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Tenders For Southern Extension Of PGE To Be Called In 30 Days

Only Slight Changes Needed Says Bennett

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett announced Tuesday the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will call for tenders for the Squamish-Vancouver extension within 30 days.

In a press-conference the premier, president of the government-owned line, said tenders for construction of a bridge over the Capilano river will be called within a week.

Tenders for the line from Whytecliff in West Vancouver to Squamish will be called at the end of this month. Only minor reconstruction work is needed on the existing road bed from West to North Vancouver.

The premier also said he expects the federal government to pay half the cost of extending the railway.

He said Attorney-General Robert Bonner asked for 50 per cent of construction costs when he was in Ottawa early last month. The request was followed with a written request from Premier Bennett. The latter was officially acknowledged by Prime Minister St. Laurent. "I am confident the federal government will pay half the cost of extending the PGE," the premier said. "The federal cabinet now is studying our request."

The recent session of the legislature granted the PGE borrowing powers of \$30,000,000 for extension of the railway.

Cost of the southern extension is estimated in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. The northern extension from Prince George to the Peace River country is estimated at \$50,000,000.

Engineers now are correlating construction plans for the southern extension and the Howe Sound Squamish-Vancouver highway which will run near the rails for a large portion of the route.

Railways Minister Ralph Chet.

B.C. Residents Miss Out In Big Sweep

Eight Canadians will share a total of \$532,000 winnings on the 175th derby run today at Epsom Downs, England, won by the American-owned Never Say Die.

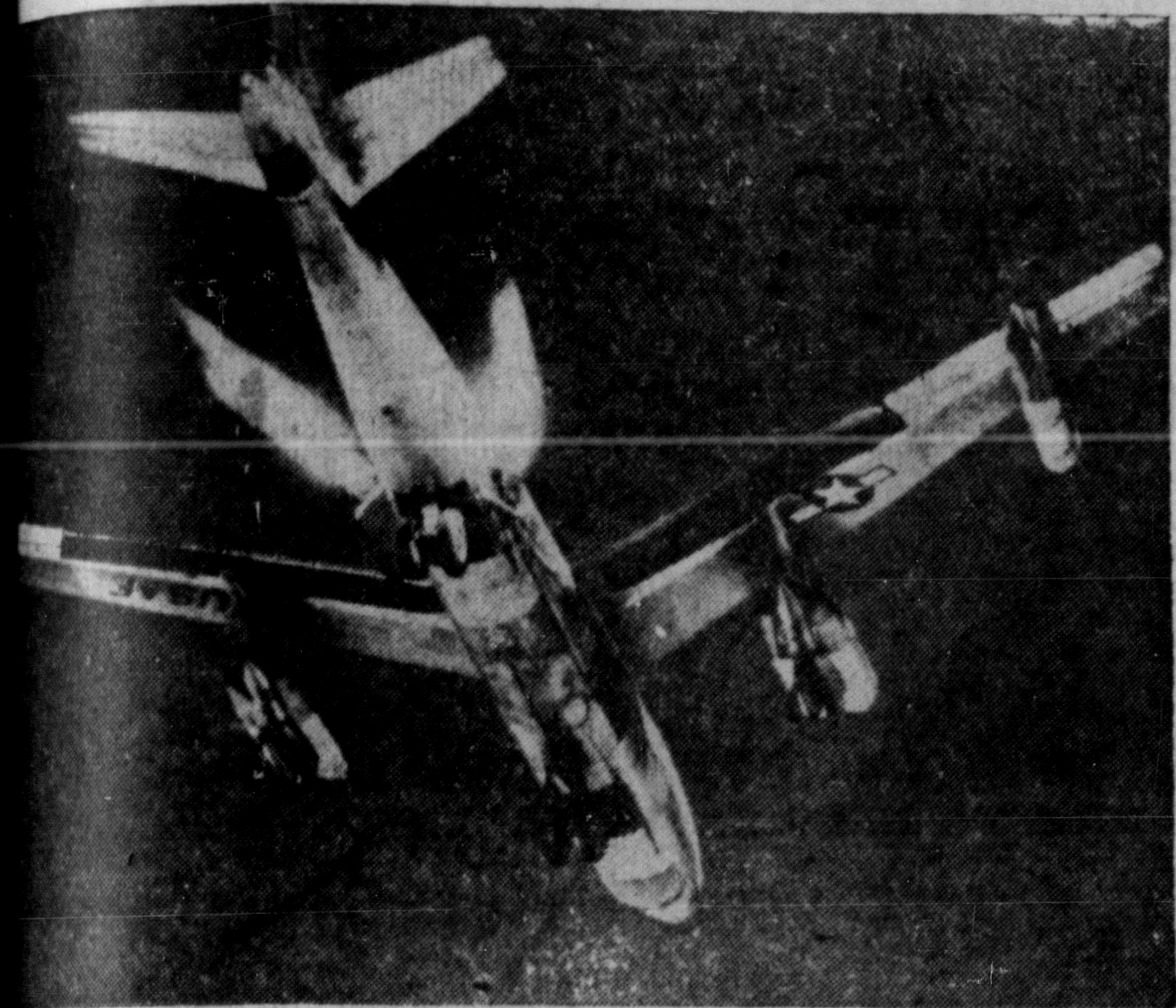
The eight Canadians won on the first three horses, two from Ontario and Quebec, collecting \$140,000 each.

