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BRITISH STRIKE CONTINUES SPREAD

City Seeks to Use Sinking Fund Payments to Finance Repairs

Prince Rupert will seek permission from the provincial government to inject money from the city's pre-than-healthy sinking fund into the anemic blood stream of its streets and sewers which, civic authorities recognize, are making a dying gasp for rehabilitation.

The city council last night approved a finance committee recommendation urging that the provincial finance department be requested to allow the \$58,977, annually into the sinking fund under the terms of the Prince Rupert Refund-Act of 1935, be withheld for two years and that the money be diverted toward repairing the streets and sewers.

Commissioners for this financial plea will be Mayor Nora and finance committee chairman T. N. Youngs, who will be for Victoria immediately. The mission was approved by council last night after a rough airing of the city's financial opportunities and its rehabilitation requirements.

In a statement of the basis of the city's request for suspension of capital payments its sinking fund will be the same as that of other cities, that even without these payments, the fund is paid so far in advance that it would still be in excess by more than \$22,000 by December 31, 1949. The capital payments thus withheld could be used to rebuild the city's streets.

According to a statement by Mayor Youngs, the portion of the city's \$1,750,000 sinking fund required to be in the sinking fund by December 31, 1943 was \$999,692.

At present, payments of the fund which matures in total \$899,692.

The paid-up portion of sinking fund as of December 31, 1946, is almost \$5,000

DOES NOT LIKE UNITED STATES

British War Bride no Longer Loves Her Husband or American People

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Beatrice Wall, aged 24, British war bride, who fled from her veteran husband in Philadelphia last April because she "no longer loved him," has no intention of returning to the United States.

"I went back four times," Mrs. Wall said here Monday. "Never again. I think four times is enough. People in the United States don't want to be friendly when they hear you are an English girl. I like the people in Canada. They really try to be friendly."

Mrs. Wall denied a statement made earlier by her husband that she had deserted him four times.

Prince Rupert's Case For Air Services; Survey in Support

Recently, in an effort to establish the public convenience and necessity of establishing a scheduled air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, the Canadian Pacific Airlines made an exhaustive survey of the business, resources and services of this area. Since then Canadian Pacific Airlines has made formal application for permission to operate such a service. The information thus obtained and presented to the Transport Board is considered of sufficient interest to publish for the benefit of Daily News readers. Here is the fourth installment.

TRAFFIC OVER ROUTE

An indication of the amount of air traffic available is found in the comparatively high number of passengers carried by Spillsbury and Hepburn, operating a spasmodic non-scheduled service. It is considered that a scheduled operation would create a much larger volume of air travel.

The following figures, indicating the amount of traffic via the Columbia Coast Steamship Services for the period 1945 to June, 1946, shows the volume of travel between terminals Vancouver and Prince Rupert. With Canadian National Steamships and Union

Steamships operating similar services, it may be estimated that the total traffic by boat would be at least double that shown for B.C.C.S.

Passengers carried between undermentioned ports via B.C.C.S. July 1945-June 1946:

	One Way	Return
Vancouver-Prince Rupert	133	54
Prince Rupert-Vancouver	298	70
Vancouver-Prince Rupert	1,098	355
Prince Rupert-Vancouver	1,367	158
Totals	2,896	637

There is some travel also between Vancouver and Prince Rupert via all-rail service as well as means of the combination of rail and air and rail services. Canadian Pacific Airlines estimate approximately 30 passengers a month out of Vancouver destined to Prince Rupert by air and rail route.

The lumbering and associated industries in the Port Hardy and on the Queen Charlotte Islands require servicing by representatives of equipment companies, as well as of food and wholesale houses. Similar to Prince Rupert, having a number of offices and an extensive lumbering, fishing, and a considerable amount of travel by representatives of various companies.

The industries mentioned at the points in question recruit their labor, for the most part, through the large urban centre of Vancouver. There is a fairly high turn-over of such labor particularly in the more remote districts such as Port Hardy and the Queen Charlottes. This creates a volume of travel which would move by air if a scheduled service were made available.

The residents of the Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte areas, totalling over 20,000 in number, would themselves travel for business and pleasure purposes by air should a scheduled service at the comparatively low rates proposed be established.

WARNING OF SECTIONALISM

Minister of External Affairs St. Laurent Speaks in Toronto

TORONTO, (CP) — Hon. Louis St. Laurent, minister of external affairs, last night urged Canadians to be on their guard against claims of extravagant regionalism, whatever origin, and warned that a disunited Canada would be a powerless Canada.

"No policy can be regarded as wise which divides the people whose efforts and resources must put it into effect," St. Laurent said. "The consideration applies not only to the two main cultural groups. It applies equally to sectionalism of any kind."

