

THE WEATHER  
Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m.,  
May 16.  
MAX. TEMP. MIN. TEMP. BAR. IN. RAIN  
57.0 41.0 29.508

# THE DAILY NEWS

Formerly The Prince Rupert Optimist

NEXT MAILS  
FOR SOUTH  
Prince Rupert.....Friday, 8 a.m.  
FOR NORTH  
City of Seattle.....Wednesday, May 17

VOL. II, NO. 109

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1911.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## LORDS VETO BILL PASSES ITS THIRD READING

## DEATH AND DESTRUCTION RIFE ON THE STREETS OF VANCOUVER

Two Men Instantly Killed by Live Wires on Robson Street at Noon Today---Coping of Rogers Building Falls on Granville Street Injuring Four Men---Provincial Game Warden Bryan Williams is Injured on Head and Back---Fire Brigade Called Out to Tear Down Unsafe Structure

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Vancouver, May 16.—Two men were killed without a moment's warning at noon today at the corner of Cardero and Robson streets. Their names are Thomas Costello and Charles Dubrau. They were electrocuted by a live wire which was being used as a telephone brace.

**The Deadly Wire**  
Dubrau was delivering goods at the time, and placed his hands by accident on the guy wire, which was about five feet from the ground. He screamed and fell to the ground dead. Costello, who was near by ran to his assistance and not connecting the wire with the accident placed his hand on it also. He fell down dead instantly. By some means the wire brace had come in contact with a live wire, and was carrying a tremendous voltage.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Vancouver, May 16.—While walking along past the corner of Pender and Granville street at about 11 o'clock this morning, Provincial Game Warden Bryan Williams, Messrs. T. Main, H. O'Doroman, George Hanna, and William Oran were seriously injured by the collapse of the coping on the old Rogers building. Without warning the coping work dropped onto the sidewalk upon the passers-by, who were all more or less injured by the falling debris.

**Injuries Serious**  
Many of the injuries are very

serious, those to Mr. Bryan Williams being especially so. His head was cut open, several ribs broken, his right leg broken, and his back injured. Messrs. Hanna and Oran who were close to him when the coping fell, also are in the hospital suffering with broken legs.

**Building Torn Down**  
Fearful lest other persons might be injured, the City Building Inspector ordered the fire brigade to turn out, and tear the front of the building down. With ladders and axes and levers they went to work. Before they left the job, they made sure that no one else will be injured by material falling on them.

**People are Alarmed**  
The disaster caused considerable alarm, for the corner is one that is much frequented by shoppers. It is one of the busiest corners in Vancouver. It has raised the fear that other of the old buildings may not be in a safe condition. A rigorous inspection of the upper works of the old buildings in town is likely to follow.

**Two Vacant Seats Filled**  
Before proceeding to the ordinary business of the council last night Mayor Manson took occasion to extend the welcome of the council to the new member, Alderman Douglas. He also congratulated Alderman Hilditch on his return to his old place at the foot of the board after his recent severe illness.

### BASEBALL SCORES

**Northwestern League**  
Vancouver 1, Seattle 0.  
Tacoma 4, Victoria 0.  
Portland 7, Spokane 5.  
**National League**  
Pittsburg 12, Boston 10.  
Chicago 6, Brooklyn 2.  
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 21.  
St. Louis 6, New York 10.  
**American League**  
Washington 0, St. Louis 8.  
Philadelphia 2, Chicago 6.  
Boston 4, Detroit 5.  
New York 6, Cleveland 3.

### BUILD ACROSS ISLAND

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Vancouver, May 16.—R. Marpole confirms the statement made that the C. P. R. will immediately start the construction of the Cowichan Lake branch line in Vancouver Island and also a branch between Westholme and Osborne Bay.

### Will Give Dance

On Thursday night the Kaian Island Club will give a dance in the club gymnasium. The dance is only open to members and their ladies. Gray's orchestra will furnish the music. Nine o'clock is the time the dance commences.

### APPRECIATES NEWSPAPERS

Ald. Douglas Desires That Rupert's Press Should Spread

The value of the newspapers of Prince Rupert in keeping people informed about the city, its life, and its opportunities is appreciated by Alderman Douglas. At last night's council meeting he moved that the council should confer with the newspaper proprietors in order to have the papers sent out to the principal libraries on the Pacific Coast, and throughout Canada and the States. The motion will no doubt bear fruit in the early future. Alderman Douglas was evidently not aware that the Prince Rupert Daily News is already forwarded regularly to every important public library on the American continent.

### Special Committee Reports

A report by the special committee appointed to look into the matter of the city hall staff, co-ordinated last night that the City Assessor Mr. McLennan should undertake the work of his department with one assistant, and that the services of Mr. Gald should be dispensed with at the end of the month.

### Glare Sign to Go Up

On the recommendation of the building inspector and streets committee, the electric sign of the Phenix Theatre is to be allowed to go up, provided it does not extend more than eight feet over the plankway.

