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## Mail reaches Aiyansh

### Villagers Cut Way For Plane

Capt. Roy Berryman, Engineer Harold Kelton of Queen Charlotte Lines delivered a full load of mail to the post-office at Aiyansh, Indian village on the upper Naas River, Saturday afternoon.

It was the first delivery to the village since before Christmas.

Capt. Berryman, on his return, showed the villagers how to cut a lock-hole in the river with cross-cut wood saws, and out all the floating ice and radiated in Prince Rupert that the weather was fine for the trip.

Most of the villagers then boarded the plane, helped with the loading, and exchanged views with the crew. A dog was so overjoyed at the arrival of the aircraft, that it failed to notice the ice was from the river and went on an unexpected cold dip.

The trip had been delayed a few days while awaiting suitable weather. Some Christmas gifts, brought many big smiles to the villagers, were among the bags of mail weighing 200 pounds, which Captain Berryman took up.

Due to bad weather in the country, all planes are grounded today.

A Spitfire-bound aircraft on the ramp most of the afternoon for the snow storm to stop. There was no plane in the south.

American Airways' plane also grounded at Annette. Ellis Airlines regular flight was cancelled. QCA had no plane runs.

## Sabotage Suspected in Wrecks

BOSTON (CP)—Discovery of a partly-closed angle cock brake valve on a New Haven train—third within nine days—has led to investigation here.

A New Haven spokesman said the angle cock was found Friday "not in its proper position" on a second car of the Boston-New York "New Yorker." The device controls the air brakes.

First apparent instance of brake tampering involved the wreck of a Boston-to-Washington "Federal Express" which crashed into Washington Union Station Jan. 15 and injured some 50 persons.

Second instance of brake tampering was reported Thursday by Senator Charles W. Tobey, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, he said it begins to look like sabotage.

## Lawyer Says Paper Privileged to Criticize Public Servants

BELLEVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Toronto lawyer R. R. McMurtry said newspapers have a privilege and a duty to criticize persons in public life and to make comment on public affairs. "God forbid that the time will come when we have mealy-mouthed newspapers which will not come out and express their opinions," said Mr. McMurtry, opening the defence before Mr. Justice R. A. Duns and a Supreme Court jury in a \$10,000 suit.

Victor Ryan, former councillor at Trenton, 20 miles west of here, is suing J. Nolan Sisson, publisher of the twice-a-week



**RODERICK HAIG-BROWN** of Campbell River, B.C., (right) author-angler-turned-movie-star, and Robert Anderson, National Film Board producer, examine through a "Moviola" in the cutting room at Ottawa the film story "The Country Magistrate."

## Noted Author Makes Picture From Book

OTTAWA (CP)—Roderick Haig-Brown of Campbell River, B.C., magistrate, fisherman and author, is taking a crack at picture making.

The 44-year-old, British-born short-story writer, novelist, and famed fly fisherman is working on the final phases of a national film board short, "The Country Magistrate."

### ON STAGE AND BENCH

Mr. Haig-Brown acts in the picture as the country magistrate. Proficient in both capacities, the tall, lean sportsman acted in England years ago "to keep from starving" and is a magistrate at Campbell River.

"I took over the job 10 years ago when they offered it to me after no one else wanted it," he said by way of explanation.

A native of Lansing, Sussex, Mr. Haig-Brown came to Canada when 18 after working six months in the United States. He worked in Vancouver Island logging camps from 1926 until 1929 and then went back to England where he wrote his first book, "Silver."

"While writing the book, I worked as an extra in British films and sold short stories to keep alive."

Since then he has written 10 books, countless short stories and become a world-famed angler.

He won the Canadian Library

## Police With Tommy Guns Guard Bandits

PALERMO, Sicily (CP)—Police with tommy-guns swarmed around Palermo's central court today as 40 bandits went on trial for murder, kidnapping, armed holdup and sundry thefts.

They are remnants of a band of the brigand King Salvatore Giuliano, killed two years ago in a police war against bandits who terrorized Sicily after the war.

Courier-Advocate, and Gwyn Hopkin-Morgan, editor, for defamatory libel. The suit is based on two editorials which appeared in the paper Dec. 7, 1951.

The first editorial was captioned, "A Jekyll and Hyde in Council," and the second, "Let Us Protect Our Liberty." Both appeared in the paper three days before Trenton electors went to the polls in the 1951 vote. Mr. Ryan was defeated in his bid for a 13th term on council.

The paper was found guilty, however, and Mr. Ryan was awarded \$1,000 damages and costs. Mr. McMurtry said he had

Association award in 1946 for "Starbuck Valley Winter" and the Governor-General's citation for "Saltwater Summer" in 1948.

