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TOMORROW'S TIDES

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(Pacific Standard Time)

High	4:25	19.0 feet
	16:31	18.5 feet
Low	10:38	7.0 feet
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Plans For Runway Herald Start Of Digby Island Airport In '57

$50,000 Earmarked For Engineering

An expenditure of $50,000 will be made this year by the federal government for "detailed engineering" work on Digby Island with a view to starting construction of an airport there early in 1957, Transport Minister George Marler announced at Ottawa today.

Word of the announcement was received here from E. T. Applewhaite, MP for Skeena, who said in wires to airport committee chairman J. T. Harvey and the Skeena Federal Liberal Association that "plans are being prepared for a 6,000-foot runway to be constructed when said engineering is completed. If engineering is satisfactory, construction will start in early 1957 and is expected to take two or three years."

In another wire to The Daily News, Mr. Applewhaite expressed "great satisfaction" with the announcement and added that, while time must elapse to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the major construction contract, he felt that the "project is now assured."

"Great credit is due to the local committee headed by Mr. Harvey and to the thorough investigations made by the minister and departmental officials," he said. "I regard this as further evidence of government belief in the industrial future of Prince Rupert and district."

It is estimated that probable cost of the airport will be $3,500,000. Correspondence between Ottawa and the local airport committee indicates that if results of the engineering survey are satisfactory, the government will undertake to do the following:

(1) Construct a runway, taxi strips and parking apron; (2) provide the necessary runway and taxi strip lighting; (3) provide communication service, aids to navigation and meteorological facilities; (4) build a road from the landing in Casey Cove to the airport; (5) lend, or lease at a nominal sum, certain maintenance equipment; (6) pay an operating subsidy based initially on five cents per square yard of hard surfaced area per year.

It is expected that the city's part would be to: accept responsibility for operation of the airport; provide a ferry or water service with the necessary docking facilities; provide communications with the mainland; supply electrical energy; supply the terminal building with water and sewage disposal services.

Decide Later on Terminal

Responsibility for actual construction of the terminal building remains a point that is open for further consideration. It is thought that one course might be for the federal government to arrange construction of the building and then rent it to the city on mutually satisfactory terms. The city in turn could rent office space to airlines and departments or other agencies.

Property for construction of the airport on Digby Island has already been set aside by the provincial government. If it can be obtained for a nominal sum, it is thought likely that the city would take over title.

Stating that he was "delighted" at the announcement made by Mr. Marler, Mr. Harvey said: "This appears to be a definite commitment by the government and, although we cannot expect to see the airport in operation for some little time we can, I think, count on actual construction taking place. This culminates several years of capable and energetic effort by Mr. Applewhaite and he deserves the utmost appreciation from this community for this excellent result.

"Once Mr. Marler was convinced of the need for an airport here and of its feasibility on the basis of existing engineering studies, he became one of the most enthusiastic advocates for local airport construction and it appears that he has carried the federal cabinet with him, with the able support of the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Sinclair, and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Campney.

"I have no doubt that satisfactory arrangements will be made between the government and the city for the operation by the city of the airport once it has been built."

As president of the Skeena Federal Liberal Association, J. D. McRae said that "great credit is certainly due to all those who had a part in putting the airport story across and special thanks should go to the airport committee and Ted Applewhaite who went all out in their efforts to sell the federal cabinet on the necessity of an airport here.

"We cannot, of course, expect to see our airport become a reality overnight as there is a great deal of engineering work first to be done. But if construction starts early in 1957, as is expected, we should have planes taking off and landing by 1959."

WEATHER

Gale warning in effect. Rain throughout the region tonight and Wednesday. A little milder. Winds southeast 45 in exposed areas decreasing to 30 tonight. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy and Sandspit 38 and 42, Prince Rupert 35 and 42.

Sailors Drug Addicts

Turn Selves In To Get Treatment

VICTORIA (CP)— The Colonist says three naval ratings based near here recently turned themselves in to RCN authorities to get treatment for narcotics addiction.

The youths, barely out of their teens, are the first cases ever discovered here by the navy.

At least one of the three got his first and succeeding doses of drugs in Vancouver, The Colonist said.

RCMP and naval investigations, however, have not pinned down the source of supply.

An RCMP official said that "no charges are pending" and the three seamen have been left "entirely in the hands of the navy."

