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## CONSTRUCTION OF PULP MILL STARTING IN TWO MONTHS

### Celanese Corporation Head and Engineers Fitting Plans To Site

#### Anxious to Get Project Under Way—Power Plant to Be Built at Port Edward

Construction of the \$15,000,000 mill of the Port Edward Cellulose Co. on Watson Island, Port Edward, nearby Prince Rupert is expected to be under way within the next two months, announces George Schneider of New York, vice-president and director of the Celanese Corporation of America. Accompanied by engineers and consultants, Mr. Schneider arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Vancouver, having flown west from New York.

Organization of the great project, said Mr. Schneider, has now reached the point where preliminary planning and design of plant have to be fitted to the site and said Mr. Schneider: "It is for that purpose that we are now here."

"Believe me," he added, "we are as anxious as you are to expedite the job and get the plant in operation. Our plan is to have that operation under way within two years."

A further disclosure was made by Mr. Schneider that it was the intention of the company to install its own 6000 h.p. steam electric plant at Port Edward to supplement such power as may be available from the Northern B.C. Power Co. Whether this would be a coal or oil burning plant was something that had yet to be settled upon. Bark and other waste material from the mill would also be burned.

One reason that the Celanese Corporation had come to Prince Rupert, Mr. Schneider said, was because it had been pointed out that the site was ideal for the project.

Meeting with representatives of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce soon after his arrival yesterday afternoon, Mr. Schneider and his officials discussed various aspects of the huge industrial enterprise. "We are glad to have been able to come here," he said. "After looking at various possible locations for a plant site we decided upon Port Edward as being ideally suited to our needs."

"Our company has been successful in its operations elsewhere and we look forward to equal success at Port Edward."

Confirming that the local plant would be one of 250-ton capacity with probability of this being expanded to 400 tons, Mr. Schneider disclosed that it would give employment to several hundred persons—a total of some 1000 in plant and bush operations. The plant here would be different than other pulp mills on this coast. The others are all paper pulp plants whereas this will specialize in high quality chemical cellulose to be used in the manufacture of yarns and fabrics. While highly purified cellulose would be the first product made at this mill, it might be that later on processing would be extended further along the way to the finished manufactured articles.

"The impact of the project locally will be felt immediately construction starts," Mr. Schneider said, "for this construction will give employment to many hundreds."

Stability and permanence of the undertaking were alluded to by Mr. Schneider in discussion. Ample supply of timber in perpetuity was assured under the new sustained yield policy of the provincial government of British Columbia. Timber limits of the company were referred to

### RESENT JEWISH APPEAL METHODS

LONDON, (C)—The latest representations made by Lord Inverchapel, British ambassador to Washington, to the State Department regarding the appearance in American newspapers of appeals for funds to assist illegal Jewish immigrants into Palestine are the most urgent yet lodged.

A foreign office spokesman today confirmed that Lord Inverchapel was instructed to protest strongly against an advertisement written by the playwright, Ben Hecht, on behalf of the American League for a Free Palestine. The advertisement reads "every time you blow up a British arsenal or wreck a British jail, or send a British train sky high or rob a British bank, or let go with guns and bombs at British betrayers and invaders of your homeland, the Jews of America make a little holiday in their hearts."

### ASK GASOLINE PRICE BOOST

VICTORIA, (C)—Petroleum Board Chairman W. A. Carrothers said Monday that five major oil companies in the province have applied to the board for price increases from one-and-a-half to three cents a gallon on gasoline. Names of the companies were not released. Carrothers said that the requests will be investigated.

### SIXTY PER CENT OF FISH LANDED HERE DELIVERED TO CO-OPERATIVE

Halibut fishermen landing their catches at Prince Rupert directly from the grounds between May 5 and May 19 have delivered 60 per cent of their cargoes to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, a survey of fish landings here reveals. The other 40 per cent was sold on the exchange to the eight private companies here.

Since the season opened on May 1, 145 boats have landed halibut here, 84 delivering to the Co-op and 61 to the fishing companies. Total landings have been 3,133,000 pounds, of which 1,879,500 were delivered to the Co-op and 1,253,500 pounds sold over the exchange.

During the first several days that the vessels began delivering, the large majority of the catches were handled by the Co-op. Up to May 19, 57.9 per cent of the vessels arriving here had delivered to the Co-op.

With the Seattle fleet still tied up on account of a strike and bad weather hampering the fishermen, deliveries have been relatively slow here during the last week, enabling the Co-op to handle all deliveries. Some is being frozen, some shipped fresh by rail and a portion shipped by packer to Vancouver and New Westminster.

