

Railways Boosting Express Rates On Fish



FLOOD RAMPAGE—Swollen by the combination of three heavy rain and melting snow and ice, the Passaic river burst and wild through the falls at Little Falls, N.J. Rivers upstate New York, New Jersey and New England burst their banks, isolating hundreds of communities and millions of dollars of property damage.

ARMEN AND GERMANS HAIL BRITISH ROLE IN BERLIN AIRLIFT

Planes flying the supplies into Berlin are asking that their part in the airlift in history should be widely recognized. According to date is a proud record on of June 28, 1948, from Wunsdorf in the zone, and noon Dec. 10, 1948, Force and British civil aircraft flew 32,382 carrying 10,879,180 miles and 139,285 tons of supplies to the former German capital.

figures are only a third of the total but, taking into account the vast difference in the two countries, they present a maximum efficiency.

KEEP CLEAR OF DOCTORS

EXCEPT WHEN REALLY ILL, URGES BRITISH MEDICO

LOS ANGELES—So long as a man feels in good health, he should not go near a physician. That's what Dr. James F. Brailsford, noted British medical man says.

He is founder of the British Radiological Association and holds to the view that periodic medical examinations for tuberculosis and cancer do more harm than good.

"People should go to a doctor when symptoms develop," he declared, "but stay away when they feel well and fit. If people seek advice when they feel sick and not worry when they feel well, lives, money and time will be saved. Mass examinations of persons without symptoms in cancer clinics are of doubtful value."

Dr. Brailsford's home is in Birmingham, England, and he is making a tour of U.S. medical centres. He mentioned that even X-ray experts make mistakes. Careless diagnosis, he said, either gives a sense of false security or creates worry, without reason.

IS SECRETARY TO MINISTER

According to an announcement just made in Ottawa, Arthur H. Sager, of Hazelton, has been appointed private secretary to the Federal Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Robert Manion. Mr. Sager, who formerly was in charge of Public Relations at the University of British Columbia, was a Spitfire pilot in the Great War and won the D.F.C. At the time of his discharge he held the rank of Squadron Leader.

Freeze to Death On Shanghai Streets

SHANGHAI—In three days following Christmas, when a cold wave was experienced, no fewer than 311 bodies were picked up on the streets of Shanghai. All had died from exposure. Of the 311, 285 were children.

DREW HITS AT SOCIALISM

CALGARY—Canadians must do "everything in their power to ensure that the stifling of Socialism does not come to Canada," George Drew, national leader of the Progressive-Conservative party said in an address here last night.

Speaking to 1,500 at a public meeting, he made a spirited appeal for support of his party and urged his listeners to take "vigorous political action" to safeguard their economic and democratic freedom.

Mr. Drew stopped here after a visit to Vancouver earlier this week.

Nine-Month Surplus Set \$600 Million

OTTAWA—Canada's budgetary surplus for the first nine months of the current fiscal year was set at \$609,949,698 by the Federal Department of Finance last night. Revenues for the period from last April 1 to December 31 amounted to \$1,956,208,479 and expenditures were \$1,346,258,780.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver		Toronto	
Bayonne	06½	Beattie	57½
Bralorne	9.00	Beveourt	27
B. R. Con.	02½	Bobjo	13
B. R. X.	08	Buffalo Canadian	17
Cariboo Quartz	1.48	Consol. Smelters	117.00
Congress	05	Conwest	1.42
Hedley Mascot	49	Donalda	57½
Pen d'Oreille	5.50	Eldona	70
Pioneer	3.50	East Sullivan	3.30
Premier Border	04½	Giant Yellowknife	5.40
Privateer	21	God's Lake	55
Reeves McDonald	3.04	Hardrock	20
Reno	07	Harricana	09
Sheep Creek	1.55	Heva	11
Silbak Premier	40	Hosco	29
Taku River	35	Jacknife	04½
Vananda	40	Joliet Quebec	45
Salmon Gold	12½	Lake Rowan	07
Spud Valley	06	Lapaska	10
Anglo Canadian	4.75	Little Long Lac	93
A. P. Con.	24	Lynx	14
Atlantic	86	Madsen Red Lake	2.68
Calmont	48	McKenzie Red Lake	44
C. & E.	6.30	McLeod Cockshutt	1.10
Central Leduc	1.55	Moneta	48
Home Oil	13.00	Negus	2.33
Mercury	13½	Noranda	57½
Okalta	1.50	Louvicourt	44
Pacific Pete	2.95	Pickle Crow	2.20
Princess	39	Regeourt	07
Royal Canadian	11½	San Antonio	3.95
South Brazeau	21	Senator Rouyn	44
Athona	15½	Sherrit Gordon	2.43
Aumaque	21½	Steep Rock	1.66
		Sturgeon River	.18
		Silver Mile	.37

