver.

The story says the telegrams are for ransom money "to buy the Communists who are holding hostage his 80-year-old father and his widowed daughter."

Mr. Dong has indicated he will refuse to pay on grounds that another demand would immediately follow.

MAN INJURED—A man was injured at a fire last night while attempting to quell a blaze in the home of Charlie Lenson, which was gutted by fire. He was taken to hospital here today for treatment.

Cause of the fire is unknown.

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City To Appeal Land Assessments Raised Substantially Over Last Year

Parking Bylaw Adopted

Council Grants Taxi Requests

A bylaw to amend the street traffic and parking bylaw received final adoption by city council at its regular meeting last night and will become law tomorrow.

On recommendation of the city solicitor and the police and licensing committee, aldermen endorsed changes which now permit taxis to stop a maximum of five minutes in a free area to load or unload passengers and sets the five-minute parking limit hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The original bylaw said no taxi would be allowed to park on Third Avenue between McBride and Seventh Street between 8 a.m. and midnight for more than 60 seconds.

A group of taxi operators, represented by lawyer Doug Hogarth, at the last meeting of council protested the regulations and suggested modifications which were considered and unanimously endorsed by council.

A third request to operators to allow three taxis to park in front of taxi stands failed to receive endorsement.

Ald. Darrow Gomez, chairman of the police and licensing committee, moved adoption of the changes and the amendments were endorsed without discussion.

Premature enforcement earlier this month of the bylaw to amend the revised bylaw which came into effect last August brought a storm of protest from taxi operators. In its original stage the amendment forbade parking on Third Avenue for more than 60 seconds at any time between 8 a.m. and midnight regardless of whether the driver of the cab was on duty or on personal business.

The bylaw as amended retains the section allowing only half-hour parking on Third Avenue between McBride and Seventh from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plea Fails To Reinstate Taxi Driver

A plea by city lawyer Doug Hogarth that city council reinstate the chauffeur's licence of taxi driver Roman Potvin pending outcome of an appeal against its cancellation has been referred to a special meeting of city fathers.

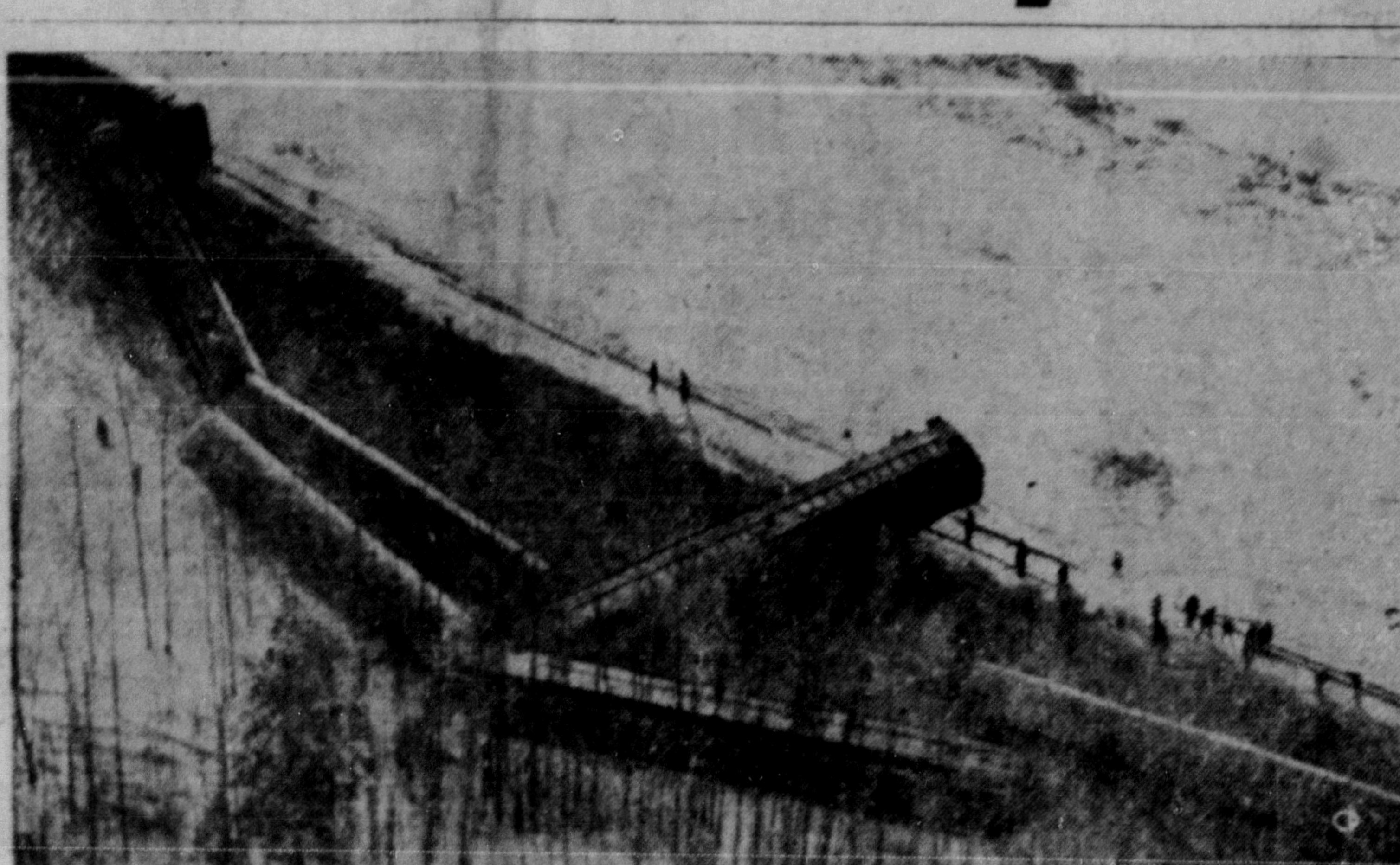
Potvin was fined \$300 recently after he was convicted of a charge of bootlegging and had his chauffeur's licence cancelled two days later.

