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# ROYAL COAL COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

# FIST FIGHT TAKES PLACE IN THE JAPANESE PARLIAMENT OVER SCANDALS

## Royal Coal Commission Urges State Ownership of Mines but Development by Private Persons

### Anxiously awaited commission declares against nationalization as recommended by the miners federation of Great Britain

LONDON, March 11.—The report of the Royal Commission the coal mining industry in Great Britain is somewhat of a mpromise between the opposing sections. State ownership recommended but it also suggested that they should continue de developed under private enterprise subject to government pervision.

The report declares against nationalization of the mines as ommended by the miner's federation of Great Britain.

The report of the commission had been anxiously awaited and is being eagerly discussed today, the whole question being one that is engaging the attention of the nation almost to the exclusion of other subjects.

## WILKINS HOPS OFF MARCH 21

**pects to be in New York Next Month After Flight to Spitzbergen Over Pole.**

FAIRBANKS, Mar. 11.—Cap George Wilkins, head of the ic expedition, announced that would hop off from Fairbanks March 21.—He predicted tha would be in New York next th after his flight over the e wastes from Point Barro Spitzbergen.

The two planes which were n north recently from Seattle the enterprise have been as bled here. They will convey plies to Point Barrow and n set out for the final flight r the Pole.

The failure of the snow motors do their work has altered the ns of the explorer slightly bu not changed his determina to continue and he expect succeed.

## COMBINE CASE GOING TO JURY

**dge Expected to Complete His Charge This Afternoon Following Counsel**

VANCOUVER, March 11.— The d combine case is expected go to the jury tonight or day. The defence case rest yesterday and addresses by the fence counsel and the crown osecutor to the jury commenc d. Mr. Justice McDonald is ex cted to complete his charge to e jury this afternoon.

The trial which is the longest the history of provincial minal prosecution has already cupied 33 court days.

## NEW MINISTER TO BE OPPOSED

**nservatives Will Have Man in Field Against Hon. J. G. Elliott**

STRATHROY, Mar. 11.—West ddlesex Conservatives have cided to contest the election of on. J. C. Elliott, the newly ap inted minister of labor in the abinet of Right Hon. W. L. Mac nzie King. The by-election will ke place on March 29 and nom ation will take place March 15.

## VESSEL OFF ROCKS TODAY

**Boxer Was Floated From Whitecliff Island at 11.30 This Morning**

**BEING TOWED HERE**

**Will be Dry Docked For Survey and Probably Temporary Repairs**

The United States government auxiliary schooner Boxer, Capt. William, after having been stranded on a reef at Whitecliff sland since early last Saturday morning, was floated on the high ide at 11.30 this morning and s due to arrive here in tow be ween 3 and 4 o'clock this after noon for dry docking.

The vessel will be surveyed here and it is probable that at least temporary repairs will be made at the dry dock. If she proceeds from here to Seward, it will be necessary to reload railday ties and coal for the Alaska Railway that were lightered off the vessel by the Rupert Marine Products tug M.T. 3, which brought one scowload in on Tuesday and which will arrive this afternoon with another.

As a result of her contact with the reef, the forefoot of the Boxer has been damaged, and it is probable that her hull, of wooden construction, has also been strained. Survey will establish the exact extent of the damage.

The American government vessels Unalga and Cygan, which have been standing by and assisting the Boxer, will arrive in port with her.

## SAD WEATHER CAUSE OF SMALL CATCHES HALIBUT COMING IN

The small fish arrivals at this port is said to be due to bad weather at the banks. A telegraphic report received in the city today from Ketchikan says only four boats marketed their catches there during the whole week.

## EMPRESS OF JAPAN SOLD TO JUNK MAN

**Will Cross Pacific in May and be Broken up in Japan is Report**

VANCOUVER, March 11.— Advices from Victoria state that a Kobe junk dealer has purchased the Empress of Japan for $55,000 and the vessel will be taken to Japan in May and will be junked there. The officials here claim to have no knowledge of the sale.

## WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert: clear, calm; temp. 36.

Terrace: part cloudy, calm; temp. 37.

Anyox: part cloudy, calm; temp. 45.

Stewart: cloudy, calm; temp. 36.

Hazelton: clear, calm; temp. 28

Telegraph Creek: part cloudy, calm; temp. 20.

Smithers: clear, calm; temp. 34.

Burns Lake: part cloudy, calm, temp. 34.

Whitehorse: clear, south wind, temperature 26.

Stewart River: clear, south wind; temp. 5 below.

