



**MERCY FLIGHT**—Marie Mazerolle, 8, suffering from a ruptured appendix, is lifted into an R.C.A.F. helicopter at the snowbound village of Point Sapin, N.B. Ft. Lt. R. R. Ritchie, the pilot, and Thomas Rowcraft, right, both of Edmonton, hand the child to Capt. James Gilbert, army doctor who parachuted into the village. The child was flown 30 miles to hospital at Chatham, N. B., where a successful operation was performed. (CP Photo)

**HISTORIC TITLES** Lower Canada and Upper Canada were respectively known as "Canada East" and "Canada West" after the union of 1841.

**OLD INDUSTRY** The first census of new France in 1667 included 20 shoemakers among a population of 3,215 persons.

## Northern Boy Making Good in Real Estate

A 22-year-old Prince George-born young man decided six years ago that Prince Rupert had a future and he wanted to settle down. That's when Allan Armstrong decided to go into business here and today marks the sixth anniversary of Armstrong Agencies.

### ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

The well being of live stock in Canada, particularly in the west, is in the public eye just now. Contagious disease is the cause. Investigations are revealing what should be known and, in due time, doubtless, the general situation will be on a satisfactory basis. Possibly there are many in Prince Rupert today, quite unaware of the fact that there was a time when numerous cattle grazed on this townsite, and there were well filled barns. Now we have scores of young cowboys but no horses, steers or bulls and milk comes in bottles instead of cows.

Clerks in some of the shipping offices are sometimes extremely well-informed persons. My old friend Captain Gustav Olsen tells me that he recently wanted some special information and asked one of the clerks whether they had the Encyclopedia Britannica in the office. "No, we haven't," replied the young man, "but what do you want to know?"—Captain Kettle.

**TRY IT**  
Arguments are not infrequent concerning the speed of cars in Prince Rupert — how they are driven, time, distances, caution and care. Just to perhaps satisfy yourself, pause some day anywhere near the junction of Second Avenue and Third Street and watch for whatever is on wheels as it turns westward from McBride Street. Glance at your watch and note the time as the vehicle passes you.

By and by Skeena will be discovered. Little newspapers away back in towns (not cities) in middle states carry two column headline stories about the great boom in Northern British Columbia. There used to be a time when the same sheets were not quite certain what part of Canada B.C. was in.

Had conservation been adopted about the time Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to explore the west, the United States would still, to a great extent, be the game sanctuary it once was. The vast and beautiful region between the Mississippi and what today are the states of Montana, Dakota, Wyoming, Oregon, Idaho and Washington was the Creator's wilderness.

**TODAY'S COMPARISONS**  
Civilization, of course, was inevitable. Settlement had to expand. Wild life could not expect to be wholly disregarded or spared. The frontiersman had to live. Yet the fruits of an indifference to something vital can be seen today. Enough rigid restriction, through the past, of the will to destroy and exploit, could have made happier contrasts when one studies results in 1952. The pity of it.

## Politicians Writing Now

By ALAN HARVEY  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

**LONDON (CP)**—If Britain now rests in a political vacuum, with the Labor party exhausted of ideas and the Conservatives ambiguously suspended between an untidy past and an unpredictable future, no such calm exists in other fields. For one thing, politicians are bursting with best sellers.

This state of literary ferment coincides approximately with the last election, which left a number of Labor legislators loose on the market. Stripped of the princely stipends bestowed on ministers of the crown—anything from 13,000 to 10,000 — they had to go to work or get along on £1,000 a year as a member of parliament.

**LITERARY LIONS**  
Most of them chose writing. The result is a spate of creative work such as parliament seldom has seen. Stroll the corridors of the House of Commons these winter days and you'll hear the steady click of typewriters in the small back rooms where MP's pass their off-duty hours.

In this frenzy of composition, the political left leads the way. One of the literary events of the season, for instance, will be publication of Aneurin Bevin's

A graduate of Booth Memorial High School, Mr. Armstrong attended Victoria College, worked in a law office and at a radio station and sold real estate.

In Prince Rupert, he has been active in community work and sports and was one of the original founders of the Prince Rupert Ski Club. He negotiated the purchase by the club of the Mt. Hays army camp from War Assets.

In a business like real estate, which is probably closer to the pulse beat of the city than most other businesses, Mr. Armstrong realizes what this city needs most and in December offered his name to stand for election as alderman.