Mr. Hogarth suggested it was usual practice to allow a person to continue in business until such time as his appeal is heard.

Ald. George Casey said Potvin "must have some grounds for appeal and should be given an opportunity to continue driving until such time as his appeal is heard," but other aldermen disagreed.

Ald. Darrow Gomez said "he appeared in court on a bootlegging charge and was convicted and I'm against reinstating his licence."

Ald. McLean moved that the request be reviewed at the special meeting called for later this week to discuss a proposal submitted by Northern B.C. Power Company for future power supplies.



THE BROKEN BACK OF THE CRACK Canadian National Railways passenger train lies sprawled along the track after the train was wrecked at Ghost River in northwestern Ontario. A broken rail sent 11 coaches plunging dangerously close to a lake and brought death to one man and injuries to 74 others, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew of Prince Rupert.

This City in Lowest Category In Dentistry Service in B.C.

(Following is the first in a series of articles by Daily News Staff Writer Larry Stanwood who has just completed a tour of the Dental College at the University of Washington.)

By LARRY STANWOOD

SEATTLE—Prince Rupert and district belongs to the lowest category in dentistry service in British Columbia—as far as the ratio between the number of dentists and total population is concerned.

Even the whole of the province is "far below requirements," says Dr. Leslie F. Marshall, president of the B.C. Dental Association.

The ideal situation would be to have one dentist for every 599 persons in a given area.

In Prince Rupert, where there are three practicing dentists, the ratio is approximately one dentist to every 4,000 persons. The average for B.C. is one to every 3,000.

"And this is mainly due to the fact there are no facilities in this province to train new dentists," Dr. Marshall told a group of representatives of the BCDA and newspapermen of the province who conferred with the dean of the most modern school of dentistry in the world.

"There is no doubt," said Dr. Marshall, "that a dentist school at the University of B.C. is a necessity and such a school would be the answer to our trouble. It could save a nation's teeth."

Dr. Ernest Jones, dean of the dentistry faculty in the \$11 million new health science department of the University of Washington, said "only this year are we catching up with deaths and retirements among dentists with newly trained men."

The Seattle school, one in Portland, Oregon, and one in California are the only training centres in the Pacific Northwest. These schools take on a certain number of Canadian students, most of them from B.C.—but even that number is very small.

