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B.C. premier, cabinet pay visits to projects in Pr. Rupert area

Princess thanks province in telegram to premier here

Princess Margaret's thanks to the people of British Columbia for the warm welcome, the wonderful time she had while she was in the province and her pleasure at being given Portland Island is expressed in a telegram received by Premier W. A. C. Bennett, after his arrival here this afternoon.

Mr. Bennett, who with seven of his cabinet ministers was having lunch with Mayor Peter J. Lester, MLA William H. Murray and RCMP St. Sgt. J. W. Todd, at the Prince Rupert hotel, received the wire from Lieut-Gov. Frank M. Ross, through whom the message was relayed.

The telegram from Princess Margaret, reads as follows:

"To His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

"As I leave British Columbia I send to you and through you to the Prime Minister, to the government and to the people of the province, my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful welcome I have received throughout my visit.

"I enjoyed so very much the two fascinating weeks which I have spent in your lovely province and much appreciated the interesting and varied program which had been so thoughtfully prepared.

"I shall never forget the kindness and hospitality which was so abundantly shown me wherever I went and which made my stay so particularly happy.

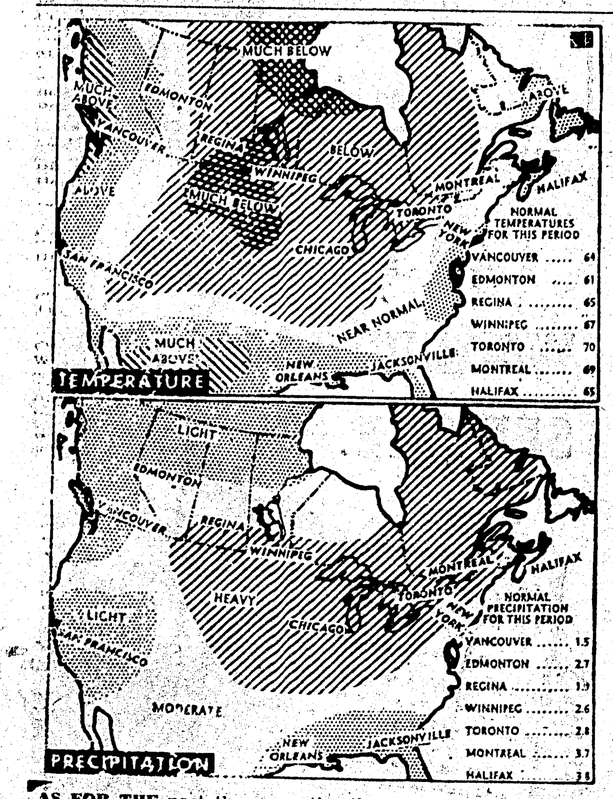
"I am proud to have shared in the Centennial Celebrations of British Columbia and to have seen for myself something of your splendid achievements.

"The time has gone all to quickly and I am indeed sad to leave.

"But thanks to your generosity in giving me one of your beautiful islands, Portland Inland. I can feel with deep sincerity that I leave part of myself with you and that I shall always have a most attractive link with your province.

"I pray that British Columbia will continue to prosper and I thank you all again for your kindness and welcome to me.

Margaret"



AS FOR THE past three months, the United States long-range weather forecast for the Prince Rupert area is "much above normal," as shown in map on top. Bottom map illustrates light rainfall expected in B.C. coastal regions. (CP Map)

Government to boost below-level pensions

OTTAWA (CP)—The government intends at this session of Parliament to increase pensions to some former members of the civil service, armed services and RCMP who retired on pension below current levels, Finance Minister Fleming announced in the Commons today.

The increases will be based on length of service and will extend to widows and children of the men involved.

Estimated cost of the increases is about $3,300,000 for a full year, he said.

The payment boosts will affect pensions below $3,000 a year. The intention, said Mr. Fleming, is that "the total of the increase and the pension combined shall not exceed $3,000."

He estimated that higher payment will go to some 15,000 persons—12,000 former civil servants, 2,500 former members of the armed forces and 600 former RCMP. These figures include widows of pensioners.

The increases will be retroactive to July 1.

The increases will range up to a maximum of 32 per cent of the first $2,000 of pension paid to those who retired in 1945 or earlier. The percentage increase will be lower for those retiring since 1945.

