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## High Water In South Appears To Be At Crest

### Situation 'Bad' Says C.N.R. Official After Line Survey

### Skeena Flood Subsides; Railway Surveys Damage

Canadian National Railways and Telegraphs today began the first comprehensive surveys of flood damage along the Skeena River where rail line and communications wires have been useless for more than a week because of flood conditions.

Meanwhile, during the night, the water level re-

another 12 inches, clearing track and highway as far as Salus, 11½ miles east of Kwinitsa, western limit of damaged area. Kwinitsa is east of Prince Rupert. Canadian National Railways have not a complete survey of the damage to telegraph and telephone wires have been out of service a week. However, linemen working continually to get service through to Smithers and Prince George.

Canadian National Railways officials managed to get a "circuit" through for a time but it went out and had not been re-

Charles, chief engineer, Canadian National Railways, and R. C. Davidson, chief engineer are making survey of flood damage between Prince Rupert and Prince George. Mr. Charles, using a dredge plane, visited Prince Rupert briefly last night.

ent railway estimates as minimum time required to turn to normal train operation is three weeks but this is definite.

Charles described the situation as "bad" but said that damage in the Kamloops area was far greater.

ent railway this morning put 25-man extra gang to work on Kwinitsa and Salus.

ent logging operator, who camped at Salus, to clear roadbed with a bulldozer.

ent railway divisional office had no report this morning in extent of damage east of Salus. However, between Salus and Woodcock, it is believed to be great.

ent Halibut Sales American

ent Halibut Sales Canadian

ent Halibut Sales (Co-op)

ent Halibut Sales PEAL BY POPE MADE

### MANY EXTRA PLANES ON

VANCOUVER—To meet conditions caused by floods Trans-Canada Air Lines during three days—noon Saturday to noon Tuesday—has operated out of Vancouver thirty-four North Star flights, some of these to Winnipeg and beyond, others to Calgary and Penikese. Each plane carried forty passengers.

T.C.A. officials here said all possible aircraft suitable for flying from Vancouver across the Rocky Mountains are being brought in together with five additional captains from the Trans-Atlantic division of the company and seven first officers, all pilots who have previously been trained on the Pacific Coast and the western region of the airline.

In addition to passengers, large quantities of mail and emergency supplies of all descriptions were being flown into Vancouver by the North Stars, and a special cargo-carrying plane, to operate between Calgary and Vancouver, was due in Calgary this afternoon.

### Fifth Column In United States

WASHINGTON—Paul Griffith, an American Legion leader, has said this to the Senate: "We have today in our midst the largest fifth column of potential spies, saboteurs, demoralizers, traitors and wreckers ever seen in modern times. We have 100,000 Quislings in our country."

### NAZI DOCTORS ARE EXECUTED

LANSBERG—Seven German doctors, including Karl Brendt, who was personal physician to Adolf Hitler, and SS (elite guards) officers died on American gallows yesterday for war crimes. They were convicted of killing and maiming thousands in brutal medical experiments in Nazi concentration camps.

### LOG SCALING RUNS CLOSE

Log production in Prince Rupert forestry district this year is running neck and neck with the output for last year, a summarization of official scaling figures shows. So far this year the log scale has aggregated 80,790,405 board feet compared with 81,019,993 board feet in the first five months of 1947. The May scale this year was 21,660,235 board feet as against 18,276,025 board feet in May 1947.

The scale per species this May was as follows, figures for last year also being shown for comparison:

	Bd. Feet	Bd. Feet
May 1948	May 1947	
Douglas Fir	1,065,402	1,585,562
Spruce	7,694,746	8,067,793
Cedar	5,929,159	3,497,818
Hemlock	4,784,025	3,949,446
Balsam	624,127	379,496
Jackpine	1,560,277	595,319
Miscellaneous	2,499	200,591

Forest Products The scale of poles and piling in the district this May amounted to 40,772 lineal feet, bringing the total for the year to the end of May up to 1,316,310 lineal feet. In May last year the scale was 401,058 lineal feet and for the first five months of 1947—1,547,404 lineal feet.

### POLICE GIVING ONE DAY'S PAY

VICTORIA—Members of the British Columbia Police, well in a position to appreciate the need, were among the first subscribers in the province to the flood relief campaign fund. Every police officer in the province is giving one day's pay to the fund, it was announced yesterday.

### PRAYS THAT WORST OVER

VICTORIA—"I hope and pray that the worst is over and that the courage and tenacity all display may accomplish rapid recovery from this disastrous event," said a message of sympathy received by Lieutenant-Governor Charles Banks from Canada's Governor-General, Viscount Alexander.

### AGED WOMAN IS MURDERED

KAMLOOPS—The axe-battered body of Mrs. H. F. Kissell, aged 80, was found Wednesday in her home here. Her husband, retired railway telegrapher, lay with three wounds in the throat but is expected to live. No charges have been laid.