The Washington University school has 10 B.C. students enrolled, but it also has seven Canadian dentists on its faculty as instructors, six of them from B.C.

He said the Canadian dentists on the staff are "just about tops in our teaching material. One of them is the best operator I have ever seen."

The instructors are not teachers because they are interested in money, said Dr. Jones. "Most of them gave up lucrative practices where they made three and four times as much as they are making here at the university."

"But they too have seen the necessity of teaching and training facilities in order to provide more dentists."

"We are not training mechanics here, but trying to make a man a better citizen to serve humanity, a good professional

man and a qualified technician." The University of Washington's dentists' course is of four years' duration.

A tour of the dentists' school and first hand view of what the student is required to learn to

day before he can qualify as a dentist was conducted by Dr. Lloyd Jacobsen, formerly of New Westminster.

Tomorrow—What Today's Dentist Needs to Know

CNR MAIN LINE BLOCKED WHEN FREIGHT DERAILED

VANCOUVER—Twenty-four cars of a 40-car westbound Canadian National Railway freight train were derailed near Albrecht, B.C., 87 miles west of Jasper. Nobody injured.

CNR officials said the derailment will tie up the CNR main line until early Wednesday. All trans-continental trains will be detoured through Calgary and Kamloops.

Cause of the derailment was not known.

New Medical Health Officer Continues TB Tests in Unit

Dr. S. F. Carr, newly-appointed medical officer and school inspector of the Skeena Health Unit, is continuing immediately with the testing of all school children in the district for tuberculosis.

With Dr. D. M. Black, whom he succeeds, he is in Terrace today to study progress of the testing work which is already underway there. The two will next continue to Smithers for the same purpose.

"I am very much impressed by the work being done up here," Dr. Carr said before his departure last night. "From what I have seen, the public co-operate

with the doctors extremely well, and my wife and I are both looking forward to living in Prince Rupert."

Dr. Black reported that TB tests on 1,043 children have been completed. He said the results indicated the disease was less prevalent among those of school age than had been feared. Approximately 2,500 children will be tested throughout the district. The rural areas will be visited later when travelling is less hampered by weather.

A native of Medicine Hat, Dr. Carr graduated from the University of Alberta where he was a classmate of Jim Taylor, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada here. After serving with the RCAF and practicing for a while in Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Carr moved to Laurel, Mississippi, where they remained for almost four years.

In returning to Canada, they were particularly anxious to take up residence in B.C. Dr. Carr therefore considers his appointment here "made to order."

Dr. Black will leave on Feb. 8 for Vernon where he is to join the North Okanagan Health Unit.

Kitkatla Here For Basketball Game Tonight

Don Hartwig is all set for a busy evening at the Civic Centre tonight when his intermediate "A" team—Fraser & Payne—meet Kitkatla and his senior squad tangles with CCC Pulp-millers.

Manson's, currently riding a six-game winning streak, will be out to strengthen their first-place hold in the senior loop, but coach Helge Holstad of the pulp-millers promises a revamped team for tonight.

Hartwig is still perturbed over the failure to obtain Ron Webber from Alex Bill, Gordon & Anderson coach, after the transfer of Ted Arney was completed.

It is reported Arney did not have a contract with Mansons and Bill discovered the fact when he signed Arney. Originally he promised to release Webber if Hartwig would let him have Arney.

The senior game gets underway at 8:30 p.m.

Maximum Increase Not to Exceed 75%

Because of numerous complaints, Prince Rupert city council is going to enter an appeal against all land assessments which have been substantially increased in the 1953 roll.

City clerk Bill Long was instructed by aldermen at the regular council meeting last night to appear before the Court of Revision and request that no land assessments be raised more than 75 per cent above the 1952 assessment except in special cases.

The move was made on recommendation of the finance committee, which noted that Harry M. Daggett, city assessor, is ill and said he would not be able to give instructions or appear before the Court of Revision which opens sittings Feb. 9.

The committee report also said that since the new assessment roll did not cover the whole city that council should appeal all increases in sections covered by the assessor.

The appeals, it was pointed out, concern only land assessments—not improvements.

