

weather

Synopsis

Prince George, Chilco- tin Cariboo: Today cloudy with sunny per- iods. A few showers of rain or snow. Snowshow- ers over ridges. Highs 3 to 6. Tonight a few snow- showers. Lows zero to — 3. Tuesday sunny with cloudy periods. Highs near 6. Probability of precipitation 30 per cent today and tonight and 10 Tuesday.

Bulkley Valley-The Lakes: Today mostly cloudy. Occasional show- ers of rain or snow. Highs 2 to 5. Tonight a few clouds. Lows zero to —3. Tuesday mostly sun- ny. Highs near 8. Prob- ability of precipitation 50 per cent today, 20 to- night and zero Tuesday.

Thompson, Okanagan: Today cloudy periods with a few rain showers. Snowshowers over ridges. Highs 9 to 11. To- night a few showers except snowshowers ridges. Gradual clearing overnight. Lows zero to 2. Tuesday mostly sun- ny. Highs 11 to 13. Prob- ability of precipitation 30 per cent today and to- night and zero Tuesday.

Columbia, Kootenay: Today mostly cloudy. A few rain showers except snowshowers ridges. Highs 5 to 7. Tonight a few showers except snowshowers ridges. Lows zero to 2. Tuesday cloudy with sunny per- iods. Highs near 8. Prob- ability of precipitation 30 per cent today and to- night and 10 Tuesday.

Parsnip: Today mostly cloudy. A few showers of rain or snow. Highs 1 to 4. Tonight cloudy with a few snowshowers. Lows —2 to —5. Tuesday cloudy with sunny per- iods. Highs near 4. Prob- ability of precipitation 50 per cent today, 40 to- night and 20 Tuesday.

Greater Victoria, Greater Vancouver: To- day cloudy with showers this morning becoming less frequent this after- noon and highs 9 to 11. Tonight gradual clearing with lows 3 to 5. Tues- day mainly sunny with highs 11 to 13. Probabil- ity of precipitation 80 per cent today, 20 tonight and zero Tuesday.

Lower Fraser Valley: Today cloudy with show- ers becoming less fre- quent this afternoon. Chance of a thunder- shower late this after- noon with highs 9 to 11. Tonight isolated showers with lows 2 to 5. Tues- day, mainly sunny with highs near 13. Probabil- ity of precipitation 80 per cent today, 30 tonight and zero Tuesday.

Temperatures

(C) — High-low temperatures and precipitation in millimetres for the previous 24 hours issued Monday by the weather office:

Vancouver	11	7 009.4
Victoria	12	7 000.2
Comox	10	5 000.4
Port Hardy	8	6 028.2
Prince Rupert	9	5 004.0
Stewart	6	0 000.0
Terrace	5	3 000.2
Penticton	12	1 000.0
Kamloops	12	1 000.0
Castlegar		Misg
Cranbrook	10	-1 001.2
Revelstoke	9	2 003.8
Blue River		Misg
Puntzi Mountain		Misg
Williams Lake	7	-2 000.0
Prince George	7	-3 000.0
Mackenzie	10	-1 003.6
Fort St. John	0	-4 000.0
Fort Nelson	-5	-10 000.2
Dease Lake	-2	-7 000.0
Peace River	2	-5 000.0
Whitehorse		Misg
Dawson City	-7	-20 000.0
Yellowknife	-2	-7 002.2
Inuvik	-13	-19 000.0
Resolute Bay	-20	-29 000.0
Eureka	-39	-43 000.0
Alert		Misg
Cambridge Bay	-12	-26 000.0
Calgary	13	-6 000.0
Edmonton	9	-2 000.0
Lethbridge	15	2 000.0
Medicine Hat	16	0 000.4
Swift Current	15	0 002.4
Regina	13	3 001.4
Saskatoon	10	0 002.2
Prince Albert	8	1 006.0
North Battleford	5	-1 000.0
Winnipeg	10	3 000.0
Brandon	9	4 001.0
Churchill	1	-2 001.6
The Pas	6	1 003.2
Kenora	6	1 000.0
Thunder Bay	13	-4 000.0
North Bay	6	1 000.0
Toronto	7	5 000.4
Ottawa	3	2 000.6
Montreal	4	2 000.0
Fredericton	8	3 016.5
Charlottetown	16	6 020.2
Halifax	16	7 027.3
St. John's, Nfld.	9	6 000.0
Seattle		Misg
Spokane	10	2 010.9
Portland	13	7 000.8
San Francisco	22	11 000.0
Los Angeles	22	16 000.0
Las Vegas	25	13 000.0
Reno	21	10 000.0
Phoenix	29	17 000.0
New York City	10	6 000.0

