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## NEW INDEX SHOWS LIVING COSTS DOWN A FRACTION

OTTAWA (CP)—Living costs continued to decline in December as the new consumer price index slipping one-tenth of a point to 115.7 from 115.8, the Bureau of Statistics reported.

The old cost-of-living index, which soon is to be abandoned completely, showed a small upward trend, increasing one-fifth of a point to 184.4. It is the first increase in this index after a continuous five-month decline.

## Alcan to Stockpile Bauxite at Kitimat

### Saguenay Terminals to Begin Shipments From Jamaica in Fall

VANCOUVER (CP)—Saguenay Terminals will begin bringing alumina from Jamaica to Kitimat this fall, it was reported here today.

Although the smelter at the Aluminum Company of Canada's project at Kitimat will not be completed until 1954, the company will start stockpiling earlier.

Ships of Saguenay Terminals, a subsidiary of Alcan, will take coal, alumina and other materials to Kitimat as soon as docks are completed there.

They will pick up cargo in Vancouver for the return trip to the Caribbean Sea.

The shipping company started cargo runs between the east and west coasts of Canada last May.

On Feb. 21 a Jamaican plant which will become a main source of supply for Alcan—is due to be formally opened. Production actually started in December.

It will help to transform Jamaica, renowned for years as a "pleasure island" and a producer of rum, sugar and bananas, into a strategic area of world-wide importance and a big dollar earner for the sterling area.

## PRODUCTION UP

The reason is the increase in production of bauxite, the raw material from which aluminum is made.

And Mandeville, a resort centre at an altitude of about 2,000 feet, which has often been likened to an English village, is becoming an important cog in the exploitation of the bauxite.

In a comparatively short time Jamaica is expected to become one of the most important suppliers of bauxite in the world.

The source of the minerals is the red earth found in large quantities. Not until 1942 was it found that the red earth contained bauxite.

Deposits of economic importance were soon discovered and U.S. and Canadian capital, after carrying out exhaustive tests, acquired large properties in the island.

When expansion plans are completed, Alumina Jamaica Limited, one of three companies interested in developing the bauxite industry, will have invested a total of \$40,000,000 in the project.

Alumina Jamaica Ltd. has facilities whereby the bauxite is crushed, treated and processed until it becomes a fine, white powder known as alumina from which the metal itself is extracted. This processing reduces shipping costs by more than half. Lack of power facilities in Jamaica prevents the alumina itself being processed into aluminum.

The Canadian company's plant is the first in the Caribbean to produce alumina.

The operations of Alumina Ltd. at Mandeville are supervised by a Welshman, Dr. Bryan Davies, who came here years ago.

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Queen For a Year

## Elizabeth Completes First Year as Queen

LONDON (CP)—With sorrow for a dead King and pride in a reigning Queen, Britain this week passes a milestone in her long island story.

A year ago tomorrow, King George VI died in his sleep and the crown passed to his elder daughter, Elizabeth.

Now, as the Queen surveys the first 12 months of her reign, sadness at her father's death may be tempered by a quiet conviction that she has met and passed the tests of office.

The new Elizabethan age, observers agree, is off to a flying start.

The Royal Family's prestige has never been higher.

PRIDE AND REJOICING

When the King died Feb. 6, 1952, it was as though a sigh went round the world. The country's profound emotional reaction gradually gave way to pride and rejoicing in the frail-seeming yet resolute young Elizabeth, first British queen in more than half a century.

As the second year unfolds, there are signs that the radiantly happy sovereign, maturing to her tasks as Victoria did before her, is leading Britain along a comeback road in which the great economic force of royalty can perhaps play more than a wishful part.

The Queen has spent the busiest year of her life. She opened Parliament, presided over state functions in Buckingham Palace, gave garden parties and receptions, made hundreds of decisions, tactfully thought of what seemed spontaneous questions to hundreds of people she often had never seen before. Ahead lies the ordeal of the Coronation.

At her side throughout the year was her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, adding a new dimension to the concept of royalty.

