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TIDES

Friday, December 14, 1956
(Pacific Standard Time)

B.C. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE	10,244	203 feet
% ARCHIVES OF B.C. HIGH	23,074	176 feet
PARLIAMENT BLDGS.	23,074	176 feet
VICTORIA, B.C.	Low	176 feet

5 Airmen Killed In Collision Head-on Crash Injures Three

CAMP BORDEN, Ont. (CP) — Five airmen from the RCAF station here were killed early today and three others injured in a head-on collision of two automobiles near the camp.

An RCAF official said the names of the victims will not be released until their families have been notified.

The official also said he had no information on a sixth reported fatality. Two of the injured men were in the Camp Borden hospital and the third was taken early today to the Sunnybrook Military Hospital in Toronto.

Details of how the accident happened were meagre. The RCAF said the two cars collided on the main road between this large service camp and Alliston, 60 miles north of Toronto, about 12:30 a.m.

Mother Dies Trying To Save 3 Children

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — A 21-year-old mother was burned to death Wednesday in a vain attempt to save her three young children from flames which destroyed their two-storey frame house.

Dead are Mrs. Doreen Richard, 21; Theresa, eight months; David, 2; and Yvonne, 3.

The mother was turned in by five-year-old Jackie Richard who said his mother told him "run for help" when the fire broke out.

The mother then apparently went upstairs to attempt the rescue of her three small children.

The bodies of the four were found in an upstairs bedroom.

First reports of the tragedy said the mother and four children had perished in the fire.

Commission To Study Dam

SPEECH TO THE DAILY NEWS VICTORIA — Studies are being made at Comox Lake on Vancouver Island with a view to rehabilitation or reconstruction of the 43-year-old storage dam for the Puntledge River hydro-electric development, B.C. Power Commission officials said here today.

The reinforced concrete dam, 300 feet long and 30 feet high, was built in 1913 by Canadian Colletries Ltd. and was taken over by the Power Commission in May, 1953.

Work is being planned for the dam will bring improved control of the water level of Comox Lake, a commission spokesman said.



NO FINE-WEATHER friends, four-year-old Teresa Loftus of Southampton, England, and the fancily named toy poodle, Twinkle-Twinkle Aquila, are ready to share the worst kind of weather together. The snug "pooch suit" is guaranteed to keep the poodle just as doggedly comfortable as Teresa's cozy outfit to go with the ensemble, but he's saving them for rougher weather.

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Boost In Veterans' Pensions, Lower Taxes In Tory Platform

Red Secret Police Boss In Control Kadar Regime Reported Split

BUDAPEST (AP) — Most Hungarian workers returned to their factories today after a two-day general strike, and informed sources reported that the boss of Russia's secret police, Gen. Ivan Serov, has taken control of the Hungarian government.

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MRS. MARGARET HAMON poses with signs for each of Canada's 10 provinces from which more than 1,400 delegates arrived Tuesday for the Progressive Conservative party's national convention in Ottawa. The convention was called to elect a successor to the retired national party leader, George Drew, yesterday gave his valedictory address. Mrs. Hamon is secretary of the Progressive Conservative headquarters in Ottawa and the signs were erected in Ottawa's Coliseum. (CP Photo)

Campaigning For Leader Underway at Convention

By JOHN LeBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Progressive Conservative delegates today open the convention formalities of choosing a new national leader, having bidden an emotional farewell to the old one.

Hon. George Drew stepped out of the spotlight Wednesday amid warm personal tributes and exhortations from top-ranking Conservatives that the party fight for the improvement of national unity and the supremacy of Parliament.

Most of today's morning and afternoon sessions were occupied with discussion of policy and resolutions. Tonight the machinery for picking a new leader will get under way with the nomination of candidates, to be followed by balloting Friday.

As the buttonholing of delegates for votes continued through all of Wednesday's opening day and far into the night, campaign leaders of the three warring contestants all were displaying confidence.

PREDICT WIN

Supporters of John Diefenbaker, 61-year-old Commons member for Prince Albert, Sask., were predicting an easy win on the first ballot. The camps of Donald Fleming, 51, MP for Toronto-Eglinton, and Davie Fulton, 40, MP for Kamloops, B.C., were more guarded.

"Diefenbaker is sweeping them" said George Hees, Toronto-Broadview MP and former national party president, who said he has been trying valiantly to get down bets on a first ballot win for his man.

Alvin Hamilton, party leader in Mr. Diefenbaker's home province, said that by late Wednesday the lanky westerner could count on about 1,000 of the maximum 1,072 voting delegates. Half the ballots polled are required for a win.

But Mr. Fleming said that things are getting better all the time."

"It's going to go the right way," he said. "Don't pay too much attention to bandwagon ballyhoo."

CLAIM QUEBEC SUPPORT

Fulton supporters contend the British Columbian was picking up surprisingly strong support from Quebec, where the Fleming group has been claiming anything up to 10 per cent of the 342-member delegation.

So far the only provincial premier definitely committed is Hon. Hugh John Flemming of New Brunswick, who has announced he will formally nominate Mr. Diefenbaker. New Brunswick has a bloc of 100 delegates.

Canada's newest Conservative premier and the convention keynoter — Nova Scotia's Robert Stanfield — has not publicly declared himself.

His keynote address Wednesday

PCs Fashioning Policies For Party

OTTAWA (CP) — A new party platform, promising lower taxes, higher old-age pensions for the needy, and an immediate comprehensive hospital insurance scheme, was placed before the Progressive Conservative convention for its approval today.

Fashioned by the party's 163-member policy committee, the deductions are allowed for proposed platform contains something for almost everyone. It would have the Conservatives, if elected, boost veterans' pensions, allow more generous income tax deductions for medical costs and eliminate waiting periods in unemployment insurance payments.

