

Floods Are Possible Again On Fraser River

Floods at Opening of Festival and Drama Contests Widespread Interest

Crowds thronged the Civic Centre auditorium yesterday afternoon as the Drama Festival got under way with close participants appearing during the first two days.

Arnold, introduced Richard Cleland, addressed the festival from the city, from and from Alaska. Attention to the fine Rupert can boast valuable criticisms in the festival from the adjudicators.

commented for its good attack and rhythm, but could have been more dainty in the singing.

The one's and two's from Borden Street showed good mood and tone but pitch suffered in some places. The King Edward primary choir was particularly commended on Page 2.

Support is Enthusiastic

Drama Features First Evening of Music & Drama Festival—Draws Comment From Critic—Plays Last Night

"The enthusiastic support the people of Prince Rupert give their festival is something I'll talk about when I return to Victoria," declared Mrs. Audrey Johnson, accredited drama adjudicator, when she addressed the audience and participants following last night's Music and Drama Festival program in the Civic Centre auditorium.

In dealing with the three plays presented in the adult class, Mrs. Johnson pointed out that most of her remarks would be in the form of constructive criticism as she felt that such remarks would have more value than if she was to use praise.

"Storm in a Loving Cup," presented by the Prince Rupert Little Theatre, and directed by Mrs. Myra Chapple, M.E., had a well arranged set and good costumes, stated the adjudicator. Mrs. Johnson felt that Mrs. Crosbie, as played by Marie Lavigne, was good but she might have kept her voice a little lower and exhibited a bit more tone contrast when speaking to her son, Morlimer. Clara Deakin, played by Alma Knutsen, exhibited good stage movements but could have shown more reaction, especially to offstage sounds. Mel Skalmerud, as Mortimer Crosbie, was credited with a very good performance although the part might have been given a little more breadth. The adjudicator thought Roy Weiss did well as Arthur Deakin but suggested that his tempo was a little slow, especially in picking up cues. Nina Youngman, as Edith Butterworth and Reg. Lavigne as Stan Butterworth, gave creditable performances but were cautioned about crossing up-stage.

In the case of "The Boor," directed by Basil S. Prockter, Mrs. Johnson stated that the choice of play was not good. It was the type of play that required polished acting at a fast tempo. The adjudicator remarked that Martin Stuart, as Grigeri Smirnov, was capable of doing the part with more practice. Evelyn Stuart looked the part of Helena Popov, the young widow, but her voice scarcely carried beyond the stage. Basil Prockter, as Luka, the servant completed the cast.

"Meet the Chinooks," a play by Allen Fraser, has a Canadian (Continued on Page 2)



ENJOYS STROLL—Like most members of Parliament, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, likes to view the tulips on Parliament Hill during his less-busy Ottawa moments. This photo by Malak of Ottawa was taken before Mr. Coldwell opened his campaign tour. The bronze-colored blooms are his favorites. (C.P. Photo)

Convention Deadlock

Fort George Unable to Make Coalition Choice—Will Try Again

PRINCE GEORGE—After five ballots had been taken, the joint convention of Liberals and Progressive-Conservatives to nominate a candidate for Fort George riding in the forthcoming provincial election adjourned in deadlock. There will be another convention on Monday.

The two candidates for the nomination were Harry Bowman of Prince George the Liberal nominee, and Lyle Knight, the Conservative.

Mr. Bowman is agricultural and colonization agent here for the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. Knight is a well known real estate and insurance broker.

On each of the five ballots there was a tie between the twenty-five delegates on either side.

The joint executives met at midnight as the deadlock continued and decided on the adjournment. There will be fifty delegates for each side on Monday.

The convention was conducted by H. G. T. Perry, president of the Fort George District Liberal Association and C. C. Westaway, president of the Progressive-Conservative Association.

Trail Of Butedale Theft Suspect Ends In Ontario

TORONTO (CP)—Charles Alexander Taylor, 41-year-old filling station attendant at Burlington, near Hamilton, is being held without bail today on a charge of stealing \$11,142 in cash from the Canadian Fishing Co. at Butedale near Prince Rupert on the British Columbia coast in 1947.

Taylor, also known as John Barry Saunders, was arrested at the service station by police who were investigating several fraud cases in Toronto. They then discovered that his description tallied with that of the man wanted in the British Columbia theft.

