Today's Weather
(8 A.M.)
Prince Rupert—Overcast, northwest wind, two miles per hour; barometer, 29.78 (steady); temperature 38; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High	4:10 a.m.	21.3 ft.
	16:20 p.m.	19.8 ft.
Low	10:24 a.m.	5.4 ft.
	22:36 p.m.	4.4 ft.

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COMING SESSION HAS IMPORTANT ISSUES TO OCCUPY PARLIAMENT

Dominion House Opening January 27 Will Face Varied Program of Important Legislation—Developments of Wide Political Significance

OTTAWA, January 19: (CP)—Developments of wide political significance which featured the parliamentary recess are expected to be threshed out on the floors of the House of Commons and Senate after parliament opens January 27. These may include the federal government's relations with the Social Credit administration of Alberta, now the subject of references being heard in the Supreme Court of Canada, new trade policies, the feud between Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his erstwhile supporter, Premier Hepburn of Ontario, unemployment insurance and the defense program

The third session of the 18th parliament since Confederation will open under the shadow of heavy losses through death which struck impartially at both the Commons and Senate, and at both Liberals and Conservatives. Since the last opening five members in each chamber have died and a sixth Senate vacancy dates from 1936.

While the prime minister and a large section of his cabinet travelled in Europe, Ottawa enjoyed a long period of quiet after the closing of the last session of parliament. The ministers attended the coronation of King George VI and Mr. Mackenzie King also visited Germany, Belgium and France.

The fall brought considerable action, however, with the federal government disallowing three acts of the Social Credit administration of Alberta and later developments which resulted in references being made to the supreme court questioning the disallowance power and the constitutionality of three bills by which Alberta sought to deal with banks and newspapers in that province.

Leadership Settled

Plans of former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett with respect to leadership of the Conservative party and of the official opposition in the House of Commons constituted a subject of lively interest when parliament prorogued last spring. This was settled when, after a vacation in Europe, Mr. Bennett met his associates in caucus here and it was announced he would continue indefinitely at the head of the party. Since then Mr. Bennett has been unusually active, making many public speeches.

In the Victoria by-election, shortly before polling day, he warned electors they should be prepared to defeat a move he said was planned by the government to abondon British preference in order to facilitate the forthcoming trade negotiations between United Kingdom and United States. Victoria went Liberal for the first time in about 30 years.

Another matter of wide interest and which will probably have repercussions on the floors of parliament was the further widening of the breach between Mr. Mackenzie King and Mr. Hepburn. Late in November, Mr. Heburn asked for a license for the export of surplus power which Ontario would have under new contracts with Quebec producers.

The license was refused, resulting in a long and acrimonious public correspondence between the two leaders. It is anticipated the question of power export will be subject of a major debate in the Commons as a result of this controversy.

A move to initiate a national scheme of unemployment insurance was launched by the Dominion government, requiring agreement of

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CHAUTEMPS IS PREMIER

Former Prime Minister of France Heads New Administration of Centrists

PARIS, Jan. 19: — Camille Chautemps, who resigned as Premier last week, succeeded last night in forming a new French cabinet along conservative lines. The new government, consisting of the centrist Radical Socialist members, is expected to meet with severe opposition from the Left, having entirely eliminated Socialists and Communists. It is a complete breakaway from the influence of Former Premier Leon Blum and his Popular Front. Georges Bonnet, former ambassador to the United States and a member of the last Chautemps government, is minister of state.

LINKING UP WITH NORTH

Coast Copper Railway Across Vancouver Island Associated With Re-Opening of Anyox Smelter

The latest report to be heard in connection with the plans of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. for its mining operations on the British Columbia coast associates a railroad building project across the north of Vancouver Island from the Coast Copper mine on the West Coast with renovation and re-opening of the Anyox smelter for treatment of the ores of that mine.

Surveys are reported to have been completed for the Vancouver Island Railway from the Coast Copper property to the east coast of the island either at Suquash or Port McNeill.

The suggestion is made that it would be more economical to treat the Coast Copper ore at Anyox than attempt to transport it to the company's smelter at Trail.

The report, emanating from Stewart, is, of course, without confirmation as far as the company is concerned.

DEFENSE FAVORED

Canadian Federation of Labor Is Also in Favor of Trade Treaty With United States

OTTAWA, Jan. 19: (CP)— The Canadian Federation of Labor yesterday made representations to the federal government favoring adequate defence measures for the Dominion, a trade agreement with the United States and fair wage and working conditions legislation. Full consideration of the representations is promised by the government.

CHINESE VICTORY

Guerilla Warfare Being Carried On With Success Against Japanese

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19: (CP)—Chinese guerilla forces were reported early today to be staging successful attacks against the Japanese in various quarters. One of the raids was not far from Shanghai to the southeast. Bitter fighting was reported along the Yangste River near Wuhu.

