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urricane Adds to Misery of Flooded Britain

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y-Eight Mile Gale Torrential Rain In ge from Elements

rteen Persons Are Killed and lions of Dollars Damage Done

ON (CP)—A swirling hurricane that killed s and did millions of dollars worth of prop- uction blew itself out today over flooded bound Britain. The Air Ministry forecast eather today but with considerable rains later.

eeping in from the 98 miles an hour, es, de-roofed build- d houses and churn- ilous cauldrons the in more than half

s of families were in their homes across southern part of scores of highways and some branch rail- way lines were out of service; mountainous snowdrifts still paralyzed transportation in parts.

Scores of persons were injured by falling walls and trees. Birmingham police reported damage to 74 houses, 61 stores and two churches. None of London itself was under water, but many nearby villages were inundated, and some were reported isolated.

LABOR LOBBY

VICTORIA—A lobby of two Labor-Laborites button- Members of the Legis- this morning. They the Canadian of Labor and C.I.O. to the secret strike was expressed.

FLOOD IN CALGARY

CALGARY — A sudden thaw has done thousands of dollars damage here. Hundreds of basements in the city were flooded. In a nearby district houses had to be deserted by the rise of streams still filled with ice.

HE WEATHER

Synopsis

general wind circu- over British Columbia gradually today an in- in cloudiness is expected western portion of the tomorrow. Daytime es are expected to above average, drop- near normal March night.

Forecast

r and vicinity Low- Valley, Georgia Straits ay and tonight. Tues- n morning, becoming afternoon. Wind light. nge in temperature. res tonight and Tues- mums Vancouver air- Abbotsford 37, Nanaimo mums Vancouver air- bbotsford 65, Nanaimo

and vicinity — Clear Tuesday. Wind light. nge in temperature. tonight 44, maximum 30.

coast of Vancouver —Clear today, becoming in northern section to- Tuesday overcast with intermittent light rain in northern section, cloudy in southern section. Wind light. Little change in temperature. Minimum tonight—Estavan 40, Maximum Tuesday 50.

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Northern section cloudy today, overcast tonight and Tuesday. Intermittent rain late tonight and Tuesday. Southern section clear today. Overcast Tuesday. Winds light. Little change in temperature. Temperatures tonight and Tuesday—Minimum Port Hardy 38, Massett 40, Prince Rupert 40. Maximums Port Hardy 50, Massett 47, Prince Rupert 47.

Okanagan, Lillooet, South Thompson — Clear today and Tuesday. Wind light, little change in temperature. Temperatures tonight and Tuesday—Minimum Penticton 30, Kamloops 29, Lytton 32. Maximums —Penticton 53, Kamloops 60, Lytton 50.

Local Tides

Tuesday, March 18, 1947

High	10:45	17.5 feet
	23:55	17.2 feet
Low	4:56	10.1 feet
	17:30	5.5 feet

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
alorne	11.75
R. Con.	.07½
R.K.	.12
ariboo Gold	2.65
utonia	.28½
ull Wihksne	.09
edley Mascot	1.09
ato	.04½
reille	2.95
	3.90
Border	.05
Gold	.75
er	.48
McDonald	1.50
	.11
Gold	.24
Creek	1.30
Bridge (ask)	.65
Whitewater	.02½
Vangnda	.36
Congress	.05
Pacific Eastern (ask)	.65
Redjac Amalgamated	.09
Bowell Valley	.18
Zeballos	.02¼
A.P. Con.	.11
Cariboo	.27
C. & E.	2.00
Footbills	2.25
Howe	3.10
Toronto	
Atlantic Asbestos	.28
Amalgamated	.54
Beattie	.86
Bevcourt	1.11
Bobjo	.24
Buffalo Canadian	.23
Consolidated Smelters	84.00
Conwest	1.05
Donalda	1.20
Eldona	.60
Elder	1.13
Giant Yellowknife	6.60
God's Lake	1.48
Hardrock	.50
Harricana	.15½
Heva Gold	.74
Hosco	.54
Jacknife	.09½
Joliet Quebec	.64½
Lake Rowan	.25
Lapsaka	.36
Little Long Lac	2.05
Lynx	.26
Madsen Red Lake	3.40
McKenzie Red Lake	.72
MacLeod Cockshutt	2.05
Moneta	.56
Negus	1.95
Noranda	48.50
Osisko Lake	1.33
Pickle Crow	2.95
Regcourt	.68
San Antonio	3.85
Senator Rouyn	.44
Sherritt Gordon	4.25
Steep Rock	2.15
Sturgeon River	.23

