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Tomorrow's Tides

Saturday, March 7, 1931
High 3.10 a.m. 22.6 ft.
15.35 p.m. 20.9 ft.
Low 9.32 a.m. 2.7 ft.
21.44 p.m. 3.9 ft.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS LAUNCH ATTACK

Vancouver Central Conservative Executive Demands Resignation of Members; Non-Confidence Vote

City Executive Causes Sensation by Passing Resolution Repudiating Tolmie Administration at Meeting Wednesday Night

Came as Climax to Criticism of Victoria Financial Policy

Whole Slate of Six Conservatives Are Asked to Relinquish Their Seats in Legislature, Province Says

VANCOUVER, March 6:—The Vancouver Province yesterday afternoon published the following: "A resolution demanding the resignations of six Vancouver members of the provincial legislature was passed at a meeting of the Central Conservative executive of Vancouver Wednesday night, according to reports in party circles. The motion came as a climax to severe criticism of the Conservative government and followed one expressing non-confidence in the government."

The announcement of the Province caused a political sensation in this city. Statements from the six Vancouver members are being keenly anticipated. These members are Hon. W. C. Shelly, Hon. R. L. Maitland, T. H. Kirk, Col. Nelson Spencer, G. A. Walkem and William Dick. The last mentioned has criticized the financial policy of the Tolmie administration on more than one occasion.

JAIL BREAK AT OKALLA

Two Prisoners Charged With Hold-Up Made Sensational Getaway Yesterday

VANCOUVER, March 6:—Fraser McDougall, aged 25, and Ellis Wilcox, 21, facing trial in the Assize Court at Vancouver on hold-up charges, escaped last night from Okalla Prison Farm in a sensational jailbreak. They returned to Okalla shortly after 7 p.m. after having appeared in court in Vancouver. Suddenly they whipped revolvers from their pockets while being escorted to their cells and cowed two guards in the prison office, compelling them to lie on the floor while they held up a Victoria police officer who was escorting an incoming prisoner from that city. They compelled a taxi driver, under threat of their revolvers, to drive them back to Vancouver where they disappeared.

Prison officials voiced the opinion that the guns flashed by the two prisoners had been smuggled to them by friends in the Court House at Vancouver.

FOUND DEAD IN TROLLER

JUNEAU, March 6:—Peter Johnson, aged 60, salmon troller, was found dead in his drifting fishing boat near Douglas Island yesterday. At an inquest it was decided that death was due to heart failure.

SPAN GOES IN SUNDAY

Important Job in Connection With Galloway Rapids Bridge Nears Conclusion

The middle span, which has been in course of construction across the water during the past several weeks, will be floated into place in the Galloway Rapids road bridge on Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, it is announced by W. K. Gwyer, district engineer for the provincial public works department. The completion and placing of this span will mark possibly the most difficult and important part of the bridge job. There are eight bents to go in on the other side of the span and it is understood that the end of April will see the bridge completed and ready for use.

Owing to funds running out, there is a possibility of work on the road beyond the bridge closing down about the middle of this month. Fifty men have been employed on this work and they will be out of work if the job is temporarily discontinued.

The Weather

Triple Island—Fresh north east wind, moderate sea, clear.
Langara—Clear, light north west wind, sea calm.
Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; barometer 30.48; temperature 46; sea smooth.

Co-operative Mining in North Is Suggestion Made Yesterday at Mining Convention in East

OTTAWA, March 6:—Co-operative mining in Canada's far north was suggested yesterday before the convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as one means of developing the resources of the country more fully and quickly.

J. Lorne MacDougall of Ottawa suggested that changes be made in the mining regulations in the northwest territories whereby one thousand prospectors would work one hundred square miles in a season and all share in the discoveries.

It was claimed that present prospecting in the north was not sufficiently intensive.

Premier Tolmie



This government subjected to stinging denunciations by members of the Conservative party

Halibut Catch to Ketchikan

The Seattle halibut boat Gloria was in port this morning from the banks with 4,000 pounds of fish. After waiting around for a while, the vessel went to Ketchikan to dispose of her catch. There has not been any halibut sold so far this season over the local fish exchange.

William Dick Condemns Tolmie Government for Vast Expenditures During Its Brief Span of Power

Jones Budget Reveals Financial State of Affairs and Unprecedented Taxation Which is Shock to Everyone, He Says

Present Government Has Spent Wildly During Past Two Years

Vancouver Tory Member Predicts Administration Will Run Province Into Deficit of \$30,000,000

VICTORIA, March 6:—The Victoria Times publishes the following: "Premier Tolmie's administration was openly attacked by private Conservative members of the Legislature at headquarters of the McBride Conservative Club here Wednesday night. William Dick, member from Vancouver, said that the Jones budget, revealing the financial state of affairs in British Columbia and imposing unprecedented taxation would prove a shock to everybody in the province.