Powell River Garage Fire

Flames Kept Department Busy for Three Hours Yesterday—Oil Tanks Threatened

POWELL RIVER, Jan. 19: (CP)—A stubborn fire in a garage here yesterday kept the fire department busy for three hours. Oil tanks for a time were threatened.

U.F.A. IN SESSION

Future of Alberta Agricultural Body to be Decided at Meetings in Edmonton

EDMONTON, Jan. 18: (CP) — The annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta got under way here yesterday with the day being given over pretty well to preliminary formalities. Today the convention gets down to real business with important matters to be debated including whether the organization shall remain in the political arena or become merely an economic body. The question of whether or not it shall remain affiliated with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is also to be decided.

FREIGHTER PROCEEDS

British Ship Cragpool on Way To Rotterdam—Thirty are Dead As Result of Storm

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 19: (CP)—The British freighter Cragpool was reported last night to have won a battle with a storm on the Atlantic Ocean and to be on her way here with hull damaged. The vessel had sent out distress signals stating that water was leaking into her engine room.

Thirty persons are reported dead at sea and in Great Britain as a result of the fierce storm of the last few days.

Aerial Squadron Making Headway

Eighteen of Uncle Sam's Naval Planes Flying Across Pacific

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 19: (CP) — Eighteen United States naval planes, on a flight from here to Pearl Harbor with 127 officers and men on board, were reported last night to be making excellent progress despite none too favorable weather conditions. They took off at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and expected to complete the flight in about 20 hours

SIX HOUSES BURNED

HARRISON MILLS, Jen. 18: (CP) —Six wooden houses were destroyed by fire here yesterday

No Election Is Expected By Premier

OTTAWA, Jan. 19: (CP) — Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said last night that he believed nothing would arise "within the next year or two" necessitating a general election. Referring to reports that the government was considering the possibility of an election this year, the Prime Minister said: "We don't want the people to get the impression that there is any certainty on this point."

Seiners' Strike Stops Operation Of Local Plants

A strike of herring seiners has prevented the resumption of operations at the Port Edward and Tucks Inlet reduction plants. Higher price for fish is demanded. Thomas Anderson, superintendent of the Tucks Inlet plant, said today that, if the strike was not ended today, he would be closing down his plant.

SITE FOR BUILDING

H. K. Christensen Acquires Additional Frontage on Third Avenue For New Bakery Plant

Five front feet of the south side of Third Avenue almost across from the Federal Block was acquired by H. K. Christensen for $450 under a transaction which was approved by City Commissioner W. J. Alder this morning.

This five feet will give Mr Christensen a total of thirty foot frontage for a new building which he is to erect to house his bakery plant. The other 25 feet is a lot which was formerly owned by Mrs Alfred Carss and which is occupied by an old building which is to be taken down.

Mr. Christensen will start building at an early date.

DISASTER EVIDENT

Wreckage Believed From Freighter Haida Cast Up Off West Coast of Vancouver Island

VICTORIA, Jan. 19: (CP)—It appears certain that the freighter Haida, six weeks overdue at Hong Kong from Vancouver, perished with her crew in the Pacific Ocean, probably not far off the British Columbia coast. A door believed to have been from the missing vessel is reported to have been picked up at Clo-oos, a village on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

United States Aircraft Tender Is Coming Here

The United States aircraft tender Teal, on the way to Alaska, is due in this port between January 20 and 26. She has a complement of 59 men.

MILLS ARE REOPENING

Five Hundred Men Back to Work in Portland Following A.F.L.-C.I.O. Deadlock

PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 19:—Five hundred men went back to work yesterday in two Portland sawmills which had been deadlocked since last August on account of the dispute between American Federation of Labor and Committee on Industrial Organization.

Simplifying Of Tax Structure

Recommendations Made to Royal Commission by Manufacturers And Insurance Men

OTTAWA, Jan. 19: (CP)— The Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canadian Insurance Association, making representations before the Rowell Royal Commission, advocate a simplified structure of taxation and control of financial and industrial institutions.

SEVENTEEN ARE DEAD

This is Known Toll to Date Of St. Hyacinthe College Fire—May Be More

ST. HYACYNTHE, Jan. 18: (CP) —Seventeen were definitely known last night to be dead as a result of the fire early yesterday morning in Sacred Heart College. Twenty eight other persons are still unreported. Some of them may have found shelter elsewhere. Some may have perished in the conflagration Twenty-two of the fifty-six survivors are in hospital, some of them in a serious condition.

The fire alarm was turned in by an early morning workman who saw the flames leaping from the building.