REGAINS VOICE AFTER 36 YEARS — The first words Albert Burke, 82, Bridgeport, Ohio, had uttered in 36 years were "A miracle." A former railroad engineer, Burke suffered from paralysis of the vocal cords as the result of piosonous fumes inhaled when his engine was stalled in a tunnel. Specialists call his case "hopeless." Shown here with his daughter-in-law, Burke said that "something told me to speak." He tried, and found his voice restored. He'll use it in a campaign for a seat on the city council.

Port Edward Best Pulp Mill Site on Continent

Announcement of Minister of Lands in Legislature Last Week Given in Full

In enthusiastically announcing in the Legislature last week successful culmination of negotiations for the establishment by Celanese Corporation of America of a $15,000,000 cellulose pulp plant nearby to Prince Rupert at Port Edward, Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests and M.L.A. for Skeena, told of the preliminaries leading up to the decision to build what will be "the only pulp mill in British Columbia enjoying full transportation facilities on tidal water and transCanada rail and highways, estimated by one engineer as being the best pulp mill site on the American continent."

The subject of the new pulp mill is of such vital interest here that Mr. Kenney's announcement is given in full as follows:

"The outlook for the future for forest products is exceptionally bright. Since last October, we have been negotiating with one of the largest operators in the United States producing cellulose products as a result of which there has been organized the Port Edward Cellulose Co. Ltd. which absorbs the Port Edward Development Co. Ltd. The latter company was organized as a pilot company, to acquire rights and property for the parent company which is the Celanese Corporation of America. The parent company started business in the United States in 1924 and has a very fine record of achievement from that date to the present.

HUGE ASSETS OF BIG COMPANY

"It has a capital structure of $179,000,000 with assets according to their annual report of 1946 of $192,000,000 within which is included working capital of approximately $85,000,000.

"From pulp cellulose which they propose to produce at the Port Edward mill, they manufacture yarns and fabrics for synthetic textiles as well as plastics and chemicals. It is, I believe, the highest grade of pulp made from wood.

"The number of their employees has been expanded from 12,000 in 1939 to approximately 21,000 in 1946. They have manufacturing plants in eight of the states of the Union as well as in Mexico.

The plant that they propose to build in B.C. is estimated to cost approximately $15,000,000 and will require about two years to construct.

"Perhaps at this time, I can do no better than read you a press release which concurrently with this announcement, is being made in New York today.

The press release has been sent to me by the President of the company, Mr. Blanche, who has discussed this matter with your Forestry Department on several occasions. I quote his release as follows:

"'Celanese Corporation of America has announced its intention to build a plant in the North West Coastal area of British Columbia. The plant will produce highly purified cellulose for chemical purposes and will have a capacity of from 200 to 400 tons per day.

"'The site of the plant will be Watson Island, about 8 miles southeast of Prince Rupert, which Island has docking facilities for ocean going ships. The docking facilities were erected by the U.S. government during the war to service the U.S. Army base at Port Edward, in the immediate vicinity. The site is serviced by the Canadian National Railway and the Provincial Highway and has ample log storage. Water and power supplies are also available in the immediate vicinity and ample manpower and housing facilities are available in nearby Prince Rupert.

