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Import Controls Sharply Relaxed

1947 Austerity Restrictions Are Being Relaxed by Dominion

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Douglas Abner announced sharp relaxation of import restrictions eliminating most of the outright prohibitions from some countries. Some of the changes will become effective April 1 and others...

Big Search Plane Lost

WHITEHORSE — Two planes droned through darkness early today over Arctic wastes north-west of here looking for possible fires or planes from a missing C-47 plane, carrying twelve Canadian and United States airmen, which vanished yesterday while searching for the American transport which disappeared January 26 with 44 persons on board.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (Tuesday) — W. Glass, G. F. Snowden. To Sandspit (Tuesday) — G. S. Naylor. From Vancouver (Monday) — R. A. Irwin, A. C. Goetz, Miss B. Rudderham, D. Mantle.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast Los Angeles 8, Fresno 0

Tides Thursday, February 9, 1950 High 5:48 20.3 feet 18:39 16.3 feet Low 12:29 5.9 feet

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes items like Bovecourt, Bobjo, Buffalo Canadian, Consol. Smelters, etc.

Horsfall Singers Are Here Tonight

Basil Horsfall and his Operatic Carnival troupe, presenting a one night stand in this city tonight, arrived aboard the Prince George this morning following an engagement in Ocean Falls last night before a crowded and appreciative audience.

Mr. Horsfall, director of Theatre Under the Stars is in his fifth season of guiding his company of four persons through Canadian cities.

Flash

COALITION CRISIS WINNIPEG—Manitoba's 10-year old coalition government tottered a bit today in the wake of a caucus blow-up between Liberal-Progressive and Progressive-Conservative over cabinet representation.

INDIAN BILL OF RIGHTS

OTTAWA—A Bill of Rights for Canada's 135,000 Indians will likely be presented to Parliament at the session opening February sixteenth. The bill, providing for an almost complete rewrite of the Indian Act, has been in the hands of legal experts of the Department of Justice for more than six months.

SHOWLER DEFEATED

VANCOUVER—Ald. Bert Showler was last night defeated as President of the Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council, a post he had held for eight years. By a vote of 143 to 127 he was defeated by Jack Stevenson of the Carpenters' Union.

T. L. CHURCH M. P. DIES

TORONTO—Thomas L. Church Progressive-Conservative M.P. for Toronto Broadview, died in hospital. He was 77, a veteran Parliamentarian and a former mayor of Toronto. He was first elected to Parliament in 1921 and was re-elected at every election since.

MANY COMMUNISTS

WASHINGTON—Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover was reported to have told senators today that there are about 540,000 Communists and "fellow travellers" in the United States.

CZECHS LEAVE

MONTREAL—Two Czech mission staff members, ordered out of Canada by the government, took off for Europe by air today, an official of the Royal Dutch Air Lines told Canadian Press. Yesterday they had indicated they might ignore the order to leave. However, they got away.

RIG BANK HOLDUP

PHOENIX, Arizona—Two men at least one of them armed, early today robbed the Bank of Douglas in downtown Phoenix and escaped with \$130,000 cash. They forced the janitor to let them in and made the first employee to enter, open the safe.

RUSSIA AND H-BOMB

LONDON—British officials are treating with "cautious skepticism" a claim by Kenneth DeCourcy, the editor who predicted the Russians would set off an atomic blast in 1949, that the Soviets have already made three hydrogen bombs and exploded one. DeCourcy did not say when or where the purported hydrogen bomb was tested.

Empire Games—Australia Near Cinch

Canada Not Doing So Well in Auckland Competitions

AUCKLAND — Canada's boxers made their Empire Games debut at the Town Hall here last night and, just as swimmers and track athletes have found, Commonwealth competition was too tough.

Ring men closed out the day's program of swimming, fencing and lawn bowling and, at the end, Australians had practically clinched the unofficial championships with over three hundred points.

The Aussies added two more British Empire titles to their already impressive lot of thirteen first places. Each is good for ten points.

Only Len Walters, 18-year-old Vancouver bantamweight, was able to gain a first-round victory, a three-round decision over New Zealand's Bobby Broadhurst.

Ocean Falls swimmer Allan Gilchrist, and Jim Portelance, failed to qualify.

Canada looks to Eddie Haddad, Navy boxer from Esquimalt, for honors.

Dr. George Athens of Vancouver took a second place in tower diving.

Mary Grounds In Big Gale

C.P.R. Vessel Refloated From Galiano Island Today

VICTORIA — The 2,150-ton Canadian Pacific coastal steamer Princess Mary, driven aground by the stern as a result of a 55-mile gust which snapped a line, was freed from the southern end of Galiano Island while docking at the government wharf last night. She was refloated at high tide today and proceeded to the naval dry dock at Victoria for inspection and repairs. Steering gear is believed damaged.

Reports said the Princess Mary made a normal landing and secured bow and stern lines despite a high wind but a strong wind snapped the stern line and the stern swung toward Rip Point and grounded.

The Princess Norah is taking over the run.

