

**MINISTER EYRES SPEAKS**

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wards new enterprise and the readiness of the Coalition government to assist with all its facilities for study and research, and one sees at once why this province is becoming the chosen field for industrial and commercial expansion.

**PROVINCE HAS MADE PROGRESS**

"It has been said, and I think very truly, that in recent years British Columbia has made more real progress than perhaps any other section of the Dominion. There is no doubt, certainly, that this province was never in healthier or more robust condition, that never has a keener or more soundly based optimism prevailed.

"This is strikingly apparent in the industrial field. Very definitely, business is moving to British Columbia. In 1946, 1,518 companies were incorporated, with a total capitalization of \$99,759,300. 547 of them were incorporated for industrial purposes, as nearly as can be ascertained at present, with an authorized capital of over \$63,090,000.

"The Department of Trade and Industry of your Coalition government is proud to have played its part in developing this great industrial province."

Reviewing the wide field of activities of his Department of Trade and Industry, Mr. Eyres said that, briefly, its functions are to investigate matters of economic importance, to encourage industry, to collect and publish statistical information, and to develop and foster tourist travel and settlement.

In the interests of efficiency, these several functions have been separately grouped and apportioned to bureau known respectively as the Office of Trade Commissioner, the Bureau of Economics and Statistics, and the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau.

The office of Trade Commissioner does not parallel or overlap in any way the work already being done by the Federal Department of Trade and Commerce or by local organizations. On the contrary, and from its intimate knowledge of the aims, objects and facilities of those other agencies, it devotes itself to increased co-operation at the producing end, increased use of those facilities, and the co-ordination of all activities which have in view the expansion of foreign and domestic trade.

This requires the closest co-

operation with all producers and exporters in British Columbia, and a keenly sympathetic interest in their problems, large and small. It requires, too, the co-operation of all the basic industrial interests, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Boards of Trade, foreign consulates, shipping companies and banks.

In the matter of new industries, the office undertakes frank surveys from production and marketing angles and the development of all possibilities for establishment or expansion of overseas trade.

All organizations and others interested, are urged to use his services, for the Department of Trade and Industry has developed this liaison with a sole objective of practical and intimate assistance to industry in the province.

**FACT FINDING AND ADVISORY**

The Bureau of Economics and Statistics is, as its name implies, a fact finding and advisory body. It has two primary functions:

(1) To collect and compile economic statistics of interest to the provincial government.

(2) To provide economic counsel and, when necessary, to conduct investigations into economic questions affecting the province.

In order to carry out these objectives the Bureau is divided into several sections dealing with statistical service and one section dealing with economic research.

The main objective of the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau is to attract tourist travel to this province. To do this a planned program of advertising is carried on in newspapers and periodicals throughout the Western States. Further publicity is obtained by the preparation and distribution of thousands of pamphlets and folders describing all sections of British Columbia.

Another medium for publicity is the distribution of films, many of them in sound and color. These films are taken by the photographic staff of the Motion Picture Branch of this bureau. Many sections of the province are now covered by these films and the work is still in progress.

An important part of the work of this bureau is in answering enquiries from all parts of the world, requesting information on the province from the prospective visitor, as well as the prospective settler.

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

Realizing that scientific research is one of the keys to industrial advancement in the Province of British Columbia, the government in January, 1944, organized and financed the British Columbia Research Council.

Its aims are:

(1) To co-ordinate the work of existing and prospective research units so as to avoid danger of duplication.

(2) To initiate and channel new research work in all fields of particular interest to British Columbia.

(3) To relate this problem to other problems of industrial rehabilitation in the post-war period.

(4) To apply results of research to the creation of new industries, actual trade extension programs, and relate the work of laboratories and field units to industrial and market extension of the province.

**TIMBER SALE X41166**

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday the seventeenth day of March, 1947, in the office of the District Forester, Marine Bldg., Vancouver, B.C., the License X41166, to cut 46,500,000 c.f.m. of Cedar, Hemlock, Balsam and Spruce on surveyed pulp timber sale X9231 situated at Falls Creek, Kildala Arm, Range Four, Coast Land District. Ten (10) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

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**Ladies 'A' Bowling**

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March 4—Savoy vs. Big Sisters, Orange vs. Toilers, Ideal Cleaners vs. Lucky Strikes, Moose vs. Annettes, Variety vs. Miller Bay.

March 11—Orange vs. Lucky Strikes, Ideal Cleaners vs. Annettes, Moose vs. Miller Bay, Toilers vs. Big Sisters, Variety vs. Savoy.

March 18—Ideal Cleaners vs. Moose, Lucky Strikes vs. Miller Bay, Toilers vs. Savoy, Variety vs. Big Sisters, Orange vs. Annettes.

March 25—Annettes vs. Miller Bay, Ideal Cleaners vs. Big Sisters, Toilers vs. Variety, Orange vs. Moose, Lucky Strikes vs. Savoy.

April 1—Lucky Strikes vs. Variety, Toilers vs. Miller Bay, Orange vs. Ideal Cleaners, Moose vs. Big Sisters, Annettes vs. Savoy.

**Steamship Sailings**

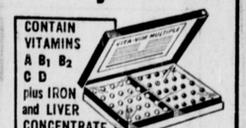
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Port Edward	2	5	285

**SCHEDULE FOR LADIES "B" BOWLS**

February 20—Co-op vs. Revenuers, Atlin vs. Dockettes W.P.T.B. vs. Bankers, Khatadas vs. Watts & Nickerson, Whirlwinds vs. Peoples.

