Pulp firm reports decline in income

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VANCOUVER — Reflecting continued adverse conditions in the British Columbia forest industry, operating results for the first six months of 1958 showed declines in both dollar sales volume and net income compared with the same period of 1957, Peter T. Sinclair, president of Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited, reported Friday.

Combined dollar sales of all products for the six months ended June 30, 1958, totalled $38.5 million, a drop of 2.7 per cent from the $39.6 million reported at the end of six months in 1957, Mr. Sinclair said. Net income was $2.6 million, compared with $3.5 million for the same period last year, a decline of 27 per cent.

These six-month results include the first five weeks of the year when the pulp and paper strike closed down the company's two primary mills, with the result that first quarter net income had been 50 per cent below the first quarter of 1957.

Mr. Sinclair reported that other important factors contributing to lower earnings were weaknesses in the prices of lumber and plywood and some lines of paper products, without compensating reductions in costs of operation.

"Shipments of lumber were higher than in the first six-month period of 1957, but prices were lower," he said. In plywood, both shipments and prices dropped slightly. Lower log prices also offset a slightly higher volume of logs sold.

"In the corrugated carton field, increased competition continued to be a strong business factor, influenced particularly by U.S. imports. While the total tonnage sold held fairly steady in comparison with the same period last year, prices declined. Newsprint sales were slightly below those of the same period in 1957," he said.

Looking at conditions for the next six months Mr. Sinclair said, "The immediate outlook is that the business conditions I have described will probably persist at least through the remainder of 1958. In the meantime we are continuing our efforts to meet the cost-price squeeze by a program of rapid cost controls and operating efficiencies, and more aggressive marketing of our products."

Moscovites look askance at Americans

By HAROLD K. MILKS

MOSCOW (AP)—Moscow residents are looking on Americans in a new way since the Middle East crisis developed.

It is not quite correct to say the new look is hostile, but it certainly has changed from the usual friendly appraisal which formerly greeted Americans who drive around Moscow or walk its wide avenues in obviously American clothes.

Widespread criticism of the U.S. intervention in Lebanon—sharp criticism amplified hourly by the Soviet press and radio—is evidently responsible for the change.

In the two years this correspondent has been in Moscow there was seldom a time when The Associated Press automobile, a late model American machine, evoked more than discussion of its power and make. Now when the car moves down a street there are stares and nudges. What these Soviet on lookers are thinking is hard to judge.

But this feeling, whatever it is, is disturbing to those in charge of American relations here. It is possibly even more disturbing than the 100,000 demonstrators who jammed the street before the U.S. Embassy Friday.

American and other diplomats there express the fear that constant attacks on American and America from the Kremlin, the Soviet radio, and the Soviet press may destroy much of the basic friendship between the Russian and American peoples.

FIVE BRITISH COLUMBIA BEAUTIES who make up part of chorus line for B.C. Centurama which will be staged in Prince Rupert next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 28, 29 and 30, are shown relaxing after show. Behind them is trombone player Alvie Sykes, member of five-piece orchestra which accompanies giant stage, air and water show. Left to right are Denise Dorman, Miss New Westminster; Judy Leatherdale of Vancouver; Pat Cull of Trail, Miss Kootenays; Claudia Dyer and Pauline Campbell of Vancouver. In addition to three night shows in the HMCS Chatham drill hall there will be a matinee after of July 30. B.C. Centurama is being sponsored here by Prince Rupert Rotary club.

ME JANE, WHERE TARZAN? —Trying to emulate the pin-up girls she has seen posing in trees, Kathleen Grigas, 5, climbed into one herself. The Ridgefield, N.J., lass looks as though she may have need of a Tarzan to rescue her.

Blackwood on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Here is another case where a little thinking will tell you that it is a losing play to cover an honor.

Mr. Meek took a long time to decide on his opening lead against the four spade contract. He was afraid a trump or a heart would go right into a tenace in the closed hand. He was right.

With typical pessimism he was also afraid to lead the queen of clubs. He is convinced that every time he leads from this holding he finds the ace in declarer's hand and something like K 10 9 in the dummy.

As you see the club would have been the best lead in this deal, but Mr. Meek finally decided on the nine of diamonds.

This also presented Mr. Champion with a trick he could not have won otherwise. However, Mr. Masters made sure that it did not give away more than one trick. When the ten was played from dummy he promptly followed suit with the seven spot.

South Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Abel
♠ 5 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ 9 7 6 2

WEST
Mr. Meek
♠ J 7 6 2
♥ K J 10 3
♦ 9 2
♣ Q J 3

EAST
Mr. Masters
♠ 8
♥ 9 7 2
♦ K 7 6 4 3
♣ K 10 8 5

SOUTH
Mr. Champion
♠ A K Q 10 9 4
♥ A Q 6
♦ A 5
♣ A 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

He gave no thought to covering with the king because it was practically impossible for that play to gain anything for his side. It would gain only where Mr. Meek had underled the ace of diamonds. On the bidding that would be an extremely dangerous lead for anybody and for Mr. Meek it would be unthinkable.