The police say that Taylor was an accountant in the Butedale store in September 1947 when money was taken from the company safe. Taylor had travelled to Prince Rupert one week-end in a small gasboat and was traced from point to point east from there, finally disappearing in Toronto.

The British Columbia police have been notified and it is possible they will escort Taylor to the west coast within a few days.

Who's Blocking Blockade Lift?

BERLIN (CP)—The Russians accused the western Allies today of "torpedoing" the agreement to lift the Berlin blockade. A western spokesman immediately labelled the accusation as a "lot of nonsense."

The spokesman, Lawrence Wilkinson, economics adviser to the United States military governor, said: "We were told by our governments to remove all restrictions into effect since March 1, 1948. We have done that and more."

The Soviet protest was voiced informally through a Soviet newspaper in Germany. It declared: "The western powers are evading their restrictions under invalid pretexts. The agreement cannot be fulfilled by the Soviet side alone."

Water Level is Being Watched Cautiously

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Dominion Water and Power Bureau issues warning that present soaring temperatures, should they continue beyond the weekend, may cause "high water of flood proportions in the Fraser River system." The weather office here reported at the same time that little change in the weather situation is to be expected within the next twenty-four hours. Temperatures of 80 degrees are recorded at interior points and the Fraser River has risen six feet at several points.

While a spokesman of the Fraser River Dyking Board said that there was no need for alarm as yet, he commented that he was "neither optimistic or pessimistic." The dyking system, he suggested, was no stronger than its weakest point and there were weak points.

The gauge at Mission rose another two feet since yesterday to 16.01. Eighteen feet is the flood preparedness level when continuous patrols are placed on dykes and another precaution taken.

The Fraser River rose 23 feet at Prince George yesterday.

Flash

BATTLE NEAR SHANGHAI—Roar of battle could be heard today at Woosung Harbor and Lungwa air field, Shanghai's remaining links with the outside world. Two Communist prongs crept closer to the city. The Red general, Chen Yi, is driving hard to take Shanghai or close a siege ring around it. Woosung is about eight miles north of Shanghai. Lungwa's loss would cut Shanghai's air link.

LOS ANGELES QUAKE—LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles was shaken early today by an earthquake that startled residents out of their beds but, apparently, caused no damage. The tremor shook buildings in downtown and eastern Los Angeles.

NO LIQUOR PLEISICITE—DUNCAN—Premier Byron Johnson said last night that "nothing can or will be done on a liquor plebiscite" until after the June 15 provincial election. He said that anti-liquor supporters far exceeded those in favor of liquor by the glass in the province making representations to the cabinet during the last session.

REGISTRATION IS CLOSING

Federal enumerators throughout Canada will terminate registrations of voters Saturday evening after a six-day canvass which, in Prince Rupert's 20 polling districts, is expected to see a record number of voters on the list.

Since Monday, teams of enumerators, with two persons to a team, one representing the C.C.F. and the other the Liberal party, have been visiting city homes and taking the names of eligible people. One of their outstanding difficulties has been the confusion which many people feel over the provincial and federal voters' lists.

Federal enumerators have turned in reports of incidents in which people declined to be registered federally in the mistaken belief that their registration for the provincial voters' list entitled them to a vote in the federal election.

However, according to federal Returning Officer Rod MacLeod, persons who have not had their names placed on the list this week can do so at the court of revision which will sit on June 9, 10 and 11.

Copies of the federal voters' list for each of the polling districts will be given to each registered person so that the correctness of the listing can be checked. If the name is missing or improperly listed, correction can be made at the court of revision.

SKEENA LEVEL RISES SHARPLY

The Skeena River began its run-off this week under the influence of a warm sun which sent temperatures at interior points soaring into the 80's in some places. Water level at Terrace, which was at its lowest last week-end, rose six feet up to yesterday.

Whether or not the increase will result in the river flooding its banks depends on the temperatures during the next couple of weeks. An unbroken warm spell could cause a run-off which might lift the river to a level comparable to the floods of last year.

However, cold night would slow the melting of the snow so that the freshet would be more gradual as is the case in normal years.

Snow in the interior last winter was heavier than normal and most of it still remains on the mountain peaks and high mountain ranges.

