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EDITORIAL

NEW BONDS FOR OLD.

The attention of the holders of the five and a half per cent war loan bonds maturing December 1, 1922, is directed to the offer of the Minister of Finance to renew the loan on favorable terms. The last Canadian loan was placed in New York at a satisfactory price. The Minister is making his present financial operation entirely a domestic one by offering to exchange the maturing bonds for new bonds bearing the same rate of interest, running for either five years or ten years as the bondholder may prefer. A further inducement to the investor is that he receives a bonus of one month's interest. The terms offered are decidedly favorable to the investor and it is probable that a large part of the maturing loan will be renewed. Arrangements for the exchange of the bonds can be made at any branch of the chartered banks. Holders who do not wish to reinvest will be paid in cash on December 1.

ASK CALL OFF WHEAT BOARD

Suitable Men to Administer it
Cannot be Found on Prairies

CALGARY, Aug. 15.—Failing to find any suitable men to head the wheat board, the premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta have notified the Federal Government that they had better call off the wheat board for this year.

WAGE CUT GOES IN FORCE TODAY

\$200,000 Lopped From Wage
Bill for Current Half Month.

MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—The Canadian railways today cut \$200,000 from their semi-monthly wage bill to their shop employees, despite the overwhelming strike ballot which union leaders held in their hands. About 37,000 men employed from coast to coast face the cut owing to the refusal of the railway executives to recede from their position that they may enforce pay reduction pending the award of the board of conciliation. The board after a brief session this morning adjourned to permit the railways to forward their reply to Premier King's letter of yesterday.

WORKERS DEMANDING CALLING OF STRIKE CANADIAN RAILWAYS

MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—The demands of the workers that the Union call a strike of Canadian railway shopmen have become so numerous that Charles Dickie, secretary of the Union, declares "it is no longer a matter for union officials to demand a strike, but one for the railways to find means to keep them at work."

TAMPER WITH MAIL

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Four or five bags of registered mail from Canada were found to have been tampered with on arrival today. Investigation is proceeding.

Witnesses Before Fisheries Commission State Case for Use of Gas Boats on Skeena

The feature of the fisheries inquiry this morning was the plea made by G. W. Nickerson and others for the right to use gas boats on the Skeena River in the salmon fisheries. Mr. Nickerson declaring that the white fishermen could not compete with Japanese under present conditions, but granting the use of gas boats would give them an advantage. Several fishermen also gave evidence in regard to various phases of the fisheries.

Cannery Manager.

David Douglas, of New Westminster, B. C., stated that he had been employed on the Skeena off and on since 1899, as an employee of canneries and as a fisherman. In 1889 he was employed by the B. C. Cannery on the Fraser River. After telling of conditions on the Fraser River he said he thought one fishing license should cover a greater area than one river, and that there should be a government inspector to inspect the cannery and the pack during the season, also that an effort should be made to have the pack uniform.

Mr. Motherwell said that such an inspection practice was in vogue at present, and asked witness how many years experience he had enjoyed on the Skeena.

Witness replied that he had four years experience, two years as manager of the B. C. Cannery. Mr. Motherwell—"You have never had experience as a practical fisherman on the Skeena?"

Witness—"The manager of a cannery has to be almost a practical fisherman if he wants to make a success of it."

Mr. Motherwell—"You have never fished on the Skeena River?"

Witness—"I have never fished nets on the Skeena river myself."

Mr. Martell asked witness if, during the time he was manager of a cannery, he had any knowledge of the fishery regulations being violated by fishermen using more nets than was permitted by law.

Witness said that they never issued any longer than the regulation nets.

Mr. Martell—"You never in any way, during that two years, either willingly or unwittingly assisted in any violation of the law?"

Witness—"Never."

Mr. Douglas said that he had never been at any plant that did not live up to the regulations, not live up to the regulations.

Mr. Martell—"In your four years as manager for this company you never saw any violations of the law by your own fishermen?"

Witness—"There were three boats seized, and I went to Esquimalt and took the case up but they were discharged by Mr. Williams."

Mr. Martell—"I understand that Mr. Williams was a particular friend to the canneries?"

Witness—"I do not know as to that."

Mr. Douglas thought that all the Japanese should be fingerprinted and photographed, which records should be attached to their license and citizen papers.

Motor Boats.

Mr. Martell—"From your knowledge of the Skeena what would you say as to permitting the use of motorboats?"

Witness—"In a river like the Skeena with the tide it has, a motorboat would almost seem to be a necessity."

Witness thought that the closed season regulations as

WILLIAM DUFF, M. P.



