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GIVE to the RED CROSS

arks Board Vants 'Out'

man Seeks Divorce From City udget For Parks Work Slashed

areas that there were forces on the city that would make the Prince Rupert Parks "tough" this year Commissioner R. C. Barbour called for the board to "divorce itself from the and go to the people for funds to carry on a parks board program.

"I think it's ridiculous to submit a budget to the council and have it laughed at," Commissioner Barbour said. "We should get a referendum going to see if the people of Prince Rupert are interested in a proper parks program," he added.

ENOUGH FOR SWINGS

"I'm not interested in sitting on a board that gets enough money to paint swings and fighten teeter-totters," Commissioner Barbour went on.

"If the public turns us down, then we'll know where we stand," he said.

Commissioner Barbour said that there was approximately $17,000 left in the Algoma Park Fund and that $35,000 would be needed to complete the park along the lines the board envisions.

Board Chairman Bob Eby said that the board had gone to the people before, but had lost out by four votes. He said this was because the voters knew the board still had the Algoma Park fund.

TO FIX ALGOMA PARK

Commissioner Barbour stated that it was his intention to spend the money left in the fund in fixing Algoma Park as far as funds would allow.

Commissioner Hugo Kraupner agreed with the proposal, but cautioned that the board should have a complete parks program drawn up for the people when the referendum was submitted.

"We find ourselves in the position of being faced with aldermen who say that parks are taboo," Commissioner Kraupner said.

"Let's find out what the people think," he added.

Commissioner Barbour said that the east end was an example of where park development was needed.

"Casey Park may be the answer, but to extend it even a little bit will run into considerable money."

REDUCED TO $5,000

At the last council meeting, February 28, the board asked for an interim budget of $8,000. The amount was reduced to $5,000 by council and approved.

First budget estimates for the year, submitted to council, are approximately $34,000. Last year a similar budget was submitted but this was pared to $20,000.

$20,000 Seminick

VER —RCMP today arrested Eddie Sherban, 40 miles east of here, charged him with attempted murder in connection with the shooting last November of William Semenick.

VER — William 22, linked in court with $10,000,000 narcotics today was committed for trial on a charge of trafficking. Bail was fixed at $20,000.

Preliminary hearing before Thomas Dohm opened yesterday and brought out evidence from rookie Constable Joe Haywood who acted as undercover man to expose of the racket. Crown Dohm, as he committed Semenick for high court charged the underworld "interfere with Crown witnesses—Const. Haywood." the police to take adequate precautions for the protection of this young man," said.

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Saskatchewan Canadian Curling championship today, surviving a day of crackling play without defeat.

Campbell brothers of Sask. representing the for the third time, won MacDonald Brier tankard the tenth round with a victory over Rudy Steski of Ontario.

the first time a Saskatchewan rink has won the the 26 years the event held.

tenth round results are: Columbia 11, New Brunswick Quebec 9, Nova Scotia Manitoba 11, Newfoundland Ontario 9, Prince Edward

Labor Delegates ote To "Hold Line"

Trades and Labor Councils not usually given to demand money increases, last overwhelmingly voted for holding the line" capita dues.

Prince Rupert TLC voted keep the dues at 10 cents organization member, per the same rate it has since 1912.

decision taken after a spirited session saw a notice of that the per capita dues raised to 15 cents in near with other rising costs, to defeat on a secret

proposed increase would have a change in the by-law whereby the rate of 10 cents every in effect for 43 years be boosted five cents per per quarter.

Council President Pat O'Neal told the meeting would bring Prince Rupert into line with Vancouver and Victoria Trades and Labor councils.

When told by delegate R. G. Moore that the Prince Rupert Teachers' Association couldn't afford an increase in assessment, Secretary Jack Furness said that the per capita boost applied to each member and not to a group as a whole.

"It amounts to an increase of five cents extra a quarter or 20 cents a year," he said, "that makes 60 cents a year altogether and that won't hurt anyone."

Mr. Moore disagreed with the Fire Fighters' delegate saying there were individual problems facing each union and that there were very few unions who had to spend $1,200 for lawyer's fees during arbitration," as had the teachers in the past.

A building trades delegate warned the meeting that his union also had heavy expenses and the executive "had better be careful or it would drive the delegates away." The old per capita was good enough, he said, and the labor council had managed to get along.

H. S. Harrison, speaking for Local 510 of the Operating Engineers, said that his group supported the increase.

WEATHER

Coast Region: Cloudy and Saturday clearing in areas. Saturday evening frequent showers of mixed and snow today and early morning. Continuing today low tonight and high Saturday at Queen Sandspit and Prince Rupert 37 and 42

BASKET OF BEAUTY—Eighteen-year-old Lois Heyl of Boston's Back Bay fills a basket with charm, as she shows some of the assets that may qualify her for "Miss Photogenic Queen." The title winner will reign at the annual Boston Press Photographers' Ball on April 21. The winner of the contest receives a trip to Colorado to compete for the national title.

