

FISHERY MATTERS UNDER REVIEW

VANCOUVER ISLAND MURDER MYSTERY GETS ATTENTION

Japanese Licence Allotment and Sockeye Embargo Are Opposed at Fisheries Parley Here Last Night

Many Other Matters Discussed at Meeting Last Night Between Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Representatives of Local Fishing Interests

Prince Rupert salmon fishing interests at a conference in the Moose Hall last night with W. A. Found, deputy minister of fisheries, gave unanimous support to proposed amendments to the fisheries regulations, first, whereby the policy of attachment of Japanese fishing licences to particularly designated canneries would be abolished, and

HINKLER DEPARTS

Australian Flyer Not Heard of Since Taking Off For Flight Across Atlantic Ocean

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov. 26.—An aero postal message from Natal today said that Bert Hinkler, noted Australian flyer, had started from there yesterday for a flight across the Atlantic Ocean to Dakar, French West Africa, and had not been heard from since the take-off.

WESCH HEADS RATEPAYERS

Election of Officers Last Night at Well Attended Meeting of Organization

Fred Wesch heads the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association this year. He was elected at a largely attended meeting last night in the city council chamber with M. M. Stephens presiding. The full list of officers follows:

- President, F. W. Wesch. Vice-president, G. H. Arnold. Secretary-treasurer, Fred Wermlig. Executive, M. M. Stephens, J. A. Curtis, H. B. Rochester and J. A. Lindsay. Auditor, F. J. Fuller. The retiring secretary, George Casey, reported an active year's work and the sum of \$34.25 in the treasury. He recommended that a committee meet the city council to lay before them resolutions passed by the association and this will be acted on. Following the election, the new officers took charge.

GANDHI DISGUSTED; LEAVING FOR HOME

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Stating that the Indian round table conference had come to nothing, Mahatma Gandhi, India Nationalist leader, declared yesterday that he would have to return to India within the next few days to lead a resumed civil disobedience campaign all over again. Gandhi confessed that he had found it impossible to get differences settled at the conference. He had been forced to abandon hope of obtaining full responsible self-government for India. Meantime reports received here are to the effect that the situation in India is steadily becoming more tense.

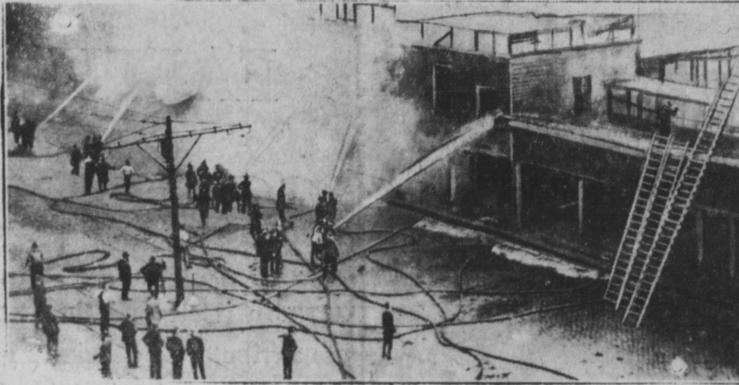
second, whereby the embargo on exportation of fresh sockeye salmon from the British Columbia coast would be eliminated. Although a multitude of other matters were taken up at the conference these two were the principal questions to come under review of the conference. In the discussions, only fishermen's representatives voiced opinions, such company men as were present keeping their silence. The meeting was in progress for about three hours and the discussions were largely of a friendly though frank nature. President Gustave Norman and Secretary Charles Lord of the Northern B. C. Fishermen's Association were active in connection with the presentation of the fishermen's views. Representatives of Japanese fishermen's organization were heard on the subject of attachment of Japanese fishing licences.

