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THIRD IN 10 DAYS: Water-covered Third Avenue reflects vividly the tragic fire at the store. A man is seen carrying goods from Eaton's down to safety at the Shop Easy store. Spectators joined RCMP in moving cars parked in front of the building, while city firemen battled non-slop to stem the spread of the flames. At the top of the store is the cornice, which soon after this photograph was taken crashed down on to the sidewalk, bringing debris and telephone wires with it. —Photo by Chandler's Studio.

#### BYLAWS QUERIED

# fire alarm call brings election

By BRIAN GOULD

Dally News Staff Writer

Last night's meeting called on civic election issues by local trade union-turn in the alarm. ists broke up in confusion after almost two hours. An excited citizen ran in to say there was yet another big fire raging in the city. Immediately there was a huge! exodus to the door, and only a in the chair

remained in their seats.

aldermanic candidates and their sewer by!aw in his eight min- To save The Daily News rep- ing, which was built in 1912. interrogators followed into the utes' speech. He spoke largely on resentative any trouble Mr. street outside the Civic Centre, the need for power and industry | Carlson said where they were greeted by a in Prince Rupert. view of the Gordon and Anderson fire.

that earlier the audience had Daily News, all blockheads. asked searching questions about the need for a new firehall and | better water supply.

The meeting was sponsored by the UFAWU and Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Mr. Carlson.

speak was Gordon Carlson who he had made, and finally the With nobody to speak to, city omitted any mention of the one that appeared in the Press.

audience although they were, in speech so that he could not mis-It was entirely appropriate the eyes of the Editor of The report it. "The Editor did tell us that if

we cannot understand his English, then he cannot write. would go along with that," said ods of financing.

Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill He then said each speech others on low incomes should as possible.

## Equipment ready for start new sawmill in Rupert

Construction of a sawmill on the old Prince Rupert drydock and shippard site will begin shortly, Alderman T. Norton Youngs announced today.

Ald. Youngs, chairman of the



ALD, T. NORTON YOUNGS ... Anxious to continue work

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assembled in Vancouver and will You can't help that." be shipped up here soon.

who moved in City Council two law was Alderman-elect George | years ago that an inventory E. Hills, who said the water bymade of the forest resources law, planned for next year, in the area in order to establish | should come first. the need of complementing the

mely was engaged by the city! Sawmill Company Ltd.

fice, Robert Duggan, forest on- and I don't like those things gineer for the new company that are not quite fuir."

now sawmill. 'un important industrialization against the sewer bylaw.

of our elly." The said he is anxious to have stages of the sewer bylaw loan! an active part in the city's presperous future and to continue | work on projects already under- |-

Speakers agreed generally that The Daily News had covered all the aspects of the sewer complete loss but some of the many questions about the meth-

Workers, with William Toderas made was really four speeches: not be made to pay so much as wealthier citizens. Others said thought that the business and | industrial sections of the city|

should pay more. Youngs said the method of financing was the only one acceptable to the provincial gov-

ernment, who would float the bond issues. Ald. Darrow Gomez said: "We city's untillties committee said know of no other way; in

that equipment has already been these deals somebody gets hurt

The only one who said he | Ald. Youngs said that it was he | would vote against the sewer by- |

He too attacked The Daily city's fishing industry and pulp News, saying last night's editor- | Gerand of Cassiar was dismissed lal contained nothing untruth- in County Court yesterday after-Forestry engineer Marc Gor- [ful, but was decidedly slanted. the results had been published said: "It sounds reasonable that charges, involving a 17 - year the Yukon Lumber Company of If you take it that one year ago old Lower Post youth. Vancouver became interested we puid a \$5 rental and take it. Yesterday's case was dismissed and formed the Prince Rupert up to the \$36 proposed, then that through lack of evidence.

ls a 600 per cent increase. On November 27 at the Prince | "That is a bit slanted too but | Rupert, B.C. Forest Service of | those are the things that go on, |

completed a group of timber! The water system was very! sales to supply timber for the much tied up with the sewer | system, and the new sewer sys-1 Ald. Youngs said that the tem would be useless if the sawmill will provide new Jobs Water system failed. That was for 80 elty residents and "8 the only reason for his voting) J. W. Prusky said he thought | the amount asked in the early |

> was too high. (Continued on Page 7) See - FIRE ALARM

# G&A: store; loss \$170,000

## 'Firemen Wonderful' says building owner

By CHARLES E. GIORDANO Daily News Staff Writer

Damage estimated at \$170,000 was caused to one of Prince Rupert's largest stores that was completely gutted by fire late last night.