### Cease Fire Is All Off

Fighting Is Resumed By Both Sides In Palestine

CAIRO (CP)—The Israel government revoked its cease fire order Wednesday night, ordering troops to resume fighting on all fronts in Palestine where bombing and artillery and infantry attacks were reported in half a dozen sectors.

Another announcement says that Egyptians have attacked the Jewish settlement of Negba in the south and that planes had bombed the village of Huda on the central front.

### PROVINCE TO PAY EXPENSE

VANCOUVER—Premier Byron Johnson last night wired Hon. Brooke Claxton, minister of national defence, that the government is prepared to underwrite all expense incurred not provided for in the Militia Act by the Army in fighting floods.

Under the Militia Act the federal government assumes responsibility for routine expense of all troops, the permanent Army and militia, engaged in the flood battle.

### STIKINE RIVER ALSO IN FLOOD

But No Damage Is Done and Telegraph Creek in No Danger

Flood waters in the Stikine River have reached record heights but, as far as is known, have done no damage, according to word received by W. W. Wrathall of this city from his brother, Jack Wrathall, retired Government Telegraphs operator who makes his home at Telegraph Creek. The brothers communicate frequently as both are amateur radio enthusiasts, "Bill" being one of Prince Rupert's real pioneer "hams."

Telegraph Creek itself is situated on a hillside, well above any possible flood menace to the community.

### Crisis In Columbia

Worst Is Now Over Up-River But Situation At Mouth Still Menacing

PORTLAND, Ore. —Crisis is still being awaited today in the Columbia River's most disastrous flood in the dyked lowlands along a distance of 100 miles from Portland to the Pacific Ocean. The river's crest has been colliding with high tides surging in from the sea.

The water is boiling towards the top of earthworks protecting towns and villages and fertile farms. In spots the difference preventing inundation and destruction is only a matter of a few inches.

The crush of waters eastward means that the worst is over up-river where the toll is twenty known dead.

An unknown number are still unaccounted for in Vanport disaster. Fifty thousand are homeless and damage will amount to millions of dollars.

### ONTARIO WARM; FIRES MENACE

TORONTO—Temperatures are in the eighties here with light winds forecast as fire fighters seek to check three major fires in 80,000 acres of northern Ontario bushland.

### 2000 FISHERMEN MOVED BY AIR

OAKLAND, Cal.—Transportation of more than 2,000 fishermen into the Bristol Bay area of Alaska has been carried through successfully. The flight, from here, takes about 11 hours. There is a contract, between the Transocean Airlines and eight fish packing and canning companies. The fishermen are specialists, making between three and four thousand dollars for the six weeks Alaska season.

### RADIO SPEAKERS IN FLOOD APPEAL

Mayor Nora E. Arnold will be heard over station CFPR this evening at 7:15 in the first of a series of radio talks in support of the British Columbia Flood Emergency Fund. Other leading citizens will be heard nightly in advocacy of public generosity in support of the fund. Indian Superintendent F. E. Anfield will speak on Friday night. Emphasis will also be laid in church services on Sunday by arrangement with the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association.

### May Make Cellulose

In reference to the progress of work at the scene of the Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. plant, construction at Port Edward, the B. C. Journal of Commerce and Building Record says:

"Clearing of the Watson Island site for the mill is almost completed and it is indicated the company will start construction of the plant at once. It is estimated this will take two years."

While present plans call for a productive capacity of 200 tons of highly purified cellulose each day, officials of the company indicate that the manufacturing process may be proceeded with further at the plant in the future if certain type of gas from British Columbia or Alberta oil wells can be obtained.

It is indicated that a 6,000 hp steam plant will be erected to provide power for the plant, with the possibility of augmentation with hydro-electric power.



ANXIOUS ABOUT B.C.—Governor-General Viscount Alexander, who has sent solicited message in flood emergency.

### Railway Official Surveying Damage

J. L. Charles, chief engineer, Canadian National Railways, Winnipeg, arrived in the city today in a specially chartered plane from Smithers in the course of a province-wide survey of flood damage to company trackage, and property. Mr. Charles had been inspecting the areas around Vancouver, the southern interior and Prince George.

### PASSING OF "BILLY" KERR

He Brought Load of Horses Here In Early Days and Built Some of Pioneer Homes

A man who came to Prince Rupert in the railway construction days with a carload of horses from Kenora and helped to build some of the first houses in the city, William B. Kerr died suddenly on Wednesday at his home at Wistaria on Ootsa Lake where he had been farming for many years. News of his passing has just been received here by his nephew, Douglas Kerr. The funeral took place at Wistaria and there was a large attendance.

Mr. Kerr was born at Biggar, Scotland, sixty-five years ago. He served overseas in World War I and was wounded in France. He returned here from the war and served for a time as a customs officer. He was also a vice-president of the Great War Veterans' Association (now Canadian Legion). However, he left before long for Wistaria and had been since engaged in farming there.

