

It Covers the Waterfront

Jap Fishboat Edict Hard On Fireboat Plan

British Columbia Fishing Industry Must Be Taken Care of Before Vessels Can Be Sold for Other Purposes

By DON JASON

The Port of Vancouver fireboat picture changes again. . . . Two weeks ago, a committee of civic officials and members of the new Vancouver Waterfront Protective Association had the problem well in hand. Early provision of two fireboats for Burrard Inlet seemed a sure thing.

We had firefighting equipment and two suitable boats had been picked out.

CAN'T HAVE SEINERS

Now, I hear that the committee must look for other boats. They had chosen two 61-foot Jap seiners—part of the impounded Jap fishing fleet. Fire Chief J. H. DeGraves said that they would be suitable as emergency fireboats.

Then the Japanese Fishing Fleet Disposal Commission, set up by Ottawa to supervise transfer of the boats to white fishermen, stepped into the picture.

This commission rules that the fishing industry has first call on the Jap boats. There is little chance that any of the larger vessels will be left over for use as fireboats when fishermen and packing companies get through buying.

I checked this report with A. E. McMaster, executive assistant to the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Commission, today, and he said:

"The fishing industry must be fully taken care of before any other interest will be allowed to purchase any of the \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of Japanese fishboats on the coast."

He said that the Disposal Commission has already turned down a number of applications for boats to be converted into pleasure craft.

START AGAIN

Since the beginning of this week, the fireboat subcommittee headed by Carl Halterman of the Union Steamship Company, has been looking for other craft which might be used for waterfront protection.

In other words, after everything seemed on the way to completion, the fireboat committee has had to start from scratch again.

More delay . . . and still we have NO FIREBOAT.

Previously the local committee showed interest in a 55-foot steel hull tied up in Coal Harbor. Installation of powerful engines and a bit of fixing up would turn this hull into a mighty efficient fireboat. It might even prove more valuable than two converted mine-knot seine boats.

The old boat in the former towboat Topaz. It has twin screws, and thus would be very maneuverable.

Let's get a fireboat before the Japs decide to pay us a visit.

Only a week ago, Commander C. T. Beard, former commander of the HMCS Prince Robert, warned Victorians that if the Japs took Singapore they would raid, perhaps even attempt to invade, this Pacific Coast.

D. M. CAMERON HEADS SHIPPING FEDERATION

D. M. Cameron was elected president of the Shipping Federation of British Columbia at the first meeting of the 1942 board of directors this week. F. W. Harvie is vice-president; A. Scott, treasurer.

Directors are: DEEPSEA SECTION—British

and F. J. . . Owners
and . . . Mr. Cam-
ere . . . B. W. Greer,
F. J. . . Vancouver Steam-
ship Operators:
Capt. L. D. Douglas, John Mac-
Innes, Deepsea Coastwise; F.
W. Harvie, Wharf Owners and
Operators; A. Scott; Stevedores;
Capt. W. M. Crawford.
COASTWISE SECTION—Carl
Halterman.

Annual meeting of the Navy League of Canada will be held at the Seaman's Institute, 1121 West Hastings Street, Thursday at 8 p.m. Capt. W. M. Crawford will present his annual report and Capt. A. J. Holland will speak on "The Merchant Navy."

About 75 Sea Cadets are expected to attend, and entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Honey to Take Place Of Sugar for Cooking?

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—Frank Garland, manager of the Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers' Ltd., said this week that it is likely honey will be used extensively in cooking and baking now that sugar is rationed.

Garland said Canada's quota of honey for export is 4,000,000 pounds annually, but because of lack of shipping space this had fallen off. Canada's honey production totals about 29,000,000 and per capita consumption is 2½ pounds a year, compared with 100 pounds of sugar, Garland said.

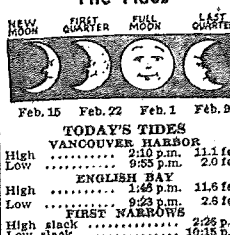
Transportation

COASTWISE SHIPS

WEDNESDAY		
Departures	For	Sailing
Prin. Elaine	Nanaimo	6:15 p.m.
Prin. Adelaide	Prince Rupert	8 p.m.
Arrivals		
Chelohsin	From	Due
Prin. Elaine	Loughby Inlet	5 p.m.
Prin. Alice	Nanaimo	8 p.m.
Prin. Charlotte	Vic.-Seattle	8:40 p.m.
Lady Cynthia	Squamish	9 p.m.
Lady Cecilia	Sechelt	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY		
Departures	For	Sailing
Prin. Mary	Gulf Islands	9 a.m.
Lady Cynthia	Squamish	9 a.m.
Lady Cecilia	West Howe Sd.	9 a.m.
Prin. Elaine	Sechelt	9:30 a.m.
Prin. Alice	Vic.-Seattle	10:30 a.m.
Prin. Elaine	Nanaimo	11 a.m.
Chelohsin	Squamish	12 noon
Prin. Elaine	Kingcome Inlet	6 p.m.
Prin. Mary	Nanaimo	6:15 p.m.
Prin. Mary	Powell Rvr.	11:45 p.m.
Prin. Joan	Victoria	12 midnight
Prin. Mary	From	Due
Prin. Mary	Powell River	6:50 a.m.
Prin. Joan	Victoria	7 a.m.
Prin. Elaine	Nanaimo	7 a.m.
Prin. Alice	Nanaimo	5:15 p.m.
Lady Pam	W. Howe Sd.	5:20 p.m.
Lady Cynthia	Squamish	6 p.m.
Prin. Alice	Seattle-Vic.	6:40 p.m.
Prin. Mary	Gulf Islands	8 p.m.