On the exchange, prices opened at 18.5 cents, dropping later by as much as two cents, but have since returned to the 18-cent level.

#### Local Tides

Wednesday, May 21, 1947  
High 1:24 22.4 feet  
14:16 19.7 feet  
Low 7:59 0.8 feet  
19:57 8.0 feet

### Hospital to Boost Rates 50 cents Daily at End of May

#### RIISING OPERATING COSTS MAKE MOVE NECESSARY

An increase of 50 cents a day in all ward rates at the Prince Rupert General Hospital will go into effect on June 1, Alderman Clifford G. Ham, Hospital Board chairman, announced this morning. The boost is the second within a year.

Decision to raise the rates was made by the Board after a survey of costs and revenues for the first four months indicated a \$13,000 deficit for 1947 operation if the present rates are sustained.

The increase will raise the daily rates to the following levels:  
Public ward, \$4.50.  
Semi-private ward, \$5.50.  
Private ward, \$8.00.  
New-born babies, \$1.50.

"It is not our intention that the new rates shall be profitable in the commercial sense of the term," Mr. Ham said. "We merely hope to be able to partially meet normal operating expenses which have risen sharply. The new rates will be in line with other hospitals in the province."

Rising costs made it necessary for the Hospital Board to raise ward rates by 50 cents a day a year ago.

Budget figures for the current year, based on the first four months of operation at the present rates, show estimated expenditures of \$123,850, and estimated revenue of \$110,850 which would leave a deficit of \$13,000.

By increasing ward charges, the Board hopes to reduce this deficit to a considerably smaller figure.

### LIBERAL SAYS SASKATCHEWAN IS "OPPRESSED"

OTTAWA, (C)—Walter Tucker, Saskatchewan Liberal leader and member of Parliament for Rosetown, Sask., charged in Commons Monday that the C.C.F. government of Saskatchewan was "oppressing" the people.

He said that due to what was happening in Saskatchewan the following freedoms should not be subject to a majority of parliament: freedom of the press, education, religion, assembly, and freedom to court hearings, freedom from arbitrary detention and oppression by the government.

### MANAGER FOR TERRACE BANK

James Stevenson Coming Here Tomorrow Enroute to Interior Town

To assume the managership of the new branch of the Royal Bank of Canada which is being opened on a full time basis next month, James Stevenson, from main office in Vancouver, is arriving in the city on the Prince Rupert tomorrow morning from the south. He will be attached for the time being to the staff of the local branch which for some time has been operating Terrace as a sub-branch. Mr. Stevenson and Arnold Flaten, the local manager, will probably proceed to Terrace tomorrow for the weekly banking session there Thursday.

Also arriving from Vancouver will be J. Cook, bank premises manager from Vancouver, who will also go to Terrace and also to Prince George where a new building has been built for the bank.

### Greece Pledges Its Co-operation

LAKE SUCCESS, (C)—Greece today was ready to pledge full co-operation to the United Nations interim border commission keeping vigil over the troubled Balkans. Two neighboring countries, Albania and Bulgaria, prepared to dispute the authority of the investigators. All three countries are on the speakers' list as the Security Council was called to act on a Russian resolution which would sharply curtail the powers of the secondary group.

### ASKS FEDERAL HIGHWAY PLAN

VANCOUVER, (C)—A federal highway plan as an economic investment for the Dominion was advocated here by Macdonald Millard K.C. of Calgary when he addressed the annual meeting of the Alberta-British Columbia committee of the Boards of Trade and Chamber of Commerce. He said Canada's tourist business could be boosted to a point where it would equalize the present unfavorable trade balance with the United States through a national highway program.

W. R. (Wop) May said a C.P.A. service to the north would be operating daily, starting June 1 to Sandspit, Queen Charlotte Islands, and starting June 15, to Prince Rupert.

F. M. Dockrill of Telkwa represented the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at the meeting.

### HALIBUT SALES

Canadian  
Cape Race, 15,000, Co-op.  
Anker A, 19,000, Co-op.  
Wales Island, 10,000, Co-op.  
Arctic I, 25,000, 17.6 and 13, Royal.  
Oldfield, 23,000, Co-op.  
Northern Breeze, 38,000, Co-op.  
Tramp, 28,000, 17.60 and 13, Pacific.  
Prosperity A, 37,000, Co-op.  
M. W., 20,000, Co-op.  
Ingrid H., 7,500, Co-op.  
Gustav, 17,500, 17.1 and 13, Cold Storage.  
Fleeting, 14,500, 17.6 and 13, Atlin.  
Mother III, 23,000, 17.6 and 13, Cold Storage.

