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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)

High	11:54 a.m.	16.7 feet
	23:42 p.m.	19.3 feet
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	17:35 p.m.	8.7 feet

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Deciding Future Course Of War

TO DEBATE HONG KONG

Opportunity Will be Given to Air Matter in Parliament, Premier Announces

OTTAWA, July 9—There will be opportunity for Parliament to debate the Hong Kong expedition on the basis of evidence already made public in connection with the investigation of the Duff Commission. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced yesterday.

British Take Over Island

LONDON, July 9: (UPI)—British forces occupied the French island of Mayotte in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and the African mainland on July 2 without resistance or casualties, the War Office announced today.

Fire Situation In Anyox Area

No Change in General Position—Alice Arm in no Immediate Danger

There is no change in the forest fire situation around Anyox, according to latest word received at the Forest Branch office here. Fire is still some fifteen miles from Alice Arm and that community is not believed to be in any immediate danger. The timber area through which the fire is burning is of little value.

Protection Of Fishing Fleet

Complaints Heard in Parliament At Ottawa Regarding Insufficiency

OTTAWA, July 9—Complaints were heard in the House of Commons yesterday of insufficient insurance protection for the fishing fleets against enemy action.

New Yorkers To Be Tagged

May Be Required To Carry Individual Identification Discs As War Measure

NEW YORK, July 9:—Fourteen million people of New York State may soon be carrying individual identification discs as a war measure in the event of raids or mass evacuation.

Boy Described Bravest Of War

On Duty With His Legs Off And Unable To Save Himself

HULL, Eng., July 9: (UPI)—Heroism of a boy, described as "bravest of the war" was related by Gunlayer John Wood of H.M.S. Cornwall, who said when the ship was sinking, a phone call came through.

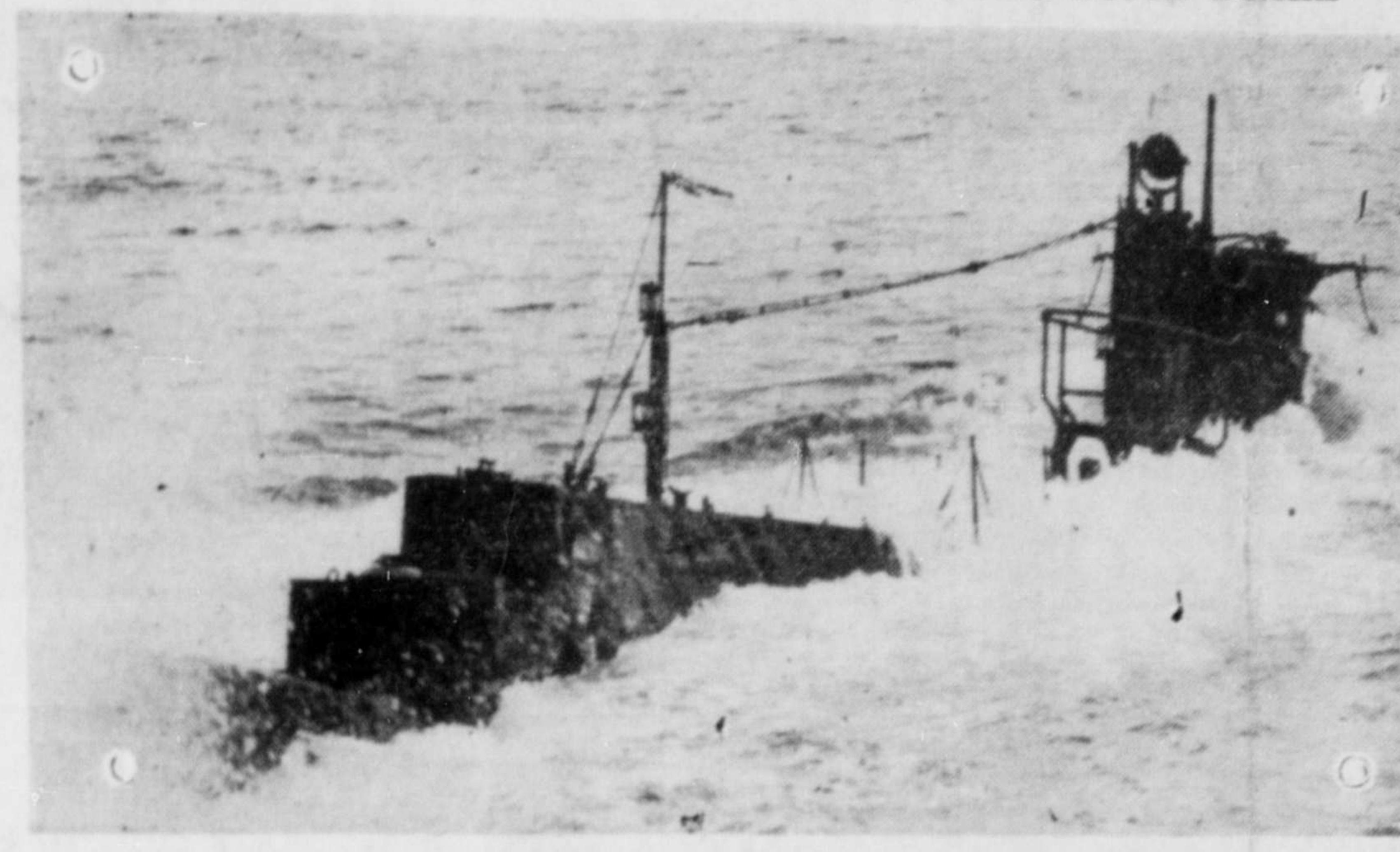
"What shall I do, sir, the telephone room is flooding," asked the voice of an excited boy.

