MORROW'S TIDES

...urday, July 9, 1955.
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| 16:17 | 10.0 feet |
| 9:55 | 3.4 feet |
| 22:15 | 6.6 feet |

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# ...ert Thomas ...eats Strait

## ...U.S. Marine Completes Swim ...m Port Angeles to Victoria

...ICTORIA (CP)—Bert Thomas, stroking to the ... beat of United States Marine Corps battle ... conquered cold, bad-tempered Juan de Fuca ...today, swimming the 18.3 miles from Port An... Wash., in 11 hours, 10 minutes.

...rmer marine frogman ...lucky 13 as he sidestrok... ...way to more than $3,000 ... money. The 14th at... ... the strait, which be... ...58 a.m. PDT, failed less ...ree hours later when Mrs. ...ndigel Meraw, 36, noted ... distance swimmer of ...was pulled out.

... not known immediately ...ted her. For Thomas, a ...d logger out of Tacoma, Wash., it was the fifth attempt. For Mrs. Meraw it was the second.

Thomas, who said the south-to-north swim was "the easy way" across the strait, started in daylight — at 6:55 p.m. PDT Thursday—and ended in daylight, at 6:06 a.m. today.

Mrs. Meraw's attempt was on the Victoria-to-Port Angeles route.

## ...ghter Encourages Father

...his pilot boat, Thomas' ...old daughter Sharon "Go, Daddy, go!" A Vic... ...ho station played battle ...t intervals, which were ...to the lone figure in the ...

...t Angeles waited $1,800 ... by public subscription ...first person to make the ...-north crossing; ahead ...was the standing $1,000 ...the Victoria Daily Times ...first person to swim the ...either direction.

...ctory appeared certain, ...and firms of Victoria ...an additional $700 and ...s indicated.

Throughout the night a huge signal fire burned atop the headland of Hotland point and kept the swimmer dead on course.

Victoria's colorful mayor, Claude Harrison, waited clad in his crimson-lined cloak to be among the first to greet Thomas as he dragged ashore.

There were more than 1,500 waiting on the Victoria shore.

Thomas, who had waited impatiently at Port Angeles for more than a week for favorable weather, received an ovation from hundreds of spectators who lined the beach off lonely Ediz Hook to watch him start.

## Faster Clip Than Before

... a faster pace than at ...revious time, cutting ... the water at nearly two ... hour. Three hours and ...es after he plunged in... ...-degree water he passed ...S into Canadian waters, ...x miles from his start... ...

...t across the interna... ...boundary, the King ...of Seattle, official es... ...cel, broke out the Red ...

... darkness fell and again ...ning, scheduled airlines ...dipped low to give pas... ...a look at the swimmer ...flotilla. The Port An... ...tona ferry tooted good ...s it passed.

The traffic in Juan de Fuca has been heavy ever since last August 9, when the swirling, cold, tide-torn water bested U.S. channel swimmer Florence Chadwick. She accepted a Victoria Daily Times offer of $7,500 to swim, $10,000 if she made it. She lasted five hours, 11 minutes and made less than five miles.

Miss Chadwick, who has swum the Catalina strait and the ...he had ever encountered. Dardanelles, termed Juan de Fuca the meanest body of water she had ever encountered.

The 29-year-old Thomas came next. He tried it April 14 and in four hours and 10 minutes, swam exactly six miles.

## ...fic in Strait Heavy

... was a doubleheader ...me 3 when Pat Russell, ...old University of British ...a student and Thomas ... Miss Russell, a swim ...nstructress, was pulled ...r seven hours, 18 minutes ...h she made nearly 10 ...Thomas lasted 10 hours ...minutes, making 12 miles. ...s went again on June ...ng 11 miles in nine hours ...minutes.

...ur, a municipal survey... ...Saanich, B.C., near Vic... teria, made the first of his two swims two days later, crawl-stroking to a swift nine miles in three hours, 48 minutes.

Thomas went again the next day, this time covering nearly seven miles in five hours, four minutes.

