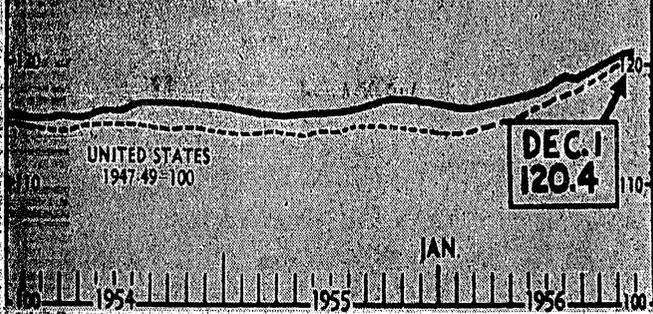


CONSUMER PRICE INDICES



THE CONSUMER-PRICE index increased fractionally in November, to a record 120.4. The Bureau of Statistics reports that despite a substantial decrease in the price of foods four other sections, shelter, household operation, clothing and commodities and services showed increases. The index is based on 1949 prices equalling 100. The dotted line represents the United States index which reached 117.8 in December. In the United States index 1947-49 prices equal 100. (CP Photo.)

MERGER POSES PROBLEM

Nothing To Prevent City Teachers Remaining Within Labor Council

There is no reason why the Prince Rupert Teachers association shouldn't stay affiliated with the Prince Rupert Labor Council, it was decided last night at a well-attended annual meeting in the Civic Centre.

Just prior to the clause-by-clause study of a new Labor Council constitution draft based on the Canadian Labor Congress outlines, R. G. Moore, Teachers Association delegate, asked clarification on the teachers' position with regard to the CLC.

Mr. Moore told the meeting that last year the B.C. Teachers Federation had voted in Vancouver to break away from the Trades and Labor Congress. However, he said, the local teachers association had voted to remain with the city labor council.

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As formerly elections will be by secret ballot and besides a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and sergeant-at-arms the delegates will elect three executive members and three trustees, the latter to be on the executive.

Navy Reserve Starts Drive For Recruits

Twenty-two naval divisions, from Newfoundland to British Columbia, including HMCS Chatham in Prince Rupert, went into action today with the opening broadsides of a concentrated winter recruiting drive.

The dry land "ships" which administer and train naval reservists in various cities across Canada will spend the next eight weeks recruiting young men and women in their communities into the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve).

Each naval division will be shooting to attain a quota of recruits based on the size of the division and the training and instructional facilities available. On an all-Canada basis it is intended to increase the strength of the naval reserve by over 1,000 men and women.

The present manpower figure of the RCN(R) is approximately 7,000 officers and men. This figure includes some 700 wrens. The naval divisions will conduct their recruiting campaigns on an individual basis, promoting their own programs.

Prince Rupert young men and women wishing to inquire into possibilities of joining the Navy Reserve, can get in touch with Recruiting Officer Lieut. C. V. Smith or his assistants at the administration building of HMCS Chatham.

Overall assistance is provided by the command headquarters of the naval reserve, Hamilton, Ontario, under the direction of Rear Admiral K. F. Adams, Flag Officer, Naval Divisions.

Young recruits who join the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) normally spend one night a week training at their local division and two weeks during the summer at the Great Lakes Training Command, Hamilton or other naval commands. As well as serious training, the naval reserve provides facilities for social and athletic activities and naval rates of pay proportionate to the amount of training taken.

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B.C.'s 100th Birthday Only 12 Months Away

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VANCOUVER—This time next year British Columbia will be welcoming visitors and former residents to its 100th Birthday Party.

More than 160 local Centennial committees have been organized throughout the Province to prepare for this joyous event, and from the zeal and vitality which has been demonstrated by these local committees in the early stages of planning, 1958 promises indeed to be the "Celebration of the Century."

The unusual degree of public attention that was given last year to B.C. Centennial Committee meetings as well as local Centennial meetings, through the medium primarily of the newspapers, but also through the media of radio and television, provided Centennial workers with encouragement during the difficult organizational period.

During the last year, local Centennial committees have already recruited scores of volunteers to assist in all fields of activity.

Already local Centennial Committees are joining hands to co-operate on Centennial projects and blue-print plans for Centennial celebrations in their area. In this way one of the purposes of the Centennial Committee—to bring the peoples of British Columbia closer together—is certain to be achieved.

A diversity of projects, ranging from hospital wings to memorial parks, have been suggested by local Centennial committees. Final selection of projects should be made early in the New Year and with the receipt of the B.C. Centennial per capita grants, work should begin on many of them in the spring.