### :: TODAY'S STOCKS ::

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bralorne	10.00	Beveourt	.72
B.R. Coh.	.05	Bobjo	.15½
B.R.X.	(ask) .12	Buffalo Canadian	.15½
Cariboo Gold	2.00	Consolidated Smelters	79.50
Dentonla	.17	Conwest	.90
Grull Wihksne	(ask) .09	Donalda	.69
Hedley Mascot	1.00	Eldona	.33
Minto	.03	Elder	.70
Pend Oreille	(ask) 2.50	Giant Yellowknife	5.50
Pioneer	3.55	God's Lake	.80
Premier Border	.04½	Hardrock	.35
Premier Gold	.62	Harricana	.09
Privateer	(ask) .38	Heva Gold	.30
Reeves McDonald	(ask) 1.50	Hosco	.37
Reno	.10	Jackknife	.07½
Salmon Gold	.19	Joliet Quebec	.34
Sheep Creek	1.08	Lake Roan	.20
Taylor Bridge	.50	Lapaska	.22
Whitewater	.01¼	Little Long Lac	1.50
Vananda	.25	Lynx	.16
Congress	.04½	Madsen Red Lake	2.90
Pacific Eastern	.40	McKenzie Red Lake	.54
Hedley Amalgamated	.08½	MacLeod Cockshutt	1.40
Spud Valley	(ask) .14	Moneta	.46½
Central Zeballos	(ask) .03	Negus	1.85
Oils		Noranda	42.75
A.P. Con.	.12½	Osisko Lake	1.40
Calmont	.30	Pickie Crow	2.35
C. & E.	1.90	Regecourt	.39
Footfills	2.20	San Antonio	3.60
Home	3.20	Senator Rouyn	.32
Toronto		Sherritt Gordon	2.75
Athona	.14	Steep Rock	1.99
Aumaque	.31	Sturgeon River	.17

### CRASH AT WINDSOR

WINDOR, Ont., (C)—A muddy, plowed field two miles south of here was plowed off today, while officials searched for clues explaining the crash of an American transport, the wreckage of which was scattered over a radius of 100 yards with five dead.

The plane was enroute to Selridge Field, Michigan, from Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

The victims were identified as Lieut. William C. Reilly, Lieut. Raymond L. Berke, Lieut. Milton D. Cunningham, Sgt. Pearl H. Zempter, and Sgt. John H. Kennedy.

### BRAZIL HAS SUN ECLIPSE

BOCAIUVA, Brazil, (C)—A total eclipse of the sun occurred here today in clear weather which promised success for the preparations of a large group of American scientists gathered on a wooded plateau to witness the phenomenon. The eclipse began about 3:22 a.m., became total at 9:34 and remained in totality for three minutes and 48 seconds, continuing in partiality until 11 a.m. The eclipse was not visible in the northern hemisphere.

### CANADA "LEAST SUFFICIENT"

VANCOUVER, (C)—Rhys M. Sale, vice-president of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada, told 500 members and visitors at a Board of Trade banquet here that Canada was "perhaps the least self-sufficient country in the world."

He said Canada must expand her markets and find new ones, and conduct extensive research for export possibilities.

The main sessions of the fifth Foreign Trade Conference of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce will open here tomorrow with a distinguished list of speakers to discuss subjects such as foreign loans, tariffs and Pacific and Atlantic prospects.

F. M. Dockrill of Telkwa is representing the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.



GUAY—Word is members of the Bishop's Council at Coaldale, east of Lethbridge, Bishop B. B. Janz, Menonite church Coaldale, who is now recently torn by Bishop Janz some Lethbridge, by Chicago where he plane to South serve as spiritual in Canada to refugee families from Paraguay. Menonites in Canada and States are financialization scheme. may be away until the past winter mononites have do-ally to European re-quantities of beef gathered through-ence, processed at and shipped via New Europe. All the work on a voluntary basis.

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OVER (C)—A wage in- from 10 to 25 cents was offered Monday to lumber industry workers in Columbia when the continued negotiations 1947 agreement with the National Woodworkers of A. (C.I.O.-A.F.L.).

Stuart, negotiator for employers, announced a wage schedule, based eight-hour day, will cost employers \$8,000,000 a year would make British Colum- the best paid in Can-