Keep Road Open As Far As Tye

There has been a foot and a half of snow on the Rainbow Lake summit of the Skeena River Highway since the week-end but plows continue to master the fall and the road is being kept open as far as Tye. Before the last heavy snow motorists were reporting that they could get almost to Kwinitsa, being blocked by only a few small slides.

From the Terrace end cars were getting through as far as Shames up to the week-end but there has been new snow since then. Prior to last week cars had not been getting any further west than Remo.

Terrace To Get Dental Clinic

TERRACE—With a view to the early establishment of a Dental Clinic in Terrace, the Terrace Parent-Teacher Association voted the sum of \$200 towards the initial expenses. Children of pre-school and Grade One will be treated professionally by the local dentist, Dr. Kenneth MacPherson, and the project will be under the supervision of the Provincial Government Health Department which department will share half of the cost. A get-together of parents and members is slated for February 18 when a social evening is to be held.

At the meeting, Health Films, on the need for dental care for children were shown by Miss F. Holton, P.H.N., and Dr. MacPherson was available to answer questions. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Stuart Campbell.

William Lambie Club President

William D. Lambie was re-elected president of the Prince Rupert Club following the annual meeting last night.

Harry Hanson was elected vice-president and A. B. Brown was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other directors are R. M. MacLeod, G. C. Mitchell, W. F. Stone, W. J. Scott, L. M. Felsenthal, Grant Stewart and J. C. Gilker. Thomas Speers was re-elected auditor.

Reports for the past year were presented by President W. D. Lambie, Secretary A. B. Brown, W. F. Stone, chairman of the entertainment committee, and Grant Stewart, chairman of the house committee.

The club has a current membership of sixty-four.

More Coal For Steam Plant

Coal reserve at the dry dock steam plant will be swelled this week by the arrival today of the vessels Chilliwack with 400 tons and the Alaska Prince with 500 tons later this week. The shipments are from Union Bay. The Chilliwack was to have arrived Tuesday night but adverse weather conditions delayed it.

T. B. Black, Wednesday, reported no change in the power situation and no expected increase or cuts to present curtailments. He is slightly concerned about the heavy snowfall in this area, stating the hope that power lines will not collapse under the burden. He announced that snow depth at Falls River so far this month is thirty-six inches, the most of it occurring in the past few days. At Shawabans, 26 inches has dropped so far.

Water continues to recede .1 feet per day at both company dams. At this rate, the power house at Shawabans can operate for another 30 days without endangering the domestic flow to the city. Should the weather not change within that period, the plant will cease operating. Water for the city, following a shutdown, would be available for another 150 days.

THE WEATHER

GALE WARNING

Gale Warning for waters of southern Vancouver Island—Southwest gales, 40 knots, in the waters adjacent to southern Vancouver Island will decrease to moderate winds during the afternoon and become light overnight.

Synopsis

Forty mile gale force winds, reaching 50 miles per hour, battered the exposed waters of the southern B. C. coast as another Pacific storm moved inland during the night. Rains and snow occurred in the vicinity of the Queen Charlottes and northern mainland. Amounts were not abnormal. Showers are expected to be fairly general along most of the coast during the day and snowflurries will occur over the interior regions as the storm moves eastward over the province. Temperatures remain near normal for the season. Afternoon highs will reach forty at the coast and the mid-thirties over the interior.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Variable cloudiness throughout the day, scattered showers and occasional flurries of mixed rain and snow this afternoon. Cloudy tonight and Thursday with intermittent rain Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds—light westerly today and southerly (15 mph) Thursday. Lows tonight and highs Thursday: At Port Hardy—30 and 37, Sandspit—25 and 35, Prince Rupert 25 and 35.

OPERATIC CARNIVAL Tonight Civic Centre 8:00 p.m.



AIR SEARCH BASE—The airport at Whitehorse, Y.T., is the base for planes taking part in the large scale search for a missing U.S.A.F. C-54 transport with 44 persons aboard. In the foreground of this R.C.A.F. photo, are hangars, barracks, and fuel tanks. The town of Whitehorse is on the opposite side of the field at the left. (C. P. Photo)

BASKETBALL—Co-ops Do Impossible

Overcome 17 Point Lead to Beat Flashy Brownwoods

Co-op did the seemingly impossible last night when they overcame Brownwoods' 17 to 0 lead to win the Senior Basketball League game by a final score of 47-43. Brownwoods were sensational in the first quarter when they poured in 17 straight points before Co-op was heard from. Rup Holkestad sank one in the final second of the quarter to make the score 17-2. From there in Co-op slowly pulled to the front outscoring Brownwoods 12-11 in the second quarter, 17-8 in the third and to finally take over the lead in the last period for an exciting win.

Brownwoods were dazzling in that first quarter but could not retain the necessary drive in the last period to hold their lead. Sunberg, with 13, Shier with 12, and Pierce with 11 led the scoring for Brownwoods. Ted Arney with 12, Flaten and Davis each with 11 were high for Co-op. Ted Arney bettered his last year's scoring record, having now reached 211 points in 14 games compared with 199 in 15 games last season.

Brownwoods—Bill 2, Gurvich, Lavigne 5, Owens, Pierce 11, Shier 12, Thompson, Sunberg 13. Total 43.