Move Seen as Blow to Industry On Both East and West Coasts

Tariff is Increased By Forty Percent On Express Shipments

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian railways today served notice that they are increasing express rates on fish by amounts ranging up to 40 percent. The higher tolls have been filed with the Board of Transport Commissioners and will affect several million pounds annually of fresh and frozen fish moving from points on the west and east coasts.

LABOR PAPER GOES WEEKLY

GLACE BAY, N.S.—The Glace Bay Gazette has changed from a daily to weekly paper, because of the increasing costs of production. The Gazette was Canada's only daily labor paper. Growing financial troubles, and need of new equipment made the daily file prohibitive.

Churchills Pay Windsor Visit

CANNES—Winston Churchill and Mrs. Churchill and their daughter, Sarah, are spending three weeks on the Riviera, the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.



FISH PROBLEMS—Canadian fishing industry problems and their solution were discussed in Ottawa this week at a conference of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Experts from all over Canada attended. Shown here are several members of the board, left to right: Dr. R. E. Forster, director of the Pacific biological station at Nanaimo; Dr. A. G. Huntsman of Toronto, consulting director of the board; Dr. G. B. Reed of Kingston, board chairman; and Dr. Neil Carter, director of the Vancouver experimental station. (CP Photo)

HEALTH INSURANCE IS GIVEN HIGH PLACE IN TRUMAN POLICY

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WASHINGTON—High on President Truman's long list of social security proposals—which have brought cries of "state socialism" from the opposition—is a national health insurance plan.

The opposition, it is believed, will be led by the American Medical Association, though many individual doctors are expected to support the Truman administration.

Shortly after Truman's state-of-the-union speech, January 5, a group of Democratic congressmen set the stage for a new legislative battle by describing the health-scheme proposals they will urge.

"Our health is far behind the progress of medical science," the president said. "Proper medical care is so expensive that it is out of the reach of the great majority of our citizens. The present coverage of the social security laws is altogether inadequate, and benefit payments are too low. We need—and we must have without further delay—a system of prepaid medical insurance which will enable every American to afford good medical care."

The congressional group—Representative John D. Dingell of Michigan and Senators James Murray of Montana, Robert F. Wagner of New York and J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island—said their legislation will benefit 125,000,000 persons—85 percent of the population.

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VAST FUTURE FOR CANADA IS SEEN

NEW YORK—Finance Minister Abbott said last night that Canada "by discovering vast supplies of important raw materials, is on the threshold of further tremendous expansion of production and economic power."

In a speech prepared for delivery at the annual luncheon of the Women's Canadian Club in New York, he said that this economic power would lead "to strengthening of our trading position with the United States."

FINE POINT IN DENTISTRY

PHILADELPHIA—The Pennsylvania Supreme Court rules that "jurors cannot be required to decide what amount of force is necessary to extract a tooth."

Marie T. Bierstein charged Dr. Franklin Whitman had fractured her jaw while extracting two teeth and sought damages. "The degree of force," said the Court, "is an integral part in the technique of extracting teeth." This is developed only after study and experience.

