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Sharp Drop in Living Cost Index Foreseen

10 TUGS ASHORE AT KEMANO

ing Snowstorm Brings to Towing Vessels

Vancouver tugs were today reported still near Kemano, Alcan's power house port in canal, south of Prince Rupert, following a snowstorm which swept the area yesterday.

The tugs are the Le Mars and the Laverne and two heavily laden barges, all owned by the Vancouver Tugboat Co. They went aground late yesterday.

The Victoria tug Island Commander, owned by the Island Tug and Barge Co., was reported at Kemano awaiting a let-up in the storm to assist the stranded vessels.

Radio reports indicated that the tugs were towing barges laden with costly machinery and equipment being delivered from Vancouver to Kemano.

Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	.21
Bralorne	6.10
B R X	.03 1/2
Cariboo Quartz	1.45
Congress	.05 1/2
Cronin Babine	.44
Giant Mascot	.92
Indian Mines	.19
Pend Oreille	7.20
Pioneer	2.15
Premier Border	.28
Privateer	.08
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	1.55
Silbak Premier	.56
Taku River	.07
Vananda	.17 3/4
Salmon Gold	.03 1/2
Spud Valley	.11
Silver Standard	2.30
Western Uranium	4.50

Oils	
Anglo Canadian	9.00
A P Con	.53
Calmont	1.85
Central Leduc	3.75
Home Oil	15.50
Mercury	32 1/2
Okalta	3.80
Royal Canadian	.26
Royalite	18.25

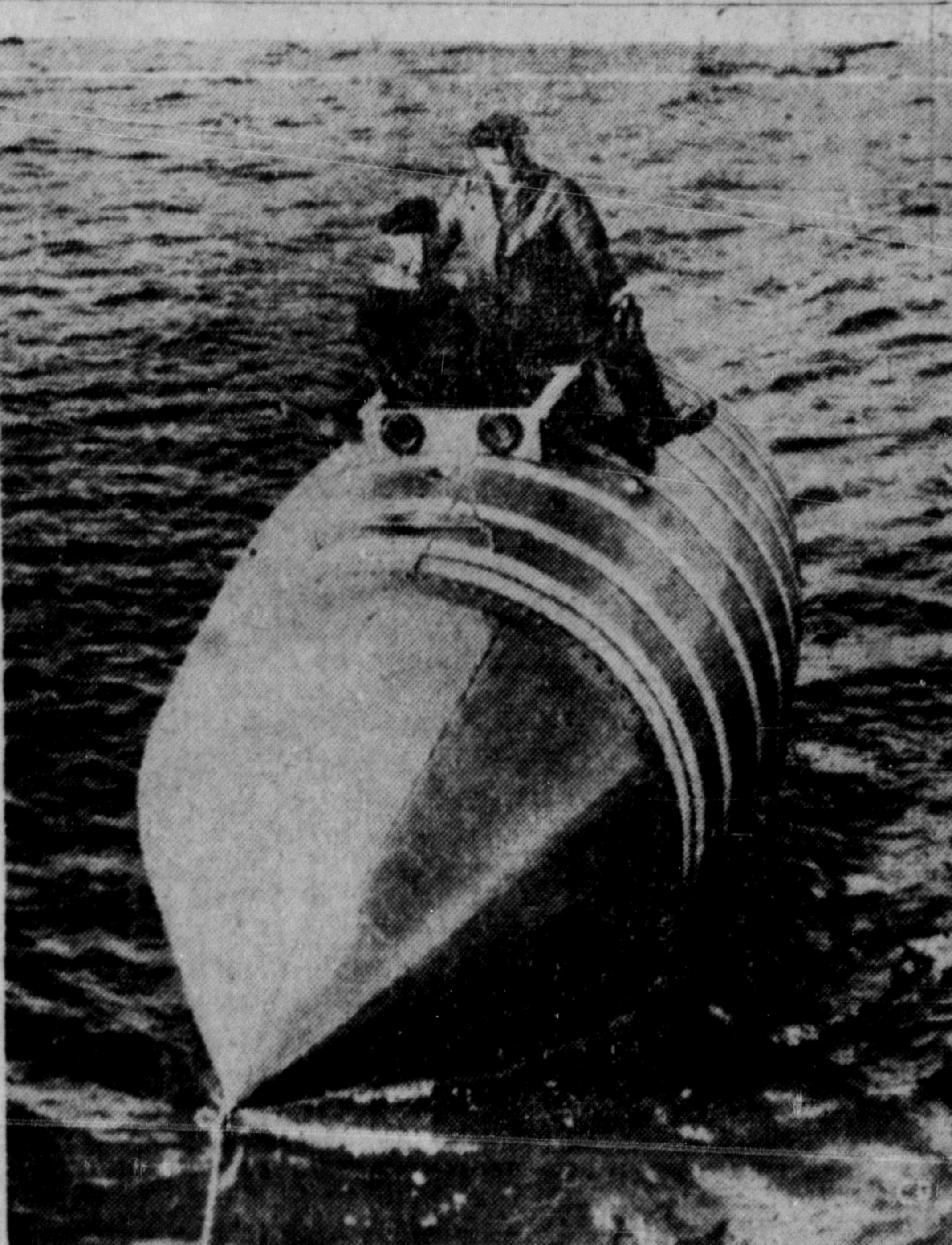
TORONTO	
Athona	.09
Beattie Duquesne	.47 1/2
Buffalo Canadian	.25
C M & S	34.25
Conwest	3.80
Eldona	.32
East Sullivan	8.20
Giant Yellowknife	10.50
God's Lake	.38
Hardrock	.15
Harricana	13 3/4
Heva	10 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.45
Little Long Lac	.75
Lynx	.14
Madsen Red Lake	1.95
McKenzie Red Lake	.41
McLeod Cockshutt	2.85
Negus	.62
Noranda	78.00
Louvicourt	.35
Pickle Crow	1.70
San Antonio	2.50
Senator Rouyn	.15
Sherritt Gordon	4.20
Steep Rock	7.10
Silver Miller	1.64
Upper Canada	1.73
Golden Manitou	6.30