No British Columbian were in the top money but Gordon H. Rockwell, Smithers CNR trackman, will collect \$2,000 for his ticket on Cloonroughan, despite the horse's failure to run in the money.

Arabian Night was judged second in the race and Darius third, when photo was examined. Twenty-two colts, including Canadian-owned Blue Sail which finished tenth, took part in the 1 1/2-mile classic.

The Queen's horse, Landau, finished out of the money. Blue Sail, owned by publisher Max Bell and Frank McMahon of Calgary, was ridden by Johnny Longden.

The winner's time was 3:35.4, well off the record.



SPECTACULAR take-off performance by a Boeing B-46-B shows the plane zooming up with the help of a high-thrust liquid-propelled rocket installation. The unit, developed for the U.S. Air Force by the Aerojet-General Corporation, provides added power permitting heavier payloads, increased range, shorter runways, or a combination of the new power plant is a dual installation contained within the fuselage. When not in use the extended parts retract, leaving the aircraft in a "clean" condition.

First Cargo Of Alumina At Kitimat

KITIMAT, B.C. (CP)—A milestone in the giant Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd. development here was reached Tuesday with the arrival of the first deepsea freighter bearing a cargo of alumina from Jamaica.

The freighter Sun Karen delivered 11,000 tons of the processed bauxite which is used in the production of aluminum.

The cargo was unloaded by automatic conveyors into a storage building where it will be available to the smelter which is scheduled to begin operations by the end of July.

Capt. Trygve Waalaman made the trip to the almost completed Alcan smelter in 16 days.

When fully constructed, the \$550,000,000 plant, the world's largest, will require 100 such shiploads of alumina annually.

Meanwhile, finishing touches are being put to the generating equipment in the cavernous underground powerhouse hewed out of a mountain at nearby Kemano.

Helicopter-supplied crews are stringing a second circuit on the transmission towers through Kidlala pass where winter conditions brought work to a close last year after the laying of one circuit.



ARTHUR LAING (left) MLA and B.C. Liberal leader was scheduled to arrive today aboard the Prince Rupert for a series of meetings. He was to speak to a Gyro dinner meeting at noon today but missed the meeting due to delay in the boat's arrival. The Rupert was not expected in until 4:15 p.m. A. Bruce Brown, MLA (right) will join Mr. Laing in speaking to a public meeting tonight and travel east to Prince George with the Liberal chief.

School Attendance Areas Re-Arranged by Trustees

The problem of school population and staff requirements brought a proposed change in school attendance areas in the city at last night's meeting of District 52 school trustees.