KEPT IN CLOSE CUSTODY

The Colonist said two ratings at HMCS Naden, shore station at nearby Esquimalt, reported they had been taking drugs and wanted to stop. They were kept in close custody as part of their treatment and it was established "they had been taking drugs in some small way."

The third case, separate and much more serious, came from HMCS Cayuga, a destroyer.

This seaman is reported to have told authorities he was given his first "fix" in Vancouver by a sympathetic "friend" to help him over a Christmas party hangover.

All three now have been released from treatment.

It was not disclosed whether any action against them was planned by naval authorities.

Although the three had taken some drugs, there was a suspicion their action was "just another ruse to get a discharge from the navy," The Colonist says.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL Massey reads the speech from the throne at the opening of the third session of Canada's 22nd Parliament. Seated directly before him are seven judges of the Supreme Court of Canada in robes of scarlet and ermine. (CP from National Film Board).

Golden Staph Infection Now in WCB Provisions

VICTORIA (CP) — Golden staph infection has been brought under provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The infection was ordered included in the schedule of industrial diseases, under the act, by a provincial order-in-council approved by the cabinet today.

Benefits of the act will be extended to those contacting Golden staph — or staphylococcus aureus — while working in the following occupations:

● In a hospital, private hospital, nursing home, sanitorium, any branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, any clinic, or any prison hospital unit.

● Also, in any public health unit of the government service, the University of British Columbia, any municipality, or school board, or social workers performing duties normally carried out by a public health unit.

The order is retroactive to December 1, 1954.

The infection results in painful boils and skin eruptions. It is resistant to most drugs.

Several patients in Victoria hospitals have contracted the infection after being admitted for other causes.

MP Satisfactory

VANCOUVER (CP) — Condition of Harold Winch, CCF member of Parliament for Vancouver East, was described Monday as "quite satisfactory."

Says Chief Ran Fake Sweepstake

Reporter Tells Of Syndicate

VANCOUVER (CP)— Reporter Ray Munro charged today before the Tupper police inquiry that former police chief Walter Mulligan operated a counterfeit sweepstake syndicate while in office and that Elmer Sly, an assistant fire chief, was his chief lieutenant.

"Mr. Mulligan ran the Western Canada Employees sweepstake and Chief Elmer Sly was one of the top distributors," Mr. Munro testified.

He also testified during a two hour session that a syndicate "ran this town for 14 years," and that "the greatest abortionist in the world operates right across the street from the police station and has done so for 20 years with seeming immunity."

Mr. Munro said a fireman came to him at one time and told him Chief Sly was selling "books and books of tickets" in the fake sweepstake. He said Chief Sly's wife had been convicted under her maiden name on a lottery charge.

He said he reported operations of the racket to Deputy Chief Gordon Ambrose.

"Ambrose said he had no knowledge of it and told me to get the hell out of his office."

Mr. Munro said he had "personal knowledge" of grafting and "outright shakedowns" on the police force.

RICKEY AND SHARON Milks of Ottawa take advantage of the January thaw to get in a bit of early spring sailing. The puddle provides an ideal spot for some wading also to help the paper boats along. The temperature was 45 when this photo was taken. (CP Photo).

Union Awaits GM Move On New Wage Proposals

TORONTO (CP) — Union negotiators today awaited with little optimism for company reaction to their new proposals in the General Motors of Canada strike, now in its 121st day.

Representatives of the United Auto Workers (CIO-CCL) presented company negotiators Monday with the union's position on almost all the contract issues in dispute. Louis Seaton, GM's labor-relations officer, was expected to reply today.

George Burt, Canadian UAW director, said after Monday's 2½-hour meeting the union had "indicated several openings which, if GM wants to take them, will, we believe, get these talks off dead centre and lead to settlement."

A company spokesman said, however:

"There has been no significant movement by the union in any of the major issues in dispute. Certain demands have been defined more clearly for the first time and few new ones injected in the negotiations."

The union, it was understood, made a new wage proposal to the company; indicated it was willing to negotiate a system of job transfers by seniority on the basis of a company offer; and stated it would consider an agreement lasting more than one year. A one-year agreement was among the union's original demands.

It was reported that the union's new proposals included a demand for "annual improvement factor" wage increases of six cents an hour instead of the five cents offered by General Motors.

