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Civic Centre Closed Tonight As Water Pours Into Building

More Than 8 Inches Of Rain in Four Days

Continued rains which have soaked Prince Rupert with more than 7.5 inches of rain in the last 48 hours together with gale-force winds have brought about the closure of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre.

The Centre roof, which only yesterday had a 3-by-12-foot patch put on its batted roof, last night lost another section of roofing 12 feet wide and 36 feet long. Water has poured down into the library, the library office, the Second Avenue-end balcony seats and the lobby is awash right into the gymnasium.

General Secretary Fred Jones and Roly Miles, craft director, worked feverishly all day to clear some of the water. Buckets were placed under spots were the rain was pouring through the roof in streams and a mopping up campaign has been carried on all day.

Canceled by the downpour is the league basketball games tonight and the Rupert Motors car show will stop short at 6 p.m. to be held again Monday.

Books in the library have been covered with strong paper and buckets are catching the rainwater in both the library and the library office. The water has encroached into the gymnasium in a three-foot strip along the Second Avenue end of the building.

DEPRESSING SOUND

All over the building is the depressing sound of dripping water, while on the roof the rain continues to soak into planks bared by the raging wind.

Digby Island radio station reported that in the last 24 hours 4.41 inches of rain have fallen in the area. This plus 3.28 inches which fell in the previous 24 hours gives a total of 7.69 inches for two days which brings the rainfall for the first four days of December to 8.29 inches.

LITTLE RELIEF

Little relief from the stormy weather is in sight according to today's weather forecast from the Dominion Public weather office in Vancouver.

The forecast, valid until midnight Sunday states that a gale warning is still in effect for the north coast region. It will be cloudy and cold with snow flurries later today and Sunday. Winds will be westerly 15 this afternoon. Low tonight and high Sunday at Sandspit 28 and 35, Port Hardy 32 and 38 and Prince Rupert 28 and 35.

Boats Search For Two Men Lost at Sea

Search parties along the beach and off the coast at Ryan Point have not yet turned up any trace of two Kincolith fishermen, presumed drowned when the fishing vessel Porcher No. 66 ran aground there Wednesday, RCMP in Prince Rupert reported today.

A party of more than 20 is assisting an RCMP ground party comb the beach and area around where Ralph Clayton, 41, boat owner and Percy Edward Stanley, 36, a crew member, are presumed to have drowned.

The RCMP launch ML-15, stormbound at Port Simpson yesterday is leading a patrol of several fishing boats over the waters near the accident scene.

The ML-15 was northbound when word of the Porcher No. 66's foundering was received here and the launch was directed to proceed to the scene.

Fishboat Dudoward No. 2 owned by James Dudoward of Port Simpson, found one survivor of the wreck, Howard Lincoln, 30, also of Kincolith. Half-frozen from clinging to the sunken vessel's mast for 16 hours, Lincoln was brought to Prince Rupert Thursday afternoon. His condition in hospital is described as good.

Heavy seas, whipped up by a 60-mile-an-hour gale capsized the Porcher No. 66 at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Lincoln told police in Prince Rupert.

The three men clung to the mast of the vessel through the night, but Clayton and Stanley slipped off and were washed away, police said.

Both the missing men were members of the Kincolith elected council. Clayton was elected in February and Stanley only three weeks prior to the accident.

Ralph Clayton is survived by his wife, Katherine Amelia in Kincolith and ten children, Nelson, Elizabeth, Charles, Victoria, Beverley, Barton, Rosalind, Patricia, William and Richard, all of Kincolith and two brothers, Ronnie and Paul.

Percy Stanley, who like boat owner Clayton, had been a fisherman all his life, is survived by his wife Ramona at home and eight children, Rose, Mary Louise, Harry, William, Wilma, Winnifred, Melvin and Hubert as well as a brother Murphy, all in Kincolith.