Blackman ruled insane

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — A B.C. Su- preme Court jury has found Bruce Alfred Black- man not guilty by reason of insanity in the slay- ings of six members of his family at their Coquit- lam, B.C. home last January.

The jurors took 40 minutes Friday to conclude that Blackman was incapable of understanding the nature of his actions or knowing it was wrong when he shot and bludgeoned his parents, one brother, two sisters, and a brother-in-law.

During the first-degree murder trial the court heard of Blackman's psychotic, tortured mind. He believed he was possessed and felt he had to pre- vent the end of the world by killing his family.

Because of the unusual nature of the case, the Crown and defence set aside the adversarial sys- tem and both put up the defence of insanity.

Blackman was ordered kept in strict custody at the forensic psychiatric institute in Coquitlam where he'll remain at the pleasure of the lieuten- ant-governor.

Blackman, 23, smiled when the verdict was handed down.

Mr. Justice Lloyd McKenzie said in an address to the jury before their deliberations that Black- man suffered a grave mental disturbance that caused his "totally outrageous actions."

The case was described by defence lawyer Ri- chard Levenson as "a bizarre tragedy."

The victims of the slayings were Blackman's

Columbian hangs on

NEW WESTMIN- STER, B.C. (CP) — Op- eration of the 122-year- old New Westminster Columbian will continue for a week while nego- tiations continue on the fate of the daily newspa- per's parent company.

The Columbian Co. Ltd., which publishes The Columbian and five suburban weekly news- papers, as well as op- erating a commercial press, was formally de- clared bankrupt in a B.C. Supreme Court action three weeks ago.

"In view of the exist- ence of certain negotia- tions which are hoped may result in a solution to the problems facing The Columbian, the in- spectors have decided to continue the operation of all divisions for the time being," bankruptcy trustee Don Selman, of Peat Marwick Ltd., said,

LEADERLESS PARTY

'MPs eye B.C. Tories'

BURNABY, B.C. (CP) — More than one federal Progressive Con- servative MP is interested in seek- ing the leadership of the party's pro- vincial wing, provincial president Jim McNeil said Sunday.

The provincial party has not had a leader since August, 1982, when Brian Westwood was forced to re- sign after it was learned he favored an alignment with the separatist Western Canada Concept. But McNeil says the party probably won't hold a leadership convention until late 1984.

"More than one (federal MP) has indicated interest in the position," the newly-elected president McNeil said in an interview after the last session of the Conservative's annual three-day convention. He said a leadership convention should not be held until after the federal election in the hopes that an MP might run.

He would not identify the MPs who were interested.

Long-time B.C. Conservative, John Green, told the session that the par-

ty must have a credible, high-profile leader if it is to break the polariza- tion that now grips B.C. politics.

"There are six highly capable peo- ple (from B.C.) in the shadow cabi- net now," Green said. "But it's high- ly unlikely that after the election, when the positions are dealt out with representation from Ontario and Quebec taken care of, that we'll have more than three people in the federal cabinet."

"To hold a leadership election be- fore the next federal election would be very destructive," he said, call- ing on the 125 provincial delegates at the convention to elect an interim leader instead.

But his motion was turned down as provincial Tories chose to empha- size rebuilding their tattered party which is almost \$20,000 in debt and has been going downhill since 1979 when it lost its last seat in the pro- vincial legislature.

Many delegates supported the need for a leader to speak for the party.

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