He polled the largest vote of any single candidate in Prince Rupert history but he never took a seat in the council. His qualifications, along with that of another alderman, were questioned on a technicality and he resigned. A small turnout of electors at the by-election did not return him.

Regarding real-estate in Prince Rupert, Mr. Armstrong sees as one great disadvantage for prospective home-owners the lack of mortgage facilities.

"The only way that people will ever be able to buy homes on a large scale—or build new homes—is by the establishment of a mortgage company here. And I think it will have to be established by local businessmen," he says.

Only real estate financing done in Prince Rupert has been on a limited basis for local credit unions, says Mr. Armstrong.

But owning one's home is a great boost to a community, he continues, as it gives permanence and stability to the population.

"And when you have the majority of people in a city owning their homes, they will demand a high standard of civic administration. Also, they will take better care of their homes and property."

Mr. Armstrong forecasts that future residential site of Prince Rupert will move to the area south of Fairview Road, now vacant, and believes that area, including Section 2, to be the best in property for homes.

A real estate agency is a vital service to both individuals and the community itself, is Mr. Armstrong's conviction.

"Many new developments in communities have been directly responsible to the efforts of progressive realtors, who have taken unimproved property and developed it into well-planned residential sections which are a credit to the cities.

"Individuals can place their entire trust in a responsible agent for he will work for their interests." He explains that the realtor is more often a moderator between the person selling a home and the one buying.

"In the first place, few people other than those in this profession, can put an accurate value on their home when they intend to sell.

"They may price it too high—in which case they will have difficulty in selling, perhaps not sell at all until they are forced to come down too low.

"Then, again, a home owner may put too low a price on his house and he loses out."

**AGENT'S SERVICE**  
When a buyer wants a house, he can discuss his requirements with a real estate agent who will try to get just what his client wants at the price he is prepared to pay. But if this is impossible in the particular locality, the agent will try to approach the requirements as nearly as possible and in such a way save a lot of time and disappointments for the prospective buyer.

"Our clients are also assured of protection when they deal with licensed realtors.

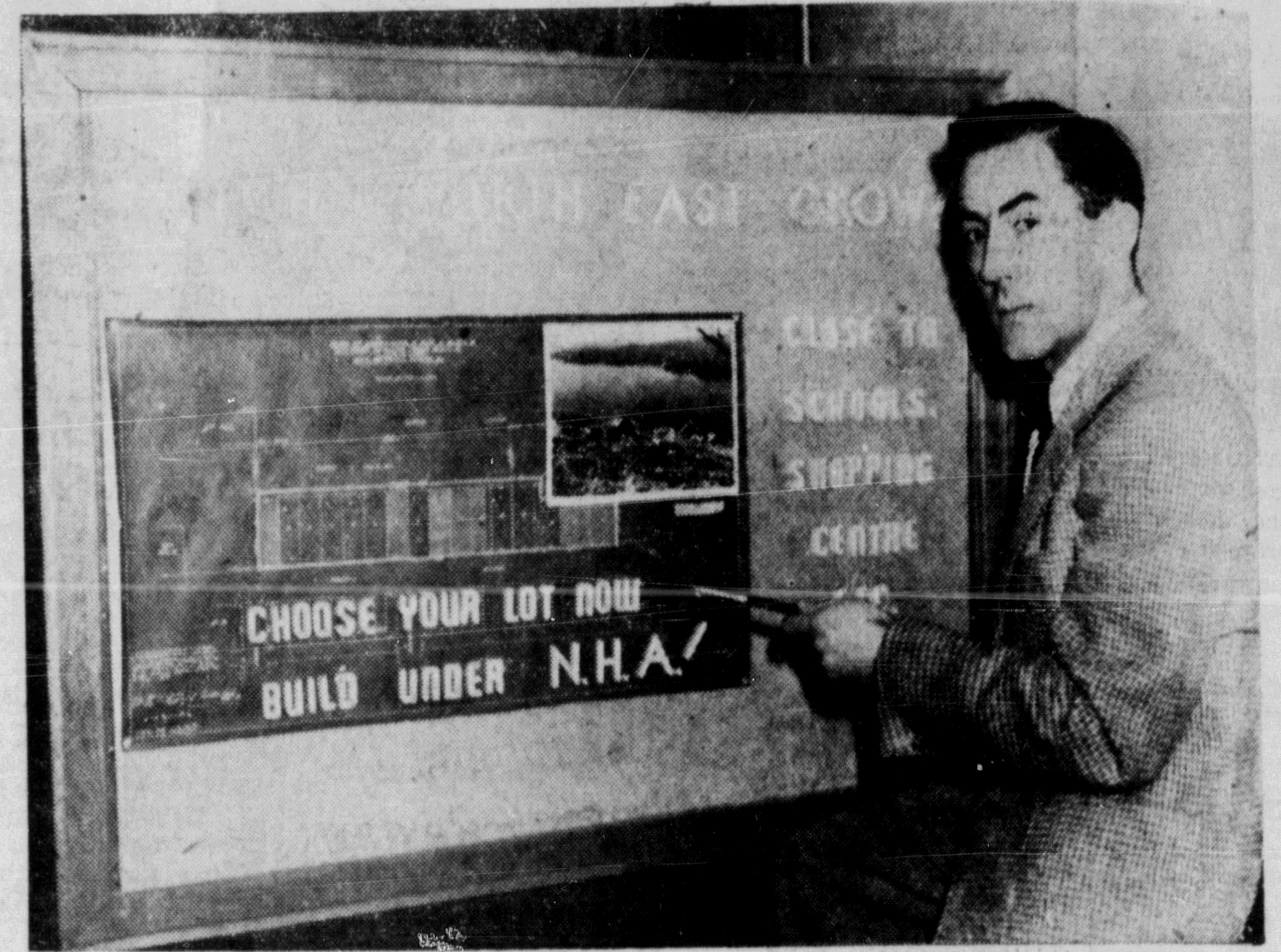
"The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Board carefully screens all applicants for licences who have to be bonded. Should a realtor not play fair with his client, he is subject to losing his licence."

