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# PREMIER JOHN OLIVER PASSES AWAY

## FLYERS REACH HONOLULU AFTER FLIGHT ACROSS OCEAN

### Premier Oliver Died Suddenly Last Night at His Victoria Home

**WAS MAN OF THE PEOPLE AND HAD LONG STRUGGLE IN EARLY DAYS WHICH FITTED HIM FOR LIFE WORK**

VICTORIA, August 18.—Premier Oliver, who has been in poor health for several months, died at his residence here late last night. Rumors of turns for the worse in his condition and even of his death have been circulated at different times for some weeks but all inquirers were met with the statements that he was making satisfactory recuperation.

The actual end came with startling suddenness before medical aid could be summoned.

Death removes from the political life of British Columbia one of the strongest and most cherished leaders in the province. Since the middle of July he had been relieved of the duties of office following a caucus of the Liberal members of the Legislature when Hon. J. D. McLean was named acting premier and leader of the party. It is assumed now that Dr. McLean will be asked by the Lieutenant-Governor to take the premiership and reorganization of the cabinet is very probable.

**MAN OF THE PEOPLE**

A man of the people by birth and temperament, John Oliver was probably more proficient in the rugged arts of the pioneer than any other Canadian statesman. Miner, farmer, woodsman, engineer and stone mason, he brought to the premiership of British Columbia a first-hand knowledge of the pioneer's problems which greatly helped him in his administration of that task.

Born in Hartington, Derbyshire (England), on July 31, 1856, John Oliver was the second son of Robert and Emma Oliver. When John was a small boy, his father deserted the farm for the mining business and operated, with indifferent success, a lead and iron mine on a property belonging to the late Duke of Devonshire. His son's schooling was restricted to a few years in elementary schools. His eleventh birthday found John Oliver working as a donkey boy in his father's mine "half time," under the arrangements which permitted students to study half of each day. At the age of twelve John left school altogether, combining his mine work with a sideline of selling eggs at Buxton market for farmers of his district.

**WAS FARMER'S AGENT**

With his earnings at this work, John bought a pony and cart and for a couple of years drove a thriving trade as farmer's agent. He was fourteen when the Devonshire estate having closed out his father's mining property, the Oliver family migrated to Canada. Robert Oliver settled in Mayborough, in Wellington County, Ontario, with his wife and eight of his nine children. One son remained in England. John was the eldest of the family and immediately he took up his strenuous duties on his father's new farm. In the succeeding seven years he became an expert farmer. In the winter he worked with an axe in the Ontario woods and graduated as an expert woodsman. He dug wells and went into the quarries to blast stone. One of the crafts he learned at this period, and was proud of to the day of his death, was that of the stone-mason.

In 1877 John Oliver migrated to British Columbia, journeying by easy stages through the United States. He worked first as an axeman on the Canadian Pacific Railway Fraser Valley Branch. He took out a homestead and did a little bridge-building by the way. Then he bought a threshing outfit and operated it himself. He was among the first licensees as steam engineer in British Columbia.

**FIGHT WITH FLOODS**

Later he moved to the Delta district nearby and began a desperate fight with the floods which had made that district almost impossible to farm. He dug dikes and drains and finally reclaimed to agriculture a big area in the swamp district. Meantime he dabbled in local politics. At a campaign meeting in 1898 he made an expatiatory speech which attracted attention. Within a few years he was recognized as a debater, when as member for The Delta he took his place in the

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### MANY HOMERS BIG LEAGUES

**Circuit Clouts Figured Largely in Wins and Losses on Wednesday**

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Babe Ruth won yesterday's game for the New York Yankees from Chicago by going out a home run in the eleventh stanza. It was his thirty-eighth circuit clout of the season and he is now tied for the year's honors with his teammate, Lou Gehrig. Tris Speaker led the Washington Senators to victory over St. Louis with a homer in the fourth frame but the Browns won the second game of the double-header.

Brooklyn Dodgers ended the winning streak of the Chicago Cubs.

Charlie Dresser's home run in the eighth inning broke a one-one tie, Cincinnati Reds beating the Phillies.

Rogers Hornsby won on Tuesday with a homer but an error yesterday paved the way for Pittsburgh to defeat the Giants.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Pittsburg 4, New York 1.  
Chicago 5, Brooklyn 6.  
St. Louis 7, Boston 3.  
Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 1.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
New York 3, Chicago 2.  
Philadelphia 4, Cleveland 1.  
Boston 2, Detroit 6.  
Washington 4-2, St. Louis 1-3.

