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## PREMIER SPEAKS AGAIN ON CHARGES.

### CITY MAKES DECISION ON RAILWAY TAXATION QUESTION

#### Fabrication of False Statements Are Given Castigation by Oliver

EVIDENCE PRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE TO GIVE LIE TO GAUTHIER'S ALLEGATIONS — BUCKHAM WAS NOT EVEN THERE

VICTORIA, February 23.—In the Legislature on Tuesday, Premier Oliver moved that a royal commission under the Public Enquiries Act be appointed to investigate the alleged irregularities set out in the affidavit of J. A. Gauthier relative to liquor purchases in the province as read to the House by H. Despard Twigg, Conservative member for Victoria, who asked for a royal commission to investigate the charges. The premier declared that, with the appointment of a commission such as he proposed, there would be the latest opportunity afforded the mover, and seconder of the motion to present their views and to back up their allegations. He also said that they would be held responsible before the people of the province.

#### TAHITI IS SOUTH SEAS NEW LIQUOR PORT

WILL SUCCEED VANCOUVER AS DISTRIBUTING POINT ON PACIFIC COAST FOR LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 23.—The port of Vancouver ceased today to be the main distributing point for liquor on the Pacific Coast, and Papeete, the capital city of Tahiti, the French possession in the southern seas, has succeeded her, according to a story published in the Province newspaper. With the arrival in port this morning of the British steamer "Falterbo" work commenced at the Ballantyne Piers loading cargo, which ranged from choicest French wines to oriental intoxicants, all consigned to the South Sea

liquor men declare that the Royal Commission on the Customs matter has named Vancouver as an in-transit point and after searching the Pacific for a suitable point from which to conduct operations, Papeete was chosen. There bonding charges and other regulations are satisfactory. They estimate that Vancouver will lose \$100,000 annually, which hitherto has been paid out by the liquor interests in purchasing supplies for their ships and for the crews of the ships which will lose their jobs which will go to Frenchmen as soon as the ships reach the South seas.

