

Boards Hear Former Jap Berry Farms 'Ruined'

Influx of Mennonites Protested

CHILLIWACK, Oct. 3.—Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia, meeting in quarterly session here Friday, agreed to appoint a committee to bring in a full report on former Japanese-owned farms at the next meeting next December at Mission, after hearing charges some properties had been neglected by new owners or lessors.

The meeting also endorsed a proposal by the Delta Board of Trade requesting the Provincial Government to reduce private motor vehicle licenses to a flat rate of \$10 per annum.

The question of settlement of good farmers on Japanese berry farms in the lower Fraser Valley was brought up by Lang Sands, Abbotsford, who asserted "every obstacle possible to prevent settlement was made, while Mennonites, through some mysterious channel, procured leases overnight."

"EXPLOITED" CROPS

L. R. Wilson, Mission, said a general audit of transactions was taking place before any more settlers would be granted yearly leases.

He said many settlers who took over Japanese berry farms this summer knew little about berry farming and exploited crops.

In some cases little or no tilling had been done, Mr. Wilson said, and such farms were ruined for some time to come.

"Taking over of these farms now is not a matter for the Custodian (of enemy property) but for the Soldiers' Settlement Board," he declared.

"WORSE THAN JAPANESE"

"To have farms taken over by Mennonites and Doukhobors is infinitely worse than to have them under Japanese owners."

Mr. Wilson declared that through lack of proper care next year's strawberry crop will not exceed 75 percent of this year's harvest.

H. Day, Abbotsford, asked that the best of these lands be held for post-war rehabilitation.

Active and complete support of the proposed Council of Associated Boards of Trade of B. C., embracing all board associations in the province, was reaffirmed.

C. E. Anstie, president of the provisional council, gave a detailed review of the movement. The meeting then passed a resolution calling on the council to meet at convenience and bring in a complete report on proposed methods of organization, especially in the matter of financing and expenditure.

Ambulance Corps Forms Honor Guard

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 3.—Women's Ambulance Corps of New Westminster formed a guard of honor at the funeral of Mrs. Kathleen Dorothy Burgess, 48, member of their corps, held at Columbia Funeral Service chapel, Friday.

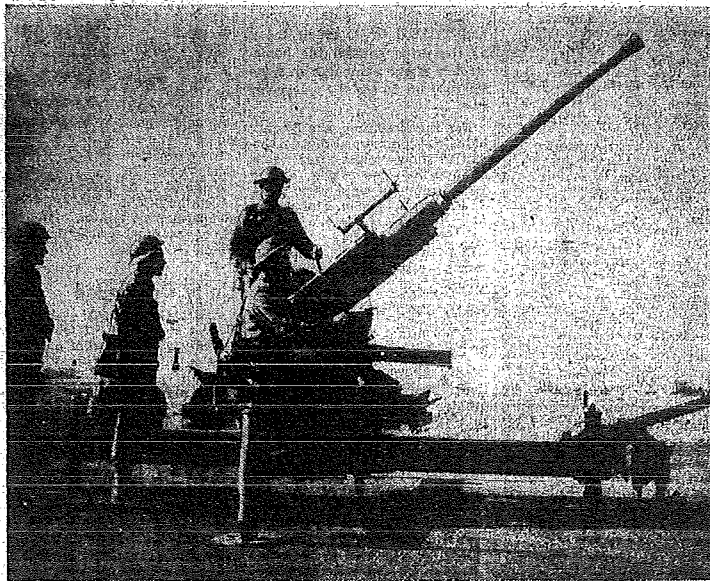
Mrs. Burgess leaves her husband, Oliver Burgess, guard at B. C. Penitentiary, and one son, Roland, with Canadian Army. She came to New Westminster from Regina 18 years ago.

Rev. Buton Thomas officiated.

Canadian Editors Back From Britain

EAST COAST AIRPORT, Oct. 3.—A group of Canadian newspapermen who have spent seven weeks in Britain visiting the

'ACK ACK' RING OF STEEL AROUND CITY



'Best Guns Ever' Guard Vancouver

Building a protective ring of steel around Vancouver—like the "rings of steel" which helped save Moscow and London when the Nazi raiders came—is the job of the officers' N.C.O.'s and gunners of the 28th "Ack Ack" Regiment, RCA, in training in this area.

Their's is a big responsibility, and every officer and man of the 28th A.A. is working his heart out to be prepared for the time when the enemy might come.

They are proud of their responsibility—and just as proud of the equipment they are training with.

Ask any man of the 28th A.A. what he thinks of "Ack Ack" guns he serves. "The Bofors-Bofors are the finest guns you ever saw," one young gunner declared today.

They are all the more proud of this rapid-fire "Ack Ack" gun because it is made in Canada by Canadian craftsmen.

The "Ack Ack" regiment appeals strongly to young men. It particularly appeals to men who are ambitious to better their status in the army, and to men to whom efficiency and mechanical skill go hand in hand.

STARTS AT ONCE

Another thing that attracts young men to the 28th AA Regiment is the fact that a recruit can enlist directly into the regiment without being required to take the three-months basic training that would otherwise be necessary.

The man who joins the 28th starts his technical training as soon as he is attested.

Officer commanding the 28th AA Regiment is Lt.-Col. W. H. G. Lambert, and Capt. D. M. Fraser is adjutant.