It was said to have proposed also an immediate wage increase of an additional four cents. These increases, totalling 10 cents an hour, would be retroactive to last June 12 and the next six-cent increase would become effective next June 12.

Company officials were quoted as saying this proposal meant a 16-cent wage increase in six months although the union's original demand was for a 15-cent increase.

Confirmation Received Of New Bishop For Here

Confirmation of the appointment of Very Rev. Fergus O'Grady as titular Bishop of Aspendful and Vicar Apostolic of Prince Rupert was given today by Father O. P. Mohan, parish priest of the Church of the Annunciation.

The appointment was made official January 9, from the Canadian Catholic Conference Ottawa, Father Anthony MacDonald, Kitimat, administrator of the Vicariate informed Father Mohan.

The former missionary of British Columbia was called from his mission field two years ago to take over the duties of Provincial of the English-language Oblates of Canada before his new assignment. He succeeds another Oblate, Most Rev. Anthony Jordan, who now is Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton.

As Provincial, Bishop-elect O'Grady directed a community which is devoted to missions, works and teaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and far into Canada's northland.

Prior to being named Provincial, Bishop-elect O'Grady had devoted most of his career to the development of the missions and schools among the Indians in British Columbia. He has an interest in the history of the missions of the old Oregon Territory and of the present day British Columbia, in which the Oblates played such a large part.

Bishop-elect O'Grady was born at Macton, Ontario, July 27, 1908, joined the Oblates in 1928 at St. Laurent, Manitoba, studied at Holy Rosary Scholasticate at Ottawa and was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1934, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Saskatoon, by Archbishop Murray, CSSR.

The Bishop-elect was at St. Augustine's, Vancouver, in 1935; superior at St. Mary's Mission, Mission City, 1936; superior at Kamloops, in 1939; superior at Williams Lake, 1952 and was named Provincial in 1953. He is expected here within the next two or three months.

KASLO, B.C. (CP) — Kenneth Richard Proust of Kaslo was killed Monday in a head-on collision between his car and a 10-ton truck 12 miles south of here.

Four passengers with him were injured. Three were released but his brother Clifford is still in hospital with fractures.

TORONTO (CP) — James Floyd Scrutton, 68, vice-president of the Air Cadet League of Canada died Sunday.

Two Men Face Sentencing For Retention

Two of the men involved in the breaking and entering of McRae Brothers Ltd., retail store and warehouse over the New Year's weekend, have now been remanded for sentence. Value of goods taken was set at between $2,000 and $2,500.

Remanded for sentence until January 24, was Robert Larsh who this morning pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court to retention of stolen goods. Yesterday Ernest Frederick Maitland of Prince Rupert was remanded for sentence until tomorrow after he pleaded guilty to the same charge.

The third man, Alphonsus Turpin, was remanded in custody for trial January 24 after he pleaded not guilty to retaining stolen goods. Larsh was represented by B. J. Pettenuzzo, while Turpin had no counsel.

Fined $100 or in default sentenced to serve two months in jail this morning was Larry Ryan of Port Simpson, who pleaded guilty to theft of underclothes from the home of W. G. Jeffrey 701 Thompson Street.

Sentenced to pay a fine of $50 or spend one month in jail this morning was Arne Hilrun, Westbolme Rooms, who Saturday pleaded guilty to theft of a brick of ice cream from Super-Valu, Third Avenue.

SPEECH TO THRONE GEARED TO B.C.'S SURGING PROSPERITY

VICTORIA (CP) — Legislation geared to British Columbia's surging prosperity which reached "unprecedented heights" in 1955 was forecast today in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature.

The government expects last year's record to be equalled or surpassed in the coming year.

The largest highway program in the history of the Province will be undertaken to reach untapped natural resources.

The government also promised to bring in legislation putting into effect the recommendations made by Mr. Justice J. V. Clyne in his report on the Royal Commission into the dairy industry. The agriculture department will be greatly expanded in scope and size."

The speech was read by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross. Traditional ceremonies marked the opening of the fourth session of the 24th Legislative Assembly.

Engineers' Visit Sparks Revived Interest in Army

"Most successful" was the term used by Capt. R. O. Evans officer commanding the 120th Troop, 5th West Coast Harbor Defence Battery, RCA (Militia), in describing the recent visit of the Royal Canadian Engineering team from Camp Chilliwack and Esquimalt.

