

Today's Weather

Digby Island—Clear, calm; barometer, 27; temperature, 50; sea smooth

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Tomorrow's Tides

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19:36 p.m. 15.0 ft.
Low 12:42 p.m. 6.9 ft.

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DIRECT RELIEF MAY BE DISCONTINUED
VANCOUVER BOARD HEAD ASSAILS WORKLESS PROBE

Harold Brown Repeats Charges With Regard To Farce at Victoria

Calls Investigating Committee "Waste of Money Because of Its Political Atmosphere"—"Funds Were Eaten Up Wholesale"

VICTORIA, April 12:—Harold Brown, president of the Vancouver Board of Trade, appeared before the unemployment relief committee of the Legislature yesterday and repeated charges made in a speech at Vancouver last week, declaring that the committee was a "waste of public money because of its political atmosphere."

"Evidence has not relieved our minds of charges of waste and extravagance in handling of relief in British Columbia," Mr. Brown said. "We know funds were eaten up wholesale."

Mr. Brown had hardly completed his statement before the committee found itself unable to agree on the report to be submitted to the Legislature.

A few minutes after the committee went into private session, T. D. Pattullo, Opposition leader, emerged to announce that he and his colleagues had withdrawn in protest, asserting that the instructions of the Legislature had not been carried out by the committee.

Investigation into relief camp expenditure in B.C., carried on recently by a select committee of the Provincial Legislature was "a spectacle of shameful evasion and distortion of the truth," Harold Brown, president of Vancouver Board of Trade, told members of the Real Estate Exchange at a luncheon in Hotel Georgia, Vancouver, last Friday.

"I sat in on some of the sessions of these-called probe," Mr. Brown declared, "and can draw my own conclusions from what I saw and heard. If anyone told the truth they would have been crucified."

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COUNCIL TO CO-OPERATE

Report of Sir Alexander Gibb Arouses City Fathers to Action On Peace River Question

At the suggestion of Ald. Collart, the city council decided last night to offer the chamber of commerce its co-operation in a protest which it is expected will be made to Ottawa at the suggestion contained in the report of Sir Alexander Gibb, British port expert, that Vancouver be given protection from north coast ports in connection with the outlet for the Peace River country.

Ald. Casey thought that now was the psychological time to strike in connection with this matter.

It was a crucial time in the history of the city, Mayor Orme believed.

The Peace River committee of the council will co-operate with the chamber of commerce in the matter.

NO FISH TODAY

No boats being in with catches, there was no sale of halibut on the local Fish Exchange this morning.

Government's Record is Assailed By Col. Ralston; Fiscal Policy is Criticized in Budget Amendment

OTTAWA, April 12:—Making a multiple attack upon the government's record, Col. J. L. Ralston, Liberal financial critic in the House of Commons, yesterday moved an amendment to the budget, stating that the government's fiscal policy was arbitrary, ill-considered and inordinate and had the effect of stifling agriculture and other industries, restricting trade and commerce and increasing unemployment.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce, declared that the stabilization of currency would solve many problems of the times.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, April 12:—Number 1 Northern wheat was quoted here today at 63c a bushel.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION CHANGES ARE NOW LAW

VICTORIA, April 12:—Amendments to the British Columbia Municipal Act embodying important taxation rights for city councils became law on Monday when finally approved by the Legislature.

WILL PAY INTEREST

City Council Takes Step to Induce Tax Payments as Soon as Possible

As a means of encouraging property owners to pay their taxes as early in the year as possible, a recommendation from the finance committee that interest of six percent per annum (one percent for two months) be given by the city to all property owners paying their taxes or portion thereof before Aug. 1, the penalty date, was adopted by the city council last night.

There was considerable discussion before the report was adopted, it being pointed out that the council had no power to alter the penalty provisions in connection with tax payments, these being controlled under the Municipal Act.

ORDERS TO CHINESE

Oriental Merchants to Share in Supplying Relief, City Council Decides

On suggestion of Ald. Casey and with the expressed approval of Ald. Rudderham, Ald. Macdonald and others, the city council last night decided to include Chinese merchants of the city in future relief grocery orders to be issued. The share of business the Chinese stores are to receive will be based on the amount of credit they extended to unemployed before the latter were forced to go on relief.

The matter came up with the reading of a letter from ten Chinese stores in which a share of the relief business was sought. The letter explained that credit of as high as \$300 in some cases had been extended to unemployed and instances of accounts of from \$40 to \$100 being carried were common.

Ald. Casey thought it was hardly giving the Chinese merchants a "square shot" to shut them out from relief orders after they had extended such generous credits to the unemployed. Ald. Rudderham and Ald. Macdonald agreed with this view, the latter suggesting, however, that it might not be fair to the white merchants to put the Chinese, who did not observe similar standards, on an equal basis in this matter.

Ald. Black's suggestion that the Chinese merchants be given relief orders in ratio to the accounts for unemployed they were carrying met with the approval of the council and was carried.

WAS LOST OFF SHIP?

Friends Fear For Capt. J. S. Woods of Work Point Barracks, Victoria

VANCOUVER, April 12:—Capt. J. S. Woods of Work Point Barracks, Victoria, is reported missing and friends fear that he may have been lost off the steamer Princess Joan enroute from Victoria to Vancouver early last Friday morning.

