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CANNIBALISM AMONG THE ESKIMOS

HANSON HOPES TO SECURE CONTRACT FOR SNAG SCOW

Cannibalism in North is Admitted by Girl ---Ate Human Flesh

OTTAWA March 15.—A case of cannibalism among the Eskimos in winter of 1926 and 1927 was reported by Sergeant M. A. Joyce in the annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He said that two natives had arrived at the Hudson's Bay Company post on December 22, 1927, bringing with them a woman named Ikstak. "This woman," said the postmaster in a letter, "is an unfortunate individual, who, during the time of starvation

LABOR URGES PREFERENCE TO GREAT BRITAIN

OTTAWA, March 15.—A sub-amendment to the budget urging the government for consideration of an immediate and substantial increase of the British preference as a step toward freer trade relations between Canada and other nations was moved in the house of commons last night by E. Spencer of the United Farmers Association and seconded by A. A. Heaps, Labor member.

The house now has before it the main motion of Hon. W. A. Robb, minister of finance, and the amendment by Hugh Guthrie, which regrets that there are no provisions in the budget for safeguarding those engaged in agriculture and industry, and the present sub-amendment.

MAKE CHANGES IN TAXATION

VICTORIA, March 15.—A bill to amend the taxation act was introduced by Mr. Shelly in the legislature for the purpose of making the personal property tax retroactive to September 1, 1920. This is being done, it was explained, because of the trouble that has been experienced in collecting arrears in taxes, particularly from fishing plants, because it was claimed by those refusing to pay that the act was ultra vires. The bill will overcome this difficulty and clear the way for the collection of tax arrears.

Mr. Shelly also introduced the bill to amend the Succession Duties Act, the chief amendments of which were: to give tax exemption from inheritance tax up to \$20,000 and a total exemption on life insurance.

PRINCESS ERIK OPERATED UPON

PASADENA, Cal., March 15.—Princess Erik of Denmark, formerly Lois Booth of Ottawa, who came here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth, to recuperate her health, was stricken suddenly with appendicitis last night and operated upon at a hospital in Los Angeles. She was reported getting along nicely today.

SEAPLANE AT CAMPBELL R.

Boeing Flying Boat, Destined for Juneau, Dropped There Last Night

The six-passenger Boeing flying boat, which left Seattle with Juneau as its destination, got only as far as Campbell River yesterday, a distance of possibly 200 miles, according to word received in early yesterday afternoon from the city this morning. Up to noon the ship had not left there in continuation of its flight up the coast.

Messages received this morning from T. McCarty, who is in charge of the plane, sought information with regard to weather conditions and local fueling facilities. According to a press despatch this afternoon, the plane flew from Seattle to Alert Bay, B.C., yesterday and was going nicely.

EMPLOYMENT ANDREW BLYGH IS CRITICIZED

Majority Report Says He Should Not Have Been Employed Because He Was Justice of Peace

MINORITY REPORT OFFERED Ian MacKenzie Critical of Report And Moves That It Be Sent Back For Reconsideration

VICTORIA, March 15.—The report of the select committee which investigated the expenditure of liquor control money, especially the payment to Andrew Blygh of Vancouver, was tabled in the Legislature last night. The report said the committee regarded the appointment of Blygh as a salaried official of the Liquor Board and his continued employment as such, injudicious. It stated that there was an error of judgment in his appointment as conflicting with his duties as justice of the peace.

The report further stated that it would have been advisable to dispense with his services upon finding that his reports were acquiring a political tinge.

Expenditures for the salary of L. Menendez were regarded as justifiable in view of the work he did. The amount received by Blygh was stated as \$14,942 in the capacity of inspector under the liquor act while Menendez received \$4,520. The report was signed by H. D. Twigg and J. W. Berry.

Upon presentation of the report, Ian MacKenzie, the third member of the committee, moved an amendment to delete the words of the report after the first and refer the matter back to the committee for further consideration and himself offering an amended report. This was defeated.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, March 15.—The price of wheat here today was quoted at \$1.27 1/2.

Canadian Naturalist Honored



TO BE THE ORIGINATOR OF THE SANCTUARY IDEA OF ARTIFICIALLY FEEDING, PROTECTING AND CONSERVING THE WILD FOWL OF THE CONTINENT IS A RARE AND FAR-REACHING ACHIEVEMENT.

Whereas, Jack Miner, born at Dover Center, Ohio, and made in Canada, has devoted a lifetime to the ideal of Bird Sanctuary, giving birth to the idea of artificial feeding and protecting, and

Whereas, he has, despite modest financial means, increased the bird population of his sanctuary by hundreds and thousands, calistating the support of understanding friends all over the world, and

Whereas, he has fostered the building of sanctuaries all over the world by giving of his time, strength and energy, to speed the gospel of protection and conservation of wild life

Therefore, his friends in his native state of Ohio, present him with this all too slight evidence of their admiration, esteem and love, and designate Jack Miner, The Missionary of the Air and International Teacher and Guide to a sound and timely conservation of wild life.

Jack Miner, the Canadian naturalist, as is well known, was born in the State of Ohio. Recently he returned to Toledo to start a lecture tour of the state and when introduced in the City of Toledo, Judge Cohn, one of Ohio's supreme court judges, presented him with the parchment shown above. Inset is a picture of Mr. Miner.