Then came Rev. John Donelon of Toronto, a Roman Catholic priest who swam June 27 to gain prominence for a fund-raising drive in aid of an eastern Canada youth project. He lasted two hours, 27 minutes and covered less than three miles.

Janice White, 18-year-old Toronto schoolgirl, daughter of an industrialist, turned in a surprising five-mile attempt the same day. She lasted six hours 10 minutes and covered roughly nine miles.

Bill Muir went again July 2 lasting four hours, 45 minutes and four miles.

Mrs. Meraw lasted one hour, one mile on July 6.

Thomas, who says he has no ambitions to try the English Channel, comes from the driest state in the U.S.—Colorado.

## ...ute Ends

...AT, B.C. 9 — A dis... ...er overtime rates be... ...members of local 1031, ...ional Brotherhood of ...rs and Joiners of Ame... ...L-TLC), and the Sague... ...nat Company has been ... union officials an... ...here Thursday.

...f union announcement ... agreement had been ...y the union and com... ...t gave no details.

## ...Building Figures Drop First Time This Year

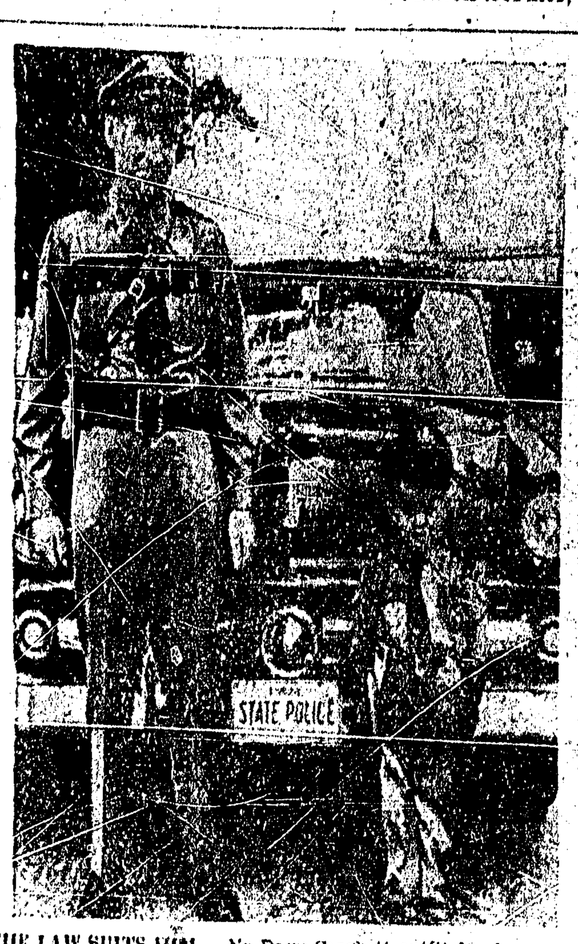
...ince Rupert's building for the first six months of 1955 ...allen behind construction totals for a similar period ...ar by $130,993, a check of building permits issued by ...all during this period shows.

...uilding permits valued at $290,034 have been issued from ...y to June this year as compared to last year's six-... total value of $421,025.

...alue of permits issued in the month just past was $34,750, ...,000 below the 1955 monthly average of $48,472. However, ...re of the permit for the $260,000 provincial forestry ...ng in June of last year, made last June's permit value ...5

...p until June, monthly building average has been $51,230 ...mpared to $27,300 averaged in the first five months of ...ear.

...o houses, valued at $12,000 and $8,000 make up the ... portion of the city's construction value last month.




THE LAW SUITS HIM — No Davy Crockett outfit for four-year-old Roger Hutchison! The frontiersman may be O.K. for a dead hero, but young Roger's live, flesh-and-blood hero is his dad, Maine State Trooper John Hutchison, whose uniform the boy's grandmother copied for him right down to the last button.

# Pope, Peron Exchange Telegram Greetings

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Pope has told President Juan Peron of Argentina that he prays that God will "illumine and move your heart so that the loved people of Argentina may freely live their Catholic tradition."