Mr. Haig-Brown has lived in Campbell River close to 20 years. He is married to an American, the former Ann Elmore of Seattle, Wash., and has four children. One of them, 11-year-old Alan, appears briefly in the film. The story, intended primarily for European distribution, is simple, telling the everyday events in the life of a country magistrate. In one scene, he holds court on a pier of the fishing village.

All the actors are neighbors of Mr. Haig-Brown. Even the RCMP officers are authentic. As director Anderson put it: "Who could play the part of a policeman better than a policeman?"

## Catholics Urged To Prepare for Early Election

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British Columbia Catholic Education Association Sunday asked B.C. Roman Catholics to prepare for an early provincial election.

"Our association wants political parties to realize the value of the Catholic vote," said Reginald Paxton, executive secretary.

"The association, while it does not intend to sponsor its own candidates, is continuing its campaign to have Catholic schools brought into the provincial education system. We want that integration."

Under the present B.C. education system, separate schools do not receive government financial support.

The Catholic Education Association has said it is willing for the government to take over Roman Catholic separate schools but with certain "safeguards" such as Roman Catholic teachers in certain subjects and certain textbooks.

In the June provincial election, eight Roman Catholic candidates ran under the banner of the Christian Democratic party. None was elected.

been instructed to appeal the verdict.

The jury took two hours to reach its unanimous verdict. After the judge's 65-minute charge, Mr. McMurtry objected to what he said were serious omissions from the address. He claimed the charge had not been fairly presented.

In his address to the jury, Mr. McMurtry said it was the duty of the press to scrutinize men who offered themselves for public office and to criticize them if it felt it was doing so in the public interest.

He said a verdict for the plaintiff would be "putting a nail in the coffin of truth."

# Empress of Canada Destroyed In 15-Hour Blaze at Liverpool

## Crew Members Weep As Ship Heels Over

By The Canadian Press

LIVERPOOL.—Grimy firemen early today signalled they had control of a blaze which in 15 hours destroyed the 20,235-ton liner Empress of Canada.

A brief message sent to headquarters as dawn broke said only a small pocket of fire remained forward of the funnels of the Canadian Pacific Steamships luxury trans-Atlantic vessel.

Dense clouds of smoke still rose into the early-morning sky as the 25-year-old ship, her life at an end, lay on her port side, propellers out of the water, like a huge, half-submerged whale.

A company official termed the \$5,000,000 ship, being spruced up for this year's Coronation traffic, a "total loss."

### PROBE SABOTAGE

Police said sabotage could not be ruled out in their search for the cause of the blaze.

The fire is believed to have started in the dispensary or the pantry.

No passengers were aboard the Empress of Canada Sunday night when the fire broke out. The few crew members on the ship escaped safely.

Firemen poured tons of water into the ship all through the night to prevent flames reaching other ships and pier-side buildings.

Many crew members stood weeping beside them as the ship went through her death throes. She heeled over on her side, still blazing furiously, 9½ hours after the fire began.

The liner came to Gladstone Dock Saturday after returning to Liverpool from Canada on Jan. 12.

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### Spring Election Forecast By Pro-Con Leader

TORONTO (CP)—Dean Finlayson, leader of the British Columbia Progressive Conservative party, said he believes a federal election will be called this spring.

In an interview here, Finlayson said the Liberal government "won't dare wait until fall."

He said the longer the government waits, the worse its position becomes.

He predicted the Conservatives would win most of the 22 seats in his province.

## Whites Ask Action After Family Slain

NAIROBI, Kenya (CP)—About 1,500 white settlers marched to Government House today and demanded to talk to Governor Sir Evelyn Baring about the brutal slaying of a British family Saturday night.

