

on Fishing Operations Seen In New U.S. Coast Defense Action

LUMBER TRADE LIES WITH U.S.



MATTHEW SUTTON

The United States market is the temporary lifeline for British Columbia's lumber industry, according to Matthew Sutton, re-elected president of the Western Lumber Manufacturers' Association at the annual meeting in Victoria.

Mr. Sutton reviewed the activities of the past year, the fluctuations in the principal markets and possible trends for the current year.

One disturbing phase of operations felt by all the industry, said Mr. Sutton, was the steadily-rising cost of production with no offsetting rise in price of the finished product. Inefficient labor, due to scarcity of men, is the chief contributing factor, he said, and little relief can be looked for until essential industries are protected by official action.

ASSOCIATION'S VALUE.

Necessity for association organization was stressed. Especially since the outbreak of war this has been demonstrated, with the pooling of information and immediate group contacts—of invaluable aid to the government in providing essential defense material.

Dissemination of official information, interpreting orders and regulations all play an important part in keeping the wheels turning and easing some of the problems confronting the industry through bureaucratic control which, of necessity, appears to be increasing, said Mr. Sutton.

ADVOCATES RESEARCH.

Mr. Sutton suggested that the association make an effort during the coming year to improve industrial relations; to raise the average returns on lumber products through application of research to the mill waste problem. He urged that all lumber operators submerge their own personal problems in order to co-operate completely for maximum war service.

All officers were re-elected by acclamation with the exception that Gerald F. Welburn of Wellburn-Climbing Ltd., Duncan, succeeds Frank W. Wilfert of Song Hues Lumber Company on the board of directors. Mr. Sutton is president of Sitka Spruce Lumber Company.

AREAS BANNED DURING NIGHT

The recent order of President Roosevelt, setting aside seven separate zones on the Pacific to be under control of United States Navy is of very grave import to British Columbia fishing industry, and the interests affected are attempting to secure further information in regard to the carrying out of the order.

One of the seven areas affects the richest waters of west coast of Vancouver Island, and salmon, herring, halibut and pilchard west coast operations will, it is feared, be seriously affected. According to the President's order the movement of private shipping is to be controlled in these areas, operations by private vessels will only be permitted during daylight, and then only when visibility is good.

The area that affects British Columbia lies within an arc of fifty miles from Cape Flattery light (excluding Canadian territorial waters). The prohibited waters extend fifty nautical miles north, south and west. The southern boundary is the shore at approximately 47.35 N. Latitude; 124.22 West Longitude, the north limit is where the arc touches Canadian territorial waters, approximately 48:56:30 N., and 125:40:30 West.

It will entirely enclose the entrance to Straits of Juan de Fuca, and will also block or seriously interfere with the important fishing operations that are carried out from Barkley Sound.

Lifting Apple Duty Won't Hurt B.C. Says McNair

KELOWNA.—Sales Manager D. McNair of Tree Fruits Ltd., Kelowna, said that though a special duty had been lifted by Dominion Government today he was of the opinion that resulting importations of American apples will not disturb to any great extent prices on the balance of the Canadian crop of less than half a million bushels, especially as the British Columbia crop is practically sold out now.

He said the dumping duty was removed because of non-availability of supplies for the trade at various apple producing shipping points.

Most of the pressure on the government came from eastern Canada.

Manager A. K. Loyd said very little criticism of government's action in removing dumping duty had reached the office of Tree Fruits Ltd., due no doubt to the firmness of American market at present time.

Beef Aplenty In Vancouver

An extreme scarcity of beef reported from Toronto and vicinity has no counterpart in British Columbia, a survey here indicates.

A packing company official in the East ascribed the shortage there chiefly to the fact that farmers are holding back cattle sales in order to learn the state of the market after April 1.

"In a general way there is enough for domestic consumption," said a packing-house official here, "and there should be no difficulty about the weekly requirements."

Ninety-five per cent. of beef consumed here comes from Alberta at this time of the year; it was said. There is little B.C. beef on the market now.

An order just issued from the trade and commerce department at Ottawa prohibits export from Canada of beef and veal, dressed.

MARINE AND SHIPPING

McKinley Lifeboats Lowered After Wreck But Never Used

Passengers and crew members of the Alaska steamship Mount McKinley, wrecked on the Alaska coast two weeks ago, said on their arrival in Seattle today the vessel went aground in a heavy snowstorm and driving gale.

One hundred and thirty persons aboard the Mount McKinley, who were removed in lifeboats to a coastguard cutter after staying on ship two days after the grounding, came south on a merchant vessel. Hopes are still held, a spokesman said, that the steamship, still aground, may be salvaged.

