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## New British Meat Contract Sends Canadian Prices to New Levels

New and higher prices paid by the British market for Canadian livestock brought an increased pressure on Canadian wage earners' pocketbooks Monday as prices on pork products, beef and cheese took sharp jumps.

In Prince Rupert, bacon jumped from 85 cents to \$1 a pound retail while other pork products increased accordingly. Beef cuts rose between three and seven cents a pound and cheese went up three cents a pound wholesale.

This general increase in meat, previously an important factor in the Canadian living cost, is credited as a direct result of higher prices paid by the United Kingdom for Canadian meat products.

Under the new contract the British market is now paying eight cents to ten cents more for pork products and three cents a pound for beef.

Live hogs have increased five cents a pound, thus relieving the pressure on the farmers who have been squeezed since the government dropped the ceiling prices on coarse grains last October.

Feed grain prices soared while market prices for livestock remained static until the present "boom".

Local reaction to the increases was a chorus of buyers' groans accompanied by sympathetic comments on the part of meat retailers.

"If everybody quit buying meat for a while, prices would drop," said one daring butcher. "I hate to have to charge prices like that."

A sample of the effect of the increases on local pocketbooks is shown in the following comparative prices, effective in one local shop:

Bacon, 85 cents to \$1.  
Pork tenderloin, 65 cents to 80c.  
Spare ribs, 37 c to 45c.  
Pork chops 50c to 57c.  
Beef prices, similarly, have gone up between five and seven cents a pound.

## Deal Is Still 'Hanging Fire'

Still "hanging fire" after more than a year now was the deal that was received from War Assets Corporation in Montreal today in reply to inquiries made as to the disposition of former United States waterfront installations here following refusal of War Assets to renew the agreement of sale held by Kenneth Meek of Calgary which was to have been completed by December 31 with the payment of a balance of \$225,000.

There was no information available as to whether Mr. Meek had made the final payment or if the installations had lapsed back to the crown.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the city have been watching the situation with close interest, their concern being that the installations should be retained for use as far as possible rather than be permitted to be demolished.

An inquiry by the Daily News to War Assets brought the reply: "We will know as soon as a decision is made," suggesting that a final decision had not yet been reached.

## VANCOUVER PLANE MISSING

VANCOUVER — Search planes were still out today in a hunt for Jim L. Davidson, aged 22, believed to be a Royal Canadian Air Force veteran, who has been missing since he took off Sunday afternoon from an airport in an all-metal, single-engine aircraft—CF-EXX. He had sufficient gas for three hours flying. The search is centered in the Fraser Valley and along the coastal districts.

## LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, January 7, 1948  
High 10:32 19.9 feet  
Low 23:51 17.0 feet  
High 4:22 9.5 feet  
Low 17:29 4.9 feet

## "AUSTERITY" TO BE REMOVED

Government Not Anxious To Retain Restrictions, Says Abbott

MONTREAL — Finance Minister Douglas Abbott, in reviewing Canada's dollar saving program with its restrictions on imports, said that no government decision had ever been made with greater reluctance. In an address here, Mr. Abbott said that the economy restrictions would be removed at the "earliest possible moment."

If Canada had received cash for goods she had exported to needy countries since the war, no dollar saving would have been necessary, said Mr. Abbott. Canada could have no full prosperity until equilibrium had been restored to Europe and particularly as between Europe and America.

## MAYOR NAMES COMMITTEES

Ald. Black heads Finance; McKay, Board of Works; Nickerson, Utilities

City council's standing committees for 1948, as well as civic representatives on other boards and committees, were appointed last night by Mayor Arnold at the opening meeting of the 1948 council. The following committee members and representatives were named:

Finance committee—Alderman T. B. Black, chairman; Aldermen A. S. Nickerson, Alderman W. F. Stone.

Board of Works—Alderman Robert McKay, chairman; Alderman G. B. Casey, Alderman George Rudderham, Alderman J. R. Morin.

Utilities committee—Alderman A. S. Nickerson, chairman; Alderman T. B. Black, Alderman Robert McKay.

Health, Police, Social Assistance and Licensing committee—Alderman Arthur Brooksbank, chairman; Alderman J. R. Morin; Alderman W. F. Stone.

Pioneers' Home committee—Alderman Arthur Brooksbank, chairman; Alderman J. R. Morin, Alderman W. F. Stone, W. G. Shear-down, Eric aune.

Wage committee—Alderman T. B. Black, Alderman Robert McKay, Alderman A. S. Nickerson, Alderman Arthur Brooksbank.

Cliff Ford Account trustees—Mayor Arnold, City Clerk H. D. Thain, Alderman Arthur Brooksbank.

Library Board—Alderman A. S. Nickerson, Mrs. A. Platen, Mrs. M. Roper, J. S. Wilson, Bruce Stevens, Mrs. B. S. Prockter.

