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## Business Prospects on Islands Good

### KETCHIKAN FACTION LOSES IN SENATE ON FISHERIES QUESTION

#### Fishery Amendment to Impose Tax was Rejected by Senate

WASHINGTON, July 8 (special).—The fresh and frozen fish amendment affecting Prince Rupert was voted down by the Senate. The vote stood 32 to 19.

WASHINGTON, July 8 (Canadian Press).—The Senate yesterday settled the vexed question of duties on North Pacific fish by voting down the amendment to the proposed tariff bill requiring that fish caught in the North Pacific be shipped from Alaskan ports or from Seattle. The change modifies the drastic law proposed by Senators Poindexter and Jones, which was aimed at Canadian fishery competitors, particularly at Prince Rupert. The old proposal would have compelled importers to pay two cents a pound duty on fish caught by the United States fishermen and packed at a Canadian port and shipped in bond to the United States.

J. W. Nicholls, comptroller of the Canadian Fish and Game Commission, stated on receipt of the news that his company had never given serious attention to the proposal as it was clear that if it carried Alaska would suffer more even than Canada. It was contrary to the interests of the American fishermen.

Mr. Nicholls expressed the opinion that freedom of trade in fish was to the best interests of both countries. Retaliatory measures would react against the one that tried to enforce them. What was needed was re-ordination of the interests of Canada and the United States in regard to the fisheries. At present on either side they were legislated to death.

#### GERMANY IN BAD SHAPE

Will Not Be Able to Meet Reparations Payments This Month It is Stated.

UNITED STATES AND MUN REHABILITATION

LONDON, July 8.—U. S. embassy officials said today that while no formal representations had been made by the British Government looking to participation of the United States in the Allied efforts to rehabilitate Germany, the subject had been discussed for some time in diplomatic and other circles and the hope was expressed that United States might be induced to lend support to the project. The collapse of the German mark and the reports that Germany would be unable to meet the July reparations payment due a week from today causes some gloomy comments in European exchanges.

A dinner will be held at the St. Regis Cafe by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade at 7 p.m. July 8, 1922, to welcome—

Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Dr. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Alex. Manson, Attorney General.

F. C. Wade, Esq., Agent General for British Columbia.

Fred Stork, Esq., M.P.

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#### FRED STORK SPEAKS TO BOARD OF TRADE

Federal Member Says There is Every Reason to be Optimistic About Port and District Development

Fred Stork, M.P. for Skeena, who has just returned from attending the session of the federal parliament at Ottawa, addressed the Board of Trade briefly at last night's regular monthly meeting and was accorded a good reception. While Mr. Stork said he had no message of definite import to deliver, there was no question that a co-ordination and reorganization of the whole Canadian National Railways system throughout Canada was coming and so far as this end of the line and this port was concerned there was every reason to be extremely optimistic of the development. He himself had every confidence in the things that are due for the port and district.

Mr. Stork explained why it was not advisable at this time to establish daily mail service to Prince Rupert on the railway. He also stated that the petition for a post office at Seal Cove and request for a separate steambond inspector here were being dealt with by the respective departments. The member also went at length into an explanation of freight rates and the Crow's Nest Pass agreement.

President Orme thanked Mr. Stork for the efforts he had made and his co-operation with the board.

The G. N. R. steamer Prince Albert, Capt. Neil McLean, arrived last night at Digby Island from the south and this morning moved up to the Imperial Oil dock and G. T. P. dock No. 1. The vessel brought north one of the heaviest cargoes of freight she has taken out of Vancouver for many months. It included tins for Tucks Inlet and Lagoon Bay canneries, oil for the Digby Island station and the Imperial Oil works and coal for Peter Black from Ladysmith. The steamer is to sail tonight for the Queen Charlottes picking up the schedule of the Prince John which has gone on a special direct trip to Vancouver.

#### PROTEST AT LONG HOURS

Workmen Wait on President of Board of Trade in London.

LONDON, July 8.—Protesting against the working conditions for firemen aboard British ships, a deputation representing the Trades Union Congress and Sailors' and Firemen's union and Amalgamated Marine Workers' union waited on the President of the Board of Trade and complained of the long working hours.

They were promised an investigation by the Government.

