

U.S. May Provide Needed Incentive to Spur B.C. Metal Output

and Copper Mines Jones' Program

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Newspapers.

Metals Reserve Company, a subsidiary of Jesse Jones, yesterday took steps to copper production.

aid for those metals brought into production. He said that the OPM and OPA have not increased in Canadian production. That certain sub-marginal operations in higher prices were to prevail. The Jones, of course, have to take the initiative in metal production, Jones made public S. Knudsen of the office of production administrator Loen Henderson, offering to mining companies which expand their

for companies which produce more of a half years following February 1 than the government-owned metal reserves of five cents a pound on the extra three-quarter cents a pound on the extra

to announce a quota plan to enable the they can get these premium prices. would bring the price on extra copper extra zinc to 11 cents and extra lead

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Vancouver Daily Province.)
men are hopeful that their industry of the new prices fixed in the United States, but there is still considerable uncertainty on Canadian production. aims at encouragement of increased production. But, as C. P. Browning, general manager and Smelting Company, put it in discussion. The Vancouver Daily Province these American metals are all in the same pot

on the attitude of the Canadian Government as a long-term contract now is in the hands and the British Government for the reasons mentioned. Consolidated Mining Instance, is selling all its lead and zinc to the British Government at a fixed

CONCENTRATES SOLD

arrangement does not apply to ore and reason companies such as Britannia and S. Smelting and Power Company have rates direct to the Tacoma smelter of Refining Company. British Columbia copper companies will price for the red metal will apparently be able to increase their capacity. Indication would be difficult, as both mines use to capacity for some time, and the actually mining less copper now than a typical conditions now faced at the mine, would justify the opening of new properties two or three copper properties in the interior there are several base metal fields brought into operation at fairly

BENEFIT

likely to profit from the new setup is lucky Jim property taken over by Sheep as being shipping zinc to the Anaconda. It has expanded production in recent

ment will also spur development of the ram under which a 2000-ton mill would 0,000 to produce lead and zinc. attend the company's annual meeting at a visit P. Larsen said that the plan would be Metals Reserve Company.

operating at Field, and several Eastern shipping zinc concentrates to the United Amulet, Normetal, Mining Corporation, and Sherritt Gordon. price factor has not been so important as mining interests in British Columbia Government to ask Washington to assume duty on lead and zinc. It is under being waived on copper.

MAY GO

Washington was that the tariff on zinc of the growing shortage of that metal to have the power to cut the present tariff in half. plan metals controller, was in Washington the new Joint Materials Co-ordination Canada and Great Britain. ally set up because of Japan's threat to the Allied supply nations from the oil and other supplies of the Southwest the whole situation of metal supply will that the board will be made aware of meet the growing shortage of metals.

TOO WIDE

mer sees defects



CHAMBER OF MINES.—Gomer P. Jones, president of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, will preside at the annual meeting of the organization tonight at the Hotel Georgia when Dale L. Pitt, formerly of Premier Gold Mining Company and the Big Bell Mines, and at present a director of Spud Valley Gold Mines will be the principal speaker. Frank Woodside, manager of the chamber, will present the annual report and election of 1942 officers will follow. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

CANNERS EMPLOYEES REACH AGREEMENT

An agreement between Hedlund's Limited, food canners, and its employees, incorporating seniority, overtime rates and holiday clauses, has been signed, Harold J. Fritchett, secretary of the Vancouver Labor Council, announced today.

J. A. H. Irving, general manager of the company, said the agreement represented a continuation of company policy toward its employees except for a provision that employees who worked 10 months in a year would have a week of holidays. The meat packing plant, closed since November when the company said extensive repairs were necessary, is expected to open shortly.

Under the agreement, the company will meet the negotiating committee at any time. Promotions and layoffs are to be on a basis of seniority.

It provides for a 45-hour week with time and a half overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 48 hours a week. Re-employment of former workers has been agreed upon.

Leave of absence for enlistment in the armed forces, for the conduct of union work or for other reasons, will be considered on the merits of the individual case.

Employees are members of the Local No. 1 United Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union.

POOL OF MATERIALS INTERESTS BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Although detailed information about the present discussions in Washington have not been available here thus far, the impression prevails that the meetings of Prime Minister Winston Churchill with President Roosevelt and others have opened a new stage in the position of commodities in the international market.

The Allied superiority in commodities has been impressive since the first day of the war, but thus far shortages in shipping, in manpower and industrial

URGE DOLPHINS TO GUARD SPAN

Installation of dolphins on the south side of Granville street bridge swing span as an alternative to installing protective piling around the bridge's pivot pier is being considered by the Dominion public works department, the Harbor Board and the Merchants' Exchange, City Engineer Charles Brakenridge told the civic board of works today.

He said "critical review" is being made of his proposal to install the piling work around the pier at a cost of \$22,000 to protect it from being swung off centre should large merchant ships, now under construction in False Creek, strike it when passing through the bridge to go to sea.

ENGINEER TO REPORT.

