

Monday, May 23, 1953	
(Pacific Standard Time)	
9:46	15.6 feet
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Seamen Strike Averted

Settlement Terms Announced

VICTORIA, B.C. — A settlement of terms that would have paralyzed passenger, mail and freight service to British Columbia coastal ports was reached Thursday — two days before it was to have taken effect.

The AFL Seafarers International Union, representing 700 seamen, set the strike for Saturday midnight, following a joint meeting between the Canadian National Railways, Canadian Pacific Railway, Union Steamship and the SIU.

There was no immediate indication of settlement terms but it was announced in Vancouver that the union will vote "almost unanimously" on whether to accept the agreement reached at the level.

A statement issued by the union said: "A joint statement was issued by the Canadian National Railways, Canadian Pacific Railway and Union Steamship Company and the International Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers in Montreal and agreed by the minister of labor, that the ground was reached on terms of settlement of the strike which threatened disruption of the coastal steamship service of the coming Saturday."

Harold Winch Blasts Socred Administration

VANCOUVER — Former CCF leader Harold Winch returned to political work Thursday following tanned and fit vacation in Honolulu, slaming the Social Credit government "wanted from the very first."

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Boots! Boots! Boots!

RFN L. H. BARLOW of Swift Current, Sask., applies brush and polishing cloth to troopers' boots just before inspection. The troops are members of the Coronation contingent selected from the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany. They are lined up for an inspection by Maj.-Gen. H. R. B. Foote, commander of the 11th British Armored Division.

Turner Urges Voters To Reject Socred Bid

Arthur Turner, CCF party whip, last night asked electors here not to vote for "a pig in a poke," referring to the short-lived Social Credit government which was defeated on the floor of the House last March 24.

"They had a chance to show what they stand for, but they didn't take it. They didn't say a thing when they should have done a lot of talking," said Mr. Turner, MLA for Vancouver East in the last legislature, in a campaign speech at the Legion Auditorium.

"The public doesn't know anything about the intentions of Social Credit and the elected members to the House let their own voters down when they kept mum during the session," he said in a speech in support of George Hills, CCF candidate in Prince Rupert in the June 9 election.

"How can you take a chance on them again?" Mr. Turner said the CCF, as well as the Liberals and Conservatives, had tried their best to avoid another election soon, something the Social Credit government "wanted from the very first."

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Halibut Prices at Fourteen-Year Low on Exchange Board Here

Decline Worries Fishermen, Buyers

Lowest halibut prices since 1939 were quoted here today as the first loads of fresh fish this season were sold on the exchange board.

Highest price of 13 cents a pound was almost five cents lower than the opening price last year.

Today's prices ranged from 10 cents for chicken to 11.6 cents for large, while majority of mediums sold for under 13 cents. Fishermen and fish buyers viewed the condition with concern.

Three vessels sold a total of 125,000 pounds. A total of 326,000 pounds from 11 vessels were sold to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association where no price is quoted.

The three boats first to sell on the halibut exchange this year were the Teeny Milly, 32,000 pounds at 13, 12 and 11.6 cents, bought by Booth Fisheries; Balsac I, 30,000, at 12.5, 11.6 and 10 cents, by Royal Fisheries, B.C. Producer, 63,000 at 12.2, 11.5 and 10 cents by Pacific Fisheries.

Top price is for medium fish, 11.5 to 69 pounds; second price is for large fish, and lowest price is for chickens—under 11.5 pounds; minimum six pounds or 26 inches in length.

Boats selling to the Co-op were: Capella I, 15,000; Archie I, 30,000; Oslo, 36,000; Five Princes, 30,000; North Cap, 14,000; Dovre B, 60,000; Straface, 24,000; Atil, 34,000; Prosperity A, 40,000; Tramp, 22,000; Ingrid H, 21,000.

Including camp fish brought into port by packers, total weight landed here since the season opened is just over 700,000 pounds to date.

The sharp decline in halibut prices if maintained will lower the income this season of fishermen in Area 2 by \$1,275,000, based on the quota of 25,500,000 pounds.

A considerable portion of this quota is annually taken within the Prince Rupert area, largely from Hecate Straits and Dixon Entrance.

Meanwhile, a much bigger portion of the 28,000,000 pounds authorized in Area 3 (off Alaska) is expected to be landed here due to the strike of Alaska port shoreworkers.

Only two of the seven landing ports in the north have settled differences, Petersburg and Pelican Bay.

Big day on the local exchange is expected for Monday morning.

'52 Election Costs Totalled \$1 Million

VICTORIA (CP) — Expense statements filed under the Elections Act list parties and individual candidates as spending in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in last June's provincial election campaign in British Columbia.

Figures obtained Wednesday in the Legislative Buildings here list central headquarters expenses as follows:

Liberals, \$135,771; Progressive Conservatives, \$98,984; CCF, \$9,363, and Social Credit, \$377. In addition to these figures were various expenses of 212 candidates who fought for 48 seats in the B.C. Legislature.

WEATHER

Synopsis
Cool and showery condition will be the main features of the weather for today and Saturday.

Forecast
North Coast Region: Cloudy, southern half region and sun; northern half region, today and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Easterly winds 15, frequent, reaching 30, over exposed water. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 45 and 56; Sandspit, 45 and 60; Prince Rupert, 45 and 65.