### PRINCE OF WALES PAYS TRIBUTE TO PREMIER OLIVER

VICTORIA, Aug. 18.—The Prince of Wales sent the following telegram to Hon. J. D. McLean, acting premier. "I have heard with great regret of Mr. Oliver's death which will be a real loss to your province."

The premiers of other provinces have sent telegrams of condolence.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 18.—After a standing tribute by members of Canadian Club today the Prince of Wales said: "Mr. Oliver was premier during my visit eight years ago and it is naturally a matter of great regret to my brother and myself that we are to be met in Vancouver by the sad news of his death. Throughout his long life he served the province loyally and with much distinction."

### PREMIER AND B.C. SILVER

**Amalgamation Definitely Concluded Declares Financial Post**

TORONTO, Aug. 18.—The Financial Post says: The Premier, B.C. Silver and National Silver amalgamation has definitely gone through.

The latest advices, while not official, are from sources that figure very strongly in the deal, and the news from them is that the deal is definitely closed.

Thus, the three big proven mines in the Salmon River section of Portland Canal come under one management. Just how this will be handled, is not yet known.

Premier has a 400 mill, and this can be easily enlarged. It has also capable and experienced engineers, but so has the B.C. Silver. The management of the latter and National Silver has been the same for some considerable time.

The terms, as announced some time ago in The Post, are the correct ones. Premier increases its capital to \$10,000,000, or double the present figure, and pays back the other two, all the monies they have expended, plus substantial blocks of stock.

### With Season Nearing Close, Prospects Are Salmon Pack Will Be Record Light One

That the 1927 salmon pack, not only in District No. 2 but along the entire British Columbia coast, will be one of the lightest on record, repeating the shortage of 1921, is the prospect today. Such is the opinion in official circles. For the season to date the pack of all varieties is but fifty per cent of last year at a similar date and, with little promise of an improvement at the present time, it is feared that the pack for the whole season will be less than half of that for 1926. Canning interests are facing large losses on the season's operations and, with many more fishermen in the field than in any previous year, the individual earnings are very small. Some of the canneries are preparing to close at the end of the week and many fishermen are quitting.

The big decrease this year will be in pink salmon, the run of which has so far proven negligible when it should, by this time, have been at its height. It is perhaps peculiar, however, that with the run of other varieties falling, the sockeye pack is but five thousand cases short of last year. So far this season there have been 195,000 cases of this variety put up whereas, at a corresponding date in 1926, the total was 200,000 cases. On the Skeena River this year's sockeye pack has been practically the same as last year.

Except for the first two weeks of the season, weather conditions in the district have been ideal.

Sockeye fishing, which concluded in the Rivers Inlet and Smith's Inlet areas on August 6, will close in all other parts of District No. 2 on Friday, August 19, at 6 p.m. The use of nets of 6 1/2 inch mesh will be then prohibited but the use of small nets will again be allowed for cohoes after August 28.

It is expected that a number of the canneries in the district will close at the end of this week. The great majority of the Indians and also many white men have quit fishing. A large number of seine boats are still out but little fish is being brought in by them while a good number of the boats are tied up waiting for something to materialize.

A change to rainy weather might result in the coming on of chum and coho fishing but little hope is held out for pinks. Fishing for this variety is usually most successful when the weather is fine as it has been for the past several weeks.

On the southeastern coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands it is reported that there has been no appearance of fish at all. Usually, the run starts long before this and in average years a limited pack has been put up by this date. On the north end of the Islands, the situation is reported to be little better.

### SERIOUS FOREST FIRE IN BABINE

**Only Conflagration of Any Importance Reported in Prince Rupert Forestry District**

**FIGHTING CREW SENT IN**

Situation Said to be Worse Along Railway Line in Vicinity of Prince George

The only forest fire of any importance in Prince Rupert district that has been reported to headquarters of the Forest Branch in the city is one in the Babine range which is covering an area of fifty acres. Yesterday a crew of some twenty-five or thirty men was sent in from Telkwa to institute fighting operations.

From the Prince George region, which is not included in this district, come reports of more serious fires close to the railway line.

It was stated at Forest Branch headquarters this morning that no fires had been reported on the coast. The only accounting that could be made for the thick smoke that has been hanging over the city since last night is that it has drifted down from the interior.