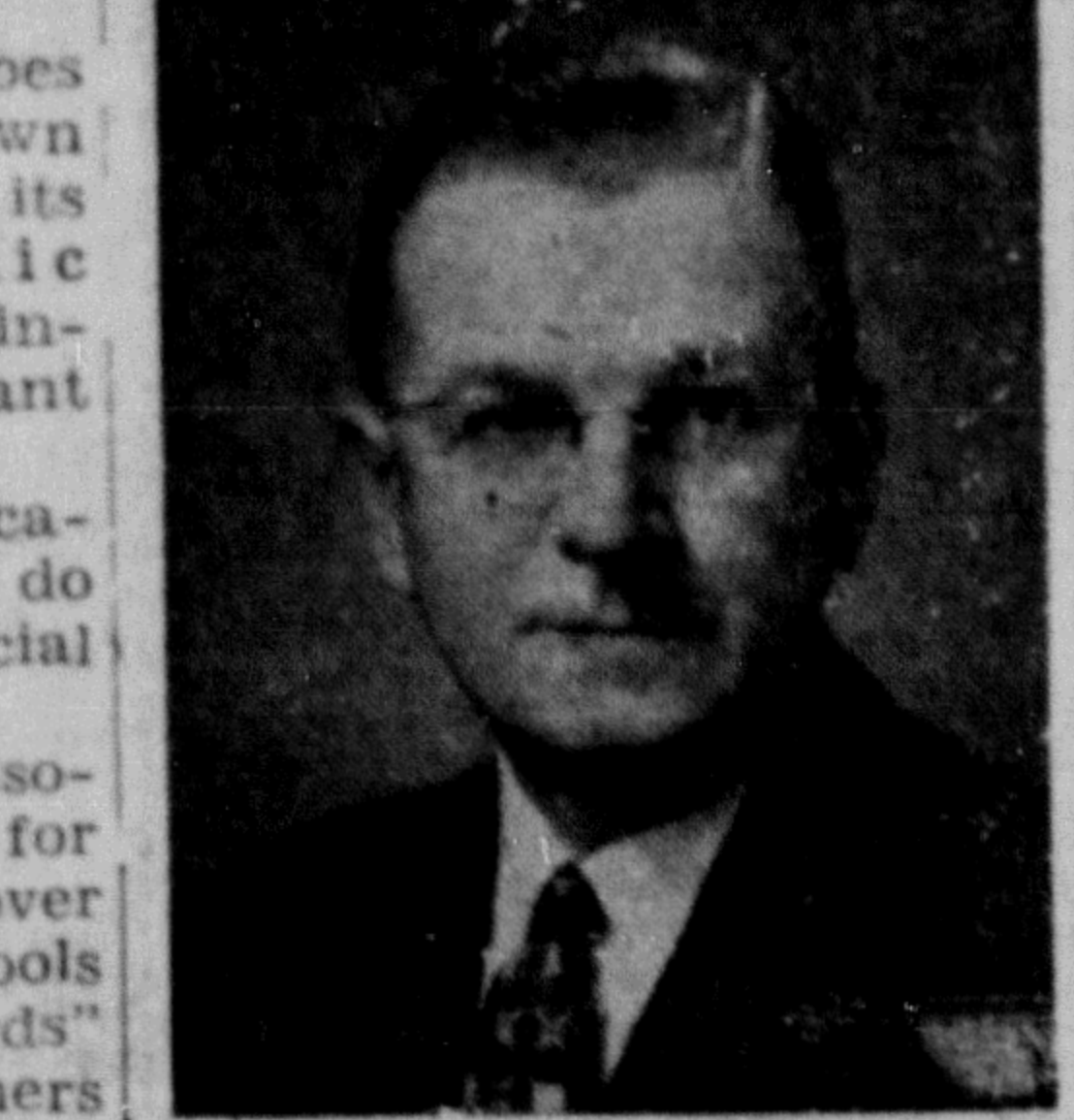
Farmer Roger E. Ruck, his wife Esme, a doctor, and their six-year-old son, Michael, were found hacked to death at their North Kinangop farm in the Aberdare mountains north of Nairobi.

Thirty Africans, including some women, have been arrested in connection with the crime, most brutal against Europeans since the Mau Mau terror set emergency began last September.

## Rail Heads, Union Meet Again Today

MONTREAL (CP)—Canada's railroads and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen were scheduled to meet again today in an effort to settle the country-wide wage strike set for Feb. 2.

It was the third meeting between the carriers and the B.R.T., which represents 25,000 trainmen. The brotherhood set the strike date more than a week ago, pending "no reasonable settlement" of their demands.



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LOUIS A. LAPOINTE

## Cellulose Company Appoints Montreal Man New Secretary

MONTREAL.—Appointment of two senior executives to positions in Canadian Chemical & Cellulose Company, Limited and subsidiary companies was announced today by Maxwell M. Mackenzie, Executive Vice-President.

Louis A. Lapointe, QC, former director of departments for Montreal, has been named secretary of Canadian Chemical & Cellulose Company Limited.

Robinson Ord, who has been prominent in the chemical industry for the past 20 years, is now vice-president of Canadian Chemical & Cellulose Company, Limited and vice-president and general manager of Canadian Chemical Company Limited.