City firemen and auxiliary firefighters battled for more 1950. He had been in partnerthan two hours to bring the fire ship with Lee M. Gordon, son of under control and prevent the pioneer late Alexander Gordon, flames, from spreading from Gordon and Anderson - Ltd., hardware and furniture store, to the adjoining three storey Besner block.

The fire, which broke out at about 9:20 p.m., not only threatened the Besner Block on the Power Company and severa other business offices; it also Eaton Co. Canada Ltd., store on and blackened laths hit the the east.

total estimated damage of all the weight. most \$250,000.

tion in which the big store is lo-lifire from behind. cated and caused only minor. A great mass of blazing planks roof damage to a nearby shoe fell near them as they did so. repair shop and real estate of Their water jets tore through

started on the third floor. passerby who happened to be looking in the window of the store spotted smoke and ran all the way up to the firehall Sgt. J. E. Ruttan NCO

charge of city RCMP-said that two RCMP constables who were on patrol at the time of the fire also turned in the alarm. derson, said there was \$35,000

worth of insurance on the build-Mr. Anderson valued the stock in the building at approximately; He said he was glad to see the present him with a copy of the \$100,000 and said it would cost

more than \$70,000 to construct a new building. Both the second and third fire raged above them. storeys including stock are stock on the ground floor will be

salvaged Mr. Anderson said. Some felt pensioners and tative plans to rebuild as soon jet smashed against them, and

accounts were taken out, he ground.

and auxiliary firefighters did a the Civic Centre. With wonderful job of bringing the dows smashed by the heat and Replying, Ald. T. Norton fire under control and prevent-water jets, it sounded like ing it from spreading." He also fusillade of shots. commended the Salvation Army (who were at the scene within minutes after the fire started with coffee and sandwiches.

> Mr. Anderson, who has lived Anderson, in Prince Ruper since 1909, took over as sole owner of the firm in

#### Second charge thrown out

A second charge of indecent assault against Josoph Benedict I noon by Judge W. A. Schultz.

A solid cement floor between the first and second storeys prevented flames from doing extensive damage to stock on the

Shortly before 11 p.m. the flaming' wooden cornice at the top of the building lurched forward and crashed to the street

Women screamed as blazing ground with a shower of sparks. The blaze was the biggest of Part of the debris hung over the three fires which have occurred telephone wires, and the telehere in the last 10 days with a phone poles leaned over with

Firemen on the roof of Eatons A stiff southwest wind blew smashed through a wooden wall rarks all over the business sec- with a steel ladder to attack the

the wooden laths and through The fire is believed to have windows as they fought to con-A trol the flames.

A gap appeared at the corner i the second floor of the buildas if the entire front of the stor might collapse.

down, the floors and stock inside were an inferno.

sky, and millions of

away from the front of the store by RCMP and spectators as the Great, jagged pieces of tim-

ber and window frames, silhouetted against the flames, swayed drunkenly as the wind rose Mr. Anderson said he has ten-and fell. Occasionally a water they broke off and cartwheeled day. All documents and records of into the air before falling to the

Mr. Anderson said "Firemen crackling from as far away as sage was not directed at the

the Besner block, also between the T. Eaton's and Gordon and

caused to the halls and washrooms on the second and third consideration must be given to District 52 board of Trustees) floor of the Besner Block.

T. Eaton Company manager, ted to the electorate. Vernon Ciccone, said there was

(Continued on Page 7) See -- THIRD BIG

### Firefighters, police, public lauded for work, co-operation

Piremen, police and members of the public were praised today for their work and co-operation during the disastrous Gordon and Anderson Ltd., store fire last night.

Mayor P. J. Lester, Aledrman T. Norton Youngs, chairman of the City Council utilities committee and Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, NCO in charge of the City RCMP detachment lauded the public for co-operating and keeping clear from the fire area. The mayor said the firemen "did a tremendous job" as did the ROMP for the assistance they gave during the fire. Ald. Youngs said the firemen, "should be commended vory highly."



BIGGEST YET-The Gordon

and Anderson hardware store

lit up the sky for miles around

when it burst into flames last?

night. This view, taken at the

height of the inferno, shows

the leaping flumes and billow-

ing black smoke that city fire-

men fought before bringing

-Photo by Chandler's Studio

Jaycees

urge

big vote

about the issues before the elec-

torate in the civic elections and

tomorrow they will have an

opportunity to do something

about it, a Junior Chamber of

| Commerce spokesman said to-

iness of this city."

t under control.

ing, and for some time it looked

While the firemen kept the shell of the building damped

The glow and flames lit up the

caught, the flames turned into giant red fireballs, capped by

of the Jaycee "Get Out the Vote" The timber could be hear

oportunity is given them." There is a concrete wall between the hardware store and

