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City Hotels Told To Surrender Beer Parlor Licences To LCB

PICTURED FOLLOWING the election of officers at the annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada held at the Seigniory Club, Montebello, PQ., are (from left to right) T. H. Sorensen of Prince Rupert, left, a director, and O. J. McDonald of Vancouver, newly-elected president. Mr. Sorensen is sales manager of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association.

Operators Meeting To Consider Action

Beer parlors of the seven Prince Rupert Hotels which raised the price of draught beer last Friday have been ordered to close down by the Liquor Control Board today.

In a telegram sent to each of the operators this morning, Donald McGugan, chairman of the LCB states:

"Have no intention of considering brief while gun-to-head tactics are applied. Expect surrender of licences by operators who raised prices."

The seven hotel men concerned were meeting later today to consider the action they will take.

"We don't know whether the wire gives us the alternative of cutting beer prices to their former level or closing down the beer parlors," said William H. Murray, hotel spokesman today.

"We are keeping in touch with Victoria and hope that Mr. McGugan's intention will be made clear."

"One thing is clear, however—the LCB chairman keeps a firm hand on the price of beer in British Columbia although he doesn't bother about the price of other liquor," Mr. Murray added.

Mr. McGugan's bombshell by wire resulted from the hotels' action in raising the price of draught beer served in their beer parlors by 25 per cent from 10 cents a glass to 25 cents for two glasses in order to meet bartenders union wage demands.

The hotels raised their beer prices without asking permission from the LCB. A brief putting forward their case for the higher prices was sent to Mr. McGugan last Friday, the same day that the increases were imposed.

Spokesman Murray admitted then that they had only "a 50:50 chance of getting official approval."

John West, president of Prince Rupert Labor Council, said today that they were "very pleased" about Mr. McGugan's decision.

"It is gratifying to see that the LCB chairman stands with Labor on this issue," he told the Daily News.

"The hotel proprietors concerned can see that high-handed action doesn't always pay off," Mr. West added.

The Labor Council officially opposed the increased prices Saturday by wiring Mr. McGugan a telegram of protest questioning the legality of the hotelmens' action.

President West claims that Prince Rupert trades unionists backed the Labor Council executive's stand by ordering bottled beer in the beer parlors and therefore avoiding paying increases imposed on draught beer.

City operators received Mr. McGugan's telegram this morning, but beer parlors were still serving this afternoon.

"I expect the beer halls will stay open until we have decided on what action we will take or until our licences are surrendered," said Mr. Murray.

Mudslide Cuts Wires to City

A 60 foot mudslide blocked the CNR track 20 miles west of Smithers shortly after midnight last night and cut all wire communications into Prince Rupert for almost nine hours today.

Both the local radio station and the "Daily News" were without wire service until the break was repaired at 8:45 this morning. The Daily News had no teletype service all night.

Westbound passengers on the CNR transcontinental train are being transferred from Smithers to Moricetown by bus. Work crews hope to have the track cleared by midday tomorrow.

Damage $90,000 In Mill Blaze

VANCOUVER (CP)—A flash fire ripped through a suburban Burnaby sawmill Monday, causing an estimated $90,000 damage. The main section of Pacific Shake and Shingle mill was destroyed, leaving 36 persons without jobs.

Tremor Felt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A sharp aftershock of San Francisco's March 22 earthquake shook homes in the Mount Davidson area of the city late last night. Chandeliers swayed and dishes rattled but no damage was reported.

MUSEUM OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
"Only good for one more year."

IF NO NEW BUILDING

Museum May Close, Exhibits Might Go

Possibility that the Museum of Northern British Columbia might have to close and its more valuable exhibits may have to be shipped to far off museums because there would be nowhere to keep them in Prince Rupert, was voiced at the annual Museum board meeting last night.

Lack of fire-proofing and the ricketiness of the already condemned building was brought out during discussion of the new proposed museum on which city electors will be asked to vote this summer.

