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Sunday, June 16, 1957
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EYES RIGHT is given above as Royal Canadian Engineers' band from Camp Chilliwack marches past reviewing stand at Post Office steps on Third Avenue last night. Giving the salute is Mayor George E. Hills and accompanying Canadian Army officers is Band Sgt. Major John Luscombe. The band paraded through the downtown business section before playing a concert tomorrow at a packed house at the Civic Centre. The band will present another free concert tomorrow afternoon in the Civic Centre at 2:30.

CITY BOOMING

Number of Vehicles Up 44 Per Cent Since '51

By BRENDA McGOVERN

Daily News Staff Writer

If the increase in the number of cars is any criterion Prince Rupert's prosperity is booming.

A survey taken here shows that since 1951 the number of motor vehicles has risen by 44 per cent brought about by an increase of about 200 vehicles a year.

There has been a boost in population too, from 8,546 in 1951 to 10,498 in 1956 but a quarter of our citizens now own cars compared to a fifth six years ago.

Back in 1951 there were 1,756 motor vehicles here and at the end of last year there were 2,527.

This is a pretty fast average considering that it is possible to walk between almost any two points in Prince Rupert, and that there are limited opportunities for pleasure motoring.

The increase in the number of cars, has had several indirect effects on the economy of the city, some good, some not so good.

One consequence is the crop of new gas stations in various stages of construction throughout the city. One of these is now nearing completion, excavations are being carried out for another and a third is still in the planning stage. This will make a total of 14 garages and gas stations here.

Development of this type creates employment during and after construction and later adds to the town's prosperity. It also encourages a further increase in the number of cars.

Disadvantages include the increased congestion in and around the city, and the increase in city by-laws and regulations designed to remedy it.

Duncan Man Escapes Gallows

DUNCAN, B.C. — "One of the most wonderful birthday presents a man could get," was the commutation of the death sentence for Thomas Sidney Sykes, said Mrs. Winifred Stark, Sykes' sister, when she heard the news Friday afternoon.

"Tommy's birthday was on June 11 and he was pleading for life as a birthday present," she said.

"I am deeply grateful to everybody, and all the papers, and Mrs. Molly Ianson, mother of Powling, who did everything in her power to get the sentence commuted," Mrs. Stark said.

"I believe that she was the one person who did the most to win the life sentence for Tommy instead of the gallows."

Mrs. Sykes, mother of the man convicted for the New Year's day love-triangle slaying of Paul Richard Powling, his best friend, was also deeply grateful for the "wonderful help we have received from everyone."

Big Pleasure Boat Pays Visit Here

A pleasure cruiser in the truest sense of the word, the 40-foot, mahogany-decked, oil-heated and refrigerated "Marlin", berthed at the Prince Rupert Yacht club yesterday.

Skippers Vernon Burke from Everett, Wash., his wife and son Albert are taking the boat for an extensive holiday trip to Alaska.

The Burkes will leave tomorrow for Ketchikan, where they plan to spend six weeks fishing before sailing on to Sitka to join another son, Roger, a project engineer working on a new pulpmill up there.

Members of a drilling crew working on a highway project near the lake said McLeod apparently turned his flat-bottomed boat too sharply and it capsized. They said he hung onto the boat five minutes before disappearing under the water.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Stationary engineers employed by the provincial government will strike June 26 to back up wage demands made to the government earlier this year, the B.C. government Employees Association said Friday.

About 163 stationary engineers are employed in government buildings on the B.C. Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. The association is asking a rate of \$355 monthly. The present wage is \$321.

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. coho salmon fishermen benefit from two rulings of the Department of Fisheries announced Thursday.

The department is waiving the three-pound minimum requirement for small blueback salmon (minimale coho).

In addition, the opening date for commercial coho fishing was advanced one day to June 15 so B.C. fishermen can compete with U.S. fishermen.

The department also reduced the minimum size for black cod to three pounds (dropped from 4½ pounds).

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Announcement Scheduled Soon On B.C. Iron, Steel Industry

Promotion Slated Reports Williston

By JOHN F. MAGOR

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SMITHERS—Specific proposals for development of an iron and steel industry in British Columbia will soon be announced by the provincial government, Land and Forests Minister R. A. Williston told the North-Central Associated Boards of Trade meeting here today.

Mr. Williston said it is known that the amount of iron ore in the province is three times as that of previous estimates. He said the government was taking steps to describe its exports and to promote the business for B.C.

