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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1924.

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Street Sales 307.

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STEAMER AMUR FLOATED AND COMING HERE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION PREVENT PROFITEERING DURING STRIKE

British Government Appoints Committee to Investigate the Strike and Report Conditions

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Premier J. Ramsay Macdonald announced in the House of Commons the appointment of three members to make a report on the strike. The decisions of the committee will not be binding on the House. The members of the committee will hear the testimony of employers and employees.

The cabinet council yesterday resulted in the issuance of a statement from Downing Street to the effect that prices were being raised by exploiters and the hope that this notice would result in the stopping of increases. Meantime the law officers of the crown have been asked to consider the powers of the government and to draft the necessary emergency measures.

Steamers Tyrrenia and Doric from New York arrived at Liverpool but were unable to dock, so discharged their passengers by tender.

The Metagama will have to sail on Friday without cargo.

The Vennonia with apples at Glasgow offering employment to all comers at one shilling a day increase. The shortage of meat is acute in Glasgow.

The Board of Trade has been informed that General Manager Riddell of Saskatchewan Grain Company is to be here tomorrow to look over the port with a view to possibly interesting his firm in the grain elevator situation here. The company controls 370 elevators on the prairies, is a strong organization and in the event of an elevator being erected here would be a big factor in making shipments this way.

Mitchell Albert, it is understood is also coming with a grain broker named Sanderson with a view to interesting capital in the proposition here.

The action of the Government in holding a cabinet council meeting last night to consider emergency measures insuring food supplies and the subsequent official statement declaring there was no reason for the price increase, was heartily approved by the press this morning and the public is fixing its hopes thereon.

ROAD TAX TO BE REPEALED

Ald. Collart's Amendment for
Elimination of \$2 Levy
Given Its Third
Reading

Ald. Collart's bylaw amendment providing for repeal of the \$2 road tax with the retention of the \$5 poll tax collection was given a unanimous third reading at last night's council meeting. Mayor Newton, Ald. Casey and Ald. Macdonald had expressed favor previously for the removal of the \$5 tax and retention of the \$2 tax but it had been established that it would be impossible to do this without act of legislature. Therefore they decided to fall in with the nearest they could obtain to their desires.

Ald. Casey said he would support Ald. Collart's measure in the meantime but he intended later in the year to ask the council to petition the government with a view to having some revision made in the collection of the poll tax. Having this intention, he inquired if the council would still have the power to bring into effect the \$2 road tax. He was told by City Solicitor Jones that it would always have that privilege.

SUPERANNUATION IS PLANNED FOR RAILWAY

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—A superannuation scheme for the benefit of employees of the Canadian National Railways is being worked out at a conference of representatives of the employees of the department of railways and the board of directors of the C.N.R.

PRESBYTERIANS REACH OBJECTIVE FOR CHURCH

In the Presbyterian Church on Sunday Rev. H. R. Grant announced that the sum of \$10,300 had been subscribed toward the erection of the new church. This fully covers the objective which the committee set when the campaign for funds was commenced.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. A. E. Dickson, arrived from Anyox, Alice Arm and Stewart at 2.30 this afternoon. The vessel is scheduled to sail at 5 for Vancouver and way ports.

INVITE PASTOR REMAIN HERE

Rev. G. G. Hacker Asked to
Spend Another Year in
Rupert; His Work
Praised

The official Board of the Methodist Church in this city met last night and extended a formal invitation to Rev. G. G. Hacker to remain in this city another year in charge of the work of the church. Supper was served in the club room of the church, the meeting following directly after. After routine business had been transacted Dr. W. T. Kergin spoke briefly of the year's work. He said that both the Methodist Church and the city at large had benefited by Mr. Hacker's pastorate here and he moved that he be invited to remain another year.

Earl Barrie asked to be allowed to second the motion. Being a new member it might seem forward of him to do so, but coming from the eastern city churches where the work was long established, he desired to say a word regarding the Prince Rupert Methodist Church. Many difficult situations arise in connection with young people's work, here as elsewhere, and Mr. Hacker had more than ordinary ability in handling them. "Consider him a find and I just want to say so to the board," he concluded.