first book, due next month. If this isn't something special, followers of Labor's most newsworthy rebel will be somewhat disappointed.

Other names due to appear on dust jackets include those of Hugh Dalton, former chancellor of the exchequer, and John Strachey, one-time food minister who had a way of brightening debates on peanut-growing in East Africa with pertinent quotes from Bacon. Dalton is polishing off an autobiography and Strachey, a good R.A.F. broadcaster during the war, has

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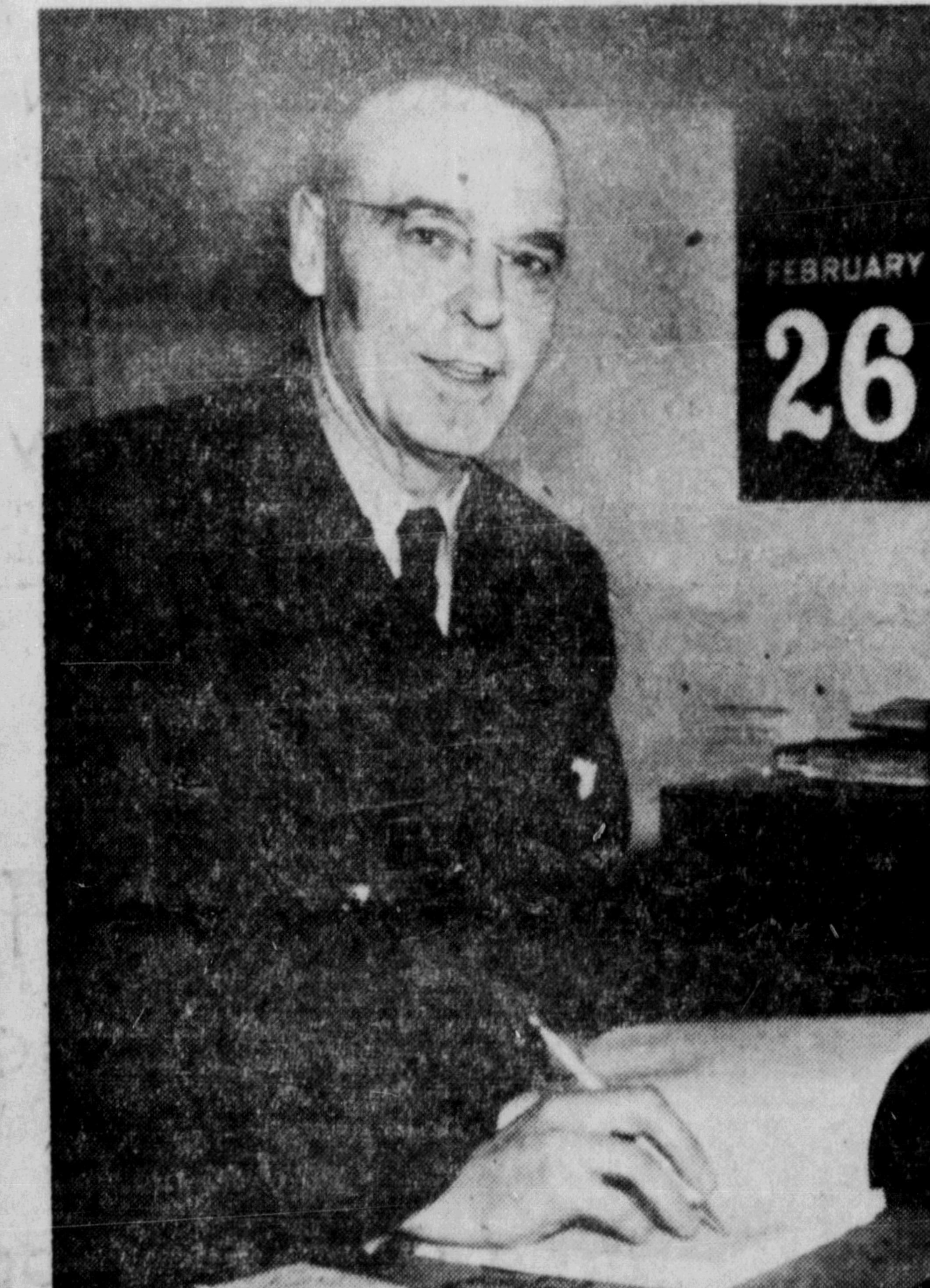


