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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, January 6, 1956.
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High	8:57	18.8 feet
	22:17	15.8 feet
Low	2:32	9.0 feet
	16:02	6.9 feet

Army Week Slated Here

Royal Canadian Engineers, Band To Demonstrate in City

Next week will be "Army Week" in Prince Rupert when more than 80 Canadian Army officers, NCO's and other ranks pay a four-day visit here to give the public an insight into what goes on in the modern Canadian Army.

Information received this week from Lt. Col. H. D. Berry, CD, Royal Canadian Engineers, commanding officer of the 1st Field Regiment, RCE, Camp Chilliwack, Vedder Crossing, B.C., states that a troop of engineers will install static displays in the Prince Rupert Armories, show films on army life and will march and drill during the time they are here from Wednesday, January 11 until late Saturday, January 14.

In addition a 29-piece Royal Canadian Engineers band will be here presenting concerts both at the Civic Centre and Booth Memorial High school and also at the Armories on "Militia Night," next Thursday.

Accompanying the field unit and band will be a recruiting team to outline career opportunities in any of the various army corps.

Accompanying Lt. Col. Berry will be Capt. R. H. McMillan, cadet officer at headquarters of the British Columbia area. He will be available at all times to discuss army cadets, services colleges, soldier apprentices and other phases of army career work.

To Speak to Organizations

Lt. Col. Berry, when he was here recently expressed the hope of speaking to as many city organizations as possible.

Arrangements have already been made through Col. S. D. Johnston for Lt. Col. Berry to address the Rotary Club on Thursday. He also hopes to speak to Parent-Teacher groups and arrangements are being made by Capt. R. O. Evans, officer commanding the 120th Harbor Defence Troop, for Lt. Col. Berry to address a meeting of Canadian Legion Branch 27.

Arriving here Tuesday by plane will be Regimental Sergeant Major J. V. Wambolt, RSM of the 1st Field Engineers Regt., who will act as the units' advance party and confirm arrangements and accommodation.

The troop from the 3rd Field Squadron of the Royal Canadian Engineers, stationed at Esquimalt Garrison, Vancouver Island, are commanded by Lt. K. Kavanagh. With Lt. Kavanagh are Lt. H. R. Bohme, Sgt. J. Johnston, Sgt. L. F. McBride and 51 NCOs and men.

Set Up Equipment Displays

The troop will set up displays of weapons, bridges, mines and booby traps, demolition kits and also show films on life and careers in the army. Weather permitting they will put on drill displays and it is hoped that they will parade through town Saturday, January 14, led by the Camp Chilliwack band.

The band is stationed at Vedder Crossing and is commanded by its director of music, Capt. A. Brown, CD. Twenty-nine members of the band are expected here and will be prepared to play band or concert music. For any concerts they will be wearing their full dress uniform.

Lt. Col. Berry said that any band concerts requested by schools can be timed for noon hour so as not to interfere with school work.

Accompanying the other units will be a personnel selection officer and a recruiting sergeant from headquarters of the B.C. area.

Further details of the "Army Week" will be published as they are made available.

Death of Three Children Accidental Jury Rules

A coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death through asphyxiation in the December 29 fire which took the lives of three unattended city children.

The jury, empanelled by Coroner George E. Dawes, was enquiring into the deaths of Vaughn Gurney 6, and his brothers, Darlene 3, and Priscilla 1, who perished when fire of unknown origin swept the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gurney, 217 First Avenue East.

YOUTHS COMMENDED

The verdict added a commendation for two neighbor youths, Donald Grey and William Cecil for their effort in attempting to save the lives of the three children by running into the burning house.

Grey said he saw flames in the house and Cecil had run out and down to the Chinese residence, three doors [illegible].

Grey said he had run into the building but had seen no one and he had run outside again where he was joined by Matthew Gurney 13, that there were three children on the bed in a room off to the left. He had grabbed two Vaughn and Darlene, he said, but when he had gone back in again after the other, flames had blocked his way.

The [illegible] year old child was taken to Prince Rupert General Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Cecil said that he had climbed in the children's bedroom window, but intense heat had prevented him from getting within two feet of the bed.

Arthur Gurney, father of the children said that he and his wife had left the house at 6:30 p.m. to visit friends in the Hospital. Their eldest son, had been at home at the time and had been told that the parents would return "about 8:30."

However, the father said, after leaving the hospital, he and his wife had visited other friends in town and had later been told that his sister had been brought, unknown to him, to the hospital. He had become alarmed over the news, and had gone to phone the hospital, the father said. Because of this, they had not gone home until about 11:30, about 15 minutes after the alarm had been turned in.

Philip Gurney said that he thought his parents were on their way home when he left the house, as was his nightly custom at 8:45, to go up town.

