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Railway Board Rules It Has Authority

Rejects Claim of Provinces That It Lacks Jurisdiction

OTTAWA (CP)—The Board of Transport Commissioners today ruled that it had jurisdiction to deal with the application of Canadian railways for a 30 percent increase in freight rates. Seven provinces, except Ontario and Quebec, had claimed that the board lacked jurisdiction in this case because the application was a general one, covering virtually all rates, and because it was filed on the ground of financial necessity.

Chief Commissioner J. A. Cross said that the board's statutory power was so wide and specific that authorization was unnecessary.

Meanwhile the province plan to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on the question and have asked for further deferment of the hearing.

Bulletins

HIGHWAY FLOODED
VICTORIA—The Island Highway is flooded at several places. The worst situation is in the Cowichan area. Several towns in the Courtenay district are isolated.

VANCOUVER'S DELUGE
VANCOUVER—Eight million gallons of rain has fallen in Vancouver since Monday.

JAPS STILL RESIST
MANILA—One hundred Japs are holding out on Palawan Island in the southern Philippines, evidently not yet convinced that the war is over. Efforts are being dropped, General MacArthur asks Emperor Hirohito to broadcast in the hope that this will convince them.

HAWAIIAN WAVES
HONOLULU—Enormous seas hit the Hawaiian Islands, waves being fifty feet high dashing up on the shores of Oahu. One spear fisherman was swept out to sea and drowned. Shore dwellers are taking to higher ground.

TOWNS ISOLATED
REGINA—Several southern Saskatchewan towns are still cut off with no railway or highway communication following the big blizzards. In some cases fuel and food supplies are critically low.

PARKING METERS
VANCOUVER—Parking meters will go into operation on Vancouver streets March 15. Nearly 1000 have now been installed.

HESS IN SOLITARY
BERLIN—Rudolf Hess is being moved from Nuernberg prison near here where he will go into Cell 13 to spend the rest of his days.

DRAG OFF STRIKE
HALIFAX—One final effort will be made at a meeting here here for tomorrow to call off the general strike of Nova Scotia coal miners which is scheduled to commence March 15.

TRAPS BLACK-OUT
TRAPS—Owing to the Hudson Bay Railway line being blocked by the snows, coal supplies become critically low. There is an electrical cut and consumers have been instructed to conserve. The heating situation is serious and the people are urged to get wood.

TIGHTENING UP
JERUSALEM — Following clashes between Jews and Arabs, the British authorities jumped on even more security measures in Palestine today.

FORT NELSON CRASH
FORT NELSON — Twelve United States soldiers escaped injured when a United States army transport crashed while taking off here.

INVESTIGATION -
MONTREAL — Danny Webb, lightweight champion, today for New York in connection with the investigation into boxing irregularities here.

PARLIAMENT OPENS — When the third session of Canada's 20th Parliament was opened at Ottawa, a composite guard of honor of Army and R.C.A.F. was drawn up in front of the Peace Tower, beneath which the Governor General took the salute while an artillery salute of 19 guns boomed out from nearby Nepean Point. In this picture Their Excellencies are pictured beneath the Peace Tower.

Frost Ties Mill Plant

Billmor Closed for Three Weeks—Centre of Log Rafting

Complete freezing up of the plant's wooden pipe system has caused the shutdown during the past three weeks of the Billmor Spruce Mills sawmill plant at Porpoise Harbor, seven miles out of Prince Rupert along the Canadian National Railway track, but operator B. E. Morgan is hoping to resume cutting of timber very soon now that the weather has turned milder.

Mr. Morgan's 12-man 15,000-foot plant has been specializing in cutting of boat cedar for shipment to Eastern Canada where it is much in demand in a lucrative market. He is also getting out a carload of cottonwood every two weeks for the Western Plywoods Veneer plant at Vancouver.

Apart from sawmill operation itself, the Billmor crew also engages in rafting of about 50 cars of cottonwood a month from C. L. M. Giggey's logging operations in the lower Skeena Valley for Western Plywoods. There is also rafting of timber at Billmor for the coast pulp mills.