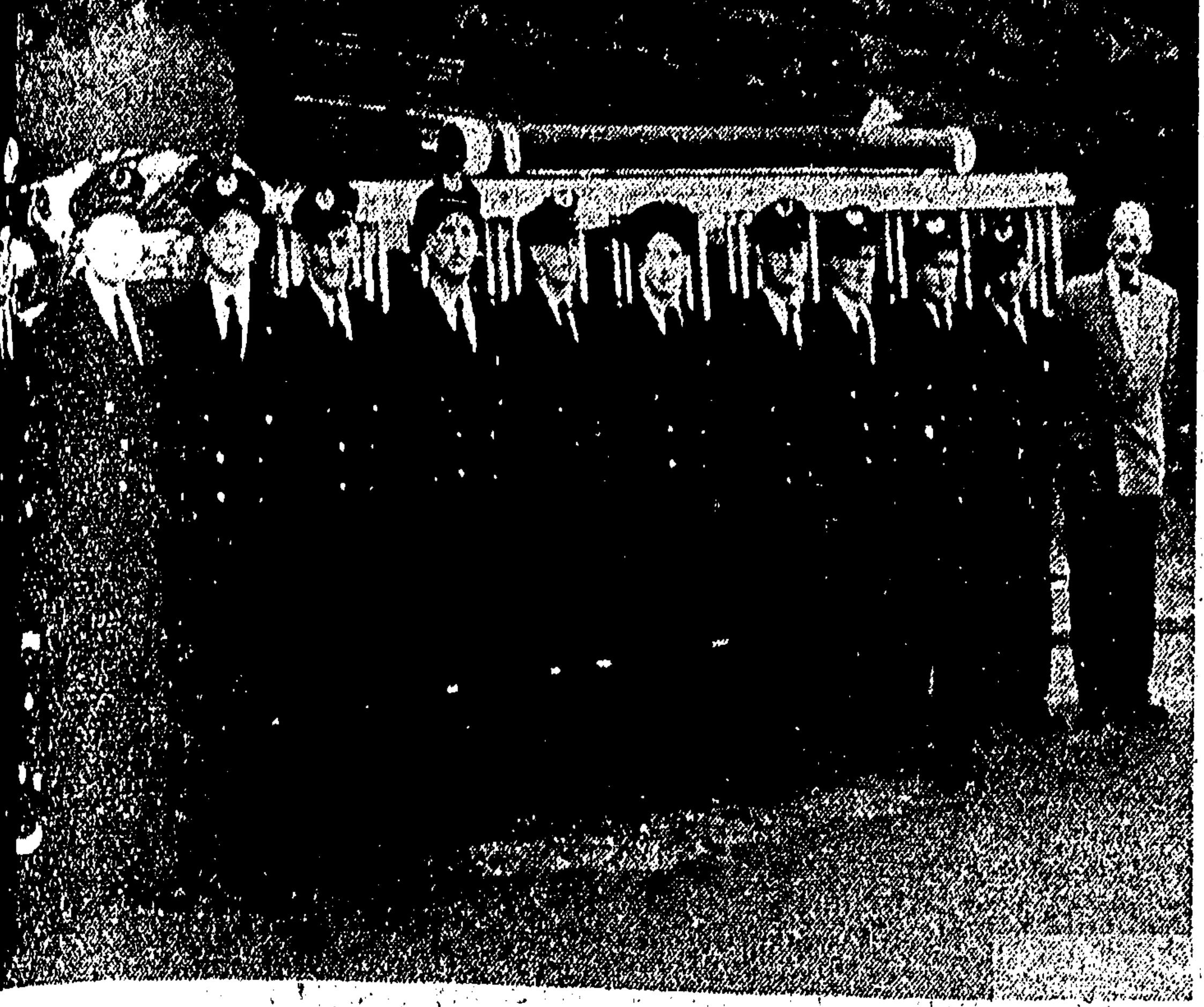
Mrs. Sunberg Dies Aged 56

A Prince Rupert resident of 37 years, Ethel Sunberg, 56, wife of Charles Sunberg, 314 Sixth Avenue West, died last night at Prince Rupert General Hospital after being in poor health for some time.

Born at Wigham, England, Mrs. Sunberg came to this country 40 years ago, settling at Stewart and then moving with her family to Ketchikan.

Surviving, beside her husband, at home are three sons, John, Charles and William; three daughters, Mrs. M. Rowe and Mrs. D. Karusosky, all in Prince Rupert and Mrs. John Lesak of Port Erie, Ontario; also three sisters, Mrs. H. Nygard in Ketchikan, Mrs. Charles Noren in Seattle and Mrs. L. Watmough in Hanna, Alberta.

Funeral services will be held at Granville Court Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Monday with Canon Basil S. Prockter officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery.



