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Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)
Prince Rupert—Showery, south-east wind, twelve miles per hour; barometer, 29.20 (falling); temperature, 34; sea smooth.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	0:45 a.m.	18.0 ft.
	12:15 p.m.	20.8 ft.
Low	6:25 a.m.	9.3 ft.
	19:10 p.m.	3.8 ft.

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PRAIRIE SPENDING IMPAIRS

Gains of Other Provinces Help Ease Canada's Agricultural Setback

Mining Gain Noteworthy

Most of Industries in Canada Show Gain During Ending Year

TORONTO, Dec. 30. (CP)—A 60 per cent decline in wheat exports in the eleven months ended November 30 and a Saskatchewan wheat crop of about 38,000,000 bushels compared with an average of 208,000,000 bushels in the 10 years 1921 to 1931, left the prairie spending power greatly impaired. Saskatchewan revenue from agriculture in 1937 is placed at \$74,000,000 against \$131,000,000 last year.

Despite the setback in the central prairie province, however, the value of Canadian field crops for the year reached \$556,000,000, a decline of only about 10 per cent from that of 1936. Only Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increased crop revenue while the other provinces recorded recessions notwithstanding moderate gains in farm prices.

Cattle sales for the 10 months to the end of October totalled 853,211, a gain of 16 per cent over the same period of 1936; hog sales 835,262, a gain of five per cent and inspected swine slaughtering show a gain of 11 per cent.

Of other basic industries, mining's gain was noteworthy. Canadian plants increased metal output 15 per cent and gold and nickel figures hit record highs. Prospecting and exploration continued on a vast scale and many properties reached production stage. The year-end finds about 140 mills extracting gold in Canada compared with 30 six years ago. Production of yellow metal now is about \$12,000,000 monthly. Nickel output increased about 35 per cent and copper 25 per cent. Mining now is Canada's third largest industry, exceeded only by manufacturing and agriculture.

The lumbering industry has been rapped by rising costs and declining markets. The war in the Orient has restricted buying in British Columbia by both belligerents and at the other side of the Dominion. New Brunswick is counting on a 50 per cent reduction in bush operations this winter, due mainly to the drop in the export demand, higher ocean rates and increasing labor costs. For the three months ended October 31 plank and board exports show a decline of about six per cent but over the 10-month period to October 31 all dressed lumber exports show an increase of 13 per cent over the same months of 1936.

Foreign trade continues on a flourishing scale with the Dominion maintaining her position as the fifth largest trading nation of the world. Exports in the 11 months of 1937 to November 31 reached \$1,036,006,513 compared with \$928,465,280 in the same months of last year, a gain of 11.9 per cent. Imports recorded a much larger expansion.

Industrial production in the 10 months for which figures are available show a 10 per cent margin over the comparable 1936 period. Output of motor cars in 11 months totalled 186,348 units, a 31 per cent gain; newsprint production reached a new peak with output of 3,345,197 tons, a gain of 16 per cent and sugar manufactures totalled 613,200,000 pounds in nine months, a 3.5 per cent increase over the same period of 1936.

Industries Gain

Pig iron output increased to the highest level in seven years and in the 11 months ended November 30 production reached 816,523 tons, an increase of 34 per cent over the comparable period of last year. Steel ingots and castings increased 30 per cent. Leather footwear was down moderately in the late part

Big Business Is Trying To Block New Deal, Charged

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30. (CP)—Assistant Attorney General Robert Jackson accused "big business" of going "on strike" against the government to liquidate the "New Deal," using recession as a cudgel to force concessions.

BIG STRIKE CONCLUDED

Faced With Mobilization Threat By Premier Chautemps, Paris Public Service Workers Resume

PARIS, Dec. 30. (CP)—Striking public service workers, faced with Premier Camille Chautemps' threat to smash their general walk-out by calling them to the colors, accepted a compromise settlement today and returned to work.

The strikers, 150,000 strong, were notified to return to work soon after day-break following night-long negotiations with government officials.

Transportation and other civil services have returned to normal.

WAS COLD FOR XMAS

Thirty Below Zero at Smithers For Festive Season—Business Was About Average

SMITHERS, Dec. 30.—Christmas in the Bulkley Valley and district was spent quietly in sub-zero weather and there was not much activity over the holidays. With the temperature hovering around 30 degrees below zero there was very little in the way of social gatherings, everyone apparently thinking it better to sit around the home fire-places.

