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FAVOR TAX ON FOREIGN CANNED SALMON

NISHIDA IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER BY JURY IN ASSIZE COURT

Buckley Bay Japanese Given Four Years for Killing of Countryman

Found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the killing of B. Harata at Buckley Bay on August 18, E. Nishida, Japanese, was sentenced to four years in the New Westminster penitentiary by Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald at the Supreme Court assies this morning.

Before sentence was passed, L. W. Patmore, counsel for the defence, referred to the fact that Nishida had had no previous criminal record. Archdeacon G. A. Rix knew accused, having baptised him and he requested that he be heard on behalf of the prisoner.

Archdeacon Rix told of accused having been brought to him for benediction. Subsequent to this, the character of the prisoner had been exemplary and he had expressed profound religious convictions. Just before the time that Nishida had come under Christian influence he had been drinking heavily and was subject to illness on account of his head. For three days he had been practically unconscious in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Following his benediction, he had kept in close touch with the missionary representative at Buckley Bay. He had been led astray, however, by a friend who induced him to drink and it was probably drinking that had caused him to take the extreme action resulting in the tragedy that had been enacted.

Profoundly Sorry

The Archdeacon declared that he had never known a man who was more profoundly sorry for his action. His experience had undoubtedly taught him a lesson that he would never forget. He (Archdeacon Rix) agreed that on the evidence no other verdict could have been returned than the one that had been brought in by the jury. He would make a plea no behalf of accused, however, on account of his church record and the fact that his experience had been a lesson that in the future would always keep him on the straight and narrow path.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said that the remarks of Archdeacon Rix would result in a lesser sentence being passed than he had intended. It was very likely that the prisoner had received a severe lesson but the people who came to the shores of Canada must be taught that they could not lightly use dangerous weapons. It was more often in the cases of people who came here than Canada's own people that such incidents as these occurred.

"I will reduce the sentence from what I had intended to four years in the penitentiary," concluded His Lordship.

Time that Nishida has already served will apply on the time of the sentence.

After deliberating for a few minutes over an hour, the jury returned to the courtroom yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock with its verdict of manslaughter against Nishida. It was transmitted to him through the court interpreter, Sadao Suga, and the prisoner was remanded until this morning for sentence. The jury was dismissed and court adjourned.

Charge to Jury

Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald delivered a fair and impartial charge to the jury and reviewed the evidence concisely. He defined the law on murder and explained that, if they believed

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TWO YEARS FOR TOMMY ATKINS

Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald Deems Prisoner a Great Menace to Society

Because of the fact that the prisoner had a very black police record and had many previous convictions against him, Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald this morning meted out a severe sentence of two years on Tommy Atkins who stood convicted by the jury on a charge of stealing a banjo valued at $120.

"I have given your case much thought," said His Lordship in passing sentence. "From your own statements it seems that you are a man who has been unable to gain a lesson from your past experiences. I am afraid you are the sort of a man who is a great menace to society and the only possible way to help you out will be to give you time in which to think things over and possibly come to a conclusion that there are better ways of living one's life than you have been doing. I, therefore, sentence you to two years imprisonment."

In answer to a question by Atkins, His Lordship allowed the time that prisoner has already served awaiting trial to apply on his sentence.

BABY SQUARES JAPAN MARKET

Three Million Feet Being Cut at Swanson Bay For Export

SWANSON BAY, Nov. 8.—The sawmill of the Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd. at Swanson Bay, under the directorship of Receiver Gyles and the local management of R. L. Hennessey, is continuing as usual. It is now working on an order of three million feet of hemlock and balsam baby squares for the Japanese market, which it hopes to complete by the middle of November.

CANADIAN ROVER IS NOT BADLY DAMAGED

C.G.M.M. Vessel Will Not Require Docking Immediately, it is Understood

Damage sustained by the C. G. M. M. steamer Canadian Rover when she touched bottom down the coast at the first of week is said to have been very slight. The vessel proceeded to Ocean Falls and is loading paper for California. Docking immediately it is understood will not be necessary.

Jockey Steve Donaghue was guarded by a force of special officers while leaving the field after the international race between the English Derby winner Papyrus and Zev, the American three-year-old.

