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# Curtails Production Of Vitally Needed B.C. Copper 30 Per Cent.

## alf HAY HARVEST MAY BE SAVED

(Special To The Daily Province.)  
**MISSION, June 16.**—Due to recent rains the hay in this district has been badly lodged. Considerable damage has been done to the crop, but the full extent can not yet be determined. It is not quite ready for cutting, and if dry weather should come soon, it is believed most of it can yet be saved.

Sunday's rain destroyed about \$60,000 worth of strawberries, mainly due to the lack of pickers. If pickers had been available most of the fruit could have been harvested.

Pickers are slowly coming in from Calgary and midway points. Growers here had asked the railroads to provide a one-cent-a-mile rate, but the transportation companies would not grant anything less than 2½ cents a mile.

The government is bearing one-third of the 2½ cents rate, which works out at 1 2/3 cents a mile for prairie pickers.

About 150 pickers are due to arrive today or tomorrow from Calgary, and others are on the way.

Destruction of the berries continues with the continuation of the wet weather.

## Stocks' Sale Banned

## Germany Seeks Inflation Curb

**BERNE, June 16.**—(AP)—The German Government today prohibited the sale of stocks to any purchaser but the national treasury, in effect permitting the government to take control of any German industry at any time by legal means.

The government's announcement said stockholders selling their securities to the treasury would be reimbursed in treasury bonds at the market price of the securities on December 31, 1940. These rates are generally 10 to 16 per cent, below the quotations of the last few days.

This order followed a limitation on stock trading to a 2 per cent, daily price fluctuation, imposed by the government in February.

The new measure was interpreted here as an additional check on inflation, signs of which have been increasing. Recent reports have shown a great increase in the banknote circulation in Germany, indicating a disproportionately large amount of money in the hands of the public to the limited consumer goods available.

The value of the German mark in Swiss currency this week touched the lowest point since the beginning of the war—22 Swiss francs for 100 marks.

## John M. Reid Heads Purchasing Agents

John M. Reid, purchasing agent of the B.C. Sugar Refining Company Ltd., was elected president of the Purchasing Agents' Association of British Columbia at the fourteenth annual meeting at Hotel Vancouver.

Walter N. McPhee was elected vice-president; Thomas S. Fletcher, treasurer, and William Letham, secretary, were re-elected.

George Morrow, retiring president, was chosen national director, British Columbia, on matters pertaining to the National Association.

Membership in the association is the highest since its organization. Many National Association members have been called to Washington and Ottawa to aid the War Production Board.



**NEW LOCOMOTIVES FOR WAR TRAFFIC**—Inspecting the new locomotives being delivered to the Canadian National Railways, R. C. Vaughan, president of the system, climbed into the cab during his visit to the plant of the Montreal Locomotive Works Ltd. While Mr. Vaughan is at the doorway, through the window can be seen John Roberts, chief of motive power equipment, C.N.R.

## TO RECRUIT BERRYPICKERS

## Ottawa and Victoria to Join In Formation of Labor Corps

Answering the appeal of Fraser Valley berry growers confronted by the biggest crop in history and a critical shortage of workers, the Provincial and Federal governments today announced a plan to bring 1000 school age workers to the strawberry patches.

Five housing centres for berry pickers under government supervision will be set up at Mission, Whonnock, Hammond, Dewdney and Haney.

Girls from 14 and boys 13 and over will be assigned to community centres and will be housed and fed and disciplined by matrons and superintendents supplied by the provincial welfare department.

Growers will call for pickers in trucks and cars each morning and take them to the fields, Mr. Henley said. The government intention is to establish a farm labor force for the duration of the war and will "try to elevate this corps to a high standing both as to efficiency, comfort and patriotic purpose."

## OFFICE TO BE OPENED HERE

The Council of Social Agencies of the Vancouver Welfare Federation, which blue-printed the plan now adopted, will announce on Wednesday the opening of an office where pickers may register for work and get information.

"The children are not going out to the berry fields until proper housing and feeding facilities are ready. Parents may be assured of healthful conditions and proper discipline," said Mr. Henley. He said pickers could make \$3 to \$5 a day until mid-August.

Medical and nursing care will be provided by the provincial department of health, under Dr. G. F. Amyot, provincial health officer.

