BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Dawson no hell-hole says Pierre Berton

A lively new book about the Klondike gold rush, debunks the generally held theory that Dawson City, the town made famous by Robert W. Service, was a rootin' tootin' hell-hole.

The book is "Klondike," published by McClelland & Stewart Limited and written by a long-time student of Klondike history, Pierre Berton, whose father crossed the famous Chilkoot Pass in 1898 and spent 40 years in the Yukon.

"Thanks to the presence of the Mounted Police, not a single murder took place in Dawson City in 1898, and very little major theft.

"It was possible to leave one's cabin or tent wide open, go off on a six-week trip, and return to find all possessions intact." Berton writes.

He says no man could carry a revolver on the streets without a licence and few licences were issued.

"If there had been a Dan McGrew in Dawson . . . as Service's fictional verse suggests, there could never have been a shooting because a Mountie would have been on the spot to confiscate the guns before the duel began . . . The chief crimes that season included such heinous offenses as non-payment of wages, dog-stealing, operating unsanitary premises, fraud, unlawfully practicing medicine, disturbing the peace, deserting employment, and that vicious crime 'using vile language'."

Berton credits Sam Steele, "The Lion of th Yukon", the tough Mountie superintendent with keeping law and order in the strange sub-Arctic city,—a city of 30,000, and 4,000 miles from civilization, and as large as Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Winnipeg, Victoria or Vancouver.

Senator glad government 'cool' to dam

PORTLAND (AP)—A contemplated private power project in British Columbia would delay for 20 years the full development of the Upper Columbia River, Democratic Senator Richard Neuberger said today.

Neuberger said he was therefore pleased that the Canadian government "is cool to the proposed $500,000,000 Wenner-Gren power development on the Peace River.

"I agree with Canadian officials that the Peace River project would delay by 20 years the tapping of the power reserves on the Upper Columbia," the senator said.

If the Peace River project is built first, it would take B.C. years to absorb the huge bloc of power, Neuberger said.

Both nations would benefit, he said, by splitting the costs for huge public hpdro-electric projects on the Columbia.

It was not immediately known what basis Neuberger had for believing federal officials are "cool" to the Wenner-Gren plan.

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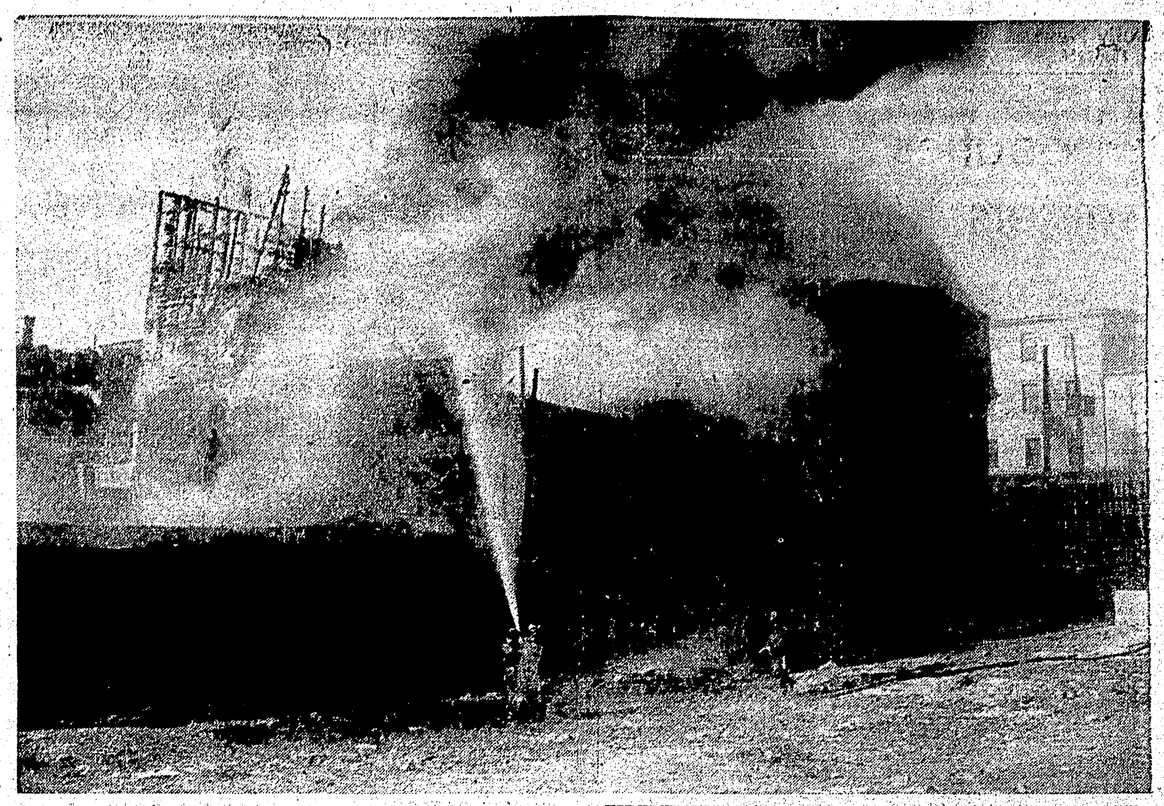
VANCOUVER — Fraser River Pile Driving Company Limited of New Westminster, who submitted the lowest of 11 bids received, yesterday was awarded the contract for the woodroom foundation piling work for the Celgar pulp mill, at Castlegar.