## HILDITCH IS DETERMINED

Severely Criticises the Street Contractors

### NO MERCY FOR THEM

Those Who Want Extension of Time Will Have Only Bare Justice, He Says. Blames the City Engineering Department for Being Too Easy.

After his period of absence through illness, from the city council and from the streets committee, Alderman Hilditch has returned to his post burning with indignation against the contractors. While he was laid away in hospital he imagined that more rapid progress was being made with the street grading work. His disappointment was great when he was once more able to be up and about, and found that the grading work was still in a very chaotic state with more streets than ever closed to wheel traffic, and all sorts of obstacles in the way of pedestrians.

"This state of things is absolutely unnecessary," declared Alderman Hilditch. "There is no reason in the world why these streets should be closed continually. It is simply lack of firmness on the part of the engineering department. The contractors must be taken with a firm hand. They are simply trifling with their contracts. If they expect extensions of time they must be prepared to be treated with only bare justice and no more. There will be no consideration shown."

Alderman Newton supported Alderman Hilditch in somewhat similar terms.

## WILL USE OIL BURNERS

C. P. R. Make Innovation for the Timber Country

### IS LESS DANGEROUS

Coal Fuel Causes Sparks, Which Cause Bush Fires—It is also Easier on the Firemen of the Big Engine.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Winnipeg, May 16.—Upon his return today from the coast, William Whyte, of the C. P. R., announced that the company had definitely decided to use crude oil fuel in the engines plying through the timber country, because the present fuel causes bush fires, and because the firemen cannot stand the strain of 130-mile runs, firing big locomotives.

Mr. D. G. Stewart who is one of the finance committee appointed to look after the funds question for the proposed Victoria Day celebration, applied last night by letter to the city council for a contribution from the city towards the end in view. The matter went to the finance committee.

## HE IS AFTER CONTRACTOR

Ald. Hilditch Wants to Have An Investigation

### AFTER S. P. McMORIDE

Wants to Levy \$75 Per Day for Delays Over Time Limit. Declares McMordie Has Three Contracts in One. Committee Appointed.

In relentless pursuit of his object to keep the contractors unsparingly up to the scratch, Alderman Hilditch at last night's council meeting asked the Mayor to appoint a special committee to look into the matter of S. P. McMordie's contract. He maintained that McMordie has three different contracts all under the specification of one, and that if there is any delay in the completion of these contracts McMordie should by rights pay not \$25 but \$75 per day for the delay under the penalty clause.

Alderman Hilditch also wants a certain matter explained which he says he tried in vain to unravel in the days of the last council. The question is how did it happen that S. P. McMordie was awarded a certain contract upon which his bid was 20 cents above that of R. A. McMordie both for rock and earth. If this was the case, then asks Alderman Hilditch, "Why was R. A. McMordie not given the work, and if he was not given the work because of some defect in his tender why was his cheque returned to him?"

Alderman Hilditch moved, and Alderman Newton seconded the motion that a special committee should be appointed to go into this. The Mayor appointed the streets committee, consisting of Alderman Hilditch, Alderman Morrissey, Alderman Douglas and on the request of Alderman Hilditch added two other members, Alderman Clayton and Alderman Kerr.

### NEW POLICE BUILDING

Contract for Painter Work Let Mr. John Murdoff \$64

Before Chief Vickers and his staff can occupy the new police offices and before Magistrate Cars can take his seat on the fine new bench provided for him, the building is going to be painted and polished up in spick and span style. Tenders for the painter work were opened by the City Clerk at council meeting last night, and that of Mr. John Murdoff was accepted. His offer was \$64 for the job. Other tenderers were Messrs. Donaldson and Cutting and Messrs. Seaman and Cole. The work will proceed as soon as possible, and the new building will be in use probably next week.

### Two Men Hurt

Iseko Christo, a Bulgarian, had his thigh fractured while working on the G. T. P. snow slide at Mile 44 last night. James Morris, a Greek, was also injured in the back at the same time. Both men were rushed on a special train to the hospital here. Dr. Eggert is attending the men.

### Won Suits

The winners of Sloan & Co.'s, the clothing, Suit Clubs on Saturday were:  
No. 7—J. Thompson.  
No. 8—E. McCoskri.  
No. 9—W. F. Sheehan.  
No. 10—W. Grant.  
No. 11—A. L. Holby.  
No. 12—D. A. McKinnon.  
No. 13—H. Hooper.

### PASSES THIRD READING

Lords' Veto Bill Gets Through the British House

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
London, May 16.—The fight in the House of Commons over the veto bill to curtail the Lords' power ended tonight when the amendment to reject the whole bill was defeated by 463 to 243. The measure carried its third reading by 362 to 241.

## STRIKE ENDS IN BATTLE

One Hundred Men Injured at Grand Rapids

### GUNS WERE USED

Two Thousand Furniture Makers on Strike Clashed With the Police on the Streets Last Night. Some May Die.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Grand Rapids, Mich., May 16.—A pitched battle between two thousand striking furniture workers and their sympathisers on the one hand and the police and deputies on the other, was fought on the streets of this town last night. Nearly one hundred men were injured during the shooting and clubbing, and several of them are not expected to live. Many shots were fired during the affair.

