

Saturday, January 10, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

8:25	18.5 feet
21:50	15.2 feet
1:54	10.2 feet
15:35	7.4 feet



Express Horse Retires

"FRANK," a faithful 1550-pound chestnut gelding stationed at Port, Sask., and the only horse in Canadian National Express service since 1950, was retired recently. His place, and that of the express wagon, was taken by a shiny, new two-ton truck, which completely motorizes the company's express service throughout Canada. With "Frank" are his two drivers, James Shardon (left) and James Davis, both of whom were a little reluctant to see the 18-year-old horse leave active express duty.

78 Billion Budget Presented by Truman

By The Canadian Press

WASHINGTON. — President Truman laid out a \$490,000,000 valedictory budget before Congress today.

He called for a big increase in foreign aid, mostly for military help to European allies of the U.S.

On the St. Lawrence seaway, Mr. Truman said that if the new administration and Congress propose "practical arrangements for sharing costs and construction of the seaway, I believe the Canadians will, even at this late date, admit us to a partnership in the seaway."

MILITARY COSTS

Dominant feature of the budget was military costs. The President predicted expenditures for military services in the fiscal year of 1954 would reach \$46,296,000,000 — exclusive of atomic energy outlays of \$2,700,000,000.

That compares with \$44,380,000,000 in the current fiscal year.

10 Killed In Bomber Plunge

LLANDEGLA, Wales. (CP) — An RAF B29 Washington bomber crashed and exploded in the Welsh hills near here on a training flight Thursday night. All of the crew of 10 are believed killed.

This was the second of the Superfortresses Britain bought from the U.S. that has crashed this week. Five of a crew of 11 were killed Monday.

The RAF has renamed the B29 the Washington.

Cariboo MP Hits at Proposed Short-Cut of PGE Extension

OTTAWA. — The proposed extension route for a northern extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway would leave the Peace River railway problem "where it has been for 30 years or more," George M. Murray, Liberal Member of Parliament for Cariboo, said Thursday.

Murray, Cariboo, whose riding extension of the PGE would pass through the Cariboo, said Thursday that a Victoria report that Fish Creek officials are considering a line northeast from Prince George to Beaverlodge.

A third route for extension of the PGE north is being proposed by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, which urges that a link connecting

Heavy Snowstorm Paralyzes Traffic

4 Injured In Alcan Car Crash

1 Dead, Mercy Plane Evacuates

By The Canadian Press

EDMONTON. — Four persons injured seriously when two cars crashed on the Alaska Highway and one other injured person were evacuated to Edmonton hospitals today by an RCAF mercy plane.

The body of a woman, killed in the mishap, was not brought out.

The victim was Mrs. Ernest Camyre of Calgary. Her 41-year-old husband is receiving blood transfusions in hospital.

Injured in the same accident were Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their nine-year-old daughter, Joanne, from Anchorage, Alaska.

The fifth person evacuated was Arthur Kettley, 29, a highway maintenance man stationed at Mile 201 of the Alaska Highway. He suffered a fractured spine when hit on the back by a crane boom.

IN DARKNESS

The evacuation was carried out in darkness by a Dakota transport plane piloted by Lt. W. J. Watson of Rockcliffe, Ont.

The two cars apparently were involved in a smashup at Mile 127 of the Alaska Highway which injured the Camyres and the Millers.

Camyre was pinned in the wreckage by one leg for three or four hours before he was cut free.

Election Act To Be Revised For Speed-Up

VICTORIA (CP) — Streamlining British Columbia's Elections Act, aimed at speeding up the entire election machinery, is being planned by the Social Credit government, it was learned here.

The amending legislation will be introduced at the Legislature opening Feb. 3.

