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BLACK AND WHITE CABS

Lack of Shipping

Ports Appear to be Grim Days

REAL. — The port of remained locked in ice and idleness today but and ports in the Mar- there is a sharp drop in activity, came ominous in- of a severe shipping

ancouver last year ships in the stream waiting for this year there are no there is no grain in the and plenty of berths. men claim the situ- due to lack of dollars forcing the United to use its own ships port grain.

ax the big winter idle during the week- Tuesday there were only 180 of 1500 long- and today the num- reached only 250. One said: "the port has

shipping situation in Hal- referred to in the Commons at Ottawa Clarence Gillis, CCF for Cape Breton described conditions as "Gordon B. Isnor, Lib- member for Halifax, ad- things were bad, but not quite as black as painted.

WERE TO RISE

Shares Expert Before Monetary Committee— into Butter

—The House of committee probing told Wednesday by vior: top flight gov- economist, that con- of full wartime price would not likely have an upsurge in Can- prices.

tying before the 16- committee investigat- of sky-rocketing pri- said: "I do not see how we will find all or even of the explanation of within the bound- of our country." He was to the United States

Marshall, chief Dom- stician, said that only in the world had price indices than Can- Zealand, Australia, Africa.

committee is today inves- the butter situation particular reference to

PRICES STAYED

ORK—Commodity pri- their downward yesterday but the move- slowed to a trot. Mar- closed today in Lin- observance. Grains the limit for the in Chicago yesterday. Toronto and Montreal continued in stock yesterday but they firmed trading. Mines con- and steady here and in Winnipeg. Exchange prices again to the American weak-

WARD TREND

President of the New Exchange said at City today that the trend could be ex- continue for two saw no dangerous

back of inflation has "said A. W. Zelo- New York, economic and president of the statistical bureau, organization. Many agreed.

LOCAL TIDES

February 13, 1948
3:29 20.0 feet
15:21 20.0 feet
9:26 6.4 feet
21:36 4.4 feet

Train Engulfed by Snowslide, All Survive



LOCATED IN PRINCE RUPERT—This old picture, taken May 25, 1905, is of George T. Kane and his wife. The spot overlooks Tucks Inlet on what is now the townsite of Prince Rupert which Kane staked as a homestead in 1903. Edward Kane, in the railway mail service here, is a son of the late George Kane and he furnished this picture to the Daily News.

Ancient Dispute Over Ownership Of Prince Rupert Site Recalled

An historic document of keen interest recalling an early dispute concerning the location of the townsite of the Pacific Coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which was eventually to be settled on at Prince Rupert, has been turned over through the Daily News to C. H. Orme, who is contemplating the writing of a history of the city, by Edward T. Kane, son of the late George T. Kane. It is a "petition of right" on behalf of the elder Mr. Kane who contended that he had been mulcted out of his legal registration of the townsite of Prince Rupert by collusion between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. and the provincial government. The story of Kane's allegation was well known to old timers of this part of the country. The status of Kaien Island and Tsimpsean Peninsula as provincial or Indian reserves entered into the dispute.

The date of the statement of claim was August 23, 1909. The claim was based on an alleged granting on June 18, 1903, of a free homestead of land on Kaien Island to Kane. That homestead later became the site of the city of Prince Rupert, terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Kane, in a letter to the Vancouver World, April 7, 1908, set forth his position. The letter was as follows:

MR. KANE'S ANSWER
"As I see by the daily papers that the government of British Columbia, urged thereto by laudible motives of equity, contemplate cancelling my registration of the townsite of Prince Rupert, I wish to remind the public of B.C. that this same



FUEL SHIP CAUGHT IN ICE—This aerial view shows the motorship Albany carrying 90,000 gallons of kerosene to the fuel-short city of Albany, caught in the ice in the frozen Hudson river near Kingston, N.Y. The ice-breaker, Gentian, is shown in background, cutting a narrow lane through the thick ice to open a channel for the oil boat to follow. The ship left New York with the emergency oil cargo at the request of Albany officials because of an acute fuel shortage in the N. Y. state capital.

Prince Rupert's Appetite For Bigger Port Trade Starved by Jones Act

By HARVEY HICKEY
(in Toronto Globe and Mail)

OTTAWA—As they watch workmen build a \$15,000,000 pulp plant on near-by Watson Island, the people of Prince Rupert, B. C., are hoping that the future once predicted for their city may at last come true.

