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Two-Mile Ice Jam

MILE ICE JAM in the Grand river north of Galt, Ont., followed by heavy rain, caused some sections of farm lands near the city. Parts of highway 24 between Galt and also were flooded.

Mayor Tells Ratepayers City Not 'Benevolent Association'

Harold Whalen told the ratepayers' association at a meeting last night that the city is not a "benevolent association." He said the city had received a grant from the city last year "and in my opinion these kind of grants were given mainly for public relations purposes as these groups promote Prince Rupert."

WRITE CLERK

In answer to further questioning, Ald. Darrow Gomez suggested the ratepayers' association write the city clerk and ask what grants have been made in the past. The meeting agreed. Mr. Prusky also complained about the city clerk's "failure to answer correspondence" and asked the reason. Mayor Whalen said letters sent to the city council were not answered until city fathers had an opportunity to discuss them.

Operator Fined \$300 ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Frank Stewart, city taxi operator, was fined \$300 at a sitting of police court last night after being found in charge of keeping liquor for sale.

Others fined in police court were William Campbell, \$50 and Howard \$15 for infractions under the Indian Act. Fred Bennett of Masset was fined \$25 for causing a disturbance in a city cafe.

Daughters Given \$100 Towards Expenses For Trip

Money raised will go towards a travelling fund for the drill team which has to bear its own expenses.

An Easter tea and sale also has been planned for April, says Alex Mitchell, drill master.

The 32-member girl team was heartened by a letter and gift of \$100 from a private citizen, received by Margaret Giske, drill team captain, at practice last night.

The letter, sent by John McNaughton, says in part: "I realize that it is not all sunshine preparing for the trip, but I do feel the girls will win out. You have done it before and I know you will do it again. I hope you will accept this gift. It may help a little. Please don't think it is a donation. It's just to show my appreciation of your past accomplishments."

Waneta Dam Workers Strike

TRAIL — A sympathy strike of 800 workers on the \$30,000,000 Waneta Dam project was called today as pickets patrolled the big construction job.

The walkout was ordered following failure to settle a dispute of 300 workers on the \$9,000,000 fertilizer plant at Kimberley.

Both projects are under construction by contractors Stone and Webster for Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd., of Canada.

Workers at the Kimberley project struck in a dispute over interpretation of their contract clause relating to travel time and return fares to hiring points. Workers claimed the contractors failed to implement arbitration terms.

Milk Price Plans 'Scrapped'

VICTORIA — Agriculture Minister Kenneth Kiernan filed documents in the British Columbia Legislature Wednesday purporting to show that the previous Liberal government scrapped plans to decontrol milk prices after a protest from a prominent Liberal.

Mr. Kiernan said he was filing the documents "without comment."

Mr. Kiernan filed affidavits showing that the provincial milk board informed distributors in January, 1952, that the government intended to remove milk price controls above the producer level the following month.

He then read three telegrams, dated three days after the milk board informed distributors of its decision, and which he said were signed by Senator J. W. Deb. Farris, Q.C., of Vancouver, prominent B.C. Liberal.

PHOTOSTATIC COPIES

Mr. Kiernan said telegrams he was filing with the house were photostatic copies and that the originals were in his office safe.

The telegrams, he said, were to the then Premier Byron Johnson, Attorney-General Wismer and Agriculture Minister Harry Bowman.

He quoted the telegrams as saying that Mr. Farris had a "large personal interest" in the matter and requesting that the government not go ahead with its decontrol plans.

READ CLIPPINGS

Mr. Kiernan then read a newspaper clipping from a Vancouver paper which said decontrol plans had been scrapped by the government.

Social Credit government has introduced legislation to remove controls above producer level, effective around May 1.

At Vancouver today, Senator Farris said Agriculture Minister "must be hard put for arguments when he disclosed 14-month-old telegrams."

Said the senator: "My personal interest at that time (January, 1952) was that my son was in the milk business. I wired a protest of the milk board's order and asked for an opportunity to be heard before the order was ratified. What was wrong with that I do not know. Kiernan must be hard put for arguments."

Eight-Inch Snowfall Covers City

Winter whipped down last night on surprised city folk and dumped an eight-inch blanket of snow over the city. By mid-day water was streaming down streets after the sun came out and temperatures turned mild.

