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BULLETINS

NO FREEZE IN CANADA
OTTAWA—No immediate general wage and price freeze is being planned for Canada, Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said today in an interview. He added that this policy will not be changed even though the United States launches a general freeze within the next few days.

BEVIN SOMEWHAT BETTER
LONDON—Slight improvement was reported today in the condition of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, seriously ill with pneumonia complicated by his cardiac and asthmatic condition.

TALKING CEASE FIRE
LAKE SUCCESS—A new Arab-Asian proposal to settle the conflict in Korea comes before United Nations political committee today. It calls for a seven-power conference, including Communist China and Russia, to discuss the Korean and other Eastern problems. But the resolution for the U.N. ducks a specific mention of cease-fire. The Asian-Arab plan conforms with the demands Peiping has been making from the beginning—that a conference on Far Eastern problems be called without waiting for a cease-fire in Korea.

Priorities On Recruiting Nickel, Copper Spurs Ahead

OTTAWA—In line with the use of nickel for armament and other purposes, the government is set to be considering the setting up of priorities on nickel, copper and zinc.

Foundland Men Landed to Senate
OTTAWA—Appointment of representatives to complete Newfoundland's panel of six was announced yesterday by Prime Minister St. Laurent. They are: Mr. Pratt, Michael Vaschell, Mr. H. W. Quinton. The Newfoundland is now provincial treasurer of Newfoundland. He describes himself as an independent. The other two are Liberals.

Mr. Casey Is Board Chairman

G. B. Casey was elected chairman of the parks board at a meeting of that body last night. Division of terms on the board is Ald. Casey for one year and P. P. Murray for two years. The division was decided by the board members.

Committed for Trial

Larry Disher Sent Up for Manslaughter Charge After Street Death
Larry James Disher was committed for trial by Magistrate W. V. Vane in city police court this morning on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the death of Mrs. Jennie M. Ball in a street traffic mix-up. Ball is continued on a bond of \$1000. The trial will take place at spring sittings opening May 1.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER		
American Standard	37 1/2	
Alcan	7.70	
B. C. X.	0.4 1/2	
Cariboo Quartz	1.25	
Congress	0.08	
Goldfield	0.52	
Goldfield Eastern	0.05	
Goldfield Oreille	8.75	
Goldfield	2.15	
Goldfield Border	0.08 1/2	
Goldfield	0.09	
Goldfield McDonald	4.75	
Goldfield	0.04	
Goldfield Creek	1.65	
Goldfield Premier	0.30	
Goldfield Gold	0.03	
Goldfield Standard	2.80	
Goldfield Uranium	1.38	
TORONTO		
Beattie	74 3/4	
Bevcoourt	46 1/2	
Buffalo Canadian	26	
C. M. & S.	131.00	
Conwest	1.99	
Donald	0.62	
Eldona	0.25	
East Sullivan	9.10	
Giant Yellowknife	7.40	
God's Lake	0.48	
Hardrock	0.32	
Harricana	0.14	
Hova	0.09	
Hosco	0.07	
Jackknife	0.05 1/4	
Joliet Quebec	0.08	
Lake Rowan	0.08	
Lapaska	0.05 1/2	
Lynx	16 1/2	
Madsen Red Lake	2.71	
McKenzie Red Lake	0.49	
McLeod Cockshutt	3.15	
Moneta	0.40	
Negus	1.20	
Noranda	77.25	
Louvicourt	22 1/2	
Pickle Crow	8.15	
Regicourt	0.05 1/2	
Senator Rouyn	0.25	
Sherritt Gordon	3.90	
Sheep Rick	9.80	
Sturgeon River	1.12	
Silver Miller	1.12	
Upper Canada	2.25	
Golden Manitou	6.35	