### RAILS FOR PORT MANN

50,000 Tons of Rails to Be Used for C. N. R. Construction

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Toronto, May 16.—Three shipments totalling over 30,000 tons of steel rails have been received for the Pacific Coast construction on the Canadian Northern from Port Mann to North Thompson River. Two other shipments of about 20,000 tons of steel are on their way to Vancouver.

## ARE ARRANGING PEACE DOWN IN MEXICO CITY

Federal Government Sent a Peace Envoy to Arrange Terms With Francisco Madero, the Leader of Revolutionaries—He is a Wealthy and Also Very Able Man

### (Canadian Press Despatch)

**Juarez, Mexico, May 16—**  
A peace conference is now in progress at the residence of the Madero family on the outskirts of the city, between Madero, Jr., as the President of the provisional government, and an official peace envoy of the Federal Government.

Francisco Madero, the revolutionary leader referred to in the above despatch is one of the wealthiest men in Mexico. He has the confidence of the people, is looked on as a clean, able man, and their natural leader in the fight for constitutional government. He has displayed his ability in the field, and will probably acquit himself well at the council board.

The Madero family are well known in Mexico, and in Monterey, Texas, where Madero's parents live. His grandfather who died seven weeks ago at Monterey at the age of 83, left an estate of \$300,000. The Madero con-

## DANGEROUS BLASTING

Only Good Luck Saved Valuable Buildings

### STERN MEASURES NEEDED

Startling Upheaval of Rocks and Logs Behind Naden Block on Second Avenue Last Night Leads to Action by City Council.

Had the contractor on First avenue by Second street intended to give an aerial display of his blanketing material and the shattered ribs of mother earth last night at about six o'clock, he could hardly have done better. The shot filled the air with roots and logs, chains, muskeg and hug masses of rock. The Edge building which has already been pretty badly peppered by the blasting on this contract just escaped a far worse bombardment. The rocks flung by this blast are far bigger than those hurled by any other blast there yet. Some huge masses weighing up to a thousand pounds were thrown so high that on their descent they went far out of sight into the muskeg. Certain humble necessary structures behind the main buildings were pulverised completely by masses of rock, and the occupants of the shacks and business premises there consider their escape miraculous.

At the council last night Alderman Newton moved and Alderman Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that the regulations regarding blasting shall be still more rigorously enforced and in future the powder-man responsible for the firing of a destructive or dangerous blast will be immediately arrested.

### Another Resignation

J. W. MacMaster has tendered his resignation as stenographer at the City Hall, and it has been accepted by the council to take effect when Mr. MacMaster can be replaced.

## WEATHER AT VANCOUVER BOTHERS ASTRONOMERS

Observations at Prince Rupert to Determine Exact Longitude Delayed Owing to Cloudy Skies Down South—An Interesting Work is Going On

Up in the little shack at the meteorological station last night, Dominion Astronomer A. T. McDiarmid and his helpers were busy making observations of the stars. About five hundred miles to the south in the observatory at Stanley Park, Vancouver, Dominion Astronomer Jaques and his band of assistants were engaged observing the stars.

### A Link of Wire

Between the two stretched a link of telegraph wire charged with electricity, and at either end of the wire an electric clock of delicate construction. The two clocks are synchronised to as near absolute harmony of time as it is possible for science to make them. Even a difference of a second would mar the fine exactness of the mathematical calculations, which are based on the observations of the astronomers.

### A Patient Work

The observations have to be made at exactly the same moment. To achieve this something more than electric clocks and telescopes are required. There must be not

only synchronous time, but also synchronous good weather at both ends of the wire. This has proved the most difficult part of the business for Mr. McDiarmid. Night after night he peered through his telescope into the cloudless skies over Prince Rupert, only to be told that owing to the cloudy weather at Vancouver it was impossible for the observer there to locate the required stars. So night after night after hours of patient watching and hoping that the weather at Vancouver clear up, the astronomer had to take down his instruments and await a better chance.

### Good Weather at Last

At length, the cheerful news came that it was a fine clear night in Vancouver last night, and the needed observations were made to determine the exact longitude of Prince Rupert. The latitude, which is more easily determined, has been practically arrived at. But for several nights more the astronomers will continue their labors, compiling data which will be of great value to the department and to the Hydrographic Surveys.

## THE FASTEST YET

Belgian Aviator Exceeds 100 Mile an Hour in Gale

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Rheims, May 16.—A speed of 100.7 miles an hour was made by Lieutenant Fequant in a new monoplane with Lieutenant Biey acting as observer. A strong wind almost amounting to a gale was blowing at the time.

### SUICIDE AT MOOSE JAW

Charles McCarthy, of the Cecil Hotel Blew Out His Brains

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Moose Jaw, May 16.—Charles McCarthy, chief steward of the Cecil Hotel, committed suicide this morning in the cellar of the hotel. He went downstairs with a revolver in his pocket, and leaning against a partition, put the gun to his mouth and blew his brains out.