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## Coastal Shipping Rates

EVER SINCE coastal steamship freight rates were upped early last fall Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce organizations all along the coast, including Vancouver and Prince Rupert, agitated about the matter, have been exploring the possibilities of getting some relief, if possible, but, in any case, some governmental control of such rates. Accordingly, a special committee set up by the Vancouver Board of Trade, with a representative of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce sitting in at the organizational sessions, is now working with the steamship companies and the federal government along these lines. As Mr. Gargrave, the C.C.F. member for Mackenzie, was reminded by Premier Johnson in the Legislature the matter is one of federal jurisdiction and for that reason the Legislature declined to accept the C.C.F. member's motion.

Also, as the Premier suggested, the coastal shipping companies have been having difficult if not critical times what with rising costs all along the line. That they should have raised the rates might not have been unexpected. There is probably general agreement, however, that there should be some government control or authorization over the steamship rates such as exist in regard to other forms of public conveyance including the railways.

## TOM REID, MINISTER?

THERE SHOULD be general approbation at the appointment of Tom Reid, member for New Westminster, as Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Fisheries. As it was indicated when he was appointed, Mr. McKinnon is to be minister of fisheries only temporarily. Since British Columbia is now without a federal cabinet minister, it might be reasonable to expect that Mr. Reid is being groomed for the fisheries portfolio.

Fighting Scotsman with long Parliamentary experience, there is no member of the Ottawa House who knows the fisheries better than he. Well known as an understanding friend of the fishermen and their problems, Mr. Reid is also well acquainted with Prince Rupert and a good friend of this port's interests, even though he does hail from the metropolitan area in the south.

And, incidentally, Mr. Reid has been one of those who has persistently fought against the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast salmon fishing.

We have long wanted the minister of fisheries on the Pacific coast. Maybe we are now going to have him.

## BAD GUESSERS

THE DEMOCRACIES have been notoriously bad guessers when it comes to deciding the probabilities of peace or war. We've missed out twice, and may miss out again, but at least the third time we oughtn't to be caught flat-footed. One of the troubles with us is that we don't want to waste a lot of money in preparing for an eventuality that may never arise. The trouble is that in trying to wait it out we are at a sharp disadvantage. Joe Stalin doesn't have to ask the County Council, or the people or the parliament what he shall do. He tells them. That way is a lot quicker than ours. As Secretary Marshall of the United States said recently, "Experience has proved that the democracies, once aroused to concerted action, possess the material and spiritual strength to overcome this advantage. But," he warned, "a late awakening to danger, and failure to act promptly adds immeasurably to the cost of ultimate success."

We guessed wrong that the Kaiser's Germany didn't really want war. We guessed that Hitler wouldn't push matters too far, and were wrong again. Guessing about Stalin we might very possibly be wrong again. But we might be a lot better to prepare for that one and waste our preparations in peace, than to take the chance and pay the dreadful costs for guessing right and doing nothing about it.

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## Letters to the Editor

### FARMING ON ISLANDS

Editor, Daily News:

Why isn't there an experimental farm on the Northern British Columbia coast?

It seems to me that these farms are not established until a section is developed and beyond their need—at least their need is not so great as are the needs of those sections as yet only pioneered.

This north coast is not a wooded mountain range exclusively nor yet a barren rocky range. There are areas on all the islands that may be developed into agricultural production.

The season of growth as one progresses northward from the Delta country is not appreciably shorter but it is a few degrees cooler without having summer frosts. Possibly growth is slower under the cooler conditions but, with plants adapted to the cooler climate even that slowness may be overcome. The difficulty is in that individuals have to do all the experimenting. They also have difficulty getting the adapted plants and seeds. It has been my pleasure to receive a bound volume of 101 agricultural leaflets from the agricultural department of Eire. The Irish climate must very nearly approximate the climate of the Queen Charlottes. Dublin is, in fact, at exactly the same latitude as Tillam.

The Irish grow much the same plants that we have proven on these islands but I have a notion, if one could get Irish seeds and plants, they would prove to be far superior to those available to us.

Nursery stocks, for instance, listed by the British Columbia nurseries carry very few of the names of trees grown in Ireland. Summer apples available to us become, more than likely, under our conditions, fall apples. Likewise fall apples become winter apples and are best at Christmas or later!