Celanese Head Stresses Housing Need

Big-4 To Start Talks

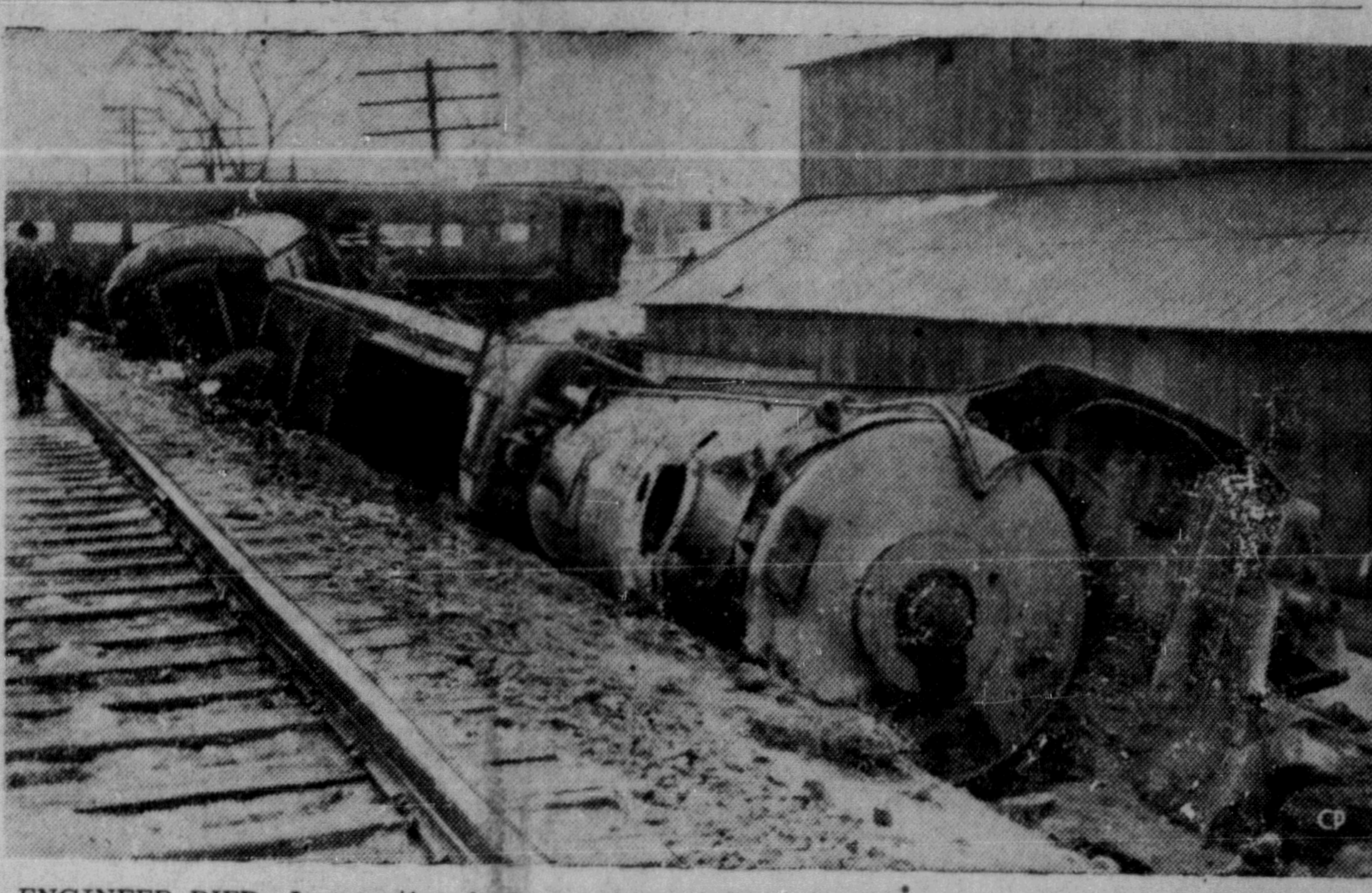
WASHINGTON (U)—The western Big Three have proposed that Russia meet with them in a preliminary session in Paris as a step toward a Big Four foreign ministers' conference to ease global tensions.

United States, Britain and France made the suggestion in notes to Moscow. They said they stand ready to make a major attempt to improve east-west relations.

But they again turned thumbs down on the Russian idea of limiting the Big Four ministers' conference to a discussion of German rearmament.

They want all major causes of east-west friction explored.

They called on Moscow to say whether Russia agrees to take up "the principal problems whose solution would permit a real and lasting improvement" in relations between the Soviet Union and the west.



ENGINEER DIED—Locomotive, baggage-car and four other cars were derailed Saturday when the C.P.R. Dominion Flyer crashed into a truck stalled at a level crossing outside Ottawa. Engineer G. Albert Scharfe of Ottawa, 55, was scalded to death by steam when trapped in the cab. Twenty-five persons suffered minor injuries. (CP PHOTO)

Is Serious Matter In Getting Plant Started

Vice-President Has Busy Two Days Here Expediting Plant Completion

Housing for permanent employees was emphasized again today as a most serious problem as the time approaches for the great Columbia Cellulose Co. pulp mill at Watson Island to go into operation.

Rail Freight Hike Sought

OTTAWA (U)—The Board of Transport Commissioners today reserved their decision on a railway application for general freight rate increase of five per cent.

The \$23,000,000 a year increase is sought to meet the cost of the seven-cents-an-hour wage boost obtained by railway employees last year.

For Newfoundland the board ordered a new deal in freight rates by scaling down many of the new province's rates, especially the water-haul from Cape Breton. New scale of rates is to be similar to those effective in the Maritimes.

The emphasis on this matter came from top level in the person of George Schneider, vice-president of the Celanese Corporation of America.

"In fact, that is one of the things that brought me here on this trip," Mr. Schneider said. "I am very concerned about it."

