

Overcast with occasional light rain becoming partly cloudy this morning. Friday: cloudy with occasional rain showers becoming overcast with continuous rain beginning in the evening.

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## Tides

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High	11:02	19.7 feet
Low	5:00	9.4 feet
	17:47	4.0 feet

## Canadians Are Smashing Into Germany

### Churchill Demands Confidence

#### CONSERVATIVES RESTLESS OVER POLISH SITUATION

##### Talk of Revolt Against Prime Minister Heard — V-Bombs Will Not Be Forgotten In Dealing With Germany

LONDON, Feb. 22 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today that the government will demand a Parliamentary vote of confidence on joint action agreed to by the three powers at the Crimea conference, particularly with reference to unity of action in peace as in war.

As leader of the House of Commons, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden set down the government's motion for debate for next Tuesday and Wednesday even as the Parliamentary lobby buzzed with reports on possible revolt among some members of Mr. Churchill's own Conservative party over the Polish issue.

Government spokesmen are openly confident of getting a blanket endorsement of the Crimea decisions.

The Conservative bloc, which does not like the government's attitude toward the Polish question, is known to be undecided as to just how to attack without giving the impression it is repudiating the entire Crimea declaration. The possibility that some would abstain rather than vote against the government seemed likely.

The extent of the revolt brewing is not clear but it is not believed large enough to threaten Mr. Churchill's position.

The Prime Minister, in answering a question, gave assurance that the Allies, in imposing peace terms on Germany, would bear in mind the Nazis' indiscriminate bombing by V-weapons.

#### Open Up Mineral Area

##### PARTIAL SURVEY TO DETERMINE ROUTE OF HIGHWAY TO LINK WITH ALCAN ROAD IS FAVORED

Providing accessibility to the mineralized regions of northern British Columbia is a project gaining increasing momentum, writes Kemper Freeman, following a personal trip into Central and Northern British Columbia in behalf of Mining World.

Way Bullock's proposal for a trunk highway connecting a direct link between the principal barrier which must be overcome. It is highly significant that all groups, organizations and individuals contacted across central British Columbia are unanimous in favoring construction of a through highway connecting with the Alcan route to Alaska.

While many persons are familiar with portions of the great northern British Columbia basin, few are familiar with all of it. The region has not been accurately surveyed or mapped. Consequently, there is considerable confusion about the proper location of a trunk highway which has naturally led to differences of opinion and has fostered suspicions of narrow community and individual "ax grinding" behind proposals for

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#### CURIOSITY OF CITY COUNCIL

The city council is seeking further information in regard to a report that the provincial government has made an appropriation of \$9000 to the Northern British Columbia Power Co. for extensions. The council is curious to know just what it is proposed to use the money for.

JAPS USING SPEARS  
MANILA — Choosing in the fanatical resistance to die rather than surrender, the Japs have been reduced to fight with spears at Manila.

#### Bulletins

##### GREATEST RAIDS YET

LONDON—Allied air forces hit Germany at dozens of places with approximately 7000 planes today. It was the war's biggest and most spectacular bombardment of the Reich. The onslaught was aimed at Nazi communications network serving both eastern and western fronts. The bombers planted more than 14,500 tons of high explosive bombs on at least fourteen railway yards, each located at the junction of two or more main railway routes.

##### PROGROGATION EXTENDED

OTTAWA—A proclamation formally extending the prorogation of Parliament to March 31 will be issued today, the Canadian Press was informed by reliable sources.

##### WRECK IS FOUND

VICTORIA — Wreck of the 33-foot fishing vessel Cuna Chief, owned and operated by two young Victoria fishermen and reported missing February 10, was found by the United States Coastguard 30 miles west of Port Angeles Wednesday. No trace was found of two men — Harold Cain and Bryan May—who left Victoria early in January and were last seen in the vicinity of Sidney. The vessel was caught in a gale in the Straits of Juan de Fuca February 11.

##### LLOYD GEORGE BETTER

LONDON—The condition of Earl Lloyd George is considerably improved and no further official bulletins will be issued. He was able to sit up for two hours yesterday.

##### REPATRIATES HOME

MONTREAL — Having landed at Jersey City from the Exchange Ship Gripsole, another group of Canadians from German prison camps arrived here today. There were seventy-eight Canadians. This number includes 51 men of the Canadian Army, 25 of the R.C.A.F., and two members of the Canadian Merchant Marine. Major Morton McBride of Nelson and Cpl. Earl Buck of Vancouver are among them.