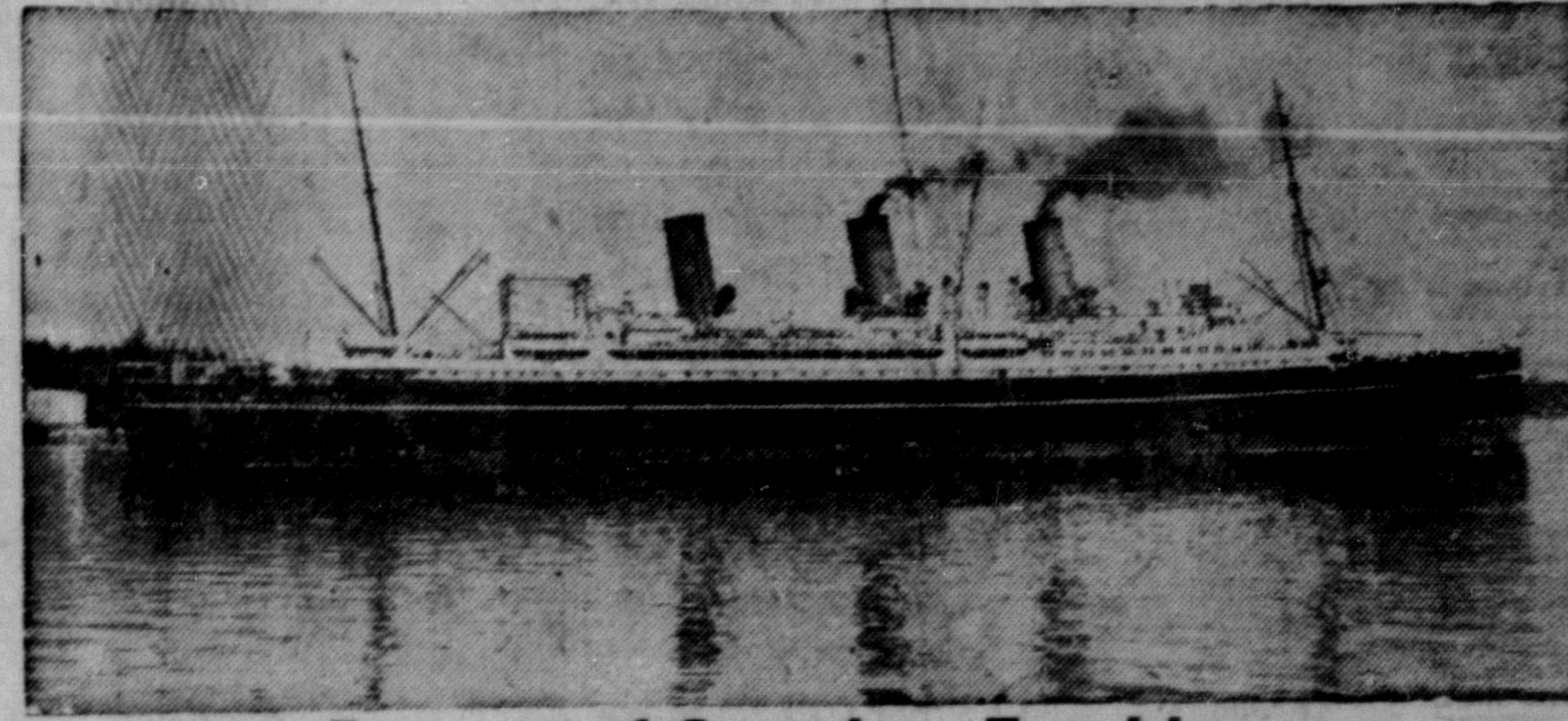
Mr. Ord, a native of Sunderland, England, and a graduate of Oxford University, was general manager of sales for the Organic Chemicals Division of Monsanto

Chemical Company in St. Louis, Missouri before taking over his new post. From 1930-1938 he was in charge of Monsanto's Export Department.

Mr. Lapointe, born in Montreal, has been associated with civic government in Canada's largest city since 1935.

Canadian Chemical & Cellulose Company, Limited, incorporated recently, is the parent company for three operating units, Columbia Cellulose Company, Limited, here, Canadian Chemical Company, Limited, at Edmonton, and Celgar Development Company Limited, in the Arrow-Lakes district.

At the present time, the company is producing acetate grade sulphite pulp and sawn lumber, and with completion of the Edmonton plant this year will begin production of acetate yarn and commercial chemicals.



Empress of Canada a Total Loss

## Famed Writer of 'Life Begins at Forty' Walter B. Pitkin, Dies in California

PALO ALTO, Calif. (CP)—Walter Boughton Pitkin, author of the phenomenally successful book, "Life Begins at Forty," died Sunday after a brief illness at the age of 75.