The USDA—reporting on corn (maize) asserts that some varieties thrive in temperatures of 50 degrees while others will not thrive in temperatures of 75 degrees or less. Where can one get the kind that thrives in temperatures of 50 degrees?

Which would be good to try here? We really have few days during the summer when temperatures rise above 75 degrees but we have several months when they do not fall below 50 degrees.

There was some experimental work done here along about 1910-13 back of Lawn Hill but it was done in the wheelbarrow age. That is not a figure of speech. The work was done on muskeg reclamation. Moss, mind you, was torn up and wheeled off in wheelbarrows. Enough chemicals were then dug into the peat with a shovel to have promoted growth in almost any sort of material. The chemicals included nitrates—nitrates are not an essential element in the reclamation of peat anyway—and the chemicals cost at the then price of \$33 per acre—if my memory is not at fault.

Now peat lands can be reclaimed and there are large areas of peaty soils on which there is little or no moss and on which native grasses, shrubs, etc., are growing that can be reclaimed economically by modern methods. Some such smaller areas have been reclaimed mostly or altogether by hand methods. Chemicals—not including nitrates, are possibly useful in speeding up reclamation work on such areas but they are not proven to be absolutely necessary. The main and very important factor in this

### MONDAY BLUES

Editor, Daily News:

It was last Thursday that a subscriber to Prince Rupert Daily News asked me if I would write some poetry on Monday Blues.

Aside from apologizing to poetry, I feel blue with sympathy, in submitting the following lines: lest they cannot possibly do justice to Monday Blues that "so stubbornly linger."

### MONDAY BLUES

Blues, blues, blues

Of all the blues that make us blue

Are there others more true blue

Than Monday Blues?

Now Alice Blue and Eleanor Blue, were blue;

And with powder blue, looked more blue.

With Reckitt's blue, would they have been, more blue

With Monday's blues?

And if Alice Blue had wed Periwinkle Blue

And given birth to a healthy Baby Blue

Would they now be Baby blue

With Monday blues?

Also, if Periwinkle Blue changed to Navy blue

Then left for the Marine blue, blue

Would Alice Blue turn turquoise or aquamarine,

she'd be so blue.

With Monday blues?

Blues, blues, blues

Till we could swear French blue

We'd shake those cobalt blues till they were black and blue

With Monday blues!

VIOLET INGALLS.

## Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.I.

When all these belted, booted, spurred and bewiskered fellows come in from the creeks on the evening of Friday May 7, there will be drama, naturally. Dan McGrew must die. No hound of he—I can be permitted to live any longer. That can be put down for a certainty. He must perish violently and leave no estate.—A lady—sometimes called Lou—will see to that. As a matter of fact there will be no lack of material for lusty high-lights when men were men and a lot of shaving soap was purchased, along with the bacon and beans in the morning.

With the first wrench over and done with, it now becomes a case of settling down and living more or less happily with Daylight Saving—if not for ever after—at least until September. After all, what is "D.S." other than just kidding oneself. By any other name, it's fragrance would remain unchanged.

### HOW CAN I ???

By ANNE ASHLEY

Q. What can be used as a substitute for stock in recipes?

A. Always keep a can of bouillon or consommé in the house. It can often take the place of stock called for in recipes.

Q. How can I give organdy trimmings, such as collar and cuff sets, just the right amount of stiffening?

A. This can be accomplished by dipping them into water in which rice has been boiled.

Q. How can I remove chocolate stains?

A. Apply a paste consisting of cold water and borax.

bogs.

Then there are areas of fair to good drainage at the present time, areas timbered with various sorts of growth of predominantly large trees. Given a possible market for the timber, a settler can economically clear the land to a point where it can be made into pasture until such time as the stumps rot out or can be cleared from the ground. All the domestic grasses thrive here.

There are several places where one can see the results of thoughtful, if backbreaking effort if one is interested. It is just too bad that so few are interested so little.

W. N. GIEGERICH.

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The Workmen's Compensation Board, Plaintiff

Crawford Moore and Crawford Moore Logging Company, Defendant

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