PAYROLL GOES UP

Year 1937 Expected, When Compilation Complete, To Compare Favorably with 1929

SEATTLE, Jan. 19: — The 1937 industrial payroll of Washington, which is being compiled, will, it is estimated, run close to the peak year of 1929 when it amounted to $289,000,000.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 36 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow)

General Synopsis — Pressure remains comparatively low on the coast and light rains have occurred on Vancouver Island and lower mainland. Moderate temperatures continue over the interior

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh easterly wind mostly fair, little change in temperature with showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong east wind shifting to northeast, cloudy and mild with showers.

LONDON GOLD PRICE

LONDON, Jan. 19: (CP) — Bar gold was selling at the equivalent of $34.87 per fine ounce on the London market yesterday

Ground To Be Broken By First Of Week For New Federal Building

Will Take Seven Months to Build and Will Give Employment to Average of Fifty Men During That Time

Ground for Prince Rupert's new $125,000 federal building on the north side of third Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets will be broken by the first of next week, it was announced by J. G. Bennett, head of the Vancouver contracting firm of Bennett & White, who arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver. Employing an average of about fifty men throughout the period of construction, it is expected that seven months will see the building completed and ready for occupancy, said Mr. Bennett. This means it should be ready by early fall.

Accompanying Mr. Bennett here from Vancouver was A. J. Cook who will be superintendent in charge of the construction. Mr. Bennett will return to Vancouver on the Prince George tomorrow night.

Mr. Bennett had no announcement to make this morning as to the actual procedure in regard to the carrying out of the work such as to whether excavation would be by day labor or sub-contract. He gave assurance, however, that local labor would be used as far as possible throughout the work. He would know more tomorrow in regard to these details, Mr. Bennett said.

AFRAID OF JAPANESE

Immediate Census is Advocated by Conservative Member for The Islands

VANCOUVER, Jan. 19: (CP)—An immediate census of all British Columbia Japanese is recommended by Captain McGregor Macintosh, Conservative member of the Legislature for the Islands constituency. He considers the census "imperative" as the first step towards remedying "the most serious Oriental penetration of our industrial life" before it was "too late."

Capt. Macintosh said the "Japanese are arriving in this province in ever increasing numbers and one gravely doubts if all of these arrivals are legal."

The Islands member added: "I am creditably informed that a month or so ago forty Japanese arrived in the Queen Charlotte Islands from a floating cannery."

NO CHANGE IN GRANTS

Federal Relief Contribution to Province Remains at $115,000—Payrolls Not Keeping Pace

VICTORIA, Jan. 19: (CP)—The monthly grant from the federal government to the province of British Columbia in aid of unemployment relief remains unchanged at $115,000 in spite of an increase of those on the relief rolls, it was announced yesterday by Premier T D. Pattullo.

Payroll gains in British Columbia have not kept pace with production volume, it was stated by the Department of Labor yesterday. Whereas production this year was ten per cent less than in 1929, employment was twenty per cent less. Labor saving devices are held largely responsible for the difference.

FEWER NOW ON RELIEF

Notable Shrinkage in Figure For October 1937 as Compared With Year Previous

OTTAWA, Jan. 19: (CP)— The National Employment Commission reported yesterday that 119,431 fully employable persons received direct relief to which the government contributed last October.

This figure was exclusive of farm resident operators and dependents who received agricultural aid. The figure compared with 115,246 in the preceding month and 214,271 in October 1936.

Today's Weather

(Government Telegraphs)

Triple Island—Raining, southeast wind, twelve miles per hour; light swell.

Langara Island—Raining, southerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.73; temperature, 36; moderate swell.

Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 30; light swell.

Anyox—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 27.

Alice Arm—Light snow, northeast wind; temperature, 28.

Stewart — Cloudy, calm; temperature, 26.

Aiyansh — Cloudy, calm; temperature, 22.

Terrace — Cloudy, northeast wind; temperature, 18.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 14.

Smithers—Clear, calm; temperature, six below.

Burns Lake—Clear, calm, zero.

Prince George—Cloudy, northerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.84.

Bull Harbor—Overcast, calm barometer, 29.68; temperature, 38 heavy swell.

Alert Bay—Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.65; temperature, 35 sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy, easterly wind four miles per hour; barometer 29.68.

Victoria—Cloudy, southeast wind 10 miles per hour; barometer 29.72.

Vancouver—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.84.

Political Crisis Suspended While Young King Weds

CAIRO, Jan. 19: (CP)—Pending the forthcoming marriage of young King Farouk to his seventeen-year old bride-elect, political troubles in Egypt appear to have been suspended. Sir Miles Lampson, the British minister, carried the congratulations of King George VI to Farouk yesterday.