"The building is only good for another year," board chairman Dr. R. G. Large told the meeting.

J. B. Scott, vice-president and chairman of the building committee said that about $318 had been spent on repairs. The money was mainly spent on propping up the front steps and splicing supports of the building to keep it standing.

Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, museum curator and secretary-treasurer of the board, said that if the building was destroyed by fire some of the exhibits, such as the mineral displays or industrial displays could be renewed but the historic collections could never be replaced.

She said that an insurance appraiser had been unable to evaluate the Indian exhibits because they were irreplaceable.

Can Acquire Outside Displays

At the same time, Dr. Large stressed that one of the main reasons for seeking a new fire-proof museum building was so that the local museum could take advantage of the federal and provincial governments' travelling displays.

"These displays, which are of interest to both adults and children will make a real contribution toward the education of our city," he said.

Dr. Large said that an architect had been engaged to draw up plans for a new museum but decision on a site had not been settled. Three sites were being pondered (1) across the street from the present museum on Second Avenue, (2) Totem park at the head of Fifth Street and (3) the corner of McBride Street and Sixth Avenue, at the foot of Englishman's Hill. Each site had its points, he said, although from the Tourist bureau standpoint, the McBride Street site would be the most logical for travellers arriving by road.

In his annual report Dr. Large extended sincere thanks to "public spirited citizens." The general public had shown an increasing interest and many individuals had donated articles for display and show cases for display purposes.

He also thanked Mrs. Bolton, adding that "her enthusiasm and hard work are largely responsible for the interest and support we presently enjoy."

Gaining Deserved Recognition

"We have a very fine museum collection, which year by year is getting better and which is receiving in museum circles the recognition it deserves."

Mrs. Bolton reported that 6,500 persons signed the museum register last year, a big increase over 1955.

"The one thing that is most encouraging is the increase in local interest," Mrs. Bolton said. "Many local residents have visited the museum this past year and brought their guests with them." The children come regularly in numbers that are quite impressive, she added.

Highlight of the year was International Museum Week, the Museum's "Open House" and winning of the National Poster contest by a Prince Rupert girl Miss Marlene Lazorek.

Both Mrs. Bolton and Dr. Large thanked the Prince Rupert Jaycee-Ettes, the Prince Rupert Women's Credit Breakfast club for their part in the success of the Museum's "Open House." They also expressed their appreciation for the untiring efforts of vice-president J. B. Scott.

The curator also thanked C. A. Clogg, Trevor Hill, Earl Gordon and Dr. Graham Mills of Vancouver for donating show cases and Murray Laidlaw for his gift of eastern arrow-heads.

In other business, the meeting approved a motion granting Canon Basil S. Prockter, past president and past-secretary an honorary life-membership in the museum and voted to write him a letter expressing appreciation for his services and regret at his departure. He will be sent a copy of Dr. Large's new book "The Skeena, River of Destiny" when it is published.

The museum board's budget for 1957, of approximately $3,750 has already been forwarded to City Council.

Employment Picture Brighter

Total Jobless Drops by 174

Unemployment slumped in Prince Rupert area this month and will probably continue to decrease as the summer approaches, announced Gordon Simpson, National Employment Service manager today.

Number of unemployed registered at the Prince Rupert office during April dropped by 174 to 970, comparing favourably with the corresponding month last year in which 998 were registered.

Current unemployment is due to "the spring break-up" in the interior, says Mr. Simpson.

"This has thrown loggers and sawmill workers out of work in Terrace and Smithers districts and until road conditions improve little change can be expected."

Labor prospects in the Prince Rupert district are bright in the months ahead.

"An active season seems assured for the construction industry with the announcement of the successful tender for the Digby Island Airport expected at any time," Mr. Simpson continues.

"Some $900,000 will be spent on the access road this year and the total cost of the project will be in excess of $7,500,000.