ERS OF THE PRINCE RUPERT FIRE DEPARTMENT, shown above with Mayor George E. this Monday join with thousands of other Canadian firefighters who have been canvass- ies and towns across Canada collecting funds to aid the campaign to fight muscular dys- . Shown left to right are Fire Chief Earl Becker, Bob Parks, Jack Furness, A. H. Iveson, ward, Jack Pearson, Jack Franks, John Dohl, Ted Jerstad, Wayne Harrison, W. H. Hill, ant Fire Chief and Mayor Hills. Campaign was originally slated to get underway in the city mber but was postponed to avoid conflicting with Elks March of Dimes. Last minute by Elks today resulted in a second postponement, and muscular dystrophy campaign will Monday.

ic Affairs Group Will Endorse r Candidates at Meeting Monday

of the nine aldermanic tes in the coming civic will be selected for en- t at a general meet- e Civic Affairs Associa- Monday night in the atre. This was decided at a meeting of the on's executive commit-

ndidates will be invited for a maximum of five at the meeting, after here will be a question be limited at the dis- of the chairman but not g half an hour. During od members of the audience may address questions to any of the candidates they choose.

Following the discussion, there will be voting by secret ballot to select the four candidates whom the CAA will endorse.

The meeting will be open only to members of the CAA, it was agreed. However, since there are many former members who have not had an opportunity to pay their fee this year and possibly others who wish to join, it was decided that membership in the association could be obtained by payment of the $1.00 fee at the door.

Consideration was given to a proposal that the candidates be asked to state their position on whether or not the city should adopt the city manager plan. It was agreed, however, that since this was not officially an issue at the present time and that it might prolong the discussion unduly, the matter should be postponed until another general meeting.

A suggestion also was made that in future years the CAA should endeavour to draw up its slate of those to be endorsed well before nomination day. Candidates not receiving support of the organization would then be at liberty to decide whether or not they wished to run, and the CAA would have more time to stimulate interest in the elections. Delay this year was attributed in part to the uncertainty of candidates as to whether or not they would be willing to run.

Mrs. E. W. Becker CAA president, was in the chair.

Killed in Gun Battle r Opening Fire on RCMP

DON (CP)— A man was death early today near after he opened fire at fficers as they moved in his car. One Mountie tally wounded.

were making a road- eck of cars following a tel robbery two hours at Portage la Prairie.

said that at about 12:30 o officers stopped a car adblock four miles east don to check the driver. ey approached the car, , the driver rolled down and began shooting at th a sawed-off .22-cali- ating rifle.

of the shots struck the Constable R. G. Allan another shattered his . Allan and Constable took cover in a ditch urned fire.

ght continued for nearly half an hour. The car was rushed when reinforcements arrived. The man was found dead on the seat.

The Leland Hotel at Portage, about 80 miles east of Brandon, was robbed by a young bandit who carried a sawed-off rifle.

Desk clerk M. W. Haggerty said:

"I came downstairs after showing a guest to his room and this fellow was standing in front of the desk. As I stepped behind it he said 'open that till.'"

"I wasn't very fast at it so he showed me the gun under his coat.

"I handed over some bills and a few quarters. He said 'keep quiet' and walked out. I called police."

OLD COUNTRY

OTBALL

(CP)—Results of today's ccer games:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I
Villa 0, Cardiff C 3; Black-
pool 2, Bolton W vs Preston
poned
A 3, Sheffield U 1.
field E 0, Burnley 1.
ter U 3, Leicester C 1.
uth 0, W. Bromwich 1.
W. 0, Newcastle U 3.
and 3, Manchester C. 2.
am H 1 Everton 3.
ampton W 3. Chelsea 4.
Varsity Match
U 2, Cambridge U 3.
Division II
m R 0, Leeds U 2.
1, Stoke C 1.
C 3, Lincoln City 0.
er R 2, Hull City 3.
1, Notts Forest 1.
3, Middlesbrough 1.
County 3, Birmingham C 2.
th A 2, Rotherham U 1.
le 1, Luton Town 1.
n Town 0, Ipswich Town 1.
am U 3, Bury 3.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division "A"
1, East Fife 2.
1, Motherwell 1.
3, Clyde 1.
ian 2, Saint Mirren 1.
ock 0, Aberdeen 4.
T 3, Stirling A 3.
of South 1, Rangers 2.
Rovers 0, Hearts 6.
Division "B"
R 3, Morton 3.
1, Forfar A 3.
a 1, Stenhousemuir 0.
C 3, Cowdenbeath 0.
ine A. Queens Park 1.
n A 1, Dundee U 1.
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Vancouver Banks Robbed of $10,000 Despite Increased Police Patrols

By PETER MURRAY
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VANCOUVER (CP)—Six weeks of major crime in this west coast city erupted with new violence Friday night as bank robbers struck twice in outlying districts, escaping with an estimated $10,000 and touching off a desperate manhunt.