The 3rd Field Squadron, RCE, the RCE band, the recruiting unit and Lt. Col. H. D. Berry, Capt. H. R. McMillan, Lt. Albert Brown, Lt. K. Kavanagh, Lt. William Anstis, entrained for interior visits early Sunday morning.

The 89-man unit had completed a four-day visit here during which they marched, drilled, demonstrated engineering and modern Canadian Army equipment and entertained hundreds of Prince Rupert residents with military and concert music. All during their visit the officers and men of the Engineers were ready and willing to outline career opportunities, apprenticeship plans and university programs obtainable under Canadian Army sponsorship.

The Engineers' visit not only sparked interest in the Canadian Army but revived interest in the militia unit here, Col. Evans said.

"The 120th Harbor Defence Troop is definitely open for extra manpower and womanpower," the captain said.

The men will receive training on both six-inch coastal guns and six pounder anti-tank guns, Col. Evans said, adding that as equipment is received additional training on searchlights, signals and radar will be instituted.

"We definitely need about ten more girls, young women and women for the Canadian Women's Army Corps section of our artillery unit," the OC said. "They too will receive instruction on the operations of searchlights, signals and radar."

He said that activity in the militia was increasing all the time and that apart from training there were canteen and recreational facilities available to militia members.

The artillery troop parades every Monday and Thursday night at the armories.

Terrace Home Hit by Blaze

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Backman was completely destroyed by fire here Saturday despite all efforts of the Terrace Volunteer Fire department to save it.

Mrs. Backman suffered lacerations to her right arm, when having gone to a neighbors, she rushed back to the burning house thinking one of her children was inside. She was taken to Terrace hospital for treatment and was released Sunday.

It is reported that a fund to aid the family has been organized by the Home for the Aged where Mr. Backman works and help has also been extended by the Terrace branch of the Canadian Legion. Meanwhile Mrs. Backman and their children are being cared for by friends.

TWO HOSPITALS BLAME LOSSES ON "WAGE FREEZING" ACTION

VICTORIA (CP) — Provincial government's action in "freezing" salaries of hospital employees last year was blamed Monday for St. Joseph's hospital and Royal Jubilee hospital both having heavy deficits in 1955 operations.

"Our deficit was in the proximity of $70,000" said Sister Superior at St. Joseph's hospital.

This deficit, she said, was much worse than in the previous year and "puts us in an extremely precarious position. It is attributable to the increase in wages — not to any increase in the number of staff — after the government froze the wage schedules."

At Royal Jubilee, administrator George Masters said the deficit would be "sizeable" although a final audit was not yet complete.

Tradition of Quiet Maiden Speeches Broken By Tory MP's Attack on Government, CNR

OTTAWA (CP) — Commons freshmen are supposed to be quiet and unobtrusive, if not actually terror-stricken, in making their maiden speeches. Traditionally, hardly anybody listens.

But J. C. Van Horne, new Progressive Conservative member for the New Brunswick riding of Restigouche-Madawaska, left that tradition scattered in small pieces on the floor of the chamber Monday night.

The burly young Maritimer, speaking in the throne speech debate, ripped into the government, threw cracks at cabinet ministers, tore a strip off the CNR and heaped scorn on the Liberals in general. Examples:

On disabled persons allowances:

"You have to be unconscious to get it in the first place . . . and walk around with your coffin under your arm to keep collecting it."

BLASTS CNR

On the CNR: "Donald Gordon CNR president has indicated in effect that he is out to wreck the unions of the CNR and he is doing just exactly that."

At one point, Mr. Van Horne got the Liberals so irked that Northern Affairs Minister Lesage kept interrupting and deputy speaker W. A. Robinson had to call for order.

Mr. Van Horne, who broke a 22-year Liberal hold on his seat when he was elected in a September by-election to replace the late J. G. Boucher, spoke fluently in both English and French — and loudly — from his back-row position. He presented a long list of demands ranging from cheaper and better transportation facilities to national health insurance.

Earlier, Gordon K. Fraser (PC—Peterborough) also used strong words against the government. He said a plan of the post office department to put television cameras into his city's post office to keep watch on employees is the sort of thing that might happen in a dictatorship like Russia.