### LIE IN STATE UNTIL FUNERAL

**Body of Premier to be Seen in Legislative Chamber; McLean to be Premier**

VICTORIA, Aug. 18.—The body of Premier Oliver will lie in state in the Legislative Chamber of the Parliament Buildings until the funeral which will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Burial will take place in Royal Oak Cemetery.

All functions at Government House in honor of the Prince of Wales have been cancelled.

The Hon. J. D. McLean will be sworn in as premier in the course of the next few days together with the members of the new administration who are at present cabinet members with him.

### AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR CRESTON

**One Cranbrook Man Killed and Another Seriously Injured in Crash Over Precipice**

CRESTON, Aug. 18.—Birt Slye, travelling salesman of Cranbrook, was killed and Charles Sang of Cranbrook, was critically injured when their automobile fell one hundred feet over a rocky bank west of Washout Creek, ten miles west of here. One other person escaped by jumping.

The accident occurred when Slye put on his brakes quickly to avoid a boulder which had fallen on the road. This caused the car to skid over the bank.

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### MORE ROAD ASKED FOR

**Joint Committee Urging Building of Bridge and 15 More Miles For Next Year**

The joint road committee, meeting last night with S. E. Parker presiding in the absence of Ald. Joseph Greer, chairman, passed a resolution urging upon the provincial government that the bridge be built across Galloway Rapids and another ten or fifteen miles of the Skeena River Highway toward Terrace be constructed in 1928.

Considerable discussion was engaged in by the meeting and a good deal of disappointment expressed at the fact that there will be no airplane reconnaissance of the route leading into the interior. It was felt that an aerial survey would be much more economical and satisfactory than sending in a land party.

### MOTHER OF MRS. MOXLEY DIED OTTAWA AGED 82

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Johanna Sieman, 82 years of age, died today. She leaves a son, Frank Sieman; a daughter at Prince Rupert, Mrs. W. D. Moxley; a daughter at Smithers, Mrs. R. J. Raabe. In all Mrs. Sieman is survived by five children, eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She had lived in Ottawa for fifty years.

### BURNABY DEFEATED VICTORIA BASEBALL TEAM LAST NIGHT

VANCOUVER, Aug. 18.—Burnaby defeated Victoria Native Sons beer last night 11 to 4 in the provincial baseball playoffs.

**VANCOUVER EXCHANGE**

B.C. Silver	91d	1.25	1.50
Coast Copper	10.50	12.00	
Dunsmuir	.90	.98	
Glacier	.04 1/2	.07	
Gladstone	.19	.24	
Independence	.07	.08 1/2	
Indian	.07	.08 1/2	
Silversmith	.24	.28	
L. and L.	.07 1/2	.07 1/2	
Lead-Smith	.06 1/2	.06 1/2	
Lucky Jim	.19	.19 1/2	
Marmot Metals	.10	.13	
Porter Idaho	.19 1/2	.20 1/2	
Richmond	.24	.30	
Silvercrest	.06 1/2	.06 1/2	
Surf Inlet	.01	.02	

### CONSERVATIVES CHOOSE WELSH

**Convention Nominates Him as New Westminster Last Night For Candidate**

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 18.—C. A. Welch is to carry the Conservative flag in the by-election caused through the death of the late Dr. Rothwell. He will oppose the Liberal nominee, Mayor A. Wells Gray who was recently chosen as candidate.

The selection of Mr. Welch by the Conservative convention last night was expected as he was the outstanding name in the party. The official nomination takes place Monday next and the election a week from today.

### Two Planes Succeed in Flight Across Pacific and Other Two Missing

**WOOLAROS, WINNING \$25,000 PRIZE, AND ALOHA REACH HONOLULU SAFELY—MISS DORAN AND GOLDEN GATE LOST**

HONOLULU, August 18.—With the arrival of Wheeler Field here at 2.20 yesterday afternoon of the Aloha and at 12.23 of the Woolaros, two of the four planes to make a successful hop-off in the Dole flight for a prize of \$25,000, arrived at their destination. The Woolaros was declared the winner.

No reports had been received up to early this morning of the "Miss Doran" or the "Golden Eagle."

EGANVILLE, Ont., August 13.—Miss Mildred Doran, flying to Honolulu, was born here. She left when eleven years of age with her family for North Michigan.

The "Miss Doran" carried Miss Mildred Doran, 21-year-old Canadian born Michigan school teacher, with J. A. Pedlar, pilot, and V. R. Knope, navigator.

The "Golden Eagle" is piloted by Jack Frost and navigated by Gordon Scott.

