

# TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, April 12, 1930

High	0.50 a.m.	21.8 ft.
	13.14 p.m.	21.3 ft.
Low	7.10 a.m.	2.5 ft.
	19.21 p.m.	3.2 ft.

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# PARLEY CLOSES AT FIRST OF WEEK

## Real Progress Toward Goal of Naval Disarmament is Result of Important Conference in London

Sessions Will Be Wound Up Monday or Tuesday When Tri-Partite Treaty Will Be Signed By Five Nations

LONDON, April 11:—The French delegation last night officially announced that a plenary session of the naval disarmament conference would be held on Monday or Tuesday at which the parley would be wound up. They stated that a treaty would be completed and signed in from two to three weeks. The treaty is expected to consist of three parts:

First, to include the various agreements reached by all five powers and to be signed by all.

Second, containing clauses upon which Great Britain, United States and Japan have agreed.

Third, a statement of questions which have been held over for action either by the League of Nations or through the usual diplomatic channels.

Complete agreement between Great Britain, Japan and United States was reached yesterday.

The dispute between France and Italy concerning parity will be left over for future negotiation.

## SALMON DEPLETION ALL "BUNK"

### Fifty Men to Go to Work Next Week on Construction of Road Other Side of Galloway Rapids

On completion of the camp buildings about next Tuesday, a crew of 50 men, for whom accommodation is being provided, will go to work on the slashing, grubbing and grading of the Skeena River Highway beyond Galloway Rapids, it was announced this afternoon by W. K. Gwyer, district engineer for the provincial department of public works. It is planned to build at least five miles of new road beyond the Rapids in the course of this season's work as well as put in the bridge across the Rapids. The camp is situated about a mile beyond the Rapids.

The bridge is going to be a large and rather difficult job. There will be five concrete and steel piers and the main span will be 225 feet long. At the other end, the structure will be curved. A 12-foot clearance above the water will be given at extreme high tide.

The route that is to be followed by the new road construction will not be over that which was previously slashed in the direction of Port Edward.

## Records of Packs and Spawning Conditions Show Fish Numerous

So Says Major J. A. Motherwell, Chief Inspector in Address to Rotarians—Even Sockeye Are Holding Their Own

"Any talk of depletion of the salmon, with the exception of the Fraser River, is all bunk," declared Major J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries, in an address delivered at the luncheon of the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon at the Commodore Cafe. "This is clearly shown from the packs put up during the past 15 years and also from the present condition of the spawning grounds where fish were reported last year to be very numerous with every prospect of a good seeding." Individual seasons were no criterion, the speaker said. Only by averaging long periods could any proper idea be gained of the results of the conservation methods now employed. Taking five-year periods the packs were as follows:

1915 to 1919	1,339,039 cases.
1920 to 1924	1,234,134 cases.
1925 to 1929	1,716,531 cases.

The speaker said this did not look like depletion. Even the sockeye was holding its own. The last five years saw a slightly larger pack than the previous five years. The same was true of cohoes and the difference was even more marked in the other varieties. It was a common error to judge of the condition of the fisheries from one year's pack. The methods of conservation employed, he claimed, were effective and the department was determined to see that it was carried out. The attitude of the department was to discourage large packs in order that plenty of fish might get to the spawning beds. These spawning beds were inspected every year and last year they were even more encouraging than usual.

### Value of Fisheries

Major Motherwell spoke of the value of the fisheries to the province. In 1929 the production was estimated to be \$23,260,000 of which salmon was valued at \$13,867,000 and halibut \$4,027,000. There was an investment of \$31,000,000 and 21,000 people were employed in the industry. The federal fisheries department expended \$600,000 a year on propagation and conservation and the income derived now that

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## NO DATE YET SET

Premier King Non-committal About Election—Proportionate Representation Planned

OTTAWA, April 11:—No decision has yet been arrived at in respect to the date of the next general election. Premier Mackenzie King said today.

The Premier also announced that the government had under consideration the introduction of a measure of proportionate representation. Whether or not definite action is taken on this at the present session depends to a certain extent on the progress made with legislation. It is considered likely that the measure will apply only to larger cities.

## HALIBUTER LOST LIFE

Olof Semsén Killed When Oil Tank Exploded on Aiten at Seward Yesterday

SEWARD, April 11:—The explosion of an air tank on the halibut schooner Aiten killed Olof Semsén, aged 43 and unmarried, of Seattle, yesterday.

## ESTIMATES COMPLETED

B.C. Gets Total Sum of \$739,400 For River and Harbor Work

OTTAWA, April 11:—In committee of supply last night, the House of Commons completed consideration of estimates for rivers and harbors in British Columbia by voting sums totalling \$739,400. The remainder of the total sum of \$739,400 for British Columbia had been voted at a previous sitting. The largest item in the list was \$100,000 for dredging the harbor at Victoria.

## PACK OF MISSING TRAPPER IS FOUND

Belonged to Benjamin French, Pioneer Trapper of Cordova, Missing Several Weeks

CORDOVA, April 11:—The finding of a pack on a trail near here belonging to Benjamin French, pioneer trapper, who has been missing for several weeks, was reported here yesterday.

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## FIFTEEN ARE DEAD

Fatal Crash in New Mexico When Train Strikes Transcontinental Bus

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, April 11:—Fifteen were killed and 11 injured today when a Santa Fe train struck a Pickwick transcontinental bus at Isleta, seven miles south of here.

## B. C. TEAM IS WINNER

New Westminster Takes Opening Honors From Lethbridge in Hoop Playdowns

LETHBRIDGE, April 11:—New Westminster Adanacs, Canadian basketball champions, last night defeated "Y" Aces, Alberta champions, in the first games of the Western Canada playdowns by a score of 46 to 20.

