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ROYAL COMMISSION ON TRANSPORT SETUP

WE PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR DOMINION

OTTAWA (CP)—Record-breaking rates of production, external income and employment marked Canada's 1948 industrial year. Trade Minister Howe today.

"The year 1948," he wrote in an annual review of trade and industry, "has been marked by the highest levels of production, external trade in our peace-time history and by levels of industrial and employment which have never been exceeded at any time in our history."

Conditions are good in Canada from every point of view. At the same time, he noted the dependence of Canadian domestic prosperity upon foreign trade never has been so apparent than in the last year. Her most serious problem came from abroad, from inability of her customers to pay for her exports and from the "hard currency" for imports and from the effects wrought in the very nature of world trade and finance.

"The investment boom continued and a 'phenomenal' 20 per cent—of the country's entire national output—was devoted to capital expenditures on plant, equipment, and construction."

Capacity had been expanded through long-established industries as motor vehicles, farm machinery and textiles. Now industries had been successfully established and consolidated, as in the case of synthetic rubber, plastics which once were considered a luxury, and machine tools.

The discovery and development of new raw materials and natural resources went on in Canada now could look forward with optimism "even to the next century," with the massive array of developments which now were in their infancy.

Canada had new products to offer the world markets. Her industry was efficient and its costs were low. With a vital interest in a large and expanding trade, she had been at the front of international conferences for the reduction of trade barriers around the world.

RACE RUMORS GOOD CHINA

HANKING (CP)—War or peace still flooded Nanking today. A government spokesman today reports that Chiang Kai-shek has called together his cabinet to discuss China's future.

Instead, said the spokesman, Chang Chuan, at a first conference, the Chinese military leaders came for "conferences" rather than a conference. This is taken to mean they are here to find individual rather than collective talks with the government.

SHIP AHoy!

TOKYO (CP)—Two missing Japanese warships have been discovered and sold on the black market, police reported.

Basketball TONIGHT

Ketchikan vs. Pr. Rupert



WEINERS VIA MAILSLLOT—Aladino Fanini gazes forlornly from his three-room Vancouver home in which he chose to stay when it was padlocked as a bootleg establishment. A friend is slipping weiners and chocolate bars through the letter slot. Later, Fanini left the house to appear in court as a witness and police locked him out. Fanini somehow got back in his house and later was arrested.

RAILWAY MAKES CHANGES IN GEN. MANAGERS

WINNIPEG—Appointment of an assistant general manager for the Western Region is announced today by J. P. Johnson, vice president.

The new official is D. V. Gonder, formerly general superintendent of motive power and car equipment, Atlantic region, who has been located at Moncton for several years. Mr. Gonder will arrive in Winnipeg early in the New Year to make his headquarters here.

Mr. Gonder is the son of Baptist missionary parents and was born in Pingyao, China, in 1908. In early youth he was brought to Canada and decided on railroading as a career. He became apprenticed to the Canadian National Railways in 1925 in the shops at Stratford and five years later he transferred to Toronto as mechanical draughtsman.

He worked his way through the department and returned to Stratford as shop foreman. In 1942 he was appointed superintendent of the motive power shops in Montreal and two years later he was moved to Moncton as general superintendent of the motive power and car shops in charge of the Atlantic region.

Other important changes in the operating department of the C.N.R. effective January 1 are announced as follows: William McSparron, formerly superintendent of transportation, Manitoba district is appointed assistant to the general manager, succeeding J. R. McMillan, promoted to general superintendent. Robert A. Craven, formerly transportation assistant, is promoted superintendent of transportation, Manitoba district, succeeding Mr. McSparron. F. Musgrave, formerly rule instructor and inspector of train despatching, is promoted transportation assistant, succeeding Mr. Craven. W. D. McPherson, formerly assistant superintendent, Port Arthur division with headquarters at Sioux Lookout, is promoted transportation assistant in charge of rule instruction and inspection of despatching offices, succeeding Mr. Musgrave. He will make his headquarters in Winnipeg.