"Lifeboats were ordered lowered immediately after the McKinley struck," Bjorn Lander, who was on the bridge with Capt. Arthur Rynning, told interviewers. "But they were not used and we spent 43 hours and 20 minutes on ship before being taken off."

"It was 30 hours after the vessel went ashore before we could start a fire for fear of a leak in the fuel oil tanks. Finally we burned chairs for fuel."

When the passengers finally left the Mount McKinley, he said, only one keg of fresh water remained for their use.

Only one person, Kenny Anderson, 19, Seattle, was injured. He received a crushed hand when it was caught in a watertight door. The Mount McKinley went ashore March 11.

Union Steamships Easter Sailings

For Easter week-end the Union Steamship Co. has announced local sailings to meet the special requirements of Howe Sound and Gulf coast visitors who plan to spend Easter tide at their bungalows or enjoy a short trip to their favorite resort.

Bowen Island treamers will leave Union Pier on Thursday, April 2 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday at 9 a.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m., and Easter Monday at 9 a.m. Week-end return boats will leave Bowen Island on Sunday (April 5), at 6 p.m., and on Easter Monday at 6:45 p.m.

On West Howe Sound route SS. Lady Cynthia will sail on Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. for Hopkins, Granthams, Gibsons and Keats Island, with a Thursday sailing at 9 a.m. for all points to Port Mellon and Seaside Park. Other west side sailings leave on Good Friday at 9 a.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and Easter Monday at 9 a.m. for Gibsons and Seaside Park via intermediate points.

On the Gulf coast route, the steamer leaving Thursday at 9:30 a.m. calls at all points to Sechelt, Pender Harbor, and Powell River, with 6 p.m. Thursday sailing to Roberts Creek, Wilson Creek, Sechelt and Buccanier Bay and Pender Harbor via all local points. Saturday sailings leave at 9:30 a.m. to all points and at 2 p.m. for Roberts Creek and Sechelt only. Sechelt Inn is open to accommodate Eastern week-end visitors.

On Britannia-Squamish route, sailings will leave Union Pier on Thursday at 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on Good Friday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Saturday at 9 a.m., 12 noon and 8:30 p.m., on Sunday (April 5), at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and on Easter Monday at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (12 noon to Squamish only). The morning sailing southbound from Squamish on Good Friday is cancelled.

Correction in Spelling Name West Coast Ship

Attention of Wartime Merchant Shipping Ltd., having been brought to the spelling of the 10,000-ton freighter to be

BOARD FIGHTS RATE INCREASE

Reasons for objecting to the Canadian railways' application for higher import and export rates between Canadian points and between Canadian and United States points were given by W. A. Rundle, traffic manager of the Vancouver Board of Trade in a letter to Col. J. A. Cross of the Board of Transport Commissioners, Ottawa.

The arguments were listed as follows:

1. Increased rates would undoubtedly disturb merchant and consumer prices on commodities affected, also the price selling change consideration and or import subsidies.

2. War conditions, including shortage of ships, has practically eliminated competition between Canadian and United States ports.

3. Railway revenues have been greatly increased already through the movement of troops, domestic and overseas, munitions and war supplies.

4. If granted, the railways' application for increased domestic rates is feared.

Mr. Rundle has sent a similar letter to James Stewart, administrator of services for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Canadian Airfranks Morse Company Limited, preferred 3 1/2 per cent. regular quarterly, payable April 15 to shareholders of record March 31.

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JAP VESSELS' SALE LIVELY

Japanese fishing vessel disposal committee offices in the Marine Building were a busy scene this morning, and up to noon the organization put in the busiest time of its selling career. Papers for 34 vessels were being passed, at that time, with prospects of others arriving steadily during the rest of the day.

With today's morning sales recorded, the fleet of 1100 Japanese fishing vessels will have been reduced by at least 400. A number have been taken by the navy, and a number were taken by white companies that had chartered to Japanese. Of outright sales made to individuals the total now approaches 250, mostly gillnet vessels.

Halibut Fishing Opens on April 16

The International Halibut Fisheries Commission has today notified the Dominion customs that fishing will open officially on April 16.

This announcement is of importance to vessel owners, fishermen, the fishing companies and to dealers in fishermen supplies.

It is expected that the fleet will get away on or before April 15, in order to be fishing on the opening.

No details of quota have yet been made.