The picking problem appeared to be well on the way to solution, but continued rain remained a threat to the crops.

J. B. Shimek, manager of the largest co-operative, said he expected a few pickers to arrive in Mission tonight from the prairies, and another 150 to leave Calgary tonight. Only a few hundred in all are expected from the prairie provinces.

Shimek said pickers arriving tonight and in the next few days will start picking "jam berries" immediately. Government representatives are in the valley surveying quar-

## UNION FAVORS 7-DAY PLAN

First trade union opposition to the new production plan drafted by the Joint Shipyard Trade Union conference was registered today by a shipyard electricians' union which wishes either the seven-day week maintained or separate employer-employee union agreements in effect before continuous production was introduced restored.

A statement issued by the Amalgamated Electrical Workers' Union, which claims 700 members in the shipyards, said: "The conference plan was fully discussed at a meeting Tuesday night and the electrical unit unanimously decided to stand by the supplementary agreement on the seven-day-week plan, which was adopted at the request of the Federal Government to remain in effect until such time as the Federal Government saw fit to discard or admit the failure of the seven-day plan."

**WAR EMERGENCY.** "In event of this action by the Federal Government, we would automatically revert to the old agreement signed between the union and employers in 1939 and ratified in 1941 for duration of the war."

"At the request of the federal labor department, we agreed to work the seven-day week in a sincere effort to increase production in this serious war emergency. At the same time the agreement gave employment to 15 per cent more men in the shipbuilding industries and eliminated the frequent layoffs of workers."

The 48-hour week proposed by the joint conference of shipyard unions was rejected for the following reasons:

1. The only difference between the 48-hour week and the old agreements is that the afternoon and midnight shifts stand to lose three hours pay per week on the 48-hour basis.

2. By reverting to the original agreements we would eliminate the necessity of many more conferences and meetings which are full of useless discussion and are not in line with labor's policy of getting on with the job. By reverting to the original agreements the shipyards would be able to return immediately to normal, happy and efficient conditions which existed in the industry before introduction of the seven-day week.

## North Shore Welders Decline to Walk Out

An attempt to organize a walk-out of welders at the Burrard Dry Dock North Shore yard on Monday in sympathy with the walkout of members of the Amalgamated Welders from the Burrard South yard, which began Friday, proved unsuccessful.

Max Sharpe, Amalgamated Welders' business agent, confirmed reports that a number of members of his union left their jobs in the North yard Monday.

Sharpe denied the men returned to their work, but a spokesman for a rival union claimed that all men went back to their jobs quietly.

Clarence Wallace, manager of the yard, said he had heard "nothing about it."

The Boltermakers' Union, which holds a closed shop agreement in the South Shore yard and which was indirectly responsible for the walkout of Amalgamated welders, claimed today that more than half of the Amalgamated men working in the South Shore yard have taken out Boltermakers' Union cards. Five Chinese were reported to be among men recruited by the Boltermakers to fill welding jobs in the South Shore yards.

## MARINE AND SHIPPING Halibut Prices in Vancouver Highest in Nearly 20 Years

For several days record prices have been realized by halibutters of British Columbia—prices that have not ruled for nearly 20 years.

For many years eight and 10 lb. fish were accepted by the fishermen, but this year they have been consistently better, and today they are in some instances exceeding 19 cents.

The first halibut trip of the season, an advertised event that always demands a fancy price, was Captain Jimmy Parsons' Agnes C and he was paid 19 cents straight.

**NINE MORE DAYS.** There are 9 days more of fishing, before the season in Area 2 closes, and all the boats are hurrying to unload and get back for the final trip.

On Monday the 10 boats sold as follows: Bruce No. 1 sold 4000 chicken at 18.7 cents, 11,000 medium at 19 cents, 4000 ling cod at 6 cents; East Point sold 2000 chicken at 18.8 cents, 11,000 medium at 19 cents, 1500 ling cod at 6.2 cents.

Byno No. 2 sold 7000 chicken at 18.7 cents, 11,000 medium at 19 cents, 4000 large at 18.4 cents; Royal T sold 3700 chicken at 18.8 cents, 15,000 medium at 19 cents, 2400 large at 18.9 cents and 100 ling cod at 8 cents.

