

High	9:12 a.m.	18.6 ft.
	22:05 p.m.	18.1 ft.
Low	2:42 a.m.	8.8 ft.
	15:35 p.m.	5.1 ft.

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Mother Land Calls To Dominions

OPTIMISM ON PLAINS RUNS HIGH

Precipitation Over Prairies Above Normal This Year

TORONTO, March 30: (CP)—Based on fall and winter precipitation statistics, Alberta and Saskatchewan grain growers prepare for spring seeding with optimism running as high as last year. On the other hand, Manitoba farmers, particularly those in the eastern section of the province, look for good rains to offset a moisture deficiency.

Taking into account good fall rains in the more westerly provinces together with the snowfall, figures indicate that, in most districts, top-soil probably holds more than normal moisture content likely to be available at the close of the winter. In eastern Manitoba, from August to February inclusive, precipitation was about 25 percent below normal.

Dominion Meteorological Office statistics covering the seven-month period, August 1 to February 28, indicate that precipitation was slightly above normal for the prairie provinces taken as a whole. Northern Saskatchewan led with an increase of 40 percent over the normal compared with 14 percent at this time last year.

Southeastern Saskatchewan recorded an excess of six percent, the same as the corresponding period in 1937-38, while former dry-out territories in the south-west showed a deficiency of only four percent compared with six percent last year.

Alberta districts all reported precipitation above the normal although only the north improved over last year. In this area the excess amounted to 10 percent compared with three percent. The central region, last year up 16 percent, fell back to one percent and in the south the difference was almost as marked with an excess of four percent. As against the 25 percent deficiency registered in Manitoba, the western district had normal precipitation.

Monthly Analysis

An analysis of the Meteorological Office's monthly records shows that rainfall in August was below normal in all areas except northern and central Alberta and western Manitoba. In September and October the same applied in Manitoba and most of Alberta.

On the other hand, more snow than the usual amount of snow fell in Manitoba, southern Alberta and northern and southeastern Saskatchewan during the period from November to February. Southwestern Saskatchewan was the only region in which the snowfall of December, January and February was noticeably below normal. In these months the excess in southern Alberta was 30 percent in northern Alberta, about 10 percent in southern Alberta, nearly 50 percent in northern Saskatchewan and 20 percent in the southeast, while in Manitoba there was an improvement of about one-third.

October precipitation, which ordinarily has the most chance of being frozen into the top-soil and retained throughout the winter, was about 70 percent below normal in western Manitoba, 65 percent deficient in eastern Manitoba, 20 percent in northern Alberta, 30 percent in central Alberta and 15 percent in southwestern Saskatchewan. On the other hand, there was an excess in October of 20 percent in southern Alberta, 65 percent in northern Saskatchewan and less than five percent in the southeast.

FINAL BULLETINS

HALIBUT CASE APPEALED

By way of special case, J. T. Harvey has entered appeal to Supreme Court in the case of the halibut boat Bayview, Capt. Dan Wedge, which was fined \$100, with cargo of fish, confiscated last year for fishing in Area No. 2 after it had closed. Appeal is on the grounds that the regulations are ultra vires of the International Fisheries Commission. The appeal will be heard at the Supreme Court Assizes opening May 10.

GEORGE HILL ROBBED

Yesterday afternoon shortly before 3 o'clock George Hill stepped out of his shoe store on Third Avenue and crossed to the Royal Bank to get change. He was away about five minutes and, on his return, found that his cash register had been robbed of some \$50 or \$60 in bills of \$2 and upward. Silver and \$1 bills were left. The matter was reported to the police who are investigating.

DOMINOES WIN

VICTORIA—Victoria Dominoes defeated Vancouver West-erns 46 to 36 last night in the fifth and deciding game of the provincial men's senior basketball championship series to enter the Western Canada final opening here next month.

STEAMERS RELEASED

SEATTLE—Withdrawal of pickets permitted the resumption today of Alaska steamer movements but Maritime Federation of the Pacific officials reiterated their determination to block northward shipments of salmon cannery supplies.

RAISES GAS TAX

TORONTO—Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced today that the Ontario gasoline tax would be increased two cents per gallon.

