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WEST INDIES TRADE TREATY IS PUBLISHED

RAILWAY COMMISSION COMMENCES WORK ON EQUALIZATION OF RATES

Tariff Preference and Steamship Subsidy in Pact with West Indies

Fortnightly mail and passenger service and smaller boats for freighting included in scheme

OTTAWA, July 9.—The text of the agreement between the West Indies and Canada just made public shows that under the pact the West Indies give Canada tariff preference on flour, butter, cheese, lard, condensed milk, meats, all kinds of fish, apples, potatoes, boots, cement, prepared cocoa, confectionery, and cordage.

The agreement provides for steamship services carrying passengers and freight with mail fortnightly from Canadian ocean ports all the year round and a second service with smaller vessels from Canadian river ports in summer and from ocean ports in winter.

All freight rates are subject to control by the Canadian government. Toward the upkeep of the steamship services the Indies contribute £29,000 annually in addition to a subsidy on a certain class of steamers.

Canada in return for this extends a tariff preference on a large list of products of the Indies when imported into this country.

INJURED BY A WHALING BOMB

Captain Petersen Has Lacerated Arm Result of Explosion of Projectile

DUTCH HARBOR, July 9.—Captain Fred Petersen of Seattle, an employee of the North Pacific Sea Products Company is being rushed here with a lacerated arm injured from the explosion of a whaling bomb.

Petersen fired the harpoon to which there was attached a bomb into the whale. The harpoon went through the mammal with the projected bomb outside. The whale turned over and the bomb exploded, injuring Petersen and tearing the upper part of his clothes to shreds.

CHINESE CREW LEFT EMPRESS

Company Negotiating With Japanese to Replace Men Who Are Out

KOBE, July 9.—The Chinese crew of the Canadian Pacific Company's steamer, Empress of Russia, left the ship without leave today, and the company is negotiating for a Japanese crew to replace the Chinese.

BODY OF FISHERMAN DISCOVERED BY INDIANS

The body of a Scandinavian fisherman who was drowned in the Skeena River last April was recovered yesterday by two Indian fishermen.

The body was in a bad state of decomposition, and scarcely able to be identified. The Provincial Police were notified and arrangements will be made at once for burial.

CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND CARIBOO MOTHER LODE

QUESNEL, July 9.—Discovery of the mother lode of the Cariboo, eighteen miles from Stanley on Lightning Creek, the scene of the spectacular gold rush in the sixties, is announced by J. F. Williams, who states that his find is the real thing.

FRANCO-SPANISH ACCORD REACHED REGARD MORROCCO

PARIS, July 9.—One of the principal features of the Franco-Spanish accord signed at Madrid yesterday is a decision to offer Abdel Krim autonomy in the Riff region of Morocco under Spanish protectorate. The leader of the Riffian tribesmen repeatedly declared in the past that he would not accept the authority of Spain.

BOYS' BAND IS NOW ASSURED

Rotary Club Guarantees Salary of Bandmaster and Purchase of Music

At the Rotary Club luncheon this afternoon the club decided to back the boys band which is being formed in the city to the extent of guaranteeing the salary of a bandmaster for six months and paying for the music, the whole amounting to approximately \$325.

The matter came up on the suggestion of J. W. Nicholls, who said they already had a dozen boys and the parents of eight more had approached him in regard to their sons joining and five of them had agreed to purchase instruments for the boys.

Mr. Nicholls also reported the receipt of a check for \$100 from a Chicago visitor contingent on the rest of the money needed being forthcoming.

Mr. Nicholls will head a committee of the club who will have the arrangements for the band in hand.