The board planned to have Conrad Street School area Grade 6 students attend Conrad school next fall, instead of moving to King Edward School as has been the practice in recent years.

It was also decided to change the boundary between King Edward and Borden Street schools, moving it one or two blocks west to relieve congestion at Borden Street, King Edward, with a Grade 6 class removed to Conrad, would have more room for students in other grades.

The two-room addition now under construction at Conrad would provide ample room for a Grade 6 class.

NO BIG INCREASE
No great increase is expected in school population. Last September approximately 1,866 pupils were enrolled in various district schools. Tentative estimates from the various school principals for next September's enrollment give a total of about 1,934.

The board planned to place one extra teacher at Booth Memorial High School for a total of 29 teachers to handle the expected 671 students. Eleven teachers were planned for Conrad school's 382 students; five teachers for Port Edward's 148; one more for a total of two teachers for Port Essington's 32 youngsters.

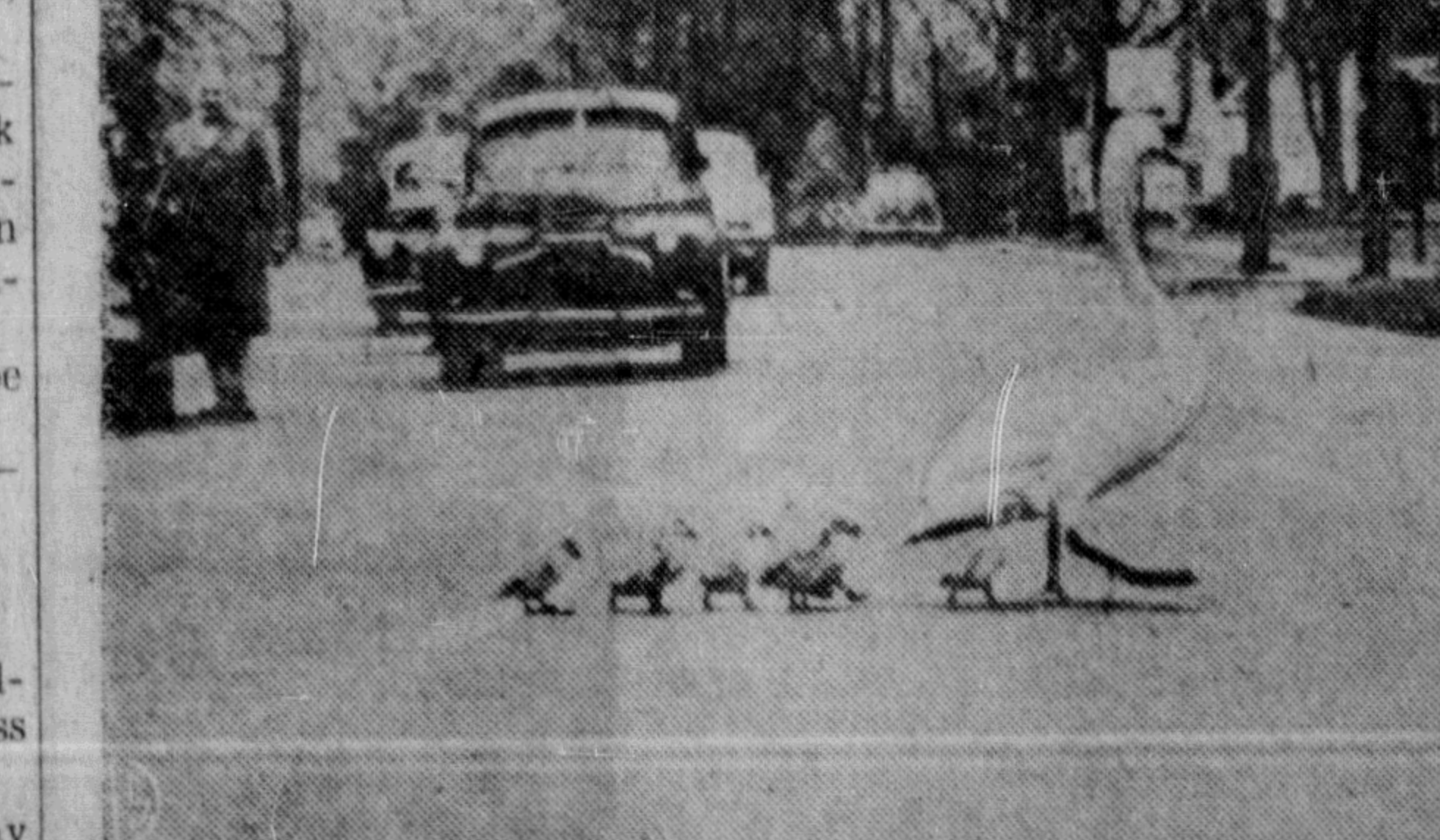
No additional staff was planned for other schools, and the Inverness school may be closed entirely, depending on the number of children enrolling. If there are 8 students, a teacher will be sought.