LONG TERMS ARE IMPOSED

Sentences Imposed Upon Japanese for Ill-Treatment of Prisoners of War

TOKYO—Sentences of 40 and 50 years' imprisonment were imposed yesterday on two Japanese following their conviction on charges of ill-treating Canadian and American prisoners of war. One of them, a medical orderly, was alleged to have actually caused the deaths of prisoners.

DAVIS RAFT BROKEN UP

Big Tow of Logs Victim of Recent Gale in Hecate Straits

During the height of one of the recent heavy gales in Hecate Straits, a Davis raft containing some 800,000 feet of lumber being towed from Cumshewa, Queen Charlotte Islands, to Captain's Cove was completely broken up and lost over the wind-lashed waters of the tempestuous straits. The towboat was the well known old J. R. Morgan, Capt. Carl Sandstrom, which held on grimly and came in with a mere thirteen of the original 13,000 logs still in tow. The break-up occurred not far from Bonilla Island.

The towboat J. R. Morgan, once the steamer Prince Albert, for many years in freight and passenger service of the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Co. on this coast, is now the property of Pacific Mills which acquired the J. R. Morgan Logging Co. operations some time ago.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Intermittent rain has been general along the British Columbia coast overnight and will continue today. Elsewhere in the province cloudiness has been variable. The warm flow extended into the Prince George region during the night with the temperature rising 10 degrees just after midnight. The mild weather will continue today and Friday in all regions except northern British Columbia.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast today and Friday. Intermittent rain throughout. Wind southeast (15), increasing to southeast (25), gusty, overnight. Southeast (15) Friday. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight—Port Hardy, 5; Massett, 33; Prince Rupert, 38. Highs Friday—Port Hardy, 48; Massett, 42; Prince Rupert, 48.

Still Battle With Winter

British Government Is Struggling to Avert Industrial Disaster—Penalties Are Imposed

LONDON (AP)—Under drastic new electricity conservation regulations, Great Britain today continued the battle to avert industrial disaster while the weather remained as severe as ever.

Violation of the regulation five-hour electricity cut period daily is made punishable by law, Prime Minister Attlee announces, penalties ranging to $2000 or two years in prison under wartime defence regulations.

Fifty thousand troops are helping to move coal along the ice-jammed transportation channels, acting under a War Office order to "clear the coal with all available means."

The fuel crisis spread today to Slough, chief centre of Buckinghamshire industry, wiping out production of a huge group of manufacturing plants. All but 15 of 250 factories shut down today.

NINE-DAY FUEL SUPPLY IS LEFT

Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today that Britain's fuel crisis was "very critical" and added that sufficient fuel for nine days' consumption in average weather conditions remains if the present government restrictions are kept in force. He reported that savings in coal consumption rose steadily over the first three days of cuts.

Forty-seven colliers have managed to leave northern harbors, carrying 100,000 tons of coal to starved southern ports. Twelve ships, carrying 20,000 tons of coal, reached London during the last 24 hours.

A shortage of fuel gas in the country now appears to be developing owing to the coal shortage and householders are being urged to conserve as far as possible.

DEFELCATION CHARGED MADE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Kenneth Rommey, former sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, has been indicted by federal grand jury on charges relating to a $124,000 shortage in accounts of that office. Rommey is charged with "knowingly and wilfully falsifying" figures in accounts with the intent of cheating, swindling or defrauding the government." He served as House "bank" where congressmen make deposits and cash checks. He was apprehended after an investigation disclosed extreme "looseness" in the way "bank" affairs were carried on.

DIVERT COAL FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—President Truman said today that the United States is ready to do everything in its power to relieve the plight of the British people in their present fuel emergency.

Mr. Truman said it might be possible to divert to Great Britain a number of colliers now at sea in the vicinity of the British Isles carrying coal to other countries.

HUGE BONANZA

Australia is one of the greatest gold producers of the world.

HOUSE TALKS RURAL MAIL DELIVERIES

OTTAWA, (CP)—The House of Commons gave prolonged study Wednesday to the trials of Canada's rural mail carriers and generally agreed that a Parliamentary committee should investigate their case. Gordon Graydon (Progressive-Conservative, Peel, Ontario) urged higher remuneration for carriers and rural postmasters.