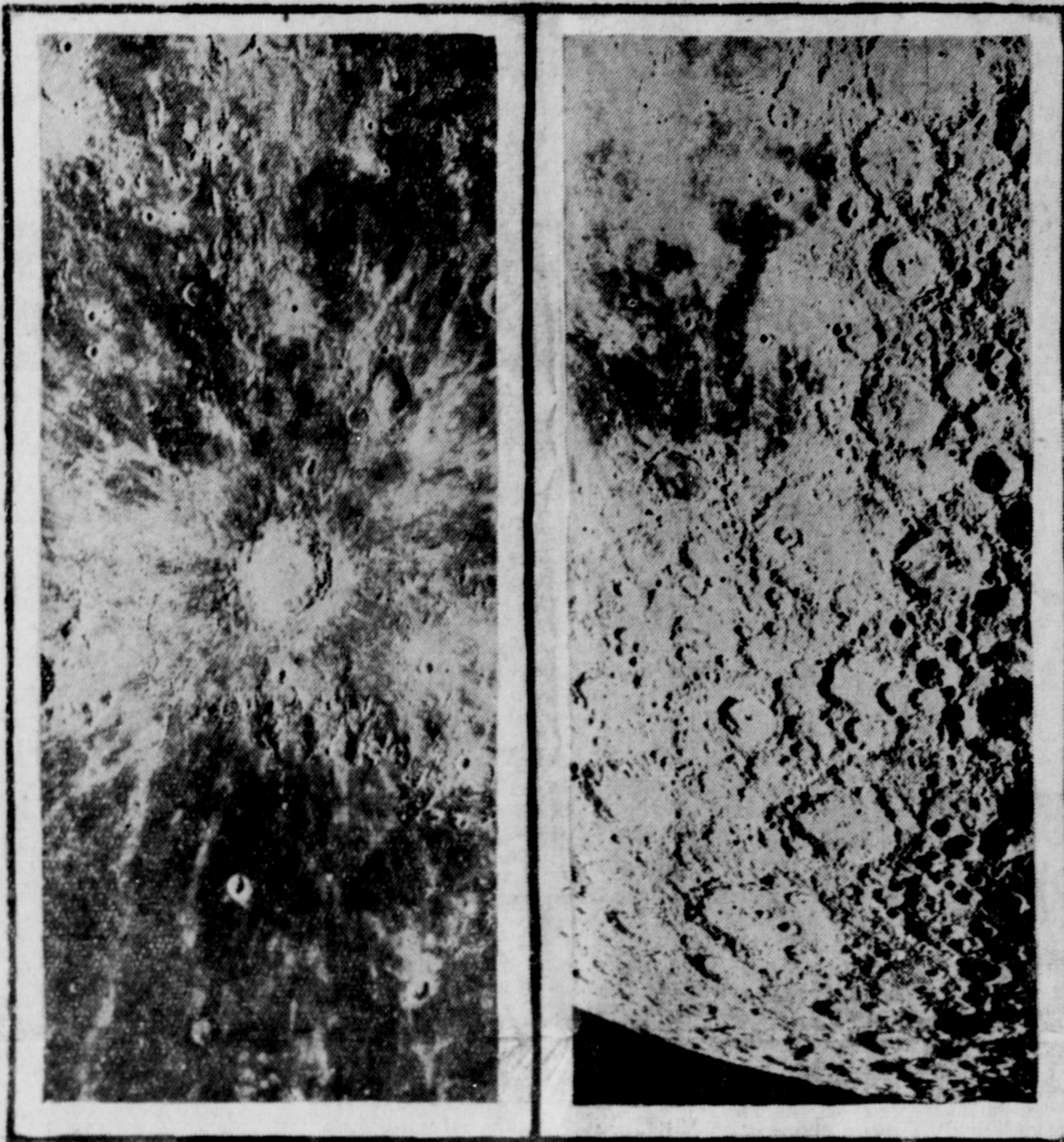
#### CHOONER BLEW UP IN ATLANTIC

MEMBERS OF CREW OF NOVA SCOTIA BOAT RESCUED AFTER SPENDING TWO DAYS IN SMALL BOATS

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Nine members of the crew of the Le Havre, Nova Scotia schooner, Kathleen Conrad, were rescued at sea and landed here today. The schooner which was loaded with 200 drums of alcohol, caught fire and an explosion followed. Previously all the sails and running gear had been carried away by a terrific storm. The crew was hoisted on hardtack for two days in small boats.

#### LIQUOR CONCERN CHANGES HANDS

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23.—Announcement made by the Reifel interests that the control of the Joseph Kennedy Limited, import liquor house, has passed into the hands of eastern buyers. It is stated that this move was made necessary owing to the continued illness of Harry Reifel, manager of the concern, who is away on an extended tour in search of health. O. D. Lammiman, it is stated, will be in charge of the Kennedy company as manager for the new interests.



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MOON'S SURFACE: (Left) The lunar crater Copernicus, as seen from Mount Wilson Observatory. The crater is about fifty miles in diameter. Scientists believe that it is a dead body. They think that the craters which pit the floor of the moon (right) were caused by bombarding meteors.

#### Canadian National to Pay Much More New Basis for Assessment

On the basis approved by the civic court of revision last night, the Canadian National Railway will pay approximately \$120,000 to the city in taxation as compared with the flat rate of \$45,000 which they have been required to pay under an agreement which has been in force for the past five years and which expired in February of this year. After an extended consideration of the various appeals which came before it, the court of revision finally reached decisions in the various cases and concluded its sittings last night in the City Hall. All appeals made by citizens against the assessment were rejected and the assessor's values confirmed with only minor corrections in the roll to rectify errors.

In the appeals of the Canadian National Railway Co. which called for sweeping reductions in practically all their holdings in the city, there were certain reductions which amounted in all to between \$35,000 and \$40,000. There were also a few adjustments made in the acreage of certain parcels which had inadvertently been wrongly classed. After these had been disposed of, Alderman Jos. Greer moved and Alderman W. J. Greer seconded a motion that the assessment roll as amended be confirmed for the year.