"You had better leave your station immediately," advised the officer. "I can't, sir, explained the boy. "Both my legs are off." Wood said identity of the boy was unknown to him.

CARS FOR EMERGENCY

LONDON, July 9: (UPI)—A volunteer pool of private cars to meet any emergency is to be maintained throughout the country after the basic petrol ration is abolished. Cars will be registered with regional commissioners.

SUBMARINE CRASH-DIVES TO GIVE GOBS SOME DRILL



One of the most spectacular photographs of a submarine diving is this one showing a "tin fish" plunging into the deep amid a smother of foam in a crash dive. This dive was made off New London, Connecticut, as more men received intensive training for underwater work. At the beginning of the crash dive, a signal shrieks, warning the crew, bells ring, indicating that the Diesel engines are stopped, ballast tanks are flooded, and the electric motors are thrown into gear as the sub goes down.

GERMANS TRAPPED

Large Artillery and Transport Forces Are Trapped in Egypt

CAIRO, July 9—A large artillery and transport force of the Axis has been trapped by British imperial forces near El Alamein, keep point of an expected resumption of the campaign in the desert of North Africa. There is no admission of a German claim that a British force has been pushed back. The Royal Air Force is still hitting heavily at Axis supply and communication lines.

THIS MAN LAZIEST

Doesn't Mind The Title So Long As British Justice Leaves Him Alone

LIVERPOOL, July 9: (UPI)—They call him the laziest man in England but George Imrie doesn't mind. He's almost always tired, a condition which earned him 28 days in jail because he refused a job under an essential works order.

In court it was said Imrie was fit for light work and the job he was told to do was picking up paper with a spiked stick in a war factory. He didn't refuse to work in jail (the sentence was to hard labor) but he had a light job—folding canvas for mailbag tags. "I couldn't do the sewing because my eyes are bad," he told newspapermen. "We hadn't to work hard and I could sit down."

On May 19 when he was sentenced for not working Imrie was so tired he had to sit twice on the stairs to rest in the course of going from the dock to the nearby jail. He was tired 28 days later when the warden in Walton jail awakened him at 6:30 a.m. to discharge him and an hour later he was even more tired when he walked slowly into the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society hut opposite the jail gates and sat down.

"I've been out of work so long I've lost the habit," said Imrie. "I get tired and dizzy so quickly. I don't mind being called the laziest man in Britain. People can say what they like so long as they leave me alone."

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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9:—The Department of the Navy announced yesterday that another Japanese destroyer had been sunk by a United States submarine in the Aleutian Islands. This sinking was at Kiska Harbor.

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Municipal Affairs . . .

Announcement was made some time ago by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that, Prince Rupert being now out of the state of bankruptcy which necessitated the appointment of a commissioner, it is the intention to restore local autonomy to the municipality. Now it is suggested that the idea of continuing the commissionership plan might be considered if it were so wished.

Meanwhile, the minister of municipal affairs is understood to be desirous of having some expression of opinion as to just what the people here do want. There would appear to be three general plans for the future government of the city—mayor and council, city manager or city commissionership. Each has certain advantages. Each has certain undesirable features. Everything boils down to the same thing—the type of man or men who will be in control. To say that, however, does not make it any easier to choose.