DISCOVERED BLAZE

Matthew Gurney and his younger brother Chester, 11 had left the house immediately after their parents to go to a show. They had returned about 8:30 and had left again.

When they returned about 11 o'clock they had discovered the blaze.

Fire Chief Earl W. Becker said he thought the fire might have been caused by a hotplate being left on, but the father of the victims said the appliance had been unplugged and turned off.

Within the frame building [illegible] said to be around [illegible]

OSCAR-WINNER Grace Kelly, beautiful movie actress from Philadelphia, who yesterday announced her engagement to Prince Rainier of Monaco, is shown above chatting with dancer Gene Kelly, (no relation) last year at the International Film Festival at Cannes, France. It was in Cannes that Miss Kelly met her future husband.

Movie Star Grace Kelly To Wed European Prince

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Grace Kelly, blonde, beautiful and elegant star of the movies, yesterday announced her betrothal to Prince Rainier of Monaco and said the wedding date will be soon after Easter.

Announcement of the engagement, which came after a courtship on the Riviera, was made jointly in Monte Carlo and by Miss Kelly's parents in Philadelphia.

Miss Kelly, 26, daughter of John B. Kelly, millionaire builder, declined to say whether she will retire from the screen after her marriage.

The prince, 32, told reporters his bride-to-be will be known in Monaco as "Her Serene Highness, Princess of Monaco."

The engagement was received with great joy by citizens of Monaco as the fate of the tiny principality hinges on whether Prince Rainier has a male heir. If he had remained single, or if he still should not have a male heir, Monaco passes into the hands of the French republic.

Miss Kelly met Prince Rainier last year while attending the International Film Festival at Cannes, France, and also during the making of a movie "To Catch a Thief" in which she played opposite Alex Guiness.

On hearing of the engagement yesterday, British star Guiness quipped: "Splendid, now we can go to Monte Carlo and get free chips."

AWU Strike Enters 110th Day

TORONTO (CP) — The strike of 17,000 workers at five General Motors of Canada plants today entered its 110th day, becoming the second-longest automobile strike in Canadian history.

It is surpassed now only by the walkout of Chrysler of Canada workers in Windsor, Ont., in 1946, which lasted 123 days. A strike of Ford of Canada workers a year ago lasted 109 days.

George Burt, Canadian director of the United Automobile Workers Union CIO-CCL, said Thursday night there still are more than 20 issues to be settled in negotiations, scheduled to continue today.

A second official from the UAW international office in Detroit joined negotiations Thursday. J. P. Stanley, a pensions expert with the union, entered the talks with Frank James, international representative from Detroit who came in earlier this week.

The strike, which has closed plants in Oshawa, St. Catharines, London and Windsor, was called to enforce demands for [illegible]-an-hour wage increase and other benefits.

The Oshawa Ministerial Association, comprising 23 community churches, today offered its services as a mediator in the strike.

One Dead, Many in Hospital As Fog Spreads Over Britain

LONDON (AP) — Fog slowly lifted from southern England today, easing London's choking two-day blackout, but it spread north as far as the Scottish border.

The fog bell moved north of a line from Cardiff, south Wales, to Newcastle on the east coast.

But London was warned by the meteorological office that its poisonous mixture of fog and smoke the worst since 4,000 people died in December, 1952—might thicken tonight.

One London death early today was attributed to the shifting fog. Many are in hospital.

In the Thames estuary ships were on the move again after a two-day standstill, but on the northeast coast, the normally bustling Mersey lay silent under a murky shroud.

The docking city of Liverpool was completely blacked out. So was Birmingham, industrial centre of the Midlands.

Samples of London air taken Thursday showed worse pollution than the average for the "killer smog" of 1952, the headquarters of the fuel research station reported. Visibility shrank to less than 100 yards.

Regular radio warnings went out to Britons who normally drive to work to leave their cars at home.

C. F. Anderson Dies Aged 70

Charles Frederick Anderson, 70, a carpenter and veteran of the First World War, died in hospital this morning.

Born in Sweden, Mr. Anderson came to Canada as a young boy and enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force early in the First World War. He returned to the prairies after his service overseas and was a carpenter up until the time he retired. He came to Prince Rupert from Edmonton in 1942 and was a member of Canadian Legion Branch 27.

He is survived by his widow, Lottie, at 306 Fraser Street.

Funeral services have been set for 2 p.m. Monday from Ferguson Funeral Home. Canon Basil S. Prockter of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral will officiate.

Big Apartment Building Razed In Kitimat Blaze

Suites, Materials Destroyed in Hour

Special to The Daily News

KITIMAT— A 17-suite apartment building on Kingfisher Avenue was destroyed by fire within an hour yesterday and damage has been tentatively set at between $150,000 and $200,000.

The fire began at 11:45 a.m. shortly before the alarm brought 30 volunteer and regular firemen and a score or more of willing helpers.

