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Damage set at $150,000 as two plants destroyed

Firemen prevent flames spreading

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — Heavy winds whipped flames through two manufacturing plants late Thursday in North Vancouver and nearby Richmond.

Damage was estimated at $150,000. No one was injured.

A giant lumber storage shed owned by Lion's Gate Lumber Company here was destroyed and damage was estimated at $100,000. Also levelled was the Western Frame and Chair Company plant in Richmond.

Both fires were visible for miles and homeward-bound workers jammed nearby roads. Explosions rocked both plants at the height of the fires.

A southwest wind gusting to 50 miles an hour sent flames several hundred feet into the air. North Vancouver firemen, answering a general alarm, stopped the flames from spreading to Lion's Gate Lumber's sawmill and a neighboring plant.

Several deep-sea freighters anchored near the waterfront lumber shed were moved further across Burrard Inlet while the Vancouver fire boat player water on the shed.

Loss at the North Vancouver plant, which employs 130 men, was insured. The one-storey shed, 300 feet by 100 feet in size, was filled with almost 200,000 board feet of high-grade fire and other lumber.

At Richmond, the flames apparently started in a paint shop and several employees had to flee when they spread rapidly through the plant.

RUSHING THE SEASON—Rushing the season a bit with a swim at Vancouver are Toni Munson (left) and Judy Kyle. The temperature was 58 and the water nippy. (CP Photo)

Limit plan opposed by Canada

GENEVA (Reuters)—The 87-nation law of the sea conference Thursday adopted a proposal dealing with straight baselines from which the territorial sea limit shall be measured.

The article dealing with the baselines, between headlands where the coast is deeply indented, was adopted by a vote of 45 to 19 with 13 absentions.

The United States supported the British resolution while Canada voted against it. The Canadian delegate said his country opposed the adoption of baseline limits.

The article said the territorial sea limit shall be drawn from the straight baselines, which shall not exceed 15 miles in length "except where justified on historical grounds or imposed by the peculiar geography of the coast."

The baseline shall not be drawn by a state in such a manner as to cut off from the high seas the territorial sea of another state.

An amendment to limit the length of the baseline to 10 miles was defeated by a vote of 30 to 13 with 12 abstentions. Norway and Iceland urged deletion of a clause stating that the baselines shall not be drawn from shoals and rocks which are submerged at high tide. Their joint amendment was defeated by a vote of 27 to 18 with 20 abstentions.

March 19 fire biggest last month

Only major damage in nine calls attended by City Fire Department was caused by the March 19 blaze at 716 Fraser Street which accounted for about $750 damage to the building and $400 to contents.

In his monthly report to City Council, Fire Chief Earl Becker Monday listed cause of two of the nine alarms as chimney fires, two as faulty oil stoves, one leaking gas tank, one electrical disturbance, one grass fire, one false alarm, and one under "miscellaneous."

The Fire Chief also reported that he and the assistant fire chief have begun lecturing school children and Boy Scouts on fire prevention and the use of fire extinguishers.

Taking car costs driver fine of $75

Rolph Werner Zimmerman, 23, of Prince Rupert pleaded guilty in police court yesterday morning to a joyriding charge and was fined $75 or in default of payment sentenced to two months in jail.

This charge, as well as a second one of driving without a valid driver's licence to which he pleaded guilty and was fined $25, arose from an incident Wednesday night when a car was taken without the owner's consent from a city service station. It was recovered by police next morning.

Appearing in court this morning was David Grant, 218 Eighth Avenue West, charged with driving contrary to restrictions. He was fined $15 or in default of payment sentenced to seven days in jail for not having taken out insurance on his car though being a minor. Grant pleaded guilty.

Mariners are advised that Cape St. James Light, Queen Charlotte Islands, nuumber 2389 in List of Lights, which was showing a steady light has been repaired and is back in normal operation, District Marine Agent N. A. Bekctov said.