Parks Board—C. P. Balagano, Alderman Robert McKay, Alderman George Rudderham, Alderman J. R. Morin, Don Forward, P. P. Forman, W. D. Laifbie, City Engineer C. B. Howe, Alderman G. B. Casey.

Civic Centre representatives—Alderman Robert McKay, Alderman W. F. Stone.

Hospital Board representative—Alderman J. R. Morin.

Museum Board—Mayor Arnold.

Industrial Relations committee—Alderman George Rudderham.

Public Relations committee—Alderman Arthur Brooksbank.

Prince Rupert Health Unit—Alderman Arthur Brooksbank.

Alderman J. R. Morin, Alderman W. F. Stone.

LOCAL BUSINESS INCORPORATED

The latest edition of the B.C. Gazette, official provincial government publication, lists the incorporation of Wallace's Department Store Ltd., Prince Rupert, under the Companies Act.



CHARGES ADMINISTRATION WITH "PLAYING POLITICS"—U. S. House majority leader Charles Halleck (R.) of Indiana (right) charged that President Harry Truman is "playing politics" with both European relief and high prices at home. Halleck, shown with Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R.) of Ohio (left), declared during debate on the stop-gap foreign aid bill that the Democratic administration has "terribly mismanaged the foreign affairs of the nation."

## Strong Coalition Held Essential For Province

Conservative Leader Herbert Anscomb Sees It As Instrument to Counter Communism and Socialism—Looks to North

VICTORIA—Strong coalition of the Conservative and Liberal parties is a vital necessity in the government of British Columbia during such times as those that are now being passed through and it was for this reason that the Progressive-Conservative party again submerged political considerations and decided to join with the Liberals under the new Premiership, Minister of Finance Herbert Anscomb declared in an address to the people of British Columbia last night.

As leader of Conservative thought in this province, Mr. Anscomb said it had fallen to him during the last three weeks or so to assume a very great responsibility.

"I am convinced that had I not accepted that responsibility in the way I have done the whole future history—economically and otherwise—of this great province might have been—nay—would have been changed. Changed, not for good, but for evil. Today the great mass of our people think and support the Conservative Party's view of free enterprise. With that view, I am, of course, in complete accord and it was in order to perpetuate that view (and for no other reason whatever) that I have acted as I have in the recent political crisis.

In the light of events that have now passed—and fully cognizant of all the circumstances surrounding them—I could quite easily have taken the political view of Party first—province second—but we, as Conservatives, representing a great Party have a much greater responsibility than that—and that is to do what we think is right and proper in the interest of all the people of British Columbia first—and secondly what is best for our Party.

"With our new premier, I believe and think you believe also, that coalition represents the strongest possible form of government for British Columbia. I make that statement from the knowledge of long experience in matters political. I am and always have been an advocate of the party system in Canadian politics, but there are times when a strong coalition of two parties is a vital necessity. We have been and are still going through such times.

"Never before in history has the world been so sharply divided into two ideological camps. The forces of the right and forces of the left are drawn up against each other. It is purely and simply a matter of democracy versus communism. There are various shades and degrees of communistic and socialistic thought, which run all the way from complete and undisguised totalitarianism to the less violent forms which merely advocate, which run all the way from complete and undisguised totalitarianism to the less violent forms which merely advocate.

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HON. HERBERT ANSCOMB  
Coalitionist first and  
Conservative second.

# More Money for Public Works and Housing

## Bonds Are Off Quote

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OTTAWA —Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, in a statement last night, officially announced that the bank had discontinued the practice of quoting daily prices on Dominion of Canada bonds but said the bank would continue to be both buyer and seller in the market in response to firm bids or bond offerings from dealers and banks. He pointed out that the change "constituted a return to the procedure followed by the bank prior to the war."

A bank spokesman said the move would put the Bank of Canada in a "better trading position." He said that the move was also prompted by speculation in bonds which were "getting too far afield."

TORONTO —The Bank of Canada yesterday withdrew its daily quotations on Dominion government bonds and the market in securities was carried on in the financial centres at nominal quotation basis with no clear prices established.

Nominal quotations showed long-term bonds off about \$2.50 and medium term \$1.50 to \$1.75.

The development, it was thought in some quarters, may be part of a move towards higher interest rates for money.

REGIMENTING OF MANPOWER

LONDON —Street traders, itinerant musicians, shoeblacks and flower girls began to report to labor offices throughout Britain yesterday under the government's registration for employment order destined to guide the work-shy into industry. The order affects men under fifty years of age and women under fifty. They have one week in which to register. Otherwise they may be fined or imprisoned.

ONTARIO TOWN HAS BIG FIRE

ELMIRA —Fire today gutted six business establishments, a dental office, two apartments and the quarters of two fraternal organizations. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Twelve persons have been rendered homeless.

COUNCIL ELECTS REVISION COURT

Aldermen Arthur Brooksbank, T. B. Black, G. B. Casey, W. F. Stone and Robert McKay were chosen by city council last night to constitute the 1948 Court of Revision to hear appeals against the current year's property assessment. The court will appoint its own chairman.