The "Golden Eagle" is well equipped to float but there are serious fears as to the safety of the "Miss Doran."

### Government Leader MacLean Eulogizes Premier Oliver and His Fidelity to Duty

VICTORIA, August 18.—"Public life has sustained irreparable loss in the passing of Premier Oliver," Hon. J. D. McLean, government leader, said this morning. "He was a man of splendid physique, brilliant intellect and remarkable power of analysis. During his public career he gave of his best to promote the welfare of his adopted province. I was intimately associated with him since 1916 and learned to respect his abilities and to honor him for his fidelity to duty. No task was too arduous and no problem too intricate to daunt the powers of John Oliver. Often have I seen him wrestle with a problem and discuss it from every angle, but the acid test he applied to all problems was, is this decision in the public interest? or in other words, is this right. If convinced that it was, he hesitatingly and fearlessly carried

### NATIVE SONS WIN LACROSSE

**Edmonton Team Will Play New Westminster For Mann Cup**

EDMONTON, Aug. 18.—The Native Sons won the right to meet New Westminster for the Mann Cup Lacrosse series when they defeated Calgary last night by a score of ten to five.

### CHINAMAN DROWNED AT NORTH PACIFIC

Deputy Coroner and Provincial Constable Leave to Investigate Fatality in Skeena Slough

The provincial police received a report this morning that a Chinaman had been drowned at North Pacific cannery in the Skeena Slough. No details were given. James R. Tannock, deputy coroner, and Provincial Constable Geo. Clave left by this morning's train to investigate the affair and expect to return to the city this afternoon.

### PRINCE OF WALES OPENED HIGHWAY AT REVELSTOKE PARK

REVELSTOKE, Aug. 18.—The Prince of Wales opened the Royal Highway through Mount Revelstoke National Park. The ceremony of cutting the ribbons at the entrance arch took place here last night.

**WEATHER REPORT**

Terrace.—Clear, calm, temp. 65.  
Rosswood.—Clear, calm, temp. 64.  
Aiyansh.—Clear, calm, temp. 63.  
Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. 64.  
Anyox.—Clear, calm, temp. 68.  
Stewart.—Clear, calm, temp. 62.  
Hazelton.—Smoky, calm, temp. 66.  
Telegraph Creek.—Clear, calm, temp. 60.  
Smithers.—Dense smoke, calm, temp. 74.  
Burns Lake.—Dull, calm, temp. 59.

### ROYAL PARTY IN VANCOUVER

**Prince of Wales and Prince George Visiting Southern City Today HAS FULL PROGRAM**

VANCOUVER, Aug. 18.—The Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince George, reached Vancouver today and were greeted at the station by Mayor L. D. Taylor and Capt. A. M. Lecky, commander of H.M.S. Colombo. The Prince of Wales guard-of-honor was from the warship and the First Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, followed.

The party proceeded to the Hotel Vancouver where the Prince of Wales addressed the Canadian Club at noon. After noon the schedule includes a visit to the Exhibition and in the evening the Prince will attend a ball to be given in the Hotel Georgia by the Seaforth Highlanders.

The royal party will leave for Victoria tonight.

### CUTS TIME ON HARBOR SWIM

**Douglas Frizzell Negotiated Passage Today in 45 1/2 Minutes, Starting From Other Side**

Douglas Frizzell, who may lay pretty safe claim to the title of Prince Rupert's champion marathon swimmer, again swam the harbor today, cutting his time from 58 1/2 minutes to 45 1/2 minutes. He started from McNicholl Creek at 19 minutes to 12 and came out of the water at the Prince Rupert Boat House at 26 1/2 minutes after twelve. The swimmer was in good shape although he found the water rather cold. Ralph Smith acted as covoy.

### STATE FUNERAL IS REQUESTED

**British Columbia Government Plans to do Full Honor to Memory of Dead Premier**

VICTORIA, Aug. 18.—It is understood that the province will ask the family of Premier Oliver to consent to a state funeral. Of the members of the late premier's family the farthest from the city, Dr. Robert Oliver, of Hamilton, Ontario, son, and Mrs. J. E. Savage of Montreal, daughter, are on their way to Victoria.

### SIX INDIANS ARE NOW DEAD

**Death List by Poisoning From Eating Salmon Eggs at Arrandale Has Risen**

Canadian Press despatches received today state that the death list of Kincoltho Indians, who were poisoned through eating decayed salmon eggs from a galvanized pail, has now risen to six and that six more are critically ill but may recover.

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