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MEN WILL BE NEEDED IN B.C. THIS YEAR BOARD OF TRADE CONSIDERS NEW STEP TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF PORT

Mining and Lumber Industries to Boom This Year say Experts of Government; Everyone Working

VICTORIA, March 15.—British Columbia industry between now and the end of April will require every able-bodied man. This is conveyed in a summary of conditions as they exist today by J. D. McNiven, deputy minister of labor. Because of these conditions, it is understood the government will not take any steps to encourage men to go to the prairies. No extra low rates, such as were in vogue last year, will be either sought or given. In fact the prospects for industry this year are so bright that not only all surplus labor will be taken up but there may develop by summer a serious shortage.

At present unemployment is getting down near the vanishing point. The prairie provinces have asked British Columbia for 1500 men for seeding and during the growing season but now this province has reached the conclusion that it cannot spare that number.

A survey of conditions by government experts shows the logging and lumber industries experiencing the biggest boom they ever had. Indications also point to a startling boom in the mining industry in the province. It was early in this century that the last mining boom took place and it is time now for another period of activity. This is being speeded up by the rising price of copper, which has now reached the seventeen cent level, with the probability of going to twenty cents by the end of the year.

Building is active throughout the province and wage increases for mechanics appear probable later this year.

FOUND GUILTY MANSLAUGHTER

Fred Deal Not Murderer According to Finding of Court at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 15.—Fred Deal was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the second trial on a charge of murdering Constable R. G. McBoath, V.C., while the constable was arresting him for being in charge of an automobile while drunk.

The first trial resulted in a sentence of death. Counsel obtained a second trial on the grounds that Deal was not responsible and was apparently dazed by a blow which the constable is said to have dealt him. A new sentence will be passed at this assize.

CLAIMANT OF WORLD'S ENDURANCE RECORD IN ART OF TERPSICHORE

LONDON, March 15.—A test claimant to marathon dancing honors is Santos Casani, former aviator, who claims to have beaten the world's record with a continuous dancing performance lasting eighteen hours and thirty-four minutes. During this time he did 424 fast dances with successive partners. The first lady lasted thirteen hours.

TWELVE LIVES LOST WHEN BRITISH SHIP SINKS OFF HOLLAND

FLUSHING, Holland, March 15.—The British steamer Merville has gone down near Steenbank with a loss of twelve lives.

OFFICIALS ARE COMING SOON

F. G. Dawson to Meet Mr. Keeley Here on His Return From Ottawa

GENERAL MANAGER COMING

Railway Director to Meet Prince Rupert Delegation at Capital

Word has been received from F. G. Dawson that he will meet B. C. Keeley, Pacific Coast manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, in this city on his return from Ottawa and that E. A. Warren, general manager of western lines, will also be here about that time. These officials would have been here earlier in the year but they have been waiting for Mr. Dawson, whose enforced trip to California rather upset arrangements.

The meeting of railway directors will be held in Ottawa on March 19, and the Prince Rupert delegation should arrive there about the day following. They will be met by Mr. Dawson who will give them every help possible. Mr. Dawson expressed particular pleasure at the information that Hon. T. D. Pattullo is to be a member of the delegation on account of his ability and standing. He thinks the delegation is a strong and aggressive one.

While expressing regret at being unable to come here before going to Ottawa, Mr. Dawson says he will get all necessary information from the members of the delegation.

Mrs. Dawson is greatly improved in health and at the time Mr. Dawson left was in high spirits and convinced that she would make a complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson extend best wishes to the people of Prince Rupert.

Morley Shier was a passenger for Telkwa on business leaving by last night's train.

Authority is Asked for Building of Permanent Brick and Concrete Six Stall Roundhouse at Rupert

According to information received here, A. H. Eager, superintendent of motive power for the Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg, has applied to headquarters at Montreal for authority for the building of a permanent brick and concrete six stall roundhouse here to replace the old frame structure which was destroyed by fire recently. Details are not yet officially available but it is understood three sites are under consideration—at the mouth of Morse Creek, near the drydock, or on the present site. The building of such a roundhouse would run into considerable money and would take at least a year to put up.

For temporary accommodation, a frame structure is now being run up here on the site of the destroyed roundhouse.