Firemen said that stiff winds swept the flames through the almost completed building destroying it in less than an hour in zero temperatures.

HYDRANTS FROZEN

They were further hampered when it was found that hydrants near the building were frozen. Firemen were forced to connect hoses to hydrants more than 800 feet away.

The building, one of four frame constructions owned by Ray Bennett MacKenzie, had been completed to the interior panelling stage. It had been insulated and was storing much of the building materials for future apartment buildings.

The fire was also a blow to many prospective tenants who had already applied to move into the new building which was expected to be ready for occupancy early this year.

NOT PLUMBERS

The fire was first thought to have been caused by a plumber's torch, but a spokesman for Dave's Plumbing of Terrace, subcontractors to Bennett and White Construction, said that all plumbers had left the building an hour before the fire started.

A strong north wind lashed the flames against the Kingfisher Avenue high tension electric cables, causing sparks and shutting off the street light circuit. No other power service interruption affected the townsite houses.

STOPPED SPREADING

When firemen saw that their efforts to quell the blaze were in vain they concentrated their energies in preventing the fire from spreading to nearby buildings.

Traffic was restricted on Kingfisher Avenue by volunteers from Kitimat Municipal office until the RCMP arrived on the scene from the smeltersite.

South Coast Hit by Winds Of 91 MPH

Homes, School Damaged in Gale

VANCOUVER (CP) — Winds reached 91 miles an hour in a timber-toppling spree over the southwest corner of British Columbia, an airline reported today after checking its instruments.

New Gales were forecast in the wake of the storm that struck Wednesday night and Thursday but they were not expected to match the fury of the first blow.

Two construction workers were injured Thursday when the winds sent a giant tree crashing on a bunkhouse at Brunswick Beach, 20 miles north of here on Howe Sound, and roofs were torn from homes on Vancouver Island.

14-FOOT TIDE

Hardest hit was the island community of Campbell River, 176 miles north of Victoria, where B.C. Airlines reported recording the 91-mile-an-hour winds.

There, roofs were torn from several small houses and the roof of a new high school was smashed in. A 300-foot section of asphalt roadway was torn up as a 14-foot tide, whipped by the wind, speared logs across a highway.

Telephone and telegraph service was disrupted at several points.

The bunkhouse at Brunswick Beach was demolished. Leif Haughrronning, 19, suffered a crushed chest and Sylvestro Nonnis, 22, suffered a fractured skull.

SLIDES BLOCK TRAIN

The youths, both employed by a construction company extending the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, were taken to hospital by water taxi and ambulance.

Horseshoe Bay, summer resort community near the entrance to Howe Sound, was without light and telephone for three hours.

Meanwhile Northern Alberta is shivering through one of its most severe winters in three-quarters of a century.

The fourth big storm since cold weather arrived 10 weeks ago, several weeks earlier than usual, was blowing today over the western Prairies.

Cold Arctic air with winds up to 45 miles an hour combined with light snow chilled residents.

Overnight lows in Alberta were: Grande Prairie, -20; Edmonton, -9; Calgary, -10; Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, -3. It was -11 in Regina, -16 in Prince Albert, -17 in Saskatoon and -5 in Winnipe.

WEATHER

Cloudy with frequent snowflurries near the Queen Charlottes. Cloudy along the northern mainland becoming clear this afternoon. Clear Saturday. Colder. Northeast 30 gusty in the inlets along the mainland. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, 30 and 35; Sandspit 26 and 30; Prince Rupert, 20 and 30.

Aid on Way

HALIFAX (CP) — The salvage tug Foundation Frances steamed from here today to aid the 2,400-ton tanker Sprucebranch, drifting in the Atlantic 100 miles east of Sydney.

The Montreal tanker said in a delayed radio message Thursday night that she was in no immediate danger. However, a storm centred near Bermuda could change the situation if it began moving northward. The tanker's steering was out of commission.

SIR ANTHONY EDEN
. . . not to blame

Papers Relent, Defend Eden, Up to Point

LONDON (AP)—The heat was off today—to some extent — for Prime Minister Eden and his government.

After a series of critical editorials, some Conservative newspapers relented and rallied, with certain reservations, to Sir Anthony's defence. The right-wing Daily Express comments:

"The accusations . . . have been concerned with minor issues. A great many petty charges don't add up to an indictment.

"Blunders have been made. But they happened a long way down the line . . . The wave of sniping at Eden will pass. It has little significance."

The News Chronicle, a Liberal paper, suggests that the charges against the premier are rather trifling. "The hounds of Fleet street are in full cry . . . In the excitement of the chase many of the hounds are dashing off on false trails."

The real basis of discontent, it says, is not heroin, fish or exported tanks—three issues on which the government has been criticized—but in failure to combat rising prices and inflation.