#### WHY DEGAULLE REFUSED BID

Did Not Meet Roosevelt Because He Was Not Advised of Yalta Decisions

PARIS, Feb. 22 — It has been disclosed that General Charles De Gaulle declined an invitation to see President Roosevelt at Algiers because the French government did not possess detailed information on the Crimean conference of the Big Three.

According to French Minister of Information Pierre Teitgen, De Gaulle could not go into a conference with the American president and face a number of grave decisions without having a full background on what took place at Yalta.

#### IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

One Oriental Charged With Killing of Two Others at Keremeos

PENTICTON, Feb. 22 — Preliminary hearing of Moy Wing, 49, Chinese farmer, on a charge of murdering Long Duck, 67, at Keremeos on Monday was adjourned for eight days or less.

The charge was laid in connection with the fatal shooting of Duck and Chew Chee, 65, another Chinese, in a cabin at Keremeos. Wing gave himself up to the police after the shooting, saying he had killed the pair because they "made me mad."

#### To Light Up Farms

Rural Electrification Bill Presented to Legislature by Premier Hart

VICTORIA, Feb. 22 — Presentation of the rural electrification bill calling for the setting up of a three-man commission to administer and manage electric power systems in British Columbia highlighted the proceedings in the Legislature yesterday.

The bill, presented by Premier John Hart, provides that the commission may acquire, construct and operate works for general supply and distribution of electric power.

#### JAPANESE DISPERSAL

C.C.F. in Favor of This Policy, Herbert Gargrave Tells Legislature

VICTORIA, Feb. 22 — Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Herbert Gargrave, C. C. F. member for Mackenzie, said the C.C.F. favored the dispersal of the Japanese throughout Canada rather than permitting their return to the coast.

"Because of the anti-democratic stand of some of our people, we believe in a policy of having them dispersed all over the Dominion instead of settling in one community as before the war," said Mr. Gargrave.

#### LADY NELSON COMMANDER

Capt. W. B. Armit, Veteran of Two Wars, Takes Over Hospital Ship

MONTREAL, Feb. 22 — A naval veteran of two wars, Captain William Barclay Armit, R.D., R.N., R.C.N.R., commodore of the Canadian National Steamship fleet, has been appointed master of His Majesty's Canadian Hospital Ship Lady Nelson, it is announced today. He will assume command immediately.

The Lady Nelson, once a Canadian National liner in the West Indies service and now Canada's senior hospital ship, is manned by a C. N. S. crew.

