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# JAPANESE LICENSES DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA

## FORTY PER CENT REDUCTION IS SUBJECT FOR DEBATE HOUSE OF COMMONS

### Government is Firm on Elimination of Japanese Fishermen at Canneries

OTTAWA, March 28.—Brig.-Gen. J. A. Clark, Conservative member for Burrard, yesterday introduced a motion to adjourn the House of Commons to discuss a grievance which he said cannerymen of British Columbia had in the decision without warning to curtail licenses to Oriental fishermen by 40 per cent.

General Clark said the cannerymen had made extensive arrangements for the coming season on the strength of the understanding that the government would make no changes until next year, irrespective of what the Duff Commission might recommend in connection with a reduction of the fishing licenses. This would work a great hardship on the cannerymen.

The motion was seconded by Leon Ladner, another British Columbia Conservative member.

Ron. Ernest Lapointe, minister of fisheries, said instructions had been sent out to have the number of Orientals reduced and the regulation would be enforced. It was interesting to note that the same members who had pretended to be a unit in demanding the federal government's action against Orientals should protest when such action happened to interfere with the Orientals employed by themselves or their friends.

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While several British Columbian members supported General Clark to the extent of saying that the Duff reports should have been published before the government anti-license policy was announced, A. W. Neill of Comox-Alberni, one of the members of the Duff Commission interposed that "the cannerymen are whining because they fear to lose on contracts made with their Japanese friends."

The discussion talked itself out and the motion to adjourn the House to discuss the matter was withdrawn.

### STEAMER FOR NAAS RIVER

John Derby to Have Vessel Built  
Here for Service to Fertile  
Farming Valley

### LOCAL TEACHERS TO ATTEND CONVENTION IN SOUTH NEXT WEEK

Several members of the local public school teaching staff are sailing by the Prince Rupert on Friday morning for Vancouver where they will attend the annual convention of the Provincial Teachers' Federation which will take place in the King Edward High School, Vancouver, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Among those planning to go from here are J. G. Brady, principal of the King Edward High School; D. H. Hartness, vice-principal of Booth Memorial School; Miss S. A. Mills, vice-principal of Borden Street School; Miss E. A. Mercer, Miss S. A. Stone, James R. Mitchell and possibly Superintendent H. L. Campbell.

Out-of-town teachers who will pass through the city tomorrow night on their way to the convention will include Miss D. G. Thompson, of Telkwa, and Miss Weatherhead and Miss Kelleher, of Ush.

### FIREMAN LOSES LIFE AT FORT WILLIAM

FORT WILLIAM, March 28.—David Gerou, a fireman, leaving a widow and three children, was killed in a fire which destroyed two business buildings. The property damage runs into several hundred thousand dollars.

### NAT. RAILWAY STILL LOSING

Total Operating Deficit for Year  
\$9,765,418 Says Minister of  
Railways

#### LOSS ON WESTERN RATES

Passenger Service For Which  
System Was Organized did  
not Materialize

OTTAWA, March 28.—The Canadian National Railway gross earnings in 1922 decreased by \$6,866,509 said Hon. George Graham in the House of Commons yesterday. The yearly average mileage operated on the whole system is 22,665.

The road was organized for increased passenger service which did not materialize. The tonnage of freight was slightly higher and the average haul and train loadings improved but freight earnings fell of \$3,901,611.

The restoration of the Crow's Nest Pass rates on grain reduced the earning during the last half year by six and a half millions but the earnings exceeded the expenses in September, October and November.

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### WINNIPEG IS STOPPING FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

Crown Prosecutor in Middle West  
City Rules Contests Illegal  
and Orders Them Dis-  
continued

WINNIPEG, March 27.—Crown authorities moved to close down football competitions conducted by four Winnipeg papers when Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham, K.C., announced he had written to proprietors of the papers to inform them he considered the competitions illegal under provisions of the criminal code against gambling houses.

Consultation between the crown prosecutor and solicitors for the papers affected was suggested by Mr. Graham, who stated he would take court action in the event of failure to comply with his suggestion.

Papers which may come under competition ban are the O.U.B. Bulletin, The Badge, The Review and the Western Labor News.

Action against the papers marked the second move on the part of crown authorities to suppress football competitions in which cash prizes are offered in connection with results of Old Country league football competitions.

An amendment to the criminal code gave the power to close down competitions based on wins and losses. They were revised on a basis of comparative scores with previous games. This system has been continued since last fall and is now held illegal by the crown.

### LONGSHOREMAN DIED IN HOSPITAL AFTER FEW DAYS' ILLNESS

The death occurred yesterday afternoon in the local hospital of Richard Umbria, a longshoreman of this city. Deceased was 51 years of age and was a native of Estonia, Russia. He had resided in the city for thirteen years and was admitted to the hospital on Friday last.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the Longshoremen's Union of which deceased was a member.

