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ROYAL COMMISSION OPENS AT VICTORIA

LABOR LEADERS DECLARE DOCKERS STRIKE ENDED FOLLOWING BALLOT

Royal Commission Probing the Pacific Great Eastern Charges Opens but does not get very far

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—The Royal Commission investigating the Pacific Great Eastern Railway charges by the Provincial Party did not get very far this morning. At the opening Sir Charles Tupper for the Provincial Party, complained that General McRae, the third party leader, had been subjected to gross personal attacks by members of the government and he proposed to call General McRae for investigation. Objections were made by opposing counsel and Mr. Justice Gallihier said there was nothing in his commission calling for the examination of McRae.

INVESTIGATE BANK AFFAIRS

Commission Will Look Into Question Whether Representations Were Made Before

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The Government has decided to appoint a commission to investigate the Home Bank. The commission will among other things investigate whether in the years 1915, 1916 and 1918 representations were made to the department of finance respecting the condition of the Home Bank and if so what reparations were made.

LITTLE NATIVE GIRL PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Elizabeth Tait, Aged 9, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tait, Is Dead

Elizabeth Tait, aged 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tait, natives, 111 Market Place, died yesterday from tuberculosis. The little girl was born in Port Simpson and had lived here seven years. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

AMERICAN CONCERTS FOR BRITISH PEOPLE

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The transmission of American concerts as part of the regular program for British radio fans was successful on Saturday night. A Philharmonic concert picked up at Biggin Hill, Surrey, was telephoned to London where it was broadcast throughout the British Isles.

DELIVER MERCHANDISE REPARATIONS ACCOUNT

COBLENZ, Feb. 25.—The inter-allied commission announced that it had signed agreements with a number of industrial groups in Rhineland including brick, tile and cement works under which the merchandise will be delivered on reparations account.

SUBSTRUCTURE OF TERRACE BRIDGE ABOUT FINISHED

Hansen & Shockey will be through with their contract for the substructure of the Terrace bridge this week it is expected. The approaches and six of the piers are already finished and there remains but a couple of so days work on the last pier on the north side of the river.

MESSENGER IS ARRESTED

Bramwell and Two Men Living at His Home Held for Investigation by Police

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—Walter Bramwell, 52 years of age, the messenger for the Imperial Bank who with K. Anderson, manager of the Fairview branch was held up and robbed of \$32,000 on Friday, was arrested with two others and is being held for investigation in connection with the case. Charles Greenwood, 37, who resided at Bramwell's home and Bert Smith were arrested. Both the latter are lonshoremen and are being held for investigation.

WIRELESS REPORT

(8 a.m.) Digby Island — Overcast, barometer, 29.80; temperature, 42; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.70; temperature, 35; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor — Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.78; temperature, 42; sea smooth; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox towing Granco 346 mile from Anyox northbound.

(Noon) Digby Island — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.87; temperature, 45; sea smooth; 12:30 p.m. spoke steamer Canadian Scottish, position 8 a.m. 344 miles from Prince Rupert inbound; Princess Mary due 2:30 p.m. northbound.

Dead Tree Point — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.70; temperature, 45; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor — Cloudy, light southwest wind; barometer, 29.75; temperature, 50; light swell.

HOCKEY SCORES

Saturday's Games
Ottawa 1, Montreal 0.

DRYDOCK READY AT VANCOUVER IS FOR SMALL SHIPS

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—The first section of the floating drydock built by the Wallace Shipbuilding & Drydock Company is practically complete and will be ready for use, probably this week. It is made up of four pontoons and will be capable of accommodating ships up to 5,000 tons. This is one-fourth the size of the floating dock at Prince Rupert.

FARM WORKER'S BODY IS FOUND IN STABLE

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—The body of Allen Birkhead, a farm worker was found in a stable on the McTavish farm near Palmer. Death was due to hanging. Birkhead came from Inglewood, Ontario, about six months ago and was 23 years of age.