Provinces Win Demand in Rail Rate Struggle

B.C. Men Are Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Broad powers which dig deeply into Canadian transportation problems, particularly railways, have been vested in the new Royal Commission on National Transport.

In general the commission's authority closely follows the lines demanded by the seven provinces whose dissatisfaction with the rail freight set-up prodded the government into taking action.

Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, High Commissioner to Eire, will head the board. Other members include Henry F. Angus, head of the Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, and Harold Innis, professor of Political Economy, also of the University of British Columbia.

DUTCH SEIZE SUMATRA OIL

BATAVIA, Java (CP)—The Dutch authorities announced today they seized the last economically important area controlled by the Indonesian Republic, the Djambi oil fields of Southern Sumatra.

The installations were undamaged "on the whole," but efforts to set fire to them in line with the scorched earth policy resulted in a few important fires. The seizure marked the part of the Dutch Army's race to complete the campaign before the cease fire order became effective on Friday at midnight.

TROOPS MASSING ON CHINESE-BURMA BORDER

RANGOON (CP)—Four battalions of Kachin troops were rushed to the China-Burma border today following reports of Chinese bandits massing to attack Sunkaba, a commercial town on the frontier. Earlier reports said that 200 bandits attacked the town Christmas Day, obtaining arms and ammunition.

FIRST SKY-WRITING Skywriting was first used in England about 1922.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

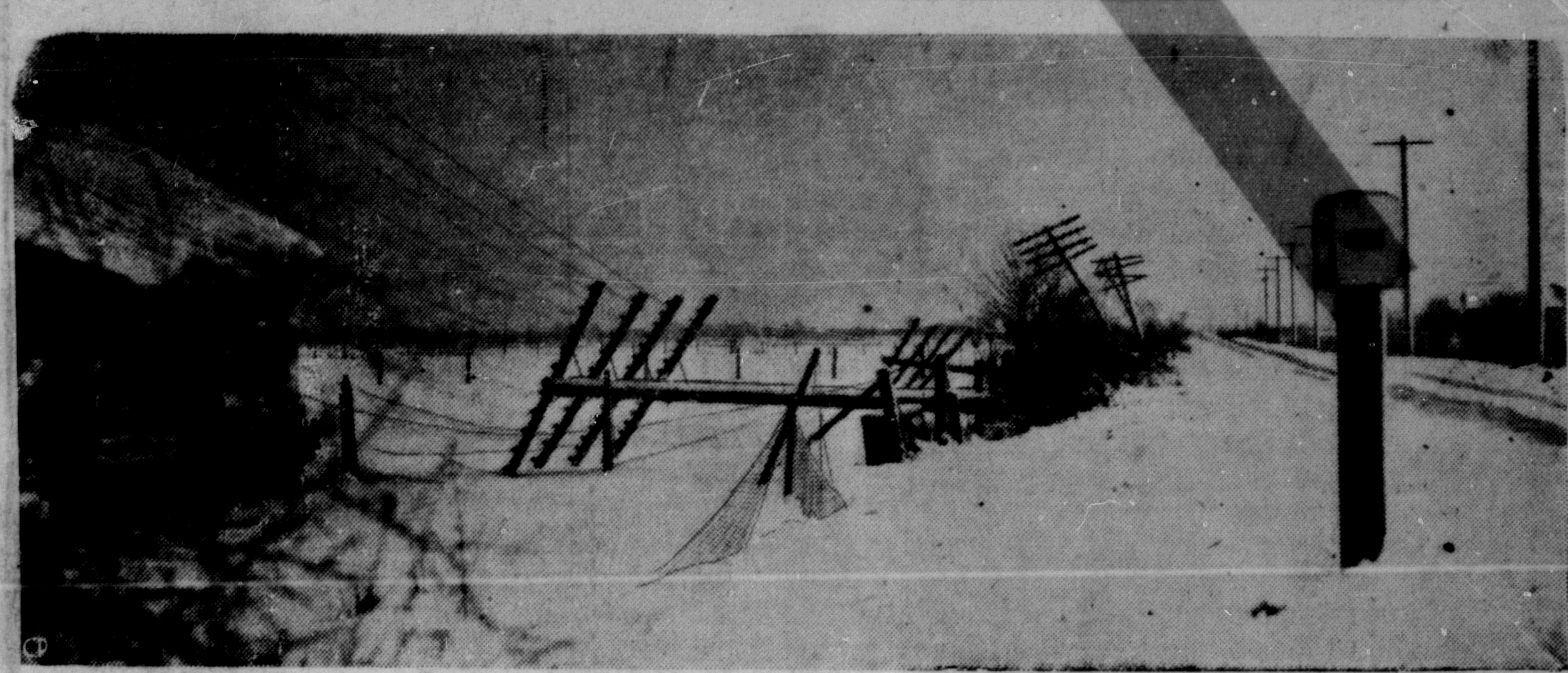
Very active Pacific storm is sweeping toward the B.C. coast this morning preceded by gale force southeasterly winds and rain. The storm is expected to cross most sections of the coast this afternoon and to be followed by cloudy and showery weather. Snow will spread over the interior this afternoon ahead of the storm. The southwesterly winds following this disturbance are expected to once more keep temperatures above freezing over the coast.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Rain mixed with snow becoming cloudy with showers by this evening. Cloudy with showers of rain or snow and rain mixed tomorrow. Winds southeasterly (45) shifting and decreasing to southwesterly (30) this afternoon and to southerly (20) overnight. Milder. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, 33 and 38; Massett, 31 and 35; Prince Rupert 33 and 37.



