

'Elect Senate' Ottawa Urged

The members of the Canadian Senate should be elected, perhaps for six-year terms, Attorney-General Robert Bonner said here Friday.

He also said a new balance should be struck for representation in the upper house.

At present there is "unequal weight" of representation from eastern Canada while the Prairies and B.C. are under-represented.

"A country that feels it is so democratic that it can't abide titles for its citizens should go the whole length and see that all members of its legislative arms are duly elected," said Mr. Bonner.

May Halt Search

Missing Man Heading Home?

An elderly man who was the object of a search in the Sooke area may be attempting to return to his former home in Campbell River.

Sooke RCMP voiced this possibility after a party of 20 Sooke residents and police searched the bush along roads in Sooke area without results.

The Sooke detachment Friday evening notified Campbell River RCMP to investigate in hope the missing man may be found up-Island.

WENT FOR WALK

Missing is Waldo Adamson, 61, who had been living with relatives in Sooke since April. He left his home near the Sooke RCMP detachment office at 12:30 p.m. Thursday to go for a walk.

A tracking dog was called in Thursday evening after Mr. Adamson was missed. The dog tried Thursday night and again Friday morning but was unable to pick up a trail.

About 20 Sooke residents took part in the search and checked the bush along all the roads.

Raccoon Loses Battle

The SPCA was forced to kill a badly injured raccoon which was apparently in a fight with a dog at Douglas and Simcoe Friday night.

The animal was first seen by Jim Thrift, 16, of 338 Niagara and Tom Thibault, 90, St. John. They tried to catch it to put it into Deacon Hill Park but the 'coon bit Jim then ran up a tree.

It later climbed onto a nearby roof where four boys captured it and held it until the SPCA inspector arrived.

The raccoon's back was injured and the tail mangled and the inspector was forced to do away with it.

Home Sunday

One hundred crew members of HMCS Skeena will arrive at Patricia Bay in an RCAP aircraft from eastern Canada at approximately 5:15 p.m. Sunday.

The destroyer-escort left Esquimalt about a month ago for conversion in an eastern shipyard.



Adamson

Mr. Adamson was known to use when he took walks.

Police said Friday night they doubted whether the search would be resumed today unless more leads came to light.

Mr. Adamson was living with his stepson and grandchildren. He was a resident of Campbell River for some years where he worked as a logger.

He is five feet, five inches tall, balding, and wears steel-rimmed glasses. He was wearing a long tan jacket, tan peaked cap, a grey shirt and dark trousers.

By IAN ARROL

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Several governments over the years have "driven the public willy nilly to high-cost credit sources" by failing to encourage establishment of more large chartered banks in Canada, Attorney-General Robert Bonner said Friday.

The proliferation of "near-banks"—trust and mortgage companies and finance companies—has all been at the expense of the chartered banks.

CREDIT COST BOOSTED

The fetters placed on chartered banks while the near-bank type of operation has been on the rise throughout Canada, said Mr. Bonner, has raised the cost of credit to "that section of the population that can least afford the higher interest rates."

"The people who are forced to borrow from these companies at interest rates of 18 per cent and higher could become valuable bank customers paying between 6 per cent and 10 per cent interest on their borrowing," he said.

HEADING FOR BOOM

Canada is heading for a boom period and the expansion in the next 10 years could prove unnecessarily expensive to the country unless a deliberate effort is made now to broaden the national credit base.

Mr. Bonner told a press conference on his return from Ottawa, where he appeared with the B.C. delegation headed by Premier Bennett at Wednesday's session of the Senate banking committee, that government participation "in a minor way" was essential to the success of the proposed Bank of British Columbia.

WILL DISAPPEAR

"The moment the government steps out of the picture, I say, the flush of enthusiasm that has so far accompanied the bank plans will disappear."

This would mean, however, the failure of what Mr. Bonner termed "the grand design" to make B.C. a major financial centre in Canada.

VALUABLE ADJUNCTS

"Both the Bank of Western Canada and the Laurentine Bank are valuable adjuncts to the banking community," said the attorney-general. "But both have only modest capitalization."

The Bank of British Columbia on the other hand will have capitalization of \$100,000,000 and could have a further \$200,000,000 in reserve, making it the largest bank in Canada.

FOR TRANSCRIPT

Mr. Bonner said the government's application for a bank charter has neither been delayed nor rejected by the Senate.

The one-week adjournment of further hearings on the applica-

tion, now set for next Wednesday, was necessary in order to obtain a transcript of "many hours" of testimony given last week and to allow committee members time to study it.

Mr. Bonner said he disagreed with the contention by some Senate committee members that if the Bank of British Columbia was granted a charter all provinces would establish similar institutions.

NOT THE CASE

He said obviously this would not be the case with Ontario and Quebec which already have between them all the banks in Canada.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan would be served by the Bank of Western Canada. The Maritimes could support a bank only "with difficulty," he said, and Alberta has a treasury branch system of granting credit.

So B.C. stands alone among the provinces as requiring a local bank at this time.



Recent arrival in Victoria from Los Angeles, 15-year-old Tim Chatton bagged himself ratfish—and shining new bike.—(Jim Ryan)

Chinese Scout Pipers

Kilts Color Games Preview

By DON GAIN

Tartans flashed on the Empress lawn late Friday as 100 kilts gave a preview of today's Highland Games.

