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## Fire Toll \$500,000 in Quebec Reports Vague On Casualties

SOREL, Que. (CP) — Fire early today flamed through a 40-room hotel and five adjoining buildings in this St. Lawrence south shore industrial town. Police said damage may reach \$500,000 and there may have been loss of life.

There was one report that 10 persons lost their lives and a second that loss of life was six. "We have had no reports of any deaths and no reports of missing persons," a police official said. "But we don't know until we can get into the ruins to check. They are still too hot." Firemen blamed two overheated oil drums for an explosion that boomed out at 2:45 a.m. in the Chateauguay Hotel. The resulting fire was reported under control at 6:30 a.m., after more than 100 firemen battled it in near-zero temperatures.

### STORES BURN

Sorel is an industrial and shipbuilding centre, lies 50 miles east of Montreal.

Destroyed were the hotel, a print shop where the weekly newspaper Le Sorelois is published, a tavern, a jeweler's store and a lingerie shop.

Scores of persons in night clothes fled into the bitter cold night.

They stood huddled and chilled before taking shelter with other families or at a second hotel. Firemen from Sorel, Pierreville and St. Joseph poured 20 streams of water into the blazing buildings.

It was the city's first major fire since Dec. 17, 1955, when damage was estimated at more than \$500,000.

There were conflicting reports on the number of casualties that might result.

## To Study Vancouver Tax Before Institution Here

City council is going to study the Vancouver business tax operation before final arrangements are made here for the institution of a similar tax.

It was reported at city council last night that city assessor, H. D. Alderdice and building inspector, J. C. Ewart will be making a two-week trip to Vancouver to study that city's administration of the tax.

They will obtain all pertinent information relating to business taxes upon completion of a field survey in Prince Rupert.

Clerk-Comptroller, R. W. Long has been instructed to make arrangements with the Vancouver business tax administrator for Mr. Ewart and Mr. Alderdice to accomplish their investigation.

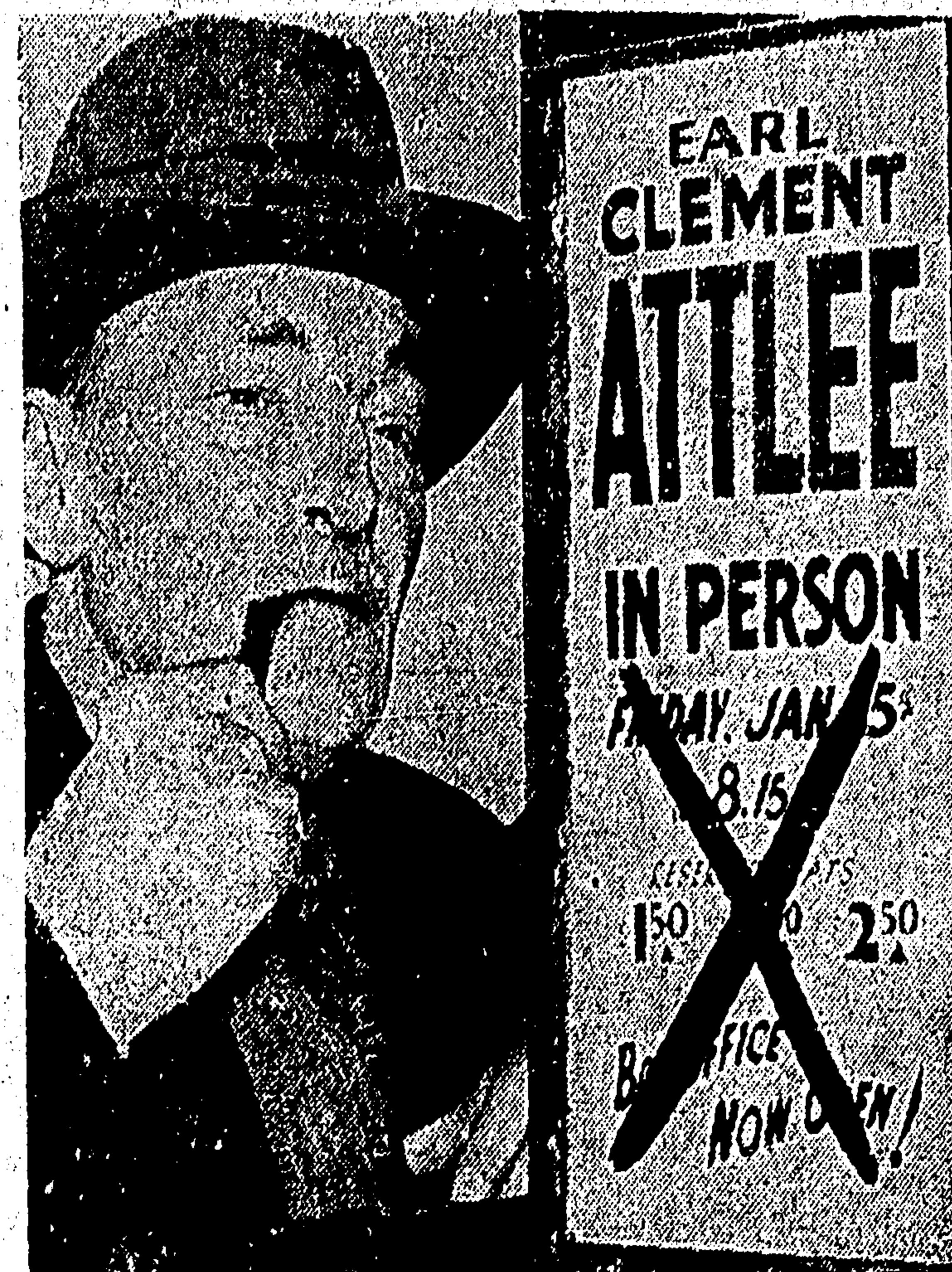
## New Schedule Sees PGE Make Trip in 16 Hours