## YEAR OF MUCH ACTIVITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS REVIEWED

"As the city and port of Prince Rupert passed through a year which opened up a new vista of industrial development for community and district, 1948 was marked by an amount of activity and accomplishment in keeping matters of local interest and importance to the fore and obtaining a gratifying amount of favorable action and attention in regard to many of same," said the report of president for 1947, G. A. Hunter, at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night.

"It was a year of great importance and encouragement for Prince Rupert and marked a turning point from the phase of an easy-going small town which had been stimulated by a few years of artificial war boom towards what may become within the course of the next few years a developing metropolis of industry, trade and travel, commanding an ever-increasing amount of national and international interest. I think it is fair to concede that during this period of changing post-war times, your Chamber has continued to play a useful and profitable role."

Appreciative acknowledgment was voiced in the report of the measure of support and co-operation which was accorded the Chamber in its work during the year from many quarters. Special tribute was paid to the secretary E. T. Applewhaite. This Chamber can most certainly congratulate itself on possessing an official of the calibre and quality of Mr. Applewhaite, said the retiring president.

"But accomplishment can only be obtained by application of united, concentrated and enthusiastic effort and here I must acknowledge the fine services of executive and committee members whose willingness, energy and judgment contributed so much to the pursuit of our efforts and representations to successful realization."

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FORTY KILLED IN JAP PLANE WRECK

NAGYA, Japan —Forty persons were killed and 120 injured yesterday when two overcrowded electric cars overturned while speeding around a curve at Modyama, a village near here.

## Ottawa Cabinet Now Preparing Estimates

PREPARATION OF BUDGET IS ALREADY RESULTING IN SPECULATION

OTTAWA (CP)—This is "estimate time" for the cabinet. It now is coping with its annual task of preparing estimates of the amount of money the government will ask Parliament to vote for the coming fiscal year, starting next April 1. The complicated job is to be completed within the next few weeks for the estimates likely will be presented to parliament shortly after the session resumes January 26.

The estimates always provide surpluses and a feature this year will be the amount the government intends to devote to public works and housing.

Public works expenditures usually give broad indications of the government's private estimate of economic trends.

If the government thinks there may be a business recession coming along, the funds it is asking for public works may give the tip off.

Once the stamp of approval has been put on the estimates, Finance Minister Abbott likely will begin preparation of the budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

In the 1947-48 budget, the tax reductions were confined practically exclusively to the income tax field. The wide range of excise or "hidden" taxes were left untouched and drew widespread criticism.

When Mr. Abbott announced the income tax changes, which he estimated would mean reductions of about 29 per cent to the average taxpayer, he had behind him a fiscal year in which a surplus of \$352,000,000 was built up.

Many Die In Palestine

Fighting Reaches Serious Proportions in Jerusalem and Haifa

JERUSALEM —There have been 23 known deaths in Palestine since Sunday and there may have been many more as bloody warfare between Jews and Arabs continued. Two of the known dead were Jews and 21 Arabs.

In Jerusalem there was close fighting as 1500 Jews were besieged by Arabs.

The Semiramis Hotel was blown up with five persons dead and four others feared buried in debris.

A Scottish regiment has endeavored to stop the fighting. In Haifa, headquarters of the Arab Nationalist Committee were blown up by the Stern Gang, the Jews being disguised as Arabs. Fifteen Arabs were reported killed with many injured.

High Speed Planes Are Being Tested Out

WASHINGTON, D.C. —To try out tactical operations of high speed planes in mass formation in the Arctic, a fighter squadron has commenced a six months' training period at Ladd Field, Alaska. The airmen will experience temperatures ranging down to 65 degrees below zero.

COUNCIL SETS INDEMNITIES

Annual indemnities of \$1200 for Mayor Arnold and \$300 each for the city's eight aldermen were set last night at the first meeting of the 1948 city council. The indemnities are the same as received last year by the mayor and aldermen.

Mayor Arnold declined to accept \$2,000 for her year's service, as suggested by Alderman Rudderham, declaring herself willing to accept \$1,200 because "this year we are going to be up against a big proposition" in the way of financing needed projects.

"I'm going to write this off to public service," Mayor Arnold said. "I am willing to stay with \$1,200 a year."

Council then passed the \$1,200 for the mayor and \$300 for themselves unanimously.

Prince Rupert Is Canada's Warmest

Prince Rupert started off the New Year by recording the warmest weather in Canada, according to a weather summary published in one Vancouver paper. It was 44 above zero here. Prince Albert was the coldest place in Canada with 32 below.

NEW FISH PLANT AT PORT ALBERNI

West Coast fishermen are planning to establish a frozen and fresh fish plant at Alberni, this to be a two storey building, forty by sixty, with an ice-making equipment. Once lease details and survey have been completed, it is intended to begin work.

LONDON —A guinea struck in 1716 brought in £140 \$560 at a sale.