District Graduates

VANCOUVER (CP)—University of British Columbia students from Prince Rupert area represented at graduation this year and receiving degrees as follows:

Mechanical Engineering—Norman R. Collinson, Prince George.
 Law—William D. Ferry, Prince George; James D. Fisher, Prince Rupert.
 Electrical Engineering—Philip L. Kenney, Prince George.
 Commerce—George W. McAfee, Prince Rupert; Maurice N. Cote, Terrace.
 Agriculture—Philip A. Jones, Smithers.
 Engineering Physics—John S. Kirkaldy, Terrace.

ATLANTIC PACT IS APPROVED

LONDON (CP)—The House of Commons last night approved the North Atlantic Security pact after Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had said that the pact was a "deterrent" to Soviet aggressiveness and Winston Churchill called it one of the most "surest guarantees of peace and safety."

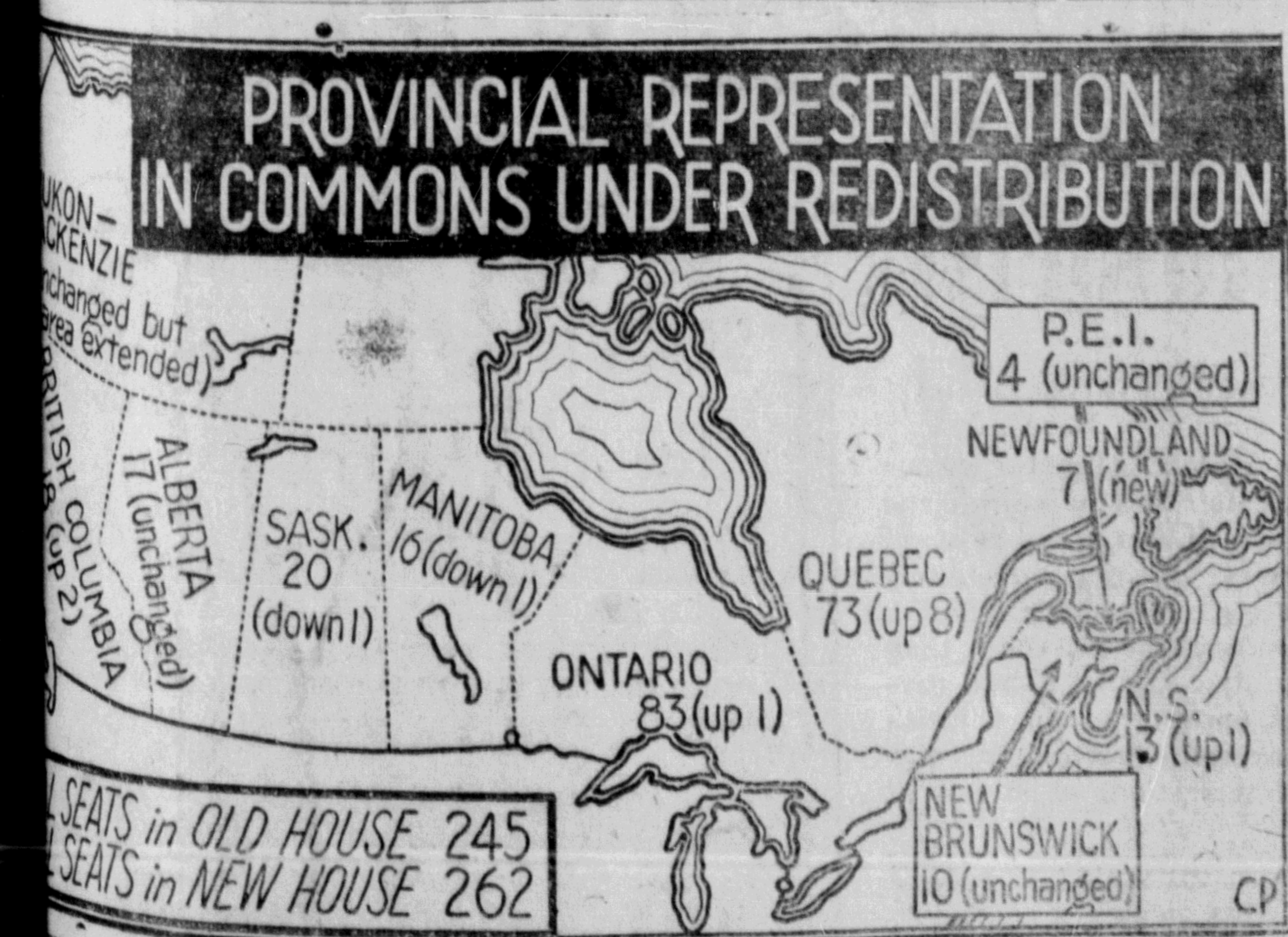
The vote was 333 to 6. Parliamentary observers said that the near unanimous approval of the motion was sufficient to effect ratification of the pact.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bayonne	.06	Bevcourt	.21
Bralorne	9.20	Bobjo	.20
B.R. Con.	.03	Buffalo Canadian	.11 1/2
B.R.X.	.09	Consol. Smelters	95.65
Cariboo Quartz	1.17	Conwest	.93
Congress	.03 1/2	Donalda	.47
Hedley Mascot	.22	Eldona	.62
Pacific Eastern	.05	East Sullivan	2.40
Pend Oreille	3.70	Giant Yellowknife	5.85
Pioneer	3.30	God's Lake	.34 1/2
Premier Border	.02 1/2	Hard Rock	.16 1/2
Privateer	.16	Harricana	.06
Reeves McDonald	2.00	Heva	.08
Reno	.05	Hosco	.20
Sheep Creek	1.18	Jacknife	.04
Silbak Premier	.33	Joliet Quebec	.36
Vananda	.23	Lake Rowan	.09
Salmon Gold	.11 1/2	Lapaska	.08
Anglo Canadian	3.90	Little Long Lac	.71
A.P. Con.	.20	Lynx	.13
Atlantic	.72	Madsen Red Lake	2.92
Calmont	.38	McLeod Cockshutt	.94
C. & E.	5.75	Moneta	.43
Central Leduc	.90	Negus	2.30
Home Oil	10.75	Noranda	53.75
Mercury	.10 1/2	Louvicourt	.10
Okalta	2.30	Pickle Crow	1.95
Pacific Pete	2.85	Regecourt	.04 1/2
Princess	.28	San Antonio	3.95
Royal Canadian	.08	Senator Rouyn	.36
South Brazeau	.15	Sheritt Gordon	1.41
Athona	.13	Steep Rock	1.38
Aumaque	14 1/2	Sturgeon River	.16 1/2
		Silver Miller	.37