Other suggestions that were dealt with by the meeting were as follows:

- Extension of the blueback fishing area on the east coast of Vancouver Island. No expression offered. Giving of power to fisheries officers to stop herring fishing near the spawning period. Approved. Prohibition of fishing in spawning streams. Approved. Establishment of a size limit for ling cod. Expression of opinion deferred pending findings of scientific investigations. Increase of dimensions of smelt seines. No opinion expressed. Establishment of suitable size limit for razor clams, 3 1/2 inches suggested. Approved. Permitting of salmon purse seining in Ogdan Channel. Approved as no gillnetters operate there and the pinks are not headed for the Skeena River. Permitting of salmon trolling only inside Salmon River (Vancouver Island). Disapproved as dangerous precedent. The representatives of the Northern British Columbia Fishermen's Association inquired of Mr. Found if any change in the attitude of the department towards fish traps, further limitation of licences or imposition of further limitations of trollers was under consideration and were advised by Mr. Found that no changes in respect to these matters had been suggested or were under consideration. Mr. Norman and Mr. Lord made it clear to Mr. Found that the association was still strongly opposed to any changes along these lines. Asked regarding the department's stand in respect to processing of fish in the areas in which they are caught, Mr. Found stated that this matter was under provincial control now. As far as the federal department was concerned, no change was contemplated. It was urged upon Mr. Found that the government do something along the line of providing subsidies to cover cost of transportation

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Fire Destroys Pier in Baltimore, Md.



View of the fire which destroyed, recently, steamship line pier in Baltimore, Md., for a time threatening entire waterfront and calling out practically every piece of the city's fire-fighting apparatus.

CLOSING OPPOSED

Halibut Boat Owners and Fishermen Against Closed Season on Halibut At All

Give Reasons

Neither Do They Favor Closing of Certain Areas to Fishing

At the conference of the International Fisheries Commission with the halibut fishing industry of Prince Rupert this morning halibut vessel owners and fishermen expressed themselves as being in favor of the close season on halibut being abolished altogether rather than being extended. They also expressed opposition to closing of certain areas to fishing.

Through Capt. David Ritchie, the Canadian Halibut Vessel Owners' Association tendered the suggestion that fishing be allowed the year around but that the fleet be divided into two—the larger boats to fish during the winter months and the smaller boats during the summer. This would do away with the congestion of fish and would also make fresh halibut available the year around. If there was to be a close season, the boat owners suggested that it be from November 1 to February 1. Size of catches and production of fish per man might also be limited.

There was no authority to limit the size of catches, J. P. Babcock, chairman, replied.

J. M. Morrison, agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, Prince Rupert, announced that that body had voted in favor of abolition of the close season. It was not unanimous but a majority vote.

G. W. Nickerson expressed disappointment that no members of the American commission were present. He thought that the Commission had failed in not getting enough authority to enable it to limit catches, size of fish, etc. Closing of fishing areas would only work to the advantage of the larger boats which could fish anywhere. Boats should be allowed to fish the year around on a basis profitable to the fishermen. The close season, Mr. Nickerson thought, was detrimental to consumption of halibut.

Found Explains

W. A. Found, deputy minister of fisheries explained how the Commission had received its authority under international treaty. Size limit of fish could be effected through enactment of both governments

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Provincial Police and Indian Department Have Started Investigation

Slaying of Justine Jackson, Indian, and Wounding of Another Native Named William is Result of Quarrel Over Trapping

VICTORIA, Nov. 26.—The slaying of Justine Jackson, well known Indian of Nootka, who was found dead in his shack with his head crushed, and the serious wounding by gunshots of another Indian, known as William, from ambush, has created a homicide mystery on the West Coast of Vancouver Island which provincial police and officials of the Department of Indian Affairs are endeavoring to solve. The dispute is believed to have been over trapping privileges. The slayer is unknown.

FISHERMEN LOSE LIVES

Six Drowned and Like Number Rescued When Schooner is Rammed by Steamer

HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 26.—Six Gloucester, Mass. fishermen were drowned and three to six were rescued after the fishing schooner Edith and Elinor was rammed and sunk in a thick fog last night off the southern tip of Nova Scotia by the British steamer Gypsum Prince.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—Wheat was quoted at 59 3/4c on the local exchange today.

Card Party and Dance Enjoyable

The Canadian National Railways Recreation Association staged a very enjoyable bridge and whist party and dance Wednesday night in the Eagles' Hall. There were about seventy persons present.

Prize-winners in cards were: Bridge—ladies' first, Miss Mary Astoria; consolation, Mrs. William Brass; men's first, Mr. W. J. Service; consolation, L. Jenkins.