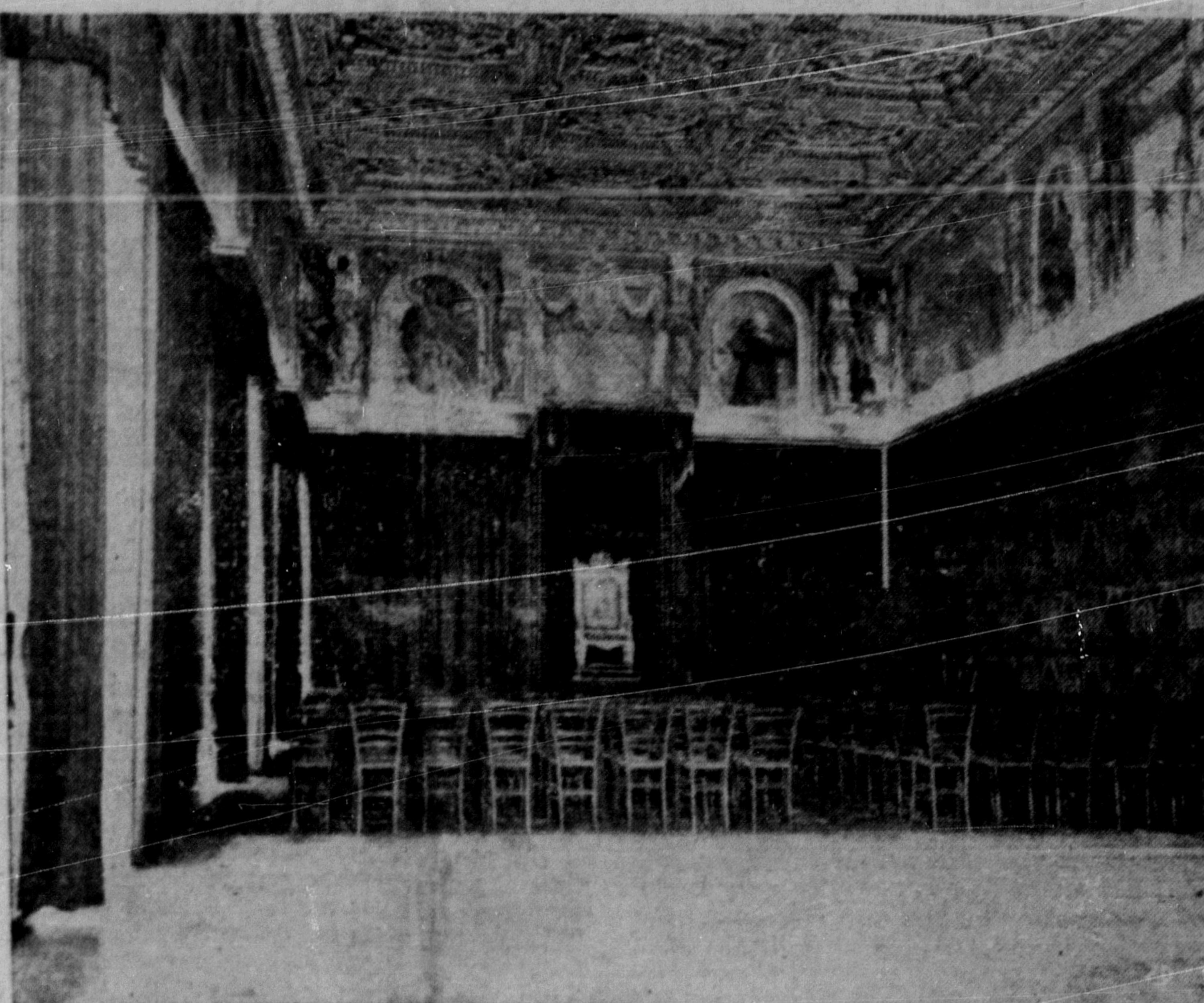
Premier Bennett has not revealed the government's specific plans, but two possibilities loom largely:

Abolition or drastic revamping of the absentee voting system to cut down the three-week waiting period between election day and the day that counting of alternative votes starts.

Reduction in 63-day waiting period now required between calling of an election and polling day.