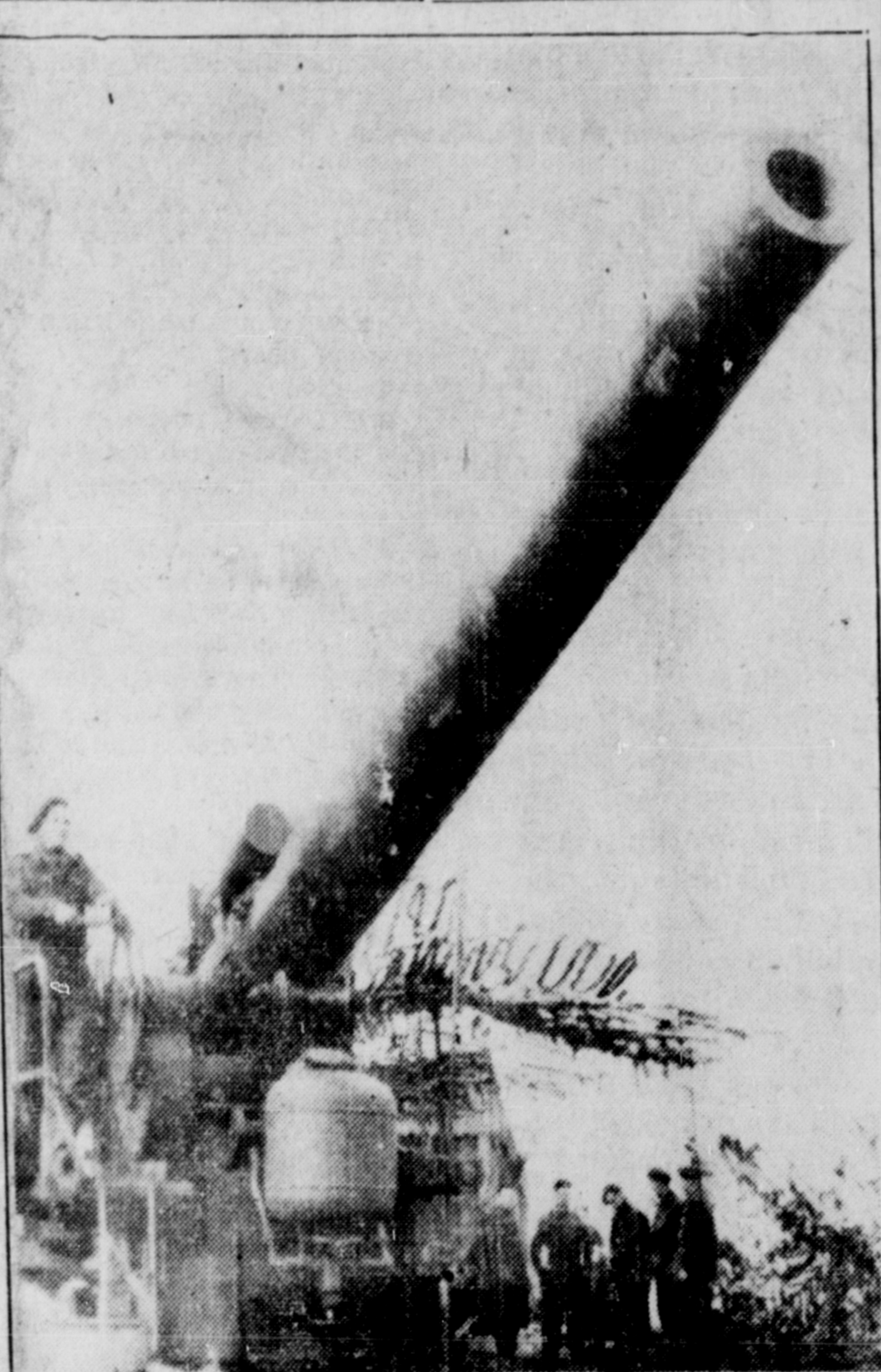
Indicative of Captain Armit's naval record is the fact that he was in charge of the first of the large convoys taking over the 13th Battalion Royal Highlanders of Montreal in October 1914 and history repeated itself in 1939 when he became commodore of the transatlantic convoys and sailed in December with Canada's first overseas division in the Second World War.

In the First World War, he served in the North Sea, the Dardanelles, off Zeebrugge and Ostend and was present at the surrender of the German high fleet. Among other things during the present war, his ship rescued the survivors of the Nicoya, one of the first torpedoed vessels, and, while serving as captain of the Prince David, went on special duties hunting for the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst.

Born at St. Andrew's, Scotland, in 1885, Captain Armit began his sea career at the age of 16. He joined the Canadian Government merchant marine service in 1920 and remained with the C.N.S. until the outbreak of war.

#### City Lists A.R.P. Equipment Wanted

In line with the decision of the provincial government to purchase A.R.P. equipment from the federal government and donate it to the municipalities, a list has already been prepared by the city of Prince Rupert of what it requires.



Paving the way for the new Canadian offensive is this mammoth 240 MM Howitzer firing 360-pound shells across the Rhine.

#### P.-T. ASS'N TO SEND DELEGATE TO ATTEND PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

##### City Machinery Found Obsolete

A survey has been made by Ald. G. W. Rudderham, chairman of the board of works, and City Engineer G. S. Hanes of municipal machinery including the old rock crusher on Seventh Avenue West which is held to be not suitable for grinding fine rock but which is too good to be scrapped and an air compressor which has been found to be not worth repairing. There is other equipment which is also described as being "out of date."

#### AMERICANS KILLED BY OWN BOMBS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 22 — American bombs sank a Japanese ship loaded with 1600 Americans off the Philippines last December and, of fewer than half who survived, all but two were apparently recaptured. One of the survivors, Navy Lieutenant George Petritz, told of the sinkings at a news conference today.

Two previous prison ship sinkings, both by submarine action, have been reported in the Pacific. One occurred last October with apparent loss of all but five of 1800 Americans aboard. In the other only 83 of 750 Allied prisoners survived.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT IS COMING UP

Premier King Expected to Indicate Election Date Within Next Few Days

OTTAWA, Feb. 22 — An important but not necessarily decisive political announcement is expected from Prime Minister King within the next three days according to information from Ottawa.

It will relate to the holding of a session of Parliament and the timing of a general election. The Canadian Press has already learned from a usually well-informed source that the most probable date for the election is June 11.