APPOINTMENTS MADE
The board reported appointment of John Steele, teacher at Port Essington for the past two years, as principal of the new Harry Robbins of Nelson Brothers. The company, which has rented the old building to the board for school purposes, needs it for its own use.

It was noted that many of the old desks and other equipment in the school were property of the Indian department, loaned to the board for the school. However, a letter from Indian Superintendent F. E. Anfield, thanking the board for its co-operation over the years, offered the board use of the equipment for as long as it wished.

Some of the desks, still usable, will be transferred to other district schools.

VANCOUVER —The Seattle-based halibut schooner Yakutat was driven on a reef in Seymour Narrows early today but the seven-man crew escaped injury and were taken off by a Vancouver tug. Later the Yakutat was pulled off the rocks and started for Seattle under her own power.



HAVING DEALT FIRMLY with those "pesky human motorists" by stopping all traffic on Montauk Highway, Long Island, Papa Swan leads Mama and seven cygnets across the road. The long-necked creatures were on their usual Sunday stroll, waddling in single file.

Crew of Prosperity A Rest Up After Sinking Ordeal

The captain and crew got off in the dory, leaving behind all their gear except a few personal belongings.

"We rowed for about an hour," the captain said, "until we got to the Bate Pass. We could see her lights and rowed towards them."

The men dried their clothes on the Bate Pass and after being left at the Co-Op camp at Langara waited for the QCA plane to pick them up. It was delayed until nearly 5 o'clock last night

due to the roughness of the water at Langara where the plane has to land on the open sea.

Loss of the Prosperity A was quite a blow to Capt. Christiansen, although the vessel was insured. He doubted if it could be salvaged due to the heavy cost of obtaining equipment. Adding to the weight of the sunken boat, now lying in six fathoms of water were 16,000 pounds of halibut.

PRICES CONTINUE CLIMB AS U.S. BOAT PAID 18.5

Prices at the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange continued to climb today as the season's top price of 18.5 cents was paid by Atlin Fisheries for medium and large fish brought in by the U.S. vessel Howard B.

The Howard B landed 26,500 pounds, of which 19,500 pounds were mediums and 4,500 large. The 2,500 pounds of chicken sold at a price of 16 cents.

No boats unloaded at the Co-Op this morning but the Covenant which came in yesterday afternoon reported a catch of 28,000 pounds.

Prices last year at this time averaged 17.5 cents.

Visitor Seeks Purse Lost Near City Hall

A Vancouver woman, holidaying in Prince Rupert, today appealed for the return of her purse which she lost last night on Fulton Street near City Hall.

The visitor, who preferred to remain anonymous, said she is badly handicapped without her eye glasses, which were in the handbag. The purse also contained important papers and about \$85 in cash.

She has been told that someone was seen picking the purse up, and so is appealing to that person to return the purse to the police office or to 621A Sixth Avenue West, phone Red 448. A reward is offered.

