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Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Raining, light variable wind; barometer, 29.60; temperature, 45; sea smooth.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides

High	4:18 a.m.	19.8 ft.
	17:19 p.m.	15.3 ft.
Low	11:11 a.m.	6.6 ft.
	23:00 p.m.	9.4 ft.

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ITALY WILL NOT IMPOSE SANCTIONS

PRUDHOMME WINS HIS ASSESSMENT APPEAL

Substantial Reduction Is Allowed in Values Of Fraser Street Lots

Costs Will be Borne by City—Hearing Ended Late Yesterday Afternoon and Judgment Was Rendered Last Night

Giving judgment last night in the appeal of A. J. Prudhomme against the assessed valuation of the two lots on Fraser Street on which the Savoy Hotel stands, Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald, following a special two-day session of Supreme Court here, ordered a reduction in the valuations from $1215 to $750 per lot. Costs of the action will have to be borne by the city. Hearing of the appeal concluded at 6 o'clock last evening and the judgment was rendered later in the evening before His Lordship sailed by the steamer Prince Rupert on his return to Vancouver.

Giving evidence yesterday afternoon, City Commissioner W. J. Alder reviewed the prospects of the port of Prince Rupert. He said that this was the only port at the end of a transcontinental railway with a small population. The district had all the natural resources except agriculture which did not commence until a point within about 100 miles from Prince Rupert. In timber he had been told by authority that there was twenty-three billion feet of merchantable timber easy of access within 100 miles of the port. In regard to mining Dr. Mandy had described it as having great value and they all knew about the fish, the present chief source of revenue.

Pulp Mill Prospects

Speaking of the pulp mill prospects, Mr. Alder said there had so far been no setback. Part of the money had been raised and, before the month was over, it was expected to have a visit from people connected with the proposed industry that would prove particularly interesting. The establishment of the mill should double the population of the city and that would increase the value of its real estate.

Speaking of the value of the Fraser Street property, Mr. Alder considered the assessment quite fair. The city was just ready to start improving the property held opposite the hotel. The totem poles they had secured, were valuable and were now being painted prior to erection. Cinder paths were to be constructed in the park and, by June, it was expected that the park would be completed. After that it would be visited by thousands of tourists. He did not at all agree with Mr. Reeve that the poles should be erected on Third Avenue.

Speaking again of the city generally Mr. Alder said one evidence of the improvement in Prince Rupert was that city bonds which had slumped to as low as $35 had recently changed hands at $74.

Mr. Alder told about his own block at the corner of Sixth Street and Third Avenue from which he drew a rental of $4,080 a year. After paying over $1000 taxes, repairs, insurance, cost of collection, depreciation and supervision, amounting in all to about $2,400 a year, he still had $1600 net for himself which was a little over six percent on his investment. He had not lost any rent in ten years from the ground floor tenants. The upstairs brought no revenue.

In connection with sales being made at prices far below the assessed value, Mr. Alder referred to Victoria where he had bought for $2,750 a lot assessed at between six and seven thousand dollars. In Oak Bay at the Uplands he had bought a valuable residential lot for $1250 which was assessed at $3,160. That did not mean that all other lots in the neighborhood were assessed too high. It simply meant that there were people who wanted to sell badly and that there were no buyers at the time.

Hopeful For Future

The commissioner said he saw no possibility of conditions in the city becoming worse than they were today and he expected to see them better.

The commissioner admitted having given out news from time to time dealing with the pulp mill project. The articles were of an optimistic nature and some of the promises made in them had not been fulfilled. He had simply passed on information that was available. Copies of the Daily News were put in as evidence by the appellant.

Percy Tinker who represented the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company and a number of local property owners gave evidence in favor of the city. He said he thought the assessment of $1215 on the Savoy Hotel lots was quite fair.

John Dybhavn, who with his partner had purchased several properties in the city also supported the assessment. There was no very definite way of arriving at values just now. The price to be

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BUILDINGS MUST PAY

Commissioner Discusses Effect Of Judgment in Prudhomme Assessment Appeal

"If this means a general reduction in the valuations of land in Section I, it will involve the imposition of higher taxes on all buildings and homes in the city," declared City Commissioner W. J. Alder this morning in commenting on the judgment of Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald in Supreme Court reducing the assessment of A. J. Prudhomme's lots on Fraser Street by about thirty-eight percent. Twenty-five percent of the assessed value of improvements are now taxed.

The decision in the Prudhomme case will not affect the rest of the assessment roll for the present year, Mr. Alder stated.

COW BAY DROWNING

Dan Stegavig, Well Known Local Fisherman, Loses His Life

Dan Stegavig, local fisherman, who returned here a few days ago with the gillnet boat Skippy, which he had acquired in Vancouver, is believed to have been drowned when he fell overboard from the boat at the Cow Bay floats here at 11 o'clock last night. Andy Rolli, a nearby fisherman, saw him go down for the last time but was unable to save him. Dragging operations are being conducted by the police but the body had not been recovered up to this morning.