NO ROYAL FUNCTIONS FOR THEM

Scottish Laborites Decline Participation in Regal Affairs

LONDON, March 15.—The dour Scots of the Labor party in the House of Commons have sternly renounced participation in any royal functions. Most of them yesterday signed a declaration that they would accept no invitations to such affairs "when there is so much unemployment" in their constituencies. Papers today reiterate the statement that Ramsay MacDonald, John Clynes, Phillip Snowden and James H. Thomas are to dine with the King and Queen tonight at Buckingham Palace.

RESERVE AIR FORCE MAY BE ESTABLISHED

Secretary of British Aviation Department Forecasts Such a Departure in Commons

LONDON, March 15.—Formation of a reserve Air Force of 1,000 officers and 12,000 men and the possible establishment of an auxiliary Air Force was foreshadowed last night by Sir Samuel Hoare, secretary of the Air Department, in the House of Commons.

FIRST CLASS FARE
TO VANCOUVER DOWN
R. F. McNaughton, G. N. R. district passenger agent, this morning announced a reduction in the first class steamer fare from Prince Rupert to Vancouver from \$26 to \$24, also a reduction in the fare from Prince Rupert to Ocean Falls from \$13.75 to \$12.75. The new fares are effective from today.
W. C. Orchard, G.P.R. agent announced a similar reduction on his steamers.

WELL KNOWN TERRACE MAN DIED TODAY

Daniel McGregor Was Pioneer of District and Served as Captain with C.E.F.

Daniel McGregor, accountant of the George Little sawmill at Terrace and well-known old timer in this district, passed away at the General Hospital in this city this morning at 7:05 o'clock. He was admitted to the hospital on Monday night in a serious condition, and had also been in the hospital a fortnight previous to this but had returned to Terrace.

Deceased served with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces for a long period in the Great War. He enlisted in the 30th Battalion early in 1915 and was transferred to the distinguished 16th Canadian Scottish under Col. C. W. Peck, V.C. later receiving his captaincy and going to the Canadian Tunnelling Corps. He was wounded once.

The late Mr. McGregor was 44 years of age and was a native of Cornwall, England, of Scottish descent. He came to the United States at an early age. An expert broad axe man, he was in the G.T.P. Railway in construction days and had contracts in his line. He is survived by a wife and child in England. Mrs. McGregor having gone home about six months ago on account of her illness.

NEAR EAST SETTLEMENT

Problem Brought to Allies by British High Commissioner at Constantinople

PARIS, March 15.—The problem of the peace settlement in the Near East was put more definitely before the Allies today with the arrival from Constantinople of Neville Henderson, acting British High Commissioner at the Turkish city, who brought the official text of the Angora government's proposals to the peace agreement submitted to Turkey at Lausanne.

LONDON, March 15.—A preliminary conference between British, French and Italian representatives to consider the Turkish counter-proposals in the Lausanne draft peace treaty will be held here next week. It is likely that the Lausanne conference will be resumed after the meeting.

WILLIE HOPPE STILL WORLD'S CHAMPION

NEW YORK, March 15.—Willie Hoppe defended successfully his title as world's champion eighteen two ballline billiards, defeating Jake Schaeffer by 1500 to 1341 in a three game series.

BIRTH

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Forkrud, Ambrose Avenue, at the General Hospital on March 15.

APPOINTMENTS OF SIR HENRY

Two Grand Trunk Men Get Positions of Importance in New Organization

OTTAWA, March 15.—The offices of assistant vice-president and publicity agent of the Grand Trunk Railway and general statistician of the Canadian National Railway are abolished as a consequence of the appointment of the following officers, it was announced here last night by Sir Henry Thornton.

D. E. Galloway is to be director of publicity. He has hitherto been publicity agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Montreal.

W. S. Simpson is to be director of publicity. He has been hitherto publicity agent of the Grand Trunk at Montreal.

R. A. C. Henry is to be director of the bureau of economics. He was formerly special engineer of the department of railways and canals at Ottawa.

F. P. Mallory is appointed director of the bureau of statistics. Formerly he was general statistician of the Canadian National at Toronto.

OFFER PLAN REPARATIONS

Germany Will Make Suggestion if Assured it Will Receive Consideration

LONDON, March 15.—Germany is out to make a declaration that she is willing to produce a plan for the final settlement of the reparations question provided she can rely on the plan being received by the allies with attention and consideration, says the Daily Telegraph Berlin correspondent.

JAIL AND FINE DOPE CARRIER

Ah Sing Found With \$1,000 Worth of Morphine on Person—Nine Months and \$200

Ah Sing, Chinese cook from the steamer Prince Rupert and erstwhile dope carrier, came ashore yesterday afternoon shortly after the arrival of the steamer from the south to do a little business.