A determined bid by the City of Vancouver to stamp out the crime wave by arming special flying squads with machine guns apparently pushed the gunmen into the suburbs.

Three men, operating with professional precision, looted a West Vancouver bank of $7,500 and a lone bandit walked out of a New Westminster bank with loot estimated at $2,500.

First reports placed the total loot at $30,000, but bank officials scaled down those figures late Friday night.

The manhunt was centred in Stanley Park after the West Vancouver bandits crashed through a roadblock at the Lions Gate toll bridge and sped into the park, their only avenue of escape.

Police patrols attempted to ring off the 1,000-acre park and made an exhaustive search of the area, but the gunmen apparently slipped through the cordon.

Early today, police had few clues, as has been the case in six other bank robberies in the Vancouver metropolitan area in the last six weeks. The area has a population of about 485,000.

Friday night's raids raised the bandits' take to $70,000 since Nov. 1.

The largest haul was made Wednesday when two holdups, staged in the same pattern as Friday's raids, netted gunmen more than $42,000.

Three men bulled their way through the locked doors of a West Point Grey branch of the Bank of Montreal 40 minutes before opening time and fled in an automobile with more than $40,000.

Two hours later a young bandit thrust a "hand over your money" note to the teller of a busy downtown Bank of Montreal branch and slipped into the crowds outside with $1,500.

The unprecedented tempo of violent crime moved the city to take drastic action Friday, scant hours before the two latest raids.

ISSUED MACHINE GUNS

Police chief Walter Mulligan announced that tear gas and machine guns would be issued to senior officers patrolling city streets in radio cars.

Some 50 constables were taken off school crossing beats and placed on the patrol force.

Hit in the west Vancouver raid was a Royal Bank of Canada Branch in the busy, multi-million-dollar Park Royal shopping centre.

Two men entered the bank about 5:30 p.m., 30 minutes before closing, and a third sat outside in the get-away car.

TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Doug Alderson, a customer in the bank, said the suddenness of the raid took the staff by surprise.

"I had just entered the bank," he said, "when a little man in a thick green sweater followed me. Hard on his heels came another man about 50 years old.

"This man stood by the door and, waving a gun, told everybody to get down on the floor."

"The second man scooped up the money from two tellers' cages."

The pair called a jaunty "merry Christmas" as they ran out the door.

There was no trace of the tall, thin gunman who looted a crowded downtown branch of the Bank of Toronto in New Westminster 15 minutes earlier.

He was chased down busy Columbia street for two blocks and at one point was believed trapped in a hotel, but made his get-away.

Cedarwood Wins Fight Against Gale

May Be Towed To Esquimalt

VANCOUVER (CP) — Leaking and buffeted, the naval research ship Cedarwood appeared early today to have won her battle with 50-mile-an-hour gales off the storm-swept British Columbia coast.

"Situation no longer dangerous" messaged her captain, Lt.-Cmdr. Jack Wolfenden; shortly before midnight as he headed shoreward.

Escorting her was the U.S. coast guard vessel Sorrell. The Canadian destroyer Athabaskan from the Esquimalt base near Victoria and a deep-sea tug, the Lloyd B. Gore, from Vancouver, were scheduled to make early-morning rendezvous with the 150-foot wooden vessel.

The frigate Stettler and the tug Clifton, also dispatched by the RCN at Esquimalt, were due to join the rescue flotilla.

A naval officer at Victoria said the Cedarwood was heading for Millbank Sound, on the east coast of Hecate Strait, about 350 miles north of Vancouver.

MAY TOW VESSEL

It was hoped the 150-foot vessel could be escorted or towed back to Esquimalt late today or early Sunday.

The Cedarwood was on a routine survey for the Pacific oceanographic group of Nanaimo, 80 miles north of Victoria on the east coast of Vancouver Island, and carried five scientists and 34 crew members.

The Cedarwood radioed early yesterday she had sprung a leak and was sinking. The coast guard vessel was only 70 miles away when the distress call went out. The Sorrell arrived early last night.

Assessments Show Increase

VANCOUVER (CP)—City comptroller Frank Jones Friday announced general property assessment for the city in 1955 is $608,220,744, an increase of $24,617,000 over 1954. It is the first assessment under B.C.'s new equalization Act.