Dawson: clear, south wind, temp. 8.

Average for Yukon 15 above.

## VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

| | Bid. | Asked |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat | 1.48⅛ | |
| B.C. Silver | 1.81 | |
| Dunwell | 2.17 | 2.25 |
| Hazelton | .00¾ | .01¾ |
| L. & L. | .16 | .19½ |
| Porter Idaho | .10½ | .11 |
| Silver Crest | .14¼ | .14½ |
| Surf Inlet | .08½ | .09¾ |

## KIMBERLEY WON HOCKEY SERIES

VANCOUVER, Mar. 11.—Kimberley won the intermediate hockey championship, defeating the Vancouver Seaforths in a two game series 11 goals to 4.

The Seaforths won last night 3 to 2 but Kimberley won Monday 9 to 4.

## WESTVIEW PLAYGROUND TO BE OPENED SOON

**Gyro Club Arranges for Finishing Touches on Section 2 Improvement**

Within the space of a very short time now, the opening of the Gyro Club Playground No. 2, on the height of Allin Avenue in Westview will take place. Finishing touches on the ground are now in progress, a contract for the erection of the equipment having been let to Mitchell & Currie while another contract is let for a fence around the ground. George McAfee, manager of the Georgetown sawmill, has presented the club with a flag pole for the ground. A vote of thanks to Mr. McAfee was passed at the club's business meeting yesterday afternoon.

## Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Has Made Offer to Purchase All 451 Co-operative Elevators

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REGINA, March 11.—The Saskatchewan wheat pool has made an offer to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company to purchase their entire country elevator system of 451 houses with terminals at the head of the lakes and at Buffalo.

Under the proposal the valuation of the entire system is to be left to three arbitrators. An initial cash payment of $2,000,000 is to be made with $1,000,000 annually until payment is completed. No estimate has yet been made of the total price to be paid.

## Nine Dollar Rate for Alberta Coal for Use Province of Ontario

OTTAWA, March 11.—An agreement on a tentative rate of $9 per ton for hauling coal from Alberta to Eastern Canada was reached at a conference between Sir Henry Thornton and Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, and others representing the federal members from Alberta.

The establishment of the new rate is subject to the approval of the provincial governments interested.

As a tryout of the business, the Canadian National Railways agreed some time ago to deliver a certain quantity of Alberta coal in Ontario at $7 a ton. This was partly to help out the coal miners of Alberta and also to provide Ontario with fuel during the Anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania.

The rate now tentatively established is a very low one and is subject to the provinces paying a portion of the estimated loss.

## SMALL FISH SALE

Only three boats, all Canadian, sold their catches today at the first exchange. The prices varies slightly above 15 cents for first class and 6 cents for second. The boats were:

Helen, 7,500, to Allin Fisheries.

E. Lipsett, 3,500, and Minnie V., 2,500, to Cold Storage.

### COASTER ARRIVES

C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Coaster, Capt. Gilbert, which is to spend three weeks in dry dock here for annual overhaul and other work, arrived in port at 1:30 this afternoon.

Union steamer Catala, resuming service after having undergone annual overhaul in Vancouver, is due in port tonight on schedule time.

## FIST FIGHT IN JAP DIET

**Battered Noses Result From Fracas Over Alleged Political Scandals**

**TOKIO, March 11. — Fist fighting between members of the government and the Seiyu Kai opposition, during which several members suffered battered noses, broke out in the Diet last night during a discussion of alleged political scandals.**

**As a result of the fracas the Diet may be prorogued.**

## ACCEPTED BRIBE FOR SMUGGLING CHINESE TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. — David Kerr, former American vice-consul at Vancouver, pleaded guilty in the supreme court today to a charge of accepting a bribe of $50 for smuggling Chinese into the United States. Sentence is deferred.

## Edmonton Wins Leadership in Western Hockey League; Three Teams Will Play Off

VANCOUVER, March 11.—Edmonton hockey team came out on top at the close of the Western League scheduled season, that team defeating Vancouver last night at Edmonton by a score of five goals to one.

The second team in the league this year is Saskatoon, with Victoria third. These three teams will battle for supremacy in the final series and the winner will get the right to play in the East for the Stanley Cup.

Victoria holds the Stanley Cup at present, having won it last year against Eastern competitors after having defeated all the Western teams. They will make a big effort to retain the title of world champions.

Edmonton has a strong team and the betting is in favor of them in the western league playoffs. Saskatoon did well early in the season but of late that team has not been as successful.