Rolli was attracted by Stegavig's cries for help and went from his boat to see what the trouble was. It was dark but, finally, he saw the head and hand of a man in the water. He tried to get a pike pole or rope to save him but he was unable to do so and the man went down.

Dragging operations were carried out during the night and again today but, so far, without success. The water is sixty or seventy feet deep at this point.

Stegavig was a Norwegian, about forty years of age and had lived in Prince Rupert for many years.

The boat "Skippy" deceased obtained following the drowning of his father in an accident down the coast last fall.

DISCUSSES EDUCATION

Reid McLennan Speaks to Rotary Club on Work of Kingston Military College

At the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday Reid McLennan gave a short talk on the functions of the Royal Military College which he attended some years ago. It was founded in 1876 by Prime Minister Alexander Mackenzie soon after the Imperials were withdrawn from Canada. Objection was taken to it at the time as being a waste of the taxpayers' money. The first year 18 cadets were registered and one of these was Colonel W. Mahlon Davis, Prince Rupert's first city engineer.

The college was the only national educational institution in Canada. It had gradually developed until today there were 200 students attending. These took a course of training somewhat similar to that given at West Point or Sandhust. Subjects studied, in addition to military engineering and tactics, were mathematics, English, French, history and civil engineering. At the conclusion of the four-year course students wee offered commissions but only about 20 percent accepted them. The cost to the students for the course was $1500 but it cost the government more than that. It had been computed that it cost $750 to teach each student to ride.

Sports were compulsory for every student and the college had teams in rugby, basketball, football and hockey.

Today's Weather

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, 30.
Anyox—Snowing, calm, 32.
Stewart—Snowing, calm, 30.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 30.
Smithers—Cloduy, calm, cool.
Burns Lake—Bright, calm, 17.

EAST GETS BIG FLOODS

Mother and Three Children Are Drowned in Quebec

Belleville Hit

Lake Ontario Country Suffers—New England Worst in Years

ST. TITES DES CAPOS, Quebec, March 13: (CP)—Mrs. Henry Dyclos and three small children, two boys and a girl between two and five years old, were drowned today when their frame dwelling was carried away by flood waters of a swollen stream. Henry Duclos, the husband, and another child escaped.

Ontario Floods

BELLEVILLE, Ont., March 13: (CP)—Belleville and Port Hope were the centre of a Lake Ontario flood area last night, damage being estimated at more than $200,000 with at least one life lost. In Belleville there is five feet of water in some of the streets and three hundred persons are homeless. Firemen used boats to rescue marooned persons.

New England Conditions

BOSTON, March 13:— Worst flood conditions since 1927 prevail throughout New England today. At least five are dead and more than a score injured in avalanche and washouts caused by a sudden thaw. Ice blockades have forced many rivers and streams to back up seriously. One passenger train was derailed, some manufacturing plants are crippled, dams are washed out, highway damage is widespread and many are homeless in Massachussetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

High water conditions also prevail throughout the country as far west as Minnesota and South Dakota where there were wet blizzards yesterday.

AWARD FOR ARCHIBALD

Well Known Mining Man Gets Prize For Outstanding Contribution to Aviation

OTTAWA, March 13: (CP)—William M. Archibald, mine manager of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. and conductor of the Kaslo Flying School, has been awarded the J. Dalzell McKee Trophy for 1935, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of defence, announced today. The trophy is awarded annually to the individual making the most valuable contribution to aviation during the year.

Mr. Archibald, who learned to fly six years ago when he was more than fifty years of age, has now 2300 flying hours to his credit.

Capt. Mackenzie said that Mr. Archibald was responsible for the inauguration of air services by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. to assist their mining activities in Northern Canada. He also said that, although Archibald's fourteen planes had flown millions of miles, they had never had a fatal accident.

Mr. Archibald is well known in Prince Rupert district through frequent trips north, particularly to Stewart and the Omineca country.

POSTPONE ELECTIONS

Three Liberals Vote Against Government at Victoria—Kenney And Mrs. Smith Justify Action

VICTORIA, March 13: (CP)—Three Liberals—Dr. J. J. Gillis of Yale, D. M. McKay of Cariboo and G. M. Murray of Lilloet—voted with the Opposition yesterday when division was taken on the second reading of a bill postponing the by-elections in Omineca and Vancouver Burrad. The government was sustained 28 to 15.

E. T. Kenney, Liberal member for Skeena, said he could speak for Omineca with authority. The previous government had called the general election in November, thereby disenfranchising thousands of voters in the northern part of the province where roads were blocked with snow and ferries were frozen up, he said. Anyone who advocated an election in the north between October 15 and June 1 did not know what he was talking about, he declared.

Mrs. Paul Smith said she had spoken to many electors in her riding and they suggested either June or September for the by-election.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

B. C. Nickel, .30.
Big Missouri, .62.
Bralorne, 6.80.
B. R. Con., .04½.
B. R. X., .12.
Cariboo Quartz, 1.45.
Dentonio, .20.
Minto, .36.
Morning Star, .02.
National Silver, .03.
Noble Five, .04.
Porter Idaho, .04½.
Premier, 2.15.
Reno, 1.02.
Relief Arlington, .37
Salmon Gold, .09½.
Taylor Bridge, .09½.
Wayside, .16¼.