Get $2,500 Haul

HAMMOND, B.C. (CP)—Jewelry valued at $2,500 was lifted here Friday by thieves who raided Hammond Jewelry Store. The loot included 40 new watches, 21 rings and 35 rings left in for repairs.

RUPERT MOORE views the new window he has finished after redesigning it to include the coat of arms of Sir Winston Churchill, following the conferring of a knighthood on the British Prime Minister. The Garter Window will be erected in the gallery at Chequers in London along with the coats of arms of other prime ministers.

Five Crew Members Lost, Five Saved as Tug Sinks

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—Five crew members were lost when the tug Rouella went down in towering seas Friday a few miles off Cape Smokey, N.S. First word of the tragedy came early today when the Gloucester, Mass., trawler Emily Brown arrived here with five survivors.

The 85-ton tug foundered in a freezing blizzard. The captain said she keeled over under a huge wave, filled with water and failed to right herself. She had been on the way from Sydney to Rimouski, Que.

The rescued men spent four hours drenched to the skin in the open lifeboat. Two were unconscious when they were landed here.

Capt. Philip Siletto, 51, of the Emily Brown, said they spotted the lightless lifeboat almost by a miracle. "It was their lucky day, I'll tell you."

The Emily Brown picked up the survivors despite high seas and blinding snow that threatened to dash the small boat to pieces.

With their clothes frozen stiff, the survivors were nursed along on hot coffee laced with whisky. One man was in a coma and one unconscious.

Capt. Herbert Bowen, a seaman for 27 years, told how the little tug shipped a couple of seas and started to list. He stopped the engines and headed into the wind. "Ater that everything happened so fast."

"She was already filling up and then she rolled so fast I only had time to slash one lifeboat free with a jacknife and shout a warning."

Within seven minutes the tug disappeared.

Prince George Brewery Given Go-Ahead Sign

VICTORIA (CP)—Attorney-General Robert Bonner Friday gave the green light to construction of a $1,000,000 brewery at Prince George.

City council and board of trade of the north-central B.C. city have already approved the proposed project by Nechako Brewing Co. Ltd.

Mr. Bonner said he has advised Ottawa that the provincial government has no objections to the brewery licence.

The licence, which must come from the federal government, would be the first new brewery licence in B.C. since the 1920s.

Nechako Brewing Co. was formed in November, 1952, and in December of the same year made application for the brewery permit.

A seven-acre site has been acquired and construction of a 65,000-barrel brewery is scheduled to start in the spring. The company expects to be in production by the fall of next year or early in 1956, and will employ 35 to 40 men at the start.

Minister's Son Hurt in Crash

Word has been received that Sub - Lieutenant Charles L. Wright, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Wright, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Prince Rupert was injured in an air crash off the Irish coast yesterday and is on the "dangerous" list at the Royal Navy Hospital at Eglington, Northern Ireland.

Sub-Lt. Wright who had only this week completed his training with the Fleet Air Arm, RCN, at Helstone, Cornwall, suffered shock and head injuries when his plane went into the sea while he was practising landings off Eglington. He was rescued from the water by helicopter.

Fluoridation Voting Issue

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's first test of fluoridation of domestic water will come next week at civic elections for which nominations closed Thursday.

Two Okanagan communities, Kelowna and Westwold, will put decision of the hotly-debated issue to electors by ballot.

Civil Servants Urge Provision For Wage Boost

VICTORIA (CP)—A B.C. Government Employees' Association delegation Friday asked the provincial government to provide funds in estimates for 1955 for wage increases for civil servants.

A three-man delegation headed by General Secretary E. P. O'Connor, and BCGEA president Carl Hauck, urged an immediate sweeping wage survey by the civil service commission.

O'Connor said the association wants a "comprehensive wage survey with a view to determining the extent of wage adjustments necessary to establish wage rates comparable to those paid in better class industry."

B. C. RADIO-TELEPHONE LINK, LARGEST IN CANADA, OPENED

VICTORIA (CP)—Canada's largest radio-telephone network has gone into operation in British Columbia.

Premier Bennett has officially opened a network constructed by Northwest Telephone Co. that links Vancouver with Tofino and Ucluelet on Vancouver Island's west coast and that stretches as far north as Prince George, Alert Bay and Ocean Falls.

The premier said Friday the four high-frequency chains are a "very significant addition to the telephone facilities of British Columbia."

The chains, which utilize radio-telephone beams in place of wire circuits, fill the same role as telephone pole lines and consist of radio stations 50 miles apart.