Reduction of the 63-day waiting period would clear the way for an early election—possibly in May. In an interview in Vancouver Monday, Premier Bennett hinted a general election will be held this spring.

Financial relationships and highways are the government's chief concern, the premier said. British Columbia is not getting what it should in return for rental of its income and corporation tax fields, and is not getting enough federal help on roads, he said.



CONSISTORY HALL in the Vatican where on Jan. 12 Pope Pius XII will name 24 new cardinals to the Sacred College. This will be the first time in at least 200 years the College will have its full quota of 70 cardinals. Included will be Archbishop Paul-Emile Leger of Montreal, the sixth cardinal in the history of the Roman Catholic church in Canada. James Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto also will attend the consistory. In the background in the hall is the pontiff's throne. The ceiling of the hall is gilded with gold brought from America by Columbus. (AP PHOTO)

300 Children Take Over New Skating Rink on Tennis Court

The Park Board officially took over operation of the Rotary Club tennis courts at 7 o'clock last night and declared them open for skating.

Before many minutes passed the ice was covered with children, large and small, and at one time an estimated 300 were enjoying the fun and dances directed

by board chairman Pat Forman and commissioners Bob Eby and Art Murray.

Interest in the skating was shown by several citizens and Karl Andren, a draughtsman for Northwest Construction Company, in particular won the praise and thanks of all for supplying music from his record player.

Andren rigged up a loud-speaker below the window of his apartment in the home adjoining the tennis courts and played a variety of waltzes and other songs for the children for more than three hours.

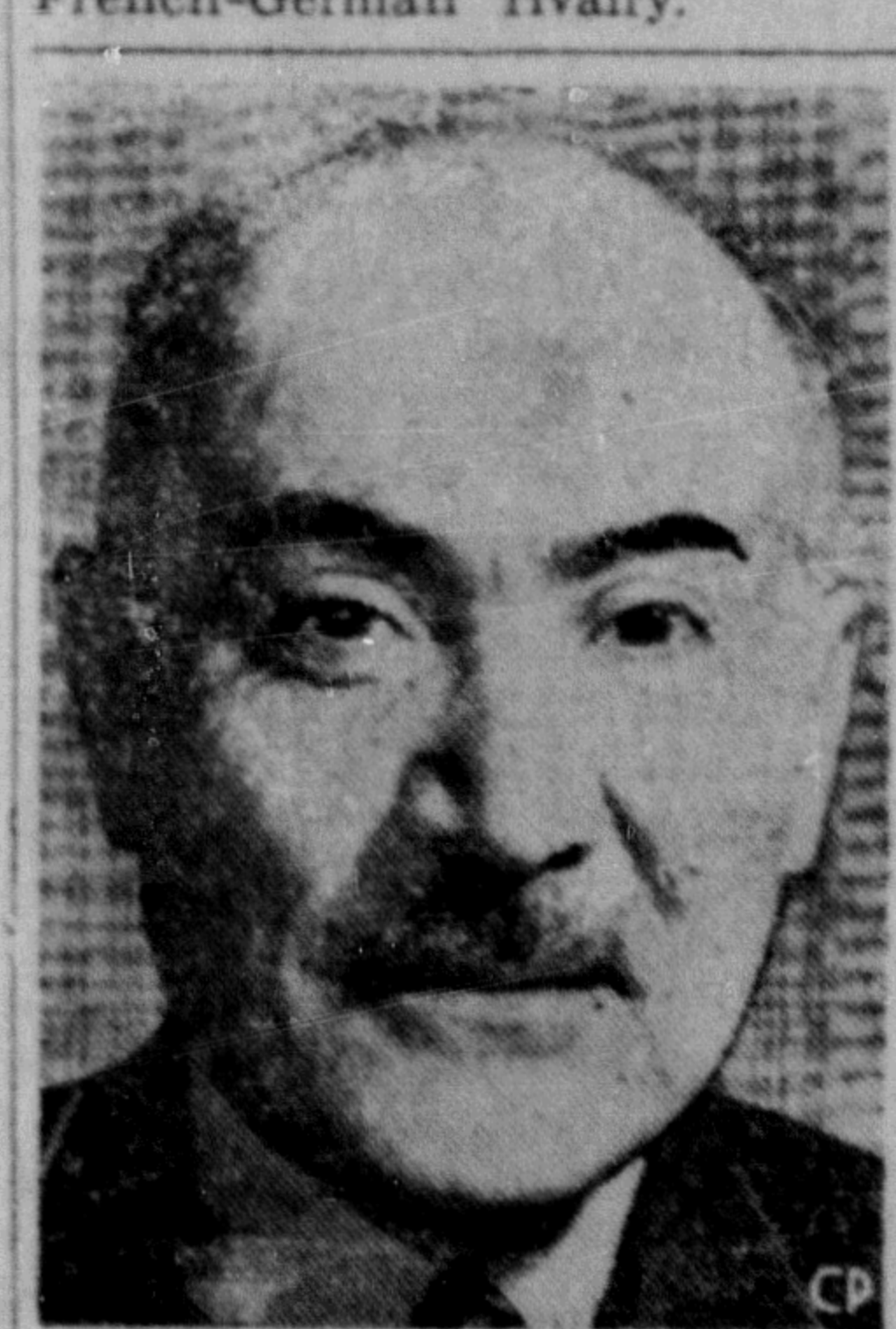
And to administer to anyone hurt, Dan Doswell, personnel manager for Columbia Cellulose Company at Watson Island, offered his place in the same house as a first aid station.