The entry of a number of American cities in the National Hockey League will this year add to the interest in the outcome.

## Canada Ruled by Corporations Who Defy Railway Board Order Declares Edmonton Newspaper

That Canada is being ruled by corporations and not by the government is the suggestion made by the Edmonton Bulletin in a front page editorial article in which it claims that the railways are refusing to obey the order of the Board of Railway Commissioners in giving the Pacific coast equal rates with those westbound. It says that today the railways charge 18 cents for grain 650 miles to Fort William and 21 cents for a similar distance westward contrary to the ruling of the Railway Board. The article in full follows:

**Powers of Court**

In 1903, following a full investigation as to its necessity, the Board of Railway Commissioners was created by Parliament. It was given all the powers of a Court of Record. Its prime duty was to prevent the railways of Canada discriminating in favor of individuals or localities. Its creation opened the doors to a tribunal possessing remedial powers to all who complained of discrimination, and for years it has functioned as a valued and respected tribunal.

But the value of that tribunal ceases the moment its orders are not obeyed, which brings us to the question, "What is the situation today?"

**Campaign Begins**

In 1921 the government of British Columbia launched an application to reduce rates on grain to the Pacific coast ports so that the Panama Canal would be available to Alberta farmers as a highway to world markets. In 1922 grain rates to Pacific ports were reduced 20 per cent. and in 1923 the governments of British Columbia and Alberta, joined in an appeal to the Governor-in-Council, that is, the government of the Dominion of Canada, for a further reduction, and a further reduction of 10 per cent was secured. The result of these two reductions was to prove the practicability of the Western Route.

In November, 1924, the Board of Railway Commissioners, sitting in Vancouver, heard the application of the governments of British Columbia and Alberta asking that grain rates be equalized as between Vancouver and Fort William. For more than a week the board carried on its investigations, and then took the case to Ottawa for consideration, giving the railways until December 1, 1924, to reply. The Canadian Pacific Railway replied in an exhaustive brief, but no action was taken until on June 5, 1925, when the Governor-in-Council issued an order directing the board to equalize grain rates and to hold a general enquiry with a view to equalizing all other rates.

**Order in September**

On September 2, 1925, the board issued an order directing the railway companies to reduce rates on grain and flour for export to Pacific coast ports so that the rates to those ports would not be higher than those covering the movement of grain and flour for export to Fort William for the same distance.

Immediately the whole of Eastern Canada, no doubt directed by the railroad interests affected, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, applied to have the order rescinded. This application was heard at Ottawa and was refused, and the original order, directing a reduction of the rates to the Pacific, now stands as an order of the board.

**Not Being Obeyed**

The rate to Fort William, covering distances of 650 miles, is 18 cents. The rate for these distances to the Pacific coast is

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## TOWERS WINNER HOCKEY SERIES

**Lost Second Game but Secured Largest Total Score Against Canmore.**

**TO PLAY REGINA VICS.**

VANCOUVER, Mar. 11. — The Vancouver Towers, the senior amateur hockey champions, last night won the right to meet the Regina Vics in the Allan Cup elimination series.

Canmore won last night's game 4 to 3 but the Towers defeated the Albertans in the first game 4 to 2, which gave them a score of 7 to 6 on the series.

Regina Vics defeated the Manitoba champions.

## MOTORSHIP AT MERCY OF SEA

**Mazail With 19 Aboard Drifting in Pacific Awaiting Arrival of Tow**

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 11. — Although her engines are so badly crippled that repairs cannot be made at sea, the motorship Mazail which is adrift 800 miles off Guam with 19 people aboard, can safely await the arrival of vessels to tow her into Honolulu, according to a message received here. The ship has a month's provisions aboard.

## GASBOAT SAVED ON WEST COAST

**Bamfield Lifeboat Goes to Rescue of Small Craft When Signal of Distress Seen**

VICTORIA, Mar. 11. — The Canadian gasboat J.D. owned by Jens Bercle was saved from disaster off the West coast of Vancouver Island when the Bamfield lifeboat speeded to her rescue and saved her from the breakers.

The J.D. was sighted flying a distress signal because of engine trouble.

## GOVERNOR TO MAKE TOUR OF COUNTRY

**Byng Will Leave Office in August But Will Visit all Sections First**

VANCOUVER, Mar. 11. — A special despatch to the Province says that Baron Byng, whose term as Governor General expires in August, plans to leave Ottawa in April on a trans-Canada tour, visiting all parts of country before relinquishing office.

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