

B.C. WEATHER OUTLOOK

Prince George area: Clouds and showers accompanied by winds are expected overnight. Thursday should be cloudy with sunny periods and occasional showers. The temperature is expected to drop to 10 overnight and rise to 16 Thursday.

There is an 80-per-cent chance of rain overnight and a 50-per-cent chance of precipitation Thursday.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to mainly cloudy with occasional sunny periods. There will be a 60-per-cent chance of rain Friday, rising to 80 per cent Saturday and dropping to 40 per cent Sunday. Overnight lows are expected to be between 3 and 5 and daytime highs between 12 and 15.

Tuesday we had a high of 19.7, an overnight low of 8.4 and no precipitation and 2.5 hours of sunshine were recorded at the airport weather office.

A year ago on this date we had a high of 16.5, an overnight low

of 6.1, 1.0 mm of rain and 2.2 hours of sunshine.

The sun will set at 7.07 p.m. today and rise at 7:01 a.m. Thursday.

Chilcotin, Cariboo: Tonight, periods of rain. Windy. Low 9. Thursday, cloudy with sunny periods. Chance of a shower. Windy at times. High 17. Probability of precipitation in per cent 100 tonight and 60 Thursday.

Bulkley Valley, Lakes: Tonight, periods of rain. Windy. Low 9. Thursday, cloudy with sunny periods. Chance of showers. High 16. Probability of precipitation in per cent 90 tonight and 60 Thursday.

Parsnip: Tonight, periods of rain. Windy at times. Low 7. Thursday, cloudy with showers likely. High 14. Probability of precipitation in per cent 90 tonight and 70 Thursday.

Greater Vancouver: Tonight, rain tapering to showers. Windy. Low 11. Thursday, cloudy in the morning with a few showers. Becoming sunny in the afternoon

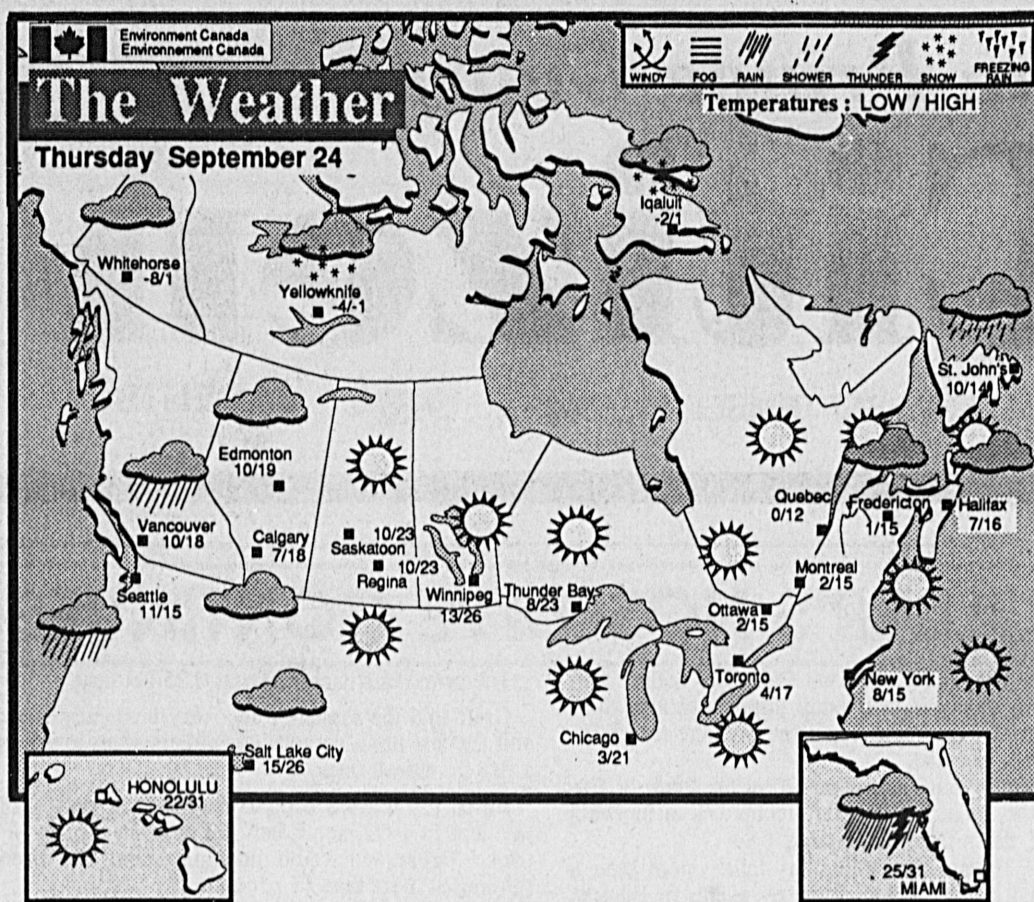
with gusty northwest winds to 50 km-h. High 18. Probability of precipitation in per cent 100 tonight and 90 Thursday.