Surviving relatives include two brothers, John and Adam, and a sister, Mary, in Biggar. Another brother, Peter Kerr, who moved from Wistaria to Victoria, later died in the south. Still another brother, George, the father of Douglas Kerr of this city, was killed in World War I.

Many old friends in Prince Rupert will learn with regret of Mr. Kerr's passing.

### LOCAL TIDES (Standard Time)

	Friday, June 4, 1948	
High	11:25	16.8 feet
	23:26	19.9 feet
Low	5:24	5.5 feet
	17:13	7.7 feet

### Still Battling Fraser Flood

Death Toll Now Five—Crisis May Not Yet Be Reached

VANCOUVER—British Columbia's 12-day flood death toll rose to five on Wednesday when the body of Eastern Young Hicks, 76-year-old prospector, was found in a log jam on Heffley Creek.

The sorely stricken Fraser Valley is licking its \$30,000,000 flood wounds today following what appeared last night to be a staying of the onslaught of waters although it was still felt that in some sections the worst might be yet to come. Six thousand and more acres of fertile land yesterday became the river floor for the Fraser as a 15-foot silt-laden torrent breached an eighty-foot hole in a dyke at Cannol, 55 miles east of here near Chilliwack. It is estimated that 1000 persons were evacuated from the area. An Army official said that at least 9000 persons had been made homeless in the Fraser Valley alone.

The Battle of the Fraser continues relentlessly following the lapping up by the cresting river to the top of the dykes at Pitt Meadows, 25 miles east of here. There is no let-up for thousands of men working under Premier Byron Johnson's state of emergency orders.

Meanwhile flood waters are still sweeping other parts of the province with devastating results and the end is not in sight. The Columbia River, which caused greatest damage in the history of the state of Oregon, is now wreaking havoc in the East Kootenay district of British Columbia. The Columbia is sweeping into the smelter city of Trail and emergency crews are frantically throwing up dykes and retaining walls. The water has seeped into the heart of the business district.

Fresh outbreaks are reported at Lillooet and Lytton, 120 miles northeast of here. The Thompson River is at a 58-foot mark at Lytton and flood workers say the situation is becoming hourly more serious. Lillooet is completely isolated.

### LIFE SAVINGS ARE WIPED OUT

VANCOUVER—Herbert G. Williams of Harrison Hot Springs worked twenty-one years to get enough money together to put up three houses. They were finally built at a cost of \$15,000. He was very careful and industrious—avoiding drink, or any spending not really essential. The houses at Harrison Hot Springs had not been up long when along came the flood and wiped them out. Mr. Williams is where he was 21 years ago. Many another Fraser Valley man also watched his possessions destroyed by the floods.

### JUNEAU MILL MAY REOPEN

JUNEAU—Prospects are revived for an early settlement of the Juneau Spruce Corporation labor dispute that closed down the running of the local sawmill and stopped the operation of barges carrying the product south to Prince Rupert, for rail haulage east.

Commissioner M. C. Gorst, of the U.S. Mediation and Conciliation service, Portland, Ore. is here to meet and talk with all parties to the difficulty and according to statements given out by him, all concerned have been most co-operative. It is his belief that, chiefly because of their willingness to review the whole situation, the outlook for the reopening of the plant is an encouraging one.

### BOARD OUTLINES BOOTH SCHOOL REPAIR WORK

Program for the repair of Booth Memorial High School this summer was outlined by the School Board last night. The plan will involve an expenditure of \$20,000, mainly on exterior work. Half of the money will be provided by the Board and half by a Department of Education grant.

The project is the first division of a two-year plan to rehabilitate the crumbling building so that it can be used until a new structure is erected on the same grounds.

A month ago, the board decided to build—probably within the next two years—the first unit of a new high school on the Booth site. However, until the new building is completed, the present building will be used.

The money to be used in this year's repair of the Booth building will be raised by a \$5,000 allowance in estimates and \$5,000 which was collected for construction by a one-mill tax levy two years ago. The Department of Education will provide the other \$10,000.

In deciding to concentrate on outside repairs this year, Board members felt that there would be little use reconitioning the interior if the exterior allowed rain water to leak into the building. However, badly needed interior work will be done.

Some of the essential work planned this year is the repair of cornices, windows, the chimney and perhaps the auditorium roof. Tenders will be called up to June 23.

Total grant allotted by the Department of Education as its share of the repair cost is \$38,000. The Board must provide an equal amount. It plans to do this over a two-year period.

### NOT PRESSING FLOOD VICTIMS

VANCOUVER—Officials of wholesale companies, seed supply houses and machine companies say they will not press flood-stricken Fraser Valley farmers and businessmen to settle their accounts. The income tax return deadline has also been extended from May 31 to June 30.