During the debate on mail delivery, James Sinclair (Liberal, North Vancouver) said that, in all provinces except British Columbia, the average number of boxes on rural routes was 50. In British Columbia the average number was 150. He asked why there had to be three times as many boxes in British Columbia before a rural mail route could be established there.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bralorne	13.00
B. R. Con.	.08½
B. R. X.	.12
Cariboo Gold	2.85
Dentonia	.27
Grull Wihksne	.11
Minto	.05½
Pend Oreille	3.10
Pioneer	4.10
Premier Border	.07
Premier Gold	1.25
Privateer	.58
Reeves McDonald	1.45
Reno	.09
Salmon Gold	.30
Sheep Creek	1.49
Taylor Bridge	.73
Whitewater	.02
Vananda	.40
Congress	.07¾
Pacific Eastern	.57
Hedley Amalg.	.08
Spud Valley	.21
Central Caballos	.02¾
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.12
Calmont	.31
C. & E.	2.18
Foothills	2.60
Home	3.10
Toronto	
Athona	.32
Aumaque	.65
Beattie	.85
Bevcourt	1.10
Bobjo	.22
Buffalo Can.	.35
Con. Smelters	$8.00
Conwest	1.27
Donalda	1.46
Eldona	.77
Elder	1.20
Giant Yelloknife	6.15
God's Lake	1.71
Hardrock	.56½
Harricana	.19½
Heva Gold	.86
Hosco	.48
Jacknife	.13
Joliet Quebec	.74
Lapaska	.41
Little Long Lac	2.15
Lynx	.25
Madsen Red Lake	3.70
McKenzie Red Lake	.08½
McLeod Cockshutt	2.10
Moneta	.65
Negus	2.10
Noranda	50.75
Pickle Crow	3.05
San Antonio	4.25
Senator Rouyn	.55
Sherritt Gordon	4.80
Steep Rock	2.55
Sturgeon River	.25

Local Tides

Friday, February 14, 1947

High	8:00	17.4 feet
	21:49	14.6 feet
Low	1:37	10.4 feet
	15:20	7.8 feet

Co-operation In Defences

Further Explanation by Premier King—Will Help United Nations

OTTAWA, (CP)—In line with Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King's announcement Wednesday that there would be a limited peacetime continuation of defence collaboration with the United States and his emphatic denial that Canada's southern neighbor had asked for military bases in the Canadian North, a simultaneous statement was made in Washington that the two countries had made informal working arrangements to continue wartime co-operation through exchange of personnel and observers, reciprocal availability of facilities, gradual application of common designs and standards in arms, equipment, training and organization.

Mr. King maintained that the move would "support and strengthen the United Nations" and held that it was a "contribution to the stability of the world. He referred to the shortness of the distance between the western hemisphere and the centres of population of Europe over the North Pole.

Mr. King gave assurance that the arrangement between Canada and the United States would not replace any ties within the Commonwealth nor would it interfere with co-operation with the United Nations towards the end of world peace.

WAR HOUSES BEING SOLD

This is Policy Being Followed, Howe Announces—Piggott Disagrees

OTTAWA, (CP)—Minister of Reconstruction C. D. Howe disclosed in Parliament yesterday that a general policy of selling units of Wartime Housing Ltd. had been introduced. He said that some sales were already under way in municipalities.

Speaking in Toronto last night J. O. Piggott, former president of Wartime Housing, said that it was in violation of original understanding when they were built for the government to sell Wartime Housing units. Special agreements on taxation and other concessions had been made when they were erected on the understanding that they would be taken down after the war.

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Vancouver Water Bad

Disease Outbreak Feared in Southern City—Contamination By Heavy Rains and Flood

VANCOUVER (AP)—Danger of "animal infections" in the city's water supply faced Vancouver residents today following heavy rains and melting snow that caused the Capilano River to rise to near flood levels and discolored the water supply to a noticeable brown with sediment and soil particles.

Dr. C. E. Dolman of the University of British Columbia said that chlorination should be used at once. Water tests were being taken at the provincial laboratories. Dr. Dolman expressed apprehension that an outbreak of gastro-intestinal infections in the city might be caused by the water supply.

The Greater Vancouver Water Board announced today that it did not consider the water situation serious and it did not intend to resort to chlorination.