North Coast: Tonight, mainly cloudy with a chance of showers. Gustly winds. Low 8. Thursday, mainly cloudy with a chance of showers. Gustly winds. High 16. Probability of precipitation in per cent 60 tonight and 60 Thursday.

Thompson: Tonight, increasing cloud with showers likely. Windy. Low 11. Thursday, mainly cloudy with a chance of showers. Windy. High 21.

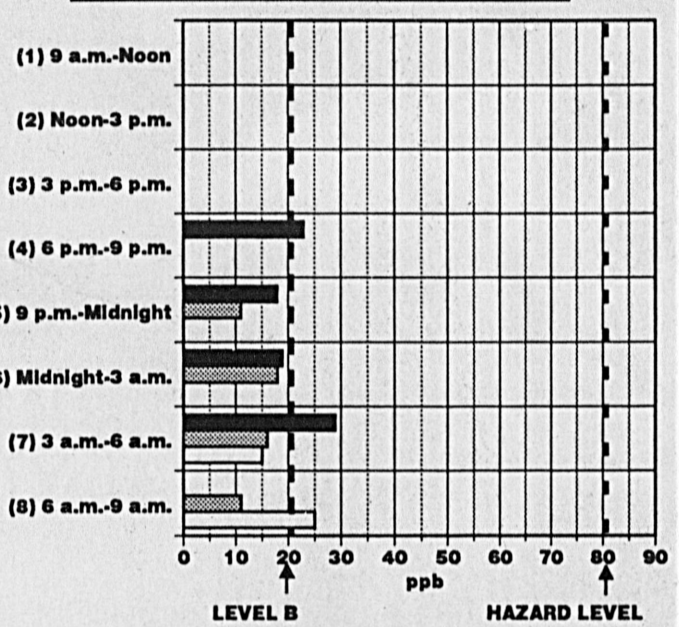
Okanagan, Kootenay West: Today, mainly sunny. Chance of a shower or thundershower. High 24. Tonight, increasing cloud with showers likely. Low 12. Thursday, mainly cloudy with a chance of showers. High 21.

Kootenay East: Tonight, increasing cloud with showers likely overnight. Becoming windy. Low 7. Thursday, mainly cloudy with showers likely. Risk of an afternoon thundershower. Windy. High 18.



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Peak levels during 3-hour periods to 9 a.m. today. Total Reduced Sulphur compounds (parts per billion) measured by the B.C. Environment Ministry.