"The country is justified in demanding that much more should be done—urgently. But to write off the prime minister as a dithering failure is another matter."

In a separate article, the newspaper suggests the attacks are unfair.

"Sir Anthony has been premier for nine months. Is this long enough for a man to master the nation's top job? . . . Is the wave of criticism fair? Take his handling of the cabinet. For a body presided over by a ditherer it manages to work with surprising briskness."

The article then concludes that what Sir Anthony lacks is not decision but forethought, and adds that R. A. Butler, former chancellor of the exchequer, may help supply this element in his new role as government troubleshooter.

"Sir Anthony is the prophet of step by step, a man who believes that a lot of little decisions add up to a big one. They do not, and Sir Anthony will need to draw on all Mr. Butler's grasp of the big issues if he is to move the Tory ship out of slack water."

Police Probe Reopening Set Jan. 17

VANCOUVER (CP) — The much-adjourned royal commission investigation into charges of graft and laxity within the Vancouver police department will re-open Jan. 17, it was announced Thursday.

The announcement was made by Vic Dryer, associate commission counsel.

Commissioner R. H. Tupper, who opened the hearings last July, was not available for comment.

The Jan. 17 session will be the first since Oct. 12 when lawyer John G. Gould and his client, former police chief Walter Mulligan, dissociated themselves from the hearings after Mr. Tupper announced there would be a "long adjournment."

Mr. Mulligan, placed on leave of absence when the hearings opened, was dismissed from his post Oct. 31, at his own request.

A team of RCMP officers has been checking evidence given to the commission, and will report the results of their investigation.

Actor Injured

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actor James Stewart suffered a painfully wrenched back when a parachute dragged him 50 yards during the filming of the movie "Spirit of St. Louis" Thursday night. Stewart, who plays Charles Lindbergh, was to have x-rays taken today.

City Sunshine Greater, Rainfall Less In 1955

Prince Rupert had more sunshine last year than it did in 1954, — about 14 minutes a day on an average — according to climatological figures from the Department of Transport radio station at Digby Island.

In 1955, there were 954 hours of bright sunshine for the year, an increase of 85 hours over the 869 recorded in 1954.

Rainfall during the year dropped as well.

In 1955, some 93.86 inches of precipitation were recorded, a decrease from the previous year's total 97.54 inches of 3.68 inches.

JUST AVERAGE

Generally, the year just past was "average" for precipitation, as 1955's total precipitation was 1.5 inches more than the average of 92.36 for the past 18 years and just .67 inches below the 94.53 inch average for the past 10 years.

During 1955 some 34.05 inches of snow fell.

It neither rained as hard or as long last year as it did the previous one. Precipitation was recorded on 217 of the 365 days in 1955 for an average of 59 per cent of the time, while in 1954, precipitation was measured on 236 of the 365 days for an average of 64.5 per cent.

COLDER TEMPERATURES

However, along with less rain, the district had colder temperatures on an average last year. The average mean temperature last year was 43 degrees, a drop of two from 1954's 45 degree mean average.

High temperature last year of 82.5 degrees was recorded on June 9, while the year's low of 6.2 degrees was recorded at Digby on March 3.

In December, 23.3 hours of sunshine were recorded, an increase of 6.6 hours over the 16.7 hours recorded for December 1954. Rainfall of 1.52 inches plus 8.5 inches of snow last month combined to give a precipitation figure of 2.37 inches, a far cry from the December 1954 total of 22.46 inches.

Boy Dies Despite Operation

DENVER (AP)—Little Neal Demers, electrocuted and then restored to life by a quick-thinking doctor New Year's Eve, is dead.

The four-year-old died Thursday in hospital, where he lay unconscious for 4½ days.

Neal fell at his home, toppling a lighted Christmas tree onto the tracks of his new electric train. The wires short-circuited, and Neal was electrocuted when his head struck the tracks.

Summoned by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Demers of suburban Aurora, Dr. Robert Squires first pronounced Neal dead. Then he opened the boy's chest with a razor blade and massaged the heart. It fluttered into life.

Neal was placed in an oxygen tent, and fed by a tube. Another tube was inserted into the windpipe after pneumonia developed.

SUM OF $392 GIVEN TO DRIVE FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

The sum of $392 was collected during the St. John Ambulance fund drive in November and December, J. S. Foster, campaign chairman announced yesterday. Last year's total was $427.

Main portion of the campaign was directed at the business district of the city, with a view to canvassing those who employ others, Mr. Foster said.

Quota for British Columbia in the 1955 campaign was $100,000. A large percentage of this amount is allotted to St. John Ambulance from cities where the campaign is associated with Community Chests, but the rest is made up of contributions from throughout the province.

$1,000 FIRE LOSS

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Fire destroyed a cabin and nearly $1,000 in equipment at the B.C. [illegible] on the Dominion [illegible]