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PROPOSES UNITED STATES ANNEX CANADA

\$19,000,000 Pulp Mill For Quesnel District

Great New Industry for Central B.C. Involves \$16,000,000 Power Plant

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia is to have another multi-million-dollar pulp mill linked with a major hydro-electric development. Plans for a \$35,000,000 development are being drawn up. They call for construction of a \$19,000,000 mill by Western Plywood Company in the Quesnel area of Central British Columbia, a short distance south of Prince George.

The mill will be supplied with power from a project planned by the British Columbia Power Commission at a cost of \$16,000,000.

Western Plywood now has a \$1,500,000 plywood plant outside Quesnel.

The pulp mill will use waste wood from the company's other operations and salvageable timber from its forest leases.

More than 200 workers will find employment in the new mill while other hundreds will find jobs in the woods and on other operations.

The mill, under present plans, will handle 200 tons of bleached sulphite a day.

Construction of the big power project likely will mean that many other industries will locate in the Quesnel district.

Premier Byron Johnson, in a review of B.C.'s vast industrial expansion, said Monday night a great industrial growth is in store for Quesnel and Prince George through the nearly completed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between the two centres.

SENATOR TAFT FEELING COCKY

RICHMOND, Va.—Senator Robert Taft, in the field for the Republican presidential nomination, asked yesterday if he thought he would be able to beat the Virginia state primary against General Eisenhower, expressed confidence that he could beat him anywhere.



AT RIDEAU HALL—Prime Minister Winston Churchill renewed old acquaintances in Ottawa when he arrived for talks with the Canadian government. He was welcomed to Rideau Hall by Governor-General Viscount Alexander and Lady Alexander. There was a warm feeling in the greeting of two of Britain's greatest war lords as they met each other on the steps of the residence of the governor-general, where the British Prime Minister will be a house guest during his stay in Ottawa. CP PHOTO

Fighting To Keep Road Open

Empty Life Boat Found

Gapsized Craft Sighted On Pacific Ocean Near Scene of Pennsylvania Abandoning

VICTORIA—A lifeboat, riding upside down, was sighted far out in the Pacific Ocean northwest of Vancouver Island, yesterday by two American coastguard planes searching for possible survivors from the freighter Pennsylvania which was abandoned a week ago by her crew after she cracked open and started to sink. The life boat was not far from the point where the Pennsylvania is supposed to have left them.

The lifeboat was approximately 600 miles off the Washington coast. An error in computation led to an early report that two of the lifeboat craft had been seen.

With the lifeboat was debris believed to be cargo from the hold of the Pennsylvania which last reported it was "down by the bow" 125 miles to the northwest.

The sighting of the empty drifting lifeboat brought a grim blow to hope that any of the seamen from the missing freighter might survive and a reduction today to the scope of the air and sea rescue operations.

The Pennsylvania's radio sent out several "SOS" appeals and then said its "45 persons aboard" were leaving.

Weather Ship Is Called in

VICTORIA—The weather ship Stonetown is being recalled to port following her search for the lost freighter Pennsylvania to the northwest of Vancouver Island in the Pacific Ocean. The St. Catherines is being sent out to relieve the Stonetown.

Costello Case Disagreement

NEW YORK—After fifteen hours' deliberation, a combined jury of men and women disagreed in the case of Frank Costello, charged with contempt. Although Costello claimed a victory, the district attorney announced another trial would be called for Friday.

Vancouver Has Driving Danger

VANCOUVER—Below freezing temperature on top of an inch and a half of new snow brought hazardous driving conditions to Vancouver today. The snow became packed down, and froze down for an icy surface. More snow is on the way.

Male Heir at Last is Born

CAIRO (CP)—Queen Nariiman, teen-age second wife of Egypt's King Farouk, gave birth today to a son—heir to the throne of the Nile kingdom.

Egypt rejoices for a male heir to the throne had long been awaited.

Labor Asks Resignation

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council, at a special meeting today, called for the resignation of D. K. Penfold, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, for "meddling in trades union affairs."

The council takes exception to a statement made by Mr. Penfold at a hearing of the British Columbia Railway Co. for higher rates, saying there was no excuse for the high rates of wages in Vancouver.

Gen. Simonds At Calgary

CALGARY—Lt. Gen. Guy G. Simonds, Canadian Army chief of staff, arrived here today from Ottawa enroute to Korea on a visit of inspection. He leaves tomorrow for Vancouver.

POW Bombing Unconfirmed

TOKYO—General Matthew Ridgway did not deny today that there might have been bombing by United Nations planes of a Communist prisoner of war camp. If so, however, it was because it was unidentifiable. He could not confirm or deny yet whether there had been such bombing.

Communists claim that twenty prisoners were killed in the bombing.

