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# CANADA BREAKS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

# MINIMUM WAGE ACT WORKING WELL SAYS COMMISSIONER

## Canada Ends Her Trade Agreement with Russia Result of British Raid

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT PACT HAD BEEN BROKEN IN SO FAR AS REFRAINING FROM SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA WAS CONCERNED

OTTAWA, May 26.—The Canadian Government decided to terminate the trade agreement with Russia immediately, following a lengthy meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon.

Premier Mackenzie King, in making the announcement, declared the evidence in the hands of the government made it clear that certain sections of the agreement between Canada and Russia had been violated by the Russian government. He specifically quoted the provision under which parties to the agreement agreed to refrain from hostile action or undertakings against each other and from conducting either outside or within their borders any official propaganda direct or indirect against the institutions of the British Empire or Russian Soviet republic respectively.

It was stated emphatically by the Premier that termination of the agreement did not mean discontinuance of trade between Canada and Russia.

The Premier said he wished to make it clear that the evidence in the hands of the Canadian Government did not disclose any espionage or subversive propaganda as far as the Montreal office of the Russian trade delegation was concerned.

## HORSE DEAL WITH SOVIET IS CANCELLED

RUSSIA DOES NOT CARE TO DO BUSINESS UNLESS TREATY OF RECOGNITION

OTTAWA, May 26.—Longin Guerus head of the Soviet trade mission to Canada, announced the cancellation of the provisional agreement with the department of agriculture for the shipment of 4,000 western horses from western Canada to Russia as the first step toward ending the trade relations with the Dominion. After conferring with Premier King last night he said the diplomatic section of the Montreal office would be closed immediately. Commercial activities might continue possibly for six months during which he hoped to arrange for the completion of business transactions involving three million dollars already entered into.

Asked if Russia would consider the retention of a trade mission of some sort without Government recognition, he replied: 'No, we don't care for it if tthere is not a treaty or recognition on the part of the Government. It makes it too difficult to carry on business satisfactorily."

## CAR ACCIDENTS AT TERRACE

VISITING SOLDIER HAD COLLISION AND CAPT. COLTHURST'S RUNABOUT BURNED

TERRACE, May 26.—Two car accidents occurred here at the week end, fortunately with no very serious results to the passengers. On Monday evening, in order to avoid a head on collision with an approaching sedan, one of the visiting soldiers ran the car owned by Mrs. George Little into the ditch. The car turned over on its side and was somewhat damaged, the windshield being broken and the top smashed but no one hurt.

Tuesday evening while driving in from Lakelse with Mrs. Colthurst and two sons as well as several soldiers, Capt. Colthurst's light runabout overturned in the new gravel near the government sheds and took fire. several of the passengs were pinned under the car but a number of pedestrians near at hand quickly extricated them and extinguished the fire. Aside from a bad bruising and shaking up no one was much injured but the car is in a badly wrecked condition.

## AUTOS ARE DESTROYED WHEN CARS DERAILED

SASKATOON, May 26.—Seven carloads of automobiles were destroyed in a car derailment on the Canadian National Railway at Bradwell.

Mrs. Eddie Hudson left on this morning's train for Montreal enroute to Belgium where she will visit her former home.

LOOKS LIKE ASSIZE COURT IN JUNE TO BE QUIET SESSION

So far there are no criminal cases set down for the spring session of the Supreme Court Assizes scheduled to open here on June 15, less than three weeks hence. No offences requiring the consideration of the higher court have arisen in the district since last assizes in November and it would require speedy action on the part of the lower courts to get a criminal case before the next assizes should an offence occur in the time intervening. Neither are there any civil cases yet in sight at the court registry although there is still time to set such down.

## CRUSHED BY LOGS AS TRAIN IS DERAILED

VANCOUVER, May 26. Alexander Hofstad, 24 years of age, a brakeman on a logging train up the coast at a camp, was killed when he was crushed by logs, as a train was derailed, according to word received by the provincial police.