##### Local Temperature

Maximum	42
Minimum	38
Rainfall	.36 inches

### Nazis Being Pushed Back Before Calcar; American Third Making Big Gains

All Indications Point to Fierce Fighting Still to Come As Enemy Continues Stubbornly Desperate Resistance

PARIS, Feb. 22 (CP)—The Canadian First Army is again smashing forward into Germany. Following a two-day slug-fest between fanatical German defenders and powerful Canadian Army units, General Crerar's men are pushing back Nazi forces before Calcar. This fortress town still lies ahead of the Can-

adians and all indications point to fierce fighting still to come. The First Army surge has regained ground lost during the past 40 hours and has cleared the Germans from the Moyland Woods.

A bulletin from the western front this morning says the Canadian Army has cut the rail line connecting Goch and Uedem. Canadian units advanced from the north to cut the rail line about 2 1/4 miles west of Uedem.

Infantry and tank forces of the American Third Army are massed along an 8-mile front on the Saar River after the best single day's gain made on the western front in weeks. Third Army men have taken nearly forty German towns in an advance of ten miles, and have fought their way into the German stronghold of Sarburg. It now seems only a matter of hours until the Third Army grinds out the necessary 3 1/2 miles needed to reach the junction of the Saar and Moselle Rivers.

#### RAILWAY LINE CLEAR TONIGHT

The big rockslide which blocked a cut near Amsbury and held up through traffic for several days is expected to be cleared by early tomorrow when trains will be able to move through again, it was stated today by C. A. Berner, divisional superintendent, Canadian National Railways. The trains for the east and the train from the east tonight are expected to move through instead of having to effect transfers of passengers, express, mail and baggage such as has been done since the slide occurred.

#### COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

Switches in This Department of Canadian National Railways

WINNIPEG, Feb. 22 — Appointment of W. McLarnon of Winnipeg as deputy tax commissioner, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, is announced today by T. G. Watson, tax commissioner for the company. Mr. McLarnon will be succeeded in Winnipeg as assistant tax commissioner by G. F. Keith, formerly tax agent at Montreal.

W. "Bill" McLarnon is well known in Winnipeg, having been in railway service here since 1911 when he joined the Canadian Northern Railway. He enlisted in 1915 and served four years overseas during world war I. He resumed his work with the company in 1919 and worked his way up until 1942 when he was appointed assistant tax commissioner for the western region.

George F. Keith has served all his railway life in the east, this being his first service in western Canada. In the east he took keen interest in the work of the Canadian Club, Junior Board of Trade and Kinsmen's Club. He is a well known tennis player.

#### Committee On Dry Dock to Meet Soon

Unless the recently formed joint committee pressing for permanent future operation of the local dry dock has a reply by the end of this week from Ottawa to a message to Ottawa on the matter, another meeting will be held to determine course of future activity with the desired end in view, Mayor H. M. Daggett announces.

#### Eastern Front

### Russ Armies Converging

Konev By-Passes Guben On Two Sides While Zhukov Moves to Encircle Frankfurt

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 — Red Army forces have battered into the Neisse River stronghold of Guben and now are striving to unite the First Ukrainian Army of Marshal Konev and the First White Russians of Marshal Zhukov.

Konev's forces have swung upon Guben on both sides. They took a strategic ridge near the town and then moved in.

In the north, Zhukov's men are attempting to encircle Frankfurt.

The Second White Russian Army, meanwhile, still is moving through the Polish corridor, and now is within thirty-three miles of Danzig.

The Germans are attempting to rescue thousands of trapped troops in East Prussia in the port of Pillau.

The Russians have battered into Guben, it was stated today, the street fighting is going on there. The juncture of Konev and Zhukov forces is expected to culminate in a full-scale final assault upon Berlin.

#### CANNERY AT GRAND FORKS

Member for That Riding Says Government Treated Company Unfairly

VICTORIA, Feb. 22 — Thomas A. Love, Progressive-Conservative coalitionist, Grand Forks-Greenwood, pleaded with the government in the Legislature yesterday to sell 560 acres of Doukhobor land at Grand Forks to the Kettle Valley Packers Limited as "it means a great deal to Grand Forks."

Mr. Love said this cannery had paid out \$188,000 in wages, supplies and expenses last year.

The government had imposed unfair conditions when cannery officials tried to buy the land and the possibility now was that the company would not set up a cannery there.