Applewhite Tells Commons Dry Dock Here Could Pay

AWA (Special to Daily News)—If the defence production would make use of and if the minister of transport would put word with the Canadian National Railways dock to overhaul their own ships, the benefit of the Prince Rupert dry dock could be reap, E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, House of Commons yesterday.

When the dry dock deficit was under discussion, the Skeena member drew attention to the fact that the deficit for the current fiscal year was \$40,000 less than last year.

The item to cover the dry dock deficit carried.



OCEAN-GOING BARREL—Peter Olsen, rear, veteran Norwegian seaman, plans to return to his homeland in June in the barrel-shaped vessel made in Waterloo, Ont., by a barrel and keg company. He hopes to cross the ocean, leaving from Sydney, N.S. The barrel was given to him by Mark Charlton, front, of Windsor, who had the barrel made in 1945. The barrel boat is equipped with two small hommocks, charcoal stove, batteries, lights, concentrated foods and a motorcycle. Mr. Charlton, who originally had the plan to cross the ocean to England in the strange craft, said the motorcycle was for touring the country. The barrel, six feet nine inches in diameter and 10 feet long, has a 700-pound keel and a 250 pound rudder and a stabilizing scoop at the stern. There is a 29-foot mast with three sails. (CP PHOTO)

Ottawa Charges B.C. With Buck Passing in Dealing With Doukhobor Problem

OTTAWA (CP)—The British Columbia government is trying to pass on to Ottawa its responsibility for the handling of its Doukhobor problem, asserted Minister of Justice Hon. Stuart Garson.

Cigarette Case Takes New Turn

A new turn appeared in the "cigarette case" yesterday afternoon at County Court when Crown Prosecutor T. W. Brown, QC, asked judge W. O. Fulton for permission to lay a new charge against Farrington of "receiving stolen goods."

Two cases of cigarettes—a total of 23,320—which the crown has introduced as exhibits are alleged to be the property of Kelly-Douglas, and to have been in the hands of Farrington between November 19 and 23.

RCMP testified they arrested Farrington November 23 when he was discovered delivering the cigarettes to a city cafe owner. Jack Clough, then owner of Three Sisters Cafe, told the court Farrington had also offered him chocolates, and lobster (canned) for sale "cheaper than wholesale."

Mrs. David Slater and daughter, Caroline, who have been visiting here for several weeks with Mrs. Slater's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, are returning next week to their home in Victoria. Mrs. Slater is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. J. A. Smith, who died this week.

HMCS Cayuga Sees Action

SEOUL (CP)—The Canadian destroyer Cayuga took part in an attack off the west coast of Korea yesterday.

The Cayuga participated in heavy attacks which hit Red positions and started a large fire with an attack on boat concentrations.