GABLE-CAROL WED

KINGMAN, Arizona—Clark Gable and Carol Lombard, two of filmdom's best known luminaries, were married in a surprise ceremony here last night. A High School principal and the minister's wife were the only witnesses of the ceremony. Both Miss Lombard and Gable were to report back to Hollywood studios for work today. Gable received a divorce from his former wife two weeks ago.

AGREEMENT APPROVED

OTTAWA—The new Canada-United States trade agreement was ratified on second reading by the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 168 to 32.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver

- Big Missouri, 22.
- Cariboo Quartz, 2.25.
- Dentonia, 0.2 1/2.
- Fairview, .05.
- Gold Belt, .52.
- Hedley Mascot, 1.24.
- Minto, 0.2 1/2.
- Noble Five, 0.2 1/2.
- Pacific Nickel, .12.
- Pend Oreille, 1.50.
- Pioneer, 2.47.
- Premier, 2.05.
- Privateer, 1.10.
- Reeves McDonald, .25.
- Reno, .39.
- Relief Arlington, 10 1/2.
- Reward, 0.5 1/2.
- Salmon Gold, 1.1 1/2.
- Sheep Creek, 1.09.
- Cariboo Hudson, .30.
- Hedley Amal., .03 1/2.

Oils

- A. P. Con., .18.
- Calmont, .42.
- C. & E., 2.15.
- Freehold, .03 1/2.
- Home, 2.45 ask.
- Royal Canadian, 18 1/2.

Toronto

- Aldermac, 35 1/2.
- Beattie, 1.16.
- Central Pat., 2.38.
- Con. Smelters, 52.25.
- East Malartic, 2.48.
- Fernland, .05.
- Francoeur, .23.
- Gods Lake, .22.
- Hard Rock, 1.22.
- Int. Nickel, 48.75.
- Kerr Addison, 1.73.
- Little Long Lac, 3.10.
- McLeod Cockshutt, 2.06.
- Madsen Red Lake, .36.
- McKenzie Red Lake, 1.17.
- Moneta, 1.08.
- Noranda, 77.25.
- Pickle Crow, 5.00.
- Preston E. Dome, 1.31.
- San Antonio, 1.56.
- Sherritt Gordon, 1.10.

Aged Man Dies At Port Simpson

Albert Smith Dies On Saturday And Funeral Held on Monday

The death occurred on Saturday last at his home at Port Simpson of Albert Smith, 76 years of age. He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, a son and seven grandchildren. The funeral took place Monday, Rev. T. C. Colwell officiating. Pallbearers were taken from the Young People's Education Association and the Port Simpson Band led the funeral procession. Those who sent flowers included the Ladies' Aid of the Y. P. E. A., Mr. and Mrs. Joshua McKay and family, Flora Wilson and family, Mrs. J. Brentzen and Mrs. Agnes Brentzen.

CEDARS BY THOUSANDS

KINGSTON, Ont., March 30: (CP) Main source of winter revenue for back township farms of Frontenac county, 200,000 cedar poles have been drawn across the frozen St. Lawrence in 30 winters for fencing purposes on Wolfe Island near here.

Father Anthony Meulenberg, parish priest of the Roman Catholic Church at Stewart, sailed by the Prince Rupert yesterday on his return north after a brief visit here.

- Stadacona, .56.
- Uchi Gold, 1.25.
- Bouscadillac, .06.
- Mosher, .16.
- Oklend, .09.
- Smelters Gold, .01 1/2.
- Dominion Bridge, 29.00.

NEW BOATS REQUIRED

"Our halibut fleet is badly in need of new vessels. In fact, more than half the fleet is worn out. New boats, however, cannot be built until higher prices can be paid for the catch or it becomes possible to market fish which is now thrown away. The enormous waste must be eliminated before the fishery will again be profitable." Such was one striking statement made by Peter Sunderland of the scientific staff of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station in the course of an address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday. Mr. Sunderland, during the past year or so has been delving rather deeply into the history of the Pacific Coast halibut fishing industry. As a result, he was able to relate in an interesting and graphic manner the developments which have taken place, since halibut fishing had its inception on the coast until the present day, particularly in regard to types of boats and methods of the fishing.