For widows and children, the increase will be determined by the year of the husband's retirement or death while in service, whichever applies.

The increase for widows will be limited to pensions not exceeding $1,500. For an orphaned child the increase will apply on pensions up to $600.

City resident for 15 years dies aged 45

A resident of the city for 15 years, Harold William Timms, 45, of 106 Hays Cove Circle died in Prince Rupert General Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Timms worked as a carpenter for Columbia Cellulose Company Limited and was the chairman of the hospital visitation and welfare committee of Local 708, Brotherhood of International Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers union.

Born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Mr. Timms had lived in British Columbia for 38 years. He was very active in the Salvation Army here.

He is survived by his wife Louisa M. Timms, two sons, Alfred and Thomas, two brothers, Frederick and Alfred and his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Timms, all of Prince Rupert.

Funeral services will be held at Ferguson's funeral home 2 p.m. Wednesday with Senior Captain T. H. Smith of the Salvation Army officiating. Interment is to follow at Fairview Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

Construction of the new light tower at Lucy Island obscures the light to the north west, District Marine Agent N. A. Bekatov reported today.

The light is not visible west of a bearing of 130 degrees true, taken from seaward.

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Mrs. Chorney mass sung

Requiem mass for Mrs. Anna Chorney, 60, was sung at the Church of the Annunciation at 10 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Robert Dalton officiating. Prayers were said at Ferguson Funeral Home Friday night.

Pallbearers were William Walsh, John Karternoha, Walter Poburany, Joseph Zabudney, Teodor Prystay, and Miran Kowal.

Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Frank Henry Elliott, of 1650 Sixth Avenue East, was fined $10, costs or in default of payment sentenced to seven days in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court Friday to a charge of speeding.

Pantie thief to undergo mental care

Wai Jung Cheung, 26, of Prince Rupert, had his sentence suspended for one year by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court Friday afternoon when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being in possession of stolen goods over $50. The charge was laid in connection with the theft of various women's undergarments from city clotheslines.

The magistrate, in passing sentence, said that Cheung will have to appear before a medical practitioner within two months and take whatever treatment was recommended. He also ordered Cheung to post a $500 bond and two sureties of $500 each.

Cheung was arrested by RCMP on a city street early Tuesday morning after he failed to account for his being there. When RCMP searched his home they found clothing valued at between $200 and $300.

Defence counsel A. Bruce Brown told the court that Cheung came to Prince Rupert from China two years ago and has not been in any trouble before. He said that he has been an "average or better than average" citizen, in the time he has lived here.

BIG HAUL—Peter Van Tankeren proudly holds up seven-pound Tommy Cod that won him a bicycle in Saturday's fishing derby for children. Peter caught his grand-prize winner at Cow Bay floats. Also admiring the catch is John Wondga, supervisor at the floats. (Story on page four) —Staff Photo.

Chatham drill hall set for Centurama tonight

The province's B.C. Centurama show of vaudeville variety and dancing, and comedy, is set to go tonight in the HMCS Chatham drill hall teeing off Prince Rupert's B.C. Centennial Potlatch week.

The big show, featuring top United States acts and an all B.C. chorus line arrived yesterday by road and began setting up.

The 40-cast production will be staged tonight, tomorrow night and Wednesday with a matinee Wednesday afternoon. Curtain time is 8:30 each night and the Wednesday matinee will be at 2 p.m.

The Centurama which is being sponsored here by the Rotary Club, is a gigantic stage, water and aerial show featuring Hollywood motion picture stars backed by 10 big production numbers and beautiful B.C. girls presenting songs and dances of the past century.

It is packed with action and comedy and has been proclaimed the greatest variety show since the days of 'Chautauqua". It was especially prepared by Roy Lisogar, one of America's top showmen, for the B.C. Centennial Year.

One of the acts featuures "The Flying Wendts", world-famous death-defying aerial artists who were featured in the motion picture, "The Greatest Show On Earth."

Side-splitting comedy will be provided by the team of Morrison and Reeves, old fashioned vaudeville comedians direct from 22 motion pictures in Hollywood.

Adding further to the lighter touch is Orwin Marvey, water comic from the Minesota Sea Fair and America Aqua Follies. Another water show in the large tank will feature Canadian log-rolling champion Bill Fontana, now with the big American Sportsmen's Shows, who will be seen in a contest with his dog "Peppy".