"This government has spent more money during the last couple of years than the old Liberal government did during its entire regime," Mr. Dick was reported as stating. He said that he wished to reiterate his prediction of some time ago in Vancouver that the Tolmie administration would run this province into a deficiency of \$30,000,000."

UNITED STATES WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR DAMAGE BY SMELTER

OTTAWA, March 6:—An award of \$350,000 to the United States against Canada for damage in the state of

Washington caused by fumes from the smelter at Trail of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. has been recommended by an international joint commission in an unanimous report which was made public today.

F. J. MacKenzie



Former M.L.A. for Delta who has been appointed Conservative organizer for British Columbia

AVIATORS ARE SAFE

ASHCROFT, March 6:—Pilots R. I. Van Der Byl and W. A. Joerss and Air Engineer Emil Kading arrived at Fort St. James at noon today, having munched in from Bulkley House at the north end of Takla Lake where they left the salvaged plane of the late Capt. E. J. A. Burke with a broken cylinder of the engine.

The trio had been missing since last Saturday on the Telegraph Creek-Burns Lake leg of a flight from Atlin to Vancouver. All are well.

"Extremely Equitable" Declares Minister of Finance Jones in Introducing New Universal Tax

VICTORIA, March 6:—In presenting his budget yesterday, Hon. J. W. Jones, minister of finance, said that provincial expenditures during the past twenty years had increased by \$1,000 as against only \$650 in revenue with the result that there had occurred only two surpluses as against sixteen deficits aggregating nearly \$37,000,000 in that period.

Trade Officials Visiting City

Eight Junior Commissioners of Federal Department Here in Course of Western Tour

Making a tour of Canada to observe conditions in the various centres of importance all of which they are visiting, eight junior commissioners of the federal department of Trade and Commerce from various parts of the Dominion are visiting the city. They arrived by train yesterday afternoon from the east and will sail tonight on the steamer Camosun for Vancouver. The visitors were informally entertained at the Prince Rupert Club last night and today were taken by members of the local Chamber of Commerce to inspect the cold storage plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., the Alberta Wheat Pool's elevator and the Prince Rupert dry dock.

Members of the visiting party are R. P. Bower, Winnipeg; M. T. Stewart and R. W. McBurney, Toronto; S. G. MacDonald, Edmonton; T. L. Monty, Montreal; R. G. C. Smith, Quebec; A. K. Doull, Vernon, and H. L. Brown, Vancouver.

CANADA UNDERSELLS SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN

In spite of the fact that the Soviet Government confiscated the mills and timber in that country, that they pay only peonage wages and have a short haul to the British market, yet for the past two years British Columbia has been able to undersell the Soviet Government in the lumber market of Great Britain from ten to fifteen per cent, declared H. R. McMillan, of the H. R. McMillan Export Co. Ltd., speaking at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

STABILIZATION OF CANNING INDUSTRY THIS YEAR WITH LIGHT 1931 PACK FORECAST

VANCOUVER, March 6:—Stabilization can be looked for in the canning industry in British Columbia this year with a small pack in sight for the 1931 season, Richard Gosse, managing director of the British Columbia Packers Ltd., said yesterday in addressing the Kiwanis Club. While admitting that the canners still held stocks of last year's pack in their warehouses, Mr. Gosse declared that, with the prospect of a light pack this season, the law of "supply and demand" would come into play and the carryover would assist in maintaining and filling orders instead of withdrawing from the market due to limited supply as had been the case in other years.

Announcing the new income tax of one per cent flat on all incomes, Mr. Jones said that the new impost "will represent contribution to the exchequer by that section of our population which, so far, has contributed in but a small measure towards the cost of many government services but which enjoys almost the full benefit. I anticipate this measure will enable the government to meet its financial requirements and it is, furthermore, my well considered opinion that it is extremely equitable."

PRESBYTERY DOES WELL

Believed To Have Excelled All Provinces in Allocation

Reports Received

Yesterday the United Presbytery continued to deal with the affairs of the Mission charges within its bounds. The following centres of Indian work came under review: Bella Bella, Coila, Hartley Bay, Kispiox, Kitimaat, Kizegucia, Klenmu, Port Essington, Port Simpson, and Skidegate. Encouraging reports were received from each place.

At Bella Coila, where Rev. Peter Kelly is in charge, the church was built by the natives entirely out of funds raised by themselves. Last week a congregational meeting was held to consider contributing to the salary of the minister.

At Hartley Bay a new organ has been installed in the church and there is a well trained choir which is capable of rendering the highest class of church music.

At Kispiox, which is under the pastoral charge of Rev. T. H. Wright at Hazelton, there are two lady workers. One a missionary teacher and the other a nurse deaconess. Recently Rev. T. H. Wright organized and inaugurated among the natives the United Church Army, which promises to

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VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, February 6:—Wheat was quoted on the local Exchange today at 57 1/2c.

Production of artificial silk is now several times that of natural silk.