This work will consist of the driving of approximately 600 wooden or steel piles on the south bank of the Columbia River, 2½ miles west of Castlegar. H. A. Simons Limited of Vancouver, consulting engineers for the project, said work will start on the site on Monday, November 17, and it is expected that it will be completed by February 28, 1959.



FIREMEN PLAY streams of water on a huge fire that killed one fireman, injured three others, left about 1448 people in 26 families homeless and destroyed or seriously damaged seven buildings in Saint John's north end. Firemen fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control. Damage was estimated at $100,000. Capt. L. J. Hayward was killed when trapped under a falling wall. —CP Photo.

The Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco, longest single span in the world, stretches 4,200 feet.

Massey invited to Langley

VICTORIA (CP) — Governor-General Vincent Massey and four provincial lieutenant-governors will attend special ceremonies at Fort Langley Nov. 19, celebrating the birthday of British Columbia.

The four lieutenant-governors are Frank Ross of B.C., Frank L. Bastedo of Saskatchewan, John J. Bowlen of Alberta and Campbell L. Macpherson of Newfoundland.

It was on Nov. 19, 1858, that Sir James Douglas proclaimed the mainland colony of B.C. at Fort Langley and was in turn made the first governor.

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Delegates ask judge for disputes

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia hospital trustees Tuesday night approved a motion that described the powers of the hospital insurance commissioner as "discriminatory," and asked for the appointment of a judge to give binding decisions on disputes.

More than 300 delegates from B.C. are attending the 41st annual convention here of the B.C. Hospitals Association.

The meeting was unanimous that hospitals at least should make an attempt to force government action, although some speakers claimed the government would never agree to allow the appointment of an arbitrator.

Trustees also approved a motion requesting a pension plan for hospital workers. The motion suggested costs of a contributing pension plan should be considered a reasonable charge on the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service budget.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

This is a good hand to illustrate the importance of timing and maintaining good trump control. Before we get into the play, count the winners for each side.

If you were the declarer you could count four trump tricks in your own hand, even if a trump finesse lost to the queen. You could ruff a spade in dummy to make a total of five trump tricks. You also have two club tricks, two diamonds and a spade, making 10 tricks in all.

As four the defenders they have a trick in each suit or a total of four winners. So both sides together can take a grand total of 14 tricks. This is somewhat confusing since, unless we are using a faulty deck, there are only 13 tricks to be had. The answer is that whichever side can keep the element of time in its favor will win out. The other side will lose one of its potential tricks.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
Mrs. Keen
♠ 8 6
♥ J 8 6
♦ K Q J 5
♣ A K 4 2

WEST
Mr. Abel
♠ K J 7 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9 7 6
♣ Q J 10

EAST
Mr. Dale
♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A 10 3 2
♣ 9 8 5

SOUTH
Mr. Masters
♠ A Q 3
♥ A K 10 9 2
♦ 8 4
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Opening lead: Queen of clubs.

Mr. Masters

Now he had to avoid several traps to bring home his contract. If he led a heart and finessed the 10 he would lose to the queen. If he then got a heart return, he could win it in dummy and take a spade finesse. When this lost, another heart return would take off dummy's last trump and he would not be able to ruff a spade. He would lose two spades, a heart and a diamond.

He could not even afford to lead a heart to his ace at trick two. Suppose he did that and followed with a diamond lead to dummy's king. The ace of diamonds wins and back comes a trump. Now no matter how he plays, he will never get to ruff a spade on the board. Again he loses two spades, a heart and a diamond.

Mr. Masters made the only proper play at trick two. He led dummy's king of diamonds. Mr. Dale won and shifted to a trump. Mr. Masters went right up with the ace and led a diamond to dummy's queen. He returned a spade and took the finesse. Mr. Abel won with the king but after this sequence of plays he could not return a trump without giving up a trick.

He returned the jack of clubs. Mr. Masters won with dummy's ace, led the jack of diamonds and got rid of his last club. Next he cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade with the jack of hearts. He took a heart finesse and lost to the queen, but the rest were his. Good timing had held his losers to a spade, a diamond and a trump.

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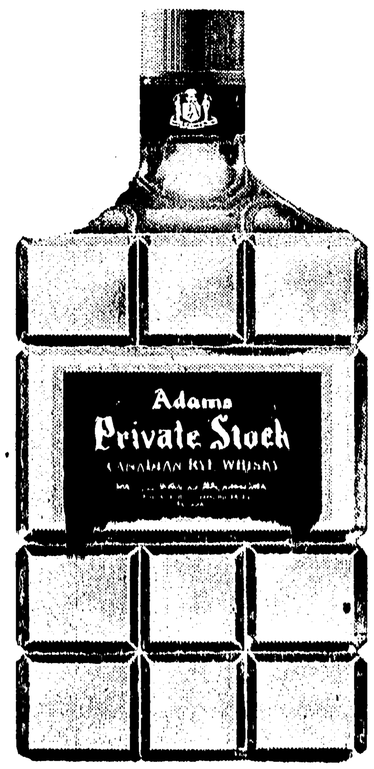

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