Things might at times look hopeless for the fishing industry, said Mr. Sunderland, but there was a more cheerful side for there still existed today British Columbia seawashed shore of 7,000 miles, owing to the immense number of islands, bays and fjords, which formed safe and accessible harbors along which and within the territorial limits to which there were fish and mammals in greater abundance than anywhere else in the world.

There were some people who believed that fishing was an easy way of making money but this was by no means the case, particularly in latter years, said Mr. Sunderland. On the whole, deep sea fishing was a long and hard struggle and there were few who got rich at it. The North Pacific halibut fisherman, however, had one advantage over those of other places. They had good food and many of them had fine vessels not because they had made enough money to build new ones but because they looked after the ones they had.

Mr. Sunderland expressed the opinion that deep sea fishing off the Pacific Coast was every bit as difficult and dangerous as on the Atlantic. He quoted from fishing skippers who had operated on both coasts and who agreed that weather on the Pacific was, if anything, more rigorous than on the Atlantic and very hard both on boats and gear. The man who piloted the waters of the Pacific in the deep sea fisheries must have courage for it was often a fight to death with the elements. From the days of the Indian canoes to the present time of the diesel schooner, innovations and improvements had been made to bring about easier and less dangerous conditions but the dangers of the elements had been by no means eliminated nor had the deep sea fishermen's life been made an easy one.

History of Fishing

Getting down to the history of the halibut fishery, Mr. Sunderland stated that Indians, by crude means of lines made from kelp stems and hooks fashioned from wood, had caught halibut long before the white men started fishing on the Pacific coast.

It was in 1886 that word reached the Atlantic coast that halibut were abundant on the Pacific. Two years later three schooners set out for the North Pacific, sailing around Cape Horn to commence fishing off Cape Flattery. The first ventures with salted fish were not altogether successful. Indian canoes and Columbia River boats had been at first used for the fishing, dories coming into use in 1895. Early methods of unloading the dories into the mother ships and the icing of fish were described by the speak-

German Troops Concentrating On Polish Frontier; Britain Strengthens Navy, Air Force

BIG YEAR FOR GARDEN ACTIVITIES

Horticultural Society Expects Big Show This Year With More Classes—Local Plant Sale

The Prince Rupert Horticultural Society, at its adjourned meeting last night in the City Hall, decided to hold the annual flower show at a time to be set later and also to continue the garden judging contests. It is hoped to have a larger show with a larger prize list. In regard to the garden prizes there was a difference of opinion as to whether the contest should be for strictly amateurs who employed no help or remain as in the past. It is possible that an open class may be made as well as the two strictly amateur classes.

A great impetus will be given to the gladiolus exhibit this year by the presentation to the society by William Gair of 33 prizes for different classes. For the best spike in the show he is offering fifty bulbs, twenty-five of Picardy and twenty-five of Commander Kohl. For the second best he offers ten Tip Top and five Miss New Zealand and for third prize ten Polar Ice and five Stuttgardia.

Another prize given by Mr. Gair for the greatest number of points in the show is \$5 in bulbs for first, \$3 for second and \$1 for third.

The smaller prizes are for various varieties or colors as follows: Best dark and light blue; Best salmon red, best scarlet, best Picardy, best white, best lavender, best dark red, best yellow, best red with pronounced white markings. Three prizes for each. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Gair for his generosity.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Honorary President, Hon. T. D. Pattullo. Honorary Vice-President, W. J. Alder.

Honorary Vice-President, Olof Hanson, M. P. President, H. F. Pullen. Vice-President, C. G. Ham. Secretary - Treasurer, Frank Warne.

Executive—Mrs. R. M. Winslow, Mrs. Neal Carter, Mrs. C. J. Norrington, Theo. Collart, P. C. Miller, Alfred Bayne and Charles Balagnon.

It was arranged that, in order to increase the facilities for those wishing to acquire common varieties of perennials suited to the climate of Prince Rupert and also to help finance the society, a sale will be held of perennial plants in the store which was formerly occupied by the Dollar Store on Third Avenue on Saturday, April 8. Those with gardens who have spare plants are asked to donate them for the sale and a committee consisting of Mrs. R. M. Winslow, Mrs. C. J. Norrington, Mr. Balagnon, Mr. Miller and Mr. Riffou was appointed to have charge with power to add to their numbers. The sale follows the usual Good Friday gardening activities.