As intimated at the opening of the court of revision, the appeals of the railway company whose property was assessed at over \$3,500,000 covered practically all their holdings in the city which they asked to be reduced to a little over \$700,000. The reductions finally made by the court were only a small fraction of what was asked for by representatives of the company and will total approximately \$40,000.

Those present at the session of the court last night were Mayor Newton, Ald. M. M. Stephens, Ald. Jos. Greer, Ald. W. J. Greer, Ald. Oscar Larsen, City Solicitor E. F. Jones, City Assessor J. C. McLennan, and Tax Clerk E. S. Allistone.

#### REFUGEES POUR INTO SHANGHAI

INHABITANTS BECOME AFRAID OF LOOTING OF CITY BY DESERTERS FROM NORTHERN ARMIES

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23.—The general strike situation is little changed this morning with a hundred thousand workers still reported idle. Meantime foreign powers are rapidly concentrating troops and warships to provide for any eventualities. Another thousand British marines from England arrived at Hong Kong this morning en route to this city.

It has been learned that the Cantonese army includes fifteen hundred white Russians. A near panic prevailed in the native quarter of Shanghai today as deserters and stragglers from the broken army of Marshal Chuan Fang, the northern commander, continued to arrive in increasing numbers and rumors arose that they were planning the wholesale looting of the city. Thousands of refugees poured into the French concession from the native section adjoining as the situation outside became more tense.

#### LOCAL WOMAN'S SISTER IS SAFE

MISS SUSIE HADDOCK, MEMBER OF MISSIONARY PARTY REACHING SHANGHAI, SISTER OF MISS HADDOCK OF THIS CITY

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—A cable received at the United Church offices from Shanghai reports the safe arrival there of a large party of missionaries from the west China mission in Szechwan province. They made the trip down the Yangtze River to the coast without mishap. Included in the party was Miss Susie Haddock, sister of Miss Isabel Haddock, United Church deaconess at Prince Rupert.

Local United Church authorities expressed great relief on being advised this morning by the Daily News of the safe arrival of the missionary party at Shanghai. There had been considerable anxiety, especially on the part of Miss Haddock for her sister.

#### YOUTHS ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY

LOWER MAINLAND POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THREE BOYS IMPLICATED IN THEFT CASE

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23.—The police of the lower mainland are searching for three youths who escaped from police custody in Greater Vancouver.

Leslie Hunt, aged 19, and a juvenile boy, who were being held on charge of burglary, made a successful jail break from North Vancouver city prison.

Scott Spirey, aged 19, sentenced to two years in penitentiary on charges of theft, eluded his police guard at the Vancouver General Hospital and regained his liberty.

Table: Once upon a time two cars collided on the highway and the drivers conferred thereafter in whispers.

#### NAMES ROYAL COMMISSION

MR. JUSTICE MORRISON, W. H. MALKIN AND REV. J. HENDERSON WILL INVESTIGATE CAMPAIGN FUNDS

VICTORIA, Feb. 23.—Mr. Justice Aubrey Morrison, W. H. Malkin and Rev. J. Henderson were named by Hon. A. M. Hanson, attorney general, yesterday afternoon as royal commissioners to investigate campaign fund contributions as recommended by the Odium committee. This commission will not touch the more recent Twigg charges in connection with which an announcement is expected shortly of the appointment of a Royal Commission of probably a single member.

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#### EDWARD LIPSETT WINS ACTION IN VANCOUVER

Awarded Judgment For \$1,027 Against Albert Boat Owner

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23.—Judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,027, the amount claimed, was handed down by Mr. Justice Morrison in the suit brought by Edward Lipsett Limited, Water Street, against Capt. J. A. Croll and his wife, Annie G. Croll and Estrella G. Croll of Alberni, for goods sold to the defendants for their fishing boat. A counter claim for \$12,881.26 was not allowed.

#### BRITAIN OBJECTS TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The British cabinet it is understood, has decided to send an emphatically worded note to Soviet Russia concerning the anti-British propaganda which it is charged is being disseminated throughout the British Empire. It is understood that the note will state that unless the propaganda ceases, Britain will consider the possibility of terminating the trade agreement with the Soviet.