"Amusement Tax" Might Replenish City's Coffers

City council, one of the aldermen suggested whimsical last night, might be able to turn a badly-needed penny if it capitalized on the audience-interest of its meetings and charged amusement tax on those who sit in the public chairs at the rear of the chamber. The audience at last night's meeting was the largest to witness a council session in many years.

CONFERENCE ON AUSTRIA

Important Parley Starts in London—Canada Interested in European Solidarity

LONDON, (CP) — Smaller Allied powers were marshalling their forces today—the opening day of the London "deputies" (to foreign ministers) conference at which representatives of Big Four foreign ministers start work on German and Austrian peace settlements.

A Canadian spokesman said the Dominion has no special interest in the German settlement but has strong views on the need for long-term stability of Europe to which the treaty will contribute.

ONLY TONSORIAL CHARGES GO UP

VANCOUVER, (CP) — The only immediate price increase in Vancouver in reaction to the lifting of price controls in Canada was the increase in price of haircuts and shaves. The Barbers' Union, which had already been moving toward obtaining a lifting of the ceilings, raised the price of a haircut and shave in Vancouver to \$1, starting Monday. Haircuts now cost 65c and shaves 35c. Children's haircuts cost 40c. Previous to the removal of controls haircuts were 50c and shaves 25c.

SNOW DEEPER IN VANCOUVER

Death of One Man Attributed To it—Thousand Men Shovelling Streets

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Vancouver's worst snowstorm in 12 years claimed one life yesterday—George MacLeod, aged 60, provincial roads engineer at New Westminster, who collapsed and died while putting chains on a snow-stalled automobile. He had been in the service of the department for a long time and was known in various parts of the province.

Milk companies brought out horse-drawn sleighs for the first time in years.

Some one thousand men shovelled downtown Vancouver streets.

Two Burnaby schools were closed, the snow being so deep that teachers and pupils could not get to school.

Nine inches of snow fell Monday and more is expected.



PLANE DAMAGED IN MID-AIR COLLISION—A damaged C-47 transport which collided with another airliner while flying 2,000 feet over Aberdeen, Md., is inspected by Capt. William Fairfield, at Aberdeen airport where the ship was forced to land. The C-47, carrying 25, was enroute to Puerto Rico when the crash with a DC-4, carrying 60 persons, occurred. The accident was unprecedented in U.S. commercial air travel.

Council Airs Street Objections in Defeating Alderman Casey's Motion

Alderman George B. Casey's attempt in city council last night to have City Engineer E. A. Phillips dismissed and to replace him with a "successor with proven experience and ability in road construction and maintenance" met with defeat at the hands of the other aldermen, each of whom aired an opinion on the subject.

The seven other aldermen decided to toss out Mr. Casey's motion after agreeing that Mr. Phillips' future as City Engineer here should "stand or fall" on his ability to produce satisfactory streets during the coming summer.

Mr. Casey's motion, which termed the year's work "most unsatisfactory under the direction of Mr. Phillips," was seconded by Alderman Youngs, who explained that he did so "because it is necessary that this motion be spoken to by council."

Emphasizing that he did not intend to support the motion, Alderman Youngs asserted that City Engineer Phillips "has worked under difficult conditions from the standpoint of material, finance and labor and he has not always had the support of council."

"The big complaint," Alderman Youngs continued, "undoubtedly is that block of Third Avenue known as 'Hecate Strait.' Mr. Phillips says that he believes he can correct that this year. I think that we should call on Mr. Phillips to put that block on Third Avenue in shape and that he should stand or fall by the job he does on it."

"I know our streets are important but, if our waterworks and sewers were on top of the streets here people could see their condition, we would get a lot more complaints than we do now," Alderman Youngs declared. "Mr. Phillips has in many

cases saved the city a lot of money. I have been told that he saved the city an amount equal to his own salary for two years in his work on estimates for the 48-inch sewer outlet in Section One."

CASEY DENIES ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Alderman Casey denied "ulterior motives" in asking the dismissal of the City Engineer, saying that he did so only out of a feeling of responsibility to the citizens of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Casey asserted: "My complaint is that Mr. Phillips lacks

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CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION

New Policy to be Announced Shortly Minister Glen Says

WINNIPEG, (CP) — Hon. J. A. Glen, minister of natural resources, told the annual convention of the Manitoba Liberal Association yesterday that changes in Canada's immigration policy were in the making and he hoped to announce the changes shortly.

Police Search For Drug Store Robbers

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Police are still searching for safe-crackers who broke into a downtown drug store here early Sunday and escaped with an amount in cash and checks now placed at \$1,145. They cut their way through the wall of a drug store from an adjoining apartment building and blew the safe. They dropped \$500 in stamps in getting away but the loot included \$764 in cash.