The slowest of us cannot but admit that the world moves.

Wendell Phillips.

#### Many Distinguished Visitors Arrive in City and Will be Guests of the Board of Trade

Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, Hon. Dr. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, and F. C. Wade, K.C., agent general for B.C. in London, arrived from Victoria on the Prince Rupert this morning. This evening they will be the guests of the Board of Trade at a dinner to take place in the St. Regis Cafe, after which they and the rest of their party will visit various parts of the district on the departmental inspection. Capt. Ian MacKenzie, soldier member for Vancouver, also arrived with the party and will accompany it on its trip.

Besides the ministers and members there arrived P. Philip, chief engineer of the public works department, C. W. MacDonald, of Revelstoke, Col. R. D. Davies, director of the Land Settlement Board; J. A. Stewart, inspector of factories, and Mrs. Harbord, a B. C. correspondent for London papers and author of the book on the Oriental immigration "The Writing on the Wall."

Trade dinner tonight.

#### FREE STATERS MEETING WITH GOOD SUCCESS

Announcement of Final Defeat of Irish Republicans is Awaited With Confidence

LONDON, July 8.—Chief interest in the Irish situation for the moment centres in the operations in Blessington district, fifteen miles south of Dublin, owing to the supposition that De Valera is with the irregular forces there. The Republicans are closely surrounded with a ring of national troops and announcement of final success of the government forces is awaited with considerable confidence.

A Dublin dispatch says that the activities of the Free State forces in the province are meeting with complete success. A large number of insurgents are continuing to be captured and in various places the irregulars are alarmed by the advance of the National soldiers. They have abandoned their fortified positions at many points and fled into the country.

#### Colonel Baker and F. L. Buckley Here on Way to Inspect Plant on Queen Charlotte Islands

To visit Buckley Bay, the scene of the large timber operations which they plan shortly to start going, Col. Fred L. Baker, of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., and F. L. Buckley, head of the Massett Timber Co., arrived from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert this morning. Tonight they and their party will sail for the Queen Charlottes on the Prince Albert, returning by the company yacht, Epauline, next Thursday.

Mr. Buckley stated this morning that the mill at Buckley Bay would be in operation as soon as repairs have been made and the machinery is in shape. Many at Norfolk, Virginia, were already on their way around to this coast. Two more similar schooners are to be built at the Los Angeles plant of the big corporation.

The party going to the Islands comprises Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Erle M. Leath, Mrs. Baker Wallace, of Los Angeles, T. Forley, of Chicago, F. L. Buckley and Miss Helene Buckley, Mr. Buckley's daughter.

#### Immense Loss Results From Fire on Island Premier is on the Job

VICTORIA, July 7. (p.m.)—After destroying a third of Merville soldier settlement causing one death and the injury of three, the forest fire raging in many parts of Vancouver Island last night and today had cut off Nanaimo's water supply, threatening the logging camps in the Cowichan Lake District and threatening enormous damage in many districts.

So far the most serious loss is in Merville where 25 houses were burned. Nanaimo has been seriously menaced.

At Merville Jack Clifford, aged 16, was caught by the flames and died a short time afterwards. Ernest Layland, 42 years of age, was badly burned. A barr, J. Feuck and F. Churchill were cut off by flames and spent the night in the shallow Black Creek. Most of the clothing was burned from their bodies and they are in the hospital in a serious condition.

Premier Oliver is motoring to the scene to superintend relief work.

As a result of the fire more than \$1,250,000 worth of timber has been destroyed and it is announced that all logging operations in the province may be suspended because of the fires.

Ernest Layland was at first reported dead but he turned up yesterday after a night in the open, suffering terrible burns.

Premier Investigates.

VICTORIA, July 8.—(Later)—One life was lost and 22 homes were destroyed, many settlers escaping with nothing but the clothing they wore, Premier Oliver telephoned from Courtenay following his arrival from Victoria to investigate the damage at the Merville soldier settlement. There was heavy loss of stock that were caught when the flames descended upon the settlement.

Supplies of army tents, blankets and stores were sent into the area today.