The program, containing many more surprising and entertaining presentations, will be climaxed by a 14-foot birthday cake with 100 lighted candles which will burst into a massive water fountain illuminated by colored lights to symbolize a Centennial birthday wish coming true for 100 year.

Among the extras in the show is a Rotary club versus Gyro club canoe-tilting contest in which Emile Blain and Bob Rudderham of the Gyros have accepted a challenge flung out by Ron Finlayson and Dick Ayres of the Rotary club. Reports that Mr. Ayres has purchased skin-diving equipment have not been substaintiated.

U.S. firm on UN talks despite Red accusation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said today the United States still feels any summit conference on the Middle East should be held within the framework of the United Nations.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty made the statement in comment on Soviet Premier Khrushchev's latest message to president Eisenhower.

In that note, Khrushchev accused Eisenhower of trying to scuttle an East-West summit meeting proposed for New York.

Khrushchev, who last week offered to come to New York for such talks, today offers as an alternative to arrange the talks in Moscow or any place in Europe.

Eisenhower said in his most recent message to Khrushchev, dated July 25, that arrangements for any summit conference should be left to the UN Security Council.

GIRL SWIMS RUPERT HARBOR IN CHILLY 72-MINUTE SWIM

Prince Rupert may not have its Marilyn Bell or Florence Chadwick but it has 15-year old Cherrill Cook who yesterday decided she would brave the chilly waters of Prince Rupert harbor for a long swim.

Miss Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, 520 Third Avenue West, yesterday spent one hour 12 minutes in the choppy waters of the harbor as she swam from McLean Shipyards to Pig Island, a distance of about one mile and a half.

She was accompanied by two friends Jack and Lorraine Ritchie, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ritchie, 1665 Sixth Avenue east who kept alongside the young swimmer in a rowboat.

Asked about the coldness of the water, which was kept choppy by a stiff breeze, Miss Cook said that on the surface the water wasn't too chilly "but down below it was freezing."

A strong swimmer, Miss Cook swam Lake Kathlyn near Smithers, two years ago when she was only 13. A student at York House in Vancouver last year, Miss Cook will go into Grade 10 at Crofton House in Vancouver this September.

"Brooks Bay" sells catch

Only one halibut vessel sold her catch on the Prince Rupert Halibut exchange this morning.

The "Brooks Bay" sold 90,000 pounds to British Columbia Packers for prices of 22.2 cents for medium, 22 cents for large and 14 cents for chicken size fish.

VIRIGINIA ENWRIGHT, 21-year old B.C. Forest Service employee is the Elks Lodge 342 choice for the Port Day Queen contest to be staged Friday, August 1 just prior to the Youth Dance in the HMCS Chatham drill hall. Miss Enwright, who was born in North Vancouver, attended John Oliver High school before coming to Prince Rupert. She is 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 124 pounds, has brown hair and blue eyes. She paints for a hobby and lists swimming as her favorite sport. —Photo by Chandler's Studio.

Sunshine greets government heads

Blazing sunshine greeted Premier W. A. C. Bennett and six members of his cabinet at 12:50 this afternoon when they stepped down from a scheduled Canadian Pacific Airlines Canso at Seal Cove air base.

A stiff breeze kept the temperature at the airport down to a moderate 68 degrees but once in town the premier and his ministers felt the full blast of the warm, northern sunshine.

The premier and his party were welcomed at the airport by Prince Rupert MLA William H. Murray, Mayor Peter J. Lester, Chamber of Commerce president A. Bruce Brown and City Clery-Comptroller R. W. Long.

Mr. Bennett, Attorney-General Robert Bonner, Municipal Affairs Minister W. D. Black, Public Works Minister W. N. Chant, Mines Minister W. K. Kiernan, Lands and Forests Minister R. F. Williston, Recreation Minister Earle C. Westwood, and the premier's executive assistant R. G. Worley were guests at an informal dinner at the Prince Rupert Hotel. Hosts were Mr. Murray, Mayor Lester and RCMP Staff Sergeant J. W. Todd.

Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi, Education Minister L. R. Peterson, and Labor Minister Lyle Wicks arrived later by car from Terrace having flown there by Highways Department plane.

Health Minister Eric Martin arrived here Saturday and at 10 a.m. this morning met the Prince Rupert General Hospital board.