The second game of the series will be played tomorrow.

## LORD DEWAR DIES TODAY

Famous English Distiller Held Many Important Public Positions During Lifetime

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex, Eng., April 11:—Lord Dewar, widely known distiller, died suddenly today. He was 66 years of age.

Chairman of A. & F. Pears Ltd. and managing director of John Dewar & Sons, the late Lord Dewar filled many important public positions during his lifetime. He wrote entertainingly of "His Ramblings Around the Globe" and suggestively on Prohibition and the Gothenburg System. He was a member of the London County Council from 1892 to 1895, M.P. for St. George's, Tower Hamlets, 1900 to 1906 and sheriff of London from 1897 to 1898.

## VOTES FOR DISTRICT

Item of \$10,000 For Stewart Wharf Improvements Included in Ottawa Appropriations

Word has reached the office of Olof Hanson, Liberal candidate for Skeena riding in the next federal election, announcing that the following items for this district were passed in the House of Commons at Ottawa yesterday:

- Queen Charlotte City wharf repairs, \$6,600.
- Stikine River Grand Rapids dam, \$5,000.
- Stewart wharf improvements, \$10,000.

## Mere Drop in Bucket Is Small Catch of Herring Taken on Coast, Declares Speaker, Quoting From an Authority

In an address to the Rotary Club yesterday on the fisheries of British Columbia Major Motherwell stated that a good deal had been heard about herring recently. This year there was one of the biggest runs in many years. Dr. McLean Fraser, the best authority on this fish on the coast, had stated that the few herring taken on this coast was but a drop in the bucket of the whole supply which was very large.

Major Motherwell said the fish were very freaky. One year they would appear and the next they would not be there. This had nothing to do with the general supply, it was thought. However, an investigation was being made and the life history of the fish on this coast studied.

## HELD OFF BANDITS

Vancouver Bank Manager Engages in Gunfire Duel With Robbers Today

VANCOUVER, April 11:—Sydney S. Petrie, manager of the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Broadway and McKenzie Street, engaged in gun fire with two bandits who entered the bank this morning and forced them to flee in a waiting car without getting any money. There were no casualties.

## DUTY ON HALIBUT

Two-Cent and Not Five-Cent Rate to Be Adopted By United States

WASHINGTON, April 11:—The halibut fisheries of Canada will gain some cheer from the action today of a joint committee of the Senate and House in striking from the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill the extreme rate of five cents on frozen halibut and agreeing to let it come into the United States at two cents a pound. The Canadian export trade in halibut is valued at \$500,000 annually.

The committee went further and approved the minor reductions made by the Senate in rates on cod, haddock, hake, pollock and cusk.

## IMMIGRATION EXPENDITURE

Since 1922 Has Totalled \$22,384,000 According to Return Tabled in House of Commons

OTTAWA, April 11:—The total amount of money spent by the Dominion on immigration since 1922 was \$20,384,000 according to a return tabled in the House of Commons yesterday, by Hon. Charles Stewart, acting minister of immigration.

## Railwaymen Will Arrive Tomorrow

VANCOUVER, April 11:—R. Creelman, passenger traffic manager of Winnipeg, and George McNicholl, general passenger agent of Vancouver, have gone north and will arrive in Prince Rupert tomorrow morning.

## SETTLERS FOR PEACE

Rush Is By No Means Abating But Rather Increasing

GRANDE PRAIRIE, April 11:—Once more surpassing previous records of land filings in the Peace River country, the returns from the Dominion lands offices at both Peace River and Grande Prairie show that the rush of settlement is by no means abating, but that each year is witnessing an increasing practical interest in the agricultural possibilities of the Peace River country.

Total filings at the Peace River land office for the year ending March 31 were 3,958 homesteads and 147 soldier grants, a total of 3,205 quarter sections taken up for settlement, an increase of 181 over the previous 12 months.

Filings at Grande Prairie for the year ending March 31 were 2293 homesteads and 124 soldier grants, or a total of 2,417 quarter sections, an increase of 21 over the previous year, but falling behind Peace River by 788 less entries. The total for the two sections of the district was 5,622 quarter sections taken up for actual settlement.

VANCOUVER WHEAT  
VANCOUVER, April 11:—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at \$1.13 1/2.

## DRUGGISTS UNDER ACT

Important Ruling Is Made By British Columbia Court of Appeal

VICTORIA, April 11:—Wages of British Columbia drug store clerks, for long the storm centre around which the immediate future of the Male Minimum Wage Act has been argued, have been brought definitely under the scope of that statute according to a formal order of the British Columbia Court of Appeal received by J. D. McNiven, chairman of the administrative board.

## Theo Collart Is Appointed

Is Named Inspector Under Eggs Mark Act in Addition to Duties as Fruit Quarantine Officer

VICTORIA, April 11:—Theo Collart, fruit quarantine officer at Prince Rupert, has been appointed inspector to carry out the provisions of the Eggs Mark Act.

R. Gammon has purchased the lot next to his residence on Fifth Avenue East and is planning to move the house over on a concrete foundation which will be built. The transfer of property was handled through H. G. Helgeson Co. Ltd.

## Odds Appear Even For Great Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race Which Will Be on Tomorrow

LONDON, April 11:—The Battle of the Blues takes place tomorrow when the great Oxford-Cambridge boat race will be rowed for the eighty-second time in 101 years. The event, which was first rowed in 1829, will draw hundreds of thousands of spectators to the banks of the Thames, along the four and a quarter mile stretch between Putney and Mortlake. The contest this year appears to be a toss-up although Cambridge has won the last six races.

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