Whist—ladies' first, Miss McKenney; consolation, Mrs. J. H. Mair; men's first, P. Peterson; consolation, William Rance.

Following cards refreshments were served and dancing followed with music by the Blue Bird orchestra. H. D. Barrett was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Pattullo Gives Warning That Election May Come Any Time; Government in Finance Mess

VICTORIA, Nov. 26.—T. D. Pattullo, leader of the Liberal Opposition, issued a warning to the people of British Columbia yesterday that a general election might be called in the province at almost any time.

"The government is getting itself in such a financial mess," declared Mr. Pattullo, "that it may not be able to carry on through the next session."

City Finances Discussed by Ratepayers Association at Largely Attended Meeting

M. M. Stephens Critical of Expenditures and Urges Radical Reduction—Alderman Pullen Defends Policy of City Council

Civic finance was the chief topic of discussion at a well attended meeting of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association held in the City Hall last night. The chief speakers of the evening were M. M. Stephens and Alderman H. F. Pullen, the former of whom told of the continued reversal of city lots to the city lots to the city and prophesied a deficit of approximately \$100,000 and strongly urged a reduction in the assessment and co-operation from the schoolboard in reducing costs with a view of getting back to normal.

Alderman Pullen took exception to the statement that there would be a deficit of anything like \$100,000 but stated it would be more like one-fourth of that amount. This deficit was forced on the city by circumstances over which the council had no control. It was the result of the slump in the Canadian dollar on the New York market and was also due to the necessity for relief measures, which would cost the city something like \$10,000 more than the estimate.

The alderman said that, with this deficit and with further relief and exchange expenditures which might have to be made early next year and allowing for a possible saving on city departmental expenditures of ten to twelve thousand dollars, it would probably be necessary to add about eight mills to the tax rate in 1932, bringing it up to sixty mills. This was unfortunate but it was absolutely necessary and due to uncontrollable circumstances. It would probably be only for the one year.

Analyzing the financial condition of the city Alderman Pullen quoted from the Municipal News to show that outside of Vancouver and Victoria the average reduction in the bonded indebtedness of the B. C. municipalities in the past nine years was two per cent. The reduction in the Prince Rupert indebtedness had in the same time been four and a-half per cent which was a good showing for the city. Even this year there would be no increase in the bonded indebtedness even though as everyone knew a great deal of local improvement work had been done. The city this year was paying off \$140,000 approximately and the amount spent was less than that. Had it not been for the relief work there would have been a very considerable reduction in the debt.

Dealing with the question of assessment, the speaker said he did not approve the effort to materially reduce the assessment. No one could say today under the present abnormal conditions just what the land was worth. If there were a slight movement in the city the prices would soar. The reduction in the assessments during the past nine years had been 47 per cent. During that same period the general departmental expenditures had decreased 42 per cent but the schools expenditures had increased 22 per cent, and the city council had no control over the schools. Each year recently had shown a decrease in departmental expenditures and these might possibly be reduced further. The police force might be reduced possibly, but it did not seem wise to tamper with the fire department as any reduction there would probably result in increased insurance rates. If the provincial Government paid up its

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indebtedness to the city for local improvements the financial condition would be considerably improved.

Mr. Pullen expressed pleasure at meeting members of the association and said he hoped they would continue their activities because

DIVISION IS CLOSE

Laborites Turned Against Government in Vote in Australian House

ELECTION DECEMBER 19

CANBERRA, Aust., Nov. 26.—The division on which the Labor government of Premier Scullin was defeated yesterday was 37 to 32. At the last election in Australia in 1929 Laborites were elected in 46 out of 75 seats.

Several Laborites turned against the government in the vote yesterday which was critical of the government's administration of unemployment relief.

The election will be held December 19 it was announced today.

JUNEAU ATTORNEY IS OUT OF JAIL

JUNEAU, Nov. 26.—Henry Roden, Juneau attorney, who went to jail rather than pay a \$200 fine for contempt of court after having called a witness a liar, was released yesterday when friends paid the fine. The necessary contributions came from Nome and Ketchikan by cable.