Blizzard Hits British Isles

LONDON (CP)—The coldest spring blizzard in 36 years lashed the British Isles today and snow and cold gripped the most of Europe.

Shipping in the churning English Channel was virtually at a standstill.

A number of small boats sent out to sea were driven back to shore by the high winds.

Road and railway transportation in southern England was blocked in many places by drifts piled as high as two feet.

Inflation Reversing Itself in Canada—So Says Trade Minister

OTTAWA (CP)—The Minister of Trade, Hon. C. D. Howe, said Friday there are indications that "inflation is reversing itself" in Canada.

Addressing a delegation from the Canadian Confederation of Labor, he said figures to be issued in a few days will show the cost of living index dropped quite substantially in February.

Preliminary figures indicated a further drop will be shown at the end of March.

Mr. Howe blamed the sharp rise in index last year to heavy buying in anticipation of shortages of goods and higher prices. The heavy buying has stopped, he said, and people are now saving their money in anticipation of dropping prices.

Transit Fares in South Upped

VICTORIA (CP)—Increased bus and car fares will go into effect on Vancouver Island and mainland April 6.

Victorians will pay a straight ten cent fare instead of three tickets for 25 cents.

Vancouver will be boosted from ten cents to 13 cents or four tickets for fifty cents.

Children's fares in North Vancouver and New Westminster will be eight for 25 cents instead of the recent 10 for 25 cents.

The decision for increased fares was handed down Friday by the Public Utilities Commission.

June 10 McRae's Guess For Provincial Vote

Local MLA expects Early Announcement Of Contract for Rental Housing Here

J. D. McRae, MLA for Prince Rupert, guesses that the provincial election will be held June 10. Of course, the date will not be definitely known until the official announcement is made by the Premier.

When the announcement was made that the Queen's Birthday would be celebrated June 9, Mr. McRae saw some mouths fall which indicated to him that that was the date which was under consideration.

Therefore, he thinks that June 10 will be the date although it could be later in June.

Mr. McRae has already intimated that he is willing to be Liberal candidate again.

Speaking following his return last night from Victoria, Mr. McRae expressed confidence that a contract would soon be let for the 50-unit housing project in Prince Rupert under joint federal-provincial-municipal auspices.

The minister of lands and public works, Hon. E. T. Kenney, will be coming north soon to visit Prince Rupert and Terrace, Mr. McRae expects.

Four Canadians Killed in Korea

OTTAWA—The Army, on Friday, issued its ninety-ninth casualty list of the Korean war, reporting four men killed in action and six wounded, bringing to 35 the number of casualties reported within three days.

This indicated that Canada's 25th Brigade has been in some of the heaviest fighting of the war—certainly the toughest since mid-December.

WEATHER

Synopsis
An active disturbance which moved down the British Columbia coast last night brought strong winds and frequent snow showers to the north coast. On the south coast, however, temperatures were more moderate and light rain preceded the storm. The disturbance will move through the interior this morning and light rain or snow will occur during its passage. Cloudy weather is foreseen for all the province during the next 48 hours and the trend will be to cooler temperatures.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Cloudy with sunny intervals today and Sunday. Snow flurries in the northern part and rain showers in the southern part both days. Continuing cool. Winds—Northwest (20) today, light tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, 32 and 40; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 28 and 28.

Football

ASSOCIATION CUP SEMI-FINALS
Blackburn Rovers 0, Newcastle United 0 (tie).
Chelsea vs. Arsenal postponed.

ENGLISH LEAGUE Division 1
Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 1 (583).
Burnley 0, Sunderland 1.
Charlton Athletics vs. Aston Villa postponed.
Fulham vs. Derby County postponed.
Middlesbrough 2, Manchester City 2 (tie).

Division 2
Birmingham City 2, Hull City 2 (tie).
Brentford 1, West Ham United 1 (abandoned at half time).
Doncaster Rovers 1, Coventry City 0.
Everton 2, Swansea Town 1.
Leeds United 1, Notts County 0.
Leicester City 1, Barnsley 2.
Nottingham Forest 0, Sheffield United 2.

Rotherham United 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0.
Southampton 4, Bury 2.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL
Monterwell 1, Hearts 1 (tie).
Third Lanark 0, Dundee 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE Division A
Celtic 2, Aberdeen 0.
Queen of the South 2, Rangers 2 (tie).