## TUG PROBABLY WAS RAMMED BY VESSEL

SEATTLE, May 26.—Wreckage of the missing tug Warren on Puget Sound is believed to indicate that she was rammed by a large ship, coastguard officials conducting the search reported today.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

| | Bid. | Asked |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat | 160¾ | |
| B.C. Silver | 1.62 | |
| Coast Copper | 10.75 | 11.50 |
| Cork Province | .08 | |
| Dunwell | 1.24 | 1.25 |
| Glacier | .08¼ | .10 |
| Gladstone | .24½ | .25½ |
| Independence | .08⅜ | .08⅞ |
| Indian | .07¼ | .07⅜ |
| L. & L. | .10½ | |
| Lucky Jim | .21 | .21½ |
| Premier | 2.04 | 2.07 |
| Porter Idaho | .15¼ | .17 |
| Silver Crest | .06¾ | .07 |
| Surf Inlet | | .02 |
| Sunloch | .68 | .75 |

Advertising signs of several firms have been destroped by throwing of rocks etc., according to the city police who stated this morning that it was the intention of the department to put a stop to the practice.

## PIRATES ARE WINNING YET

HAVE TAKEN FIRM GRIP ON FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE —CHICAGO CLUB GAINING ON YANKEES

NEW YORK, May 26. — Pittsburg Pirates continued their sensational winning streak in the National League yesterday by beating Cincinnati for their seventh victory in a row. St. Louis Cardinals, world's champions, by defeating Chicago, rose into second place. New York Giants, who have been idle since Sunday on account of rains still hold third place a full game and a half behind the Pirates.

There has been no change in the American League standing of note although the Chicago Club, through recent wins, are climbing up on the New York Yankees who have also been idle.

Yesterday's scores:

National League

St. Louis 8, Chicago 5.
Pittsburg 2, Cincinnati 0.
Others rain.

American League

Detroit 6, Cleveland 9.
Chicago 14, St. Louis 8.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National

| | W. | L. | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburg | 20 | 11 | .645 |
| St. Louis | 18 | 12 | .600 |
| New York | 19 | 13 | .594 |
| Chicago | 18 | 13 | .581 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 15 | .500 |
| Boston | 10 | 16 | .385 |
| Brooklyn | 15 | 22 | .405 |
| Cincinnati | 11 | 24 | .314 |
| American | | | |
| New York | 22 | 11 | .666 |
| Chicago | 21 | 15 | .583 |
| Philadelphia | 17 | 16 | .515 |
| St. Louis | 16 | 16 | .500 |
| Washington | 15 | 15 | .500 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 19 | .457 |
| Detroit | 15 | 18 | .455 |
| Boston | 9 | 21 | .300 |

## SOVIET SORE OVER BREAK

SEE IN ACTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT POSSIBLE PREPARATION FOR WAR

MOSCOW, May 26.—Maxim Litvinoff, acting Soviet foreign secretary, told newspapermen that the Anglo-Russian breach was the logical outcome of the British Conservative Government's anti-Soviet policy. It was not an unexpected event connected with the Soviet House raid or the alleged disloyalty of the Russian trade organizations. He said:

"The only reason the British Government delayed the rupture until now is that it hoped to find allies for the joint attack on our union. When this hope did not materialize, the British Government decided to act alone, hoping it would signal similar action by other states. A characteristic fact is that the Argos raid was carried out the day after the Midland Bank agreed to finance Soviet orders to Great Britain to the extent of £10,000,000. He declared the breach was an energetic preparation for war since it could hardly have been the intention to deprive British industry of Soviet orders.

## ROTARY CLUB HAVING VISIT

MEMBERS OF KETCHIKAN CLUB PLANNING TO MAKE TRIP TO THIS CITY FOR CELEBRATION

KETCHIKAN, May 26.—A number of the members of the Ketchikan Rotary Club are planning to make a trip to Prince Rupert to take part in the big Dominion Jubilee celebrations. They will likely be guests of the Prince Rupert Club on Thursday, June 30.

It is understood that a return visit will be made here by Prince Rupert club members.



