

# Strachan defends loans to ICBC

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current bank rates and must be repaid by March 1, 1975. Strachan said the ICBC expects to receive \$150 million in auto insurance revenues, but money is needed now to start the system. "The employees must be paid and the bills met as though we already are in operation, before even one auto premium cent comes in," he said.

The money has been granted by orders-in-council, the latest of which was for \$5 million last Tuesday. Anderson had charged the loans were not announced publicly because the government and the insurance corporation were embarrassed that costs had overrun. However, Strachan said the orders were signed April 18, June 21, and Aug. 6 and Nov. 13 and have been on public

record since. He said press releases were issued to the Victoria press gallery after the lieutenant-governor signed the cabinet orders. "That is the traditional routine for releasing cabinet orders and it was followed on all previous occasions when similar amounts were advanced to the ICBC. They were duly reported in the press at the time, including The Province, although Mr.

Anderson appears to have not read the newspapers." Of the \$20.5 million, Strachan said \$16 million was borrowed to pay capital costs, salaries, property acquisitions and systems development. He did not say what the remaining \$4.5 million will be used for. Strachan said the current staff of 500 will be increased to 1,000 in a few months, and said the only real "wrinkles"

of the ICBC has had so far have been created "by the vested interests of the private insurance industry and their apologists like Mr. Anderson. "They have consistently acted as mouthpieces for the eastern and U.S.-dominated private industry, which just happens to have a big war chest to fight this government in a desperate attempt to stop the spread of public, non-profit car insurance to Eastern Canada."

## WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today and cool. Tuesday outlook is cloudy with a few showers. Vancouver precipitation Saturday: trace; Sunday: trace. Canada's high-low Sunday: Windsor, 47; Mayo, Yukon, 42 below.

**First Q.** Dec. 2  
**Full** Dec. 8  
**Last Q.** Dec. 16  
**New** Nov. 24

**POINT ATKINSON TIDES**  
November 19  
Time Height  
1:05 a.m. 2.9  
6:10 a.m. 7.7  
1:00 p.m. 15.1  
8:15 p.m. 5.0  
Sunrise 7:29 a.m. Sunset 4:27 p.m.

**Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Island** — Cloudy, High near 40. Tuesday, cloudy with a few showers.  
**Greater Victoria** — Cloudy with a few sunny periods. Highs about 40. Tuesday, cloudy with a few showers.  
**North and West Vancouver Island** — Cloudy with occasional rain or wet snow beginning in northern sections in the morning and spreading southward. Windy at times in northern areas. Highs near 40. Tuesday, showers.

**Northern Mainland** — Cloudy with occasional snow except inland rain and snow in coastal areas. Windy. Highs about 25 inland and near 40 coastal areas. Tuesday, showers of rain or wet snow.  
**Queen Charlottes** — Cloudy with occasional rain except mixed rain and snow in the morning. Windy. Highs about 40. Tuesday, rainshowers.

**Thompson, Okanagan** — Mainly cloudy. Highs 39 to 35. Tuesday, cloudy with a few snowflurries.  
**Comox, Kootenay** — Mostly cloudy with a few snowflurries in northern sections. Highs 25 to 30. Tuesday, cloudy with occasional snow.

**Chilcoot, Cariboo, Central Interior** — Cloudy with snow beginning in western sections in the morning and spreading across regions by evening. Fresh winds at times. High 15 to 20. Tuesday, occasional light snow.  
**Peace River, Edson** — Periods of light snow clearing by noon. High near zero. Tuesday, clouding over with snow.

**TEMPERATURES**  
Max. Min. Prec.  
St. John's..... 39 29 0.0  
Halifax..... 36 29 trace  
Fredericton..... 31 21  
Charlottetown..... 31 27  
Montreal..... 34 24  
Ottawa..... 33 24  
Toronto..... 41 31 1.5  
North Bay..... 30 17

# Police battle youths, arrest 9

Nine teen-agers arrested early Saturday during a brawl with police in Coquitlam will appear in court Tuesday. The battle involved about 20 RCMP officers from three municipalities and about 100 youths. Eight of the nine, aged 16 to 18, are being held in custody after appearing before a justice of the peace Saturday. No names have been released.

A Coquitlam RCMP spokesman said a constable responded to a breaking and entering call at the Fun Spot, an amusement centre at North Road and Austin. While checking a group of suspects in a nearby parking lot he was attacked by six youths. The constable radioed for help and was joined by RCMP from Port Moody and Burnaby who became involved in

what the spokesman called "man-to-man" combat with additional youths milling in the area. Apart from minor bumps and bruises no one was injured during the 20-minute fracas. The youths are charged with assaulting a police officer, causing wilful damage, creating a disturbance and aiding prisoners to escape.

The spokesman said RCMP have continually had trouble at weekends with crowds of youths in the Coquitlam area. He said last spring police and youths fought for seven weekends in a row.

## Dec. 1-7 week for safe driving

OTTAWA (CP) — Safe Driving Week will be observed Dec. 1-7 this year, the Canada Safety Council announced.

## Malaspina College criticized School for scabs — union

NANAIMO (CP) — The Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labor Council has accused Malaspina College of training strike-breakers it alleges are being used by B.C. Tel. The council claimed B.C. Tel workers have stopped working overtime in support of striking Okanagan Tele-

phone workers, but B.C. Tel has been using students taking apprenticeship training at Malaspina for work outside regular hours and on weekends. The council told college president Carl Opgaard that if the practice doesn't stop the council will consider cancell-

ing its college bursary and will ask other union locals to do the same. Opgaard said the apprenticeship program is in force in most other community colleges in the province and has the approval of B.C. Tel union locals on a province-wide basis.

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