SATURDAY FOOTBALL IN THE OLD COUNTRY

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A soccer game was played on Saturday between the Old Cheltonians and Woolwich Arsenal in which the former scored 25 against the Arsenal's 14.

In the English cup tie series Watford scored 0 and Newcastle 1.

GORMAN OF ST. JOHN SKATING CHAMPION

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 25.—Charles Gorman of St. John won the international skating championship on Saturday covering three miles in 8 minutes 46 3-5 seconds.

LUMBER EXPORT WAS DOUBLE YEAR 1922

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—British Columbia shipments of water-borne lumber to overseas markets totalled 531,707,132 board feet last year, an increase of 91 per cent over 1922 shipments.

AIR MAIL SERVICE

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 25.—An aeroplane mail service was successfully inaugurated Thursday, between Fairbanks and McGrath.

PLANT WAS BURNED

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 25.—The Kelsay-Burns milling plant was burned down last night, the damage amounting to \$500,000.

Victoria is complaining that while Prince Rupert and other coast points are included in the chart of weather statistics the capital city that boasts of having the only real climate on the coast is often excluded. Steps will be taken to have the condition remedied.



The Russian ice skating champion, Melnikov, is looked upon as one of the speediest in the game. He has been timed in 46 seconds for the 500 metres distance.

Arrangements Complete for Scottish Settlers to Locate in this Province

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—Definite arrangements for the financing of the movement of fishermen from the Hebrides Islands to the settlements of the British Columbia coast have been closed by Hon. T. D. Pattullo who called Agent General Wade at the week end announcing that the Provincial Government would advance progress loans up to \$300 per family to the Hebrides settlers.

In addition to the amount the B.C. Government loans, the Imperial Government will advance a similar amount. Settlers will be given homesteads on the coast and on the Islands where they may engage in fishing and farming.

Union Leaders Call off Strike Dockers in Britain Following Vote Taken in Ports Yesterday

LONDON, Feb. 25 (noon).—A conference of dock workers today called off the dockmen's strike, which has been in progress since February 16.

LONDON, Feb. 25 (a.m.).—There is every prospect that the strike will be ended today and work in the ports be resumed on Thursday. At Liverpool, Glasgow, Bristol, Hull, the dockers voted strongly yesterday in favor of acceptance of the terms offered by the employers. Conditions in London are less certain. Blue Union men held a meeting and resolved to strike for half a crown advance. It is said, however, that their action would not prevent a general settlement if the remainder of the ports came into line.

The terms granted are considered very favorable to the men. With an additional shilling a day to be granted next June they will be earning twelve shillings daily and there will be no reduction, even though the cost of living drops.

A committee will be appointed with an independent chairman nominated by the minister of Labor to develop and extend plans for the registration and decasualization recommended by Lord Shaw's committee of inquiry in 1920, but never given effect.

HEAD OF SALVATION ARMY REFUSES TITLE

LONDON, Feb. 25.—It is understood that Commissioner Lamb of the Salvation Army has declined an offer of knighthood.

SHIPYARD WORKERS THREW DOWN TOOLS

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 25.—Five thousand shipyard workers threw down their tools on Saturday to maintain a demand for an advance of 17 shillings weekly. They represent all skilled workers in dozens of unions.

As a result of the action of the men almost the whole shipyards here are brought to a standstill.

BRAKEMAN KILLED REVELSTOKE TODAY

REVELSTOKE, Feb. 25.—J. H. McKay of Enderby, a brakeman, was killed at Three Valley this morning, the train passing over his body and cutting it in two.

Many New Voters are on List Which has Been Completed in Readiness for Beer Plebiscite

The voters' list for the forthcoming beer plebiscite closed at midnight on Saturday evening with some 400 or 500 additional names having been placed on the list for Prince Rupert and Mackenzie ridings for which Prince Rupert is the head office. There will be a court of revision on April 7, the same date on which registration for the ordinary provincial voters' list closes. The court of revision for the latter will be held on May 19.

