The Auto Corner

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n the way to Tyee last Monday we noticed a motorist stranded with his car up to its hubs in He had been on his way hunting and seeing y place to park, off the road, he pulled off into he thought was a gravel pit. The only thing ere was no gravel in the pit, just sand.

we came along he was ely stuck.

y we were driving an with four-wheel enough power to pull him out. It was no time at all until he was on his way again.

Many people and motorists of Prince Rupert will come to know that they can receive help on the road from Prince Rupert Auto Club members, if they become stranded on the road as this chap was. Our members are pledged to help anyone needing assistance on the highway.

While on a trip to Terrace Sunday we're once again struck with the attractive scenery of our northern part of British Columbia. The only drawback is our highway, if one can be generous enough to call it that.

On Vancouver Island the mainline road of most of the logging camps is far superior to our Highway 16.

How the, do the business people of Prince Rupert or the Chamber of Commerce expect a person to subject an expensive automobile to the rigors and pounding it will receive on such a highway. In covering the whole trip from Prince George to Prince Rupert a car is lucky to come out with less than $75 in repairs to put it back into shape.

Also tourists do not want to fight potholes, ruts, mud as deep as two feet or more when on vacation.

Therefore it is quite obvious that Highway 16 is in immediate need of serious consideration by our Minister of Public Works.

What we need is action, not excuses. Let's get going. Give the Chamber of Commerce a hand with their latest proposals and maybe we will receive a surprise and get our much needed highway.

ROAD REPORT

(Courtesy of Whalen's Cartage)

The road between Rupert and Terrace is in fair shape, with no more than usual amount of roughness. Treat with respect on the corners, take no chances as it may change rapidly.

HELPFUL HINT

Many motorists don't like to keep chains on in light snow yet get stuck the odd time. One remedy is to take a number of wooden strips one foot long laying them parallel four to five inches apart. Then fasten a leather strap down the mids of the strips joining them ladder style.

When the occasion arises just feed one end under the back wheels, it should give enough traction to get you going and is also easily rolled up to store in the trunk.

Everyone is invited to a bang-up dance at the Legion Oct. 15th, 9 p.m., sponsored by the Prince Rupert Auto Club.

A swish new service station being built at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street. The station will open for business officially Saturday, Oct. 9, with the proprietor Gus Stromdahl in attendance.

Lots of luck Gus from the Prince Rupert Auto Club on your new venture.

SUNDAY FUNERALS

VANKLEEK HILL, Ont. (CP)—Sunday funeral services were criticized in a resolution passed at the Eastern Ontario Ministerial Association meeting here. It said they interfere with normal church services and compel some people to do unavoidable work on the Sabbath, besides imposing extra duties on clergymen at a busy period.

A GROUP OF WOMEN decided to put in a sidewalk in Winnipeg suburb of Brooklands after council said it couldn't afford to. The women call themselves the "Ladies Voluntary Construction Ltd." Left to right: Mrs. Alice Ledger; Mrs. Bessie Maskell; Mrs. Reta Abernethy; Mrs. Jana Stiller; and 79-year-old Robert Hutchinson, only male on the job who supervised the work. (CP Photo)

B.C. Not Giving Up Hydro Power

VICTORIA (CP)—A cabinet minister said here Wednesday British Columbia would not turn its lakes and rivers into "storage dams for the Americans."

Lands Minister Sommers said the provincial government did not intend to sacrifice any hydro-electric potential on the B.C. section of the Columbia river to benefit the United States.

Replying to criticism of government action in granting the Kaiser Aluminum Co. a permit to survey for a proposed low-level dam below the Arrow lakes, he said such a dam would not hinder B.C. development.

Mr. Sommers said B.C. wants partial payment for Arrow Lakes storage in terms of one-fifth the power created at plants on the U.S. side. He said this power would be delivered to B.C. and would represent a value of nearly $900,000 annually in addition to an estimated $1,000,000 yearly the province would ask for taxes and water rentals.

GROWING GROUP

FREDERICTON (CP)—Membership in the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association was reported, at the 30th annual meeting here, as about 8,000 in 32 branches. When the association was founded in 1924 membership was 27.

Hay Shipments Set for Cariboo

VANCOUVER (CP)— Hay and grain to feed cattle in the hay- short Cariboo of central British Columbia may be shipped in from the Peace River district R. P. Bowman, general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, said Wednesday.

Fewer Ships At Vancouver In Last Month

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Port of Vancouver was host to 19 fewer deep-sea ships during September than for the same month last year.

Port officials reported Wednesday 85 ships entered Vancouver harbor compared with 104 the previous September. Last month's net tonnage was 364,732 tons, a drop of nearly 100,000 from September, 1953.

Of the 85 arrivals, 51 were from the Orient and 11 from the United Kingdom and Europe. Twenty vessels cleared port for the Orient and 36 for the UK and Europe.