The hospital board, headed by chairman R. G. Moore, asked Mr. Martin if the government could not allow a 50 per cent grant on renovation programs, instead of 33⅓ per cent. At present 50 per cent grant is allowed on new construction only.

The brief said that "this hospital had been constructed prior to the advent of the present system of grants and as such has not received the same government assistance as the new hospitals of a similar size being built in many cities and towns of B.C.

"The board feels that 'in essence' there is no difference between the renovation of an old facility and construction of a completely new facility to replace outdated ones."

The health minister made it clear to the hospital board trustees that their conversation with him was entirely "off the record" and that the discussions were not for publication.

Therefore, there is nothing to report from Mr. Martin's meeting with the hospital board.

At 3 p.m. this afternoon Premier Bennett, Mr. Bonner and Municipal Affairs Minister Black toured the City Hall, and also paid a visit to the federal building and the land provincial government land behind the federal building which the city wishes to make a deal on with the federal government for new federal building if Prince Rupert can acquire the present post office for a new City Hall.

Mr. Murray as MLA and W. J. Scott for the Chamber of Commerce accompanied Highways Minister Gaglardi to Oliver Lake, Kloiya Bay picnic site and the Port Edward to Cassiar cannery road, while Mr. Kiernan visited the office of the inspector of mines. At 4 p.m. Mr. Bennett visited Government Agent Howard Harding in the provincial court House.

Also this afternoon Recreation Minister Earle Westwood was taken by RCMP launch to inspect Salt Lakes Park.

At 5:15 the entire cabinet met at the Department of Transport dock for a visit to Prince Rupert airport at Digby Island as guests of the DOT, General Klewit and the Chamber of Commerce.

At 8 p.m. Municipal Affairs Minister Black is scheduled to attend a meeting of the city council.

Tomorrow the cabinet will hold a closed meeting at the court house in the morning and at 11 a.m. a formal presentation will be made to the cabinet of the City of Prince Rupert's brief. Also to be presented are briefs from Terrace and Kitimat.

At noon the cabinet will be guests of the Terrace and Kitimat chambers of commerce and at 2:30 the cabinet will receive delegations and discuss city projects.

A public dinner will be held at the Civic Centre tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at which Premier Bennett will be guest speaker.

Nanaimo man remanded to August 1

John Charles Nelson, 21, of Nanaimo was remanded for sentencing August 1 after he was found guilty by magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court Friday of theft over $50.

Nelson who pleaded not guilty was charged on July 20 with the theft of a combination radio and record player belonging to Mathew Edward Hill of Port Edward. He was remanded for trial until Friday.

Pearl Hill, daughter of Mathew Hill, told the court that her father had given her the radio on July 19, to take care of for the day and she had taken it up to a room in a local rooming house that was occupied by Nelson.

She said that after sitting in the room for short while she left to go to the washroom and when she returned the radio was not there.

William Clark, an occupant of the Rooming house told the court that at 10 p.m., July 19 he saw Nelson coming up the fire escape at the rear of the building and on looking down the escape shortly afterwards spotted the radio tied to the bottom of it.

Clark said he took the radio off of the fire escape and at 8 a.m. next morning put it in his room as he said it would be damaged from the rain if it stayed any longer.

Nelson told the court that there had been several people coming and going from his room all night and that it could have been one of them who took the radio. He said that he left the room for about 15 minutes to purchase a package of cigarets and drank two glasses of beer in a local beer parlor and when he returned happened to look out of the window at the rear of the building and spot the radio hanging by a belt from the fire escape.

Council to rule on store hours

As a result of inquiries from local merchants as to whether or not they will be able to remain open on Wednesday, July 30, in view of the civic holiday, Saturday, August 2, Mayor P. J. Lester is submitting a bylaw to City Council tonight.

The bylaw, if passed, by council, will exempt Wednesday, July 30 from the closing regulations, Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long said today.

He said the bylaw will allow shops to remain open next Wednesday, if their proprietors so desire.

WEATHER—

Sunny tomorrow but with patches of low cloud along the outer coast overnight and tomorrow morning. Not quite so warm. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high tomorrow 55 and 70.

TIDES—

Tuesday, July 29, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:40	10.0 feet
Low	06:38	3.4 feet
	18:30	6.6 feet