SCHOOL AID LESS

Council to ponder protest on grants

City Council will decide Monday whether to join municipalities all over the province in protesting the size of provincial government grants toward school costs.

The $81,000 allocation for District 52 schools announced Wednesday by the Department of Education caused immediate reaction of dissatisfaction here. In several other school districts, municipal officials have entered formal protests with the government.

An emergency meeting between the B.C. School Trustees Association and the Union of B.C. Municipalities is expected to be called shortly to study wide-spread discontent, according to reports from Vancouver.

In Prince Rupert, City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long said line of action would be decided upon at a council meeting Monday.

W. J. Scott, District 52 School Board chairman, termed the grant "very disappointing."

He said this year's allocation was down about $15,000 from last year's despite a budget increased by some $37,000. If the Department of Education upholds the grant, district taxpayers will have to carry the added burden.

The School Board's $650,000 budget was approved by council last month.

The Canadian Press said that Powell River council demanded yesterday that the government pay a larger share or resign and call an election.

Armstrong and Spallumcheen councils have rejected school board budgets because city and municipal share of the costs were too high.

Vancouver city council has called a meeting with nine city legislature members.

The trustees association has launched a province-wide survey of 81 school districts to determine the total effect of school costs and grants.

Home damaged by blaze

A fire of unknown cause raged through the kitchen and attic of a city home in absence of the tenants last night destroying or damaging contents and building to the extent of about $1,600.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grant were not in their one-storey house at 819 Ninth Avenue West when the fire broke out in the kitchen and burned through the ceiling into the attic, Fire Chief Earl Becker reported.

A fire truck called at about 9:30 p.m. extinguished the blaze in less than half an hour.

Chief Becker estimated damage to the building at $800 and sets a similar figure for damage to contents.

Actress recovering

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Gale Storm is reported recovering after major abdominal surgery Thursday. There will be no interruption of here television show "Oh: Susanna," because it was filmed in advance.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

B.C. prison program best ever says Bonner after inspection

VANCOUVER (CP) — Attorney-General Bonner completed a two-day tour of Lower Mainland prisons Thursday and said the public "should be well satisfied."

Following his inspection of Oakalla prison farm, New Haven, Haney Correctional Institute and camps at Chilliwack and Gold Creek, Mr. Bonner said:

"All is going smoothly. The program is probably the best over."

He added that people would be surprised at the wide range of treatments available in prisons, and at the wide variety of courses available at the Haney Institute.

VICTORIA (CP) — Anglican clergymen in the diocese of British Columbia got a pay increase Wednesday.

The minimum cash stipend for clergymen who are parish incumbents was raised to $3,000 a year from $2,700 by the diocesan synod.

VANCOUVER (CP) — A three-year sentence imposed by magistrate W. C. Bowie at Dawson Creek on Gerald Leroy Thompson, 27, for robbery with violence, was reduced to 18 months by court of appeal.

Thompson and two other men were convicted of the robbery of a 64-year-old man of $1,000 in travellers' cheques, $50 cash and two bottles of liquor.

QUESNEL, B.C. (CP)—A mammoth earth slide that engulfed three homes here and threatened several more came to a ponderous stop Wednesday night.

The mass of rock, earth and debris settled across the Cariboo highway but workmen expected to complete a detour road within two days.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands will receive an honorary degree from University of B.C. during his visit here next month.

WEATHER—

Sunny periods and scattered showers Saturday. Little change in temperature. Winds light except southeast 20 in exposed areas tonight and tomorrow morning. Low tonight and high Saturday at Prince Rupert 38 and 50.

TIDES—

Saturday, April 19, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	1:17	20.6 feet
	13:50	19.4 feet
Low	7:43	3.6 feet
	19:46	6.0 feet

Members needed for Chamber

A plea for more members for the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce to help it continue its work of promoting civic projects and seeking beneficial legislation, was made last night by A. Bruce Brown, president of the local chamber.

