



DUNCAN WAGNER, 7 (left), and his brother Robert, 10, sons of New York City's mayor, enjoy some of the 300 children's books recently presented to the library of Gracie Mansion, official residence of the mayor. The volumes were presented by the Children's Book Council.

BCHIS Shuffle Doesn't Reflect "On Abilities"

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VICTORIA—Exchange of positions by Lloyd Detwiller and Donald Cox as directors of the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service "in no way reflects upon the abilities of these men."
This was disclosed today by Health Minister Martin, who added that "instead (the move) emphasizes that the major aspects of the service's administration will now be hospital services."
Mr. Detwiller, commissioner of BCHIS since 1950, became assistant commissioner to Mr. Cox on April 1.
Mr. Martin said that as a consequence of the amendments to the B.C. Hospital Insurance Act, a revision in the administration was resultant.
Mr. Martin said: "When Mr. Detwiller was appointed commissioner in 1950, his duties were the complete re-organization of the service, including the development of a premium collection program along with a hospital service division, and he has done a remarkable job in this regard."
"At that time it was felt that someone with extensive experience in the hospital field should be employed to head up the hospital service division, and Mr. Cox was particularly suited for this position."
"Discussions with Mr. Detwiller, Mr. Cox and myself resulted in a mutual agreement that since the posts of commissioner and assistant commissioner would be completely altered, it would be a logical and reasonable step to exchange incumbents..."

Riot Act Use Depends on Good Sense

OTTAWA (CP)—Justice Minister Garson says fair administration of the Riot Act must continue to rely on the common sense and responsibilities of public officials.
He made the statement yesterday in the Commons in reply to CCF proposals that safeguards be placed around the reading of the Riot Act to suppress public disorders. The CCF said the Riot Act should not be used to break union strikes or provoke violence.
Mr. Garson said all abuses of the Riot Act in Canada have been the result of human failure. Officials dealing with the problem had not the judgment, backbone, courage or initiative to meet the emergency facing them.
No law could provide for those qualities and a person who read the act was protected only if he

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Bill For Extension of PGE Approved In Principle as Liberals Criticize

VICTORIA (CP)—The Pacific Great Eastern Railway moved one step closer to extension northward to the Peace River and southward to Vancouver this week.
Premier Bennett said the step, legislative approval in principle of a bill granting \$30,000,000 in borrowing power to the railway, "told the knell of the Liberal party in B.C."
The legislature gave the bill second reading—approval in principle—after the premier had assured members that \$20,000,000 of the money would be used for the northern extension from Prince George to Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.
Only the Liberals opposed the bill. Premier Bennett charged that the Liberals had promised to extend the railway for 23 years but had never intended to do it.
"Tonight the ghosts of the past are coming back to haunt them."
During the 2½ hours debate Liberal Leader Arthur Laing and other Liberals charged the money would be used in the southern extension, estimated to cost \$10,000,000, and repairs to the existing line which they

quoted the premier as estimating at \$17,500,000. This would leave money enough for only surveys of the northern extension.
Mr. Bennett replied that government policy was to extend the railway in both directions at the same time and that at least \$20,000,000 would be spent on the northern extension.
The government was still expecting the federal government to contribute its "fair share" towards the extensions. It had not asked the legislature for the complete \$60,000,000 estimated for both extensions because that would be indicating to Ottawa that B.C. was not expecting federal contribution.
Mr. Laing called the southern extension an "absolutely wild gamble." He said the Liberals would support the bill if the northern extension was started first.
The line should be extended north to "recreate the area from our neighboring province." The southern extension would not add tonnage to the line.
Premier Bennett replied, said the premier had said the existing line is in bad shape and it would be a "stupid undertaking" to extend the line at both ends and not repair it in the middle.
Leo Nimblett, CCF-Cranbrook said no one believed the railroad

was going to pay because it was being extended. Extensions would only open up property and increase the value of the railway.
The legislature gave unanimous approval to the government's \$210,163,444 budget. It completed the least of the estimates—including the \$3,000 seasonal indemnities for members—during the afternoon sitting then went on to give third and final reading of several bills.



ALBERT POW, 34, of London, Ont., Canada's top glider pilot, will be the Dominion's only entry in the British Empire soaring competition in England this year. Pow is one of the few enthusiasts in Canada who has a private interest in a glider; he owns half a Switzer 1-23. Here he is shown in his sailplane at Kitchener's Breslau airport.



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