Business was very brisk in town for several days prior to the holidays and the merchants report that the Christmas trade was about equal to that of a year ago.

On Sunday the Smithers Band paid its regular Christmas visit to the local hospital and played a concert there in the afternoon. Following the band concert the bandsmen gathered in the sun room on the second floor and, with a three-piece orchestra for accompaniment, they formed a male choir and sang a number of Christmas hymns for the enjoyment of those who were obliged to spend their Christmas in the hospital. At the conclusion of the band concert Reg Collison, president of the Band Association, made a presentation to Bandmaster J. Gray for his devoted service to the band throughout the year.

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Related Reports Tell of One Hundred Being Killed in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 30.—Delayed dispatches to the newspaper E Comercio reported that about one hundred persons were killed or injured in an earthquake in Central Peru on Christmas Eve.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 24-hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.)

General Synopsis—Pressure has fallen in the interior and remains low on the Queen Charlotte Islands while gales with rain have occurred in the south.

Prince Rupert District—Fresh southeast winds, part cloudy with a few scattered showers and not much change in temperature.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Strong but decreasing westerly winds with scattered showers, fair and mild.

Service Station Robbery Foiled

Police Officer Comes in Sight as Two Bandits Were Attempting to Hold Up Young Attendant

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Three men were thwarted in an attempt at 6 o'clock yesterday morning to rob William Burnett, 21-year-old gasoline station attendant in North Toronto, when Police Constable Donald Barton appeared at the corner. The robbers escaped in a big touring car, hitting a peak of eighty-two miles per hour. Several shots were fired after them in vain.

New Minister Down To Work

Hon. W. J. Asselstine Plans to Pay Attention to the Development of Northern B.C.

VICTORIA, Dec. 30.—Hon. W. J. Asselstine, the recently appointed minister of mines and also minister of trade and industry, is already down to work getting a line on the activities of the mines department and laying plans for the establishment of the new trade and industry department with E. G. Rowebottom as deputy.

It is understood that the new head of the mines department will make a number of changes in the working out of that department. He says one of the aims of his administration will be to carry out his duties that new capital will be attracted to the province with a view to taking up the industrial slack. He looked upon mining, he says as one of the greatest sources of wealth and employment in the province.

Mr. Asselstine mentions that he plans to pay particular attention to Northern British Columbia, one constituency of which he represents in the Legislature. He has taken over the suite of offices adjoining those of the Premier formerly occupied by Major S. F. Moodie.

Two Automobile Collisions But Neither Serious

Two automobile collisions on the slippery streets Christmas Eve were reported to the city police, minor damage being done to the vehicles in each case. Cars of William Brand and Harry Ward came together on Second Avenue just beyond the junction with First and Third. Joe Ratchford and Peter Gamula were the drivers of vehicles which collided at McBride Street and Eighth Avenue.

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FISHING DISPUTE SETTLED

Happy Agreement Regarding Alaska Rights Between Japan And U. S. Reported

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30. (CP)—An official declining to be quoted said last night that the dispute between Japan and the United States over fishing rights in Alaskan waters would be settled within a few weeks with provisions highly pleasing to Alaska.

Recently Japanese floating canneries were reported to be operating in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska, causing concern to Canadian and American fishermen who feared that the invasion would deplete the salmon.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson, Ltd.)