TEMPERATURES

TORONTO (CP) - Temperatures in Celsius; precipitation in millimetres:		Dease Lake		The Pas	
Vancouver	20 14 000.0	12 0 000.0	8 1 001.8	Peace River	19 7 000.0
Victoria	22 12 000.0	Whitehorse	1 -3 000.4	Kenora	6 2 000.0
Comox	21 14 000.0	Yellowknife	3 - 000.0	Thunder Bay	10 -3 000.0
Port Hardy	19 14 006.2	Inuvik	-3 -6 000.8	N. Bay	16 -3 000.0
Prince Rupert	15 14 039.9	Resolute Bay	-5 -7 003.2	Ottawa	21 3 006.0
Terrace	14 12 032.0	Eureka	-9 -12 000.0	Montreal	22 5 010.4
Pentticon	22 11 000.0	Alert	- - 000.0	Fredericton	20 14 010.0
Kamloops	23 12 000.0	Cambridge Bay	-2 -5 001.6	Charlottetown	20 16 004.2
Abbotsford	25 14 000.6	Calgary	22 11 000.0	Halifax	19 16 004.6
Cranbrook	25 11 000.0	Edmonton	23 7 000.0	St. John's	14 7 000.0
Revelstoke	- - 000.0	Lethbridge	27 10 000.0	Seattle	22 13 000.0
Blue River	- - 000.0	Medicine Hat	26 10 000.0	Spokane	- - 000.0
Puntzi	19 6 000.0	Swift Current	23 11 000.0	Portland	30 17 000.0
Williams Lake	20 11 000.0	Regina	21 6 000.0	San Francisco	23 15 000.0
Prince George	20 8 000.0	Saskatoon	23 4 000.0	Los Angeles	26 20 000.0
Mackenzie	12 9 005.6	Prince Albert	15 3 000.0	Las Vegas	38 26 000.0
Fort St. John	17 3 001.6	N. Battleford	23 8 000.0	Reno	33 15 000.0
Fort Nelson	3 -2 001.4	Winnipeg	11 6 000.0	Phoenix	40 28 000.0
		Brandon	14 2 000.0	New York City	26 13 009.1
		Churchill	4 -1 000.0	Miami	32 26 004.1

Long range forecast for PRINCE GEORGE

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
max 15	min 7	max 15	3/14	3/14

SMOKE PARTICLES

The concentration of minute smoke particles in the air averaged 25 micrograms per cubic metre in the past 24 hours, which is rated GOOD by the environment ministry.

Charges put stop to rail blockade

PRINCE RUPERT (CP) — A five-day-old blockade on the CN Rail line ended Tuesday when the RCMP arrested three members of the Gitwangaak band and charged them with defying a court injunction against the action.

Five RCMP officers walked a kilometre along the railway line in a driving rainstorm to make the arrests on the Gitwangaak reserve, located east of Prince Rupert. They read from an injunction granted to CN to remove anyone interfering with the operation of the railway.

The Indians maintain that on the entire CN line from Prince George to Prince Rupert, only the sections in the two cities' downtown areas have been legally transferred to CN.

Before being arrested, Art Loring, 37, of Gitwangaak told the RCMP to look on a nearby totem pole.

"Those poles tell us we were right, we own this land, not the

courts, not the province, not the federal government."

Also arrested and charged with contempt were Ralph Michell, 43 of Kispiox, B.C. and Guy Morgan, 46, of Gitwangaak.

Gitksan natives started the blockade also to protest the government-approved sale of forestry assets they claim are located on native land.

That included the Kitwanga sawmill, which was shut down, putting more than 100 people out of work.

CN Rail spokesman Marion Robson said an average of 14 trains a day travel the line.ys rail traffic could resume within hours, once crews removed debris from the tracks.

The blockade prevented grain and coal from reaching Prince Rupert's giant export terminals, about 750 kilometres northwest of Vancouver, and threatened the supply of wood for the city's pulp mill, its biggest industry.

Pickets hit B.C. ports

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia ports were partially shut down Tuesday in a dispute over eight cents an hour between longshoremen foremen and their employers, union officials said as pickets went up along the West Coast.

"That is where we are apart," said Howard Smith of the foremen's bargaining union of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 514.

Fired up workers were instructed by union president Doug Sigurdson to leave cruise and grain ships free of pickets.

"We're not going to inconvenience someone on their vacation," Sigurdson said.

Grain carriers would also be exempt so B.C. grainhandlers and prairie farmers would not suffer from the dispute, he said.

Minutes later, however, some of the 500 members of the union were vowing as they left a meeting in that grain and cruise ships would be included if the dispute is not settled quickly.

Smith said the only outstanding item in the negotiations is whether the employers will pay eight more cents an hour into a pension fund.

Sigurdson said the pension dispute amounts to about \$72,000 a

year in total for the union's 500 members. He agreed that it did not seem a major issue, compared with the cost of disrupting the B.C. shipping industry.

The foremen, who were in a legal strike position as of midnight Tuesday, voted 96.5 per cent in favor of striking in April.

Their contract expired Dec. 31, 1991, and the longshoremen foremen have agreed to work for the same wages as last year, Sigurdson said.

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