Labor Group Seeks Franchise For All

Referring to the $2 registration fee for non-property owners who wish to vote in civic elections, as a "fine" or a "penalty" the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council last night went on record as wanting the "universal franchise" established in this city.

Local 703 President Peter Lester told the meeting that a person who had lived in the city for a year or six months should be able to vote in civic elections on anything but money by-laws.

If a person who paid rent wished to vote, he said, that they had to pay a $2 "fine" or penalty.

He said that the council should protest to city council against the registration fee with a view to having it abolished, "as it had been in Vancouver."

In answer to a question from another delegate, as to whether a person renting a house paid taxes, Mr. Lester said that Carl Goldenburg during an inquiry had stated that rents on houses were fixed to include taxes that the property owner might have to pay.

The meeting instructed the secretary to write city council to ascertain what steps could be taken to remove the $2 registration fee.

On the subject of City Council, Firefighters' delegate Jack Furness urged that a delegate from the Trades and Labor Council be appointed to hold a watching brief on council matters.

"At a recent city council meeting I attended," he said, one alderman was absent, and an important decision resulted in a tie vote. If that alderman had been there, the matter could have gone either way. When thousands of dollars are involved it is important that every elected representative be present."

He suggested that a delegate report on what aldermen are absent too often and that the voters make sure that they aren't re-elected.

H. S. Harrison and Jack Ewart were named to attend city council meetings.

The mention of reps resulted in the meeting expressing concern over the approaching end to rent controls.

Ask Facts on Rent Control

After a delegate had said that one long-time tenant had been notified that his rent would be increased 50 per cent as of March 31, the secretary was instructed to write Labor Minister Lyle Wicks asking for clarification on the rent control situation.

President Pat O'Neal urged members to attend the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital association on March 24. He also gave reports on the recent airport committee meeting, and urged delegates to support the Prince Rupert children's Preventative Dental Clinic.

In other business, the Labor council decided to send a wire protesting the omission of fishermen in the amended Workmen's Compensation Act; subscribed to Hansard for a year; decided to ask for a report on the B.C. Power Commission plans and also Northern B.C. Power Company's position before taking a stand on the power question and named a resolution committee.

The wire protesting the Workmen's Compensation Act was canceled this morning after it was learned that the government incorporated aid to fishermen in the Act during last night's session of the legislature.

The committee will study resolutions to be presented at the National Trades and Labor Congress convention in Windsor, Ont., May 30 on. On the committee are J. S. Black, John Wiley, Pat O'Neal, A. E. Evans, W. H. Brett, E. F. Thompson, J. N. Forman, Doug Newton and Jack Furness.

The meeting filed a letter from E. T. Applewhaite, MP Skeena, in which the local member promised the Labor Council to do what he could in answer to a request for the sale price of the Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard. Delegates had told the meeting that the floating section of the drydock had been sold by the Canadian National Railways for "the ridiculously low figure of $50,000."

Oxygen Therapy Course Slated May 2 to May 5

A course in oxygen therapy will be given for holders of industrial first aid tickets May 2 to 5, F. E. Mottishaw, first aid inspector for the B.C. Workmen's Compensation Board said last night.

Oxygen therapy has become an additional first aid treatment, required of industrial first aiders as part of their qualifications after January 1, 1956, Mr. Mottishaw said.

The first aid inspector was in Prince Rupert to hold written and practical exams in first aid of all industrial ticket-holders as the WCB streamlines and standardizes its first-aid set-up.

Under this new arrangement, industrial first-aid exams will be held in this district only in March of each year as a certain percentage of certificates will expire in March of each year, Mr. Mottishaw said.

Eleven of the 23 industrial first aid certificate holders took their written and practical examinations last night. Tickets of the other 12 will expire in March 1956 or 1957.

Fishermen To Be Included In Compensation Benefits

Annual Assessment Of 2.5 Per Cent Set

VICTORIA (CP)—Labor Minister Lyle Wicks announced Thursday that fishermen will soon be covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The minister told the legislature that plans are complete to cover fishermen under the present act and all that remains is a conference of interested parties to explain it.

Mr. Wicks was speaking during second reading of amendments to the act. Opposition members had been repeating age-old arguments to include fishermen.

Mr. Wicks gave only a few details of the complicated coverage for fishermen.

Applicants for coverage will make an estimate of their annual earnings in the fishing industry and will pay an assessment of about 2.5 per cent during the time they are fishing. If they require compensation they will receive 75 per cent of their estimated earnings.

