

\$4,444 a Minute

Typhoon Frieda cost B.C. Hydro about \$4,444 a minute during its three-hour lashing of the Lower Mainland last month.

So far, storm damage bill to B.C. Hydro has been estimated at a minimum of \$800,000 in labor, materials and lost revenue.

As dawn crept into Vancouver on Oct. 13, we had lost 55 per cent of our system between Horseshoe Bay and Chilliwack.

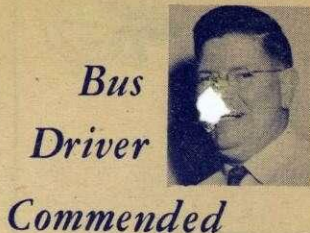
Beside the awful pounding to the utility, 10,000 telephones were out of order, and thousands of trees were uprooted.

In the worst storm to ever strike an electric utility in B.C., we discovered that of 390 distribution circuits, 212 were out of action. Only two of B.C. Hydro's Lower Mainland substations had escaped and 26 were completely inactivated.

Bad news was still to come, for 29 of the system's 60,000 volt transmission lines were lost plus one of 132,000 volts and another of 230,000 volts.

Early in the storm emergency, B.C. Hydro's staff realized that a major disaster had taken place and put into effect pre-arranged plans to handle the situation. In round-the-clock shifts, 596 linemen — including private crews — worked to restore power as quickly as possible.

B.C. Hydro called upon crews from its Central and Southern interior regions and from Northern Vancouver Island to help in the crash repair program.



Bus Driver Commended

Bus operator Tom Radbourne was driving his vehicle along 2nd Street, New Westminster, one morning last month when he noticed a woman lying face down on the boulevard.

Stopping his bus, Tom went to the assistance of the woman, applied artificial respiration and sent a man to call police and an inhalator crew. Unfortunately, Mrs. J. McCarthy died on the way to hospital.

For his prompt action, Tom Radbourne has earned the commendation of John McCarthy, of New Westminster, Mrs. McCarthy's husband.

In a letter to B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, Mr. McCarthy wrote: "We would like to commend Mr. Radbourne. . . it has been a great consolation to us to know Mrs. McCarthy received such immediate attention. Mr. Radbourne is a credit to your company and we would ask that this be put on his record."

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The country lad, about to move to Vancouver, sought advice from his pastor. "Can I live a good, clean Christian life on \$15 a week in the city?"

"My son," answered the minister, "on \$15 a week, what else could you do?"



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Name the Country Winner



Leagh Engar, B.C. Hydro, congratulates Mrs. Anderson, watched by Bill Jago.

First winner of B.C. Hydro Authority's \$1,800 NAME THE COUNTRY contest is Mrs. Lorraine Anderson, of 2073 Suffolk Avenue, Port Coquitlam.

Mrs. Anderson, a bank teller, chose as her prize an electric automatic washer and dryer, valued at about \$600.

The lucky winner received her prize from Bill Jago, manager of the T.V. Centre at Port Coquitlam.

Mrs. Anderson's all-correct Name the Country entry blank was picked on Channel 8's "Ladies First" program.

Two more contests — with \$1,200 in prizes — still have to be won. Closing dates are Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

Don't forget that additional clues are given on B.C. Hydro's weekly television show Seven League Boots on Channel 8.