ADMIRAL SIR CHARLES F. MADDEN, who succeeds Earl Beatty as head of the British Grand Fleet

## Inspector of Gasboats and Oil Docks to be Recommended in Dolphin Investigation Report

As a result of the investigation held this morning by Capt. F. T. Saunders, local agent of the Marine Department, into the explosion which occurred on May 2 aboard the halibut boat Dolphin while taking on gasoline at the Imperial Oil Co.'s wharf, it will be recommended to Ottawa that an inspector be appointed for the purpose of looking after the equipment of gasboats and oil docks in fishing centres with a view to eliminating such accidents as that which occurred to the Dolphin which endanger the lives of men both on the boats and the docks. Tanks, wiring, ignition devices, etc., would come under the supervision of such an official. The suggestion to this effect was made by G. A. Woodland, local agent of the Imperial Oil Co., at the conclusion of the hearing of sworn evidence at the investigation and will be submitted in writing. It was also suggested by Mr. Woodland that penalties should be invoked upon vessels coming to oil docks with fires burning aboard and also upon oil docks attempting to load boats with such fires or other menace.

As far as the enquiry itself was concerned, Capt. Peter Byrne and his witnesses were inclined to place the cause and responsibility for the explosion on the oil company. It was suggested that the explosion had originated in the oil hose from which the boat was being loaded. On the other hand, the oil company's witnesses suggested that the explosion took place actually aboard the boat, presumably from faulty equipment or handling thereon. L. W. Patmore, as counsel, assisted Mr. Woodland in the presentation of the company's evidence. Milton Gonzales appeared on behalf of Capt. Peter Byrne. The hearing was in progress from 10 o'clock until nearly 1. Capt. Saunders will make his report of the investigation direct to Ottawa.

The first witness was Capt. Peter Byrne. He told of the movements of the Dolphin on the morning in question up to the time the explosion occurred. There was no fire on the boat at the oil dock and all switches were pulled. Gasoline was being taken on through two hoses with a man tending each on the boat. He was standing on the deck when the explosion occurred and saw flame coming up the companion way. His theory of the cause of the explosion was that it started in the filling hose outside the boat. There was nothing on the boat to create a fire, he asserted. Nothing had led him to believe that his tanks were in anything but good condition. He admitted that, when the boat was examined

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PRIZE OF $100 FOR TUG OF WAR WINNER DURING CELEBRATION

At the meeting of the Diamond Jubilee celebration executive held last night, Alex. Prudhomme presiding, a letter from Hon. T. D. Pattullo was read offering a prize of $100 to be awarded to the champion tug of war team in Northern British Columbia. This will be competed for at the celebration.

The township of Ontario from which Mr. Pattullo comes sent the world's champion tug of war team to the Chicago exposition in 1893 so the minister is particularly interested in this sport.

## COLLISION OF TWO STEAMERS

PRINCESS VICTORIA AND PRINCESS MARGUERITE BOTH DAMAGED FROM IMPACT

VICTORIA, May 26. — The C.P.R. steamers Princess Margurite and Princess Victoria collided last night when putting out of Vancouver Harbor. The Victoria had her upper deck smashed and the Marguerite her stern stem damaged. Both were able to proceed to this port where an examination is being made preparatory to repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodrick, 1945 Graham Avenue, will sail tonight on the Prince Rupert for Victoria on a holiday trip.

## Minimum Wage Act Discussed With Labor Representatives by Members of the Commission

Not Yet Decided if One General Minimum for all Callings—Effect in Lumber Industry is Beneficial

At a round table conference with a number of representative labor men at the Court House last evening, J. L. McNiven, deputy minister of labor, sitting with Frank Foster as minimum wage commissioners, said it had not yet been determined whether to make one general minimum wage for all industries or to particularize as to the minimum wage to be paid in each. The operation of the minimum wage in the lumber industry had affected nine thousand employees who before it became operative were working for less than forty cents an hour which was at present the minimum set.

rior to that some had been paid as ow as 25c. He thought that other industries would not be so much affected because fewer Orientals were employed there. In hotels and restaurants there were many Orientals who could be replaced with white women and girls and the application of the law would affect them very considerably.

Mr. McNiven said it was not suggested that the minimum set was a living wage but it was an improvement on old conditions and changes of this kind had to be made gradually as there was no intention to stifle industry. It was necessary to be fair and to consider the competition from other provinces in Canada and from the United States. British Columbia was pioncering in this matter as there was no other province in Canada with such a law and no state in the union to the south which they could copy. The province had led the way in the application of the eight hour law and now was doing the same in the matter of the minimum wage.

Mr. McNiven commented on the absence of any employers at the session but said that would not deter them in putting the law into force.