Vancouver		
B. C. Nickel, .08 1/2	Big Missouri, .35	
Bralorne, 8.35	Aztec, .07	
Cariboo Quartz, 1.65	Dentonio, .11	
Golconda, .05	Minto, .03	
Fairview Amal., .04 1/2	Noble Five, .03	
Pioneer, 2.95	Porter Idaho, .03	
Premier, 1.90	Reeves McDonald, .35	
Reno, .86	Relief Arlington, .14 1/2	
Reward, .06	Salmon Gold, .06	
Taylor Bridge, .04	Hedley Amal., .05	
Premier Border, .01 1/4	Congress, .02 1/4	
Silver Crest, .03	Home Gold, .01 1/4	
Grandview, .03	Indian, .01 1/4	
Quatsino Copper, .02 1/4	Quesnelle Quartz, .05	
Oils		
A. P. Con., .33	Calmont, .60	
C. & E., 3.00	Freehold, .08	
McDougal Secur., .27	Mercury, .17 1/2	
Okalta, 2.23	Pacalta, 1.2 1/2	
Home Oil, 1.35	Toronto	
Beattie, 1.25	Central Patricia, 2.35	
Gods Lake, .46	Little Long Lac, 5.10	
McKenzie Red Lake, .96	Pickle Crow, 5.10	
Red Lake Gold Shore, .20	San Antonio, 1.30	
Sherritt Gordon, 1.30	Smelters Gold, .01 1/4	
McLeod Cocksbutt, 1.29	Oklend, .13	
Mosher, .13	Madsen Red Lake, .34	
Stadacona, .43	Frontier Red Lake, .05 1/2	
Francoeur, .45	Moneta Porcupine, 2.16	
Bouscadillac, .10	Thompson Cadillac, .33	
Bankfield, .64	East Malartic, .95	
Preston East Dome, 1.05	Hutchinson Lake, .08	
Dawson White, .03	Aldermac, .47	
Kerr Addison, 1.72	Uchi Gold, .91	
Martin Bird, .38	Int. Nickel, 44.55	
Noranda, 53.50	Smelters, .55	
Athona, .05		

Col. Hunter New Toronto Sheriff

Member of Legislature is Expected To Get Important Position

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—It is reliably reported that Col. Fraser Hunter, Liberal member for Toronto-St. Patrick's riding, may be the next sheriff for Toronto and York.

Veteran Mariner Of Great Lakes Passes In East

PORT DALHOUSIE, Ont., Dec. 30.—Capt. Jeremiah Cavanaugh, who sailed the Great Lakes for fifty-eight years, is dead after a lengthy illness. He retired in 1930.

MARGIN IS INCREASED

Boston Bruins Defeat New York Rangers—Maple Leafs Win Over Americans

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (CP)—Boston Bruins improved their margin of leadership in the American division of the National Hockey League Tuesday night by winning a close 3 to 2 decision over the running-up New York Rangers.

In the international division, the leading Toronto Maple Leafs blanked the New York Americans 3 to nothing while the Montreal Canadiens assumed exclusive possession of second place by blanking their townsmen, the Maroons, 2 to nothing.

Tuesday night's scores were as follows:
Toronto 3, Americans 0.
Canadians 2, Maroons 0.
Boston 3, Rangers 2.

Particulars Of Burning Death

Only Few Small Bones of Oscar Lundstrom Found at North Bulkeley

Word reached Smithers last Saturday morning of the death of Oscar Lundstrom of Perow by being burned to death when his house was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night. Mr. Lundstrom was one of the oldest settlers, first at Ootsa Lake and later at Perow where he had a road house during railway construction days. He was about 75 years of age and lived alone. He was well known and well liked by all who knew him. The coroner, H. B. Campbell of Smithers, with the local police, immediately visited the scene of the tragedy to hold an inquiry. All that was left of the remains were four small shoulder and hip socket bones, part of the backbone and pieces of the skull.

FAIR WAGES GIVEN MANY

Total of 670,000 to Benefit by New Measure in Province of Quebec

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—Regulations covering the new Fair Wage Act in Quebec will range from errand boys to school teachers and will include increased wages for 670,000 citizens of the province amounting to \$26,000,000 per year.

Octogenarian Gives Party

Ritchie Long Has Forty Guests on His Eightieth Birthday

Celebrating his eightieth birthday Ritchie Long gave a party at his home, 1222 Beach Place, last night. About forty guests attended. The evening was spent in dancing and games and Mr. Long was an admirable host, taking part in the dancing and playing the mouth organ like a youngster.

Refreshments were served shortly before midnight, the health of the host being proposed by B. J. Bacon and honored enthusiastically. The party broke up about one o'clock this morning.

BULLETINS

STILL BUYING SILVER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau announced today that the United States had agreed to continue buying silver from Canada, China and Mexico at least through January.

KING FIRES CABINET

CAIRO—Young King Farouk of Egypt today dissolved the cabinet of Premier Nahas Pasha and commissioned Mohamed Mahmoud to form a new government. The King had disagreed with Nahas over the appointment of a commission to study differences between himself and the Premier.

