



NEARING LAUNCHING STAGE is Hull 20, first of the 10,000-ton steel freighters laid down at the No. 2 plant of the Victoria Machinery Depot. Gangs of men are seen working on the upper deck beams. The picture was taken from the stern, and looks forward over the length of the ship.

New York

NEW YORK currents, attain force in today's various leaderships, ranging from fract point. Stocks in front of the time Inc Bethlehem, Ch Motors, Sears Harvester, West Douglas, United Conda, Kennecott phone, Santa F cific, Southern Pacific and Cng . Among Cana dian Pacific g; Dome Mines, Jos Dow Jones t today as follo 30 industrials, 20 rails, 20 utilities. Total sales,

Army Chief Lauds Troops

McNaughton Plans Pacific Inspection

By NORMAN MACLEOD OTTAWA — Highest significance particularly for Canada's coastal areas is attached in federal circles to the surprise return visit to Canada of Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Commander-in-chief of the Dominion's overseas forces.

must be the proper time, and in the meantime we must make certain, as far as we can, that nothing goes wrong with the United Kingdom. "There is a wide sector of defence that must be held inviolate and it will be, as far as we are concerned.

Develop Dagger Pointed at Berlin

"Meanwhile, we must develop — and this is as good a description as any — our dagger pointed at the heart of Berlin." Training in mobile warfare must progress, he said, and there must be higher training in the use of the army as part of a composite force.

Although the official press statement of the Department of National Defence merely attributed Gen. McNaughton's return to the fact that he was to "discuss matters related to the administration of Canadian forces in the United Kingdom," informed quarters on Parliament Hill intimate far more comprehensive purposes lie behind his visit.

According to these sources, Gen. McNaughton has at least a four-point program to carry out in Canada before he returns to his overseas command. That program is:

- (1) Discussion of arrangements for the expansion of Canada's overseas forces and a general survey of the entire manpower situation in the Dominion. (2) Communication to the government here of some of the spring plans of the Allies, with consideration of the part that our overseas troops will play in them.

Special Thought For Pacific Coast

(3) Consideration of the defence plans on Canada's two coasts, especially the Pacific, in view of recent developments in the war there — and application to the problem of the latest principles of coastal defence science as learned by the Canadian forces during their months on guard in Britain.

(4) Generally speaking, a comprehensive review of and consultation upon Canada's military position in the light of the most recent trend of the war. Just how long Gen. McNaughton will remain at headquarters here or away from his command overseas is not being divulged, but the general impression is that he will spend several weeks in the Dominion and that before his return overseas he will visit the vital Pacific coast area and possibly the Atlantic coast as well.

It is pointed out that within recent months his post in England has made Gen. McNaughton one of the world's foremost military authorities on invasion preparation. It is believed that his advice in this connection is particularly sought by the defence authorities.

Stronger Liaison Object of Visit

OTTAWA (CP) "Particularly difficult problems" had to be discussed during his stay here, Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton said in a press conference here Tuesday afternoon.

Generally, the visit's purpose was that of strengthening the liaison between both ends of the Canadian war effort — at home and abroad.

Gesture rapidly with a cigarette to emphasize his points to the newsmen, the commander of Canada's army overseas covered a wide range of subjects tersely in the short interview.

Gen. McNaughton said he had left his troops in Britain "perfectly satisfied" with them. "They are in very fine shape physically and from the standpoint of training and morale," he said.

Finds Inaction

"The quantity and quality of the materials coming out of Canada are literally amazing," he declared. Rigorous trials given by the army overseas had proved its Canadian equipment invariably to be of the best quality.

Basic Training Vital Concern

But Gen. McNaughton indicated his chief concern on this side of the water would be with basic training.

"I am most anxious to see the basic training organization in this country," he asserted. "It's vital, and I want to make sure it is harmonized with the advanced training provided for the troops in England.

"I particularly want to see that there are no gaps between them, and no overlapping." Canada's first two divisions, "created almost overnight," had suffered from lack of basic training. Much of this had to be handled in England, but now the 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions were right up on their training.

On this aspect of the Canadian army work, the Corps Commander expressed deep gratitude to Brig. J. K. Lawson, who lost his life with the Canadians at Hong Kong. Brig. Lawson had set up the basic training organization, he said, and had made "a splendid contribution that will live long in Canadian military history."

Gen. McNaughton declared the training of many tradesmen for the Canadian army was going forward in England, with the trainees fanned out to producing industries, since there was a lack of industrial equipment for purely instructional purposes.

In this respect, Canada should excel in turning out unqualified men, and already 10,000 men were under training in this country.