Negligence may not be interfered by laymen, merely because the jaw was found to be fractured. A jaw could be broken even if there was no lack of care and skill.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Cloudy skies over the interior of British Columbia are expected to clear during the day. Snow which was still falling over the southeastern corner of the province at daybreak this morning is expected to end by noon. Clear skies over the southern coastal regions are expected to give way to increased cloudiness tomorrow as a flow of relatively warm and moist Pacific air establishes itself over the district.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast today and Sunday. Fog patches forming over night and persisting through Sunday. Occasional high drizzle early Sunday. Winds light today and southerly (20) Sunday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, Massett and Prince Rupert, 35 and 42.



KIDNAPPED ENGRAVER—Ernest W. Condit, former Toronto engraver, who said he was kept chained five days in a Vancouver house by a gang of counterfeiters who sought to have him make engravings for bogus currency. Condit, 66, was shackled to a bed four days then chained to a metal box in the basement of the house. (C.P. Photo)

HEALTH UNIT NAMES OFFICERS

Annual meeting of the Prince Rupert and District Union Board of Health was held Friday in the Health Unit office. Members present included A. S. Nickerson, retiring Chairman; Aldermen W. F. Stone, W. J. McLean and J. N. Forman; and Mrs. E. W. Becker, representing the Prince Rupert School Board.

Officers elected were Alderman J. N. Forman, Chairman; Miss C. Balagno, Treasurer; and Miss J. Leslie, Senior Public Health Nurse—Secretary, pending the appointment of a full-time Medical Director for the Unit.

Treasurer's Report showed a balance on January 1, 1949, of \$734. Expenditures during the year included \$102.50 for signs for the Clinic building and constructing a shelter beside the building for baby buggies; also \$2.50 for membership in the Prince Rupert Film Council.

Miss Leslie reported upon a meeting of Senior Public Health Nurses, held recently in Victoria to acquaint field staffs with new developments in the provincial health program. Federal grants, over and above normal provincial expenditures, have made it possible to expand present services, add new ones, provide post-graduate instruction for members of the staff, and conduct field and laboratory research. Short-term and long-term projects are being embarked upon which should result in greatly improved health services for the people of British Columbia.

While in Victoria, Miss Leslie conferred with Doctor J. A. Taylor, director of local health services; Miss M. Frith, Director of Public Health Nursing; and Mr. R. Bowring, director of Division of Environment Sanitation. Policies for the Prince Rupert and District Health Unit were discussed and an itinerary worked out whereby outlying parts of the district might be visited more regularly.

It is hoped that during the next year, every outlying school in the area extending up the Portland Canal and across to the Queen Charlotte Islands and inland as far as Houston, will be visited at least once. Regular monthly or weekly visits are already being made to all readily accessible areas; it is hoped that now a limited amount of service can be provided to even the most isolated parts.

C.P.R. EXPECTS BIG INCOME

OTTAWA—Income of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is expected to jump \$35,000,000 this year over 1948 without any increase in rates, the company today told the Board of Transport Commissioners.

A C.P.R. estimate of 1949 revenue from rail operations under present rates figures placed it at \$391,532,000, but the company said the figure is very optimistic and could decline with a business recession.

Because of the danger of a slackening of business, a company spokesman said, it is unlikely that the company would go over the 1948 estimate without a new rate increase.

It has asked the Board for a 20 per cent boost.

TERRACE BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

TERRACE—Dudley Little was elected president of the Terrace Board of Trade at the annual meeting held Friday night. C. J. Norrington was elected vice-president, James Stevenson, secretary and Harry Phillips, treasurer.

Newfie's Money To Disappear

HALIFAX—When Newfoundland's entry into the Canadian Confederation becomes final Newfoundland's currency will disappear.

The twenty-cent pieces which look so much like Canadian quarters that they often pass unwittingly will not be seen again, greatly no doubt, to the relief of eastern Canada.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast League
Vancouver 2, Seattle 1.
Oakland 3, Los Angeles 1.



REUTHER VISITS CANADA—Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, conferred with the 15 Canadian U.A.W.—C.I.I. region members at a policy session in Windsor recently. Mr. Reuther, his arm still in a cast as a result of an attack on his life last summer, is shown with James Smith of St. Catharines (left) and George Burt of Windsor, Canadian regional director of the union. (CP Photo)

Basketball TONIGHT

DOWNWOODS vs. CO-OP