

**GOOD PROGRESS MADE**

**Commissioners Approve Park Spring-Cleaning**

Though cynics might say that "spring had sprung" with a splash in Prince Rupert, the City Parks board refused to be discouraged by a few wet days when it met last night.

With long summer evenings in view, Commissioners Robert Eby, Archie Gordon, Duncan McRae and Alek Bill, approved Works Superintendent Carl J. Gustafson's plans for spring-cleaning the city's parks and recreation areas in preparation for the months of baseball, softball, tennis and even paddling, ahead.

Mr. Gustafson reported that the new bleachers at Gyro Park are nearly finished on the McBride street side of the grounds at a cost of \$795.19. His recommendation that the Parks Board authorize construction of another set of bleachers on the Sixth Avenue side to give more seating space for spectators and get off the field better, was tabled by the Board.

Stairs leading from the grounds to the bathhouse at McClymont Park are now completed. Mr. Gustafson added that another set of stairs leading down to the creek would also be installed.

"The toddlers like to get down the bank into the water, they get their feet wet, and make the bank a mass of mud in no time," he explained. "I think a set of steps will solve this problem."

City children have also been catered for with the repair of the wading pool and re-installment of the teeter totter.

The McClymont Park attendant, Richard Bury has been rehired for the season and has started to clean up the grounds and make ready the outside equipment.

Rotary Tennis court has been painted and the tennis nets repaired and installed.

Clearing and preparation of Westview Park will start next Monday.

Filling of Casey Park grounds will start next week. It will be topped with fines from the City's own pit on Frederick.

"I find the cost of gravel from Armour Salvage Ltd. too exorbitant for this purpose," commented Mr. Gustafson.

Poor condition of Roosevelt Park calls for gravel fill before the grader goes into action. The netting and wire is in a bad state also and will be replaced with heavier grade playground wire.

"We have been putting up light grade chicken wire each season and it gets torn by the children every year without fail," explained Mr. Gustafson. "This heavier wire will be a permanent fixture."

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**FLORAL-DUTCH TREAT**—Made of white flowers, four horses prance on this gaily decorated float during the annual cross-country parade through the villages of the flower-bulb district of The Netherlands. Called "Glory of Holland" this year, the pageant featured 34 floral works of art, which rolled through the streets on concealed cars.

**Longshoremen Accept Wage Offer**

VANCOUVER (C)—An offer of a wage increase of 30 cents an hour has been accepted by 1,300 longshoremen in Vancouver, New Westminster and Vancouver Island centres.

The Shipping Federation of B.C., an employer group, has not decided whether to accept the proposal.

The proposed increase would raise longshoremen's wages in Vancouver, New Westminster, Port Alberni, Victoria and Chemainus to \$2.57 an hour from \$2.27.

The settlement would set the pattern for longshoremen's increases in other B.C. ports, said William Henderson, business agent of local 501, Vancouver.

Conciliation officer George Currie made the 30-cent proposal for a one-year contract.

He said the longshoremen voted to accept the offer on recommendation of the union negotiating committee.

**Chant Opens Health Centre**

VANCOUVER (C)—A \$1,000,000 mental health centre, providing day-time treatment of mental disturbances, has been opened here.

Public Works Minister W. N. Chant opened the building Wednesday at a ceremony attended by Municipal Affairs Minister Wesley Black, Dr. A. M. Gee, provincial director of mental health services, and Dr. Arthur Crease, founder of the province's Crease Mental Clinic.

Dr. F. E. McNair, director of the new centre, said the "trend in the mental field is toward more day hospitals of this type."

Nurses at the clinic, which will also serve as a child guidance centre, will wear street clothes instead of uniforms and it is planned to check all new patients with an electric brain graph to determine if their troubles stem from brain disease.

**BOMB TEST PROTEST PASSED BY VICTORIA LABOR COUNCIL**

VICTORIA (C)—A resolution protesting the testing of hydrogen and atomic bombs was passed Wednesday night by Victoria Labor Council.