A definite report on alternate proposals will be made by the engineer at the board's next meeting two weeks hence.

Mr. Brakenridge explained proponents of dolphins claim the vessels could be warped to them as they near the bridge channel, and when tide and wind was favorable the ships could ease themselves through the channel without endangering the bridge.

Executives of Sitka Spruce Lumber Co. Ltd. believe they would be unable to tow large "Davis" rafts of logs through the channel if the protection work, which will narrow the opening from 106 to 87 feet is constructed, the engineer reported.

RAFTS ENDANGERED.

The lumber company officials state their operations have been concentrated at the foot of Oak street in order to avoid bringing rafts through Cambie bridge, Mr. Brakenridge added.

Aldermen apparently favored the protection work rather than the dolphins, which Mr. Brakenridge reported would narrow the "fairway" through the bridge.

F.D.R. OPPOSES FARM BLOC ON PRICE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, balked thus far by an adamant Senate farm bloc in his efforts to obtain one-man control over price-fixing, undertook personally today to forestall acceptance by the House of Representatives of some agricultural provisions of the Senate-approved price regulation bill.

Reported to be standing firm in his opposition to dual control over ceilings on farm commodities, the President arranged to contact today with a five-member bipartisan house committee which will meet with a similar Senate group later in an attempt to compromise differences in the price-measures passed by the two chambers.

The President was said to have reiterated to his legislative lieutenants at the weekly White House conference his desire that a single administrator be given full authority over all prices. There was no mention at that time, it was said, of a possible veto of the measure.

The Senate directed that no price-fixing order on agricultural commodities should become effective until approved by the secretary of agriculture.

SURVEY SHOWS TREND

Business Reaches New High

MARINE AND SHIPPING

Orders for Wooden Vessels Placed Here Total \$2 Million

Survey of the wartime ship and boatbuilding orders engaging the British Columbia yards, made last November shows a total of \$214,039,000. This includes all orders placed since the outbreak of war.

The wooden contracts, included in this list total approximately \$2,000,000. The yards engaged in this work are the West Coast Salvage & Contracting Co. Ltd., Star Shipyards (Mercers) Ltd. at New Westminster; Vancouver Shipyards, A. C. Benson, Wright Shipyards, A. Linton, T. Grenfell, Turner Boat Works; Armstrong Brothers of Victoria, Victoria Boat Works Ltd., and the Greenwood Canoe Co.

MANY TYPES OF CRAFT.

Canadian Press despatches today from Ottawa report expansion of Canada's small boat construction program during the last three months.

Orders placed in the last quarter of 1941 for a wide range of small craft increased the program's capital expenditure to more than \$10,500,000, the department said.

Construction work is being carried out for the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Army and the British air ministry in some 58 smaller boat yards. This is in addition to the naval and cargo vessel program in 17 major shipyards.

The small-boat program now is about 57 per cent complete. Orders placed to date follow: Two 107-foot gale vessels, two 50-foot Cape Island boats, three

65-foot pinnaces, one 51-foot water scow, one 40-foot motor launch, one 40-foot steel tug, one 26-foot aircraft tender, six 16-foot scows;

Six 15-foot plywood dories, 10 21-foot practice targets, four 79-foot ammunition lighters, two 55-foot provision lighters, 15 38-foot crash boats, 20 18-foot aircraft tenders, 37 18-foot bomb-loading dinghies, three 35-foot Diesel launches, two 30-foot steel launches, 249 16-foot pulling boats, one 60-foot service boat, two 45-foot service boats, 15 32-foot cutters, 84 16-foot service dinghies;

Six 65 1/2-foot rescue launches, 12 51-foot wood skids, 24 15-foot rowboats, nine 84-foot supply and salvage boats, six 40-foot armored targets, six 70-foot crash boats, 12 7-foot motor torpedo boats, three 108-foot battle practice targets, one 4 1/2-foot practice target, one 95-foot Diesel target towing boat, 112 27-foot whalers;

TOWING TARGETS.

Four 31-foot towing targets, 11 50-foot scows, 10 50-foot derrick scows, 11 56-foot refuelling scows, three 16-foot lifeboats, 240 12-foot collapsible assault boats, 44 112-foot motor vessels, 18 105-foot special minesweepers, one 40-foot gale attendant vessel, two 100-foot wooden gale vessels, 38 10-foot drop keel dinghies;

Three 85-foot practice targets, 12 24-foot practice targets, 25 26-foot general utility-harbor tugs, one 14-foot skiff dinghy, 10 48 1/2-foot harbor patrol craft, 13 14-foot rowboats.

Mohammedan Crews Continue Rites Despite War

HALIFAX, Jan. 13.—(CP)—A gloomy passageway buried deep in the bowels of a ship, a deserted hallway or a lavatory in a sailors' home — these are places of worship for Mohammedans in port here.

Probably the most devout of all the varied nationalities that man the Allied merchant fleet, the swarthy followers of Mohammed never seem to let lack of facilities stop them from practicing their sacred rites.

