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Highway maintenance funds up 25 per cent for Rupert

Estimated cost now $110,000

Provincial highways in the Prince Rupert area will benefit from an increase of more than 25 per cent in the estimated road maintenance expenditures for the coming year, it was learned here today.

In Victoria an increase of almost $1,500,000 for the province was announced in the legislature Monday night by Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi, a Canadian Press report stated.

The increase of $1,412,000 affects all of the 41 road districts in B.C. from Alberni to Yale. Total estimated expenditure for the job now is 66,612,000.

Kamloops, Mr. Gaglardi's riding, was boosted to $280,000 from $220,000. Other ridings that showed a healthy increase, with previous amounts bracketed, include:

Alberni, $121,000 ($95,000); Comox, $270,000 ($212,000); Delta, $131,000 ($103,000); Dewdney, $208,000 ($163,000); Nelson-Creston, $275,000 ($216,000); Prince Rupert, $110,000 ($86,000); Rossland-Trail, $160,000 ($126,00); Revelstoke, $167,000 ($131,000).

EARLIER CRITICISM

Earlier in the evening sitting, which went for more than three hours, the minister came under a stream of criticism from the Opposition.

Opposition leader Robert Strachan said Mr. Gaglardi "believes that if he shouts loud enough" the Opposition won't notice the condition of things as they really are.

He said that because of some wrong statements made by the minister "we are a little dubious about almost every statement he makes."

Grain exports hit peak

Grain exports from the Government Grain Elevator in Prince Rupert last month hit a record high for any one-month period since the elevator resumed operation in 1951.

Five ships took on a total cargo of 2,313,686 bushels in February, highest mark in postwar records, an Elevator spokesman said today.

UP 40 PER CENT

Exported bushels outnumber bushels taken in by 1,689,977 or close to 40 per cent, the spokesman said. Cars unloading last month numbered 764.

Largest shipment was taken on by the South African freighter "MV President Kruger" that sailed February 26 with a cargo of 10,390 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley.

Other ships loading here last month were hte "Cornish City," the "SS Despino," the "SS Wanderer," and the "SS Prodromos."

No fancy robes for Mayor Lester

Mayor Peter J. Lester last night strongly opposed a motion by Alderman R. G. Large that the city investigate and consider cost of a collar and robe for the chief magistrate "to be used on official occasions".

"I think it's time the city fell in line with other municipalities", Alderman Large stated, "and put on a little show, particularly for visiting dignitaries".

Declaring that anyone would have a "tough job" getting him to wear the robes of office, Mayor Lester commented that he thought "in spite of the Centennial year it would be an awful waste of money."

"I don't think there should be that much difference shown between the mayor and an ordinary citizen".

"Besides", he added, "I'm happy with the suit I've got."

Move to delay meters defeated by council

Parking meters for the city of Prince Rupert came one step closer to reality last night when city council defeated a motion by Alderman T. Norton Youngs to delay for six months the preparation of a covering bylaw.

Alderman Youngs said that if his motion was passed he would then move for the instigation of diagonal parking on Second Avenue West.

The six-man council was split in their decision, with Mayor Peter J. Lester casting the deciding vote against the delaying of the bylaw. Aldermen Bellis, Youngs and Large voted in favor of the move; Aldermen Ritchie, Smith and Gomez voted against it.

Council later, however, favored a motion by Alderman Youngs that the council go on record as demanding the enforcement of the existing parking bylaw.

A third motion by the alderman in connection with the parking situation was amended and passed by council to allow it to be referred to the traffic committee. The motion requested the establishment of diagonal parking on Second Avenue West.

In discussion on the first motion, Alderman Darrow Gomez commented that on trips he had made to the south he had noted that parking meters were used successfully in smaller centres than Prince Rupert and that he thought they would be the most effective parking curb for this city.

"We are in a different situation here," replied Alderman Youngs, "in that we have no tributary streets that can be used for parking. If we are going to install meters anywhere in the business district we've got to put them right through."

"All we're doing," he added, "is driving the "sleepers" from Third Avenue and part of the side streets further down those streets and onto Second Avenue. We're going to get an awful lot of complaints from the merchants on Second Avenue where parking is difficult even now without the meters.

"I think," he continued, "the enforcement of our present parking bylaw, particularly in the one-hour zones, would be a more effective solution."

Alderman Kay Smith replied that she thought such an enforcement "would have the same effect of simply moving the "sleepers" to another spot, with no gain whatsoever. I think we should give the meters a try."

Alderman Youngs' opinion was that "I think we should give the existing bylaw a try."

Alderman A. D. Ritchie said he thought that the installation of the meters was not a solution to the problem but only a "stop-gap".

"Our first move," he reflected, "was to paint lines along the curbs to limit the amount of space each motorist could use. That worked for awhile but now it has proven inadequate.

"That next logical step of course is parking meters," he asserted, "but the only real solution will be off-street parking".

Alderman Ritchie envisioned the possibility of using the property now taken up with the fire hall and city hall as eventual parking areas. He said, however, that he thought the parking meters should be used until the problem of off-street parking is solved.