Mr. Hacker thanked the board for their confidence in him and outlined his program for the coming year. He said that the Sunday School, Canadian Girls, Tuxis and Trail Rangers' groups were steadily growing in number and enthusiasm. In this connection great praise was due to Miss Haddock, Mr. Barrie and the Sunday School teachers. Mr. Hacker also noted with gratitude an ever increasing number of men taking an interest in church work. He looked for a better year ahead.

The treasurer's report showed that the church finances were in splendid shape. All bills had been paid and there was a small balance on hand.

An early adjournment was taken in order that the men might practice for the forthcoming concert.

CREW OF COLUMBIA ARE ALL TAKEN OFF

Forty Passengers as Well as
Officers and Crew Brought
to Shore on Breeches
Buoy

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 19.—The last of the members of the crew of the steamer Columbia which was wrecked on Sunday on Coos Bay Jetty, was brought ashore last night on a breeches buoy over a line 200 yards long.

Forty passengers including two women and 31 men as well as the officers and crew were brought off without loss of life or injury.

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Pearl White, movie favorite, who startled the film world some time ago by her decision to enter a French convent, has returned after fourteen months absence. She is shown with her manager, Charles B. Cochran of London.

Extensive Campaign to Settle Lands on Pacific Great Eastern Line by Provincial Government

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—A campaign to secure settlers in Canada and Britain to settle on the rich agricultural lands tributary to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is being launched by the provincial government under Hon. J. D. McLean, minister of railways, it was announced yesterday. Canada and Great Britain will be blanketed with advertisements telling of the settlement possibilities of the P.G.E. country.

The government will co-operate in aiding individual settlers to choose the best available land and allow them reduced fares on the line.

Land bordering on the railway from Clinton north to Prince George will be sold to settlers for about three dollars an acre for dairying and mixed farming, for which it is admirably suited.

In addition to large areas along the P.G.E., the Government is prepared to sell specially selected land in blocks under control of the Land Settlement Board. First attention will be paid to the disposal of these lands which are at Rose Lake, Alexandria, Ten Mile Lake, Quenel, Strathnaver, Woodpecker, Bridge Lake, Canim Lake and Prince George.

The provincial government will also seek the assistance of the Federal Government in promoting the scheme and the federal department of immigration and colonization will be asked to assist in securing settlers for the Cariboo lands.

EXTENSION OF STREET WORK

Seventh Avenue East to Get
Treatment Similar to That
Being Given Fifth
Avenue East

Street reconstruction work similar to that now being carried out on Fifth Avenue East is planned for Seventh Avenue East by the city council. A local improvement initiative bylaw providing for timber matting and crushed rock surfacing on contour grade to a width of 15 feet was introduced at last night's meeting by Ald. Perry and given its first reading. The streets provided for in the bylaw are Seventh Avenue between McBride Street and Hays Cove Circle and Hays Cove Circle to Sixth Avenue.

MUST REGISTER TO VOTE ON BEER LAW JUNE PLEBISCITE

It is announced there will be a plebiscite on beer selling next June and those who wish to vote on that plebiscite must be registered this week. The office of registration is at the Government Agent's office, in the new government buildings.

Those who are already on the Provincial Voters' list do not have to register, but it would be well for residents here to see that their names are on the list, if they wish to vote. Those not registered by Saturday at noon will not be able to vote on the beer plebiscite.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.
Digby Island — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.33; temperature, 78; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point — Overcast, light southeast wind; barometer, 30.01; temperature, 38; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.18; temperature, 47; sea smooth; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Alaska 19 miles north of Wrangell northbound.

Noon
Digby Island — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.31; temperature, 40; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point — Overcast, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.96; temperature, 40; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor — Clear, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 30.07; temperature, 54; sea smooth.