Co-op—R. Holkestad 6, rney 12, Flaten 11, Scherk 2, Beynon 2, Morgan 3, M. Holkestad, Davis 11. Total 47.

INTERMEDIATE

North Star continues to hold securely the position in the intermediate basement. Last night they were trimmed 30-29 by the more experienced Merchants team. Dumas led the scoring with 15 points far ahead of any of his team members or the North Star players. Referees Dominato and Carlson called 7 fouls on the winners and 6 on North Star, the latter team making the best of their foul shots getting nearly a perfect score of 6 converted and only 1 miss.

Merchants—Marshall, Christoff 2, Dumas 15, Currie 1, Boulier 2, Anderson 4, Walsh, Davidson 6. Total 30.

North Star—Wesch 3, Smith 3, Hartwig 2, Young 2, Sedgwick 2, Simonson 2, Ketcheson, Hamilton, Parnell 6. Total 20.

REGULAR SAT. DANCES AGAIN

Since the Moose Hall burned down last month, dance enthusiasts began to wonder where these regular events would be staged in the future. Arrangements didn't take long until it was announced regular Saturday night dances would be staged in the Oddfellows' Hall. Coming to the aid of dancers were the Four Dukes orchestra.

COUNTY COURT ADJOURNMENTS

In County Court Monday morning three civil cases were adjourned by Judge W.O. Fulton. Two will stand over till the next court sitting on March 6 while one will be heard February 23 at 11 a.m.

On that latter date a case of Fred Robertson vs. Charles Gunnarson, defendant, will be heard. The sum involved is \$78. Solicitors for the plaintiff are Brown and Harvey while solicitors for the defendant are McLeod and Ray.

The claim of George M. Johnson; Whitehorse, for the sum of \$1,000 from Gerard Polner of Tulsequah will be heard at the next sitting of county court as well as a claim against Basil Hopkins by the Prince Rupert Supply House for the sum of \$458.42. Solicitors for the plaintiffs in the latter two cases are Brown and Harvey; defendants in person.

Townsite At Port Edward

Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, informed the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, in a letter Monday night, that he was not inclined to let progress and operations of the Department of Lands be "held back by the tempo" of the department of public works.

Mr. Kenney was replying to a communication from the Chamber that marketing of a resurveyed townsite at Port Edward was deferred until the highway between Prince Rupert and Port Edward was put in shape. The Chamber had feared that, if the townsite was marketed now, people might be induced to buy property at Port Edward and make homes there instead of Prince Rupert in view of current unfavorable conditions for highway traffic between Prince Rupert and Port Edward which was in course of being rectified.

Mr. Kenney said he would be glad to give serious consideration to the request but to do so might be unfair to people who desired to obtain property there and, in any case, he would not wish to let the lands department be held back by the tempo of the public works department.

A letter from the assistant deputy minister of lands referred to resubdivision of a "portion" of the Port Edward townsite which it was being endeavoured to place on the market early this year.

If it was an industrial site that was referred to Robert McKay felt there should be no delay. However, if it was residential there should be a protest. At the suggestion of Dr. L. M. Greene, it was decided to ask the public works department to speed up the highway work between Prince Rupert and Port Edward. Dr. Greene felt that Mr. Kenney's comment might incline the public works department to more speed.

To Fight Back—Rupert Loses Alaska Trade

Chamber of Commerce to See What C.N.R. is Doing

Taking a serious view of an adjustment of shipping rates on frozen fish from Alaska ports to Seattle, effective February 1, whereby the differential of \$100 to \$150 per car in favor of Prince Rupert which has existed for many years would be eliminated, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its monthly meeting Monday night, asked its executive to consider the situation at a meeting to be held Friday of this week. It was suggested that the Canadian National Railways be contacted to ascertain what, if anything, was being done to counteract this move on the part of the Alaska Steamship Co., American transcontinental railroads running into Seattle and the port of Seattle to recover traffic which Prince Rupert and the Canadian National Railways have been "draining off" from Seattle. The Puget Sound port has frankly admitted its desire to capture the traffic so that increased storage of fish and employment may be obtained for Seattle and more business be provided for the Alaska Steamship Co. and the Seattle railways.

Smaller vessels which have been bringing such shipments into Prince Rupert for shipment East over the Canadian National Railways would be eliminated. Attention of the Chamber was drawn to the matter by Frank Skinner who read a clipping from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer revealing Seattle's designs.

It was a "serious" matter, commented W. J. Scott, who moved that it be referred to the freight rates committee and executive for immediate attention.

Log Scale In January

Sawlog scaling in Prince Rupert for 1950 is off to a somewhat slower start than last year with the scale for the month totalling 8,891,409 board feet as compared with 9,602,792 board feet in the same month last year.

The scale this January was as follows: Fir, 85,464 board feet Cedar, 219,863 Spruce, 6,118,049 Hemlock, 1,257,239 Balsam, 321,188 Jackpine, 878,650 Miscellaneous, 956

Lineal feet of poles and piling in the interior for the month was 198,474—all cedar.

The count was 4570 pieces—al-jackpine—while 135 cords of wood was scaled.