Cameron and Black Watch and Red Robertson flared as highlanders danced the fling, the Irish jig and the sword dance. Stewarts, Dress and Royal, Buchanan and Macfarlane kilts caught the evening sun and the San Francisco Boy Scout Pipe and Drum band played the traditional tunes.

Today the 27th annual games will get under way in MacDonald Park at 9 a.m. Official opening will take place at 1:30 p.m. The visiting band worked all

year to finance its tour of the games, said Scoutmaster Ed Rodriguez, a printer in the composing room of the San Francisco Examiner.

"We'll go to the games in Vancouver, Frisco, Wash., and Seattle," he said, "competing in

individual piping and band competitions. "But first we're going to go camping at Sooke and Nanaimo. We're here on an official goodwill tour. We met your mayor today."

It will cost the 24 boys in the band a little more than \$3,000.

Breaking Out of Bank Just as Difficult

Banks are difficult places to break into but they appear to be equally hard to get out of as employee Christina Shore discovered Friday night. She phoned police at 6:30 p.m. to say she had accidentally been locked in the Royal Bank of Canada at Douglas and Pandora. Police phoned the bank manager, who went down and released his employee.

Ratfish Wins For Boy

By KEN JOHNSON

A two-pound five-ounce ratfish, pulled out from among the driftwood at Ogden Point, won 15-year-old Tim Chatton a shiny brand new bicycle Friday.

The grotesque member of the fish family was the heaviest catch in the annual children's fishing derby sponsored by a city department store.

Around 1,500 children up to the age of 16 turned up with rods and reels to clamour out along the breakwater off Dallas Road and join in the three-hour contest.

Officials from the department store and parks program supervisor Gordon Hartley stood by at the weigh-in as the children brought in their catches.

PLEASANT WELCOME

It was a pleasant welcome-to-Victoria gift for young Tim. He and his family recently moved into their home at 1551 St. Francis Wood from Los Angeles.

There were ties for second and third prizes. Winners of the second prize snorkeled sets with one-pound 14-ounce catches were John Lucas, 13, 1337 Lyall, and Bruce Gibson, 10, 1995 Casa Marica.

Third prizes of rod and line were won by Christine Harknett, 10, 814 Main and Don Norris, 15, 133 Superior.



JACK WESTAWAY

Seen In Passing

Jack Westaway talking about power (A distribution designer for B.C. Hydro, he lives at 1906 Grandview with his wife, Shirley, and one daughter Cindy Lou, 4½. His hobby is growing chrysanthemums for showing. He is vice-president of the Chrysanthemum Society of Victoria.) . . . Pete Barry looking well in a green sports shirt . . . Bill Sluggatt entertaining friends from Nova Scotia . . . Ray Chandler hauling hogsgate from Sooke returning from a visit to Edmonton . . . Jack Noble becoming accustomed to camp life Frank Bell serving eggs . . . Lon Dempsey keeping the situation in hand . . . Jack Stone complaining about a title . . . Norm Bath telling a friend to keep smiling.

Wheaton Firm Offers Lowest Bid on Hall

Low bid for the new Saanich municipal hall was submitted by Victoria contracting company, G. H. Wheaton Ltd.

Architects are reviewing the five bids submitted and will report to council Monday.

Bids submitted: G. H. Wheaton Ltd., \$611,616; Burns and Dutton, \$612,000; Luney Bros. and Hamilton, \$627,849; Farmer Construction Ltd., \$639,950; and Narod Construction Ltd., \$662,119.

Disaster Operation Not Quite Perfect

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The measures that followed were a realist's follow-through of the actual procedure that would be used in a real disaster.

Calls went out to key hospital personnel who, in turn, called members of their staffs.

Within 15 minutes the majority of those alerted at home were at their hospital emergency duties. The main artery was the front lobby of St. Joseph's

where surgeons stood ready to diagnose and then designate destination for each patient to either: closed fracture treatment area, walking wounded area, resuscitation area, the operating rooms or patient ward treatment areas.

There was even an area for distraught relatives. They were to be diverted from entrance into the hospital and taken to the auditorium of the nurses' residence for coffee and tea—and information when available.

When the first ambulance sirens sounded, all was ready. But two unscheduled events interfered.

The first occurred outside the entrance to the lobby where the hospital staff was waiting for the first earthquake casualties. The mail came through.

A mail truck drew up at the spot designated for ambulance stretcher cases. Presented with this first opportunity of the night for decisive action, a hospital

official waved it on with a quick "emergency" explanation.

The second unscheduled event took place inside the front door. The chief orderly, whose job it was to direct the placement of casualties and the allotment of stock supplies, blankets and stretchers, was not at hand. He was busy with a real emergency case that had just come in.

Concerning the outcome of the exercise, which involved facilities and personnel in all depart-

ments, Dr. Adams said it was a useful evening, generally successful.

The real value will be in some revisions of the regulations to take care of the weaknesses to ensure improved procedures for the future, he said.

The exercise was over at 9 p.m. However, half an hour later, no one had told the police, who were still maintaining a closed-off Humboldt Street between Rupert and Blanshard.