HUGE COAL PROJECT NORTH OF HERE

Mining company deals with gov't to expand BCR

Citizen News Services A Toronto-based mining company is negotiating with the provincial government to expand the financially-troubled British Columbia Railway in the Peace River area to export vast quantities of coking

Denison Mines Ltd. is negotiating with the gov-ernment for a 96-kilometre spur line from Chetwynd, to the Quintette coal property.

Denison announced earlier in June it had signed 'a 20-year agreement with Romania to supply 1.3 mill-

ion to 1.5 million metric tons of coal a year starting in late 1982.

The metallurgical coal will come from the com-pany's Quintette coal property, south of Chetwynd, estimated to cost \$500 million to get into production.

A B.C. royal commission, which spent more than a year probing the government-owned railway, concluded last year that it is a \$1 billion millstone around the province's neck and should be sold to Canadian National Rail-

In a final report last November the commission, headed by Mr. Justice Lloyd McKenzie of the B.C. Supreme Court, recom-mended that long sections of the railway be closed. He said the railway had made a "disastrous plunge into the north" and now has a

\$700 million capital debt.

Richard Hermann, Denison's vice-president of coal operations in Vancouver, said in an interview Friday that the project depends on government approval.

He said negotiations are

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under way and include arrangements to transport the coal by rail to the coast. "We are confident there will be a railway there when we start shipping coal," he

If the mine goes ahead,

150 new jobs would be created in the initial phase and the railway spur line would provide impetus to development of the province's Peace River coal reserves where several other companies are considering major projects. The company said that if it sells Quintette's full production of 4 million metric tons by 1984, 1,200 new jobs would be created directly and an additional 1,000

workers would be needed for the construction phase. A new town of 5,000 to 10,000 people likely would be It said that if approval is

given, the 100,000-acre mine could be in production by 1981. British Petroleum already is developing a smaller mine in the Peace River area.

Graham Kedgley, B.C. coal co-ordinator for the provincial ministry of economic development, said an agreement on payment for the line is being negotiated.

"Negotiations are going very well and everyone knows we want to develop more B.C. coal," he said.

Hermann declined to speculate on the cost of the spur line.

Kedgley agreed with Hermann that the government and the company should be able to reach agreement

and a decision on the future of the project by the end of this year.

He said Roberts Bank, south of Vancouver, or Prince Rupert on the north-

ern coast could be used to transport the coal overseas. Denison has not released the contract price for the

Quintette is owned 38.25 per cent by Denison, 16.75 per cent by a subsidiary of Imperial Oil Ltd. of Toronto, and 22.5 per cent each by Mitsui Mining Overseas Development and Tokyo Doeki Ltd.

Native assembly convenes in city

The third annual assembly of the United Native Nations begins in Prince George Thursday.

Organizers of this important event for native people hope about 3,000 persons will attend the four-day meeting at the Exhibition Grounds.

"It is a people assembly at which we set the policies of the UNN for the next year," said UNN president Bill Wilson during a recent visit to Prince Delegates to the assembly

will start arriving Wednesday.
The UNN has chartered buses to bring delegates to Prince George from other parts of the province. .

The assembly will open with a board meeting Thursday morning and business sessions will be held all day.

Workshops will be conducted throughout the meeting.

Receptions and dances are planned each night and on the last day of the assembly new officers will be elected.

Wilson said all matters of concern to native people will be discussed.

"It is a major cultural and political event for native Indians," Wilson said. "What the people decide at this assembly will affect the lives of all of

us."
The assembly will conclude Sunday about 6 p.m.

Babine band elects chief

BURNS LAKE (Staff) -Ted Lowley, 32, has been elected chief of the Lake Babine Indian Band.

He was elected over seven candidates in voting Thursday night and led his nearest rival Alex West 89 votes to 30.

Lowley was chief councillor for the band three years ago. He has a three-year term.

In Bruns Lake, Wilfred Adam, Murphy Patrick, Mark Michell and Leno Michell were elected councillors.