The 10 of diamonds won the first trick and since the lead was in dummy for the last time, Mr. Champion used it to lead a heart and finesse the queen. That lost to the king and Mr. Meek returned the queen of clubs. Mr. Champion had to lose a club, a spade and another heart for a one trick set.

If Mr. Masters had covered the 10 of diamonds at trick one, Mr. Champion could have won with the ace, cashed three top spades and led a fourth spade to concede a trick to the jack. Then he could have won any return and parked two losers on dummy's diamonds, making five-odd.

Of course Mr. Masters' problem at trick one was so simple that it was hardly a problem at all. However, the deal serves to illustrate the situation where you must refuse to cover an honor in order to kill declarer's entry to the board. Keep this angle in mind when you encounter more complicated variations of the set-up in today's diamond suit.

Hanna plans to appeal

VANCOUVER (CP) — George Christian Hanna, 24, man without a country, has served notice here that he will appeal a recent morals conviction.

He appeared without counsel in police court to ask that costs of the appeal be set.

Hanna was convicted June 19 of indecently exposing himself on two occasions to a 25-year-old housewife in a Vancouver rooming-house where both lived. He was remanded and given a suspended sentence.

Magistrate N. James Bartman set costs of the county court appeal at $150.

Before the appeal proceeds, Hanna must locate and serve notice on his accuser, who now resides in northern British Columbia.

NOSE FOR NEWS—Up to his eyes in the world of science, freckled Kevin McKay focuses on the world's smallest precision electrical switch. Engineers at Minneapolis-Honeywell's Micro-Switch division in Freeport, Ill., say the snap-action switch, weighing only 1/28th of an ounce, has a 5-ampere rating, more than enough to operate the motor of a household refrigerator. It looks as though the slide-rule boys will have to work out a new switch—one to click Kevin's eyeballs back into place.

MOVIE COLUMN

Scientific role ahead for famous stripper

By BOB THOMAS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Whatever happened to Sally Rand?

At a well-preserved 54, she is still waving those ostrich feathers. While she's not doing it with a physics book in one hand, she claims her future lies in a scientific career.

"I've been going to school," she announced proudly as she lounged beside a hotel pool.

"It took some doing, because I never graduated from high school. But I was allowed to take some courses through the University of California. I took physics, math, chemistry and psychology. And I'm proud to say that I had a 95 average.

"I'm also proud of something else. You know all the tests and records of the university are kept by business machines. Well, a company near my home town went through the files for employment possibilities. They pulled out my name and offered me a job starting at $800 a month. Not bad, huh?"

Does this mean she will give up the fast-flowing fans?

You can't predict those things," she said. "I wanted to. I had hoped to continue school last winter. But I have problems with the tax boys. I had to go out on the road to make more money."

She's been doing just that most of her life. Since starting 40 years ago, she has played almost every city of any size. Her big break came when she flipped feathers at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair.

Despite all the money she has made, she has been unable to give up the fans because of money problems. How come?

"I don't drink, I've never put a dime in a slot machine, I've never laid even a $2 bet on a horse, and I'm not a profligate in my way of living."

Compulsory inspection of fish soon

OTTAWA (CP) — Compulsory federal inspection of frozen and fresh sea fish will be set up as soon as possible. Fisheries Minister MacLean today told the Commons fisheries committee.

"We will make it compulsory as soon as we have the staff for it," Mr. MacLean said, in reply to J. W. Pickersgill (L-Bonavista-Twillingate) who said such inspection should be compulsory.

At the present time, the committee was informed by departmental officials, inspection of frozen and fresh sea fish is voluntary and about 90 per cents of the processors abide by the decisions of federal inspectors.

B.C. Telephone company granted boost in rates

OTTAWA (CP)—British Columbia Telephone Company Friday was awarded a general rate increase averaging about three per cent but only about one-third of what it had asked from the board of transport commissioners.

The board authorized the company—effective Aug. 1—to boost local rates by an average two per cent and long distance tolls by five per cent for a total of $1,300,000 a year.

The company had asked for local boosts of 12 per cent and long distance ones of five per cent amounting to average 9.5 per cent worth $3,996,000 a year.

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SCHEDULE
9:30 — Assemble for parade at the Civic Centre.
10:00 — Parade begins.
11:00 — Judging of parade entries at Algoma Park.
12:00 — FREE—Hotdogs and Cokes.
1:00 — Track meet.
2:15 — Swim meet.

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This form to be turned in at the Gyro swimming pool or Civic Centre no later than July 26th.