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION IN COMMONS UNDER REDISTRIBUTION



SEATS in OLD HOUSE 245
SEATS in NEW HOUSE 262

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION IN COMMONS—The number of seats in the new House of Commons will be 262 instead of 245. The redistribution, delayed because of the war, has been completed and the members of the new Parliament June 27 will total 262 instead of 245. The addition of Yukon-Mackenzie as a province accounts for seven of the new seats. Four provinces gain one seat and three are unchanged. In the case of Yukon-Mackenzie, the territory in the riding was extended but there will still be one member. (C.P. Photo)

FREIGHT SERVICE TO WEST INDIES

MONTREAL—A new schedule of freight sailings by Canadian National Steamships between Montreal, Nassau, Bahamas and Kingston, Jamaica, designed to provide calls at these ports at ten-day intervals, during the current season, was announced here yesterday by Captain R. A. Clarke, General Manager of the company.

The new service will be maintained by four of the company's 4500-ton dry cargo vessels. The Canadian Highlander will leave Montreal on May 17 followed by the Canadian Observer on May 27 and the Canadian Leader on June 7. The Canadian Conqueror, now on a voyage to Nassau and Kingston will sail from Montreal on June 17. The sailing schedule of the four ships has been planned to provide each port with freight service every ten days throughout the St. Lawrence shipping season.

Serfdom or Liberty is Main Issue

Socialism is a reactionary idea that will return man to the status of a vassal of the state and under which would be lost all the individual freedom of choice and action developed down through the years by such measures as Magna Carta, the Habeas Corpus Act, the Cromwellian rebellion and the fight for universal suffrage, declared E. T. Applewhaite, Liberal candidate for Skeena in the forthcoming federal election, last night in a campaign opening statement.

Mr. Applewhaite leaves early tomorrow morning by Skeena Transport seaplane for Stewart and Alice Arm to carry the campaign into the northern mining camps. Accompanied by P. H. Linzey, he will be back next Tuesday.

LOCAL TIDES
 (Pacific Standard Time)
 Saturday, May 14, 1949

High	2:02	23.0 feet
	15:04	19.7 feet
Low	8:43	0.9 feet
	20:45	7.0 feet