At Topley Landing, Martina Rossa and John Charlie were elected councillors, while at Fort Babine Patrick Michell and Aggi Michell were elected

Lowley said he was happy with the strong council which has been elected. He promised staff changes and said he would look at giving the councillors specific respon-

Wilfred Adam will look after education for example, and the councillors will be given specific tasks such as health and welfare for their individual communities.

Bottle explodes

SURREY, B.C. (CP) - A bottle exploded in Robert Owen's cupboard, but it wasn't one of the 1.5-litre pop bottles federal and provincial consumer affairs officials have been warning about.

It was a four-litre bottle of commercial British Columbia

VANCOUVER (CP) - A recent roller-

skating craze has turned the seawall that cir-

cles Stanley Park into a roller derby route,

and park board officials say it's time to crack

There is a lane for pedestrians and a lane

for cyclists along most of the 10-kilometre

walkway and four kilometres of the western

side is supposedly for walkers only. Cyclists and skateboards have long flouted that rule

but hordes of rollerskaters have made matters

"They don't seem to know what they are and just wander from lane to lane," said park board spokesman Terri Clark. "Some of the

learners don't have any control and zoom all

over the place.



Morris

played to a capacity crowd of 450 in the Inn of the North Friday. Having just completed a 13-month engagement at the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas, Morris played in Prince George, Williams Lake and Vancouver, before beginning a world tour Monday. He began his Elvis act before the star died and is billed simply as "Morris".

MAJOR EXPANSION

Sewer debate to resume

City council today continues discussion of the proposed \$7 million-to-\$10 million expansion of the city's sewer treatment plant.

The Lansdowne Road plant will be loaded to capacity within two years once College Heights and Nechako area sewage begins to pour in.

Plans are to expand the five-million-gallon-a-day plant to double the capacity and to change the high-rate activated sludge treatment system to an easier system.

An engineering report by consultants Dayton and Knight Ltd., includes a number of al-

They're skating on thin ice

confirmed."

and pedestrians.

COUNCIL **TONIGHT**

ternatives for the expansion. A question-and-answer session for aldermen and city en-

gineers begins at 3 p.m. at today's regular council meeting. City engineering says extension of water and sewer services into the Hofferkamp Road area would be much too expensive in relation to the

number of people to be served. Residents requested the city

"We've had reports of some ugly incidents

out there. But it's just stories and nothing's

The stories include reports of an elderly

pedestrian ramming his walking stick into a

passing bicycle's spokes, a cyclist flipping off

the wall and collisions between roller-skaters

Clark said a park board patrol will advise

roller-skaters and cyclists about where they

can do their respective things and where they

can't. They won't have the power of arrest,

she said, even though a city hall bylaw forbids

cycling on the western side of the seawall.

Clark also said that shops renting roller-

skates near the park entrance have also been

asked to keep a tighter rein on their clients.

services but the two-mile-long trunk lines would cost at least \$500,000, assistant city engineer Colin Wright says in a report to council.

The first city developed Cranbrook Hill lots go on auction July 26 at an average upset price of more than \$16,000.

Almost 100 lots on Cranbrook Hill are to be sold. An additional 35 lots in the Pinewood and Heritage subdivisions in the bowl are up for auction.

Also on today's agenda: A continuing discussion of the YM-YWCA land lease on the Carrie Jane Gray Park Y building site, which the Y wants renewed on its present

\$1-a-year basis.

• A protest by Wilson area residents in the Hart Highway area against paying sewer taxes before sewer service

will be available. A design progress report on the new library; drawings were supposed to be completed by June.

· A request from owners of the Mark V building site in the downtown asking to be allowed to turn the lot temporarily into a parking lot.

• Further discussions of a city purchase of the school district's Wainwright Street dormitory property as a senior citizen's residence site.

ARSON SENDS PREMIUMS SOARING

Few schools are insured

Citizen Staff Reporter

School fire insurance is virtually non-existent for most British Columbia schools.