Suspected by Sergeants Warrior and Jepson, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, he was taken off the street to the city police station and searched. Fastened to his leg with a garter between his sock and underwear was found a package which, on examination by Dr. J. P. Cade, police doctor, was found to contain morphine to the value of \$1,000 retail price.

This morning Ah Sing pleaded guilty before Magistrate McClymont on a charge of having drugs unlawfully in his possession. He was sentenced to do nine months in jail and was also assessed \$200 in the way of a fine.

POOR HOUSE BURNS

ANGELICA, N.Y., Mar. 15.—Seven men and two women perished when the county almshouse, on the outskirts of the village, burned down early today.

Possibility of a Harbor Board for Prince Rupert Mentioned in Parliament

At the meeting of the council of the Board of Trade yesterday, S. K. Campbell put in a memorandum for the use of the delegates to Ottawa urging the appointment of a Harbor Board for Prince Rupert to control the port and to undertake the work of erecting a grain elevator here, borrowing the money to do so from the Dominion government as was done in the case of Vancouver. The matter was not gone into at any great length owing to lack of definite information locally. That the matter has occurred to others in the East is plain, however, from the discussions which have taken place in Parliament. A. M. Carmichael, member for Kinslerley discussing the Vancouver expenditure in the House of Commons said:

"This is the first application that has been made, I believe, for a development that is going to continue. Now, I wonder if this is only the first 'bite' and if there are many more applications to follow. When the hon. member from Skeena (Mr. Stork) was eulogizing the beauties of northern British Columbia and pointing out the advantages of the fine harbor of Prince Rupert, he took occasion to remind us that the prospects of shipping grain from the prairie provinces were never better than by the port of Prince Rupert. Are we to expect that a board of harbor commissioners will be organized at Prince Rupert and an application made here for another five million dollars to develop that port?—and then possibly in the near future another loan of five million dollars asked for the further development of Vancouver harbor? Will the good work continue in this way? If such is the case, I would not be very strongly in favor of lavishly expending Dominion money or loaning it out with the likelihood of not getting it back in the near future. I would rather favor the citizens of the interested cities and provinces getting together and contributing the money—I am sure it would be forthcoming in that western country—and so developing the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert and opening up for the prairie provinces further outlets for the grain."

Murray MacLaren of St. John urged the claims of the city as follows:

"It has been stated once or twice in this discussion that grain can be exported through Vancouver during the winter season and that navigation is during that period closed in the East. Now—I was going to say, unfortunately, but rather I should say, fortunately—that is not a correct statement of facts. At the present time grain is exported from the city of St. John, where the elevator capacity is two million and a quarter bushels, a million more than the elevator capacity at Vancouver. However, the same difficulties exist at the port of St. John that are met at the port of Vancouver; that is, there is lack of accommodation and facilities. It is not a case of creating business. The business is there, but it is being refused; it is being lost on account of the lack of accommodation. That is one reason why I am in favor of the encouragement of all ports in this Dominion that are suitable to the handling of the business which presents itself. A few days ago in the port of St. John

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MOUNTIES WILL BE UNCHANGED

Motion to Restrict Their Operations to Unorganized Territory is Defeated

OTTAWA, Mar. 15.—A labor resolution to disband the present organization of the Canadian Mounted police and to place the Government buildings and property with Dominion police and restore the Northwest mounties for policing unorganized Canadian territory, was defeated in the House of Commons by 156 to 23. The present organization will remain unchanged.

The progressive member for Portage La Prairie, Harry Leader, moved a reduction by twelve and a half per cent in the Parliamentary indemnities and the salaries of ministers. He insisted that economies should begin with Parliament. The debate was not finished at the time of adjournment.

SASKATCHEWAN REMAINING DRY

Government Rejects Petition Asking for Another Plebiscite for Moderation Law

REGINA, March 15.—The Saskatchewan government will not change its policy regarding liquor for some time and yesterday it rejected the petition of the Moderation League signed by 65,075 residents asking for a vote in regard to the matter. The government points out that there have been two plebiscites already and a third could not do any good. They must try prohibition a little longer.

OIL WELL EXPLODED SOUTHERN ALBERTA

CALGARY, March 15.—The Illinois-Alberta oil well, 35 miles from here, exploded and burned Wednesday causing \$25,000 damage. It burned many hours and steam jets were finally applied to quench the flames.

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