Farmers would be aided by flexible price supports and the disposal of surpluses in some foreign markets at reduced prices, though there was no clear indication of how much of the loss would be borne by the federal treasury.

And while the proposed platform spelled out a lot of possible benefits for the voters, it made no mention of some of the more controversial proposals made by the party's local bodies and apparently eliminated in committee debate.

NO MENTION

Some of the constituency organizations had proposed elimination of the word "progressive" from the party name but was no mention of this in the final draft of policy planks.

Neither was there mention of other initial proposals such as compulsory military training, the creation of government propaganda and the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

These also apparently fell in two days of committee debate.

On defence, the committee said the party would maintain regular forces at full strength, revitalize reserve forces, exercise greater control over defence spending, to eliminate extravagance and support immediate adoption of a national flag.

On the international front, it would urge that the United Nations Emergency Force be maintained in Egypt until a peace treaty is worked out between Israel and Egypt and until equal rights of passage through the Suez Canal are guaranteed to all countries including Israel.

PERMANENT FORCE

The party would seek permanent machinery for a United Nations police force for use in any part of the world. It would use Canada's close connections with the United States to iron out differences between the U.S. and Britain.

These and other proposed party planks will be taken up for immediate, detailed examination by the convention today and Friday.

Proposed social benefits, anticipated to add about \$160,000,000 to existing federal social costs, likely will become a major plank in the party platform.

It would allow all present hospital insurance premiums to be wholly deductible from taxable income and would provide more generous income tax deductions for medical expenses. At present, there is no deduction for medical expenses.

Voting Slow But Expected To Pick Up

A smaller than anticipated turnout of Prince Rupert voters had gone to the polls by press time today to elect four of five candidates for city council and three of five contestants for District 52 School Board.

However, the aldermanic and School Board races were superseded by speculation on the outcome of the power supply referendum, one of three referendums upon which voters will also decide.

Returning Officer R. W. Long reported at 2:30 p.m. today that a disappointing number of persons had turned out for an issue so vital as the power question. However, based on past experience, it is believed the biggest number of votes will be recorded between 4 and 5 p.m. when the polls close.

At press time, some 435 voters had cast their votes, 10 percent higher than last year's 428 for the same time.

First person through the polls this morning when they opened at 8 a.m. was William Greenwood of 1210 Prince Rupert Blvd.

Scrutineers for various candidates checked the voter's lists behind the tables set up for polling clerks in the Civic Centre auditorium where the voting is taking place.

Overshadowing the polling were returning officer, R. W. Long and deputy, Mrs. Charles Pearce.

Seeking election for aldermen are T. Norton Youngs, Darrow Gomez, Herbert E. Glassy, Kathleen Smith, A. Donald Ritchie.

For District 52 School Board: Robert Kelsey, William C. Hankinson, Marcel Girardot, Mrs. Ann (A. L.) Bell, Kenneth F. Hardig.

In addition, voters will decide upon three referendums:

(1) On a mill for the Civic Centre; (2) The power issue; (3) All day Wednesday closing.

Weather

Cloudy with showers today and Friday except occasionally showers mixed rain and snow in the extreme north portion.

Little change in temperature. Wind light except west 30 in exposed areas near the Charlottes. Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy and Sandspit 35 and 42, Prince Rupert 35 and 39.

Whatever Result of Power Vote Close Decision Seen Likely

By HARVEY GAY
Daily News Staff Writer

When the results of the Prince Rupert voters' decisions on who should supply power to the city are announced tonight it will be the culmination of two weeks of extensive advertising and presentation of facts and claims to familiarize the public with the issue.

Speculation is rife in the city today as to the outcome of the controversial power referendum; whether the B.C. Power Commission should take over the Northern B.C. Power Company by expropriation or otherwise.

The question to be decided is the most disputed and debated for several years.

Although there are no bookmakers' odds, it would appear that whoever wins, power company or power commission, will

just scrap by with a small margin of votes.

Both sides of the question have been aired by its proponents.

Mayor George E. Hills as head advocate for the B.C. Power Commission here has presented City council's case to try to get the Power Commission to come into the city for five years now.

General manager of the Northern British Columbia Power Company Ltd. T. G. Black in announcing future policy, if the company is permitted to remain as the supplier, promises definitely naturally, he'll have no hesitation in opposing it.

Olimax of the dispute will be reached tonight about 9 p.m.

Since the question is of such vital importance, everyone should express their opinion by voting and marking their preference on the ballot. Otherwise their opinions are worth nothing.

Five-Year Old Smokes Pack of Cigarettes a Day

By DICK AYRES
Daily News News Editor

The Daily News editorial staff had a visit this morning from an unusual five-year-old girl who shocked news editor Dick Ayres, sports editor Harry Ody and social editor Grace Brown by smoking a cigarette.

Only three feet tall (slightly taller in high heels) and weighing 72 pounds, the young newcomer accepted a cigarette, lit it and puffed contentedly while she surveyed the office and decided what fun she could have next.

Myta, wearing a cherry-red jumper over a white t-shirt plus blue moccasin socks, is a white-faced chimpanzee, most intelligent of the ape family. On a visit here from Pentleton, B.C., she dropped into the news office with Capt. Ody, well-known Canadian circus and carnival properties. Capt. Ody and Myta are fashions.

Clearing Snow Off Sidewalks Good Job For Jobless Says NES

In an effort to combat the annual seasonal unemployment this time of year, the Prince Rupert Employment Advisory Committee has come up with a suggestion.

The suggestion is to employ someone for a few hours to clear sidewalks, alleys ways and driveways after a fall of snow.

This would create more casual jobs in the city and at the same time would render a service to the public.

The National Employment Service has a number of men who would be willing to undertake these tasks. They can be obtained by calling the NES office who will be glad to send a man around.