Alderman R. G. Large stated that he was in favor of meters being used but that he wondered why there was no diagonal parking used on Second and Third Avenues as a partial solution.

Alderman Ritchie replied that he thought the police had felt there was not enough room on Third Avenue for diagonal parking and that it should be used only on the north side of Second Avenue.

With the defeat of Alderman Young's motion for tabling the bylaw, City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long remains instructed by the previous council meeting to prepare, for further consideration by council, a bylaw to allow installation of the meters.

Permits issued for bait fishing

Fishing vessels seining in the harbor today despite the closure of the herring season last night, are doing so by special permit, the Fisheries Department announced.

The boats are seining for herring bait for which several local fishing companies have been issued permits, Supervisor of Fisheries R. C. Edwards said today.

Murray named to committee in dental query

Prince Rupert MLA W. H. Murray has been appointed to a nine-man committee to hear different viewpoints over the proposed measure to establish a five-member board to decide whether dental technicians should be allowed to deal with the public without having the dentist as middle man, it was learned here today.

Other committee members are Mrs. Buda Brown (SC, Vancouver-Point Grey), Pert Price (SC, Vancouver-Burrard), Cyril Shelford (SC, Omineca), Donald Smith (SC, Victoria), Randolph Harding (CCF, Kaslo-Slocan), Cedric Cox (CCF, Burnaby), and George Gregory (L, Victoria).

Band project underway for Centennial

A move is underway to form a band for the Centennial celebrations in Prince Rupert.

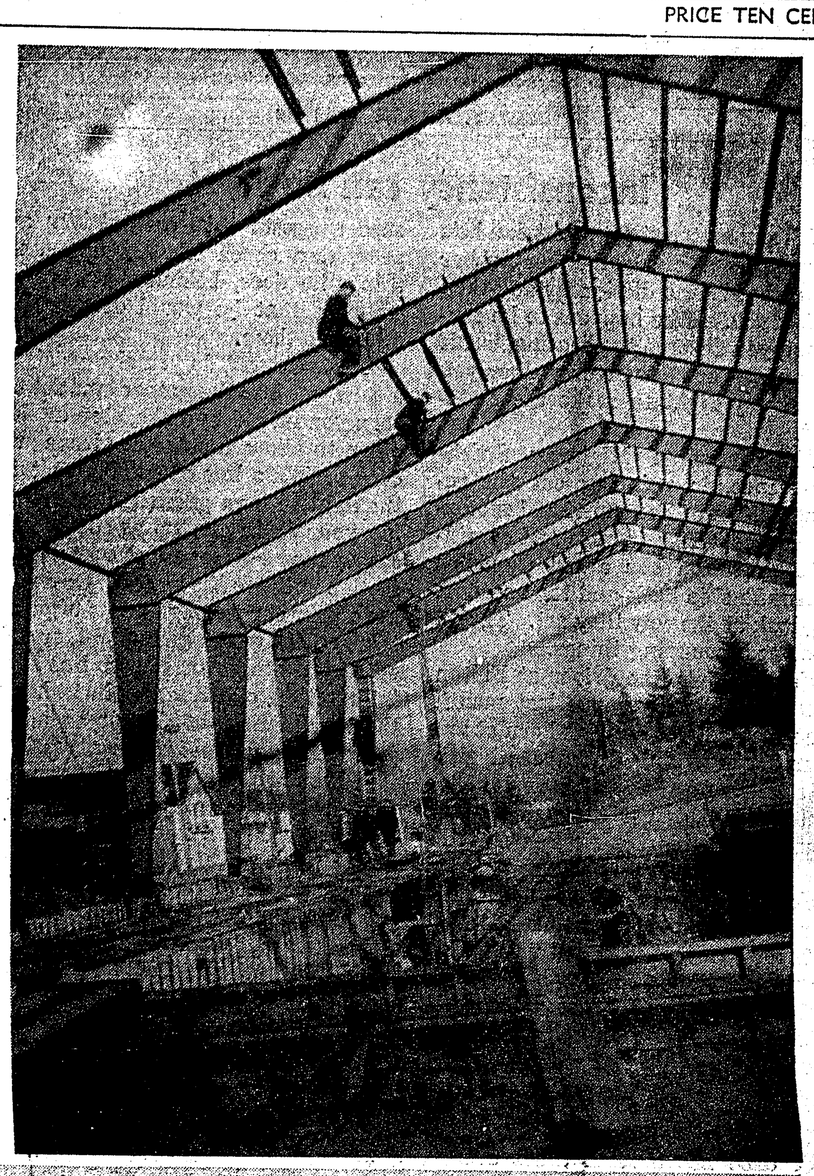
All interested in joining the band or in helping with its formation are asked to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Canadian Legion Hall.

The meeting is called to elect an executive and give the planned organization a name. One of the suggestions is "Prince Rupert Civic Band Association."

City Council in its provisional budget last November set aside $3,000 for the band.

Housing plan set

OTTAWA (CP) — A $22,000,000 program of housing and school construction on national defence sites throughout Canada was announced today by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Tenders are expected to be completed by next October.