First Definite Step Taken with View to Establishment of Free Trade within British Empire

LONDON, Nov. 8—The first definite step toward free trade within the Empire and tariff against all outsiders was taken yesterday here when the imperial economic conference decided in favor of a tax of ten shillings per hundredweight on foreign canned salmon. Empire products will not be taxed.

Action was also taken in regard to protection against outside competition in apple growing. Apples, fruit juices and honey it is arranged will be duty free within the Empire.

Another step in this direction is expected to be taken in connection with tobacco on which preferential duties are expected to be established.

LUMBER EXPORT FROM VICTORIA INCREASING

Seven Million Feet Already on Order for This Month and More Expected

VICTORIA, Nov. 8.—November is likely to prove a record month in the lumber export business of Victoria. Already the local mills report a total of 7,335,000 feet of lumber for export during the month of November. There is every indication that from eleven to twelve million feet of lumber will go out of this port during November.

The Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company so far leads the monthly list of exporters. The C.P.S. reports 4,165,000 feet of lumber for export this month, while the Cameron Lumber Company have 2,570,000 feet to ship. Lemon & Gonnason report 190,000 feet of lumber for export this month, with 2,000 doors gone out on the Makura. Moore & Whittington have 410,000 feet to export.

FISH ARRIVALS

The following fishing vessels sold their catches at the local exchange this morning:

American

Rolfe, 4,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 18.1c and 10c.

Tatoosh, 18,000, to Cold Storage, at 18c and 10c.

Lincoln, 26,000, to Pacific Fisheries, at 17.9 and 10c.

Nomad, 4,500, to Booth Fisheries, at 18.1c and 10c.

Canadian

Tramp, 7,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 16.2c and 11.6c.

Point May, 500, to Booth Fisheries, at 16.1c and 10c.

The G. E. Foster and James Carruthers belonging to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company brought in 45,000 and 20,000 resptetively.

C.N.R. steamer Prince George, Capt. W. S. Morehouse, arrived from Vancouver and way ports at 12:30 last night and sailed early this morning for Anyox.

BENEFIT TO B. C.

Congratulatory Telegram Received Here From Agent General

With reference to the deliberations of the Imperial Conference at London on tariffs for inter-Empire and foreign trade, E. C. Gibbons, president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, this afternoon received a cable from F. C. Wade, K.C., agent general for B.C. in London, indicating that British duties will be raised on exports from foreign countries of canned salmon, apples, fruit juices, honey and tobacco, in order to encourage inter-Empire trade. Thus British Columbia is benefitted particularly says Mr. Wade in the cable which offers heartiest congratulations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WILL REMAIN IS OPINION OF PREMIER

VICTORIA, Nov. 8. — Little hope that the personal property tax can be abolished at this time was held out by Premier Oliver today to a delegation representing the Victoria chamber of commerce, which protested against the levy.

Indian Agent W. E. Collison addressed the Rotary Club this afternoon on "Early Days in Northern B.C."

SUPPORT FOR BARBERS BILL IS WEAKENING

VICTORIA, Nov. 8.—According to word that is filtering here, the proposed bill that is designed to legislate barbers into one of the learned professions is weakening, due to lack of support from original boosters. If reports are correct, the prospect of dollar haircuts and half dollar shaves does not appeal to the people. Bob-hair-cutting, under the new law's revised costs would run to a dollar, also. Barbers who thought the idea was good—at first—are now beginning to ask if it will really benefit them. It is seen that the little shops would be virtually extinguished and the benefits would only reach the few. As a substitute it is suggested that municipal laws of hygiene and control would serve every logical purpose, without giving an exclusive board the chance to have a rake-off on salaries, expenses and arbitrary prices.

HAPPY BUT POOR

Daughter of Earl Stradbrooke Enjoys Life as Wife of Wireless Operator

LONDON, Nov. 8.—In an interview with the Daily Sketch Lady Pleasaun, daughter of Earl Stradbrooke, present governor of Victoria, Australia, who married a wireless operator on a British liner recently has asked for employment as a needlewoman to augment her husband's wages. She says she is happier than ever in her life but very poor.