The Tides



AUTO WRECKING

Picture Highlights at Annual Board of Trade Dinner



Lieut.-Governor W. C. Woodward swearing in B. O. Moxon as President.

Col. J. S. Tait received a framed certificate of Past President P. G. Shallor.

Precedent Broken as Lieut.-Governor, For Trade Board Head, Swears in New Presi

B. O. Moxon and Stan S. McKeen Installed In Office; Charles Anstie Honored On Completion of Term

Precedent was shattered at the 55th annual dinner meeting of Vancouver Board of Trade in Hotel Vancouver Tuesday night when the time-honored ceremony of swearing in a new president, B. O. Moxon, and a new vice-president, Stan S. McKeen, was performed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Col. W. C. Woodward, himself a former president of the Board.

Both new heads of the Board of Trade were elected by acclamation a week ago, just as Col. Woodward had been for his term in 1930-31.

Retiring president Charles E. Anstie was cheered as conclusion of his presidential report was followed by presentation by H. R. "Pat" Cottingham, immediate past president, of travelling bags for both Mr. and Mrs. Anstie.

PRESENTATIONS MADE

T. S. Dixon, twice president, was presented with a framed certificate of honorary life membership by W. H. Malkin, another past president, who paid high tribute to Mr. Dixon's long and devoted service to the board. As senior of the 12 past presidents who are members of the executive council, Mr. Dixon now retired to the "senate."

Col. John S. Tait was also presented with certificate of honorary life membership earned by virtue of having been a member for more than 40 years. He joined in 1909. Past President P. G. Shallor, in making the presentation, referred to Col. Tait's prominence in amateur sports in the earlier days and to his distinguished military career.

Retiring President Anstie, in his report, said that assistance in the war effort had been given right of way over everything else during the year and that he was sure the calls on this service would be greater than ever this year.

PROSPECTS FAVORABLE

Meantime the usual activities of the board had been kept up in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on Executive Secretary W. E. Payne, department heads and the staff generally. He paid special tribute to the work and leadership of Mr. Payne who, he noted, was entering his 24th year in that capacity but has not, as erroneously thought by many, reached his silver jubilee. "We, I am sure will take proper cognizance of that event when the time comes a year hence," he said.

Reviewing business conditions, Mr. Anstie found them good and prospects for the coming year very good. He

Holds Farmers Lack Gov't Aid

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Canadian farmers have not been given opportunity and encouragements for an all-out effort in maximum food production in wartime, H. H. Hamman of Toronto, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, said today.

"Inadequate farm prices and income on the one hand and a government-supported high wage policy on the other has permitted industry to drain agriculture shamefully of its young experienced farm help," Mr. Hamman told the Federation's annual meeting.

"The unfortunate thing about this is that much of the industry responsible is not essential to our war effort."

Mr. Hamman said manpower on the farm was one of Canada's major war problems. Seriousness of the labor shortage was indicated by a report that in one Ontario township women were helping with actual farm work on 235 or 325 farms.

Mr. Hamman said the Federation spoke on behalf of the Dominion's 750,000 farmers, constituting "the largest body of skilled craftsmen in the country."

Local Firm to Aid Gov't Metal Staff

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Appointment of a jobbers and distributors advisory committee to cooperate with the metals controller on problems relating to the distribution of non-ferrous metals, was announced today by the Department of Munitions and Supply.

In addition to the metals controller, C. C. Bateman, the deputy metals controller and any other member of the controller's staff who may be designated, the committee will include one representative each from eight companies, including Gordon & Belyea Limited, Vancouver.

EXCHANGE SALES



Past President W. H. Malkin presented a life membership to Past President T. S. Dixon

(Editorial)

Housewives of Canada, It Is Up to YOU!

Rationing has come to the people of Canada at last. There have been some curtailments, such as a reduction in the hours of selling gasoline, and the prohibition of the purchase of new tires for automobiles; and we are expecting the rationing of gasoline in the spring. But the order issued at Ottawa by Donald Gordon, chairman of the War-Time Prices and Trade Board, limiting the household purchase of sugar to three-quarters of a pound per person per week, is the first definite act of rationing the Government has put into operation.

And even now this rationing order is one which the public is asked to observe voluntarily, although it has the prestige of law. No rationing cards are to be used at present. The public is being put upon its honor. But there is a severe penalty for any violation of the law—a fine up to five thousand dollars or two years' imprisonment.

After nearly two and a half years of war, we in Canada have no ration tickets as yet; no queues at the grocer's and other shops, with the accompanying waste of precious time and money which the Government can ill afford to spend in this way. People have been asking the War-Time Prices Board ever since it was established what they can do to help forward Canada's war effort. "Now," says Mr. Gordon, "we are telling you."