The standard \$5-million-deductible policy now carried on the 1,600 B.C. schools is enough to cover only 69 of them.

But the fire which destroyed the Cariboo Junior Secondary School in Quesnel recently underlines the reason for this situation.

Like the blaze which destroyed the Connaught Junior Secondary School in Prince George this year, the Quesnel fire was arson. And this became the kiss-

age after the 1976-77 fiscal year when \$12.5 million in schools burned in B.C. This made the premium cost of a \$1 million deductible pol-

of-death for insurance cover-

icy prohibitive. It has been estimated by informed sources that the premium cost at this time would have been \$2.7 million.

And this is for a policy that would require the department of education to pay the first \$1 million of fire damage.

"It's a gamble and we gambled that we could do better than insuring," explained Jack Fleming, assistant deputy minister in the department of education.
"But eventually it didn't

matter. We simply couldn't get insurance at any price because the companies didn't want us."

So the government-owned insurance Corporation of British Columbia took over the coverage with the \$5 million deductible policy that is still in force.

Any losses under \$5 million are handled through the capital expense proposal system in which the cost to rebuild a school is shared by the school district and the department of education.

For a small school district like Quesnel, this means the cost of re-building the Cariboo Junior Secondary School, which has been estimated at \$4 million for school and equipment, would be shared on 90to-10 basis with the province

paying the lion's share. It is about 75-to-25 per cent in a larger school district like Prince George.

However the capital expense proposal system has another advantage — flexibility. Unlike the restrictions of

conventional fire insurance, which usually require the school be rebuilt in the same place, the capital expense proposal system means each project must be justified.

Thus a burned-down school may not be replaced or may be built in a different location.

This was the case here when the Fraserview and Vanway Elementary Schools burned.
The Fraserview children

were accommodated in empty classrooms in Blackburn while only four of the eight classrooms at Vanway were rebuilt. The rest went to a new school on Haldi Road.

Although the flexibility of the capital expense proposal system is of limited value in the Prince George school district, which is one of the few where the school population is stable, it is a big advantage on the Lower Mainland.

dramatic decrease in school enrolment and a growing problem of empty classrooms in schools which can't be justified on a cost-effective basis.

the 1,600 B.C. schools are valued at \$2.5 billion with the majority in the \$2-4 million price range.

In Prince George, there are million.

more than \$5 million. These are PGSS (\$15 million), Duchess Park (\$10-11 million) and Kelly Road at about \$5

tlegar died the same night in

a two-car crash near Sicam-

Warren Redekopp, 17, of Wil-

liams Lake died Monday from

head injuries he suffered Sun-

day when he fell from a moving

car in Williams Lake. He was

flown to hospital in Vancouver

Robert William Schoffer of White Rock was killed Sunday

when his motorcycle went out

of control and slammed into a

parked truck just south of Lake

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Despite what it says in the

Power boats

okay on lake

before he died.

Island.

AT LEAST 21 DIE IN B.C.

Young cyclist killed

hometown. His name was not

of Kamloops was killed Satur-day when he was hit by a CNR

freight train on the Kamloops

Reserve and Victor David

Charles, 22, of Salmon Arm

was killed Sunday when struck

a train just west of Salmon

John George Farrell, 21, of

Surrey, B.C., drowned Monday

while fishing at Lac La Hache north of 100 Mile House in the

A 21-year-old man from Sur-

rey drowned Monday while

fishing at Lac La Hache north of 100 Mile House in the

Cariboo. His name was not

Beatrice Hurst, 73, of Saanich died in a Victoria hos-pital early Monday from burns

she suffered in a fire at her

home Saturday night. Frederick Douglas Christian,

34, of Surrey died early Mon-

day in a trailer fire which was

believed to have been started

by a smouldering cigarette.

