

## Log Inventories Higher Due to Loss of Market

VANCOUVER—Reflecting the "loss of export lumber markets," British Columbia's log inventories were 24 per cent higher March 15, 1957, than on the same date a year ago.

This was reported today by Otis D. Hallin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the 50th Annual meeting of the British Columbia Loggers' association.

The annual report disclosed that the inventory of logs at camp, in transit, and at market, on March 15 this year, totalled 700,000,000 board feet, compared with 565,000,000 board feet a year ago.

"Log production has consistently been below that of a year ago until the last three weeks when it has begun to show a slight improvement," Mr. Hallin said.

"Log consumption at March, 1957, was much below that of the same date in 1956."

"Open market log prices, particularly for cedar and hemlock, are materially below those of a year ago."

"In 1956, the province's log production totalled all records with a total of 6,307,318,824 board feet, or almost 200,000,000 feet above 1955," he said.

"However, in the Vancouver Forest District, production dropped 93,000,000 feet.

The Prince Rupert Forest District cut increased 52,000,000 feet over 1955, leaving a net decrease on the coast of 41,000,000 feet from 1955. The total coast cut last year was 3,890,000,000 board feet.

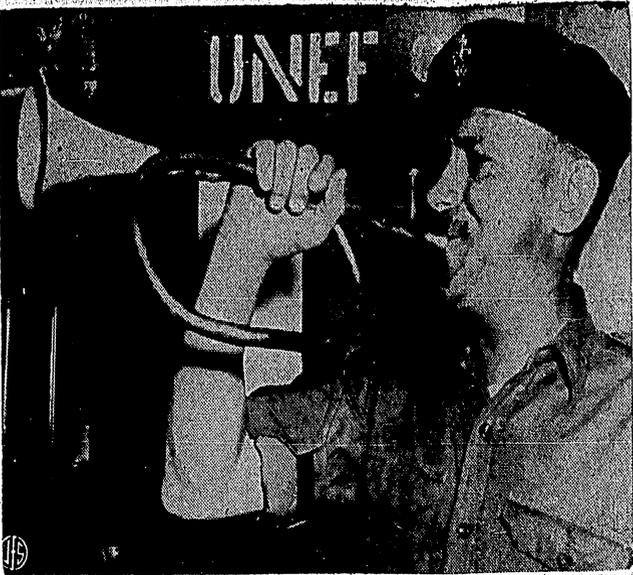
Mr. Hallin reminded members that this year marked the 50th anniversary of the association, making it "the oldest incorporated association in the industry."

### Ray Williston PGE Director

VICTORIA (C)—Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston was appointed Monday by order-in-council as a director of the Pacific Great Eastern railway.

Mr. Williston replaces Agriculture Minister Ralph Chetwynd, who died last month from a heart ailment.

The historic scenic lake of Derwent Water in Cumberland, England, has a maximum depth of 72 feet.



BLOWING his own horn in a strictly military manner, Canadian Army Sergeant Jack Vivian, a member of the United Nations Emergency Force, sounds off at the UNEF camp in Abu Suweir, Egypt. With no bugle handy, Vivian, of Kingston, Ontario, rigged up this homemade model, which consists of an old auto horn and a piece of brake hose.

## Soviet Union's Mass Movement Of People May Take Generation

By VINCENT BUIST  
MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Union has embarked on a mass movement of peoples into Siberia and central Asia to man the new industrial regions being built up there.

This movement, which is still in the formative stages, will last, by present reckoning, at least one generation and may become a permanent migratory movement across Siberia.

The immense areas north of the Chinese border and bordering the Arctic Ocean are to be industrialized.

Soviet scientists are studying how to thaw the permafrost of the tundra, the ice-covered steppes of northern Siberia, so that coal, metals and diamonds may be mined more easily and houses built for the northern settlers. They are experimenting, too, with particular types of grain which can grow in soil which is permanently frozen only a few inches below the surface.

Thousands of engineers already have moved into the southern regions of Siberia, along the Chinese and Mongolian borders, drawing up plans for the big hydro-electric stations which will supply power for the new industrial plants.

The great thrust of people eastward, forecast by speakers at the 20th congress of the Soviet Communist party in February, 1956, now is becoming a reality.

The settlers who will be expected to people the new areas with their own offspring during this century will be offered good wages, equipment, houses and the lure of "fighting for the progress of socialism" to urge them on to adventurous paths toward the rising sun.

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## Princess May Defy Family To Marry British Suitor

LONDON (C)—The Daily Mail says it has learned that Sweden's Princess Margaretha plans to defy her family and marry her British suitor of noble lineage but moderate income.

The Mail says the beautiful, 22-year-old princess and Robin Douglas-Home have agreed, however, to wait two years. A 25-year-old nephew of the Earl of Home, he writes advertising copy by day and plays the piano for a hotel cocktail hour.

The advertising agency pays him £15 a week, the hotel twice as much. Friends of Douglas-Home say the romance is still alive despite opposition of the Scandinavian royal family, which recoiled at the thought of having a son-in-law who plays piano for money in a cocktail bar.

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**SECOND-STORY MAN**—Tree-top tall, Noe-Noe of England strides along before admiring crowd in Oslo, Norway, undaunted by a stiff breeze. A still-walker for 25 years, he's 24 feet tall, counting his tricky wooden "legs," and is advertising a visiting circus.

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