LOW WAGE IN STATES

Frank Foster explained that investigation of the wages south of the line had been made as a guide to what might be done here. In the lumber industry the average wage for unskilled labor there was 45c an hour and in some of the mills they were paying white labor as low as thirty cents an hour. It was not feasible to set a higher minimum here for the mills than forty cents when they were in competition with these mills.

The question of making a higher rate for Northern British Columbia than for the south was advocated but the commissioners seemed of opinion that as industries in the north might often be competing with those in the south of the province, this was not feasible.

S. J. Macdonald, Alderman Larsen, James Black and J. J. Gillis took active parts in the discussion, and others present were J. M. Campbell, F. Derry, S. V. Cox and W. T. Pilford. Mr. Macdonald stating they did not wish to be unreasonable but they did not often get an opportunity such as this to lay their views before those in authority and have them received in a sympathetic manner. He complimented them on what had been done already and spoke very highly of the labor representative on the board, Frank Foster.

A plea for the protection of boys against those who exploit them, just as was done with girls, was made and discussed at some length, the commissioners stating that there had been many objections to doing this, the chief being that a boy might not get employment at all unless he worked for a low wage.

At the afternoon meeting yesterday it was explained that the board was just commencing in Prince Rupert a tour of the entire province for the purpose of obtaining information on which to base a minimum wage covering all adult males employed in British Columbia in every kind of work except such industries as the Minimim Wage Act exempts. The new scale will be designed, besides others specifically mentioned in the Act, to apply to store and office clerks, book-keeprs, hotel and restaurant employees, truck drivers, etc. The only industry so far definitely covered by the Minimum Wage Act is the lumber industry where a minimum wage of 40c an hour has already been established and has stood the test of courts. The Act applies to all industries except farm laborers, fruit pickers and packers, fruit and vegetable canners and domestic servants. It is the intention of the board to establish a minimum wage for all industries not covered by these exemptions. Section men and railway employees are also exempted being under federal rather than provincial jurisdiction.

The board left here this morning to hold a session at Prince George after which it will proceed to Kamloops, Nelson, Cranbrook, Fernie and other points in the southern interior before sitting at Vancouver, Victoria and on Vancouver Island where the present investigations will be concluded.

## DUTY ON PULP WOOD EXPORT

HINT DROPPED THAT IT MAY BECOME POLICY OF DOMINION IN NEAR FUTURE

DETROIT, May 26. — Of delegates from 28 foreign countries attending the fourteenth convention of the foreign trade council here, the Canadian representation is the largest. Yesterday's session was conducted by delegates from the Dominion.

Edwin Beck, secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, hinted at the possibility of restriction on pulp wood exportation. He said: "If such action should be taken it will be not with the smallest feeling of hostility toward the United States but simply to promote that conservation of the Canadian forest resources which are even more profoundly vital to you people than to ourselves."

## 198,000 LBS. HALIBUT SOLD

The halibut sale on exchange today totalled 198,000 pounds with very little change in price from the past few days. Following were the catches:

AMERICAN

Marmot 46,000 at 13.10 and 6to Atlin Fisheries.

Grant 40,000 at 13.10 and 6 to Cold Storage.

Bonanza 22,000 at 12.90 and 6 to Booth Fisheries.

Democrat 17,000 at 13.20 and 6 to Royal Fish Co.

Wireless 17,000 at 13 and 7 to Cold Storage.

Leviathan 23,000 at 13.20 at 13.20 and 7 to Pacific Fisheries.

Eastern Point 3,000 at 13.20 and 7 to Booth Fisheries.

CANADIAN

Agnes B. 6,000 at 12 and 6to Atlin Fisheries.

Gibson 10,000 at 12 and 6 to Atlin isheries.

R.W. 6,000 at 12 and 6 to Cold Storage.

Malvin 4,000 at 12 and 6 to Cold Storage.

Mizpah 4,000 at 12 and 6 to Cold Storage.

## MULTI-MILLIONAIRE DIED PLAYING TENNIS

MANHASSET, N.Y., May 26.— Payne Whitney, whose estate is estimated at from one to four hundred million dollars died of a heart attack while playing tennis at his country estate here yesterday. He was 52 years of age.

R. F. McNaughton, C.N.R. district passenger agent, will sail tonight on the Prince Rupert, accompanying the party of Eastern C.N.R. ticket men to Vancouver.