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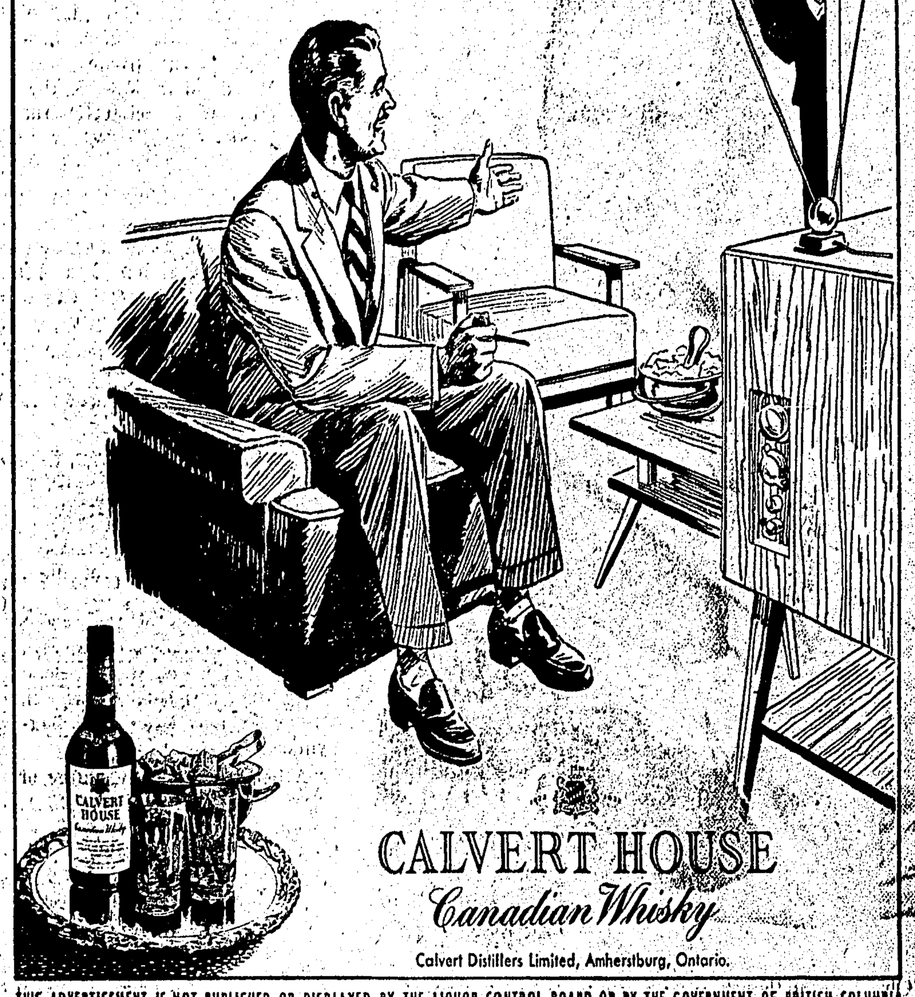

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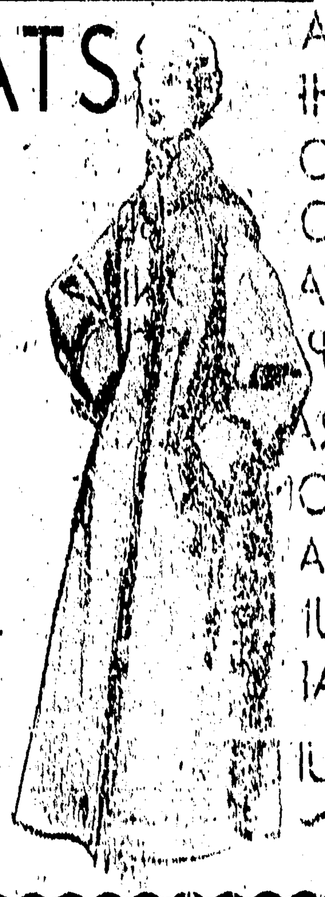

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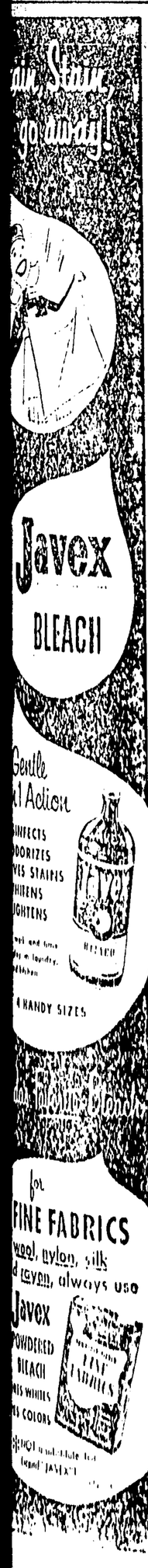

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