Tornado Strikes Sarnia Scores Injured By Falling Debris

By The Canadian Press

SARNIA, Ont.—A tornado struck industrial Sarnia late Thursday and left five dead, scores of injured and millions of dollars in property damage as it twisted across northern Michigan and southwestern Ontario.

The Indiana-born storm suddenly leaped across the international boundary at 5:43 p.m. EDT, and smashed into Sarnia. One woman died of her injuries today in this city of 42,000, 51 were injured and estimates of property damage ranged as high as \$3,000,000.

The storm then snaked its way across southwestern Ontario, leaving injury and destruction wherever it touched. Just outside London an aged woman, a municipal official and his young daughter died in their shattered homes. Other fatality was in Port Huron, Mich., just across the St. Clair River from Sarnia.

SWIRLED INTO LAKE
The storm swirled into Lake Ontario four hours after its first appearance on the Canadian side.

Near Stratford, Ont., J. D. Thistle and his hired man were about to start milking their cows when a black cloud appeared. The barn was snatched off its foundations, leaving the cattle unharmed in their stalls.

In London township, Milton Charlton said he saw his 11-room brick house fly into the air, leaving his mother and his sister still sitting uninjured in their kitchen chairs.

MANY INJURED
The great concentration of injuries and property damage appeared to be in Sarnia.

Sarnia's acting mayor, Clayton A. Saylor, read the Riot Act when crowds of sightseers crowded into the downtown area where two blocks of business buildings were smashed.

The death toll, however, was lower than in the last great tornado to strike Canada when 16 died as a twister swept through the Windsor, Ontario, area in June of 1948.

Unidentified Man Plunges From Vessel

VANCOUVER — The coastal steamship Princess Elizabeth circled for half an hour Thursday without finding a trace of a man who had plunged from her decks.

The man went overboard near Bowen Island, about an hour out of Vancouver, as the vessel was sailing for Nanaimo.

Hours later no body had been found and RCMP still have not identified the passenger.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BUYS NEW MODERN ETHER MACHINE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Prince Rupert General Hospital is going to purchase a new modern ether machine for use in the operating room of the hospital here.

The machine, which will give doctors a greater safety factor when using anaesthetics for removal of tonsils and other operations common to children, costs \$575.

Decision to purchase the machine was made last night at the regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary, at which plans were completed for a tag day this Saturday.



WOMEN MEMBERS of the armed services Coronation contingent are pictured on their arrival in England aboard the liner Franconia. They were selected from various cities across Canada.

'It Was a Ghastly Sight' Along Sarnia's Front Street

By R. J. ANDERSON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

SARNIA, Ont.—I picked my way along Sarnia's Front Street Thursday night.

In midnight darkness, six hours after the tornado had struck this bustling industrial city, it was an adventure.

In the eerie light of flares and portable floodlights, steel helmeted workmen were silhouetted as they labored to clear away the worst of the debris.

Occasionally masonry would crash to the pavement as demolition crews tore away a wall or projection that threatened to collapse.

It was so quiet. There were no

shouts of workmen—just the crash of a cornice or a metal sign being torn away.

At midnight the roadway and pavement were all but cleared. Volunteers had done a quick job of piling the rubble for trucks to cart away.

Glass crunched underfoot. There was not an unbroken window for three blocks.

Gaping windows of evacuated apartments above the wrecked stores spoke mutely of 30 seconds of tornadic destruction.

No doubt the interiors were ruined. Armed soldiers prevented entry to make sure.

So it went for four blocks, perhaps the hardest hit area of the city. Metal street signs had been cut off as though by a sharp knife. Traffic sign supports were bent.

Houses in the residential area, just a block or two east of Front Street, were destroyed or badly damaged. Hundreds of stately trees that lined Sarnia's streets were blown over.

Coastal Seamen Await Terms

VANCOUVER — A union official here said Friday "a healthy chunk of retroactive pay" is involved in the agreement to avert a strike of British Columbia coastal shipping.

But Norm Cunningham, port agent for the AFL Seafarers International Union, said he was unable to give further details pending study of the agreement, reached in Montreal Thursday.

Text of the agreement, now in the mails, was expected to reach here today.

Top negotiators of the SIU, Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Union Steamship Company came to terms in Montreal talks, wiping out the strike deadline that had been set for Saturday midnight.

Cunningham said the vote among 700 union members on whether to ratify the agreement will begin as soon as possible, but may take two weeks, men casting ballots as their ships arrive in port.

Concert Series Completed

A "brilliant" Alaska Music Trail series is in store for Prince Rupert next season, Maxim Schapiro, noted pianist, said on arrival for his concert here tonight.

Mr. Schapiro, who is in charge of arranging for the artists, explained that he could not yet announce the names of those who will appear next season but that arrangements for the four concerts have been completed and he is "extremely pleased" with results.

'Daughters' Hold Talent Show Sunday

A 50-cast variety concert will be staged by Job's Daughters here Sunday at the Capitol Theatre, drill master Alex Mitchell announced today.

The concert is expected to be the biggest local talent show of the year.

The 20 numbers on the program will include novelty dances, singing, choral groups, individual skits and acts, both in comedy and drama.

The two-hour show opens at 9 p.m. and proceeds are in aid of travelling funds for Job's Daughters who are to perform at the Calgary Stampede in July.

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