They will pay only during the periods they are fishing and compensationable accidents will count only during that period for the purposes of payment.

Mr. Wicks said that the plan is a workable "low cost" one.

It was drawn up after conferences with the Fisheries Association of B.C., the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Ind.), the government, the workmen's compensation board, and the Native Brotherhood of B.C.

The plan is a voluntary one but will permit coverage of all B.C.'s 15,000 fishermen.

The house gave second reading, approval in principle, to the bill. It dealt with a multiplicity of matters under a lot of other bills.

On the compensation act, Rae Eddie (CCF-New Westminster) said that several doctors have been "black listed" by the workmen's compensation board. He said they are never called to handle compensation cases. As a result doctors were cautious in dealing with the board.

Mr. Wicks said personalities crop up in every endeavor.

Gibson Quits; By-Election Seen Shortly

VICTORIA — Fiery Gordon Gibson, a former logger who has been in hot water ever since he was elected as a Liberal member in 1953, Thursday resigned his seat in the British Columbia legislature.

In a statement at the opening of the legislature, which caught everyone by surprise, the member for Lillooet said he was resigning over the issuance of forest management licences, a system of tenure in B.C. forests.

He walked out to the applause of the opposition members and, in a subsequent statement, called on the government to call an immediate by-election.

Mr. Gibson is a bitter foe of the manner in which forest management licences have been issued. He was "named" and suspended from the legislature recently when he refused to withdraw statements about the issuing of licences attributed to him in a Vancouver newspaper.

ONE-MAN SHOW

Mr. Gibson said after his resignation:

"One man is running this outfit (the legislature). What's the use of me hanging around here."

He said if he is re-elected — and he expected to be — it will be with the full accord that the people of his district are against forest management licences.

"Then I will continue my fight."

"I am unalterably opposed to the manner in which forest management is being administered, and in particular I am opposed to the practical result that timber is made available in perpetuity to the big operator and denied to the small man."

MUST ISSUE WRIT

Under the Constitution Act, the government must issue a writ of election. The by-election would be held about a month after the writ is issued.

He said he intends to present his views on forest management licences to the royal commission of Chief Justice Gordon Sloan which is inquiring into the forest industry.

Mr. Gibson was the centre of a House controversy last month when during a discussion of forest policies he was reported as saying: "I think money talks and has talked in this matter."

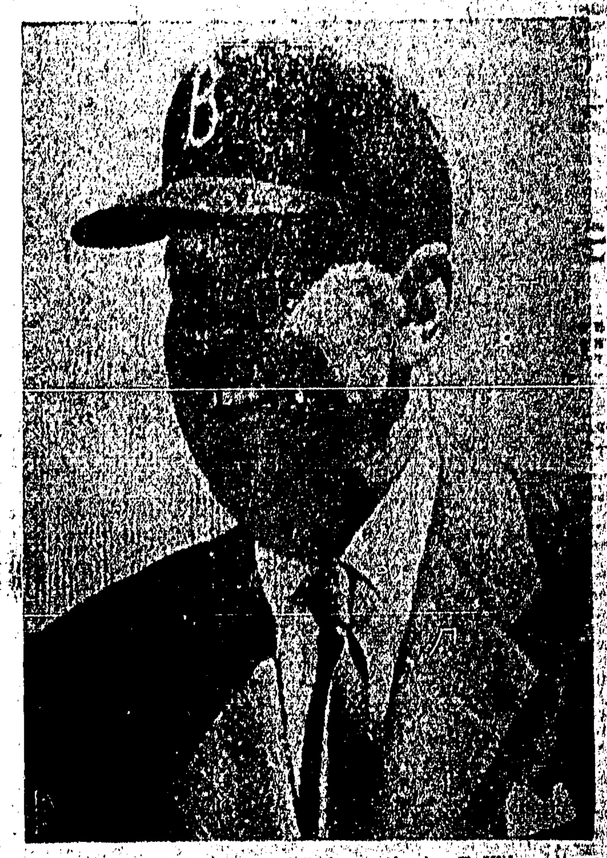
Penicillin Discoverer Dies at 73

LONDON (AP) — Sir Alexander Fleming, 73, discoverer of penicillin, died today at his home.

An announcement described the death as "sudden."

Death was attributed to heart failure.

The Scottish scientist retired from active research work last December, leaving his post as the head of the Wright-Leaming Institute of Microbiology at St. Mary's Hospital here.



UNITED STATES Secretary of Defence Charles E. Wilson leaves no doubt as to his diamond allegiance, as he dons a Brooklyn Dodgers' cap on a visit to the Bums' training camp at Vero Beach, Fla. The Cabinet official and his wife were on hand before a practice session began.

Move Started To Change Status of Salt Lakes

A move to get the public interested in having the provincial government develop Salt Lakes Park as a class "A" park was started last night at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Parks Board.

