

NEW HOTEL FOR PRINCE RUPERT ANNOUNCED

Railway Freight Hike Authorized by Board

General Increase of 4 1/2 Per Cent Approved

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—The Board of Transport Commissioners today authorized a general increase of 4 1/2 per cent in railway freight rates. In a final decision on the long standing railway application for rate increases, the board awarded the carriers slightly less than half of the 10 per cent they were asking.

The new rates, it is estimated, will yield a gross addition of \$3,400,000 to the annual revenue of the Canadian Pacific Railway, yardstick line for rate making.

Increase in the Canadian National freight rate bill will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000 a year.

The new rates will go into effect in this way:

The interim 12 per cent increase awarded last July is rescinded and a 17 per cent increase over the pre-July rates is authorized.

That has the effect of hoisting the present rates by almost 4 1/2 per cent.

Seventeen per cent compares with a total of 22 per cent which was the aggregate of two increases sought by the railways in their applications.

For the first time in post-war rate increases, the board set a specific time for the duration of the new rates. They are to run only until August 31, 1953. Several exceptions to the 4 1/2 per cent increase are also ordered.

There are to be no increases on coal, coke and potatoes, and ceiling limitations are put on increases on sand and gravel, crushed stone and fuel wood.

Winter Is Raising Up

On Move Again

Now Storm—Crisis Ends

The first time this week, Canadian National trains moved out of Prince Rupert today night. A rotary plow cleared the line after swirling drifts kept it closed for more than 24 hours.

A southbound train was able to leave at 8 p.m. and a westbound at 10 p.m.

Strong winds, which have been almost constantly down since Tuesday, subsided Thursday afternoon.

Among those held up by the conditions was F. H. Keefe, general manager, western railway, who came in on a snow plow. He had been in the Skeena Valley since Tuesday, unable to get through and unable to personally observe the situation against the snows.

After milder weather during the day, definite improvement was reported in the city water situation and at 10 a.m. there was six feet of water in the reservoir, which was still rising. The situation was also reported with the Northern B.C. power Co.'s plant at Falls River, which is drawing on Woodworth Lake.

There was also no longer the danger of keeping taps running to prevent pipes from freezing.

Mr. H. S. Whalen emphasized that there was no reason why residents should relax too much their conservation.

On the second day in a row, trains were unable to operate from Vancouver and Prince Rupert owing to poor visibility and conditions at both ends.

There has been no first class mail since the two coast cities in the last two days. Grounded passengers have been taking to the streets. Flights were to be resumed this afternoon.

Restrictions on Loans Retained

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Canadian chartered banks have agreed to retain the restrictions on granting loans which have been in effect since January 1, 1951.

The agreement was announced by Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, who acknowledged the assistance of the banks in their fight against inflation.

Coalition Is Not Broken

J. D. McRae, M.L.A., Discusses B.C. Political Situation

Coalition government has not yet broken up and the present British Columbia government is not Liberal, Jack McRae, M.L.A. of Prince Rupert, told the Rotary luncheon Thursday.

But an election "will very likely" follow the session of the Legislature which begins February 19.

Mr. McRae said the Premier would not break up Coalition unless such a move was endorsed by a general party convention. If the Coalition government resigned, Premier Johnson would then also have to resign and a new government formed by the majority party—which is Liberal.

Present seating in the Legislature is as follows: 23 Liberals, 11 Conservatives, eight CCF, three Coalition, one Labor and two Independents, giving the opposition to the Conservatives.

The present government could carry on for "quite a while" yet, said Mr. McRae. This was his personal opinion but he believed it would be "good political philosophy" to have an election at an early date.

Mr. McRae traced the history of the Coalition government which he called "an unholy wedlock" and was not meant as a permanent arrangement.

"In the past both parties—Liberals and Conservatives—tried to find policies on which they could break."

"I myself would hesitate to say what kind of legislation would have been passed by the former government."

The Legislative member assured his listeners that alternative voting would definitely be used at the coming election. "I think it is a very fair voting system."

Alternative voting, approved officially for the next election, will give electors opportunity to vote for all candidates on the ballot, in order of preference. Winning candidate must have 50 per cent majority. Failing this, lowest-polling candidate is dropped and "second choices" counted.