TIDES

Saturday's Tides.		
Harbor	High	Foot
	4:35 a.m.	11.5
	10:12 a.m.	7.1
	3:34 p.m.	8.4
	10:19 p.m.	3.2
First Narrows	High	4:49 a.m.
Slack	Low	10:53 a.m.
	High	3:40 p.m.
	Low	10:41 p.m.
English Bay	High	4:09 a.m.
	Low	10:15 a.m.
	High	3:07 p.m.
	Low	10:07 p.m.
Second Narrows	High	4:16 a.m.
	Low	10:22 a.m.
	High	3:14 p.m.
	Low	10:14 p.m.

Slack in high or low water 13 minutes.

Special Easter Sailings

BOWEN ISLAND—Lv. Union Pier Thurs., April 2, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 9 a.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.; Easter Monday, 9 a.m. Return sailings leave Bowen Island Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 6:15 p.m. (instead of 10 a.m.); Sunday, 6 p.m.; Easter Monday, 6:45 p.m. RETURN FARE \$1.00

GIBSONS, WEST HOWE SOUND—Lv. Union Pier Thurs., April 2, 7 p.m. for Gibsons, Granthams, Hopkins and Keats Island only; Good Friday, 9 a.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.; Easter Monday, 9 a.m. for Gibsons and all points to Seaside Park. Return Sunday steamers leave Seaside 3:15 p.m.; Granthams 5 p.m.; Hopkins 6:15 p.m.; Easter Monday leave Port Mellon 3:15 p.m.; Gibsons 5:30 p.m. Good Friday or Easter Monday. DAY TRIP \$1.50

ROBERTS CREEK AND SECHILT—Thurs., April 2, 6 p.m.; Easter Monday, 9:30 a.m.; Return sailing Steamer leave Sechelt Friday 4 p.m.; Saturday and Easter Monday (Special), 5 p.m. Good Friday or Easter Monday. DAY TRIP \$1.50

BUCCANIER BAY—Thurs., April 2, 9:30 a.m.; Good Friday, 9:30 a.m.; Easter Monday, 9:30 a.m. Return steamers leave Friday 4 p.m., Sunday 6 p.m. and Easter Monday 9:15 p.m. Good Friday or Easter Monday. DAY TRIP \$2.00

PENDER HARBOR—Thurs., April 2, Good Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Return steamers leave Friday 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 p.m. Good Friday. DAY TRIP \$2.00

BRITANNIA, WOODFIBRE, SQUAMISH—Northbound sailings: Good Friday, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m., 12 noon and 9 a.m.; and 5 p.m. (all points); and 7 p.m.; Easter Monday, 9:30 p.m. Southbound (Special) and 7 p.m.; Easter Monday, 9:30 p.m. (all points). All sailings from Squamish is cancelled on Good Friday morning.

Campers' tickets on sale to local Howe Sound resorts and points to Sechelt.

Special Week-end Fares to Buccanier Bay, Pender Harbour, Powell River, Savary Island.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION: City Office, 288 Granville St., Phone 5438. Union Pier, Pacific 3111.

*Does Not Include Government

UNION STEAMSHIPS

Royal City Markets

Live Poultry, Wholesale.		
Heavy hens, lb.	11	14
Light hens, lb.	10	12
Young ducks, lb.	20	22
Dressed Poultry, Retail.		
Heavy hens, lb.	25	28
Chickens, retail, lb.	30	35
Old ducks, lb.	24	24
Young ducks, lb.	30	30
Boiling fowl, lb.	25	25
Geese, lb.	28	30
Butter, Cream, Honey.		
Butter, cream, pint	28	30
Honey, lb.	15	16
Vanilla, lb.	45	50
Homemade cheese, lb.	25	25
Vegetables.		
Tomatoes, lb.	15	20
Beets, sack	10	20
Broccoli, lb.	10	10
Cabbages, lb.	04	05
Carrots, new bunch	10	10
Carrots, sack	23	23
Cauliflower, each	25	35
Celery, head	25	25
Cucumbers, hothouse, each	10	20
Local, head	05	05
Potato, sack, 5 1/2	15	27
Potatoes, new, lb.	10	10
Potatoes, No. 2, sk. 2/10	22	22
Rhubarb, loc. h.b., lb.	05	05
Spinach, lb.	08	10
Onions, No. 2, sack	23	23
Onions, No. 3, sack	23	23
Parsnips, 3 bunches	10	10
Parsnips, sack	23	23
Turnips, sack	1.50	1.25
Turnip, lb.	1.00	1.00
Fruit.		
Apples, box	1.00	1.75
Wholesale—Fish.		
Sole, lb.	07	07
Salmon, lb.	18	17
Prawns, lb.	05	05
Steelhead, lb.	05	05
Cod, lb.	11	11
Eggs.		
To Producer.		