"This is important, as the mechanism of war is growing more complicated every day," he said. "And we should welcome it, because our people inherently are better at that sort of thing than those of the Axis powers."

ITALIANS PRAISE NEW TYPE TANK

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS BERNE, Switzerland (AP)

Table of stock market data including various indices and company names like American Tobacco, American Steel, etc.

Bond

Table of bond market data including various government and corporate bonds.

Foreign Excl

NEW YORK (A exchange late rates) Official Canac Board rates for Buying, 10 per cent selling, 11 per cent

B.C. Packers Deny Reid's Statement

MONTREAL (CP) — Thomas Reid, Liberal member of Parliament for New Westminster, has been "misinformed," H. R. MacMillan, president of B.C. Packers Limited, said in comment on a statement made in the House of Commons Monday by Mr. Reid.

Mr. Reid, saying that "certain parties" had asked that "certain Japanese fishing fleet in British Columbia waters be released to the Japanese following its immobilization by the federal government after the Pearl Harbor attack, added:

"My information is that the head of the B.C. Packers Limited, who is also chairman of the War-time Merchant Shipping Board, was one who was very active."

(Mr. MacMillan is president of War-time Merchant Shipping). Commenting today, Mr. MacMillan said: "B.C. Packers has taken the position of abiding by and respecting any regulations or actions the Canadian government sees fit to adopt with respect to the Japanese in British Columbia, and to support those actions.

"Neither the B.C. Packers nor I have ever directly, or indirectly, attempted in any fashion to interfere with the Canadian government's decisions. The gentleman has been misinformed."

Another Barge For Island Run

NEW WESTMINSTER — The barge Prospect "Point" was launched at the Star Shipyard (Mercer's) at 8.30 Tuesday, and will be placed in service on the Vancouver-Ladysmith car-ferry run by the C.P.R. within the next two days.

Built on a contract let by the War-time Merchant Shipping Board, Oct. 8, the barge, of 1,037 gross tons, contains a total of 650,000 feet of Douglas fir in its length of 233 feet and width of 42 feet, and will carry 14 cars.

This brings to six the number of barges the C.P.R. will have on the Vancouver-Ladysmith run connecting its mainland lines with its Vancouver Island lines of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, and gives the railway a total carrying capacity of 88 cars for the six barges.

The C.P.R. also uses a 12-car ferry belonging to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway when the government line is not using it on its Squamish run, so that with this additional barge the company can handle in all 100 cars. Monday, the C.P.R. handled 80 cars between Vancouver and Ladysmith, which gives some idea of the potential carrying power of the augmented tug and

barge fleet. The Canadian-Pacific owns the tugs Kyuquot, Qualicum and Nanoose, and charters such tugs as the Point Grey, Pacific Monarch and Commodore for this service.

Railway officials said today that they are confident they will be able to handle with this fleet any business likely to offer from Vancouver Island to the mainland. Lumber shipments from Vancouver Island mills constitute the biggest part of the movement.

C.P.R. Cheques Go to Worthy Objectives

WINNIPEG. Two worthy objectives fostered by the Canadian people were enriched unexpectedly today to the extent of \$1,200 each, when cheques in those amounts were sent to Mayor John Queen of Winnipeg, for the Lord Mayor's Fund in aid of British blitz sufferers, and J. E. Rutlan, president of the Manitoba section of the Navy League of Canada, for the Allied Merchant Seamen's Club at Halifax. The money represents a gift from Canadian Pacific Railway employees all over Canada, and is the surplus from the Golden Aircraft Fund, which recently provided \$50,000 to purchase two Spitfire fighter planes for the R.C.A.F. The cheques were forwarded to Messrs. Queen and Rutlan by W. M. Neal, vice-president of western lines of the Canadian Pacific at Winnipeg, on behalf of the original donors.

Deny Any Move to Return Jap Boats

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Fisheries Institute of B.C., in a telegram to Penitons Minister Ian Mackenzie at Ottawa, has denied charges made by Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster, in the House of Commons Monday night that "certain interested parties" in the fishing industry had asked for the release to the Japanese again of interned Japanese fishing boats.

The minister was asked to read into the records of Parliament a letter appearing in the January issue of Western Fisheries, a trade journal published here. The letter, signed by the Fisheries Institute on behalf of member companies "representing 93.5 per cent of all fish processed in the canneries and reduction plants of British Columbia," denied that pressure was being brought to bear to secure reissuance of fishing licenses to Japanese.

Meighen Accepts Total Conscription

Advertisement for Salt Spring Island Ferry, including a table of daily sailings and contact information for Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ltd.

Advertisement for a time-saving device, featuring an illustration of a hand holding a tool and the text 'TIME-SAVING'.