A general discussion of matters pertaining to gardening took place.

There being no ice plants on the coast at first ice had been brought down from the interior in (Continued on Page Two)

Italy Not Very Well Pleased With Daladier's Reply to It Duce and Dispatches Quarter of Million Troops to Unnamed Destination

LONDON, March 30: (CP)—Representatives of the British Dominions were called into consultation tonight with Sir Thomas Inskip, Dominions Secretary, as reports reached London of German troop concentrations along the Polish border. The German army has not been demobilized since the occupation of Czechoslovakia and reports said that the heaviest concentrations were towards Danzig on the Baltic. One explanation offered here was the possibility that Germany was attempting to dissuade Polish Foreign Minister Beck from joining the proposed anti-aggression pact with Great Britain, France and Russia which he will discuss with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax on April 3.

A cabinet meeting has been called to discuss foreign affairs. On the House of Commons Premier Chamberlain intimated that the Navy and Air Force will be expanded like the territorial army which is to be increased to 340,000 men.

CANBERRA, March 30: (CP)—The government of Australia has decided upon a plan of compulsory registration of man power and a measure of legislation to put it into effect will be presented to Parliament. It is announced by Prime Minister J. A. Lyons. Under the plan, there will be a roster of men eligible for military service in the event of war.

PARIS, March 30: (CP)—Spokesmen of the French government said with pleasure the decision of the British government to double its territorial army strength. This will be an important step, it is believed here, towards giving the two nations military supremacy.

ROME, March 30: (CP)—Italy has answered the reply of Premier Edouard Daladier to Premier Mussolini's speech of Sunday by calling out an additional 200,000 reservists to the colors and dispatching them to an undisclosed destination. Daladier's reply, which stated that France would stand by the Franco-Italian agreement of 1935 which Italy has repudiated, that France would not yield an inch of territory or one of her rights and that the next move was up to Italy, was much stronger than had been anticipated here.

Premier Mussolini today reaffirmed Italy's intention not to remain a "prisoner in the Mediterranean." He Duce made this statement while Fascists studied with disfavor Premier Daladier's speech. Virginia Gayda, leading Fascist editor, summed up Italian reaction with the assertion that Daladier wanted to "shut tight the half closed door" to French-Italian negotiations.

Hungary's Plan BUDAPEST, March 30: (CP)—The Hungarian government has decided, with a view to reaching a settlement in the dispute with Slovakia, to concede to Slovakia a portion of the south of that country in return for another portion which had been taken previously.

In recent clashes between Hungarians and Slovaks, it is stated that 25 Hungarians have been killed and sixty-one wounded.

Czechoslovaks Hopeful CHICAGO, March 30:—Former President Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia is planning an early visit to Europe. Developments at any time may mean his departure at short notice. Czech and

HONOR FOR MCNICHOLL

Presented With Silver Service In Recognition of Long Railway Service

VANCOUVER, March 30:—Back in 1889 George A. McNicholl, now general passenger agent, Canadian National Railways, traded his ser-

Honored



G. A. McNicholl

vice for \$1.50 a week in his home town of Montreal, filling packages of candy for the slot machines of those days. He never collected his salary. He quit at the end of the first week to join the Grand Trunk Railway and the boss held out for two week's notice or no salary. The second job lasted a lifetime to date and officers and staff officially recognized it yesterday afternoon when they surprised the general passenger agent in his office and presented him with a silver service.

The occasion was one celebrating Mr. McNicholl's completion next Saturday of 50 years' service with Canadian National Railways and its predecessor companies. Of the half century he has spent 32 years on the Pacific Coast and two-thirds of these in Vancouver.

William N. Kelly, inspector for the British Corporation, marine underwriters, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert yesterday to inspect the steamer Prince Charles which is now undergoing annual overhaul at the local dry dock.

Slovak patriots are being organized with a view to restoring the Czechoslovakian state at some future time.