Mrs. Ferguson Dies Aged 71

Jeaf Lumsden Ferguson, 71, wife of Arthur E. Ferguson, co-owner of B.C. Undertakers died this morning at 10:30 in Prince Rupert General Hospital after a week's illness.

Mrs. Ferguson came to Prince Rupert eight years ago from the Crownsnest district where she was a Past Worthy Matron of the Minerva Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Born in Sydney, Australia, her family moved to Rutherglen, Scotland when she was a girl. She came to Calgary in 1910 and married in 1914, living in Fernie, B.C. and Blairmore, Alta., before coming here.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Hugh and Jack in Prince Rupert, David in Saskatoon and Donald in Dawson Creek as well as five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Obtaining Benefits Illegally Results in Fines, Remand

Three persons pleaded guilty this morning in police court to obtaining unemployment insurance benefits while working and two were fined while the other case was held over until Friday for sentence.

Ernest Ratchford, who is charged with obtaining nearly \$305 in benefits from July last year to January 1954 was remanded until Friday for sentence.

The unemployment insurance Commission charges that Ratchford received the benefits while making \$900 as a beer waiter in Terrace.

Magistrate Vance said that he would like to have more information about Ratchford's insurance book before bringing down sentence.

Ratchford stated that he had not turned in his insurance book because his employer had not asked for it. The Commission claims that it is the responsibility of the employee to hand in his book.

"It's up to the employer to see that the book is stamped," the magistrate asserted.

"However, there's no question of guilt. I would like to see this man's book before I pass judgment," he said.

Failure of a chartered accountant to file an income tax return in time for his client resulted in George A. W. Dibb being fined \$50 and costs.

An adjournment of eight days was granted so that additional information could be brought in on behalf of Marcel Paul Blain and Emil Joseph Blain, charged with failing to file an income tax return in time.

Ship Kills Workers Drydock

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — An explosion early today killed civilian workmen aboard the United States Navy submarine Sirago as she lay in drydock at the Portsmouth naval yard.

A fire-watch duty on the ship was burned by the blast, the condition was described as "critical." Six other civilian workmen on the submarine were injured.

Robert E. Cronin, commander of the shipyard, said the blast was in the submarine's ballast tank, where the two men were spraying a plastic coating.

The submarine did not appear to be damaged, but a thorough check was ordered immediately. A second such disaster to a U.S. Navy vessel in a week, Wednesday an explosion rocked the carrier Bantock off Quonset Point, R.I., killing 100 men.



REMEMBER HER? — Though she was a movie queen in another era, Pola Negri radiates glamor as she arrives in New York from Hollywood. The one-time star is in the East on a business trip.

Mishap Blocks Highway

A derailment of nine Canadian National logging cars between Salvas and Exstew has blocked Highway 16, department of Public Works officials said this afternoon.

No one was hurt in the derailment which saw pulp logs, destined for the Columbia Cellulose Company spilled all across the highway.

Canadian National officials say that it is possible that both the east and westbound trains will be delayed by the mishap.

City Building Down From 1954

Prince Rupert building for the month of May is down \$10,000 as compared to a year ago.

Figures released today by the city building department show that building permits issued for May represent only \$19,135 as compared to \$29,626 for the same period last year.

Only one new dwelling permit was taken out last month and that was for \$3,500. Major improvements in the month past include a \$3,000 addition to a service station, \$5,000 for an ice tower and a \$2,000 cement basement at Seal Cove Circle.

Last year in May \$18,000 represented three permits taken out for new dwellings. Improvements to business houses in the city in May last year to the extent of \$7,800 were made.

WEATHER

North coast region: Southern districts sunny today, cloudy tonight and Thursday.

A little warmer. Light winds. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 40 and 62. Remainder of region cloudy with little change in temperature. A few light showers this morning. Winds southeasterly 20 in exposed areas today, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Thursday at Sandspit and Prince Rupert 45 and 55.