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-NEWSY NOTES-
By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.
THE HART HIGHWAY

One year ago on July 1st, 1952, the Hart Highway was formally opened to traffic by the cutting of a ribbon at the Parnsip River Bridge, by the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Lands and Forests of the province of British Columbia. The bridge at the Parnsip River, a branch of the Peace River, in northern British Columbia, was the main barrier to the immense undertaking of building a highway through the wilderness beyond Prince George. This highway extends north to Pine Pass and then east along the deep trench of the Pine River valley, (formerly Crooked River), and through the rugged terrain of the northern Rocky Mountains at a much lower level than the passes

grades throughout most of its length. The motorists were amazed at the changes in the landscape and at the many beautiful lakes and rivers. These had previously been seen only by trappers, fur-traders, early explorers and construction men.

Starting north and travelling along the Hart Highway for about 30 miles, one comes to the first lake, Summit, which is at the "Height of Land." From this point the rivers flow to the north and the Arctic Ocean, while those south of this lake, flow eventually into the Pacific Ocean. The stream from Summit Lake flows through a chain of lakes, along the highway, including Davie, Kerry and McLeod which is 2220 feet above sea level. This lake is surrounded by low hills that are largely covered with birch trees; at its northern end Fort McLeod was established in 1805 by the veteran explorer, Simon Fraser and it was there that the Hudson's Bay Company trading post in British Columbia west of the Rocky Mountains was established.

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming



Hi, fur farmers, read this! The Norwegian Fur Guild has put over a tremendous deal which involves the purchase of between 25,000 and 30,000 blue foxes. It is the first important purchase of fox furs in many years in New York and was negotiated by the Anglo-American Fur Merchants Corporation and Papert-Strasbourg. The foxes will be mainly Norwegian blues but there will be a small quantity of Swedish blues. Prices reportedly averaged from \$8.50 to \$9., according to color, size and quality. Max Ariowitsch, manager of Anglo-American, stated that it was uncertain at present how much of the furs purchased would be marketed in the United States. He pointed out, however, that recent interest in the item had led his firm to contract for quantities of blue fox. Market sources in New York term the purchase the largest involving a long-haired fur in many years and it pointed to growing interest in the item for trimming pieces as well as in small fur pieces as the probable reason for the transaction recently announced that Norwegian fox breeders planned to spend \$40,000 to promote blue fox in the United States with a nation wide advertising and publicity campaign.

The French Fur Federation announces that a credit of about \$1,500,000 has just been assured French fur importers to buy skins at the Leningrad sales and afterwards. This, the Federation explained, is an advanced credit connected with the new commercial treaty being negotiated between France and Russia. The treaty, if ratified, will allow greater buying by France of Russian goods and by Russia of French textiles and other commodities. The new treaty will permit French importers to buy Russian skins with francs. Hitherto the Russians have demanded payment in dollars or Swiss francs. The very serious monetary situation in France has been one of the reasons for the lack of demand for silver fox and mink pelts. France and Italy have been our standbys for many years but their lack of the necessary finances has prevented them from stocking up in recent years and so silver fox went into a slump. It will take heroic measures to bring France to an equalization of its budget according to what we have read and it may be that the Russians will capture the fur market there because of their opportunity and credit deal.

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The temporary wooden bridge structure used at the official opening was carried away when the ice on the Parnsip River went out this spring so that road maps for that area carried the suggestion "check with highway officials for the bridge opening." A modern three span steel structure bridge has now been completed across this broad, swiftly flowing river.

The construction of the Hart Highway has taken years of engineering skill, modern road making equipment, and rough, hard work, that had to be carried on away in the hinterland of British Columbia. It has completed a dream that has long been held by explorers of a highway link between southwestern British Columbia and the rich lands of the Peace River area east of the mountains. The finding of oil in that area, in addition to its wealth of Agricultural products will help repay the province for the fourteen million dollar cost of the highway.

The Hart Highway will provide magnificent scenery, fishing and hunting for adventurous tourists; a new short route to Alaska from all parts of the Pacific northwest and a route for heavy trucks moving freight from the present Pacific Great Eastern Railway terminal at Prince George to Dawson Creek and the Peace River Country. A regular bus service has already started from Prince George, which is also a station on the Canadian National Railway, to Edmonton, Alberta.

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ACROSS
1. Burrowing animal
5. Cutting tools
9. Small fish
12. City in Romania
13. Beat repeatedly
14. Sick
15. Unit of weight
16. Water god (Baby)
17. Chinese measure
18. Instruments for telling time
21. Brisk
23. Ascend
24. Hawaiian food
25. Portable trough for mortar
26. Mast
28. Those who adjust pitch of musical instruments
31. Shortens
33. Aloft
34. Part of "to be"
35. Antelope (Afr.)
36. Poem
37. Reference
40. An opera (Verdi)
41. Peas collectively
42. Boarder
43. Citrus fruit
44. River (Eur.)

DOWN
1. A magician (Arthurian legend)
2. Verbal
3. Cover
4. Half an em
6. Booth
7. Humor
8. Renders unyielding
9. Navigates a ship
11. Rubout
13. Pull of bones
15. Amazon Indian
18. Recreation
19. Manacles
20. Assistant
22. Armadillo
23. Tuft of brilliant feathers
46. Flying duck
27. Beat with the fist
28. Prong
29. Part of steering apparatus (naut.)
30. Missile weapon
32. Harmonize (var.)
36. French river
38. Biblical name
39. Doctrine
40. Help
42. Missouri (abbr.)

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A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is u, l for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
B G P B K W G I M Z W S Q W G L J J Z T
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