Rain did Much Damage Stewart Roads: was Eighteen Inches of Snow at Premier Last Week

Considerable damage was done to the Salmon River road by the heavy rains that fell at the end of last week according to Dale L. Pitt, manager of the Premier Mine, who is in town. Bridges and culverts were washed out and the road was impassable for a short time but prompt action was taken and the company put on a large crew of men to make temporary repairs with the resul tthat traffic was held up for only a couple of days. The damage was caused by washouts from the side hills and the river did not overflow its banks because it snowed in the mountains and was cold. There was 18 inches of snow last week at the Premier mine and some is still left although subsequent rains washed much of it away. This tended to cause difficulty on the upper part of the road. The rains did not cause any damage or interruption on the tram line.

Piles and false work on the new Bear River bridge were also washed out, it was fortunate that the storm did not come just a few days later for preparations were being made to instal the heavy superstructure and it would have undoubtedly been swept out as well. Although some delays are occasioned on the bridge construction it is still hoped to have it finished and ready for traffic this winter. The fill was not damaged.

Good progress is being made on the road to the Indian Mine, Mr. Pitt reports.

Speaking of activities at the Premier Mine, Mr. Pitt says that operations are being carried on normally and steady shipments are being made. There are about 350 men on the payroll and 500 tons of ore are being produced daily. Shipments to smelter amount to 300 tons per day and the mill is turning out 200 tons. The shipping ore goes half to the Anyox smelter and half to Tacoma. The concentrates are shipped to Selby, California.

Mr. Pitt is leaving on the Prince George tonight for Vancouver and Victoria on a brief business trip. Mrs. Pitt is accompanying him.

ALASKAN CITIES WISH DIVISION OF TERRITORY

Vote Taken Yesterday Strongly in Favor of Separation of Pan Handle

JUNEAU, Nov. 8.—Six out of eight cities voting yesterday in a special election on the question of separating the southeastern part of Alaska from the southwestern section showed 1264 in favor of the division and 89 against it.

The election is not a referendum but simply an expression of opinion with a view to influencing Congress to divide the territory.

LAUNCH PACHENA LEFT FOR ISLANDS

Takes Loggers and Witnesses to Buckley Bay—Will Also go Hunting

The power boat Pachena, Capt. A. Swanson, left port this afternoon for Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, with fifteen passengers comprising loggers for the Massett Timber Co. and witnesses who were here in connection with the present assize court. From Massett the Pachena will proceed to Gardner Canal on hunting bent. Included in the hunting party are Capt. Tommy Watts and Capt. Gammon.

ESTHONIANS TO SETTLE IN B.C.

Sir John Pitka has Conference With Premier and Minister of Lands

VICTORIA, Nov. 8.—plans for the establishment of a colony of Estlionfans in Central British Columbia were discussed at a conference between Premier Oliver, Hon. T. D. Pattullo and Rear Admiral Sir John Pitka, re-representative of the Canadian National Railways in Esthonia, who was here yesterday.

It is planned to bring 100 farmers to settle on the land shortly. Premier Oliver said British Columbia was anxious to get settlers and was ready to make satisfactory arrangements for providing them with land. He declared that lands suitable for the proposed colony could be obtained in the interior of British Columbia, probably along the line of the P.G.E. railway.

FOUR CARS OF ORE ARRIVED

Four or Five More Cars Being Loaded and Others Will Follow

SHIP BY VOLUNTEER

Four cars of ore have arrived here from Smithers with 150 tons of rich ore from the Duthie mines. The ore is sacked and will be assembled here until the Canadian Volunteer has completed her overhaul when it will be loaded on her.

Four or five more cars are being loaded at Smithers now and regular shipments are expected to be made, the paper ships coming north from Ocean Falls to take it south.

The ore is hauled out from the mine to the railway at Smithers by wagon and the present plans are for it to be shipped south regularly by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine vessels.

FALL SESSION OF ASSIZES CLOSED

Divorce Absolute Granted This Morning in Case of W. S. Skulsh vs. Mabel Skulsh

The fall session of the Supreme Court assizes here closed this morning when Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald granted a decree of divorce absolute in the case of W. S. Skulsh vs. Mabel Skulsh, Frank Harris co-respondent. L. W. Patmore had the case for the appellant, W. E. Fisher, appearing for the appellant in the divorce case of E. Kollins vs. Thomas Kollins, K. Le Roy, correspondent. was granted a traverse to next assizes.