Mr. Brown was speaking to about 60 Chamber of Commerce members and guests at a special banquet in the Canadian Legion Club 27, to mark Canadian Chamber of Commerce Week.

Invited were members of city service clubs, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and district board of trade and Jaycees.

Through the local chamber, the B.C. Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Chamber, citizens of Prince Rupert were able to have their views, resolutions, protests and requests presented to governments at the city, provincial and federal levels.

"Most of the time the Chamber of Commerce receives the utmost in co-operation and receives sympathetic hearings from all levels of government," Mr. Brown said.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is held in such high esteem that Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, recently asked "the Chamber's considered views on Canada's major problems."

"The six-page brief was termed 'most helpful' by the prime minister," Mr. Brown told the meeting.

The president read a letter of encouragement from Ralph C. Pybus, president of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce and also a declaration from Premier W. A. C. Bennett which stated that he held the Chamber of Commerce "in high regard" and praised the work being done by both the B.C. body and the national group.

He said that more members were needed in the chamber and that the membership drive was headed by W. J. Smith.

Members serve on city council

Mr. Brown was thanked by banquet committee chairman E. T. Applewhaite who with William Homenuk, Peter Wong and C. J. Deeth arranged the program and the entertainment.

Mayor Peter J. Lester told the meeting that Prince Rupert was fortunate to have so many public-minded citizens to make up the Chamber of Commerce and mentioned that three members served on City Council. He said that as long as the Chamber of Commerce, the service clubs and City Council work together there would be a forward movement to make Prince Rupert a better place in which to live.

William H. Murray, MLA stressed the fact that the provincial government takes "great cognizance of Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce's resolutions."

He said the chamber's view presented a unified expression of opinion from the north and that he hoped that the chamber's influence would be felt in Ottawa as well as in Victoria.

W. H. Birmingham, architect for the Museum of Northern British Columbia and a member of the Vancouver Board of trade extended greetings from that body.

MP-elect Frank Howard was unable to accept the chamber's invitation to attend as his mother is ill.

J. S. Burns, president of the B.C.-Yukon Junior Chamber of Commerce pledged the co-operation of that group and said that the Jaycees had always received and appreciation the senior chambers assistance on both a local and national level.

John Watt, president of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce said that his group was working hard to keep small businesses going in the smelter city and trying to beat inflation. He said that the Kitimat and Terrace chambers were hoping to interest the Columbia Cellulose Company in extending a road from Terrace up to the Nass river.

He praised the Museum of Northern British Columbia and expressed regret that the young town of Kitimat didn't have one.

"We have only five years behind us, while you have 50," he said. "However, we are not unconscious of our shortcomings and will work until we have some of the things you do such as your Civic Centre and swimming pool."

He urged that Kitimat, Terrace and Prince Rupert integrate their plans and work for the things for which they have waited so long "until every government agency knows what our desires are."

Accompanying Mr. Watt were Frederick Heathcoate, secretary-treasurer of the Kitimat group and Stanley Rough.

Providing entertainment at the banquet were L. A. Harrington, Stan Valpy and Don Scott who performed two numbers in mime and Michael Colussi and Alberta Renwick who presented two accordion duets.

Earl Becker was projectionist for a film "The Story of Creative Capital."

MRS. J. T. PRINCE AND GEORGE FERGUSON, are pictured in the above displays being featured today and tomorrow in the Civic Centre Centennial Potpourri. Mrs. Prince carefully arranges the multi-colored life-like flowers, made by members of the Centre's flower-making classes while Mr. Ferguson displays examples of his copper tooling. The displays are just two of dozens of arts and crafts exhibits presented in the potpourri. Large numbers of paintings done by the Prince Rupert Art club also line the walls of the gymnasium. (Staff photos by Grace Brown)

BAPTISM BEFORE MARRIAGE SET IN NEW ANGLICAN LAW

VICTORIA (CP)—Without the sanction of the bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia, Anglican clergymen will no longer be permitted to marry any couple unless at least one of them has been baptized.