PERPETUAL TIMBER SUPPLY ARRANGED

"'Arrangements have been made with the British Columbia government whereby a large tract of forest land has been reserved for use by the Port Edward Cellulose Company Limited, a subsidiary of Celanese Corporation of America. The reserve allotted will provide a per-

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FLOODS IN GT. BRITAIN

Railway Lines Collapse and Roads Deep Under Water

LONDON (AP)—As snow melted, rivers burst their banks, railway lines have collapsed and roads lay three or four feet under icy water.

Thousands tried to salvage furniture at flooded Bedford where officials said the "river is out of control—we cannot do anything now."

Honor Church War Heroes

With token of especial reverence to the seven men who made the supreme sacrifice, First Presbyterian Church paid tribute to the war heroes of its congregation at morning service yesterday when the moderator of the General Assembly, Rt. Rev. W. G. Maclean of Winnipeg, unveiled, with solemn and impressive rites, a memorial scroll, containing 85 names, which will occupy a prominent place in the church for perpetuity.

Before a congregation which crowded the church and included the mothers of four of the glorious dead, Mr. Maclean withdrew a large Union Jack from the scroll and made brief but appropriate remarks of dedication. There was a solemn period of silence in memory of the fallen after which "The Last Post" echoed from the lips of Bugler William Rance from another part of the church. The National Anthem concluded the dedication ceremony after which J. A. Teng sang "in Flanders Fields."

Veterans of two world wars, assembled by the Canadian Legion under president V. G. Houston and with Harry Calderwood and E. Woodward as flagbearers, attended in a body, marching to and from the church.

"Peace and War" was the sermon subect of Mr. Maclean who made a stirring plea for a recognition of values sacred and lasting as the real aim of life, deploring the tendency to secularism, sensuality and selfishness. Without recognition of these higher values, there could be no peace. He quoted the words of John Ruskin that "a nation is born in war and expires in peace." Too often the strength displayed in war culminated in the weakness of peace but this need not be if there was an active acceptance of the real spiritual and moral values.

Rev. A. F. MacSween conducted the service and the junior choir sang "He Shall Feed His Flock." Miss Gwen McRae was organist.

LIST OF NAMES ON HONOR ROLL

The following are the names on the church honor roll:

John Armstrong, Alex B. Baillie, Beatrice Berner, John Breen, Anna M. Bremner, James Bremner, John Bremner Jr., William Bremner, George J. Brown, Wm. M. Brown Sr., Wm. M. Brown Jr., G. Calderwood, H. Calderwood, Jean R. Cameron, D. Christison, Alistair Crerar, L. Cromp, George Currie, James Currie, Arthur Davey, John W. Davey, D. Eastman, J. Eastwood, Donald R. Eby, John M. Eby, Robert L. Eby, Wm. Earl Eby, Robert K. Elkins, Wm. P. Elkins, James Feasby, Clarence Finley, Gordon Fraser, Rupert Fulton, James Hadden, sr., James Hadden Jr., Wm. A. Hadden, Matthew Harris, H. R. Hibbard, Mike Hudema, William Hunter, Harold Ivarson, Lloyd Keays, Oliver J. Keays, Robert W. Keays, Alan Kergin, Edith Kergin, Bruce Love, Chas. E. Love, Evan Love, W. Ralph Morin, Robert Moxley, William Murdoch, Ken McCrimmon, John C. McCubbin, Harold MacDonald, Norman McGlashan, James T. McKay, Alex McLean, David McMeekin, David McNab, Robert McNab, Iain A. MacRae, John D. McRae, Jos. Naylor Jr., John A. O'Neill, Lloyd M. Rice, David Ritchie, John Ritchie, Robert Ritchie, Harry Robb, R. E. Roberts, Anton Simundson, Bruce Simundson, Minor Simundson, Malcolm Smith, W. D. Smith, James D. Smith, J. A. Teng, A. D. Vance, John A. Walker, James Wood.

