

City Hall Open Saturday Morning

The City Hall will not close until 5 tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays, it was announced today. Offices will be closed on Boxing Day but will be reopened for business Saturday morning.

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day morning until noon as usual. The hall began to take on its festive air again today with evergreen decorations lining the main corridors and offices. They will remain in place until after the annual reception New Year's Day.

There will be more trouble from indignation than communication this Christmas," Dr. Richard Felton, city health officer, forecast following a survey of conditions in the city.

The inclement weather of the last few days, communicable diseases are at a point well below average for this season of the year, he said. Some cases of mumps were reported.

Blackout Fighter On Good Behaviour

Hugh Theophilus Simmons, Jamaica-born negro, found guilty in city police court Monday of assaulting Fong Chow, was ordered released on bond of \$100 for good behavior in court today.

A fight arose over whether the landlord, Fong, or the tenant, Simmons, was responsible for the bludgeoning of lights, Dec. 18.

"I hit 'im blackout tonight," said Fong. "He punched me on nose." Fong insisted Simmons opened the attack.

Simmons said Fong was annoyed at him because he burned too much light and, having grabbed him by the arm, pushed him along the passage to his room. There Fong took the light from the socket and smashed it on the floor, Simmons said. The negro said he hit the Chinese only after he had been kicked twice.

"In view of the fact the Dean of Columbia has testified to your character," Magistrate H. C. Hall said, "I have arranged to release you on \$100 surety of good behavior for the next six months."

Ray Johns and Samuel Bostler, charged in Equinox court Monday with driving in a manner dangerous to the public, were each fined \$25 and their licenses suspended for one month. "G. J. Eaton, appearing on a similar charge, was fined \$20 and his license suspended for one month."

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TOWN TOPICS

St. Mark's Church will hold its annual Christmas concert in the Parish Hall Saturday at 7:30. During the evening there will be a visit from Santa Claus.

Children of the Sacred Heart parish at Lake Hill were entertained at a Christmas tree party in the Lake Community Hall, the Catholic Women's League being in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Arthur Webb acted as chairman, and Mrs. L. S. Heather, president, was general convenor. The program opened with a brief address by Rev. Father T. Manan, after which Santa Claus made his appearance with gifts for the children. After singing by a junior choir, under the leadership of Miss Code, the church organist, a recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," was given by Mrs. Webster, Ice cream and cake was then served to the children, and tea to the members of the parish.

Art a Mo Party Plays at Colwood

The Art a Mo Concert Party entertained the Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles at Colwood camp with one of its usual breezy and versatile programs. Motion pictures were shown by Dick Colby. Contributions to the program were: Bobbie Lea, Joe Leatham, Geo. Pinnington, Sgt. Pete Saville, Walter Dan Russell, Dave Skerchick, Freddie Graham, Al Harman and Joe Dobbie.

During the evening the orchestra played several selections. It was composed of Rev. Mylren, C. Ferris, Jim Watson, Alf Ford and Joe Seatham.

"The Pinnington was property man and the technicians were Kim Campbell and Bill Holman.

There are large timber areas and some mines on the Queen Elizabeth Islands owned by Japan, but they are known and under constant survey.

Union Recognition

Union recognition has been recommended for employees of Contractors Supply Sash and Door Company of Vancouver by an arbitration board set up under the Industrial Consolidation and Arbitration Act, it was announced today by the B.C. Department of Labor.

A majority of the employees are members of the International Woodworkers of America and their recognition of the union as the sole bargaining agency. The company refused this offering to recognize a properly constituted committee of the employees.

Canada's Oil Output

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's October production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline totaled 871,491 barrels, compared with 878,782 in September and 817,596 in October last year, the Dominion bureau of statistics reported today.

In the first 10 months of this year production totaled 8,370,963 barrels, compared with 7,986,116 in the corresponding period of 1940, the report showed.