An addition to the constitution and canons of the diocese was passed Wednesday by the diocesan synod in session at Christ Church Cathedral here.

"If one of the parties only is baptized, care should be taken to point out to the other the desirability of proceeding to holy baptism," the addition states.

Previously the matter of marrying couples not baptized had been left to the discretion of the individual clergyman.

TO BORROW FIXTURES

Fluorescent lights set for 5th Ave. E.

Six fluorescent street lights will be installed on an experimental basis along Fifth Avenue East, beginning at Hays Cove Circle, City Council decided Monday night.

Council thereby accepted a recommendation by the street lighting committee to borrow the fixtures from a Canadian company for a trial period.

Council also approved the committee's recommendation to reject a proposal of installing ornamental lights on Third Avenue between McBride Street and Second Street at a cost of $3,663.

The committee considered the expense unnecessary in view of requirements in the rest of the city. It also contended the area in question was adequately lighted at present.

Lighting requirements on McBride Street from Fourth Avenue to Sixth Avenue and on Fourth, Fifth and Sixth avenues from McBride Street to Hays Cove Circle will be surveyed by a committee consisting of A. E. James, T. M. Carscadden and T. B. Black.

Former rail clerk arrested in robbery of CNR mail car

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP) — Police tracking a railroad bandit closed in on a Nova Scotia farm at dawn today and arrested a former railway mail clerk on suspicion of armed robbery.

They said the suspect, a 41-year-old resident of Florence, N.S., would be formally charged later today with the holdup of a mail car on the CNR's Sydney night express Thursday.

RCMP spokesmen said they recovered "most of the loot" taken in the robbery—35 packages of registered mail and two large shipments of postage stamps.

The robber apparently missed by one day a money shipment to Sydney banks said to total about $150,000.

The arrest ended a 23-hour manhunt that involved every available policeman in eastern Nova Scotia. A squad of 30 RC MP constables aided by tracking dogs spent the night scouring the area around Orangedale in central Cape Breton Island, where robber escaped unseen from the train.

RCMP said they found the suspect sleeping in a barn on the farm of a relative at Bucklaw, a rural community about 15 miles from Orangedale and 60 miles southwest of Sydney.

They said they found two 25-pound packages of stamps buried not far from the barn where the man was arrested. Most of the 35 missing pieces of registered mail also were found.

The suspect, who offered no resistance, is unmarried. His home in Florence is about 14 miles from Sydney.

City squadron to observe air cadet week

The Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron No. 559 Sunday joins 312 air cadet squadrons in cities and towns across Canada in observing "National Air Cadet Week" sponsored by the Air Cadet League of Canada, from April 20 to 26.

To mark the occasion the local squadron will dedicate its new flag Tuesday night when the group holds its "Open House" to display its newly - renovated quarters in the Navy Drill hall.

Officer commanding Flt. Lt. Douglas Hague also announced that the squadron will hold church parades April 27.

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Union vessel resumes service

Special to The Daily News

Union Steamships Ltd. vessel "SS Catala" will resume passenger service on the British Columbia Coast as far north as Port Hardy, starting Monday.

In making this announcement, Captain J. A. Macdonell, president of the company, said the "Catala" will sail twice weekly to the Johnstone Straits ports calling at Campbell River, Beaver Cove, Alert Bay, Sointula, Port McNeill and Port Hardy.

The 1,500-ton "Catala" which will carry 120 passengers, will also make a weekly trip to Bella Coola via Namu and Ocean Falls on the Thursday sailing.

Liberal senator dies suddenly

OTTAWA (CP) — Senator James A. MacKinnon, Liberal trade minister from 1940 until 1948, was found dead in bed today in his downtown apartment. He was 76.

CLC position for Knowles

WINNIPEG (CP) — Stanley Knowles, deputy leader of the CCF party who was defeated in the March 31 federal election, will likely announce today that he will forsake straight politics to try for a key job in the Canadian Labor Congress, it was learned here.