Steamer Amur Floated off Rocks Noon Today and Coming to Rupert

The Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s steamer Amur, which went up on the White Cliff Island reef early on the morning of February 8 and has been fast there ever since, was floated off with the high tide at noon today. An examination is now being made of the vessel and, together with the salvage steamer Tees, she is expected here tonight at 7 o'clock. It is likely that the Amur will go on to the dry dock for survey and possibly some repairs will be made here if they are necessary. The steamer is understood to have no hole in her although it is believed that her seams are leaking. It will require docking to ascertain the exact extent of the damage.

The Tees was in port from White Cliff Island last night for water.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF FAIR BOARD NAMED

Plans are Already Under Way for
Revision of 1924 Exhibition
Prize List

Several Fair Board sub-committees for the revision of the 1924 prize list have already been appointed and a number of them have started on their duties.

The committee on the flower and fruit department consists of Mrs. T. McClymont, Mrs. William Millar, E. Van Gastel, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Mrs. M. M. Stephens and Miss L. M. Ellett.

The culinary and dairy committee has been appointed as follows: Mrs. D. W. Morrissey, Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Mrs. Ben Self, Mrs. R. G. Parsons and Mrs. L. W. Kergin.

The band committee is under the chairmanship of D. Jabour and G. W. Kerr will organize a mining exhibit committee.

FISH ARRIVALS

Five Boats Marketed Catches
Totalling 119,500 Pounds
at Halibut Exchange
This Morning

Four American halibut boats marketed fares totalling 115,000 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning and one Canadian boat had 4,500 pounds—a total for the day of 119,500 pounds.

Arrivals and sales:
American
Eagle, 85,000 pounds; at 15.10 and 8c, to the Royal Fish Co., Booth Fisheries Canadian Co., Atlin and Pacific Fisheries.
Trio, 7,000 pounds; Defence, 8,000 pounds and Gony, 15,000 pounds, at 15.5c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Canadian
Ringleader, 4,500 pounds, at 13.9c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

HALIBUT BOAT WENT ON ROCKS IN HARBOR

The halibut boat Selma, Capt. Vage, went on the rocks near the dry dock yesterday afternoon when her steering gear failed to respond. She was left high and dry but was floated off at 11.30 last night and this morning went on the dry dock where damage to her forefoot and two planks is being repaired.

Ald. C. V. Evitt is back from a combined business and pleasure trip of three weeks to Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

PRESERVE FOR ARISTOCRATS

Members of Kings Household Re-
appointed from Members
of Old Party

LONDON, Feb. 19.—J. C. Fenton has been appointed solicitor general for Scotland. He is not a member of the House and consequently a seat will have to be found for him.

Some of the chief appointments to the King's household still remain closed preserves for the aristocracy under the Labor Government as evidenced by a Downing Street announcement stating that the King approved certain nominees for posts which became vacant when the Conservative Government fell. The notice announces the appointments will be of a non-political character during the present administration.

Under this new departure, the holders of positions under the late Government will be re-appointed. The appointees include Earl Gomer, Earl Shaftesbury, Earl Granard and others.

FIRE IN NEW YORK IS FATAL

Thirteen Deaths Result and Many
Are Burned; Scenes in
Streets

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Thirteen persons, one man, four women and eight children, including a baby are known to have lost their lives in a fire which swept a five storey tenement on the lower east side Monday. Several jumped to their deaths, when escape was cut off. The tenement was almost exclusively occupied by foreign born.

The screams of the dying and the seriously burned and the terrifying sight of the structure a roaring furnace, caused a frantic exodus from nearby buildings. Scores of people scantily clad gathered in the narrow streets, many kneeling in prayer. Many were rushed to the hospitals terribly burned.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SUPPLY MATERIALS ALICE ARM BRIDGE

Al. Falconer of Alice Arm has been given the contract by the provincial government for the supplying of 75,000 feet of fir and hemlock timbers for the Kit-sault River suspension bridge which is about to be built.

Walter Macdonald, also of Alice Arm, has received the contract for the supplying of 3,000 lineal feet of piling.