BRITISH RECOVERY

And as though to show there was something more than fancy in all the talk of new Elizabethan greatness, the country made some progress. The year 1952 had opened in a melancholy spirit of crisis and prophecies of doom. Britain was near bankruptcy.

The year 1953 started with the country in better financial shape than in any year since 1947—although reduction in imports accounted for the improvement.

On Christmas Day, Queen Elizabeth broadcast a call to her people, urging them "whatever your religion, to pray for me" on Coronation day.

She spoke from the study at Sandringham House, using the chair and desk that served her father and her grandfather, George V.

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An authoritative naval source said one man had been questioned by police and that in all probability other naval personnel were involved.

"There is no doubt there has been a racket," the navy spokesman said. "Just how extensive we shall know when the present investigation has been completed."

It is understood perishable provisions have been spirited out of the barracks. Incident under immediate investigation is the alleged theft of 150 pounds of beef.

Stolen Car Recovered

One car was recovered in sound condition 50 miles from the city and another found wrecked near Miller Bay yesterday following RCMP investigation of two stolen automobiles.

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Mr. Scuby's car, a station wagon, was found at East Kwinitsa, on Highway 16. It apparently had run out of gas.

Radek was located by police soon after the vehicle was discovered.

A 99 Taxi cab was found late yesterday near Miller Bay. Police said it is a total wreck.

ICE FORMS INTO A HALO about the head of one of the 100 firemen battling the \$1,000,000 fire which levelled a big business block at Collingwood, Ont. The fire destroyed at least 10 stores. Firemen from every district within a 30-mile radius battled the blaze.

# B.C. Hospital To Close If Unions Demand Raise

## NEW ROCK SLIDE ON BABINE CAUSES ONLY MINOR DAMAGE

A new slide on the Babine River where mountains of rock tumbled and cut off passage of thousands of spawning salmon two years ago is reported to have caused only minor damage and will not seriously delay work.

A crew of 40 men working to clear the big slide escaped unhurt but a bulldozer, working on top of the rock slide, was damaged, department of fisheries inspector G. S. Reade said today.

## Dutch Coast Battered By New Raging Storm

### 1,500 Persons Marooned On Island's Crumbling Dike

AMSTERDAM.—Three new breaks in the dike system of Schouwen-Duiveland Island, in southwest Holland's disaster area, posed a new peril today for thousands of homeless stranded there.

As fleets of boats and small planes rushed to the rescue through rough waters and sleet and snow, a new storm bore down on the flood-battered Dutch coast.

Another major rescue effort also is under way on stricken Goeree-Overlakkse Island where some 1,500 persons are marooned on a crumbling dike.

Schouwen-Duiveland already is four-fifths under water and some 5,000 of the island's 23,000 residents are not accounted for.

High winds bearing down from the water-logged east coast of England threatened to hurl towering waves against the breached sea defences.

The sea's rising challenge threatened new havoc to ravaged Holland, Britain and Belgium.

A revised three-country death toll, as compiled from official and reliable unofficial sources, has mounted to 1,832. Holland counted 1,272; England, 546, and Belgium, 14.

In eastern England, gale-whipped seas gave Dutchmen a preview of the new peril when high tides broke through hastily-patched dikes.

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Crash Kills Four

WINNIPEG (CP)—Four airmen were killed early today when a twin-engined air force plane crashed and burned near Gunton, Man.

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## Patients Notified To Leave by Feb. 27

VANCOUVER.—British Columbia's seventh-largest hospital, strapped financially in the midst of higher pay demands by unions which it says it can't meet, threatens to close at the end of the month.

The board of directors of North Vancouver General Hospital announced yesterday the hospital will remain open only if the unions withdraw demands for pay increases or if the provincial Hospital Insurance Commission comes through with additional aid.

Otherwise, directors said, the hospital will close its doors to new patients next Tuesday and the 149 patients at present under treatment must leave by Feb. 27.

Termination notices will apply to most employees on Feb. 28.

OWNED BY CITY

The hospital is owned by the City of North Vancouver.

Directors said wage demands of the 50 hospital employees—four operating engineers and the registered nurses staff—would amount to an increased wage bill of \$72,000 this year.