To Sell Assets

TORONTO (CP)—Lake Sulphite Pulp Company Limited, now in liquidation, announced negotiations are proceeding to sell the company's assets to Brompton Pulp & Paper Company Limited. The plan must have the approval of the Lake Sulphite creditors and the sanction of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

The principal assets of Lake Sulphite consist of the completed mill at Red Rock, Ontario, certain accounts receivable in cash, the issued capital stock of Nipigon Corporation Limited and the pulpwood concessions held under agreement from the Ontario government.

Raid on Rangoon

TOKYO (Japanese broadcast received by AP)—Japanese planes made a raid on Rangoon this afternoon, bombing the airbase, hangars, wharves, railway station, government offices and barracks, it was announced today.

Several British combat planes were claimed shot down and a number of planes destroyed on the ground.

The Japanese planes all returned unscathed after witnessing the destruction of part of the city, the announcement claimed.

No Seizure Planned Of Jap Timber Lands

Japanese-owned timber tracts and other natural resources in this province are entirely the concern of Ottawa, officials of the B.C. government pointed out today.

Timber and such resources as mines which are owned by alien Japanese—not born in Canada and not naturalized by Canada—are subject to seizure by Ottawa authorities just as is property owned by other enemy aliens.

Natural resources owned by Canadian-born or naturalized Japanese are not subject to seizure unless it is suspected they are being used to help the enemy. The B.C. government in recent years has been refusing to sell Crown timber lands to all Japs, no although there has been no legal status for doing so. But all Japanese requests to purchase timber have been turned down by the government although private interests have continued to sell to Japanese.

If any alien Japanese bought timber or mines they were doubtless careful to transfer registration to Canadian-born or naturalized Japanese.

The same applies to several small sawmills operated by Japanese at several isolated coastal points.

Fishing boats owned by Canadian-born Japanese are being held because they could be used to help the enemy, and it is more difficult for the police to keep their eye on hundreds of scattered boats than on timber lands or sawmills.

Japanese interests once owned a large mine at Sydney Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. In recent years, however, it has become deserted and is now falling into the water.

Reports have been current also that the Japanese built a large air field on timber lands they owned in the isolated regions of the Cowichan district, but this story has been pretty well discounted, following police survey.

Victorians Safe In Orient Hotspots

Mrs. John Piercy, Cook Street, has received two cables in recent days from her son, George Piercy, that he and his wife and two children are safe and well in Singapore. Mr. Piercy is with Syme, Darby & Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawton have advised the former's mother, Mrs. E. Lawton, Balmoral Hotel, that they are safe and well in Manila. Mr. Lawton is with Mars, his father, is in the air force, and is employed at Nichols air field, which has been heavily bombed.

Dr. James Anderson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. Jerrie, "Leasowes," Fairfield Road, is in Hongkong as is Mr. Anderson's brother, Ronald, who is with Imperial Chemicals. Mrs. Anderson and her children are in America.

Victoria Aviator Interned in Eire

Sgt. Guy Duncan Fowler of Victoria is reported as interned in Eire in the latest R.C.A.F. casualty list issued from Ottawa today. No records of Sgt. Fowler are available here but his next-of-kin is listed as his mother, Mrs. G. D. Fowler, whose address is shown as 1830 Davies Street.

Printers and others in Nova Scotia were first asked to organize trade unions in Canada.

Premier Hart Back

More A.R.P. Help Is Promised by Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The federal government realizes the seriousness of the situation in British Columbia. The Premier said he expected further assistance from the federal government for the A.R.P. work after arrival of Col. E. H. McKay, named special representative of the Dominion government in the Columbia.

Revised agreements providing for withdrawal of all provinces from the income tax field will be sent to Ottawa for signature within 10 days, Mr. Hart stated. The British Columbia government will be presented in the Legislature for its approval.

Visitors Arrive For Christmas

Holiday visitors started to trickle into the city today, and there was a general air of briskness around the hotels as the staffs got into Yuletide stride.

Despite the coming of the war to the Pacific, it is apparent from the hotel registrations that the volume of Christmas business will be maintained.