The dead are William M. Brown sr., William M. Brown jr., Clarence Finley, William A. Hadden, Mike Hudema, Lloyd Keays and W. Ralph Morin.

Mr. Maclean was the preacher again last night when his subject was "Our Charuch." He traced the history of the church and outlined its aims. The senior choir under leadership of J. A. Teng, sang "Incline Thine Ear."

Following the evening service, an informal reception was held in the Church Hall so that the congregation might meet the moderator.

TABLE SYRUP RATION-FREE

Taken Off Today—Will Further Ease Sugar Situation

OTTAWA—Table syrups came off the Canadian ration list today, following announcement by the Prices and Trade board last night.

Under controls since 1943, corn and table syrups and blended table syrups are now available with price ceilings unchanged.

There is now plenty of corn syrup although can syrup is still in short supply. Removal of table syrup from ration will make more coupons available for honey, jams and jellies and will further ease the sugar situation following the increase of the ration announced last week.

Bulletins

YOUTHFUL BANDIT

VANCOUVER—After a spectacular chase, a sixteen-year-old youth was arrested on a charge of car theft. The police pursuit was from Eighth and Cambie to Sixth and Birch.

DISPOSAL OF BODIES

NUERNBERG—The secret is out regarding the disposal of the bodies of Herman Goering and ten others executed leading Nazi war criminals. They were cremated October 16 in a civilian cemetery and the ashes sifted into a stream at Munich.

HEAVY CONFISCATIONS

OTTAWA — Canada confiscated over one billion dollars in securities, goods, real estate and miscellaneous assets belonging to belligerent countries' internees and illegal operations during the Second World War, Secretary of State Colin Gibson disclosed in the House of Commons Friday. Japanese enemy properties still in custody are valued at $1,480,230 and Japanese evacuees' properties at $1,251,953. Sales had netted $2,411,285.

LORD TYRELL DIES

LONDON — Lord Tyrell, 80, first Baron of Avon and behind-the-scenes diplomat who helped build the Triple Entente of the First World War era, died of pneumonia at the week-end.

EQUIPMENT IS KEY TO PLANT CONSTRUCTION

The start of work on the new Watson Island pulp plant of the Celanese Corporation of America will depend entirely on when rock working equipment becomes available to level the face of the island, according to E. R. Barr, who is to be in charge of the operation in its initial phases.

"We can't go ahead until we get the equipment and it's scarce right now," he said this morning. "We won't be able to go ahead until we get delivery of rock drilling equipment, shovels and trucks."

Mr. Barr said that so far no men have been hired for the project and declined to forecast just when hiring will start.

"It will be some time in the near future but I cannot definitely say when. It all depends on when we get the equipment."

At the present time, surveys are being made for the construction of workmen's housing on the site but no contract has yet been let, he said.

Watson Island Slumbers on Verge

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Of Thriving Industrial Activity

(By J. K. McLEOD)

Watson Island, rocky railroad stepping stone from the mainland at Port Edward to Kaien Island and Prince Rupert, lay dozing in near-primeval emptiness Sunday and, of all its regular occupants, only one was aware that its year-long slumber would shortly be riven by the blasting of its rocky face and the sounds of construction.

That sole, enlightened occupant was the watchman who stood desultory guard at the end of its main causeway as more than a score of Prince Rupert cars bearing sightseers passed his drab-painted shack in a flurry of interest at what the island contained.

The other occupants were the hordes of seagulls that have inhabited the vast, horseshoe dock with little interruption since V-J Day signalled a halt to the flow of ammunition to the western Pacific a year and a half ago.

The parade of vistors Sunnay disturbed the seagulls who rose and wheeled over the island where isolated ammunition storage chambers, blasted from the rock, will soon be part of a levelled surface on which will rise a $15,000,000 celanese pulp mill.