This cannot be met under the hospital insurance rate-freezing order of last Dec. 1, said directors.

Health Minister Eric Martin announced at that time that BCHIS payments to hospitals would be held to 1952 levels. But most hospitals in the province showed a substantial increase in costs, attributed to higher salaries and wages agreed to before the end of November.

An act governing administration of hospitals requires that wage agreements must be finalized by Nov. 30.

APPROVED RAISES

At an emergency meeting in Vancouver a month ago, B.C. Hospital Association members voted to sign 1953 wage boost agreements despite the provincial government freeze order.

The association also recommended that hospitals increase rates for private and semi-private accommodations as a means of increasing revenue.

Some hospitals have done this, but generally the increases from this source are negligible.

In most instances, budgets for 1953 are over the 1952 operating level and municipalities will have to bear the additional costs.

Health Minister Martin said the government will give hospitals "every possible support" except financially.

(In Prince Rupert, costs at the General Hospital this year are greater by more than \$60,000, mainly due to wage increases. The budget, however, has been approved by the board of directors.)

Milk Price Controls To be Lifted

VICTORIA (CP)—The Social Credit government intends to scrap milk price controls to the consumer, Agriculture Minister Kenneth Kiernan said in the legislature Wednesday.

This means price of milk in Vancouver will be permitted to go above, or below, the present controlled price of 22 cents a quart for home delivery or 21 cents in stores. Price controls in milk were introduced during the war.

Legislation is not required to carry out the government's intention, Mr. Kiernan told reporters later. The new order could be issued through the Milk Board but it probably would not become effective before May 1.

Mr. Kiernan was making his maiden speech in seconding Education Minister Tilly Rolston's motion that the Legislature approve the government policy as outlined in the throne speech.

Mrs. Rolston said the government will take on more education costs from the municipalities.

She said her department has worked out a new formula for school finance but that it would not be announced until the budget debate later in the session.

Mr. Kiernan also said the government hopes to start construction this year of a new prison in the interior to relieve the inadequate conditions in jails at Prince George, Prince Rupert and Nelson.

North Country Weather Mild

Sgt. Stewart of RCMP divisional headquarters here, has returned from a 10-day inspection trip which took him as far north as the Yukon Territory.

Covering the patrol by airplane, Sgt. Stewart visited Watson Lake, Telegraph Creek, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John and other outlying detachments. The sergeant was formerly station at Dawson Creek. He reports a mild winter in the north with lowest temperature at 30 below, in a territory where thermometers often drop to 60.

## Tires Found on Lasqueti Island Same as Those Used on Dakotas

VANCOUVER (CP)—An airplane which an RCAF spokesman said is likely from an air force transport which disappeared in British Columbia a year ago, was found late Wednesday on the shore of Lasqueti Island, 45 miles northwest of Vancouver.

The discovery was made by a bus driver at Boat Cove, the Gulf of Georgia island.

The RCAF said it was the size and type of tire used on Dakota, one of two RCAF planes missing in B.C. after a series of air tragedies last week, was on a flight with seven men from Vancouver to the interior of the province but was known to have taken an erratic course to avoid storms.

The discovery was described by an RCAF spokesman as a "very strong" clue to the fate of the plane. He said the tire will be brought to Vancouver as soon as possible.

The RCAF announced just before press time that more wreckage had been found on Lasqueti Island. Part of a landing gear and a portion of torn aluminum

from the fuselage of a plane were discovered by searchers.

Meanwhile, no further word has been received of the Mitchell bomber which disappeared when it was only 25 miles out of Vancouver.

On board were five RCAF men, including AC1 Ian M. DeWitt, 19-year-old brother of Keith DeWitt of Prince Rupert.

Ian, who joined the air force about a year ago, was enroute home from Saskatoon to spend the week-end with his parents, Cpl. and Mrs. N. O. DeWitt of North Vancouver.

—WEATHER—

Forecast

North Coast Region: Variable cloudiness with occasional showers today and Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15, occasionally reaching 25 during the afternoon. Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 38 and 36; Prince Rupert, 36 and 45.