Chairman of Fisheries Commission now in session in city.

they stood today should be sufficient to protect the fish, and was of opinion that a four day closed season at the end of July would give the sockeye a chance. Mr. Douglas thought that if motorboats were allowed more white men would fish on the river.

Mr. Martell asked the witness if during his experience as a cannery manager he had employed whites or Japs.

Witness said they were compelled to employ 45 Jap crews and employed some five or six white crews, the rest being Indians. He had always favored the white fishermen because they could put in the most fish.

Mr. Martell—"Do you think there would be any difficulty in getting white fishermen on the Skeena?"

Motor Boats From Fraser

Witness—"With motorboats I think there would be no difficulty, and with the system of one license covering the whole province I think white men on the Fraser would come up the Skeena and fish returning to the Fraser for the fall fishing."

In replying to a question as to what wages the white fishermen averaged witness said he knew of white fishermen who had made sufficient to retire. In fact some of them owned blocks and property in Vancouver. This happened 30 years ago.

Mr. Neill was of the opinion that after all he had missed his vocation and should have been

in the fishing game.

Never Violated Regulations.

Thomas Dawe, salmon fisheries patrolman from Port Esquimalt, was examined particularly regarding policing and administration of fisheries regulations on the Skeena River. Mr. Martell and Mr. Neill led in a cross-examination arising out of certain charges made yesterday by the witness, Brown, of looseness in regard to the carrying out of patrol duties.

Mr. Dawe denied the allegation that he had ever in his official capacity seen Japanese fishing before the proper time. The case in point referred to at Humpback Bay did not come within his territory. Regarding the Japanese fishing with more nets than regulations allowed, (Continued on Page 4.)

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN

British Political Opinion is Divided on Responsibility for Failure

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The delegates to the unsuccessful Allied conference on German reparations left London today. All were in good spirits except Premier Poincaré, of France, who unsmilingly refused to even pose for a photograph before leaving for the station. Poincaré visited the grave of the Unknown Warrior on which he placed a wreath of flowers bound with the French tricolor.

The consensus of press opinion regarding the failure of the conference seems to be that Europe was unable to rise to what might have been a great opportunity to get on her feet towards recovery. Who is responsible for the failure depends whether one holds a British or French view. Pro-government editorials express the hope that France will take counsel of reason and not continue to act against her own interests.

The opposition press says that British people will not allow any administration to quarrel with the friend and ally for the benefit and satisfaction of the Germans.

NO WHEAT BOARD

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—Hope of organizing a wheat board this year has been abandoned.

Mackenzie King Takes Strong Stand Against Action of the Railways in Regard to Wages

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—Premier Mackenzie King has written to the heads of all the Canadian railways expressing the hope that the railways will accept the ruling of the deputy minister of justice that the railways cannot reduce wages pending the completion of arbitration proceedings. Premier King's letter says it must be apparent that if the parties to industrial disputes are permitted to interpret the law in their own way and persist in the course of action which the law officers of the crown find constitutes violations of existing legislation, there can be no guarantee of industrial peace or preservation of law and order.

PROGRAM FOR RECEPTION TO GOVERNOR BYNG

Representative Organizations Will
Take Part in Welcoming
Distinguished Visitor

A report from the mayor intimating to the council the form of the reception that will be accorded to Baron Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada, on his arrival here on his official visit on Saturday afternoon was received by the city council last night.

As the steamer, bearing the vice-regal party, lands, a few strains of the National Anthem will be played. Then the mayor will officially welcome the visitors and an inspection of the guard of honor, G.W.V.A. parade, Boy Scouts, Naval Cadets and Girl Guides will follow. The address of welcome will then be presented on a platform that is to be erected and the members of the party will be introduced to as many people as possible.

An inspection of the dry dock and cold storage plant, for which a special train has been arranged, and an auto drive through the city from Seal Cove will take up the time until the departure of the steamer.

Representatives of the G. W. V. A., Trades and Labor Council, Board of Trade, Daughters of the Empire, and the clergy will take part in the reception.

LOCATE DESTROYER AT ESQUIMALT SOON SAYS NAVAL DEPT.

Training Station to be Established
But no Possibility of Naval
College

VICTORIA, Aug. 15.—Ottawa has officially notified this city that one of the destroyers of the Canadian squadron will sail from Halifax for Esquimalt soon and a training station there will be established. There is no possibility of the training college being continued.

ANXIETY OVER STRIKES

Ottawa Watching Developments
in Railway and Mine Circles

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—There is anxiety again in official circles over the outlook in regard to the coal mine trouble in Nova Scotia, and over the hitch in the hearing of the board of conciliation in the railway shopmen's dispute. It is hoped both these difficulties will be settled, but present developments are being watched with concern.