LONDON STUDENTS RALLY AT PALACE—Over-enthusiastic students retreat from the gates of Buckingham Palace, London after attempting to force their way into the palace grounds with a costumed effigy of the first 'Bonnie Prince Charles'. The students and their 'Prince' dispersed when the police arrived and ended the bizarre demonstration which followed the christening of Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.



STORM STRIKES HARD—The worst storm to strike the Vancouver area in 13 years caused damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Wet snow toppled communication poles, isolating British Columbia from the rest of the world for 15 hours. This photo, taken on Lulu Island, near Vancouver, shows how telegraph lines were swept down. (C. P. Photo)

JURY FINDS MURDER IN GIRL'S DEATH

VICTORIA (CP)—A coroner's jury found Wednesday that Linda Jean King, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar King, View Royal, was "murdered by person or persons unknown."

The little girl was found shot through the head, lying beside the family Christmas tree early on Christmas Day when the mother went to the house to cook dinner. The body of the father, dead from a bullet wound in the head, lay near the girl's body.

An inquiry into the death of the father will be held today. Evidence showed that there had been marital trouble between the parents.

AUSTRIAN NAZI IS SENTENCED

VIENNA (CP)—Herman Goering's brother-in-law, Dr. Franz Hueber, today was sentenced to 18 years' hard labor by a Viennese peoples' court for high treason and illegal membership in the Nazi party. He was Austrian Minister of Justice before the Anschluss.

GAS EXPORT IS OPPOSED

CALGARY (CP)—Calgary will oppose the export of natural gas outside of the province until consumers are assured of adequate long term supply at fair prices, the city council committee said yesterday. It was previously mooted that B. C. might get supplies of Alberta gas.