### MANITOBA WILL VOTE LIQUOR LEGISLATION

Choice Between Control and Open  
Sale of Beer and Wine or as  
at Present

WINNIPEG, March 28.—Manitoba will have two votes on the liquor question in June, the Legislature has decided. The first will be the moderation league bill providing for government control and the second the open sale of beer and wine.



A unique fence made of basket-work in Bournemouth, England.

### Execution of Russian Church Dignitaries is Postponed as Result of British Denunciation

LONDON, March 28.—The chairman of the All Russian Central Committee in Moscow today ordered the postponement of the execution of Archbishop Zelipak and Monsieur Butchavitch, says a Riga despatch.

The postponement is presumably because of the scathing denunciation in the British Parliament of the massacre of the religious leaders who were found guilty of trying to prevent the sacking of church treasures by Bolsheviks.

One British parliamentarian suggested that the British government request Russian trade and diplomatic agents in London to leave the country if the executions were carried out.

WARSAW, Mar. 28.—The soviet government of Russia has informed the Polish Government that the death sentence against Archbishop Zenitak, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia will not be carried out, at least for the present. The affair will be taken up in diplomatic negotiations.

### NEW DRYDOCK VANCOUVER

Is to be Completed on North  
Shore Under Government  
Subsidy

### SUING FOR DIVORCE

Wife of Alaskan Canneryman De-  
clares he is Worth About a  
Million Dollars

SEATTLE, March 28.—Mrs. Burkhardt, wife of the well known Alaska canneryman, is suing her husband for a divorce. She has been awarded \$200 a month alimony until such time as the trial takes place in May.

Burkhardt in an affidavit declares he is worth only \$30,000.

But his wife says his holdings are valued at about a million dollars and her husband is concealing his interests in order to deprive her of her rightful share.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of the Prince Rupert General Hospital nursing staff, is on a month's holidays. She expects to leave at the end of the week for Vancouver where she will visit with her daughter, Duke of Beaufort.

### No Wrongful Intent on Part of Pensions Board but Strongly Criticized

OTTAWA, March 28.—The Railstom commission today made a report on the charges brought against the pensions board by officials of the G.W.V.A. and finds that the association failed to sustain charges of conspiracy or other wrongful intent by the pensions board in dealing with the rights of ex-service men. The report states, however, that the claim that ex-service men had been deprived of rights previously granted by parliament and that established privileges had been nullified is sustained.

The commission was appointed as the result of charges made in a telegram by certain officials of the G.W.V.A. and issued to the press charging the pensions board with "contemptible and cold blooded conspiracy to deprive ex-service men of their rights."

The commission says it believes the telegram was published in good faith and as a last resort after a prolonged endeavor to have their rights and supposed established privileges maintained or restored, but that the imputation of bad faith and extreme language used were in the light of the evidence now available not justified.

A ground for strong criticism by the commission is that the pensions board gave undue prominence to the idea that their duty was that of a trustee of public funds. This function after all was only secondary to the duty of the pension board as trustees of the rights and benefits which Canada intended for ex-service men and their dependents. These rights and benefits should not be disregarded by the pensions board.

### PIONEER BUSINESSMEN OF VANCOUVER ARE DEAD

VANCOUVER, March 28.—E. W. McLean, a Vancouver realtor and old time businessman, died of heart disease in San Diego.

James M. Dale, a pioneer merchant of Hammond, who for upwards of thirty years conducted a store at Maple Ridge, died here yesterday.

#### WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.

BULL HARBOR.—Foggy, light north-west wind; barometer 30.22; temperature 38; light swell; 12.55 a.m. spoke steamer Prince Rupert abeam. Fog Rock northbound, due in at 3 p.m.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Cloudy; calm; barometer 29.98; temperature 38; sea smooth.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, light south-east wind; barometer 30.15; temperature 36; sea smooth; Chelohsin out 7.10 p.m. southbound; 10 p.m. spoke steamer Jefferson arrived Quadra 8 p.m. southbound; 2 a.m. spoke steamer Prince John left Queen Charlotte City midnight bound Buckley Bay northbound; Prince John due in tomorrow noon; Prince Mary out 4.35 a.m. southbound.

Noon

BULL HARBOR.—Cloudy; light southwest wind; barometer 30.14; temperature 46; light swell; fog seaward; 9.30 a.m. spoke steamer Chelohsin in Millbank Sound southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Cloudy; calm; barometer 29.89; temperature 50; sea smooth.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear; calm; barometer 30.00; temperature 43; sea smooth.

Five halibut boats marketed 54,000 pounds of fish at the Exchange this morning. First class fish brought as high as 19c, and second class took a jump when one boat was paid 12c.

The following boats marketed today:

Gony, 3,000 pounds, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 19c. and 10c.

Sentinel, 24,000 pounds, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 19.7c. and 12c.

Annie Tuck, 5,000 pounds; Thelma, 14,000 pounds, and Cape Spear, 5,000 pounds, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co. at 17.8c and 11c.

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