The new cars will be built by the Canadian Car & Foundry Limited for delivery in March, 1953. Their main feature lies in their capacity to serve as three cars in one. They can be operated as gondolas with sliding unloading, or, by opening trap doors in the floors and moving the ends in, they can be used as hopper cars. Again, when the ends are turned down, the cars can be operated as drop end gondolas for transporting such loads as telephone poles, lumber and structural steel. Delivery of this order will increase the CNR's roster of these cars to more than 1500.

Full Session May Be Held

VICTORIA—The new British Columbia cabinet is reported to be contemplating a full length session of the Legislature next month instead of a brief one with an election ensuing soon thereafter as had been originally suggested.

Important legislation would be presented for action instead of being deferred.

A meeting of the new cabinet will be held soon to consider strategy.

Civic Centre Heads



DR. R. G. LARGE



W. F. STONE

Dr. Large Re-elected

W. F. Stone Vice-President Of Civic Centre

Re-elected last night to head the Civic Centre Association, Dr. R. G. Large remains as president for another term. Board meeting following the annual general meeting of the association, also elected the following officers:

Vice-President—W. F. Stone Secretary—Mrs. Irene Parent Treasurer—Don Forward Executive—T. Norton Youngs, W. D. Lambie, George Viereck, Miss H. Silversides, S. P. Woodside and Dr. J. D. Galbraith.

Four directors elected by the general meeting were Mrs. Parent, M. Lambie, W. J. Scott and Mr. Stone.

Banquet for Robert Burns

Impressive addresses — "The Immortal Memory" by J. A. Frew and "Bonnie Scotland" by R. G. Moore — featured the annual Robert Burns anniversary banquet of the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church which drew an attendance of 200 to the church parlors last night.

Fine farin' was provided by the ladies after which an acceptable program was presented with Rev. D. E. A. Wright, the pastor, presiding and welcoming the guests.

There was the traditional piping in of the Haggis born aloft by Capt. Harry Calderwood with W. McKay as piper and Alex Haig giving the address to the luscious dish.

In addition to the principal address of the evening, a toast to "The Lassies" was proposed by Alex Mitchell. Mrs. Cuthill responded and both speakers were in fine form.

The musical program included the vocal solo, "Road to the Isles," by W. D. Smith which was heartily applauded. Instrumental selections by John Currie, D. R. Barclay, H. Tattersall and Mrs. E. J. Smith were also very acceptable.

Community singing was also entered into with enthusiasm. Mrs. E. J. Smith was accompanist for the evening.

There was an undertone of sadness in view of the recent tragic death of J. A. Teng, long a prominent worker of the church. He was to have taken in a vocal quartette on the program.

Pilot's Body Recovered

Two more bodies—those of the pilot, John Pfaffinger of Kent, Washington, and an unidentified soldier—have been washed up on the beach near Sandspit, Queen Charlotte Islands, following the crash of a Korean air lift plane there early last Saturday morning.

This leaves 22 bodies still missing. Fourteen have so far been recovered. Seven survived the crash.

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers are keeping a constant patrol of the beach with a view to recovering bodies as they are washed ashore.

The sea is running too rough on the long spit to permit of dragging operations being carried out, police state.

As the bodies are recovered, they are viewed by a general jury and released for transport by United States Air Force to McChord Field.

Police officers discount a statement of a beam trawl fisherman in the Daily News yesterday that a drag net might have been able to pull bodies out while the sea was calm for a few hours on the morning after the crash. That suggestion had been made, it is said, to some fishermen who felt that the bottom was too rough with large boulders for such an operation.

Funeral of Mrs. Scherk

Funeral of Mrs. Harriet Scherk, 78, pioneer city resident, who died in Vancouver Saturday, was held yesterday at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Prince Rupert. Rev. C. Fawcett conducted the ceremony.

Soloist Mrs. Lillian Beck sang "Good Morning Up There," followed by Rev. Fawcett's sermon. Pallbearers were Victor Nyseth, Martin Sladset, Leonard Dixon, Charlie Crego, J. Wilkie and John Linney.

Interment was in the family plot at Fairview Cemetery.

Ten MIG's Shot Down

SEOUL (CP)—American Sabre jet pilots today shot down ten Communist jets over North Korea in one of the biggest air battles taken in the Korean war.

One other MIG was probably destroyed. At least three other Red planes were damaged.

New snow covered quiet ground fronts.