However, he expressed confidence that Prince Rupert would not fail in meeting the situation.

Generally speaking, his visit was for the purpose of expediting the completion of the plant and the various factors of co-ordination leading up to going into production.

Mr. Schneider preferred not to commit himself at this time as to a definite date for the opening of the plant. It was a hard question to answer, he said, in reply to a reporter's question.

Co-ordination of the various operating factors are proceeding as the construction nears completion.

Mr. Schneider, after a busy two days here inspecting the site and conferring with officials, left by today's plane for Vancouver on his way back to headquarters in New York.

Pt. Alberni Is Up Again

Timekeeper Who Started Inquiry Is Dismissed

PORT ALBERNI (U)—City Timekeeper William Carr, who touched off an investigation of civic administration last fall, was dismissed by the city council last night.

At the same time, the council threw out a resolution calling upon Mayor Loran Jordan to hold another civic inquiry.

Carr, timekeeper for the board of works, sparked a public inquiry in October when he charged city funds had been misused and that some civic employees had charged personal purchases to the city.

Korean Front Quiet

TOKYO (CP)—Allied patrols probed the central Korean war front today amid mounting speculation that the quarry has quietly pulled out. There was no enemy contact Wednesday night except for a minor patrol clash near Yogu, 40 miles southeast of the abandoned South Korean capital, Seoul.

Many D.P.'s Are Landed

HALIFAX—Bringing 6338 displaced persons, the Goya is scheduled to dock here today from Bremerhaven, Germany. To take them to various destinations across Canada, the Canadian National Railways will operate a special boat train from dockside. The large group includes domestics, farmers, miners, textile and wood workers and close relatives.

Gen. Eisenhower Visits Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland.—General Dwight Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of Atlantic Treaty forces in Europe, is a visitor in Iceland today, this country being one of the members of the pact. General Eisenhower is due in Ottawa Friday and will be home in the United States Saturday.

A few Korean Reds were encountered in the same general area north of Kungyangjang and Inchon.

United States intelligence officers said the apparent absence of Communist troops south of the Han River may mean the Chinese have made a large-scale withdrawal to the north.

There is also speculation that the Chinese are awaiting political developments at the UN.

Allied air power continued to hit at the Reds far behind the lines, striking at military targets throughout North Korea.

B.C. Competes With US Lumber

SEATTLE (U)—West coast United States lumber mills face an increasing competition from the southern pine region and British Columbia, says a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

It adds, however, that U.S. Pacific coast lumber mills will be the mainstay of America for many years, producing more than 40 per cent of its lumber.

B. C. Timber All-Time High

VANCOUVER—E. T. Kenney, British Columbia lands and forests minister, forecast last night that the total timber cut in B.C. in 1950 will constitute an all-time high. He said:

"It is my opinion that when figures on all cutting operations in the B.C. industry last year are compiled, the total will be much closer to 5,000,000,000 board feet than it will be to 4 billion board feet."

"If so, this will be an all-time record for the province."

Total timber cut during 1949 was 4,049,682,527 board feet with a value of \$375,000,000.

Influenza Hits Peak

LONDON—Millions in Europe are sneezing and running temperatures and some thousands, mostly feeble and aged, have died in the influenza epidemic which appears to be reaching its peak in a number of countries. It is now believed on the wane in the United Kingdom, but hospitals still are overcrowded and industry is badly hampered.

13,000 Tons Of Herring Left

Only 13,000 tons of herring remain to be caught in the central sub-district, it was learned today.

Four thousand tons of herring were taken from waters in the Kildidit area yesterday to make a total of 27,000 tons taken of the 40,000-ton quota for the central sub-district.

The statement was made this morning by G. S. Reade, regional supervisor of fisheries.

The showing makes the outlook for the area good—some even think it may tax the capacity of the packer service.

Mild, calm weather has made fishing in the district very good.

Protection For Fishery

WASHINGTON (U)—Representative Mitchell (D-Wash.) has urged Secretary of State Acheson to send a representative of his fisheries and wild life division to aid in formulation of a Japanese peace treaty.

Mitchell made public a letter to Acheson in which he said he had learned that John Foster Dulles, soon to depart for Japan for preliminary drafting of the treaty, has not included a fisheries expert on his official staff.

"Consequently, it would appear," Mitchell wrote, "that Mr. Dulles does not contemplate including Pacific fishery provisions in the proposed treaty."

Japanese fishing activities off Bristol Bay in Alaskan waters and other Pacific Coast areas prior to World War II, Mitchell said, "threatened our conservation program and thus imperiled on our national security."

To Re-manufacture Soaked Newsprint

OCEAN FALLS (Special to the Daily News)—Water-damaged cargo of Pacific Mills newsprint valued at \$100,000 will be converted back to newsprint, it is reported.