DIPLOMATS FETTERED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW—Travelling of diplomatic representatives in the Moscow area has been further restricted from 31 to 21 miles radius. If it is desired to travel further, special permit must be obtained.

Japanese Toys Selling Cheap

MELBOURNE—Low priced Japanese toys are selling in Australia on a scale that has hit Australian manufacturers exceedingly hard. The toys from Japanese sources were admitted over strong protests. Retailers report a rush of business.

Truman Seeks Big Tax Hike

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In his annual economic message to Congress today, President Truman called for a budgetary tax increase of nearly 5,000,000,000. He did not detail in what classifications of taxation it was proposed to make increases. He predicted shortages and precarious price problems.

More Fighting In Canal Zone

CAIRO (CP)—British tanks opened fire today against Egyptian snipers at Tel El Kebir in the Suez Canal zone, a British spokesman said. At least five Egyptians were killed.

Between 120 and 160 Egyptian police were taken into custody.

Railway Clear And Wires Up

Railway line was cleared and communication lines were restored this morning after having been plagued by slides and drifting snows in the lower Skeena Valley since the end of the week.

The passenger train, which was due from the East at 10:05 last night, got in at 9:20 this morning.

By the same time Canadian National Telegraphs had a "slow" wire working after having had lines down since late Sunday. Meantime, a big backlog of traffic had accumulated in excess of urgent business which had been handled during the wire breakdown through Digby Island wireless station.

New B.C. Tax Deal

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia will receive an additional \$6,000,000 or \$10,000,000 this year under the Dominion-provincial taxation agreement, Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb announced Tuesday on his return from Ottawa.

In the 1952-53 fiscal year, Mr. Anscomb said British Columbia will receive in between \$41,500,000 and \$42,000,000 compared to \$30,250,000 in 1951-52 for "renting" its tax fields to the federal government.

This is between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 more than the existing agreement would have provided.

Nature of the changes was not disclosed.

Are Graduates Getting Soft?

VANCOUVER—Too many university graduates want white collar jobs, says Dr. H. V. Warren of the University of British Columbia Department of Geology.

In an address to the Kiwanis Club he declared that of 7,000 students, there are only 22 geologists, 16 mining, 15 forest and three agricultural engineers in the final two years of studies. He asked if the young men of the province are too soft, to be thus letting down the challenge of the country's expansion. The industries mentioned are all important, and the number of trained men equipped to give their services does not begin to come up to the demand.

Don Ritchie Library Head

Mrs. George Hill Secretary—Annual Reports Show Increased Activity

A. D. Ritchie was elected chairman of the Prince Rupert Public Library Board at its annual meeting last night, succeeding Mrs. M. M. Roper who has resigned from the board.

New secretary is Mrs. George A. Hill, taking over from Mrs. Basil S. Procter who resigned from the office although continuing on the board.

Other members of the board this year are Mrs. W. S. Kergin, convener of the book committee; Miss May Macdonald, librarian; Mrs. Basil S. Procter, Ald. John Currie and Thomas B. Black.

Annual reports included that of the librarian which showed increase both in membership and book circulation, a healthy augmentation of books on the shelves, setting up of a children's corner and special effort to encourage juvenile reading by holding a school children's essay contest.

The book committee reported an active year. Hope was expressed that the library would go on giving greater service to the community.

List of periodicals for the reading room was approved and the budget for 1952 was drawn up.

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Rescue Crews Reach Train

COLFAX, Calif.—Rescuers, snow plowing through deep drifts, pushed within two miles of a blizzard-trapped train today but are still faced with much work to reach and bring out 222 stranded passengers and crew members.

The passengers have been snowbound since Sunday aboard the Southern Pacific Railway's luxurious City of San Francisco. The train is in Donner Pass, at an altitude of 7,900 feet.

The rescue train still has 1 1/2 miles to go to reach a highway where it will pick up the passengers.

The railway quoted Dr. Lawrence Nelson, who reached the train by dogsled, as reporting that all passengers were able to walk to the highway. He said all of those who were made ill by gas fumes two days ago had recovered.

Cold Snap Near End

Last Night Not So Cold—Southeast Gale Coming

Notwithstanding yesterday's weather forecast which predicted colder temperature last night, the low official reading at Digby Island meteorological station for the night was 11.1, more than a degree higher than the night before which brought 10 above—the lowest so far this winter.

Meantime, clouding skies today and forecast of a southeast gale moving in from the Gulf of Alaska indicated that the current cold snap was ending and would probably blow itself out with more snow—possibly wet—by tonight.

WEATHER

Synopsis

A weather disturbance is developing over the Gulf of Alaska and is expected to move southward over northern British Columbia today and to affect the rest of the province tomorrow.