Minor water damaged was

building. Four of five window them. Now is their opportunity poses? (The actual wording of frames in the Besner block were to do something about it. Vote the question is much longer). as you like but vote," he said. Fire Chief E. W. Becker said He said that to aid voters is required on the money bythere are no possible suspects of who have transportation prob- laws. Speaking of the paper's fig- | He was granted a stay of pro- arson. He said "A man would longs the Junior Chamber of | Voting will take place in the to make a survey and after ures on sanitary sewer costs, he ceedings on two remaining have to be out of his head to Commerce will have a car pool Civic Centre between 8 a.m. and elimb to the third floor and ready to take voters to the polls 8 p.m. tomorrow. light a fire."

8 p.m. tomorrow.

#### Barge runs aground

VANCOUVER (4) --- A coldstorage bargo with a \$500,000 Sails for U.K. oargo of frozen hallbut was still inground nour Bolla Bolla, B.C., Forgon salled late yesterday at-Tuesday night, but much of the ternoon for the United Kingdom TIDES—eargo had been removed. after taking on 0.885 long tons TIDES bargo ran aground Monday night from the Canadian Government laster the tux P.W. cut her tow elevator. The Feggen, under when she had a breakdown.

was taken to Namu, B.C.

Those wishing transporta-

tion are asked to call 6776.

# Six men, three bylaws await voters verdict

Choice of three out of six candidates running for he three available City Council seats and decision on three money bylaws face Prince Rupert voters tomor-

All voters can cast their ballots for the men of their choice in the aldermanic race. A total 3,611 names are listed on the

City Voters' list. Offering themselves to the public as they are listed on the Everyone has read and talked ballot, are:

Gordon Ernest Carlson, train conductor; Darrow Gomez, mainten-

ance man; Michael W. H. manager chemist; James W. Prusky, port en- | tempt to swim 600 miles of the

Robert A. Parson, chairman gineer; Alleyn Donald Ritchie, man- | George to the sea. committee said that the Junior. ager;

T. Norton Youngs, agent. Chamber of Commerce's mespersons who have voted consis- Ritchie are seeking re-election. Australian Ranch, 22 miles tently in the past but to those | The money bylaws, on which south of here. He had left Ques-"who do not vote when the only owner-electors can vote, nel at 9:35 a.m.

ask the following questions: "The six candidates for the | • Shall the bylaw entitled just above freezing as it has three vacancies on City Council "The Sewer Renewal and Exten- been since Lourmais began his have merit but it is the sion bylaw" be confirmed?

voters themselves who must de- | • Shall the bylaw entitled | cide who is to conduct the bus- "Firehall Construction bylaw"

Mr. Parsons said that every! • Are you in favor of School the money bylaws being presen-borrowing \$164,000 to build a inew elementary school at Seal "Everyone has thought about Cove and take care of capital no damage at all to his firm's them, everyone has talked about expenditures, for school pur-

Only a "Yes" or "No" answer

which are open from 8 a.m. to Returning officer is R. W. Long while David Wilson is deputy returning officer, An advance poll, held at the WEATHER— Months of the City Council Chambers vestor-City Council Chambers yesterday and today, between 0 a.m. and 12 noon and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. had been used by two

|votors up until press time today.|

The Norwegian freighter 88 Tho B.O. Packers Limited of No. 1 and No. 2 food barley charter to Saguenay Terminals! The hulibut from the barge Ltd., arrived here from the Orient December 2.

Froaman

reaches

QUESNEL, B.C. (P)—Frogman Kreuger, | Louis Lourmais passed the 100-

icy Fraser River from Princo The 38-year-old from Brest, Brittany, stepped Aldermen Young, Gomez and ashore at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the

mile mark on Tuesday in his at-

The water, temperature was swim last Thursday,

#### Bingo numbers

Fifteen numbers have now been drawn in the Elks Lodge Murch of Dimes House Bingo contest for the B.C. Crippled Children's hospital. Today's numbers are: I-19;

O-71; I-26. Numbers drawn previously are: B-11; B-4; B-13; B-3; 13-6; 1-28; N-42; N-43; O-62; O-63; O-65 and O-67.

No numbers will be given

over the phone by members.

#### of The Daily News staff

Cloudy with a few showers today. Rain tonight and Thursday, Continuing mild. Winds southorly 18 becoming southeast 30 overnight and southwest 25 Thursday. Low tonight and high Thursday, 38 and 45.

Thursday, Doc. 11, 1058 (Pavific Standard Time) High ...... 01:40 21.4 foot Low ..... 07:28 6.2 feet

Vote just as you like in tomorrow's civic election but vote