Division B
Supplementary Cup—First Round
Albion Rovers 0, St. Johnstone 3.
Alloa Athletic 3, Stenhousemuir 3 (tie).
Clyde 7, Forfar Athletic 1.
Dumbarton 1, Dundee United 0.
Hamilton Academicals 1, Queen's Park 1 (tie).
Kilmarnock 1, Falkirk 0.
Arbroath 0, Dunfermline Athletic 3.
Ayr United 2, Cowdenbeath 0.

Many Mourn for Late Mrs. Smith

Many friends attended the Church of the Annunciation this morning when high requiem mass for the late Mrs. Elsie Mary Smith, esteemed pioneer woman of the city, was celebrated by Rev. Father F. J. Rayner, O.M.I., the parish priest. The church choir was in attendance.

Following the mass service, interment was made in the Roman Catholic section of Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers, all old friends of the family, were Dennis Garon, Jack Judge, M. J. Saunders, James Hadden sr., Fred Balanger and William Bremner.

There were numerous floral offerings.

Last evening at the chapel of E.C. Undertakers there was a prayer service at which Rev. Father O. P. Mohan, O.M.I., officiated.

Local Boys For Bisco

Two juveniles—one 14 and the other 15 years—were sentenced here yesterday by Juvenile Court Judge W. D. Vance to an "indeterminate term" at the boys' industrial school, Coquitlam. They left today with RCMP escort.

The two were convicted earlier in juvenile court on two charges of breaking and entering, Da's Service Station and Chandler's Studio.

HISTORIC POST
The first Hudson's Bay Company post at Churchill on Hudson Bay was built in 1689.

Police Take Mad Killer

Captured in Vancouver While Trying to Take Wife

VANCOUVER (CP)—Ontario's mad killer was captured by police Friday when he refused to leave behind his nineteen-year-old raven-haired common law wife.

Melville Wilkie, 42, one of Canada's ten most wanted criminals, dared a police trap four times in a desperate attempt to keep his freedom and the woman he loved.

Three times he snaked through a police cordon to meet the girl and try to talk her into escaping with him. On the fourth try he was run down in a 90 mile an hour car chase and taken without violence.

Wilkie, alias Andy McBeth, was known to the police as the "mad killer" after he had killed his wife and child 19 years ago at Owen Sound, Ont. He was committed to the Ontario mental hospital for the criminally insane at Penetanguishene from which he escaped for the fifth time July 19, 1950.

Police quoted the girl as saying she met Wilkie in a Winnipeg boarding house soon after his escape. She did not know his identity although he used the name of McBeth. She lived with him and they came to Vancouver three months ago where they moved into a small vacant bungalow in the squallid East End.

Police say they were tipped off two days ago—they declined to say by whom—about where Wilkie was living.

Oxford Wins Boat Race

Cambridge Quarter-Length Behind in Bad Weather Upset

LONDON (CP)—Oxford University crew pulled a stunning upset by defeating Cambridge today in the annual boat race.

Oxford strained along the 4 1/4 mile wind and snow driven Thames River course, winning by a scant quarter length.

The official time was 20 minutes and 23 seconds.

Heavy snow and biting wind made for the worst conditions in the history of the race, the first of which was rowed in 1829.

4000 New Canadians

Steady Flow of Immigrants Through Halifax This Week-End

HALIFAX—More than 4,000 new Canadians arrived at Halifax since Saturday. Canadian National Railways operated 13 boat trains from dockside to Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg.

Starting off the steady flow of immigrants was the arrival of the Cunard liner Georgic with 1,463 passengers Saturday. The other transatlantic ships were the Ryndam with 318, Qross Kull with 831 and the Ascania with 377 Sunday, and the Vulcania with 753 and the Skaubryn with 1,155 today.

The arrivals this week-end brought the total number of immigrants welcomed at Halifax during the month of March to 14,600, the largest number to arrive this year in any month and exceeding last year's record month. They are going to every section of Canada from the Atlantic provinces to the Pacific coast.

To transport the heavy month's immigration traffic, the Canadian National will have operated 29 special trains from dockside, as well as a number of extra cars on regular trains. During the month the company had to marshal 450 sleepers, colonist, dining and restaurant and baggage cars.

Advertising Price Is Low

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—The cost of newspaper advertising compared with an increase of more than 100 percent in newspaper production in the last ten years is low. A. G. Muir, general manager of the Hamilton Spectator, said, when he addressed the Hamilton Real Estate Board.

He discussed classified and display advertising.