"We expect at least 250 visitors from the United States, and approximately 600 people will eat their Christmas dinner at the Empress on Thursday," said J. K. Hodgson, manager of the Empress Hotel.

William Clark, manager of the Dominion Hotel, told the same story.

"Business on the whole is good, and we expect many visitors from the American and upland points," he said.

Warren Martin of the Strathcona Hotel, also spoke optimistically of the Christmas business.

The Yuletide festival is being observed with its customary gaiety at the Empress Hotel, with costume carousels roaming the corridors, and Elizabethan-period banqueting.

First American visitors to arrive today from the United States were two Portland girls, Alexia Alexander and Sarah Lister, en route for the celebration. There have been some cancellations, of course, due to the war, but today and tomorrow will see American throngs across the border to join in the hands-across-the-border celebration.

Eastern Canadian visitors arriving today to spend the holidays in the city were: L. S. Skinner, and his daughter, Dorothy Skinner, of Toronto; H. E. Sellers of Winnipeg, and his daughter, Miss B. Sellers, and Frank J. McIntyre, of Toronto and Mrs. McIntyre.

Obituary

CAMPBELL—Word has been received from Toronto of the death, Dec. 17, of Colin Ross Campbell, internment took place Dec. 20 in Brantford, Ont. His widow, Mrs. R. V. Campbell, and one son, Peter, Campbell, survive him and live at 1716 Fort Street, Victoria.

ROBERTS—Mrs. Lucy Ann Roberts, aged 80, died in Vancouver Sunday. She had resided in Vancouver for four years, prior to which she had resided in Victoria 30 years. She leaves one son, Harold, in Vancouver; three daughters, Mrs. R. H. Addison, Victoria; Mrs. F. W. Lowe, Penikese, B.C.; and Mrs. E. P. Fox, Vancouver; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The remains will arrive on Saturday's boat from Vancouver, and funeral service will be conducted that afternoon at 2 in McCall-Brothers' Funeral Chapel. Rev. Cyril Venables will officiate; interment at Ross Bay.

YERBURGH—Many friends were present at the funeral service for Richard Yest Yerburch, Canon N. E. Smith, assisted by Bishop of Victoria and Rev. W. W. Lowe, Penikese, B.C., and Mrs. E. P. Fox, Vancouver; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The remains will arrive on Saturday's boat from Vancouver, and funeral service will be conducted that afternoon at 2 in McCall-Brothers' Funeral Chapel. Rev. Cyril Venables will officiate; interment at Ross Bay.

MACRAE—Mrs. Sarah Ann Bettison Macrae, widow of Dr. John Macrae, died this morning at her home, 2518 Cavendish Avenue, aged 95 years. She was born in Northumberland, England, and came to this city three years ago. Funeral will be held from Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel, Wednesday, at 1:30. Rev. J. R. Fife will officiate. Interment at Holy Trinity Church, Victoria.

EDWARDS—Archdeacon, Robert Connell conducted last rites at Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel, Monday afternoon. For Gerald Spencer Edwards, internment was at Holy Trinity Church, Victoria, Patricia Bay. Pallbearers were: Eustace Mitchell, Ned Connell, North Levee, C. Englewood, J. Helps and R. Hayward Jr.

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DOUBLE FUNERAL

A double funeral, with full air force honors, will be accorded the remains of Sgt. John Cunningham Gunn and A.C.1 Robert William Adams, both of the R.C.A.F., who lost their lives at No. 10, Royal Air Force, Canada, on Dec. 15. The cortege will leave the Santa Mortuary Chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 for Royal Oak Burial Park, where Flight-Lieut. H. F. McDonald, R.C.A.F. chaplain, will conduct graveside services. Sgt. Gunn, who was 32 years of age, was born in Scotland, where his father, James Thompson Gunn, survives him. A.C.1 Adams was born in Edmonton 20 years ago, where he leaves his mother.

Overnight Entries At Tropical Park

First race this morning: Trained 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767