STRIKE 100 PER CENT

SYDNEY, N.S., Aug. 15.—The strike of Nova Scotia miners is now said to be one hundred per cent of all mine employees in Cape Breton including pumpmen. Safety apparatus in pits is being operated by mine officials and clerical staff.

JAP CHILD DROWNED

A Japanese child named Isama Yamasaki, aged 4 years, was drowned at North Pacific Cannery on Saturday when it fell through the wharf.

Tom Garoff left on a vacation trip to Edmonton where he will visit his brother who is engaged in the farming industry.

Successful Flight Made to interior of Province by Hydroplane Hazelton

HAZELTON, Aug. 14.—The hydroplane Hazelton, owned by Len Bell and Associates, left for Thudade Lake on Saturday morning and returned at eleven o'clock today after having located McClair, a mining man, at noon on Saturday, for whom the plane carried 1,500 pounds of supplies.

On Saturday they spent an hour scouting over new country and located many lakes and one very large lake dotted with islands that is not shown on any map of the interior.

The crew of the hydroplane saw large herds of caribou and goat and some moose. Wildfowl was in abundance.

Thudade Lake is at the head waters of the Findley River and in the past has been reached by pack train, the round trip taking from five to six weeks. Now it can be reached by plane in two hours and the round trip in only a few hours.

On arriving here the plane made a perfect landing in the Skeena River and was seen by a good crowd.

CANADIAN FARMER COMING SATURDAY

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Farmer is due to arrive here on Saturday morning. It is planned to have here go into drydock on the day of her arrival. She will undergo general overhaul.

FALLING OFF SALMON PACK

Total For The Present Season
Will Be Considerably Less
Than in 1918

PINK RUN IS NOW ON
Total Sockeye Pack on Skeena to
Last Friday Was 74,034
Cases

That the total sockeye pack on the Skeena River will be over 30,000 cases less than the pack for 1918 and indicates a falling off in the salmon runs is certain now. The season closes on Tuesday next, yet up to Friday last the total pack this season is 74,034 cases against a total pack four years ago of 123,322. Last year the sockeye pack was only 41,000 cases, so this year it will be easily double of last.

The run of pinks is still coming very fast. There has been a rush for cans recently to care for all the fish offering and every boat from the south has been bringing in a few thousands.

The total pack for the present season up to the evening of Friday last, August 11, is as follows:

Skeena River	
Springs	11,100
Creeke	74,034
Creek Sockeye	2,100
Pinks	49,700
Cohoos	3,398
Chums	2,781
Steelheads	277
Alaska Salmon Packed on Skeena	
Pinks	1,440
Sockeye	3,950
Springs	1,889
Cohoos	780
Chums	15
Naas River	
Sockeye	28,094
Cohoos	634
Pinks	53,300
Chums	5,999
Steelheads	70
Springs	933

DISINTERRED WIFE'S BODY

Edgerton Burns Arrived at Vancouver Too Late for
Funeral.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15.—Arriving from Prince Rupert too late to attend the funeral of his wife, Edgerton Burns of Haro Street, yesterday caused the disinterment of the body at Mountain View cemetery that he might have a last view.

Mrs. Elva Burns died on Aug. 3 while Burns was at Prince Rupert, and the husband knew nothing of her death. Efforts to reach him proved unavailing and the funeral was carried out. Mrs. Burns being buried last Friday. Next morning the husband arrived to learn for the first time of his wife's death.

No ceremony attended the disinterment. Burns secured a permit from the authorities and the body was immediately re-interred after the view. "I certainly wanted to see Elva once more after we'd lived together 40 years," Mr. Burns said.

STRIKE BUG AT CAPE BRETON

Miners Go Out Even After Settlement Has Been Reached

SYDNEY, Aug. 15.—The miners of Cape Breton coal district United Mine Workers struck at midnight although an agreement was reached by their representatives with the mine owners last night and orders were given calling off the strike.

It is believed even the pumpmen and engineers will strike.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS AUSTRALIA DEFEATS THE FRENCH PLAYERS

LONGWOOD, Mass., Aug. 15.—Australia today advanced to the final round in the Davis Cup tennis play when Pat O'Hara Wood defeated the French players in singles. Yesterday Wood of Australia defeated Gobart of France and Patterson of Australia defeated Coshel. This makes Australia four points to one. In the final they will meet Spain, the winner to meet the United States in the challenge round cup.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Elks please attend funeral of late Brother Hughes of Anyox at Hayner Brothers' Parlors, Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m.