Calling in such ports as Halifax, where Mohammedan mosques are unknown, these deck hands and stewards serving aboard ships gather in out-of-the-way places every evening at sunset to bow in the direction they believe Mecca, their holy city, should be. They ignore all calls to duty while engaged with their prayers.

Lake Sulphite Deal Delayed Ten Days

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—(CP)—Mr. Justice J. K. MacKay today adjourned for 10 days application by George S. Currie, liquidator and receiver of the Lake Sulphite Pulp Co. Ltd., for an order to sanction a compromise arrangement with the Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., which had offered to purchase the Lake Sulphite company.

The court also directed the liquidator to call a meeting of shareholders on January 22 and gave them an opportunity to arrange an alternative proposal.

MANY TO BID FOR JAP CRAFT

If the Japanese fishing fleet is to be leased to white and Indian fishermen, there will be a big rush to obtain them, and enquiries are already rife as to what procedure will be necessary. So far no information on this subject is available.

In a snug harbor on Fraser River lie some hundreds of boats of full or partial Japanese ownership. They include as fine vessels as any on the coast. There are seiners, packers, gill-net and halibut boats.

The Royal Canadian Navy has full charge of them, holding them in "protective custody" between 70 and 80 men guard them, and a corps of nearly a dozen mechanics are constantly engaged on the engines and machinery.

POTENTIAL DEMAND.

Cannery companies, fishermen unions, numberless individual fishermen are fixing long eyes upon this equipment, and will be petitioning leases and charters when and if the government decides to let them out in this manner.

Also, some of these boats are partly owned by fishing companies who advanced monies toward getting the vessels in commission. Banks hold papers on others, and on many, of course, there will be liens from the companies that provide fishing equipment.

The entire matter will be one requiring good legal and practical chartering knowledge. It is believed a separate government board will have to be set up to handle the details of this wholesale operation.

Pilchards, Herring Schools Combining

Major J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries, stated this morning that fishermen are reporting that herring and pilchard schools are running together.

Over the week-end several hundred tons of herring and pilchard were caught on Sidney Inlet, in the Nootka Sound area. The catch ran 25 per cent pilchards. The fish of both types are in splendid condition. Major Motherwell states the pilchards will be sorted from the herring and sent to the reduction plants, while the herring, all being in fine shape, will be canned for the British war order.

On Johnstone Straits, 400-tons were caught on Clio and Okl shallow Channels.

The herring pack is now believed to exceed 1,000,000 cases, but figures of the actual pack will not be available until later this week.

Shark Livers Arrive From West Coast

Another parcel of soupin shark livers has arrived from the west coast of Vancouver Island. Ten days fishing netted the five men on the fishing boat Pacific Breeze, Captain John Gengato, something over \$1300 each.

Fair weather was experienced. The boat left here just after Christmas and was fishing on New Year's Day. She arrived here January 11 with 1500 pounds of soupin shark livers, 1000 pounds of dogfish livers, and some ling and red cod. The soupin shark livers brought \$5.50 a pound, the purchaser being Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd.

New Tugboat Engine

C. S. McKee, tugboat tycoon, has returned from a business trip to California, and announces he has discovered something new in diesel engines. Mr. McKee says the device

THE WEATHER

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Vancouver and vicinity—Little change in temperature.

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Okanagan and vicinity—Little change in temperature.

	High	Low
B. C.—		
Vancouver	45	35
Victoria	50	40
Nanaimo	51	34
New Westminster	45	37
Kelowna	39	28
Grand Forks	33	25
Prince George	42	34
Kelowna	48	30
Penticton	38	28
Vernon	38	28
Nelson	35	26
Kaslo	36	30
The North—		
Dawson	14	9
The Prairies—		
Calgary	52	33
Edmonton	44	34
Regina	38	24
Winnipeg	33	19
Prince Albert	39	30
Eastern Canada—		
Toronto	33	17
Ottawa	28	5
Montreal	39	4

Wednesday's Tides.

Harbor—	High	4:41 a.m.	Feet
	Low	9:35 a.m. <td>9.0</td>	9.0
	High	2:40 p.m. <td>12.6</td>	12.6
	Low	10:16 p.m. <td>0.0</td>	0.0
First Narrows—			
Black	High	4:57 a.m.	
	Low	9:48 a.m.	
	High	2:41 p.m.	
	Low	10:33 p.m.	
English Bay—			
High	4:17 a.m.	12.7	
Low	9:06 a.m.	8.8	
High	2:09 p.m.	13.2	
Low	9:41 p.m.	0.7	
Second Narrows slack add 13 minutes to high or low water slack in harbor.			
Wednesday's Sun.			
Rises	8:03	5:54 a.m.	4:40
Moon rises			

Puget Sound Tugs, Missing, Now Safe

Two Seattle-Tacoma tugs of the Foss Launch and Tug Company caught in the Pacific zone when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor are reported safe. A third, on which was Drew Foss, son of Henry Foss of the tugboat company, is still unreported. Of the two vessels now out of danger, one, with eleven aboard,