Highway 16 between Prince Rupert and Terrace remained open by consistent clearing of public works snow ploughs. Late reports said it was still snowing at Kwinita, the heavy precipitation belt, 40 miles east of here.

Driving, however, is hazardous in spots and motorists are warned to use chains. A washout due to heavy rains earlier in the week has been repaired.

Forecast for the north coast region is for variable cloudiness on Friday and scattered showers of rain and snow. Temperature at Prince Rupert tomorrow, 32 and 40.



THOMAS A. STONE, (right) Canadian ambassador to the Netherlands, presents a cheque for 3,308 guilders (about \$827) to aid in flood relief, to Lt.-Gen. P. Alons, director of the Dutch national disaster fund at the Canadian embassy in The Hague. The money was contributed by officers and men of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group at Hannover, Germany. Representing the brigade were Major R. A. Briggs (right rear) of Vancouver and Capt. L. W. Garen (left rear) of Chatham, Ont.

Alcan Speaker Refutes Charges of 'Ruin'

Refuting charges that there will be general ruination of wild life and scenery in the Tweedsmuir Park area as the result of flooding by the Aluminum Company of Canada, George Vincent, of Alcan, claimed here today that those who make such predictions actually are doing harm to B.C.

"By construction of several hundreds of miles of road leading to the area, we have brought the park to the people," Mr. Vincent said in a luncheon address to the Rotary Club. "Splendid opportunities have arisen as the result of the coming of Alcan and much more will arise."

"I wonder if those who give a lurid picture of ruin to fish, game and scenery, which does not in fact exist, realize that they may be doing a grave disservice to north-central B.C. and its gateway towns of Prince George and Prince Rupert by frightening potential newcomers and new investors away, rather than encouraging them to come in."

Mr. Vincent maintained that the real question is whether or not the people of B.C. want to see this province in the forefront of world aluminum production, with all the attendant economic and other advantages that go with the manufacture of this vital metal.

"Some people are always bound to be upset by the advent of any new industry such as ours, and change always produces criticism, frequently unfounded or based on misapprehension as to the realities of the situation."

"The important thing is to assess results on the balance and on the long term, and there is overwhelming evidence that the people of B.C. want to see our industry develop to the maximum here, and that the vast majority of them are already benefiting and will benefit thereby," he declared.

Observing that there is great water power available in other parts of the world, Mr. Vincent said Alcan's basic reason for deciding to locate its project in B.C. was because the people of this province are "friendly."

Nationalists To Get U.S. Jets

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalist air force will soon be strengthened by the addition of American jet fighters, its commander said today.

Lt.-Gen. Wang Shu-min declined to say how many U.S. jets he expected. But he did say in an interview at least 150 are needed to give Formosa a protective screen against air assaults from the Red mainland.

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KITIMAT CITY

Principal job at Kitimat this year will be construction of buildings and permanent installations. Present work is "well on schedule" and operation of the smelter is expected before the end of 1954.

Clearing for the townsites of Kitimat will be completed this year and public utilities installed, said Mr. Vincent, who stressed that the new-born municipality would be self-governing with first municipal elections to be held likely this spring.

Kitimat would definitely not be a company town, he said. At present a bill to incorporate the municipality was before the B.C. government.

Alcan is presenting to the municipality "a most comprehensive set of town plans, prepared by top experts in the field, but it is for the inhabitants of Kitimat to see these plans are carried out," said Mr. Vincent.

"We want to see the people of Kitimat build or buy their own homes and hope that private building firms will also enter into this field. All appropriate businesses and industries will be welcomed and encouraged."

Among major work already completed or under way at Kitimat, Mr. Vincent cited construction of three huge concrete caissons for a wharf and dredging of the harbor to accommodate the largest of deep sea ships.

Mr. Vincent stated, too, that completion of a barge ferry slip on Prince Rupert's waterfront will provide more opportunities for increased movement of heavy equipment through this port for the Alcan sites.

Mr. Vincent returned last night from Terrace where he addressed the Board of Trade. He leaves by steamer tonight for his Vancouver headquarters.

Ike Nominates Heintzleman

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower Wednesday nominated Frank Heintzleman of Juneau as governor of Alaska. Heintzleman, 65, has been rectorial forester for Alaska since 1937.