"This and other sizeable projects scheduled to start in the near future indicates that this area will experience a manpower shortage by mid-summer," he prophesies.

Benefit payments to local claimants during the past four weeks amounted to $27,852 and to persons reporting by mail $55,526.

Tories Plan To Up Sales To Red China

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Progressive Conservatives, if elected this June, will increase the sale of British Columbia lumber products to Red China, B.C. party spokesmen said.

B.C.'s Progressive Conservative candidates in the federal election met here to discuss the national policy announced by party leader John Diefenbaker in Toronto last week.

Leon Ladner and A. C. DesBrisay, joint chairmen of the B.C. campaign, issued a statement Monday "of what a Conservative government will mean to British Columbia."

It said in part:

"To provide markets, the Conservative party will actively encourage the export of lumber, pulp, newsprint and other forest products to all parts of the world. We will call a Commonwealth trade conference to arrange for the sale of our products in our traditional Commonwealth markets which have been lost."

Dr. R. G. Large Again Heads Museum Board

Dr. R. G. Large was re-elected as chairman of the board of Museum of Northern British Columbia at the group's annual meeting.

Also returned to office were J. B. Scott as vice-president and curator Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton as secretary-treasurer.

Directors at large are: Thomas Hughes, A. S. Nickerson, Mrs. Frank Baldwin, Mrs. P. V. P. Bird, Percy Young, John F. Magor and Jack Mussallem.

Delegates to the Prince Rupert Tourist Bureau will be Dr. Large and Harry Rochester.

Named to a publicity committee for the museum were Mrs. Baldwin, chairman, Mrs. Bird and Mr. Young.

Also attending the meeting were Alderman Kay Smith for the City, Mrs. Hilda Tattersall for the Women of the Moose and Mrs. J. R. Carr for the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

New Insurance Open To Change Says UIC

Special To The Daily News

MONTEBELLO, Que. — Canadian fishermen have been assured by the head of the Unemployment Insurance Commission today that the newly-implemented regulations affecting the industry still were open to change.

J. McGregor, in an address to the 12th annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada, told the 100-odd delegates attending the three-day session at the Seigniory Club that "Anything at all which would improve the workability of the scheme will be seriously considered," and invited comments from the industry on the practicality of the regulations.

"Unemployment insurance for fishermen became a reality April 1 when the collection phase of the plan became effective.

The Ottawa administrator of jobless benefits outlined details of the plan and said "experience will be the great teacher."

"I admit," said Mr. McGregor, "that no doubt several changes in the regulations will be necessary to conform to the conditions that we find." He assured his audience that "we will have no hesitation in changing the regulations in this connection so as to make this scheme more workable."

Earlier, the problems of transportation and cold storage were examined in a panel discussion chaired by Borden Smith of the Canadian Fishing Company, of Vancouver. Participants were Dr. W. J. Dyer of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Halifax; Dr. W. H. Cook of the National Research Council, Ottawa; J. L. Townshend, of the Canadian National Railways, Montreal and P. E. Brougham of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal.

Dr. Dyer presented the results of cold storage tests conducted in the Maritimes. The tests were initiated to establish the ideal temperature conditions under which fish should be stored.

Dr. Cook reminded the industry that the storage problem was not one of temperature alone but included also the obvious factor of time. He warned the group that it was just as important to maintain the desired temperature during shipment and trans-shipment as it was to establish the fact that the most technical temperature for the storage of fish products was minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mr. Townshend and Mr. Brougham agreed that the problem of ideal temperature control during shipment seemed almost insoluble when taking into account the economic factor. They felt that the expense element weighed heavily against the use of dry ice but explained that it held the only immediate solution until workable refrigerated units could be designed.