Smithers Man Hurt In Crash

Unfortunate Accident on Road To Telkwa Christmas Day

SMITHERS, Dec. 30.—An unfortunate motor car accident took place about half way between Smithers and Telkwa on Christmas Day when a car driven by Bert Morrow, manager of the Columbia Premier Corporation at Smithers, collided head on with a light delivery car driven by C. D. Muirhead of Smithers. Mr. Morrow suffered two broken knee caps and other minor injuries and his car was badly smashed while Mr. Muirhead and his car both escaped practically without damage.

Mr. Morrow was on his way to Telkwa to have Christmas dinner with friends there and had just passed Sproule's Corner. With the bright sun directly in his eyes, he failed to see the other car approaching until it was right in front of him. He was brought back to Smithers Hospital on a stretcher immediately. He will probably be confined there for some time.

Fire Department Has Two Alarms Christmas Day

The fire department had a couple of calls on Christmas night. In neither case were the fires serious. The first was at 6:45 to the Royal Lunch restaurant on Third Avenue where there was a small fire on the rear roof which did slight damage. The second was to the Rupert Motors garage at the junction of First, Second and Third Avenues where there was a smoke scare due to the backfire of a carbonized oil burned.

Young Kitkatla Man Has Passed

David Ridley Dies in Village Down Coast at Age of Twenty-Six

KITKATLA, Dec. 30.—David Ridley, well known young man of Kitkatla, died on Sunday at the age of twenty-six years. He passed away at the home of his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collison. He was a graduate of Coquitlam Institute at Sardis and was highly esteemed in his own village as well as elsewhere along the coast.

Deceased, besides his parents, is survived by a little son, Elmer Ridley; two brothers, Herbert and Edward Ridley, and three sisters, Mrs. John Hill of Kitkatla and Mrs. Louis Clifton and Mrs. Ed Clifton of Hartley Bay.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast League Vancouver 2, Seattle 2, overtime

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this morning to be running on time.

MISTAKE CLAIMED IN NOTE

Japan Explains That it Had No Intention of Attacking British Vessels

Canton Bombed

Assassination of Chinese Leader in Shanghai May Mark Terrorist Campaign

LONDON, Dec. 30. (CP)—A Japanese note claiming that the bombing of British gunboats on the Yangtze River was entirely due to mistake was made public today by British officials without comment.

The note was in reply to emphatic British protests.

There was no room for doubt, the note says, that the Japanese did not intentionally attack British vessels knowing them to be British. Dispatches from Hong Kong today state that thirty planes bombed Canton in the heaviest air raid of recent weeks. About twenty buildings were destroyed.

Shanghai Assassination

At Shanghai J. Lo' Pa Hong, China's most prominent Catholic layman and president of Shanghai's new civic association, was killed in the French concession today by an assassin disguised as an orange peddler. The police fear the slaying is the start of a terrorist campaign designed to prevent the Chinese from co-operating in the establishment of the new Japanese regime.

Public Aroused By Road Deaths

Stringent Legislative Action May Be Forced in Province of Ontario

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 30.—Newspaper reports indicate that outraged public opinion may bring about stringent legislative action to curb highway deaths in Ontario, Crown Attorney Norman Newton declares.

Today's Weather

(Government Telegrams)

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, temperature, 20.
Aiyansh—Cloudy, calm, 18.
Alice Arm—Cloudy, calm, 25.
Anox—Cloudy, calm, 25.
Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 20.
Hazelton—Snowing, calm, 20.
Smithers—Partly overcast, calm, 20.
Burns Lake—Bright, windy, 28.
Prince George—Fair, southeast wind, twelve miles per hour; barometer, 29.26.
Vancouver—Clear, westerly wind eight miles per hour; barometer, 29.74.
Victoria—Clear, southwest wind 48 miles per hour; barometer, 29.94.
Estevan—Clear, westerly wind, 23 miles per hour; barometer, 29.68.
Bull Harbor—Overcast with hall light northwest wind; barometer, 29.60; temperature, 38; light swell.
Alert Bay—Showery, calm; barometer, 29.58; temperature, 32; sea smooth.
Langara Island—Part cloudy, south wind, 15 miles per hour barometer, 29.21; temperature, 35, sea choppy.
Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.34; light swell.
Triple Island—Cloudy, southerly wind, fifteen miles per hour; moderate chop.

Card of Thanks

The Salvation Army wishes to thank all those who donated to the Christmas Cheer Fund which enabled it to make many homes happy this year. The Army wishes to particularly thank the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Radio Station, the Capitol Theatre, the Boston Cafe and the Toc H. for special services.