During the war 75,000 United States troops and millions of tons of war supplies passed through Prince Rupert for Alaska. It seemed then that the city had assumed its place as a leading Pacific port. The city appeared to be fulfilling the rosy forecasts of its trade possibilities made years ago by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and by Charles M. Hays when he founded the

GANDHI ASHES ARE COMMITTED

ALLAHABAD —Mortal remains of Mohandas K. Gandhi, beloved man who ranked almost as a saint in this land, were immersed in the waters of three sacred Hindu Rivers here today. Tens of thousands of persons, including Indian Prime Minister Nehru, witnessed the ceremony which took place at the confluence of the Ganges, Jumna and Sarawati Rivers.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Bralorne	9.50
B. R. Con.	.03
B. R. X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	2.20
Dentonia	.12
Grull Wihkne	.043
Hedley Mascot	.80
Minto	.02
Pend Orielle	2.30
Pioneer	3.25
Premier Border	.043
Privateer	.27
Reeves McDonald	1.15
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	201
Sheep Creek	1.00
Taku River	.55
Congress	.03
Pacific Eastern	.06
Hedley A'malgamated	.021
Spud Valley	.12
Central Zeballos	.011
Silbak Premier	.42
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.141
Calmont	.44
C. & E.	3.70
Foothills	3.40
Home	5.50
Toronto	
Athona	.08
Aumaque	.20
Beattie	.63
Beycourt	.47
Bobjo	.14
Buffalo Canadian	.12
Consol. Smelters	92.50
Conwest	.80
Donalda	.82
Eldona	.87
Elder	.57
Giant Yellowknife	5.50
Hardrock	.121
Harricana	.07
Heva	.16
Hoseo	.33
Jackknife	.043
Joliet Quebec	.35
Lake Rowan	.12
Lapaska	.073
Little Long Lac	1.20
Lynx	.091
Madsen	2.80
McKeKzie Red Lake	.55
McLeod Cockshutt	1.30
Moneta	.30
Negus	2.45
Noranda	46.25
Louvicoart	1.26
Pickle Crow	2.05
Regcourt	.071
San Antonio	3.90
Senator Rouyn	.57
Sherritt Gordon	2.19
Steep Rock	2.05
Sturgeon River	.18
Silver Miller	.38
God's Lake	.76

POWER SHOVEL IS DAMAGED

Drainage work at Fairview Cemetery, which was begun recently by Highway Construction Co., was halted this week when the power shovel being used to excavate a deep trench along the south side of the used portion of the cemetery, was damaged.

The shovel, which actually is a "clam" working from a long boom, went out of action when the boom overbalanced and fell backwards across the shovel itself. The boom was so badly bent that it will have to be taken to the dry dock to be repaired.

The shovel was not actually digging when the mishap occurred, but was moving to the western end of the survey to start trenching. To move, it was required to place heavy wooden pads beneath its tracks to keep it from sinking into the mud.

It was while placing one of these pads in front of its tracks that the boom overbalanced.

DRAINAGE WORK AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY MEETS DIFFICULTIES

Practically bottomless muskeg is making the trenching operation difficult. Even though the surface was frozen last week it quivered like jelly as the heavy power unit worked on it. The muskeg also is settling into the trench from the sides after it is scooped out.

Purpose of the trench is to drain a larger portion of the cemetery to make it available for use as the northern part becomes filled. The city's contract with Highway Construction Co. for the work is about \$2,400.

CURB PRICES, CURB WAGES

LONDON —C. H. Millard, United Steelworkers of America director, said last night that Canadian unions will curb their wage demands if they get a guarantee that the Dominion government will curb prices. He said that Canadian labor was now ready for the ultimate function—participating in politics.

Prince Rupert is 600 miles or two days by sea closer to Alaska than Seattle is. Quick to capitalize on a four days' saving of shipping space on a round trip, the United States Government during the war made Prince Rupert the main port through which men and materials were shipped to Alaska. The United States spent \$20,000,000 expanding Prince Rupert's dock facilities and millions more on warehouses and railway sidings.

This taste of wartime prosperity has whetted Prince Rupert's appetite for the peacetime Alaska trade.

Prince Rupert and Alaska are thus both interested in seeing the Jones Act amended. These efforts of Alaska congressmen in this direction received a setback recently when the United States Maritime Commission expressed disapproval of a repeal of the act. It is hoped, however, that eventually the act may be changed to put Alaska in the same category as Washington, California and Oregon and thus be eligible to receive United States goods handled by Canadian railways, ports and ships.