Oils

C. & E., 1.09
Mercury, .12¾.

Toronto

Bidgood Kirkland, .36.
Beattie, 1.35.
Central Patricia, 2.55.
Chibougamau, .38.
Gods Lake, 1.03.
Granada, .20.
Inter. Nickel, 47.25.
Lake Maron, 05.
Lee Gold, .03¼.
Little Long Lac, 6.15.
Macassa, 3.65.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.25.
Noranda, 46.75.
Perron, 1.15.
Pickle Crow, 4.20.
Red Lake Gold Shore, .90.
San Antonio, 2.72.
Sisco, 1.10.
Smelters Gold, .07.
Stadacona, 28.
Sturgeon River, .50.
Sudbury Basin, 3.85.
Teck Hughes, 4.35.

TEACHER EXPIRES

Divisional headquarters of the provincial police here have been advised of the sudden death on March 7 of Reginald Herbert Goodridge, United Church missionary teacher at Kitsegucla Indian village near Hazelton. Mr. Goodridge, who was 59 years of age and had been in ill health for five or six years, expired while on the way to Hazelton for medical treatment.

Door Still Open For German Peace Offers States Great Britain

Locarno Signatories Find Military Re-occupation Of Rhineland is in Violation of Pact—Italy Refuses To Meet French Demand For Withdrawal

LONDON, March 13: (CP)—A high authority today said that Italy had flatly refused to impose sanctions against Germany as an aggressor for its military re-occupation of the Rhineland. The Italian action is regarded as a stumbling block in the French demand that military and economic sanctions be applied against Germany for the sending of troops into the Rhineland. The Italian announcement was made following an all day conference of Locarno signatories and after the British had announced that the door was still open for Germany to make any offer it wishes.

The conference of the Locarno signatories—Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy—agreed that the military re-occupation of the Rhineland was a violation of Locarno but all would not go so far as to declare it a "hostile act." The whole matter is being referred to a special meeting of the League of Nations on Saturday.

France insists that the troops be withdrawn from the Rhineland before any German peace overtures be entertained.

Hitler Adamant

BERLIN, March 13:—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler again flatly refused yesterday to withdraw his troops from the Rhineland and defied Europe to accept his peace overtures or have them withdrawn. If once rejected, peace offers would never again be made by Germany, declared Hitler in a fiery speech which was predicated on the right of Germany to equality in Europe. He declared that other signatory nations had violated Locarno.

France Ratifies Pact

PARIS, March 13:—By a vote of 231 to 52 the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday ratified the mutual assistance pact with Russia which is taken serious objection to by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany.

Granby Heads Visit Juneau

Bocking and Healy here Yesterday Afternoon on Their Way South

Charles Bocking, president of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co., and R. J. Healy, formerly mine superintendent at Anyox, were passengers aboard the Princess Norah yesterday afternoon returning to Vancouver after a trip to the Juneau district on mining business.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, March 13: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 84¼c on the local exchange today.

BAR SILVER

NEW YORK, March 13: (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44¾c per ounce on the New York metal market today.

CONVICTS GIVE FIRST AID

LONDON, March 13: (CP)—Convicts parading in Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight, rendered first aid to the warder in charge, William Jenner, who collapsed and died within a few minutes.

BILLS ARE PRESENTED

Legislation Affecting This Municipality Sponsored in House By Hon. A. Wells Gray

VICTORIA, March 13: (CP)—A bill which has been introduced in the Legislature by Hon. A. Wells Gray, minister of municipal affairs, would validate the omission of tax sales in the city of Prince Rupert and indemnify City Commissioner W. J. Alder against any action by reason of abandonment of such sales. Its terms exceed the present authority given all municipalities under the Municipal Act.

Another bill, known as the "Prince Rupert Enabling Act" provides for consolidation of tax arrears. Consolidated taxes would be amortized.

DOCTOR IS CONVICTED

Hindu Physician Sentenced to Hang In "Devil's Beef Tub" Murder Case

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 13: (CP)—Dr. Buck Ruxton, Hindu physician, was yesterday convicted of murdering his wife and was sentenced to hang. The verdict was reached by the jury after an hour's deliberation.

The jury decided that Ruxton had throttled his wife, dismembered her body and tossed it into a lonely ravine near the Scottish border called "The Devil's Beef Tub."

Ruxton was also charged with the murder and dismemberment of the body of Mary Jane Rogerson, the Ruxton nursemaid.

Interesting pictures in connection with the grisly murder case appeared in the Daily News yesterday.

Indian's Body Is Found at Stewart

Remains of David Louee of Hazelton Found Floating Yesterday In Portland Canal

The body of David Louee, a Hazelton Indian, was found floating in Portland Canal near the Stewart wharf yesterday morning while the steamer Prince Rupert was in port there, according to advices received here. There were no details of the affair except the report at provincial police headquarters here that Louee is known to have been drinking at Hyder. An inquest will be held.