Effort Being Made to Secure the Building of Snag Scow at Drydock

Olof Hanson Takes Matter Up With Ottawa and Engineer Favors Local Shipyard for Carrying Out of Work

A new snag scow is to be built and the government engineer, J. P. Forde, states that as the Prince Rupert drydock is able to give a first-class job and local labor could be employed and materials furnished, he will strongly recommend to the federal government that it be constructed there. Mr. Ford left this morning for Vancouver, but before leaving discussed the matter with Olof Hanson and so expressed himself.

When in Ottawa recently, Mr. Hanson ascertained that the new vessel was to be built and at once took the matter up with the responsible minister and the department officials with a view to securing the contract for Prince Rupert. The scow operates on the Skeena River, pulling out the snags which interfere with the fishing operations.

Another matter which Mr. Forde discussed with Mr. Hanson while here was the matter of the fishermen's floats. He is recommending the site just east of the drydock and he assured Mr. Hanson that just as soon as the plans are completed and arrangements made, the floats will be commenced with a view to their being available this summer.

TORONTO STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.) Amulet, 2.15. Arno, 51. Howey, 1.25. Hudson Bay Mining, 20.40. Intl. Nickel, 60.50. Mandy, 1.51. Mining Corporation, 5.30. Noranda, 59.00. Sudbury Basin, 11.70. Sherritt-Gordon, 9.60. Teck Hughes, 9.50. Ventures, 12.45.

RUSH OF BUSINESS CAUSES EXCHANGE VANCOUVER TO CLOSE

Word has been received from Vancouver that so great has been the rush of business that it has been decided to close the stock exchange tomorrow to allow the brokers a chance to catch up with the work.

Floods in Alabama and Ontario Result Present Spring Thaw

NEW YORK, March 15. — Many towns in southern Alabama were under water today with the fate of the residents in doubt as the numerous creeks and rivers of that section of the state continued to rise. No check of the number of dead or injured is possible. At Elba, Ala., 4000 persons were marooned. An observer from a tree a mile away reported that only the tops of the taller buildings could be seen. He could hear the screams of the marooned citizens.

TORONTO, March 15.—Rivers and creeks in southern Ontario are on the annual rampage.

Clifford Arthur, aged 7, was swept into a culvert near St. Mary's and drowned. Cities and towns along the Grand River suffered most damage. Galt reports that the damage there will run into many thousands of dollars.

The Brantford fire department was called out three times yesterday to rescue marooned families in Holmedale, the north end of the suburb, but the city, is well protected by its dike system.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS TODAY 97,100 LBS.

Prices Slightly Lower Than Yesterday, Though Still at Satisfactory Level

Halibut sales at the local fish exchange today aggregated 97,100 pounds. Prices were slightly lower than yesterday, the high bid of the day for American fish being 15.6c and 6c, while the top Canadian price was 13.4c and 6c. Sales were as follows:

American—Paragon, 26,000 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 14.7c and 6c. Addington, 14,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 14.3c and 6c. Celtic, 17,500 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 14.8c and 6c. Lenore, 8000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 15.5c and 6c. Eureka, 4000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 15.6c and 6c. Alki, 3000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 15.6c and 6c.

Canadian—Tramp, 3000 pounds, Royal Fish Co., 13.4c and 6c. M. M. Christopher 5000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 13.1c and 6c. Morris H., 4000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 13.1c and 6c. Dundas, 2000 pounds, Royal Fish Co., 13.3c and 6c. Ruth, 2600 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 13.2c and 6c.

Sold Yesterday The Corona, one of the American boats which held over from yesterday morning finally sold her catch of 6000 pounds to the Pacific Fisheries at 15.8c and 6c yesterday afternoon.

Word has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arthur, who left here recently, are located at Rolla where they are managing a hotel. The place is booming, new settlers coming in, and the reports indicate that the people who went from here are doing well.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER DIES

Married in January and Ill For Past Two Weeks in Hospital At Victoria

VICTORIA, March 15.—Chief Justice Gordon Hunter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, died at ten o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital where he had been seriously ill for two weeks.

The Chief Justice had been in poor health for some years past and suffered a relapse a few weeks ago. He was married for a second time in January last. He was 66 years of age, born at Beamsville, Ont., and graduated from Toronto University. He was appointed chief justice in 1902 and had held that position ever since. He was married in 1896 to Mrs. Ida Nelson of Portland Ore., who died last year, and married Miss Eleanor Morden who survives him.

The Chief Justice had a summer home at Shawnigan Lake where he spent much of his recreational time.

PLAN CHANGES MINIMUM WAGE

VICTORIA, March 15.—Important changes in the operation of the Male Minimum Wage Act will be made if the bill introduced in the legislature on Thursday passes.

A right is to be given all employees in any occupation in contradistinction to any industry to apply to the board provided for under the act for an adjustment of wages. The previous practice under the act was first the board to investigate the situation with respect to any industry and then make a blanket minimum wage for the industry. Under the proposed amendment the line of occupation is to be the basis of the minimum wage fixed.

Scottish Humor

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LOCAL NEWS During a recent spell of cold weather Aberdonians were to be seen going about with their mouths open. There was a nip in the air.