HARRY ARCHIBALD EXPRESSES VIEWS

Only by this means can Prince Rupert gain the prosperity attributed to it by the Saturday Evening Post article. This was the view expressed today by Harry G. Archibald

THREE COACHES ARE SWEEPED DOWN GORGE IN COLORADO

ALAMOSA, Colorado (CP)—A massive snowslide thundered down on a tiny narrow-gauge railroad train last night, tumbling three coaches down a mountain gorge but those aboard miraculously escaped death. The cars were hurtled hundreds of feet. Two members of the train crew were in hos-

pital today with injuries and a dispatcher for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad reported that all eleven passengers were shaken up.

COSTA RICA PLOT NIPPED

Reds are Implicated in Movement to Overthrow Government
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica —Troops and police today nipped a plot to overthrow Costa Rica's government and instal a former president, Rafael Calderon Guardia.

The attempted coup began with violence last night over Sunday's presidential elections. A policeman was killed and several persons were wounded in shooting which continued into the early morning.

Gangs raced through the streets. They wore the blue, yellow and red arm bands of the Republicano national party and the red arm bands of the Vanguardia Popular (Communist) party, both supporters of Calderon.

DIAMOND MERCHANT IN TEL AVIV IS ROBBED

JERUSALEM —Six armed Jews held up a diamond merchant in Tel Aviv today and stole diamonds valued at \$100,000. Jewish sources in Tel Aviv reported.

THRIFT URGED BY BANK HEAD

OTTAWA—Canadians should produce more and spend less for non-essentials, Graham Towers urged in the annual report of the Bank of Canada presented yesterday.

Mr. Towers warned against undue capital expenditure at this time, and said that business was finding it more necessary to finance with the banks.

Local Reservists Show Up Well In Army's Winter Manoeuvres

Prince Rupert's contingent to the army's "Exercise Husky II" proved themselves competent gunners and made an outstanding show during the first week of the cold weather manoeuvres at Wainwright, Alberta, according to Lieut. Frank Parlette who led the seven-man contingent east 10 days ago.

Lieut. Parlette returned home after the first week of the exercise as did Gunner J. Basso, but the five others remained for the full two weeks.

Despite the fact that some of them had never experienced cold weather, they carried on without difficulty in temperatures that ranged as low as 30 below. Lieut. Parlette said. Warm clothing provided by the army made the weather unimportant.

"We were issued complete sets of winter clothing," he recalled, "including parkas and moccasins. No two groups were dressed alike, because the authorities were testing different types of winter wear."

First part of the course included training in skiing, snowshoeing and ski-joring. The men tied ropes onto Sherman tanks and weapon-carriers and sped across the snow-covered plains on skis. Instructor in the ski-training was Bruno Engler, famed ski instructor at Banff.

Training then centred on specialized work. For the Prince Rupert boys it was artillery. This training climaxed in a mock battle that was just as close to the real thing as it could be.

LOCAL TRAINING PROVED USEFUL

Training which the Prince Rupert lads had received with the 120th Battery here made them so competent that the officers in charge of the exercise found it necessary to send to Edmonton for permanent force gun layers during the exercises, Lieut. Parlette declared.

"That pleased them a lot and made us pretty popular." Experiments in winter use of guns and equipment, however, was not the only point of Exercise Husky, according to Lieut. Parlette.

"They wanted to prove that they could take a man off the street and make them competent to use artillery effectively within a week," he said. This, apparently, was done.

All equipment was kept outside to test its winterizing. Modern equipment was there in immense quantities, greater, according to Lieut. Parlette than he had seen it during any of his wartime experience.

"There were unlimited supplies of ammunition and they let us shoot as much of it as we wanted."

Still at Wainwright with the other 250 reservists from other parts of western Canada are Bombardiers Berkland and May and Gunners Olsen, Paavola and Mulroney.



TUTO PLANT CLOSES DOWN IN FUEL SHORTAGE—Workers stream from the huge Dodge motor car factory at Detroit, Mich., at 4 p.m. as the current cold-induced heating fuel shortage forces the big plant to close down. Thousands are out of work in the Detroit and Windsor, Ont., areas as plant after plant closes its doors because of lack of heat.