French Land In Tunisia

TUNIS (CP)—France today landed fresh troops in strifed Tunisia to fight the nationalist uprising in which nearly 50 persons have been killed and hundreds injured in the last 10 days.

The French cruiser George Leygues has landed reinforcements at the north African port of Bizerte.

Parliament to Open Feb. 28

OTTAWA (CP)—The prime minister, Rt. Hon. L. S. St. Laurent announced today that parliament will open Thursday, February 28.

A minimum guaranteed price to farmers is expected to be retained. At Victoria, Minister of Agriculture said it was the first he had heard of a decision to discontinue milk price control.

Meanwhile Vancouver milk distributors have dropped an application for a price increase and "skip a day" deliveries.

Death Takes Polly Moran

LOS ANGELES (CP)—Polly Moran, 68, famed movie team-mate of the late Marie Dressler, died of a heart ailment in hospital today. She entered the films in 1919 as a Mack Sennett bathing girl.

Another ship with sulphur for Columbia Cellulose at Watson Island is reported due early next month.

Modern Hostelry on Ranch Style Lines; Cost Put at \$275,000

One of the province's most modern hotels is to be built in Prince Rupert this spring, a leading local business man announced today. Plans for the 76-room, \$275,000 building were disclosed by G. D. Frizzell in a Daily News interview.

Mr. Frizzell said he had for nearly a year planned on such a building and had interested five other associates who are due to arrive here March 29 to confirm one of three sites chosen for the building.

Architects drawings show the hotel as 200 by 100 feet, of ranch-style construction with two wings. All rooms will be complete with bath and plans include 12 "deluxe" suites, dining room, beverage room, a lounge, auditorium and parking area off the street to accommodate 50 cars.

All rooms are to be on one floor. Mr. Frizzell said rooms would be "moderately priced" to conform with general rates. Decision of the site would take place within a few days of arrival of his associates.

"Tenders will be called almost immediately and local firms will have a chance to bid," he said.

"Such a building here has been a long felt necessity and I am happy that my plans worked out."

Construction would likely begin in May, he said.

French Grain Vessel Here

Motorship Jean L.D. in Port To Load Full Cargo for Japan

Fourteen days out of Yokohama, Japan, where she had discharged a cargo of Canadian wheat, the French motorship freighter Jean L.D. is in Prince Rupert today to load another such cargo from the local elevator.

The Jean L.D. was off Triple Island at 3 o'clock this morning and was picked up there by pilot, Capt. S. Hunter, who brought her into the harbor by daybreak. The vessel tied up at the Imperial Oil Co. dock to take on fuel before moving down to the elevator this afternoon to start loading. She is already lined and should be able to get away by Monday.

Capt. J. Batas is master of the Jean L.D. and he has a crew of forty-one.

Crossing of the Pacific was uneventful except for very rough weather two days out of this port which held the vessel up a full day.

The vessel is registered from Dunkerque, France, and was built fifteen years ago.

G. W. Nickerson Ltd. are local agents.

Another grain ship is reported to be due here next week but there is no confirmation.

Milk Price Control to Be Dropped

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver Province says that the British Columbia Milk Board has decided to abandon all retail milk price controls as from February 1. Lower prices in retail stores are expected to be an immediate result.

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TIDES

Saturday, January 26, 1952		
High	1:08	19.7 feet
	12:48	23.1 feet
Low	6:48	7.0 feet
	10:27	0.5 feet

Satellites Admitted

Soviet "Package Deal" Approved by UN Committee

PARIS (CP)—Over vigorous American objections, the United Nations political committee today approved Russia's "package deal" calling on the Security Council to admit five Soviet satellites and nine other countries to the United Nations.

It was the first time in United Nations history the political committee, which includes all 60 United Nations members, has adopted a major Soviet resolution actively opposed by the United States.

The Soviet sponsored admission of Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania, and the countries sponsored by western delegates included the republic of Ireland, Portugal and Italy.

Bloodiest Fight Yet

Fifty Egyptians and Three British Soldiers Killed

ISMAILIA (CP)—British troops, tanks and armored cars, firing at point blank range today, smashed a suicidal defence by armed Egyptian police reserves in a six-hour battle in which at least fifty Egyptians were killed.

Three British soldiers died in what was described as the bloodiest fighting yet seen in the Suez canal zone.