Capt. Woods had suffered head injuries while on service overseas in the Great War with the Princess Pats Regiment.

War Scene Repeated



A Japanese soldier returns to blighted. Well, as a matter of fact, he's really bidding sonny good-by, but now that things have become quiet at Shanghai, this scene is certain to be repeated.

Kennedy, Hanson and Others Advocate Building of Peace River Outlet By Short Route

"Today everything that goes into or comes out of the Peace River country goes over a longer haul at a higher rate than the railways could expect to get under ordinary rate-fixing conditions if a Pacific Coast outlet were built to Vancouver, Prince Rupert or Stewart," declared D. M. Kennedy, United Farmer member for Peace River, recently in the House of Commons while advocating an immediate start on the construction of a Pacific Coast railway outlet for the Peace River.

COULD NOT BE HELPED

Letter From Minister of Finance to City Council Regarding Social Services

The city council last night heard a letter from Hon. J. W. Jones, provincial minister of finance, in reply to a protest sent by the council at the action of the government in transferring costs of social services from the government to the municipalities. Mr. Jones declared that, in transferring a percentage of these costs to the municipalities, British Columbia was merely falling in line with what had been done in other provinces and which, from a financial standpoint, should have been done in this province years ago. British Columbia had been the last to retain the full cost of these services.

The council passed a resolution, on motion of Ald. Collart, protesting against a move arising in Vancouver to have these costs assessed against the municipalities of the province on the basis of population. Mayor Orme stated that transfer of the cost of social services to the city would mean an additional expenditure of about \$4000 per year.

WEATHER REPORT

Langara—Cloudy, light easterly wind; sea calm. Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm, barometer, 29.84; temperature, 50; sea smooth.

Special Committee On Unemployment Reports To Legislature Today

Government is Whitewashed of Charges Made in Connection With Administration of Relief Camps in British Columbia

VICTORIA, April 12:—Direct relief, being wasteful and demoralizing in its effects, should be discontinued as far as possible in British Columbia in favor of a policy of work. This is one of the recommendations embodied in the report of the special committee of the Legislature on unemployment which is expected to be brought before the Legislature today. The report cites numerous charges in connection with relief camps which the committee found to be without basis in fact.

WAGE RATE PROTESTED

Council Opposed to \$7.50 Per Month For Relief Work On Highway

LONG DISCUSSION

Aldermanic Board Promises Serious Consideration For Married Workless

The city council last night passed a resolution, on motion of Ald. Casey and Ald. Macdonald, endorsing the protest of the Prince Rupert Unemployed Association against a rate of pay of \$7.50 and board per 20-day working month which has been proposed for relief workers on government road construction. The council agreed, in the course of a rather lengthy discussion, that such a scale was entirely inadequate. No action was taken in connection with a counter proposal of the Unemployed Association that a scale of \$4 per day be adopted on relief work.

The council undertook to give serious consideration to all cited instances of hardship among unemployed married men and their families. (Continued on page four.)

PROPORTION IS REDUCED

Provincial Government Takes Steps to Encourage Exploration and Discovery of Radium

VICTORIA, April 12:—Exploration and discovery of radium in British Columbia's deposits of pitchblende would be stimulated by reduction from fifty to ten percent in the proportion of such discoveries taken by the crown through a bill introduced in the Legislature by Hon. W. A. McKenzie, minister of mines.

The existing reward of \$5000 for discovery of radium is retained in the bill.

DISARMAMENT PARLEY HEARS PROPOSALS OF AMERICAN DELEGATES

GENEVA, April 15:—United States representatives at the disarmament conference which resumed its sessions here yesterday after a long Easter recess, proposed the abolition of tanks, heavy land artillery and all poisonous gasses.

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TO SURVEY RECEPTION

The Department of Marine advised the city council in a letter read at last night's meeting that it intended to send an investigator with approved apparatus into Prince Rupert this summer to check up on radio reception conditions locally after which such recommendations as are deemed advisable in the interests of allaying interference will be made to the Power Corporation of Canada.

Meantime, the Department was not prepared to recommend to the Power Corporation changes in connection with the main transmission line leading into the city as urged by the Prince Rupert Radio Association. The Department doubted if removing secondary wires from the high power line would result in any material reduction of interference. Neither was there definite proof that the pin-type insulators were responsible for interference. The Department realized the seriousness of interference at Prince Rupert and would do all in its power to improve conditions.

Letters from J. J. Little, general manager of the Northern B. C. Power Co., and from the Prince Rupert Radio Association, both of which have been published, were also read to the council. The correspondence was filed pending the investigation to be conducted by the Department.

REVISION OF POLICE

Col. J. H. McMullin Makes Proposal to City Council to Cut Down Expenses

A letter from Col. J. H. McMullin, commissioner of provincial police, in reply to a recent request that the agreement for the policing of Prince Rupert by the provincial force be revised, suggested to the city council last night that the force might be cut by one man, the city to keep one-third of fines which were now going to the province. If the council approved of this plan, Col. McMullin stated that he would be glad to recommend it to the attorney-general.

The council decided to table the proposal which will be dealt with during consideration of the estimates for the year.