CALLS FOR INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER SEES BIG BUSINESS MENACE

VANCOUVER, (CP) — In an interview here, Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture called for industrial development through Western Canada.

"Development from here to Winnipeg has to come and, if the industrialists will not do it, the people will take over and see that it is done," Gardiner said.

Often in the past, said the minister, industries had bought up smaller localized industries and closed them up to provide selling fields for their own products instead of opening up and developing new territories.

RUDDERHAM WINS ON REFUSAL TO HEAD BOARD OF WORKS OF CITY

Alderman George Rudderham's refusal to accept his appointment by Mayor Arnold to the chairmanship of the board of works culminated last night in the merging of the works board and the utilities committee under Alderman Robert McKay, utilities chairman.

Alderman Rudderham defended his refusal in a closed committee of the whole session after Mayor Arnold had insisted in open council that he either accept the appointment or resign from council.

"The matter is now up to Alderman Rudderham," she said.

Alderman Rudderham then pleaded personal reasons for his refusal and declined "to air his personal troubles" in public meeting.

"I have not refused to work on the board of works," he declared in council. "I have merely declined the chairmanship for personal reasons. If you can't

McGeer's Complaint

Not Satisfied with Premier Hart's Deal With Ottawa—West is Being Overlooked

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Mayor G. G. McGeer complained yesterday that provincial tax sources of \$150,000,000 had been handed to Ottawa and the province would get only \$21,000,000.

The senator-mayor said that Vancouver could spend the whole \$21,000,000 and "you would hardly know it had been spent."

He continued: "I am inclined to think Premier Hart is overlooking the needs of Vancouver as Ottawa is overlooking the needs of British Columbia."

NONE INJURED IN FIRE IN HOTEL

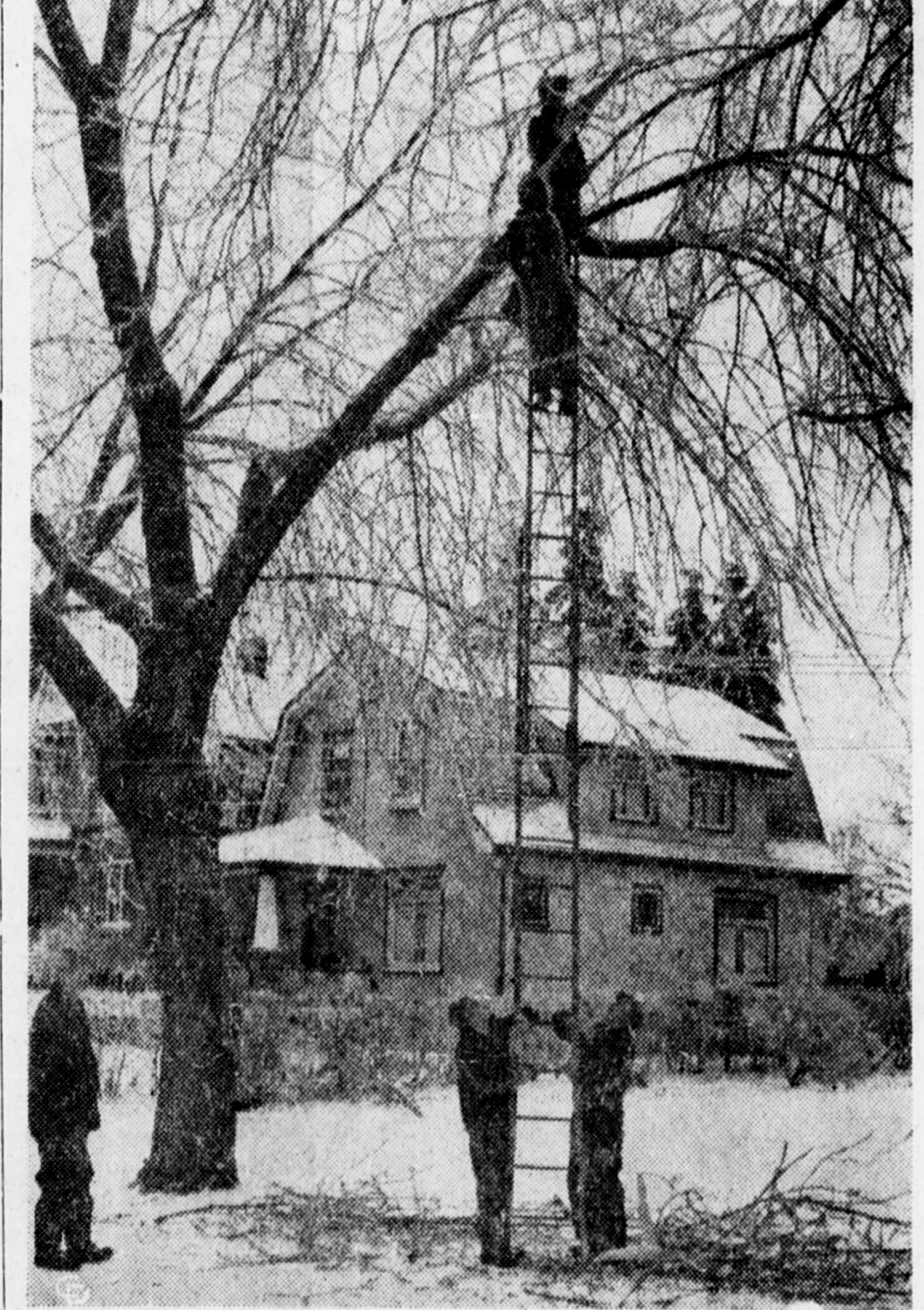
VANCOUVER, (CP) — No persons were injured in the two fires within three hours which visited the Strathcona Hotel here and sent 100 guests fleeing to the street in their night attire Sunday. It has been ascertained the first fire started from overheated furnace pipes and the second from oil and grease in the elevator shaft igniting from the first.