A Vancouver Tug and Barge Co. Ltd. barge, loaded with 850 tons of the paper, shipped considerable water in crossing storm-lashed Queen Charlotte Sound last week.

The barge returned to Ocean Falls. Full insurance was carried, the report said.

\$70,000 AIR DEPOT—Administration Building At Sandspit Being Authorized

OTTAWA—Department of Transport has authorized the construction of a new administration building at the Sandspit airport on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Cost is estimated at \$70,000.

The project will include accommodation for radio range finder, weather station, passenger depot and customs office.

WEATHER

Synopsis
Very warm air from the south and southwest has been flowing into the southern coastal areas and the lower mainland of British Columbia for the past 24 hours. Overnight temperatures remained near fifty in these regions. Rainfall has been well above normal with more than three inches recorded on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Two and three quarter inches also recorded at Abbotsford and at Hope while Princeton had another seven inches of fresh snow. Revelstoke takes top honor in snowfall with a thirty-one inch snowfall in the past 24 hours. Central and northern regions of the province have winter weather with temperatures near zero at several points. The mild spell is expected to continue over the southern areas.

Forecast
North coast region—A few clouds over the Queen Charlottes and the northern mainland today and Friday. Showers in the vicinity of northern Vancouver Island today. Cloudy Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Lows tonight and highs Friday—At Port Hardy 30 and 40. Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 25 and 40.

Snow Blocks Fraser Canyon

Canadian National Line And Highway Tied Up
VANCOUVER (U)—Canadian National Railways transcontinental line and the TransCanada Highway are blocked 120 miles east of here today as heavy rain clawed chunks of rock and mud from the walls of Fraser Canyon.

Tons of rock and earth have blocked the road for 24 hours.

About 10 miles south of Hell's Gate, a flume carrying a mountain run-off over the tracks was smashed and the eater hacked out 40 feet of steel.

Canadian National Railways trains have been re-routed on Canadian Pacific Railway tracks which run along the opposite wall of the canyon.

Canadian Pacific Railway officials said there had been small slides over the main line which were speedily attended to. A slide on the Kettle Valley line in Coquihalla Pass necessitated re-routing.

Hope, southern gateway of the canyon, recorded rainfall of 2 3/4 inches in the last 24 hours.

Biggest Year-Pulp Paper

MONTREAL (U)—Paul E. Cooper, chairman of the western branch, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, and president, Pacific Mills Ltd., Ocean Falls, told delegates to the association's annual meeting the western branch had one of its most active years in history in 1950.

The main event in mill operations, Mr. Cooper said, was the mid-year start of production of H. R. MacMillan Export Company's bleached sulphite mill at Pampas, on Vancouver Island.

The Columbia Cellulose pulp mill at Watson Island near Prince Rupert was also mentioned as an important development.

The province's first labor-management safety conference was convened by the pulp and paper industry during the year. It was highly successful and will be held annually.

Inchon Again Under Fire

TOKYO—United Nations naval units today stood off Inchon, west coast Korean port, crashing tons of shells into the city and dockyards. Canadian and other British Commonwealth warships were taking part in the operation, but there were no details of any supporting ground action.

Another Fire In Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS (U)—One man burned to death as fire and 53-degree-below zero temperatures struck Fairbanks again yesterday. Victim was George Burmeister, 50, who died when flames destroyed a two-storey log boarding house.

In the blaze Monday, three downtown business houses were destroyed at an estimated loss of \$500,000.

No Gas Now From Alberta

EDMONTON (U)—Premier Manning announced today no export of natural gas from Alberta can be allowed at present due to lack of adequate proven reserves.

He announced his new plans to stimulate a search for gas and said that export will be in the province's best interests as soon as sufficient reserves are established to take care of Alberta's needs.

MILLIONS USED

Matches began to supersede the old flint and steel method of obtaining fire in the early part of the 19th century.

Joint Gyro and Rotary Concert

Presentation of a concert under joint auspices of Gyro and Rotary Clubs is being considered. A committee consisting of W. D. Lambie, W. J. Scott, and C. P. Balagno, to represent the Gyro Club, was named yesterday.

Hockey Scores

National
Toronto 4, Montreal 3
Pacific Northwest
New Westminster 2, Tacoma 2 (tie)
Portland 6, Seattle 5
Western International
Nelson 5, Spokane 4

Charged With Manslaughter

LEDUC—W. J. Gray, chief engineer of the Alberta Utilities Commission, has been charged with manslaughter as a result of the fire in the Leduc Hotel last Armistice Day which resulted in ten deaths. Gray is alleged to have inspected and approved gas transmission equipment very shortly before the fatal explosion and fire.

TIDES

Friday, January 26, 1951

High	3:26	20.0 feet
	15:16	20.5 feet
Low	9:19	6.5 feet
	21:42	3.4 feet