The resolution, moved by C. M. Thompson, Civic Employees Union delegate, will be forwarded to the Canadian Labor Congress for consideration.

Mr. Thompson said Canada would be in the middle of any atomic war "and the United States will not recognize any boundaries."

**BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE**

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

**Mr. Heinsite Too Busy Analyzing To Play Hand In Proper Manner**

Do you have your own Mr. Heinsite, who makes your ears ring with a long and boring analysis of practically every hand?

South dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
NORTH  
Mr. Muzzy  
7 2  
A Q 10 5 3  
9 4 3  
8 4 3  
WEST  
Mr. Dale  
Q J 10 9 3  
K 4  
Q 6 5  
A Q 10  
EAST  
Mrs. Keen  
8 5 4  
9 8 7 2  
J 10 8 2  
K J  
SOUTH  
Mr. Heinsite  
A K 6  
J 6  
A K 7  
A 7 6 5 2

The bidding:  
South 1 ♠  
West 1 ♠  
North 2 ♠  
East Pass  
3 NT All Pass

Let me tell you a little secret about him. He does not analyze everything there is to analyze about a hand. Not by any means. He analyzes only that which suits his purpose—which is to say, that which makes him look good and makes his partner look like a dope.

No sooner had he seen the dummy in today's deal than he started yelling about Mr. Muzzy's two-heart bid.

"You need about twice as much as you had to make a free bid in a higher-ranking suit than mine," he snarled.

Continuing his complaints all through the hand, he played as follows:

The opening lead was the queen of spades and he won with the ace. He laid down the jack of hearts and won with dummy's ace after Mr. Dale covered with the king. The queen and ten of hearts

were now cashed and if the suit had broken 3-3, he would have won ten tricks off the top.

But Mr. Dale showed out on the third heart and Mrs. Keen's nine spot effectively blocked the run of the suit. Now there were only eight tricks available and eventually the contract was down one.

Mr. Heinsite continued his verbal chastisement of his partner. "Did you ever hear such bidding?" he asked, turning to Mr. Dale for sympathy.

Mr. Dale nodded. "Muzzy's" two-heart bid was pretty bad," he replied. "On the other hand it wasn't any worse than your play. Certainly you belonged in three no trump and in fact it was ice-cold."

Mr. Heinsite was stunned into silence for a moment. If he had not been so engrossed in analyzing Mr. Muzzy's bidding, he probably would have seen the right play for nine tricks.

It was not a difficult play. As Mr. Dale pointed out, it consisted merely of letting Mr. Dale hold the first heart trick with his king. Mr. Heinsite would then have been able to win the next four hearts—which were all he needed for his game.

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**Corner Stores To Gain From New Act**

VICTORIA (C)—Municipal Affairs Minister Wesley Black said Thursday corner stores still will be able to sell "the bulk of the commodities" they now sell after normal closing hours when the new Municipal Act comes into force July 1.

He was answering claims from small independent store owners that they would be forced out of business by the regulations, which make 6 p.m. closing mandatory unless city or municipal councils pass special by-laws.

"It has been brought to my attention that the owners of a number of these 'corner stores' have been greatly agitated because of an unfounded feeling that their position will be prejudiced by the new Municipal Act," said Mr. Black.

"While corner stores as such are not designated in the act, and for that matter it would be difficult to do so, nevertheless if the council so wishes they may permit shops to sell fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, soft drinks, dairy products, bakery products, cut flowers, florist products and confectionery at any time," he said.

"These I believe form the bulk of the commodities sold by corner stores after normal closing hours," Mr. Black said. "I'd suggest that the proprietors of these stores should direct their own council for... consideration and action if the council deem such a step is advisable."

The minister said the basic wording of the new act was the same as in the old act under which the stores now operate.

**INLAND SEA**

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