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. — The Pacific Great Western Railway today began a new schedule which cuts 10 hours from the 400-mile journey between North Vancouver and Prince George, B.C.

The trip now will take 16 hours on the provincially-owned line through central British Columbia.

The new service, christened the "Crestliner," uses individually-powered diesel cars with a top speed of 60 miles an hour. The cars are air-conditioned, have reclining seats and passengers are served complimentary meals.

**UNION HEAD DIES**  
DURHAM, Ont. — Harry Lundberg, secretary of the Shillito Union of the Pacific, died in Penitentiary Hospital Monday, Jan. 6, and had been head of the SUP since 1930, and was a bitter rival of Harry Bridger, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.



EARL ATTLEE, scheduled to speak in Toronto, had his talk cancelled by promoter Mrs. Estelle Craig who said fewer than 200 tickets had been sold. Massey Hall, where the former British prime minister was to speak, holds 2,752 persons. The 'X' on the poster outside Massey Hall (right) was drawn by a newspaper artist.

### REPORT BY OCTOBER

## City Planning Group To Ponder Development

City council last night decided to establish a policy covering all aspects of municipal planning with the formation of a Civic Planning committee.

### Fuel, Oil Tenders To Be Studied

Tenders for the supplying of all fuels and gaseous to the city were opened from five major oil companies last night in city council.

The tender applications have been referred to the Board of Works committee for its consideration. Recommendations as to the tender to be accepted will be placed before next meeting of council.

Purpose of the newly-formed committee of four aldermen will be to consider the future development of Prince Rupert when the accent placed on the allocation of capital expenditure.

On the committee are Alderman P. J. Lester, chairman; Ald. Michael Krueger; Ald. A. Donald Ritchie and Ald. T. Norton Young.

Ald. Lester, who sparked the move for a civic planning committee one month ago told the council he expected to have a report drafted for presentation to council in October this year.

He said the lengthy time lapse would allow the committee to give full consideration to the research which would have to be conducted into every aspect of a future planning policy.

Council will have to ratify any recommendations the committee makes.

### Asserts Grants Would Weaken School Control

OTTAWA — Justice Minister Carson says provincial autonomy over education could not be maintained if the federal government made grants to the provinces for primary and secondary education.

He made the statement in the Commons Monday night in opposing a resolution of R. K. Knight, former school teacher, that the government relieve the financial crisis in education by granting financial assistance to the provinces "for the expansion and equalization of educational opportunity across Canada."

Mr. Knight, CGP member for Saskatoon, said such grants would no more interfere with provincial jurisdiction in education than do federal grants to universities and vocational schools, veterans' education assistance and grants proposed under the Canada Council.

However, Mr. Carson said if Mr. Knight's suggestion were approved, and the grants were large enough to be worthwhile, the federal government would have to include with them machinery to supervise their use.

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Due to a misinterpretation it was stated in yesterday's Prince Rupert General Hospital board briefs that tenders would be opened at a special board meeting February 13 at 8 p.m. for the building of the hospital.

Arthur Rutherford reported today that the tenders for the complete renovation of the PRGH

will be opened February 13 at 8 p.m. He said the building and re-roofing will be included in the overall renovation tenders, not separately, as stated yesterday.

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