BYNG LEAVES TO MEET HAIG

Will Make Trip Down Mackenzie River Before Returning East

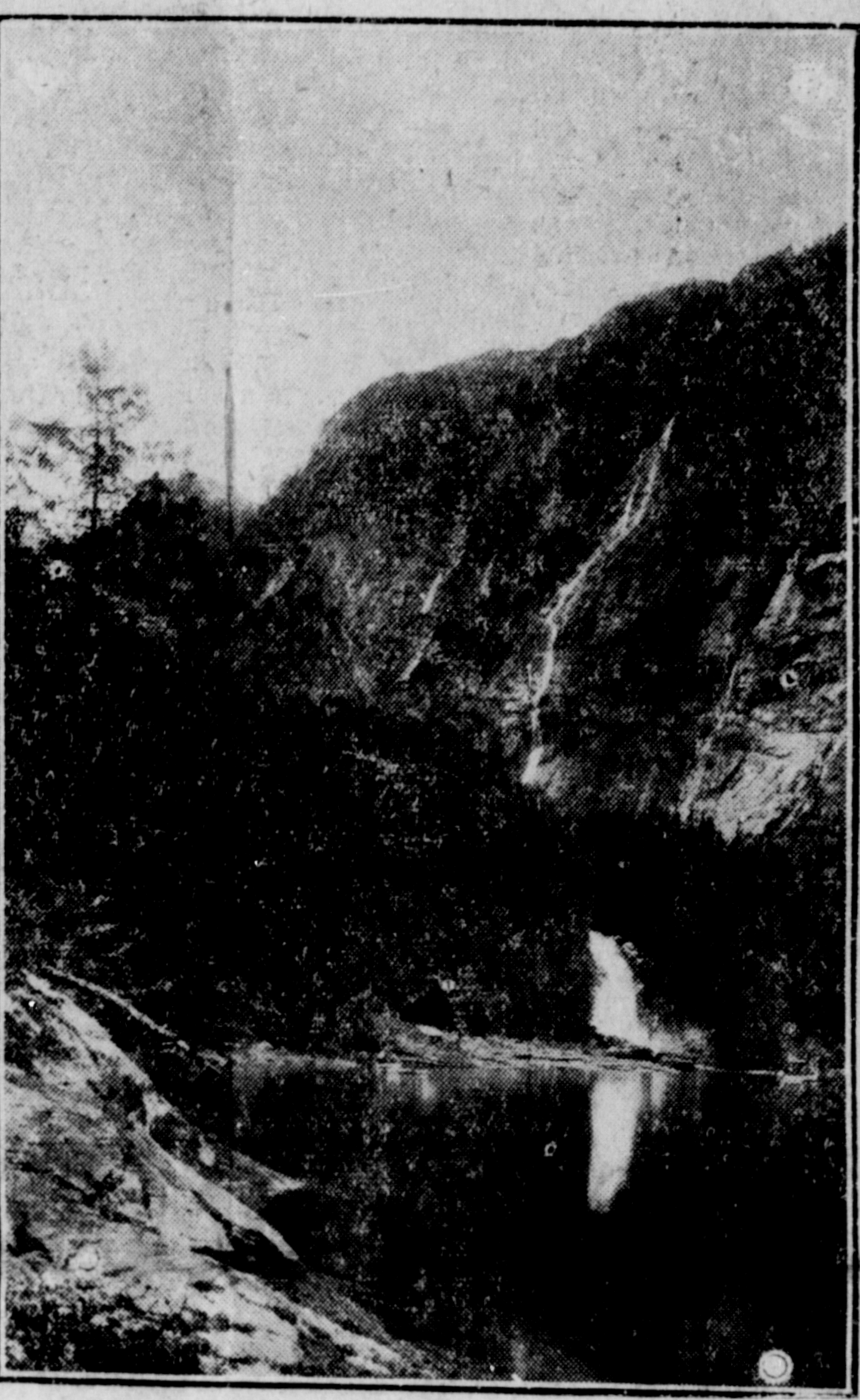
VANCOUVER, July 9.—Lord Byng left Vancouver last night for Banff where he will meet Earl Haig who is now en route to the coast. His Excellency plans a trip down the Mackenzie River after which he will be rejoined by Lady Byng, who is remaining with friends at Vancouver Island for two or three weeks.

CINNABAR FOUND AT KUSKOKWIM, ALASKA

SEATTLE, July 9.—Gordon Bettles, for whom the town of Bettles, Alaska, was named, made a strike of cinnabar, probably the greatest in the history of the world, Capt. Wallace Langley, master of the steamer Santa Ana declared on his arrival here.

Capt. Langley said: "The strike was made 200 miles from Bethel and about four miles from the Kuskokwim river on the trail. It is easy to take out the ore and transport it to the river boats. Five leads were uncovered and traced for a distance of six miles.

There are good prospects of getting out much gold from the Kuskokwim district this year, Capt. Langley said.



One of the Typical Bits of Scenery along the North Pacific Coast not far from Prince Rupert

Railway Board is Already at Work on Revision of Railway Rates and asks Co-operation

OTTAWA, July 9.—Definite steps toward revision and equalization of freight rates is now being taken by the Railway Commission. The board has requested the public as well as municipal and provincial authorities, boards of trade and industrial organizations, business heads, shippers and carriers to submit any statements of facts under which it is claimed unjust discrimination or undue preference or unfair treatment exists in the rates. All such statements must be filed by August 15.