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#### ARTHUR LITTLE DIES IN EAST

DEATH COMES TO ONE OF CITY'S REAL PIONEERS WHO WAS WIDELY KNOWN AND GENERALLY ESTEEMED

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Coming here with a bundle of papers under his arm in the John Houston days soon after Prince Rupert was heralded as the projected terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Mr. Little was soon in business in a news-stand on the waterfront which shortly became as popular a community gathering place as it has been for the two decades since. He established the old Iroquois pool room on Centre Street and, after the town's night had been sold and squatters (continued on page six)

#### COPS SEIZED PRIZE MONEY

GATE RECEIPTS OF DILLON-BELANGER BATTLE TAKEN TO PAY JACK ALLEN'S BILL

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23.—While Harry Dillon and Charlie Belanger were battling on Monday night for the light heavy-weight championship of Canada at the Arena, Deputy Sheriff Robertson and three assistants swooped down on the building and seized the gate receipts totalling more than \$2,000 to satisfy an unpaid judgment held by Grace Travers against Jack Allen, promoter of the bout. Meanwhile, the fighters were not aware that their prize money had vanished.

#### MOTOR LICENSE FEES AND AMUSEMENT TAX ARE CUT IN ONTARIO

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Delivering his first budget speech in the Ontario legislature, Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, provincial treasurer, announced motor license fees reductions totalling more than \$800,000 and a \$600,000 reduction in amusement taxes.

#### Lease of Elevator to Wheat Pool Will Involve Provision of More Facilities in South

VANCOUVER, February 23.—Reports from Ottawa, the Vancouver Daily Province states, indicate that the leasing of No. 2 elevator to the Alberta Wheat Pool will be contingent upon more facilities for ships being provided. This would probably mean the expenditure of about \$1,000,000 for No. 2 jetty which was planned and designed by the former Board of Harbor Commissioners and which would have to be built on property just east of Ballantyne Pier. The construction costs were in the Harbor Board estimates but were never passed by Parliament.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVES IN WINNIPEG ON OCT. 11  
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OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—The national convention of the Conservative party will be held in Winnipeg on October 11, it was officially announced yesterday afternoon following a meeting of representatives from all parts of the Dominion. One of the chief objects of the meeting will be to select a permanent Dominion leader for the party.  
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#### VANDERHOOF ENDORSES PRINCE RUPERT ROAD

Declines However, to Set Any Date for Commencement of Work

A letter was received at a recent meeting of the Vanderhoof Board of Trade from the Prince George to Prince Rupert Highway Association asking for endorsement of a resolution favoring immediate start being made on road from Prince Rupert east. After much discussion it was decided to endorse the resolution, if found feasible, but leaving out any date for commencement of work.

#### CASHIER ARRESTED

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 23.—Charles P. Latham, cashier in the land registry office, was arrested on Tuesday charged with theft of seven thousand dollars over a period of three years, it is alleged. He appeared in the police court this morning and was remanded until tomorrow. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

#### FISH ARRIVALS

The halibut fishing boat Onah, captain Harry Selig, reached port at noon today with between 6,000 and 7,000 pounds of halibut. It is expected that others will arrive in time for sale tomorrow morning.

Free Country: One in which 100 people have 100 different ideas of what constitutes wickedness.

#### JEWELRY STORE IN PORTLAND LOOTED

Thieves Escape with \$15,000 in Goods and \$150 Cash—Entered from Adjoining Empty Store

PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb. 23.—Entering Grieve's jewelry store through an adjoining empty store, robbers drilled the safe and escaped with \$15,000 in diamonds and other jewelry and \$150 in cash.

#### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

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Wheat	1.41 3/4	
B.C. Silver	1.65	1.75
Dunwell	1.43	1.48
Glacier	.10	.11
Gladstone	.28 1/2	.30
Independence	.10 1/2	.11
Coast Copper	6.25	7.25
Marmot		.13
Silver Crest		.07

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