CANADA IS NOT IN YET

Looks Like Smart Move On Russia's Part to Exclude Her From Peace Making

LONDON (AP)—Eighteen small Allied countries were assured yesterday of more active part in drafting the peace treaty with Germany after Russia agreed to take a "wider view" in consulting the smaller nations "which had been occupied." The condition that the nations to which concession had been granted by Russia must have been occupied was taken to mean that Canada's participation might still be largely limited.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Feodor Gousev told the deputies that Soviet proposals would be submitted in detail within a few days.

Canada, Brazil, Australia and other "small" nations have been protesting at the limitation of their participation in the drawing up of the peace treaty for Germany.

Hockey Scores

National League

Canadiens 1, Chicago 1.
New York 1, Boston 10.

Legislature—

Bureaucracy Should End

More Accessible Old Age Pensions and Retention of Liberties Demanded in Throne Speech Debate

VICTORIA, (CP)—Elimination of Red Tape in granting of old age pensions and safeguarding of ancient liberties was demanded in the provincial legislature Wednesday night.

In moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, A. R. MacDougall, Coalition, Vancouver-Point Grey, claimed that the second world war had "accelerated a growing, deplorable tendency towards bureaucratic government." He warned that "power once held is not easily relinquished" and that "totalitarianism can spring from the right as well as from the left." He called upon the provincial house to be "increasingly mindful of our ancient liberties."

Quick action by the government in improving "deplorably inadequate conditions" at the Marpole Infirmary was urged by Mr. MacDougall who also called for the establishment at the earliest possible date of a medical school at the University of British Columbia.

Mr. MacDougall called for greater assistance to the city of Vancouver from the Legislature and said that "Vancouver may well envy the apparent affluence and physically fit condition of many interior municipalities."

The Vancouver - Point Grey member said the retention of the three-cent gasoline tax imposed by the federal government as a wartime measure by the provincial government should have unequivocal assurance that any additional revenue thus obtained would in no way decrease appropriations which would otherwise be made for highways had such revenue not been forthcoming.

PREMIER HART IS PRAISED

James L. Webster, coalition, Rossland-Trail, in seconding the reply, called for less stringent regulations in the granting of old age pensions. He criticized "unreasonable delay" in granting of pensions and claimed that the "elimination of a lot of red tape is certainly overdue."

Mr. Webster praised Premier John Hart and Provincial Secretary George Pearson for taking the lead in the fight against apathy and indifference of some eastern provinces. He also paid tribute to the Premier for the taxation agreement concluded with the federal government, saying that it demonstrated that British Columbia had the highest standard of living in the Dominion and also high political integrity.

The Rossland-Trail member also urged completion of the southern transprovincial highway which he said was an urgent necessity and spoke of the importance of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. operations in his riding to the prosperity of the Kootenay country. He said that the smelter payroll was approximately $1,500,000 per month and that annual freight charges totalled $12,000,000.

Mr. Webster said the Goldenberg Commission report was the first real attempt to deal with the problems of city and municipal finance in more than 20 years.

Sportsmen of the southern interior, Mr. Webster said, were becoming alarmed at the slaughter of upland game birds and deer. He said: "Our Game Commission has put up a good fight to hold the line but the struggle is doomed if we are going to try and carry on with the totally inadequate funds" allotted them in recent years.

Mr. Webster agreed with the need for the immediate establishment of a medical school at the University of British Columbia.

LABOR RETAINS BRITISH SEAT

NORMANTON, Yorkshire—G. O. Sylvester, miner and Labor candidate in the by-election in this riding, retain the seat easily, receiving 19,000 votes. The Conservative, J. E. Powell, received only 4000 votes while an Independent, Dr. Hartley, got but 500.

PALESTINE TROUBLOUS

Ship Kept For Refugee Jews With 600 On Board—Jews Fighting Jews

JERUSALEM (AP) — Royal Air Force spotter planes roved the skies above the eastern Mediterranean yesterday amid unofficial reports that a Jewish refugee ship bearing the name of Eliue, with six hundred unlicensed immigrants aboard, had left Algiers for Palestine. The ship was not sighted in Palestine waters.

Meanwhile reliable sources said that twelve persons were injured when Jewish extremists clashed with anti-terrorist Jews in Tel Aviv in the fist struggle of Jew against Jew in Palestine since the British Army began its drive to stamp out underground violence.