Undoubtedly, the most democratic system would be that of mayor and aldermen. The city commissionership is, of course, a bureaucratic idea, or dictatorial as some like to call it. The city managership, with its elective body to determine general policy and the manager to administer, is a sort of a compromise.

Some time ago an expression of opinion was taken here which favored a city managership form of municipal government when the city resumed its autonomy. The last word of the government was that it proposed to have Prince Rupert go back to the mayor and council form at the first of next year. Now there is the suggestion that another consultation with the people might be held to determine just what is wanted.

While democratic principles are much to be desired, there are economic aspects that should not be lost sight of. If the mayor and council form is to be productive of undue political or patronage aspects, it would doubtless be better to have some other form. However, if the right kind of men would go into public life and assume their responsibilities in this way, there should be a chance of good, efficient government even with a mayor and council.

The most of people wish for the greatest degree of democratic principles possible even in civic affairs. But democratic principles should be fair and efficient and must not be controlled by political or personal considerations.

Meanwhile it does not hurt us to start thinking now what kind of a municipal autonomy we want next January—even though the most of us may be concerning ourselves these days with matters which for the time being may appear to be of much more vital importance.

If only we could all agree on a dictator who was not autocratic or a city council that was not political by next January how happy we would be. But how could we agree?

SPORT CHAT

The sixteen soccer clubs making up the London League hit the jackpot financially this season in comparison with previous lean war years so they decided at a meeting to continue as an "outlaw" organization despite an invitation from the Football League to rejoin its ranks. The clubs informed the League they are availing themselves of a "freedom of action" ruling passed by the Football Association during the First Great War. They wish to remain members of the Football League, however, and are willing to give a measure of financial support. Each London League club will receive approximately \$1,400 from this season's pool. The Football League has proposed that the London League clubs, without Portsmouth and Brighton, but including a new team from Luton Town, form one of five sections suggested for a league tournament next season, to be followed by a joint league and cup competition.

British sportdom already is discussing post-war years. Birmingham Football club will propose that an advisory committee be set up immediately to consider plans for league soccer after the Allies have trampled the dictators.

Iron railings about famed Epsom Downs racecourse are being flung at the Axis in the form of shells. A motion by the Racecourse Association seeking to restrain a firm of contractors from removing the railings was dismissed by consent. The association contended considerable damage was done in the early process of removal and asked for more care in completion of the work. Now everyone's happy again and the workmen are being very careful.

There's a British net-ball team in a German prison camp sporting the colors of Wembley Lions' peacetime hockey club—colors worn by many Canadian hockeyists in pre-war years. Six scarves in Wembley colors were forwarded by the stadium management after receiving a letter from the "six keen supporters" making up the camp team under the name Wembley Lions.

Georges Carpenter, former French boxing champion, has gone to Berlin to referee benefit fights at the Sports Palace, says Vichy radio—sounds like collaboration or does Georges just want to smack Schmeling?? Latest wave of arrests in Norway includes Willy Roenneberg, Olympic Games champion of happier years. He's been thrown into a concentration camp. Sam King, one of the youngest golf pros to represent Britain in the Ryder Cup matches against America, is to take a bride. In a Ryder Cup tilt of 1937 he halved his match with Denny Shute.

SIGNALS WIN OUT

Only One Goal Needed To Decide Possession of Dominion Day Cup

Signals won the Dominion Day Cup in a replayed game Tuesday evening by winning over Air Force one goal to nil. The victory also qualifies the Signals to meet Terrace in a series of four games for the district championship, the series to commence here at the end of this week. Two games of the district final will be played in Prince Rupert and two at Terrace, games to count or, in event of a tie on games, decision to be by points.

The game Tuesday night was a splendid exhibition of soccer, the standard of play being of high order. Although defeated, Air Force had a full share of the game. The Signal's defense was an important factor in the outcome.

The one and only counter came within ten minutes after the start of the second half with a fine long shot by Hayter, Signals' inside left forward.

S. P. Woodside was referee. Fusilier Richardson and Jock Morse were linesmen and the players were:

Signals—Lawford Randall and Sterritt; Johnson, Hilder and Yel-land; Holt, Hayter, Ackerman, Baker and Brook; reserve, Smith, Air Force—Somerville; Grounds and Goodrich; Carswell, Rigby and Tucker; Cousins, Baldwin, Smith, Fowler and Hastings; reserves, Wild and MacLellan.

Letter Box

Editor, Daily News:
In view of the existing situation regarding the local Civic Centre the executive feels that a full statement should be made to the public regarding same.