He was in the midst of writing another book, "Let's Enjoy Life Again."

It frequently was said of energetic Walter Pitkin that his own life confirmed the title of his book, "Life Begins at Forty."

For the "omni-opinionated" Pitkin—as he once termed himself—published 30 or more books after his 40th birthday and still managed to take an active interest in a score of diverse

fields, including the art of sound picture production, aeronautics, boat building and farming.

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impetus to many jaded American business men, and its title became a household phrase. It was translated into 12 languages with over 500,000 sales.

MADE GOOD BEFORE 40  
Another of his book titles, "Making Good Before Forty" (1939), was equally applicable to his own life.

Teaching and writing were never enough to absorb all the energies of the ebullient Pitkin. He made surveys of newspaper readership. He owned and operated a farm at Dover, N.J. He served as story supervisor for Universal Pictures in 1929 and wrote a book about it, "The Art of Sound Pictures" (with William M. Marston—1930). He even made a study of Woodrow Wilson's health and concluded that "low energy and bad feet" played a part in frustrating the Wilsonian program.

Mr. Pitkin had a keen mind and a sardonic humor. He was politically conservative and sometimes called himself a "social misfit" but more often a "man without a culture." More than once he said that what the United States needed was "a rabble rouser of the right."

Mr. Pitkin was born at Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 6, 1878, but spent most of his youth in Detroit.

He earned spending money in many ways—sorting beans, weeding onions, delivering eggs, cleaning type. He often rode his bicycle 100 miles a day.

As a young man he worked at various times as a peddler, cook, cattle boss and junkman.

He found time to be the American managing editor of the Encyclopaedia Britannica from 1927 to 1928. The Institute of Life Planning was founded by him in 1932.

MAROONED ON ICE FLOE  
His busy mind also took an inventive bent. For 10 years he experimented in the construction of a 98-foot, four-keeled boat. The boat was for research work in tropical waters and was estimated to have cost \$100,000.

It was given a maiden voyage test run in the ice-choked Hudson River near Newburgh, N.H., on Dec. 31, 1939. The New Year's Eve sailing was a disastrous one because ice ripped the South American hardwood hull and the boat sank. Mr. Pitkin and two companions, with only a few soggy sandwiches for comfort, took refuge on an ice floe. They were rescued by a tug after they sent SOS signals with a flashlight.

Sadly, the hard-working Pitkin, conscious of life's every passing minute, commented that the time he put into the ship was "worth a quarter of a million dollars."

## Reserve RCAF Pilot Survives Second Crash in Two Months

VANCOUVER (CP)—An RCAF reserve pilot Sunday walked away from his second plane wreck in two months.

PO. Charles Dodwell of Vancouver suffered only shock and a cut head when his Mustang fighter crashed near Vancouver International Airport shortly after take-off.

Dodwell, member of the RCAF 443 New Westminster Squadron, survived a wing tip collision between two Vampire jets Nov. 9 over Boundary Bay, 30 miles south of Vancouver.

PO. William Ross was killed in the collision when his jet exploded. Dodwell managed to fly back to the airport.

In Sunday's crack-up Dodwell's was one of five planes taking off. Engine trouble is believed to be the cause of the crack-up.

next, then Fort Fraser, Lillooet, Prince George and Fernie.

On Vancouver Island, there are 58,688 acres under permit, license or lease, or application, in the Alberni area and 34,462 on the southern end of the island.

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## New Boiler Connected At Hospital

First of two 50-horsepower boiler units being installed in Prince Rupert General Hospital went into service Saturday.

Officials said the old boiler will be taken out as soon as the new unit has been thoroughly tested.

Administrator Doug Stevenson said "so far it has worked splendidly." The second unit will be installed as soon as possible.

The new boilers are being put in to increase boiler capacity and provide more economic operation at the hospital.

## -WEATHER-

Showery weather with temperatures at, or a little above, freezing resulted. Snowflurries were reported from many points in the interior.

Forecast  
North coast region: Variable cloudiness with scattered showers of rain in the southern part and snow in the northern part. Little change in temperature. Wind southerly 15. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy, 30 and 40; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 28 and 38.

## Convict Breaks From Oakalla

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 29-year-old convict serving a one-year sentence for robbery with violence escaped from Oakalla prison farm last night.

Bert Nash was sentenced about a month ago in Trail, B.C., Warden Hugh Christie said. Nash was working in a boiler room of Oakalla when he slipped out and escaped.