The Pope's wish was expressed in a personal cable to the Argentine president.

It was in reply to one that Peron had sent to the pontiff on the occasion of the feast day of St. Peter and Paul last week.

Until today the Vatican had pleaded ignorance of any such message. Both were published today in the Vatican's L'Osservatore Romano.

On June 16 the Vatican's sacred congregation of the consistory announced that all persons responsible for the expulsion of Bishop Manuel Tato of Buenos Aires had incurred excommunication. The expulsion had followed a long period of growing tension between church and state there.

While the congregation's declaration mentioned no names, Vatican authorities made it clear that the declaration included President Peron and members of his government.

Peron has said he still considered himself a Catholic despite the excommunication.

Msgr. Tato and his assistant, Msgr. Ramon Novoa, are now on their way from Italy to Rio de Janeiro to attend the eucharistic congress July 17-24. It is not known whether they will attempt to return to Argentina.

## Bennett Shrugs Off Figures On Debt From Federal Bureau

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bennett shrugged off dominion bureau of statistics B.C. debt figures Thursday, and promptly announced a further reduction in the province's net debt.

The federal statistics agency reported B.C.'s net debt Tuesday as being over $280,000,000 in 1954, at a time when Premier Bennett was saying the debt was under $155,000,000.

Federal figures included "contingent liabilities" which are loans negotiated by the province for municipal school districts, the B.C. power commission, PGE, and other agencies of government.

"They didn't even take off sinking funds," said the premier.

He told his regular press conference Thursday B.C.'s net debt will be down to $125,589,000 on August 2, which is "Social Credit Day" in B.C.

At March 31 this year, he said, the debt was $136,970,900, a reduction of $11,361,000 in four months.

# Alcan, CNR Co-Operation On Rail Project Praised

## Emergency Mail Service Arranged

### Injunction Faces Court Test Today

OTTAWA— Provisions for emergency mail service for all classes of mail to Post Offices south of Prince Rupert have been made by the post office department, T. A. M. Kirk, parliamentary assistant to Postmaster General Alcide Cote announced today in the House of Commons.

Announcement was made in answer to questions by E. T. Applewhaite, Skeena MP asking what measures the government planned for north coast B.C. communities cut off by the strike of 350 members of the Seafarers' International Union against Union Steamships Ltd.

First class mails and parcels containing perishables for Queen Charlotte Island offices will leave Vancouver Saturday and a call will be made at Prince Rupert en route, Mr. Kirk said. Other parcel post mail for these offices will be routed to Prince Rupert by train for forwarding by packer.

First class mail and parcels containing perishables for Stewart, Kincolith and other northern communities served by boat, will be forwarded by air. Other parcel post will be sent by packer as soon as final arrangements are made, the parliamentary assistant said.

In Vancouver, Canadian Press reports that the legality of a court injunction prohibiting the union men from interfering with the loading of "hot" cargo on Vancouver docks was to be tested in Supreme Court today.

Norman D. Mullins, counsel for the SIU said the union will allege conspiracy between Coastwise Piers Ltd., Quatsino Navigation Co. Ltd., and Union Steamships and will present three affadavits which brand as false, charges leading to an injunction obtained earlier this week.

Coastwise Piers obtained the injunction on petition that it was not carrying "hot" cargo.

MRS. M. L. WILKINSON

## Mrs. Wilk... Dies Aged ...

Well - known nonagenarian Mrs. Mary Louise Wilkinson, wife of Henry Wilkinson, 650 Eighth Avenue East died yesterday in Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 93.

Mrs. Wilkinson and her husband moved to Prince Rupert in 1947 after living in Edmonton for 36 years where they had moved after Mr. Wilkinson retired as an employee of the City of Vancouver in 1921. She and Mr. Wilkinson celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

She was born in England and married in 1882, coming to Canada 27 years later.

Surviving are her husband and her daughter, Mrs. W. D. McAra (Eva) with whom she lived, two grand-daughters, Mrs. Roy Heeks and Mrs. Robert McMurray in Edmonton; three grandsons, Donald, Keith and Neil McAra in Prince Rupert, five great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Ferguson's Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Saturday with Canon Basil S. Prockter officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery.