In other business O. J. McDonald, of Vancouver was elected president of the Fisheries Council. New vice-presidents are L. M. Omstead of Wheatley, Ont. H. W. Welch, of Fairhaven, N.B.; A. M Smith, of Smith Wharves, Halifax, N.S.; W. M. Allan, of Montreal, Quebec; R. T. Hager, of Vancouver, and P. K. McGrath, of St John's, Nfld. Among the directors are J. N. Hyland, of Vancouver, Mr. T. H. Sorensen, of Prince Rupert, and H. B. Smith of Vancouver.

Named Advisor

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Robert J. Schoettler of Seattle, former director of the State Fisheries department, has been appointed fisheries advisor to the U.S. operations mission at Saigon, Vietnam. Schoettler will leave for the overseas assignment after the May 8-9 meeting of the International Sockeye commission at Vancouver, B.C.

Concession Workers Get 40-Hour Week

First 40-hour week agreement for restaurant employees in Prince Rupert has been signed by The Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union Local 630 and The Green Spot, McClymont park concession stand.

The three employees of the hamburger stand will work an eight hour day at a basic minimum rate of $1.25 an hour, with an increased rate of $1.88 an hour for overtime. Two meals a day for those working eight hours, and one meal a day for those working less than eight hours, will be provided without deduction from wages by the employer. Holiday with pay, based on four per cent of the total wages earned by the employee, will be granted.

This agreement will be in force from tomorrow, May 1 to April 30, 1957.

Liberal Women Elect Sprott

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) —Alderman Anna Sprott of Vancouver was elected president of the B.C. Women's Liberal association at the annual convention here. Mrs. E. I. Parkinson, Vancouver, was named vice-president to represent B.C. at the National Federation of Liberal Women.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness with widely scattered showers today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy 40 and 52, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 38 and 50.

(Daily News Photo by Ron Monk)

DIVISIONAL OFFICER Sub-Lt. M. E. Thompson is shown the A. L. Holtby trophy for individual efficiency won by Lt. E. A. Dawes (right) commanding officer of Prince Rupert's Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Capt. Cook, in 1941. At that time he was a Petty Officer cadet. Other trophies shown are the T. H. Johnson Cup for miniature rifle, the Canadian Legion award for the most proficient cadet in his recruit year and the Hill 60 Chapter IODE Challenge Cup for the most efficient watch. The trophies will be displayed during the annual inspection May 2.

Six Units of U.S. 6th Fleet Sail for Beirut, Lebanon

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters) — Six units of the United States 6th Fleet's transport amphibious squadron, including a reinforced battalion of marines, steamed for Beirut, Lebanon, today for a four-day stay.

The squadron, which consists of transports and auxiliary ships, will be joined by two destroyers May 2.

Units of the fleet, including the Aircraft Carrier Forrestal — the world's biggest—sailed from French and Italian ports a week ago in a sudden move assumed due to the Jordan crisis.

Meanwhile, Jordan's King Hussein and King Saud of Saudi Arabia announced that they have agreed to secure full independence and freedom from foreign rule for all Arab states.

The announcement came in a statement issued here Monday night following talks between the two monarchs. The two kings also agreed to strengthen military co-operation among Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Egypt as a defence against the "mutual enemy," and to regain stolen rights in Palestine. They also pledged not to join any foreign pact and to support the principles of the Arab league.

Foreign Minister Samir Rifai, of Jordan said "We welcome aid from anyone, anywhere, provided it is offered unconditionally and does not interfere in any way with our freedom, sovereignty and independence." Lester Mallory, U.S. ambassador to Jordan, thereupon announced that his country was ready to place $10,0000,000 promptly at Jordan's proposal.

Dampier Named Assistant Sun Publisher

VANCOUVER (CP)—J. Lawrence Dampier 43, has been named assistant publisher of the Vancouver Sun, publisher Donald Cromie announced today.

Mr. Dampier was executive vice-president of McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency of Montreal. Before joining the advertising agency in 1954 he had been a top executive with the Lever Brothers organization in Canada and the United States. As the Sun's assistant publisher, he succeeds Samuel Cromie who was drowned in a boating accident in February.