LOCAL TIDES

Friday, December 31, 1948
High 2:20 19.4 feet
13:50 21.7 feet
Low 7:55 8.2 feet
20:30 2.0 feet

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast League
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2
San Francisco 3, Fresno 2
Portland 3, Seattle 0
Oakland 5, New Westminster 1

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	Toronto
Bayonne	.04
Bralorne	8.60
B. R. Con.	.03
B. R. X	08½
Cariboo Quartz	122
Congress	03½
Hedley Mascot	.40
Pend Oreille	5.45
Pioneer	3.15
Premier Border	.03½
Privateer	.14½
Reeves McDonald	2.95
Reno	.06½
Sheep Creek	1.47
Silbak Premier	.35
Taku River	.30
Salmon Gold	.11½
Spud Valley	.06
Vananda	.42
Alhona	.113½
Aumague	.17½
Beattie	.51
Bevcourt	.23
Bobjo	.13½
Buffalo Canadian	.18
Consol. Smelters	121.75
Conwest	1.32
Donalda	.56
Eldona	.72
East Sullivan	3.15
Giant Yellowknife	4.65
God's Lake	.43
Hardrock	.21
Harricana	.08
Heva	.10
Hosco	.20
Jackknife	.043½
Joliet Quebec	.42
Lake Rowan	.06
Lapaska	.10
Little Long Lac	.80
Lynx	.123½
Madsen Red Lake	2.36
McKenzie Red Lake	.34
McLeod Cockshutt	.97
Moneta	.40
Negus	2.23
Noranda	54.75
Louvicourt	.36
Pickie Crow	2.05
Regcourt	.05
San Antonio	3.85
Senator Rouyn	.42
Steep Rock	1.56

New Year Prospect Good Despite High Jobless Level

GROWING POPULATION BRINGS MORE EMPLOYMENT, HIGHER SCALE OF UNEMPLOYMENT THAN PREVIOUS YEAR

Prince Rupert will enter 1949 in a better position from a standpoint of employment than it has in any post-war year, despite the fact that unemployment insurance claims are at a high level.

Claims registered at the Unemployment Commission Office here now total 560, a slight increase over the dismal year of 1947, but at the same time, more people are working than at the corresponding period last year.

Prospect for increasing employment are good for the coming year, according to Unemployment Insurance Officer E. V. Whiting, who feels that the district is in the early stage of a period of steady growth.

"While more people are actually unemployed this winter than a year ago, there are also more people working. This is an indication of a population growth during the last 12 months," he said.

Here are the current unemployed figures for the district, which includes the area as far east as Burns Lake, with comparative figures for December, 1947:

1948	1947
Males	410 305
Females	150 173
Total	560 523

Six-Power Parley In February

LONDON (CP)—The Ruhr International Authority announced Tuesday by the six-power London Conference, will be set up in February with its headquarters probably at Dusseldorf, it was authoritatively forecast yesterday. Proposed Military Security Board, linked with international authority, is also expected to begin functioning shortly.

Canadian Fishery Value Is Higher

OTTAWA (CP)—Fishermen on Canada's coasts took in about \$13,000,000 more in the first eleven months of this year than they did in the corresponding period last year.

The Bureau of Statistics reported Wednesday that the landed value of sea fisheries went up from \$42,744,000 to \$56,439,000 during the eleven months. The quantity also increased from 1,084,000,000 to 1,181,000,000 pounds.

Other features of the report were record catches in the Atlantic haddock fishery and in the Pacific herring catch.

GANDHI MURDER TRIAL CONCLUDES

NEW DELHI (CP)—The trial of Nathuram Vinayak Godse, and eight others, for the murder of Mohandas K. Gandhi last January 30, concluded today, after six months hearing. Judgment is expected in about a month.

ESTABLISH LOSS FUND

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dependents of B. C. fishermen who die in Marine disasters may soon be assisted by Union Welfare Fund.

They have had a fund for a year (Herring Pilchard Welfare Fund) to reimburse fishermen who lose their personal kit in disasters. It was established by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, and now has \$15,000 surplus, and is considering paying grants to widows and orphans of the victims.

The fund is made up of payments secured through working agreements with fish companies. At 10c a ton, herring brought \$10,000 to it.