## — WEATHER —

FORECAST

Cloudy today and Saturday clearing over the land during the afternoons. Fog and low cloud over the water offshore. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 50 and 63. Sandspit 50 and 60. Prince Rupert 50 and 65.

## Last Spike Driven By Vice-President

Special to The Daily News

KITIMAT—Praise for the high degree of co-operation between the Canadian National Railways and the Aluminum Company of Canada from the time the Terrace-Kitimat railway line was in its "paper stage," was given today by S. F. Dingle, vice-president, operation, of the CNR.

Mr. Dingle was speaking to members of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, the Yukon and southeastern Alaska at the formal opening of new rail line.

DRIVES LAST SPIKE

The CNR vice-president, with the aid of an automatic driver, hammered in a specially-made aluminum spike to mark completion of the railway. He was assisted by P. E. Radley, B.C. project manager for Alcan. The spike had been made at the Kitimat smelter.

Mr. Dingle said that it was no secret that the CNR asked for reasonable guarantees of traffic during the first 10 years of operation and also took a long, hard look at Alcan's plans before applying for a charter to build the line.

"But once we had satisfied ourselves, we not only buckled down to the job of building the railroad, we also set up a tariff of freight tolls that would move the refined aluminum into the competitive markets of North America."

Mr. Dingle also paid tribute to the Associated Boards for seizing the opportunity to again draw attention to the remarkable resources of the northwest Pacific region.

"This is a portion of the national heritage that has for too long lain dormant. Thanks particularly to the spectacular works so close at hand, that vast potentialities of the area have recently been advertised to a world wide audience."

"It is good to see the businessmen of this area doing a fine job of following up the splendid selling opportunity that has been presented to them."

MAJOR WORK

The CNR official said that the Alcan project was a "major work of our generation." He said as operating officer of a large rail system he was aware "perhaps more than most of the resources and organization that were brought into focus to design and build an enormous hydro-electric development, a transmission line across the roof of a mountain range, a smelter that promises to be the largest of its kind in the world and a great ocean port and city."

He lauded CNR engineers Major J. L. Charles, Joe Conrad and Pat MacIlroy who along with the contractor Campbell-Bennett and their staffs built a "thoroughly workable railway through what at times seemed to be thoroughly unworkable terrain."

He said in the process of "building down from Terrace we excavated well over 2,000,000 yards of material and erected five bridges, including the eight-span, 1,000-foot bridge across the Skeena river. It wasn't easy construction."

Started in 1953 the first steel reached Kitimat from Terrace on December 7, 1954, with a work train arriving the same day. Regular twice weekly service began on January 14 and was boosted to a daily diesel schedule June 1.

Other officials taking part in the ceremony were Reeve W. P. Hallman of Kitimat; Emil Haugland, Terrace Village Commission chairman; and civic officials from Prince George, Vanderhoof, Smithers, Burns Lake. From Prince Rupert was Ormé J. Stuart, retiring president of the Associated Boards.

## Williston Urges North Not To Rest

### Area Must Look Straight Ahead

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE—"The great country of Central and Northern British Columbia can only look in one direction—ahead," Education Minister Ray Williston told members of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C., Yukon and southeastern Alaska at their annual banquet here last night.

"This country cannot do something and rest on its laurels saying 'look what we have done' because the minute it has done that thing, another project starts," he said.

Speaking in the Skeena High school auditorium Mr. Williston said that "you will have your blacktop in due course."

He saw in Central and northern B.C. a great promise of future development through the known asbestos, mercury and water power resources plus many others yet to be developed.

BIG EDUCATION JOB

"British Columbia faces a tremendous job in the education of youngsters," the education minister asserted. He added that in spite of difficulties B.C. had 20 per cent more high school graduates than any other province in Canada.

He said that plans were underway to meet the increasing need for teachers for the 14,000 new students who would need 450 new classrooms each year.

"Central B.C. needs air, road and railroad expansion. It needs power," Mr. Williston said.