The cold polar air mass which is covering British Columbia today will be gradually displaced by milder maritime air with a consequent moderating of temperatures tomorrow.

This particular storm will also bring snow to most sections of the province as it moves across.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Clear this morning, becoming cloudy during afternoon. Snow tonight. Cloudy with snow flurries tomorrow. Milder tomorrow. Wind—Light today, southerly (25) tonight; southwest (20) tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, 25 and 35; Sandspit, 25 and 38; Prince Rupert, 25 and 35.

Capt. Carlsen Back in States

NEW YORK—Capt. Kurt Carlsen, skipper hero of the episode of the sinking of the freighter Flying Enterprise, arrived in New York by air today from England enroute to his home for a visit before taking a new command.

The plane in which Carlsen returned to the United States had to turn back to Shannon airport in Ireland yesterday after having been out for an hour and a half when mechanical trouble developed.

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To War on Predators

Special Assistance Being Made Available By Government

A special allotment of funds for predatory animal control in Prince Rupert area has been obtained due to insistence of the Rod and Gun Club here. Arrangements were presented to a club meeting last night by W. Winston Mair, provincial supervisor of predatory animal control.

Mr. Mair, who arrived here Sunday by invitation of the club, told the group of hunters, trappers and anglers that so far no funds had been specifically allotted to Prince Rupert district for predatory control but he was convinced now this was necessary. This year the Cassiar district allotment would be split with Prince Rupert area, he said.

Reports showed that wolves and cougar were fast increasing in Terrace, Gardner Canal area and on coastal islands. In view of this, the following arrangements will be made:

- 1. A part time predatory animal hunter will be stationed here.
- 2. A trained hunter will be sent to the Terrace district within a few weeks.
- 3. A two-week survey of the coast and Gardner Canal area will be undertaken by Mr. Mair and an assistant with Game Warden Ed Martin in March.

POISON PERMITS

Permits by trappers to use poison on trap lines also had been made readily available, said Mr. Mair. Formerly, only he could issue permits, a factor which often caused delay during his absence from the Vancouver office of the Game Commission. At present, permits are issued directly by the office and can be received here within 24 hours of notice.

Sinclair Pierce, coastal trapper, reported on difficulty he had in obtaining permits. Wolves, he said, had rid his trapping area of deer and had turned on his mink, while in traps.

Mr. Mair spoke of the problems connected with predatory animal control and of recent accomplishments. He said a budget of \$150,000 a year had been gained for his department, to be used for paying bounty and to employ a staff of six men besides himself.

NATIVE TRAPPERS

Another facet of predatory animal control was discussed by Cpl. Ed Martin, local game warden. He said that about 85 per cent of trappers in the Prince Rupert area were operated by native Indians. In the past, Indians had not readily accepted a plan to poison wolves or cougar on their lines; neither had the game office issued poison permits to them except in special cases.

A comprehensive program of education, however, would be started, said Cpl. Martin, to get native trappers to co-operate in controlling predators. He outlined the use of movies to show ways and means and benefits of such control.

Club vice-president Tommy Boulter was in the chair in the absence of President Norm Christensen.

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TODAY'S STOCKS

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

VANCOUVER		ONTARIO	
American Standard	29	Athona	.09
Bralorne	6.10	Aumaque	21 1/4
B R X	.04	Beattie	.19
Caribou Quartz	1.15	Bevercourt	.73
Congress	.05 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	.20
Cronin Babine	.57	C M & S	191.00
Giant Mascot	.97	Conwest	3.65
Indian Mines	.22	Donalda	.49
Pend Orelle	8.65	Eldona	20 1/2
Pioneer	1.82	East Sullivan	9.10
Premier Border	.32	Giant Yellowknife	10.65
Privateer	.08 1/4	God's Lake	.36
Reeves Macdonald	6.00	Hardrock	.11
Reno	.04	Harricana	.14
Sheep Creek	1.70	Joliet Quebec	.48
Silbak Premier	.66	Lynx	12 1/2
Vananda	.19	Madsen Red Lake	2.00
Salmon Gold	.05	McKenzie Red Lake	.46
Spud Valley	.20	McLeod Cockshutt	2.80
Silver Standard	2.45	Moneta	.35
Western Uranium	3.40	Negus	.66
Oils—		Noranda	82.50
Anglo Canadian	9.10	Louvicourt	.29
A P Con	.60	Pickle Crow	1.60
Calmont	2.05	San Antonio	2.52
C & E	15.00	Senator Rouyn	.08
Central Leduc	2.95	Sherritt Gordon	5.30
Mercury	.27	Steep Rock	7.00
Pacific Pete	.97	Silver Miller	1.45
Royal Canadian	.25	Golden Manitou	6.95