Walter Gale, deputy registrar, who is in charge of the recording for the lists, explained that it is not necessary for those who voted at the last provincial election in this district to register here again. Their names automatically go on the list. It is necessary, however, for those who did not vote at last election, those who have been transferred from one district to another, new citizens, etc., to register. This applies likewise to the beer plebiscite list, which has just been closed, and the ordinary list.

Rupert Headquarters

Prince Rupert is headquarters for Prince Rupert and Mackenzie districts. Prince Rupert riding includes this city, Tsimpsean Peninsula, Porcher, Pitt and the Queen Charlotte Islands. Mackenzie, which is separated from Prince Rupert by the southern end of Skeena district, includes Ocean Falls, Bella Bella, Bella Coola, and Powell River. Skeena, which is divided from Prince Rupert on the west, a short way out of the city and on the east from Omineca just west of Telkwa, takes in Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers and Telkwa and Princess Royal Island, Surf Inlet and Swanson Bay on the coast. The head office for Skeena is Smithers which is also head office for Omineca which includes a large territory east of Skeena taking in Burns Lake, Fort Fraser, Vanderhoof, Francois, Ootsa and Stuart Lakes and the Babine district. Atlin, with head office at Anyox, is largely the same as it was before redistribution.

ANGLICANS OPPOSED TO OPEN BAR SAYS REV. DEAN QUANTON

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—"While the best method of preventing the improper use of liquor is to create a strong public sentiment against unlawful traffic and against the abuse of lawful privileges, the means of enforcing the law should be improved," said Dean Quanton at the Anglican Synod here. It was recommended that all the police forces in the Province should be re-organized and consolidated into one body, whose jurisdiction should cover not only the unorganized districts but also the cities and rural municipalities. The dean, speaking for the committee, said that they were unanimous in their opposition to the open bar. Its abolition represented a real advance. But there was still, the committee thought, an excessive consumption of alcoholic liquors, and in this connection the report added: "It must be a very difficult thing to resist the temptation to encourage the sale of alcoholic liquors when its profits were devoted to the lightening of the burdens of taxation."

BIRTH

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on February 21, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Doiron, 270 Fifth Avenue West.

FIRPO KNOCKED OUT OPPONENT

Lodge Went Down Before Mighty Body Blow of Argentine Fighter

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25.—Luis Firpo knocked out Farmer Lodge in the fifth round of a fifteen round bout. The knockout blow was a terrific right to the body and was preceded by a left to the jaw. Lodge had to be carried to his corner. Frequent clinchings marked the fight, Lodge apparently seeking to guard against Firpo's mighty right. Lodge took the aggressive in the first round, forcing Firpo to the ropes. He scarcely landed a blow that the Argentinian seemed to feel. Lodge was twice floored before the knockout. Firpo weighed 218 and his opponent 231.

CANADIAN SCOTTISH EXPECTED WEDNESDAY

Vessel Will Go on Dry Dock For Inspection Following Reported Grounding in Orient

C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Scottish is expected in port from the Orient about noon on Wednesday. She will enter the dry dock for inspection. W. A. Wallace of Vancouver, representative of the underwriters, arrived from the south last night to inspect the vessel which, it is reported, had a grounding on the other side.

WOMAN IN LONDON KILLED HERSELF AND TWO CHILDREN

LONDON, Feb. 25.—An unknown woman threw a girl of five and a baby boy from the bell tower of Westminster Abbey 280 feet to the ground and then plunged to the pavement herself, falling near the dead bodies of her children.

EMBARGO ON CATTLE COMING FROM STATES

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—An embargo has been placed on cattle from the states of California, Oregon and Nevada by the Dominion Government following confirmation of an outbreak of hoof and mouth diseases in Alameda County, California.

FIRE DESTROYED TOWN OF STAVELEY

CALGARY Feb. 25.—Fire razed the seventeen buildings, almost the entire business district of Staveley, 73 miles south of here yesterday morning, the damage being estimated at \$200,000.