#### READ THE EDITORIAL WITH MUCH INTEREST SAYS HON. DR. KING

On June 22 an editorial was published in this paper setting forth the reasons why Prince Rupert should have a grain elevator. A copy of the editorial was sent to the minister of public works at Ottawa and an acknowledgment has been received in the city from Hon. Dr. King saying he had read it with much interest.

#### SUN YET SEN GETS BACK TO FAVOR AND FRIENDS RALLYING

PEKIN, July 8.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen is said to be regaining favor and friends are rallying to his support.

Renewed fighting is said to be inevitable in the neighborhood of Canton between Sun's forces and those of Chen Guang Ming.

#### Captain Nicholson Says Prospects for Business on Islands Very Bright

"There are better prospects for business on the Queen Charlotte Islands this year than at any time since the war," declares Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the C. N. R. coast steamship fleet, who reached the city yesterday after a general inspection trip on the islands. "While the season is a little later in starting than usual indications are that the season's business will be rather satisfactory."

Sailing on the steamer Prince John from Vancouver, Captain Nicholson visited all ports of call on the islands and ascertained what was going on and what the prospects were at each point.

Several Logging Camps.

The Whalen Pulp and Paper Co., he reports, are getting out five million feet of logs at Thurston Harbor and Lagoon Bay thus making two points of actual activity where some 35 or 40 men are employed. These logs will be taken to Swanson Bay where they will be assembled with the prospect of the reopening of the shingle and lumber mill and the resumption of the car-ferry service between that port and Prince Rupert. According to reports the pulp mill is not likely to reopen very soon.

The Kelly Logging Co. is operating the timber limits at Cumshewa on a large scale and it is expected that at least 20 million feet of logs will be put out there this year.

Lagoon Bay Cannery.

The cannery at Lagoon Bay is making preparations for the season's pack and it is expected that from 35,000 to 50,000 cases of salmon will be put up. The plant is this year being operated by the New England Fish Co., which it is understood, has an option to purchase. The cannery is at present owned by Evans, Coleman & Evans. It was built in 1918 and the captain says it looks like an efficient and well arranged plant.

The cannery at Aliford Bay, owned by the Maritime Fisheries, is also being opened up and it is expected the pack will be about 50,000 or 60,000 cases. The Prince John unloaded 10,000 empty cases there on her last trip.

Coal Possibilities.

Capt. Nicholson reports that some people are looking over the coal property at Skidegate about which there has been so much talk. As some real capital is interested there is a chance that, if the examinations prove satisfactory, something will be done. The people on the Islands are very hopeful about this.

In Massett Inlet, the Watun River cannery, owned by the Wallace Fisheries, will operate probably putting up about 50,000 cases.

Great preparations are being made at Buckley Bay for the extensive timber operations planned and announced by the Buckley interests, Capt. Nicholson said. There are now 50 men there and when operations were fully under way it was expected there would be 800 to 1000 employed.

Tourist Route.

The Canadian National Railways are advertising the Queen Charlotte Island trip as a tourist route," said Captain Nicholson. "As a brief but real ocean voyage for those who are fond of the sea and wish to get away from the beaten tracks it offers great attractions. The scenery is new and beautiful, the weather at this time of the year is most hospitable so there is no reason why the trip should not become one of great popularity. Some advertising is being done

#### AN INSURGENT LEADER DIES

Charles Burges, one of De Valera's Lieutenants, Fatally Wounded in Fight.

DUBLIN, July 8.—Cathal Burghal, otherwise known as Charles Burges, one of De Valera's chief lieutenants, died yesterday from wounds received Wednesday while trying to fight his way clear at the surrender of the insurgent garrison in Sackville Street.

#### BAD FIRES CONTINUE TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD

Public Works Officials Return After Visit to Interior

J. L. Carruthers and J. A. Anderson of the public works department who arrived in the city from the interior last evening, reports that forest fires are still raging between Terrace and Lakelse. In places it was difficult to get through.

The Ansbury mill is safe but there is a bad fire in that direction that has destroyed the telegraph poles for miles.

On Thursday Terrace was in grave danger. All the Terrace people were out fighting the flames and visitors joined in the effort to get the fire under control.

#### GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOT VERY SAFE SAYS WASHINGTON DESPATCH

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Following the depreciation of the value of the German mark the German Government is threatened and stringent measures are being taken to protect the Republic.