Two Calgary residents — Neil Winchester, 29, and Pat-rice Moore, 22 — were killed early Saturday in a head-on

collision on the Trans-Canada Highway about 65 kilometres

Todd Davenport Wood, 22, of

Saturday when the dune buggy

in which he was a passenger

Masset on the Queen Charlotte

Mary Cullen, 42, of Langley

was killed Saturday in a

twocar crash in Langley, just

Richard Wayne Hamilton of

Surrey was killed early Satur-

day in a two-vehicle accident

south of Westbank on Highway

a two-vehicle accident Friday

night in North Vancouver has

Westminster was killed Friday

night in a two-vehicle accident

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overturned on a beach

southeast of Vancouver.

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not been released.

east of Revelstoke.

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Cariboo.

released.

George Clarence Fraser, 34,

A 10-year-old boy died in Prince George Regional Hospital about 8 p.m. Friday after he had been struck by a car on Highway 97 near Stoner.

RCMP said Daniel Fredrick a bicycle when the accident took place.

don L. Posein of Sardis, B.C. The boy was one of at least 21 persons to die in accidents during the holiday weekend.

A Canadian Press survey of holiday fatalities lists deaths night Monday.

people from Vernon killed when a plane crashed Monday near Vernon were among at least 20 people who died accidentally in British Columbia during the Canada Day long weekend.

led in fires, one man drowned and three men were struck by trains in separate incidents.

Helen Perrin, 34, David Har-tley Dafoe, 41, both of Vernon, and Allan Davison, 39, and his wife Patricia of Calgary all died when a Cessna 172 crashed near the end of the runway at Vernon's municipal airport.

City man wins

A Prince George man won the Great Canadian Open Goldpanning Contest held here

Len Harrington came first followed by another Prince George man, Reg Sangster. John Tanasiuk of Edmonton was third and Bill Weaver of

first, with Len Harrington second, Reg Sangster third and Cathy Leahy fourth, all from Prince George. The goldpanning contest was

held Sunday in the Fort George Park stockade and was sponsored by the Prince George Kiwanis Club.

Police planning to lay charges

MACKENZIE (Staff) -RCMP here say charges of break and enter, assault causing bodily harm and dangerous use of a firearm will be laid against four people brought

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investigation was to begin in Burnaby while Edward Anthony Archibald of Castoday. A Chilliwack man was killed

ous.

Monday when he was struck by eastbound Canadian National Railways freight train near his Fraser Valley

Buckingham had been delivering newspapers and was riding The car was driven by Gor-

from 6 p.m. Friday until mid-A Calgary couple and two

Eleven people were killed in traffic accidents, two were kil-

RCMP said pilot Barbara

A ministry of transport

panning contest Prince Rupert was killed

Placerville, Calif., was fourth.
In the B.C. Open Goldpanning Championship, Mark
Castagnoli of Vancouver came

OPTOMETRISTS

out of Fort Ware Friday.

Circumstances and the names of those involved in the incidents were not available at presstime. Fort Ware is a remote Indian village about 240 km north of here.

FRENCH-CANADIAN CLUB OF PRINCE GEORGE

A bi-lingual summer activity program will be offered by the French-Canadian Club of Prince George to children from 6-12 years old. The activities will include physical education, art, singing, folk-dance, and field trips. As well, an animated film will be produced using projects made by the children.

There will be two sessions. One during the month of July and one during the month of August. To assure registration in either session, phone 562-5819 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 563-2392 after 6 p.m. or come to 2880-15th Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first session starts July 3 but registration will be accepted during the week of July 3-6 in classes that have not been filled. Registration in only part of the sessions will be considered for those who are inable to attend the whole month.

regulations, you can take a power boat on Bowron Lake. Page 17 of the provincial sports fisheries regulations states that no power boats are allowed on Bowron lake. This is incorrect, according to the fish and wildlife branch.

A branch spokesman said the regulations should state that power boats are allowed on Bowron Lake itself, but not on the other lakes in the chain, a popular recreation area 160 km southeast of Prince George. Bowron Lake is the most westerly of the lakes in the chain.



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