The Construction Control Advisory Committee has carefully considered every angle of the project and plainly stated its reluctance to proceed further in its recommendation while the present acute shortage of materials and labor exists. Only absolute essential construction directly concerned with winning the war can expect to obtain priority. The committee points out that the condition in Prince Rupert, whereby every available ounce of material and manpower must be directed to the vital war construction jobs is, probably only temporary and within a few months present construction will be completed, thereby easing the situation to a large extent.

To stress further the claims of the Civic Centre at this moment therefore, appears to be unreasonable as well as unpatriotic and the executive has accordingly decided to postpone their application for a period tentatively placed at six months.

This does not mean that interest in the Civic Centre should be allowed to drop far from it. The need is and will be just as urgent and every citizen can hasten its completion when material and labor requirements are more favorable by supporting any and all endeavors in aid of the project now. We hope that a Carnival is in the offing, although the putting on of such an affair was never more difficult. We know that, quite apart from the financial objective, put on by a local organization, it will prove an attraction on its own merit.

The executive wishes to thank all those members of the Association and affiliated organizations who placed them in office and is determined to carry out the plans of the Association at the earliest possible moment, having due regard to all concerned in the various problems of this undertaking.

The following has been received by the executive from the Department of Munitions and Supply, B. C. Construction Control Advisory Committee:

"Your application and the plans for this project were considered by the Advisory Committee yesterday. They have asked me to write you and suggest that it is not likely a license would be granted until the Controller was assured that the project would go ahead and as you have only about fifty percent of the money subscribed, they feel that the consideration of the application should be postponed for the present.

"Secondly, while it is perfectly well realized that the question of entertainment and social activities are probably very much strained in Prince Rupert at the present time owing to the large influx of new population, it is questioned whether it can be considered in the best interests of the war effort to construct this type of building and for the purposes for which it is intended at the present time when consideration must be given to bending every effort on direct war projects. To go ahead with this building at the moment would mean taking men and material vitally needed to National Defence projects off such work."

Few automobiles are seen on the highways of Ontario these days as compared with the number that used to be seen under more normal conditions. The reason, of course, is the restriction placed in connection with the use of gas and rubber.

Green peas and new potatoes are being offered at 50c per six-quart basket on the Cobourg market. Butter is selling at 35c per pound and eggs at from 30c to 35c per dozen. Cherries are selling at 10c per quart and strawberries at 15c per basket. Two heads of lettuce can be bought for 15c and radishes and onions sell at 5c per bunch.

Sergeant Observer Leo Flesch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Flesch of Cobourg, was killed on March 29 when a plane of which he was a crew member landed on German territory. The body was interred with military honors in a cemetery at Wilhelmshafen. Sergeant Observer Flesch was twenty-six years of age.

A recruiting depot for the taking of women and girls into war work has been opened at Cobourg.

F. E. Corbett has been installed as worshipful master of St. John's Masonic Lodge in Cobourg. Other officers of the lodge are J. M. Harrison, senior warden; Dr. G. A. Dundas, junior warden; Rev. T. McKim, chaplain; Walter A. Johnson, treasurer; Thomas Hardcastle, secretary; George Lowe, assistant secretary; H. R. Quantrill, senior deacon; J. R. M. Iraith, junior deacon; E. Jeffery, senior steward; Keith Caldwell, junior steward.

MORE FOR SCOTCH

Editor, Daily News:

The people of British Columbia are now being asked to pay \$4.75 for a bottle of imported Scotch Whisky as compared to \$4.35 in the Province of Ontario.

I am told that freight rates are only a very few cents more to bring a bottle to British Columbia than they are to Ontario and I would like to know why we, in this province always have to pay so much more for the same products than the people living in Ontario.

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NEWS FOR MIDLANDS

RIFLE SHOOT AT STEWART

Interesting Competition by Juniors
On Dominion Day

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Company of the Second Midland Battalion at Cobourg had a successful Sunday outing by attending church at Warkworth and later participating in a drum-head service at Campbellford. In full battle dress, the company moved out of Cobourg in trucks. After the church service, luncheon was served to the reserve army soldiers by the Women's Association of the church.

B

Theft of gasoline in time of war is almost sabotage, declared Magistrate R. B. Baxter in police court at Cobourg as he found guilty 18-year old Harold Spear on such a charge, sentencing him to fifteen days' imprisonment.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce has closed its branch in Campbellford, Ontario, transferring its business to the Bank of Montreal. Necessity for wartime economy and scarcity of employees are given as reasons for the closing of the branch.

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(By FRANK LOWE, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

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