Mel Forbes, manager of Arrow Bus Lines, also came to the rink by dispatching a bus to the rink for children to sit in and keep warm between skating sessions.

Harry Black, president of the Rotary club and several other Rotarians, including Bob McKay, Earl Gordon and Mel Hill were on hand to dedicate the tennis courts, constructed by the club last year as another of its projects.

In accepting the courts on behalf of the Park Board, Mr. Forman thanked the Rotary Club for their interest in the children.

After skating concluded about 10:30 p.m., Fire Chief Earl Becker and his men went to the rink and sprayed more water on the ice to thicken the area for skating this afternoon and evening.



CAVAT USTUN is the new Turkish ambassador to Canada. He presented his credentials to Chief Justice Thibault Rinfret, deputy governor-general, at a ceremony in the Supreme Court building.

France Drops Robert Schuman From Newly Formed Cabinet

PARIS. — France has dropped veteran Foreign Minister Robert Schuman from the cabinet and is headed for a slow-down in European rearmament.

The new cabinet, with former Premier Georges Bidault as Foreign Minister, was announced by Premier Rene Mayer Thursday, a little more than 24 hours after Mayer had won approval from the National Assembly 389 to 204 votes.

Himself a tough finance man, Mayer succeeds Antoine Pinay, who resigned Dec. 23 when his parliamentary majority melted away as he tried to press through his budget.

Dropping of Schuman from the cabinet had an immediate repercussion in Germany. There he was considered the French-

man most likely to develop collaboration between France and Germany in a new post-war peace policy.

Despite the sharp conflicts over troublesome question of Saar coal-and-iron pocket, Schuman and Konrad Adenauer, West German chancellor, had lent massive support to one another in their efforts to end age-old French-German rivalry.

B.C. To Seek Conference With Ottawa

VICTORIA. — Premier Bennett said Thursday his Social Credit government will seek a conference at Ottawa to discuss the whole field of Provincial-Dominion affairs.

Financial relationships and highways are the government's chief concern, the premier said. British Columbia is not getting what it should in return for rental of its income and corporation tax fields, and is not getting enough federal help on roads, he said.

Premier Bennett said the federal government is taking huge sums from B.C.'s vast post-war industrial expansion, but is leaving the provincial government to bear the main burden in meeting the demand for roads and other services created by that expansion.