Move was sparked by chairman Bob Eby who noted that the British Columbia government intended spending $6,000 this year replacing 3,000 feet of plank walk leading to the Salt Lakes recreational ground. First step in developing the area the board chairman said, was to get the park re-classified from a "B" to "A" status.

Chairman Eby said he had been led to understand that the provincial forestry department was willing to do this but was afraid that it would establish a precedent in that there was no access by road.

SITTING ON FENCE

"It seems that the government is sitting on the fence on this matter and just needs a good push," the board chairman said.

"And they're going to get it," Commissioner Hugo Kraupner said.

The board appointed Commissioners Kraupner and Duncan McRae as a committee to draw up a brief outlining the advantages of having Salt Lakes rehabilitated. This brief would be submitted by delegates from the board to service clubs in the city in order to enlist various group's support so that a further brief could be submitted to the government.

Commissioner Kraupner was enthusiastic about the suggestion.

WANT NEARBY AREA

He said the people of Prince Rupert needed a place with the facilities Salt Lakes afforded and "they want some area close at hand."

Lukewarm to the suggestion was Commissioner Charles Balagno, who said that dozens of committees had been formed in the past to develop Salt Lakes.

"But they were not active," he said.

He asked what arrangements could be made for first aid and life saving equipment and said that such equipment had to be taken from this side of the harbor and a further trip back there was necessary if anyone needed hospitalization.

"I feel that Salt Lakes is just on the wrong side of the harbor," Commissioner Balagno said, adding that there were other places nearby which needed attention as well, notably Rainbow Lake and Grassy Bay.

Arrangements For Local Red Cross Fund Drive Next Thursday Shaping Up Well Says Chairman

Arrangements for the Prince Rupert and District Red Cross branch's one-night drive for funds next Thursday night, are forging ahead, campaign chairman, Cliff Ham, said today.

Whether you are at home, at the theatre, at a meeting or enjoying the Music and Drama Festival you will have the opportunity of helping the local Red Cross reach its $5,500 quota.

Last year, Prince Rupert and district residents put their drive over the top by more than $400 and the campaign officials are confident that the local drive will do the same this year.

Mr. Ham said that at Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd. plant at Watson Island and other large companies there will be no canvassing within the plants. Workers and their wives will be able to donate either at home or wherever they are next Thursday night.

Through the courtesy of Harry Clark, manager of the Capitol and Totem theatres, nurses will be stationed in both theatre lobbies ready to receive donations. The nurses won't be able to give official receipts right at the moment but names and addresses will be taken and receipts, usable for income tax purposes will be mailed to donors later.

To facilitate matters, persons who are not going to be home and are going to the movies could write their names and addresses on a slip of paper and hand it to the nurse as the donation is made.

A Red Cross table will also be set up near campaign headquarters in the Civic Centre, so that persons attending the Music Festival or meetings in the Centre can make their donations as they go in. Collections will also be taken at the bowling alleys.

Persons who are not going to the movies or the Civic Centre but are attending affairs elsewhere downtown, are asked to make a special effort and call in the theatres and make their donations there.

For the "stay-at-homes," one of nearly 50 canvassers will call during next Thursday night. At least 14 city organizations have provided canvassers for the city-wide drive and the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire has already started its canvassers collecting in the downtown business section.

Elsewhere in the district, organizers have been notified.

At Port Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robins are in charge of the canvass.

Other organizers are: Mrs. Knute Roite, Digby Island; E. Hudson, at Hunt's Inlet; Mrs. E. M. Dyson, Port Clements; F. Crookall, Oscland; Mrs. S. Frost, Masset; Miss Edna Bevan, Queen Charlotte City; E. Richardson, Tlell; Edward Azak, Canyon City; W. D. McKay, Greenville; John H. Moore, Kincolith; Reuben Munroe, Aiyansh; Reginald Simpson, Port Simpson; William Leask, Metlakatla; Mrs. Grace Vickers, Kitkatla; Miss Jessie Oliver, Skidegate Mission; Art Williams, Port Essington and managers at Northern Pulpwood, Sandspit; Alaska Pine at Chinshewa; Kelly Logging Co. Camp at Aero, QCI; Kelly Logging at Justkatla and Torbit Silver Mines at Salmon Arm.

Mr. Ham said the success of the campaign depends on the number of volunteer canvassers the fund drive committee can contract.

"The Red Cross," he said, "has lots of friends, but no enemies, and with lots of canvassers and our coverage of the downtown area Thursday night, we are hoping there won't be any call backs."

Anyone wishing to help the Red Cross drive by volunteering as a canvasser, Mr. Ham said, can call his electronic "secretary" at 4246 and register by leaving their name.