FEW EXCEPTIONS

Cases in which assessments might exceed the 75 per cent maximum include land "obviously under-assessed on the 1952 roll with respect to nearly adjacent land" and "where land as such has been materially increased in value by clearing, levelling, excavating, new road access or otherwise."

And, while the city clerk will appeal all figures, it was pointed out owners may also seek a further reduction in the assessment if they are not satisfied.

So far more than 185 property owners have notified the city of their intention to appeal assessments.

SUGGEST ASSESSMENT

Under the recommendation endorsed unanimously and without discussion by aldermen, the city clerk has been authorized to prepare a suggested 1953 assessment on the lands in respect of which appeals are lodged, keeping in mind the restriction of a 75 per cent raise as a maximum, and the principles of assessment as set out in the Municipal Act.

He will have the revised assessments ready for presentation to the Court of Revision on behalf of the city on opening day.

This year, for the first time in the history of Prince Rupert, the mayor and aldermen make up the court. In previous years, the court was composed of the mayor and four aldermen.

When 1953 assessments were mailed to property-holders shortly after the New Year, a cry of protest was raised by many citizens, some of whom claim their land assessments had been more than doubled, and others who complained their assessments were increased by more than 300 per cent.

WORKED MANY HOURS

Mr. Daggett, 72-year-old carpenter, former mayor and alderman, was taken ill Jan. 19 and is recuperating in hospital here.

It is not known how long he will be absent from work.

Mr. Daggett spent many hours each day during the past few months, inspecting all downtown businesses and dozens of homes in the city.

He was appointed city assessor on recommendation of Ald. Mike Krueger at a council meeting last July 28. Mr. Daggett at that time was a city alderman.

Meeting Adjourned Till 5 p.m.

Regular meeting of the city council was adjourned late last night until 5 p.m. today so aldermen could discuss sale of bonds totalling more than \$750,000.

A representative of McMahon and Burns Limited, investment dealers, appeared before finance committee last night and outlined his firm's bids.

The city also received bids from the Bank of Montreal and Pemberton & Son Vancouver Limited.

Don Johnston of McMahon and Burns offered a firm bid of \$2.85 on the \$100,000 bonds for a waterworks program and \$4.018 on \$340,000 of the required \$675,000 for the new automatic telephone system.

The company wants an option of \$5.00 on the next \$100,000 by July 1 of this year; \$5.50 on the next \$100,000 by Jan. 1, 1954, and \$6.00 on the \$135,000 by July 1, 1954.

Storm Cuts Air Travel

A wintry blast covering all northern B.C. and most of the Cariboo has brought the heaviest snowfall of the winter, with 12 inches piling up in the last 36 hours.

The city works department has all available hands out on street clearance. The grader was in continuous operation until 6:30 p.m. last night and was out again at 8 a.m. today, fighting to keep the streets clear and traffic moving.

For the RCMP the storm has meant steady activity in checking a stream of minor accidents.

Low ceilings and poor visibility brought air transportation to a standstill. The last flight in was made by CPA on Sunday.

Last flight by Ellis Air Lines between here and Ketchikan was on Saturday. The Alaskan city is also snowbound.

Ground transportation is unaffected, however, as the Canadian National Railways and Watson Island Stages continue to operate in and out of the city on schedule.

The weatherman says little change in the weather is in prospect for Wednesday.

Contract With Mounties Awaits Decision Of Other Municipalities in Province

The city clerk has been instructed by council to advise the RCMP that Prince Rupert cannot renew its 1953 policing contract until other municipalities in the province have agreed to accept the force's request for increases.

All cities and municipalities in B.C. policed by the RCMP received a request from the force last December for an increase of \$600 per man.

The Mounties also asked Prince Rupert to increase its

force from the present maximum of 14 men to 18, which would mean an annual increase of more than \$10,000 in wages for policing.

Under the present contract with the RCMP, the city pays \$1,400 a year for each man.

Council's action in the matter was the same as that recommended in a letter received from the Union of B.C. Municipalities. The correspondence was referred to the

police and licensing committee.

Council endorsed the committee's report which said any increase agreed to will be retro-active to Jan. 1.

Present contract between the RCMP and the city expired Dec. 31.

Police costs here in 1951 exceeded \$33,000, of which \$19,200 was paid to the RCMP for men attached to the city force.