The network of roads on the island, now barriered with heavy timbers against aimless traffic, soon will bustle with the movement of heavy trucks and the air will be shattered with the roar of dynamite blasts.

PICTURES OF NOW AND THEN

All this was in the minds of Sunday's sightseers as they crossed the 500-foot causeway from Port Edward and their ubiquitous cameras recorded the present deserted quietness of the island which is to be literally one of the main building blocks of Prince Rupert's economic future.

What the visitors saw on Watson Island was a terrain of partially excavated rock, crisscrossed with crushed rock roads, but what their minds were aware of was the great, sustained industrial enterprise that will rise on the site employing men and forest wealth to enrich the community.

They saw the U-shaped dock, with its 1,200 feet of loading frontage where during the war, four deep sea ships at a time lined up stem-to-stern to receive wartime cargoes. Yet their interest in the dock was not in its past but in the future with its promise that that dock again would be the haven of loading ships, this time filling their holds with the peaceful products of central British Columbia, destined for processing and use throughout the hemisphere.

They saw its deep harbor basin, sheltered on the seaward side by rough, Ridley Island and, if their minds populated it with visions of the grey fleets that skulked into it under the shadow of wartime security for their grim cargoes, these visions were quickly replaced by the dreams of normal sea commerce which would add to the living wealth of the country.

They saw the railroad sidings, rusting after more than a year of disuse, but which some day will shine again under the friction of car wheels bringing in construction materials, and later logs to be converted into celanese pulp. At present, those sidings are separated from the main line of the railway by blast barriers—huge fences of rock slag contained in frameworks of timbers, thoughtfully put there to protect passing rail traffic in the event of an ammunition explosion on the dock—and incidentally serving to protect the wartime operations against prying eyes.

All these things were faithfully recorded in the memories or on the photographic films of Prince Rupert people to whom Watson Island had previously been only a shadowy place near Port Edward—valuable, no doubt, in war time, but of undefinable importance prior to last week's announcement by the Celanese Corporation of America.

Now, however, despite its emptiness and the undisciplined structure of its rock face they recognized it as most economically vital place in the Prince Rupert district.

MORE SOCIAL LEGISLATION

Recommendations Made Under Goldenberg Report Are Being Implemented

VICTORIA (AP) — Four bills to implement recommendations contained in the Goldenberg report were introduced in the Legislature by Hon. George Pearson, minister of health, covering amendments to the Protection of Children, Provincial Home, Tuberculosis Institutions and Infirmaries Acts.

The majority of the Department of Education estimates were passed with little debate and the remainder of the estimates will be discussed next week.

Prices Board Closes Here

Office of P. H. Linzey to Be Discontinued After End of Month

Effective March 31 the local office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Prince Rupert will be closed. This is in line with the policy of economy adopted by the board. It has completed a number of consolidations in other parts of Canada.

The regional office of the board at Vancouver will look after work hitherto handled at Prince Rupert. Any complaints or requests for information will be handled from the Vancouver office by correspondence.

Closing of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board office here involves the retirement of P. H. Linzey, who has been local representative of the board and rentals appraiser for five years, and staff of three. Mr. Linzey will now go into the real estate and insurance business.

H. F. Glassey continues as local rations officer, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Teng.

Honor Spelt By Brooksbank Name

Skipper Fred Brooksbank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooksbank of Prince Rupert, is back in command of the provincial police boat P.M.L. 8 on the west coast of Vancouver Island. During the war he had served in the Royal Canadian Navy.

The PML 8 patrols the island coastline once a month from San Juan to Cape Cook.

When the PML 8 was at Zeballos recently, the Zeballos Miners newspaper said very pleasant and complimentary things about Skipper Brooksbank. "The PML's popular and handsome skipper is well known on the west coast and especially in Zeballos. Skipper Brooksbank has made the acquaintance of business people, miners, fishermen and loggers all along the patrol line. The mere name of Brooksbank spells respect and honor and is indeed a credit to the B. C. police department."