Speaking of ore resources in the Peace River country, Mr. Williston said that plans were on the drawing board for construction of a pipe line from that area to Kitimat where the oil would be exported.

He said the line would proceed via Telkwa and Terrace. He added that the Wenner-Gren project for the Rocky Mountain Trench, north of Prince George had not discouraged prospecting in that vicinity.

"There are more prospectors in the area than ever before," he said.

Referring to the centennial celebration he revealed for the first time that it is proposed to put the famous RC MP musical ride on show throughout North Central B.C.

Among resolutions passed at the meeting was one presented by the Prince Rupert delegation calling for more information to be made available of natural resources in the north country.

It was pointed out that Prince Rupert had to have its own report made of timber resources in the area because the information was not readily available.

Another Prince Rupert resolution asked that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation encourage establishment of low-powered CBC stations along the north central line. It was estimated these could be provided at a cost of about \$4,000 each.

A third Prince Rupert resolution called for establishment of a regional highway office in the area to facilitate administration of northern roads.

At present this matter is directed from New Westminster.

Other resolutions urged Northern B.C. representation in the senate; improved radio reception and programs for central B.C.; more RCMP protection in small growing communities; completion of a road from Hazelton to Mezindian Lake as part of route A to the Yukon and amusement tax exemption.

QUEEN VISITS STRATFORD STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Eng.—The Queen and Prince Philip mingled in the June throngs of North American tourists here Friday.

Total 74,437.

Some Agreement On Disarmament Needed Reds Told

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Macmillan told Soviet Premier Bulganin in a personal letter released today that "some measure of agreement" on disarmament would open the way for a general East-West settlement.

The British leader said the world's most urgent need is for conventional and nuclear disarmament "to dispel the threat of war."

He told the Russian premier: "You and I have lived through two world wars. We have seen their terrors. We must wish to preserve our children and grandchildren from a third and perhaps final tragedy."

"A man is dead," he continued, "I don't think I'd want it any other way."

A city man was reported in good condition in Prince Rupert General Hospital today following an accident at the Watson Island mill of Columbia Collars Company Ltd., last night.

CCC employee Garry Jang, about 20 years of age suffered back injuries when he stumbled over a log and fell hard. It was reported today.



TAKING SALUTE at marchpast last night when Royal Canadian Engineers band from Camp Chilliwack paraded downtown, is Mayor George E. Hills. Also on Post Office steps reviewing stand is ex-alderman H. F. Glassey, Major John Cook, Canadian Army B.C. headquarter, Vancouver, Major Paul L. Roth, senior personnel officer for British Columbia, Vancouver, and Capt. R. W. Lewis, commanding officer of the 120th Independent Field Battery, RCA, (M), Prince Rupert.

Employment Picture Brighter

VANCOUVER (CP)—

The employment picture in the Pacific region brightened with the weather, according to a monthly survey released Friday by the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Regional director William McKinstry said the number of jobless declined by 28 per cent and that job opportunities increased greatly during the month.

In the logging industry, though now overshadowed by a strike threat, most of the larger operators had built up to capacity production, the report said, though some of the smaller outfits are still closed.

Sawmills in the Lower Mainland area are maintaining average production levels and the industry is gradually recovering in the east and west Kootenay areas, the report added. Mill activity also started on the increase in the Prince George area.

Closing of a number of mines cut employment in that industry, the UIC report said, but the main gold producer in the Dawson area, Y.T., is in full production as are the smelters at Trail and Kitimat.

Adding to the hopefulness of the job situation the report summed up were demands for general farm workers and a shortage of qualified dairy hands, resumption of activity of fish cannery and processing plants, improvement in construction job possibilities especially in fields of heavy engineering like the Bridge River hydroelectric project where 2,000 may be employed at peak.

Gas pipeline installation, increased retail and wholesale trade, expansion of clothing industries were also adding to the job list.

Thwarts Holdup

VANCOUVER (CP)—A crippled storekeeper thwarted a holdup attempt at his confectionery Thursday night when he thwarted the would-be bandit with a .32-calibre pistol.

The gunman was subdued by club employees and two off-duty police constables.

Upon hearing the verdict, Mr. McKenna said, "Well your Lordship . . . there are times I'll let you have it."

She said the first shot went wild but the second hit Donaldson.

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Police laid no charges against the boys.

SCHOOLBOYS LOSE DEVICE FOR EXPLDING OWN BOMBS

VANCOUVER (CP)—A timing device used to detonate home-made bombs has been confiscated from two high school boys, police revealed Friday, after a number of the bombs were exploded outside the boys' high school.

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