STEEL FRAMEWORK of Civic Centre's indoor swimming pool went up with miraculous speed Saturday and Sunday as volunteers guided by Permasteel Engineering Company Ltd., erected skeleton of building shown above. Photo at top was taken from south end of pool structure. Depression is where actual pool will be. Photo at bottom shows how swimming pool building will abutt old Civic Centre building. Access to the pool will be made in west side of Centre wall near end where Court House appears in picture. Men on top of steel network are drawing up cross beams to bolt in place.
—Staff photos by Dick Ayres.

Boy saved after fall into water

Nine-year-old Morley Pierce of Port Edward is home in bed today with nothing more than a cold to show for a fishing incident that nearly took his life Sunday afternoon.

The boy was saved from drowning only by the quick action of Port Edward skipper George McKee who dived into the water after him and by Prince Rupert resident Gordon Brochu who pulled both of them from the water into a skiff.

LINE TANGLED

Port Edward RCMP report the near-fatal incident occurred at about 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Morley was fishing from a ramp leading from the dock to the floats when his fishing line entangled his legs. Morley tripped and fell into the freezing cold water.

Another Port Edward boy who had watched the mishap alarmed George McKee, skipper of the Nelson Bros. crab boat "Percy W," who was working nearby in a sein loft.

Mr. McKee grabbed Morley when he was coming up for the third time, unable to swim with his legs tied.

Both were picked up moments later by Mr. Brochu.

HUSBAND COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

City woman given year for breaking, entering

Case against a city couple for breaking and entering a grocery store has been taken out of the police court stage with sentencing of one accused and committal for trial in County Court of the other.

Sentenced to one-year in jail today was Loretta Wilson who pleaded guilty last Monday to the March 2 breaking and entering of Quality Grocery store, 521 Fulton Street.

Her husband, Lloyd Saunders Wilson entered a plea of not guilty last Monday and elected trial by judge without jury. Preliminary hearing was completed last night. Wilson will probably appear before County Court Judge W. A. Schultz next month.

In handing down the sentence on Mr. Wilson, Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite said he believed her best chance lay in a "complete break from your present company."

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END IN SIGHT AS STEEL UP

Major milestone reached in pool

From a wood-encased foundation surrounding what looked like an oblong hole in the ground the steel girders of the Civic Centre swimming pool rose almost overnight during the weekend.

The steel framework of the volunteer-built structure was in place in less than 12 working hours. Less than 48 elapsed hours passed from the time that volunteers starting erecting steel Friday morning until they quit late Sunday afternoon. By that time the arched steel girders outlined the shape of the completed building and men were well ahead in installing the cross beams.

The weekend's work marks a major milestone in the history of the proposed indoor swimming pool.

Work on the swimming pool began early in July last year, after passage of the $104,000 swimming pool bylaw. A drive for volunteers saw the ground work started and foundation begun before the rains came. All winter long under adverse weather conditions, small groups of volunteers have worked day and night in advancing the project until actual moving of the steel into place began Thursday.

Actual erection of the steel, under the guidance of Frank Zukowitch, of Permasteel Engineering Company Ltd., of Vancouver began Friday. Completion of the steel work has now almost been reached.

Supervising the work under direction from Mr. Zukowitch has been swimming pool chairman Donald Gaiters and Robert Hale.

Mrs. W. J. Gordon, project timekeeper said today that 11 men worked on the steel Thursday putting in a total of 24 hours; Friday 15 men with 66 hours; Saturday 14 men amassed 92 hours; Sunday 19 men, 44 hours; Monday, 17 men 61 hours. These figures represent the total number of hours worked by all men, Mrs. Gordon said.

Mr. Zukowitch said that the volunteers had done a "terrific job." He said that even with trained and experienced steel men, it would take five days to complete the erection of the steel framework.

As soon as the cross beams are all in place the roof will be put on and the weather will not be such a hindrance to workers.

CPA plans five transcontinental passenger routes

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canadian Pacific Airlines said today it will establish five east-west mainline passenger routes if its application for transcontinental right is approved by the air transport board.

A statement issued here by CPA President Grant McConachie said each of the routes will have daily service. CPA plans three round-trip flights a day linking Vancouver with eastern centres.

PRINCE WANTS JOB

LONDON (AP)—An unidentified prince advertised for a job in The Times today in an ad reading: "Young European prince, well educated, travelled, four languages, with ability and excellent connections, seeks occupation."

City accidents cut by half

Prince Rupert's accident rate last week was down 50 per cent from the previous week while on a province-wide basis a sharp increase was recorded.

Only two road mishaps were reported to RCMP city detachment during the week ending March 8, one of which was followed by prosecution. In the province, statistics released today show a rise of 234 from 162 the week before. Six persons were killed in five separate accidents.

Port Edward RCMP reports four accidents as compared to none the previous week.

WEATHER—

Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a few sunny periods. Little change in temperature. Light northerly winds reaching 15 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high tomorrow 35 and 45.

TIDES—

Wednesday, March 12, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	6:00	10.2 feet
	19:24	10.1 feet
Low	——	—— feet
	13:05	6.2 feet