Three B.C. Men Given Life Term

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (CP) — Three British Columbia Indian migratory workers received life imprisonment sentences Wednesday for stabbing and beating to death Pete Johnson, a 51-year-old watchman here last Aug. 7.

Trains, Planes Hit By Worst Weather

While temperatures continued low in Prince Rupert last night, the worst storm of the winter struck lower British Columbia forcing cancellation this morning of all eastbound CNR trains and halting the CPR's transcontinental eastbound train in the Fraser Canyon.

Hospital Men Charged With Playing Politics

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bennett said Thursday some members of the B.C. Hospitals Association appear to be playing politics.

The premier said the government believed a great majority of hospital administrators were co-operative in trying to meet the government's economy move in keeping costs per patient day down to last year's levels.

"But it appears from press reports there are one or two who would like to play politics."

Bennett denied the government intended to set up hospital districts and a new form of taxation to help finance the hospital scheme.

He also said the government was not trying to freeze wage levels of hospital employees.

Snowslides blocked many sections and in several towns cut off electric power.

Residents in Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope districts were blacked out for more than three hours last night and today West Vancouver suffered a shortage.

While snow has not affected road or rail travel in the city, no planes have arrived or left Prince Rupert since last Tuesday due to rugged flying weather along the entire B.C. coast.

The temperature in Rupert last night dropped to 7½ degrees above zero and at press time today was around 13 above with light snow falling over the entire district.

Steamship travel was not seriously affected although the Prince Rupert arrived from Ketchikan late yesterday covered with ice and many dishes and glasses broken following a battle with a 60-mile-an-hour gale on the southbound trip. She left here on time last night for Vancouver.

Forecast is for snowflurries tonight with little change in temperature.

Labor Likely To Boycott Part-Time LRB

VICTORIA. — Labor boycott of the B.C. government's part-time Labor Relations Board looms as a possibility.

Terms of the present board members expire Jan. 12 and Labor Minister Lyle Wicks has announced the full-time board will be abolished after that date and replaced by a part-time board.

Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council delegates approved the action of the executive in refusing to nominate a labor representative to the board.

Secretary Percy Raymond said: "No labor representative with the necessary experience can be expected to take a part-time job. When a full-time Labor Relations Board is restored, we shall be glad to co-operate."

Mrs. Pitre Dies For Bombing

MONTREAL. — Mrs. Arthur Pitre was hanged at Bordeaux jail Friday for the murder of Mrs. Rita Morel Guay—one of 23 persons killed in the time-bombing of an airliner Sept. 9, 1949.

The 43-year-old widow dropped through the trap at 12:35 a.m. and was pronounced dead 15 minutes later.

Mrs. Pitre was the third person hanged in connection with the plane bombing—product of a triangle romance.

Relief Phone Board Hoisted Into Office

First move in construction of a new telephone system in Prince Rupert took place yesterday morning when workmen hoisted a three-ton relief switchboard into the office at the city hall.

The huge seven-foot board was lifted by a giant Columbia Cellulose Company crane through a second-storey window and will be installed by men from the Canadian (B.C.) Telephone and Supply Company of Vancouver in the present telephone office.

Eric Janes, superintendent of the system here, said the job will take from two weeks to a month to complete and will make available between 300 and 400 additional telephones in this city.

The board will be kept until the \$875,000 modern automatic system is completed in 1955 in the

old Government Liquor Store building at the corner of Third Avenue and Second Street.

Meanwhile, A.C. (Andy) Peterson, supervisor of the outside plant, arrived here aboard the Prince Rupert yesterday to begin checking details and prepare for the start of construction.

Materials and equipment have been ordered and work is expected to start as soon as it arrives. More than 200 new poles will be erected. The city of Prince Rupert has undertaken to do the outside plant work at a cost of \$145,113.84.

Automatic Electric Company of Canada was awarded the contract to install the inside plant and now are building the special equipment at Brockville, Ont. Officials say it will take about 16 months to build the system.