Agnes C sold 2000 chicken at 18.8 cents, 7000 medium at 19 cents, 5000 large at 18.9 cents; Tor sold 2500 chicken at 18.8 cents, 11,000 medium at 19 cents, 3000 large at 18.9 cents. C. Traylor sold 1200 chicken at 18.8 cents, 3000 medium at 19 cents, 1000 large at 19 cents; Good Hope

No. 2 sold 2800 chicken at 18.8 cents, 5000 medium at 19 cents, 200 large at 18.9 cents; Yankee-Boy sold 1500 chicken at 17.5 cents and 7000 medium at 19 cents; Ispace sold 3000 chicken at 18.9 cents and 34,000 medium at 19 cents.

**FIVE BOATS TODAY.** Today five boats offered. White Hope sold 500 chickens at 18.5 cents, 21,000 medium at 19 cents, 4000 ling cod at 5 cents; Hilda Chief sold 3800 chicken at 18.7 cents and 9000 medium at 19 cents.

Isabella Humbreys sold 300 chicken at 18 cents, 800 medium at 18.5 cents, 700 ling cod at 5 cents; Fauna No. 3 sold 4000 chicken at 18.7 cents and 4000 medium at 18.7 cents; Frasing Cloud sold 500 chicken at 18 cents, 9000 medium at 19 cents, 6000 large at 18.9 cents.

## WOODEN SHIP PROGRAM OFF

Word has been received here from Alan Innes-Taylor, unofficial wooden shipbuilding scout for the United States Maritime Commission, that the U. S. Government will not undertake a wooden shipbuilding program.

Mr. Taylor was recently here, canvassing the possibilities of shipyard supply of timber and sites available for such a program. He has apparently reported his findings to his superiors and they have decided against undertaking a government program.

## FOR THE CARIBBEAN.

It was understood the idea, had it been developed, was to build 200-foot wooden schooners, chiefly for Caribbean Sea trade.

A despatch was published Monday, stating the United States Government might build several hundred wooden schooners in Latin-American yards. This may be the program that Innes-Taylor was scouting here. The United States Government, it is conjectured, proposes to tell the South Americans to go ahead and build wooden ships, and United States will take them when completed.

## MAY NEED LUMBER.

The fact that if Latin-America builds a fleet of wooden ships it will very probably have to come to this coast for most of its hull material is not forgotten by the lumber industry of the Pacific Coast, including British Columbia.

If the program is actually undertaken and carried out, there are expected to be very heavy demands on the west-coast mills of North America. Whether priorities will permit the supplying of this material to Latin-American firms is not known.

## Jap Non-tidal Fishing Halted

**VICTORIA, June 16.**—(CP)—Japanese have been prohibited by the British Columbia Security Commission from fishing in non-tidal waters, it was announced by Attorney-General Maitland today. This was in response to protests from the Okanagan and Kootenay where many Japanese have been moved.

Mr. Maitland also announced the receipt of a letter from Ottawa in reply to representations of June 5 requesting the Japanese be prohibited from purchasing sawmills.

Mr. Mackenzie replied that direct acquisition of property by Japanese in Canada was prohibited and that he was "confident that indirect steps to the same end would be equally illegal."

## Ship Survivors Aid In Saving Other Craft

**AN EAST COAST UNITED STATES PORT, June 16.**—(AP)—Survivors of a torpedoed United States merchantman, adrift in the Caribbean Sea, twice out-argued persistent would-be rescuers and waved them out of an area where a submarine was known to be lurking to prevent them from being attacked.

## Mauretania's Master, Capt. Brown, Dies

**LONDON, June 16.**—(CP)—The death of Capt. Arthur Tillotson Brown, skipper of the old Cunard liner Mauretania and later of the new Mauretania when she made her maiden transatlantic crossing in 1939, was announced last night. He died at sea.

## Salmon Negotiating Committee Returns

The salmon canners' negotiating committee returned on Monday afternoon from a trip north and today open negotiations with representatives of the United Fishermen's Federal Union Local 44.

The committee has been absent for nearly a week, meeting representatives of the Indian fishermen organizations at Alert Bay and Prince Rupert. No details of prices agreed upon—if any—with the Indians, are announced. The sessions with the U. F. F. U. commenced at 10 a.m. today and resumed this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