OH! DON'T THE WIND BLOW COLD—IN VANCOUVER?—4.8 ABOVE TODAY

While Prince Rupert was having a moderately bracing minimum overnight temperature of 23.8 above zero with a mere flickery dusting of light snow, weather-boasting Vancouver was struggling about in a foot of the "beautiful" while the thermometer slumped down to 4.8 above there at 8:30 this morning. Nor was it the end yet of winter's icy grip on the southern city for whose people there was only the discomfiting promise of more snow and no break in the cold. Evidently, the Japanese current was still wafting its balmy breath on Prince Rupert while by-passing Vancouver which was left to the cruel mercy of a "mass of cold air" coming out of the Arctic.

Vancouver meteorological stations were looking up records of yesteryears to find that the coldest weather ever recorded there was 2.3 above on January 15, 1907 with other low marks 4.3 above in January 1935 and 4 above on the night of January 21-22, 1943.

Coldest weather in British Columbia last night was 41 below at Finlay Forks with Prince Rupert recording 35 below.



BEAUTY AND DANGER IN WAKE OF ICE STORM—Sleet and wind storms which lashed central and southwestern Ontario turned roads into skating rinks and seriously disrupted hydro service in some areas as ice-laden wires snapped or were broken by trees which fell under weight of ice. The storm also produced some of winter's loveliest scenery. Here hydro linemen rushed to exhaustion in trying to cope with the storms, are pictured cutting away ice-laden branches.

Troops Are Moving Food Into Ships

Employers and Union Officials Meet With Labor Ministry Today

LONDON (CP) — A mass meeting of London dock workers voted today to join some thirty thousand union laborers in a walk-out in protest at the use of troops to move food supplies held up by the nine-day strike of London truck drivers. The decision, which may affect all of London's 24,000 organized dock workers, was reached at a meeting attended by 1200 to 1400 men who ignored appeals of Union leaders to remain at work.

Earlier, laborers at two of the city's large food markets—Billingsgate fish market and Spiral-fields—announced their decision to quit.

More than two thousand soldiers, angrily termed "black-legs (strike-breakers) in uniform by the strikers, and 800 service vehicles meanwhile began a second day of lugging meat and other food to the retailers serving ten million inhabitants of the Greater London area. With the soldiers taking over deliveries, food in limited quantities began re-appearing in London shops that had been almost drained of supplies during the work stoppage.

Employers and union officials were meantime scheduled to meet with the Labor ministry to set up machinery designated to end the strike.

Fruit is reported to be rotting at Calais and London docks because the strike has prevented its being moved.

CHARGED WITH BIG ROBBERY

Chinaman Picked Up in Ontario for Theft of \$34,000 in Victoria

TORONTO, (CP) — Chin Dong Gin, aged 34, started back to Victoria last night following his arrest at Peterborough on a charge of stealing \$24,000 from the crockery cupboard of his employer in Victoria. Details of the robbery were not disclosed.

TRAGEDIES IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA, (CP) — Three are dead and one man is charged with murder after two separate weekend tragedies in Saskatchewan.

John McLaughlin, aged 63, railway conductor, is charged with the murder of his wife, Mary, whose axe-scarred body was found Saturday near Radville, 80 miles south of here.

Police are investigating the deaths of David Asworth and his wife, Florence, both 65 years of age, whose bodies were discovered Saturday night on the farm home near Rocenville, 120 miles east of Regina.