ALLAN ARMSTRONG, Owner and Manager

## Celebrates Sixth Anniversary



MRS. SHIRLEY SMITH, Stenographer



FRANK WILSON, Sales Manager

One of Prince Rupert's youngest businessmen, Allan Armstrong, started the business known as Armstrong Agencies on March 1, 1946. At that time Mr. Armstrong was in association with his sister, Mary. Three and a half years ago his association was terminated and since then Allan has been sole owner and manager.

The business was originally founded by the late Thomas McClymont about 1910, being one of the first real estate offices here in the early boom days.

A firm believer in what the travel folders say about Prince Rupert, located "where the mighty Skeena flows into the broad Pacific," Allan Armstrong not long ago took a gamble on undeveloped and raw land on Fourth Avenue East as a home building subdivision. Formerly owned by the CNR, this property is on the north side of Fourth Avenue East.

He had the land subdivided into lots and started building on National Housing Plan. Two of the lots which he financed himself are generally agreed to be among the finest in the City of Prince Rupert.

Always a strong point in the sale of real estate, view from Fourth Avenue East is a great booster of the Armstrong Agencies. Prince Rupert harbor, ranked third in the world, provides a magnificent view of this property.

Mr. Armstrong's offices, 307 Third Avenue West, are as modern and up-to-date as any in the city. His window advertising and office front give a pleasing first impression of smartness. In addition to real estate, Armstrong Agencies handle property management and all types of insurance except life.

Responsible for the development of the property on Fourth Avenue East, Allan is justly proud of the progress made since he took over. He has turned over close to \$1,000,000 worth of real estate since 1946. Armstrong Agencies initiated the idea of converting the Administrative Building into the Elizabeth Apartments.

**USE DEALER**  
Mr. Armstrong strongly advocates that anyone interested either in the purchase or sale of real estate should get in touch with a reputable firm and leave the matter entirely in the hands of those who are familiar with business transactions in that field.

"For the few people who conduct a successful real estate transaction for themselves," says Mr. Armstrong, "there are many, many more who lose money." The members of the staff of a real estate firm have many years of experience in that field and deal in matters of real estate every day.

For instance, Frank Wilson, Sales Manager of Armstrong Agencies, has had 35 years of experience in real estate.

**The Staff consists of:**  
ALLAN ARMSTRONG, Owner and Manager  
FRANK WILSON, Sales Manager  
MRS. SHIRLEY SMITH, Stenographer

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