Churchill Acts After Incident

LONDON — Informed sources said Prime Minister Churchill has called an emergency conference of high government officials tonight to discuss the shooting down of a British bomber by Soviet jets in Germany.

LUENEBURG, Germany — A four-engined British plane was shot down by two Soviet fighter planes in North Germany today, German authorities reported.

The pilot of the RAF Lincoln bomber survived and was taken, injured, to a German hospital, but at least four British airmen were killed.

Three bodies were found near the wreckage, which landed mostly in this town in the British zone.

The navigator, with a bullet wound in his shoulder, died of a broken neck en route to hospital.

The incident came two days after two MiG-15 jets from Czechoslovakia shot down an American jet near the Czech-German border.

German authorities said the plane was seen to fall in flames near the border of West Germany and Soviet-occupied East Germany.

Civilians reported the attack. They said the British plane was flying from east to west through the Allied air corridor linking Berlin with the western zones.

Parts of the wreckage were reported to have fallen across the Elbe River in Communist-controlled territory.

German eyewitnesses said the attacking planes definitely encroached upon the air of Western Germany.

PLANE BLEW UP

Two bursts of machine-gun fire were heard and then the bomber blew up, a British official said.

Reuters News Agency quoted Berlin airport officials as reporting that a Russian plane exploded in mid-air near where the British plane was attacked. There was no immediate indication whether the report was in any way connected with the shooting down of the British plane.

Before Mr. Churchill called the night meeting, the Foreign Office announced Britain will make a "very strong protest" to the Russians.

The Foreign Office said it was "far too early to decide" if the incident shows a new pattern of Russian tactics linked with Stalin's death.

The new incident, said German reports, chilled Europe with fear.

The attack heightened the east-west crisis in one of the most dangerous areas of cold war conflict.

In Washington, House Speaker Martin told reporters: "We can't be expected to let them raid our territory without doing something about it."

He declined to elaborate.

Province To Appeal Rail Hike

VICTORIA — Attorney-General Robert Bonner said Wednesday that British Columbia will appeal the decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners granting a seven-per-cent increase in freight rates to the railways.

He said he expects he will be supported in the appeal to the federal cabinet by other western provinces and the Maritimes. No date has yet been fixed for the appeal.

Earlier this week Premier Bennett proposed the \$38,500,000-a-year increase be held up, or that the federal government pay the railways the amount, pending a hearing by the board on equalization of rates.

He said the new increase will bear inequitably on B.C.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister St. Laurent said in the Commons, the cabinet will hear any provincial government appeal against the new freight rate increase but indicated it will not suspend the increase until the appeal is heard.

The boost is due to go into effect next Monday.

Air Alert Signal Called

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The Fairbanks News-Miner reported Wednesday a yellow air attack alert was called in Alaska Saturday night at 10 o'clock from the Aleutian Islands to Anchorage and Fairbanks.

The paper said it was the first alert since the Second World War that "definitely was not a practice alert."

The News-Miner added that the Civil Aeronautics Administration range stations shut down and jet pilots on leave were ordered back to their bases.

Park Board Awards Plaza Contract to M. J. Saunders

A one-vote majority by the five-member board of park commissioners last night awarded the contract of levelling, grading, draining and filling Plaza Park to M. J. Saunders.

Mr. Saunders' tender was for \$1,750. Only other tender received was for \$4,423.33 from A. E. Pongracz.

Commissioners Art Murray and Bob Armstrong voted against immediate acceptance because of the big difference between the two tenders. They favored investigation before the contract was let.

The parks board will supply planks to be used as fill base and for a short plank road leading to the park. Cinders for fill are to be hauled by the contractor from Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. pulp mill at Watson Island, but will be supplied free by the company.

Contractor must supply gravel and tile.

Voting for immediate acceptance of the bid were Commissioners Bob Eby and Charles Balagno and Chairman Pat Forman.

Bill Lambie, chairman of the Gyro Club playground committee, promised full co-operation of the club to have ready for installation playground equipment when the park grounds are completed.

Commissioners voted to leave installation of equipment with the Gyros and said the park would be completed in about six weeks.

Application of Mrs. Lalla Svendsen, Civic Centre worker, as supervisor of the McClymont swimming pool this year was accepted. Members expressed satisfaction with the way Mrs. Svendsen had supervised the pool last season.