There have been many exhilarating developments on the Centennial scene in the last few months. Foremost among them is the announcement that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously agreed to accept a 100-foot totem pole as a Centennial gift from the people of B.C.

Carvers, Chief Mungo Martin, his son David and Henry Hunt, are to begin work on the Royal Totem Pole early in February. When it is finished, it will be shipped to England where it will be erected in one of Her Majesty's Royal Parks during 1958.

The news that the children of British Columbia are to give a \$20,000 piece of sculpture as a gift to their Province during the 1958 Centenary, has aroused interest and enthusiasm from all parts of B.C. Each school child may give 10 cents towards the

sculpture project. The names of all the school children in B.C. will be sealed in the base of the sculpture and they will receive a picture of the finished sculpture which is to stand on one of the lawns in front of the Provincial Parliament Buildings. A competition now is being held to select an artist to execute the sculpture commission.

B.C. writers will also have an opportunity to play a vital part in the Centennial Year with the publication of the British Columbia Centennial Anthology. Dr. R. E. Watters, Professor of English at the University of B.C. was recently appointed Editor-in-chief of the Anthology. He plans to compile a book which will provide a picture of the Province, its people and their ways of life as reflected in the best writing obtainable. Writers who wish to contribute to the Anthology are asked to submit manuscripts to the B.C. Centennial Anthology, Box 1026, Victoria, B.C.

The full co-operation of Canada's Armed Services has been promised by the Department of National Defence during the 1958 Centenary. L. J. Wallace, Chairman of the B.C. Centennial Committee, met in Ottawa recently with Defence Minister Ralph Campney, to discuss plans for the participation of the Armed Services in Centennial Celebrations. It is expected that Service Units will participate in the Celebrations in all parts of the Province in 1958.

A number of communities in B.C. now are engaged in writing their own histories and plan to make them available in time for the Centenary. The histories will be much sought after by residents and former residents and will be valuable additions to the Provincial Archives.

Before the end of 1957, nearly every man, woman and child in B.C. will be participating directly or indirectly in some Centennial activity. The awareness of the public to their Province's achievements in the last 100 years is expected to be expressed in many varied and unique ways and cannot help but insure the success of B.C.'s biggest Birthday Party.

May we, at Centennial Headquarters, take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and the greatest success in your Centennial preparations.



SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Audrey Mitchell poses for this out-of-season picture in Brandon, Manitoba, as a warm spell enveloped the West over the holiday season. As Eastern Canada shivered, Western Canada basked in weather that boosted thermometer readings well above normal. Edmonton reached a record 46.4 on December 26, Lethbridge had 43 above New Year's Day, after reaching 53 at Christmas. In British Columbia New Year temperatures ranged from 40 to 50 degrees. The mercury in Brandon as Audrey sat in the snow was a mild 40. (CP Photo.)

Higher Salaries Said Need

VANCOUVER—Universities will have to pay higher salaries if they are going to keep qualified teachers, Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie president of the University of British Columbia, said Thursday.

He cited higher university enrollment and competition from industry as two main reasons for the "necessity" of paying higher salaries.

Dr. MacKenzie said that few UBC teachers have been attracted to other Canadian universities by higher salaries.

"Our losses have been largely to industry," he said.

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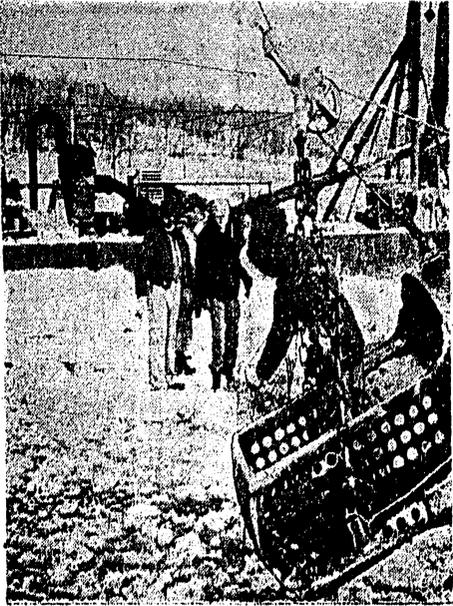
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PIPELINE CROSSES ASSINBOINE — A survey engineer works drag-line bucket to take a sounding through the lee of the Assinboine River near Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, before construction crews start laying the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines natural-gas line on the river bed. Working in below-zero weather workmen have completed a 230-mile stretch from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to the Assinboine. In the background of this photo is the dredge used to clear a ditch in the bed of the Assinboine to hold the pipe. (CP Photo.)

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