In addition there were unofficial reports of a thousand Egyptian police having been captured by British troops. Many others were injured.

British warships are reported to have been ordered from Malta to Suez.

WEATHER

Synopsis

Temperatures in the thirties and low forties are expected to persist over the British Columbia coast for the next couple of days. The moist air from the Pacific which is giving this mild weather will gradually feed into the interior valleys and temperatures in those regions will rise slowly today and tomorrow.

Skies will remain cloudy for today and tomorrow with some light rain or drizzle along the coast and snow flurries in the interior.

Forecast

North coast region — Cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—light today and southeasterly (25) tomorrow. Lows tonight and high tomorrow—Port Hardy and Sandspit, 35 and 40; Prince Rupert, 32 and 38.



TO BUILD HOTEL

Douglas Frizzell

Winter Hits, Driving Bad

TELKWA—Winter's icy breath has been felt along this northern line from Prince George west. Over the week-end a motorist found the roads drifted and icy in spots. Driving is precarious in places.

One truck, failing to make the turn at a bad spot, went off the road and was left stranded, snow piling up around the wheels.

Another car careened off the highway into the side of the bank and remained embedded in the deep snow. Apparently the driver was unable to move the vehicle.

Further west a car making the turn at the south approach to the Telkwa bridge nose-dived into the bank and was left stranded and, just below the Bulkley Valley hill, east of Smithers bridge, a car left the road and came to a stop against a telephone pole. No one was reported injured.

Australia Hit by Fires

SYDNEY (CP)—Millions of dollars worth of cattle are being burned to death in fires crackling across the scorched country of New South Wales, while Sydney sweaters in 105 degrees, the highest temperature for a decade.

By midday, fires had burned down 45 houses in the state, including several in Sydney's outer suburbs.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER		TORONTO	
American Standard	26	Athlona	69
Bralorne	6.00	Aumaque	23
B.R.X.	63	Beattie	19
Cariboo Quartz	1.20	Beycourt	72
Congress	67	Buffalo Canadian	18
Cronin Babine	55	Consol. Smelters	198.00
Giant Mascot	97	Conwest	3.80
Indian Mines	22 1/2	Donalda	46
Pend Oreille	8.50	Eldona	19
Pioneer	1.90	East Sullivan	9.00
Premier Border	33	Giant Yellowknife	11.50
Privatier	68 1/2	God's Lake	37
Sheep Creek	1.68	Hardrock	11 1/2
Silbak Premier	62	Harricana	15 1/2
Taku River	66	Hera	10
Vananda	18	Joliet Quebec	47
Salmon Gold	64	Little Long Lac	68
Spud Valley	19	Lynx	12
Silver Standard	2.42	Madsen Red Lake	1.95
Western Uranium	3.15	McKenzie Red Lake	41
		McLeod Cockshutt	2.75
		Moneta	36
		Negus	66
		Noranda	81.25
		Louvicourt	26
		Pickie Crow	1.55
		San Antonio	2.52
		Senator Rouny	18
		Sherritt Gordon	4.45
		Steep Rock	7.05
		Silver Miller	1.56

Vincent Massey Named New Governor-General

LONDON (Canadian Press)—Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, chancellor of the University of Toronto and former Canadian High Commissioner in London, is to succeed Lord Alexander as Governor General of Canada, an official announcement said last night. The announcement was made from Buckingham Palace here and at the same time by Prime Minister St. Laurent in Ottawa.

Lord Alexander, the announcement said, is to assume other responsibilities. It is reported that he is to become defence minister in the British government.

Mr. Massey is at present in the United Kingdom.

Viscount Alexander is expected to leave Canada almost immediately.

Between the time of Viscount Alexander's departure and Mr. Massey's return, Chief Justice Thibodeau Rinfret of the Supreme Court of Canada will carry on the vice-regal functions.

Viscount Alexander's term of office expires next Monday. When Mr. Massey will assume office was not definitely known today.

Bulldozers Dig Out Crete Ruins

KNOSSOS, Crete.—Bulldozers

levelling a building site near the ancient palace of Minos, at Knossos, have uncovered tombs containing 3500-year-old Minoan spears and daggers in perfect preservation, comprising the most important discovery at Knossos since before World War II.

Discoveries included several bronze spear heads, swords, daggers, pieces of a bronze helmet, and vases and pottery.