"B.C. power requirements do not stop at Whatshan in Arrow Lakes or at Kingsway in Greater Vancouver. The great north country must have it too, if it is to be developed," he said.

Final speaker at the banquet was Mayor George Beck of Ketchikan who tied Alaska and its resources to British Columbia and its central-northern potential in a vision of future developments.

Preceding Mr. Williston's speech, Ormé J. Stuart, retiring president of the Prince Rupert Chamber paid tribute to the hospitality of the Terrace Board of Trade. F. M. Dockrill of Telkwa presented a silver cigarette case to Duncan Kerr, Terrace Board of Trade secretary for 10 years and now vice-president.

Besides Education Minister Williston, other cabinet representatives were Health Minister Eric Martin and Public Works Minister W. N. Chant.

## Aussie Sets Course Record To Keep Title

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Peter Thomson of Australia won the British Open Golf Championship for the second straight year with a par 72 today on the final rounds for a 72-hole open record of 281 on St. Andrews Old Course.

Thomson finished two strokes ahead of Scotland's John Fallon who wound up earlier with a 70 for a 283 total.

(See earlier story Page 4.)

# Civil Defence Information Centre Open Monday

Information on "Exercise Earthquake," the joint Prince Rupert-Ketchikan civil defence exercise to be staged July 21 will be available to the public Monday, when the Civil Defence Information Centre opens at 215 Second Avenue, across from the Bus Depot, Robert McKay, Prince Rupert CD co-ordinator said today.

The operation, chosen by local CD officials in preference to the "nuclear bomb" type of civil defence scheme, calls for Prince Rupert to be the reception centre for 2,000 Ketchikan residents after the Alaska city is levelled by an earthquake.

TO TEST FACILITIES

It was suggested orighally by provincial civil defence headquarters to test emergency hospital care, feeding, clothing, transportation, registration, communication, police and housing facilities in the event of a natural disaster.

Under the plan, evacuees will be brought in to Prince Rupert by United States Coast Guard ships and planes and any other means of water and air transportation available.

Top Alaskan civic defence personnel as well as Ketchikan CD and civic officials will be among those persons coming down for the exercise. The Ketchikan civil defence organization has prepared 2,000 cards covering the 12 categories into which the men, women and children will be classed. Planes will be used mainly to bring in "injured" requiring immediate hospital care while "homeless" and others are to be brought in by boat.

Tuesday night, members of the civil defence Disaster Committee decided to go "all-out" in carrying out the scheme as members felt that only with an actual "run-through" operation could the city's CD organization fully test its preparedness.

To add realism to the exercise, the meeting decided to call for volunteer evacuees to give registration, transport, hospital and other civil defence branches actual experience in handling crowds of injured and homeless.

Prince Rupert residents, volunteering to act as evacuees for the scheme, can aid the local organization by filling in the form below and either mailing to "Civil Defence, Prince Rupert," or leaving it at the Second Street Information Office or the Northern B.C. Power Company office on Third Avenue.

Reports reaching civil defence headquarters here state that Ketchikan residents are enthusiastic over the scheme and attempts are being made to have television coverage of Exercise Earthquake both by U.S. and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation technicians.

Progress reports of the various heads of sub-committees for Exercise Earthquake will be heard at a meeting of the Disaster Committee next Tuesday.

## "EXERCISE EARTHQUAKE"

VOLUNTEER EVACUEE REGISTRATION FORM

I am willing to assist in "Exercise Earthquake" as a volunteer evacuee.

..... Man (..) Woman (....) Child Under 12 (....)
Name — Over 12 (....) Please check off age group.

..... .....
Home Address — Home Phone — Business Phone

NOTE: Volunteers will be notified as to place and time of assembly several days in advance of exercise.

MAIL COUPON TO CIVIL DEFENCE H.Q., PRINCE RUPERT OR LEAVE AT CIVIL DEFENCE INFORMATION OFFICE, SECOND AVENUE, OR THE NORTHERN B.C. POWER CO. OFFICE.