February 27—Atlin vs. Peoples W.P.T.B. vs. Revenuers, Khatadas vs. Dockettes, Whirlwinds vs. Bankers, Co-op vs. Watts & Nickerson.

March 6—Watts & Nickerson vs. W.P.T.B., Khatadas vs. Whirlwinds, Co-op vs. Atlin, Bankers vs. Dockettes, Peoples vs. Revenuers.

March 13—Khatadas vs. People Co-op vs. W.P.T.B., Bankers vs. Revenuers, Whirlwinds vs. Atlin, Watts & Nickerson vs. Dockettes.



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**SHORT SPORT**

Howard Wood, who skipped his Winnipeg Granite rink to victory in the recent \$12,000 bonspiel at Nipawin, Sask., predicts an early rise to power of players developed by rural clubs and rinks manned by the younger generation. Never far removed from the silverware in 38 years of competitive curling, Wood, now 53, was particularly impressed by the standard of play of rural rinks in the Nipawin 'spiel. He said many of today's country rinks have already sounded their challenge to the "city slickers" and that it might not be long before the Dominion title would go to some rural community.

"The game has taken a hold in the country, and the terrific enthusiasm is bound to pay off soon," Wood said. "They have greater opportunity for practice in the country than is available in the city, and that is going to decide the issue in the end. All our ice is booked for games continually." Enthusiasm for the game in many areas is running so high that farmers are donating grain and other farm produce to be sold by community committees, and the proceeds help defray the cost of building curling rinks. Schoolboys also are lugging bales of hay several miles to school to make shelters for schoolyard rinks.

No person is better qualified to pass judgment on curling matter than Wood, who was initiated into the ancient Scottish sport when about 10 years old on a vacant lot with blocks from a nearby highway for curling stones. Three times winner of the Macdonald's Brier, Dominion curling championship, in 1925, 1930 and 1940, and four times winner of provincial honors in 1925, 1930, 1940 and 1945 as well as various other 'spels, he has competed with and against some of the best in the game.

Wood says he does not see

**May Organize Hoop "School" For Junior Girls**

Popularity of the junior boys' basketball classes held every Saturday morning in the Civic Centre has inspired Rep Rec director Neil Ross to plan a similar instructional period for junior girls, he announced yesterday.

Details of the plan have not been worked out yet but the age group would be for girls from 12 to 14, and the classes may be held on Saturday afternoons if gym schedules can be arranged suitably.

Attendance at the boys' basketball training classes has averaged more than 60 at each session and enthusiasm runs high, Mr. Ross says. The boys' classes are designed to train boys from eight to 14 who already are not affiliated with one of the operating junior league teams.

any great changes in the game since he first took it up. "They play a more open hit and roll game now and the delivery style has changed. The youngsters have a sliding follow-through delivery—we used a stationary swing delivery, never leaving the back." Howard incidentally still uses the old-style delivery and it still brings him down in front of the pack. An all-round athlete in his younger days, he was a member of the 1915 Winnipeg Scottish club that captured the Dominion championship. He was regarded as one of the strongest halfbacks in Western Canada soccer.

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**GROWING GARDEN PLANTS IS FUN THAT SAVES MONEY TOO**

Every home gardener should know how to start seeds in a seed box, which florists call a "flat," and move the plants when large enough to their destined place in the garden.

In some sections whole gardens are made of such plants, usually purchased. But your own plants can be grown easily at far less expense once a few simple methods are learned.

There are both advantages and disadvantages in starting seeds this way. It takes longer to grow either vegetables or flowers, because of the setback which is caused by transplanting. But when the seed box can be started weeks before seeds could be sown outdoors, an earlier harvest is possible, even though growth takes longer.

Some plants are difficult to transplant, all the vegetable root crops, for example, and many flowers such as poppies, and salpiglossis. But skilled operators can transplant almost any subject.

An advantage of the seed box method is that seeds go further since all can be grown to plants, if desired; and the plants are placed in the garden in the exact position where they are to mature, and require no thinning. It is easier to grow very small seeds and difficult subjects in a box; and when the weather is too wet, or dry, too hot or cold, the box can be removed about and sheltered from damage.

While professionals usually sow seed in one box, rather

thickly, then transplant seedlings when very small to pots, or another flat where they are widely spaced, the amateur can save time and make his plants grow faster by sowing his seed thinly in the first place and thinning out excess seedlings to give ample room for others to mature, without being disturbed.

Precautions against disease should always be taken. This is easily done by using soil substitutes rather than soil. Sphagnum moss and vermiculite are substitutes widely used and easily obtainable. Both are sterile and sphagnum moss actually destroys fungi.

A thin layer of sphagnum moss, passed through a sieve, and spread over the soil in a flat, can be used to sow the seed in; covering lightly with similar moss. This will prevent "damping off" and similar diseases, which sometimes destroy seeds as they are sprouting, or soon after.

The entire box may be filled with sphagnum moss, or vermiculite, and the seedlings plants grown in these substances up to transplanting size, but in that case some fertilizer must be used when the plants have reached a sufficient size to need it.

This will be about when they have made their second pair of leaves, called the "true leaves." Stir a level teaspoon of balanced chemical plant food into a quart of water and use this to water the plants. One application weekly should be sufficient.

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