MANITOBA TOWN IS THREATENED

Portage La Prairie Loses Two Buildings by Fire this Morning

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, July 9.—The industrial section of the town was threatened with destruction this morning when two large buildings were destroyed within the space of two hours by fire. The Metcalfe milling plant was wiped out the loss being \$146,000 and later the plant of the Western Prairie Foundry Co. was badly damaged but no estimate of the loss has so far been given.

Russia Reports Favorably on Transpacific Air Route by way of Japan and Alaska to Coast

MOSCOW, July 9.—A transpacific air route between Northern Europe and the Pacific Coast of North America is reported favorably upon by a special committee of the council of commissioners which has been investigating the plan. It is proposed to journey along the proposed route from Leningrad to Alaska by way of Japan. It is estimated that the trip will take seven and a half days.

An experimental flight on the north coast of Alaska for exploration of the Arctic is planned for 1927.

Good Progress is Made on Grain Elevator now Being Constructed Here

Pouring of cement commenced this week and will gradually speed up; building will rise rapidly

Good work is being done at the construction of the local grain elevator. To date there has not been any serious hitch in the program as outlined. Up to the present time considerable work has had to be done in preparation for actual construction, and the work is now in such shape that it will be possible to note very material changes in the course of the next few days.

Material of different kinds is continually arriving, and the place is rapidly taking on the appearance of a big undertaking.

Offices and warehouses were necessary before much could be attempted outside, and then a blacksmith shop and machine shop were added to take care of the mechanical part of the undertaking.

Feeds by Gravity
 The gravel for the cement is being brought from Hastings Arm, and a large bin was constructed to take care of the material as it arrives. This bin is conveniently situated adjacent to the work and is so constructed that the gravel feeds by gravity to the cement mixer at the base. The bin is filled by means of a belt conveyor which carries the gravel from the dock, and elevates it at the same time to the top of the bin.

At another place a small shed is erected, where carpenters are busy using band saws and circular saws to prepare the forms for the cement. A very large amount of lumber is being used in this work, and preparations are being made to keep ahead of the demand for forms, once the actual operations are in full swing.

Co-operation Noticed
 There seems to be close co-operation between the various departments in order that one may not be responsible for any delay, and already searchlights are being installed to make it possible to work at night when the time arrives that they are ready to do so. Throughout the whole undertaking there seems to prevail an excellent system and everything seems to be moving like clockwork, each department getting in shape to handle the work satisfactorily as it proceeds.

On Tuesday a start was made pouring cement, and from now on it is expected there will be little delay in carrying out the work of actual construction.

More Men Soon
 The number of men will be increased as opportunity is given to place them. Up to the present time, most of the men employed have been carpenters, who have been busy making preparations for the others, and now that work is so well in shape it will not be long till a larger number are required to keep pace with the work. As far as possible, local men have been employed but naturally there are a number of men, who are on the staff, and who have been employed by the company in other large undertakings. Several of the men at the local plant were employed in the construction of the elevator at Edmonton last year, and naturally are very important factors in the organization which the company have been able to build up.

Rapid progress will be made now in construction as everything is in readiness, and the

MANY DEATHS IN MONTREAL

Child Fell from Swing Into Tub of Boiling Water: Two Drownings

MONTREAL, July 9.—Eight persons met violent deaths in Montreal and vicinity yesterday. One child was killed by an automobile and another scalded to death when it fell from a swing into a tub of boiling water. Two youths were drowned when bathing at Lake Macassa. One man died of burns, another from injuries received when the scaffolding collapsed, and a third committed suicide by throwing himself under the wheels of an express train. One woman died of heart failure while preparing the evening meal in her home.

CROW RATE NOT EQUALIZATION

Premier Oliver Says Freight Charges on Grain and Flour Not According to Law

VANCOUVER, July 9.—That retention of the Crows Nest Pass agreement regarding freight rates on grain and flour is not in accordance with the supreme court judgment upholding the principle of equalization of freight rates, was the opinion expressed by Premier Oliver when addressing the Laurier Club at a luncheon here Wednesday.

FOUR KILLED IN WIND STORM

Minneapolis and St. Paul Feel Effects of Big Blow: Streets Flooded

MINNEAPOLIS, July 9.—Wind, rain and hail took heavy toll yesterday in several districts in Minnesota including Minneapolis and St. Paul. Four people were killed, and eighteen injured in the streets here last night which were flooded and blocked for several hours. The force of the storm uprooted trees.

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