Applicants for enlistment should apply to Capt. Fraser, Room 610, Vancouver Barracks.

More Home Life Outlook for Britain

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The winter program for Great Britain now is plainly billed as stay-at-home. Here's what Britons look for: Travel cut to the bone; earlier closing hours for shops and entertainments; less and poorer



Not far from Vancouver, officers and men of the 28th A.A. Regiment are working toward formation of a "ring of steel" to protect this city from enemy aircraft raids.

These photos show the men in action with their rapid-fire, made-in-Canada anti-aircraft guns.

The 28th A.A. Regiment needs recruits. Apply to Capt. D. M. Fraser, adjutant, at Room 610, Hotel Vancouver.

"Ack Ack" recruits need not take the three-months basic training which recruits for other army branches are required to have.

'Fitness for Service, Recreation for Morale'

Pro-Rec Centres Resume All Activities Next Week

When Pro-Rec Centres in Greater Vancouver reopen next week under the Recreational and Physical Education Branch, Department of Education, their slogan will be "Fitness for Service and Recreation for Morale."

It is being recognized that physical fitness is fundamental to maximum efficient industrial production. It is essential, too, for the army, navy and air force, and contributory to useful living in any capacity.

To become a Pro-Rec member, all that is necessary is to go to any centre and report to the instructor in charge. Take along light comfortable gym clothes.

In addition to the regular Pro-Rec Fitness and Recreation class-

Experts Predict: 'FDR Likely to Retain Control Of U.S. House'

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—With the congressional elections only five weeks away, political observers in Washington are predicting that the Republicans will pick up a few House and Senate seats but not enough to wrest control from the Democrats.

Only one-third of the Senate seats are in dispute this year and it is mathematically impossible for the Democrats to lose control. To gain control of the House of Representatives, the Republicans must hold all their seats and gain 82 others, which most observers believe is a hopeless task.

Many things can happen between now and November 3, election day, which would alter the present political trends fundamentally but there are no indications that President Roosevelt will lose effective control of Congress as President Wilson did in his second term, leading to American repudiation of the Treaty of Versailles and to the United States remaining outside the League of Nations.

WAR NO ISSUE

Only one state, Maine, has voted so far and the Republicans swept everything before them. It used to be that "as Maine goes so goes the nation" but the Roosevelt landslide of 1936 and 1940 demonstrated the fallacy of that saying.

Republican leaders insist they are sure of picking up 20 to 30 house seats and if the trend goes stronger in their direction they would not be surprised if they gained control. They base this prediction on the apathy demonstrated in the primaries and in popular resentment to several policies of the administration, such as its failure to build up an adequate rubber supply.

The primaries demonstrated that the war is no issue. Democratic attempt to defeat pro-Pearl Harbor isolationists failed in most cases and this was explained generally by the observation that the people were not so interested in finding out what led to American intervention in the war as they were in fighting it.

POLICY DECLARATION

Since then, the Republican Congressmen have adopted a 10-point declaration of policy pledging to President Roosevelt "wholehearted and patriotic support of the war" and opposing "any attempts to negotiate peace or the consideration of any peace terms until our arms have won such a decisive victory that we, together with our Allies, are able to dictate the peace terms."

Democratic congressmen who presumably are seeking re-election on the administration's record and their own individual records, have not announced any such general platform.

In addition, Mr. Roosevelt has taken no public part in the campaign. Because of the attacks on his administration, however, it is expected that the President will enter the campaign before election day.

Notice to Mariners

Maxiners are advised that the fog bell on Shoal Point Beacon, Victoria Harbor, B. C., is out of commission. The bell will be repaired and placed in position again at the earliest possible date.

The Tides



Base Metals Mining Corporation, operating at Field, reported carrying on exploration work on the Old Kootenay King property at the head of Victoria Gulch, on the east of Kootenay River, about 10 miles from the old mining town of Fort Steele. A small number of miners is at work. The property has been quite undeveloped in the past, the body, it is said, being similar in structure to the well-known Sullivan silver-zinc mines of Consolidated at Kimberley.

Output at Silbak-Pre Gold Mines Ltd. in August gave net smelter returns of \$104,558 from 10,325 tons of ore, averaging .30 gold and .15 silver to the ton.

Estimating operating profit before depreciation and amortization is reported at \$42,458, an additional profit of \$10,000 from 586 tons milled from Northern Light claim.

This compares with output realized from 369 tons from Northern Light claim in entire production for the month, which returned 10,825 tons, which returns of .39 ounces gold, 3.94 ounces silver to the ton. Net smelter returns for the month are \$147,724, with an estimated operating profit of \$78,134.

One of the most sensational discoveries of high-grade silver ore reported in recent years comes from the old mining town of Goldfield, Nevada, where leases operating old Mohawk mine ran in body of ore which gave returns of 609 ounces gold and 6.09 ounces of silver to the ton.

A shipment made to Selby Smelting & Lead Smelter at San Francisco recently of 47 tons gave returns of \$574,957. The shipment made by express, the express charges being \$8810.

E. Doney and son, lessee of the old Victor mine at Saratoga, have shipped to the Smelter a car of silver-lead ore. Ore is also being transported to point of shipment by James Franchin from the Canadian group in the same

A shipment of 39,500 tons of iron and steel, consisting of 10,000 tons of rolled steel, ball mill pipe, drill steel, castings and a quantity of scrap, usually accumulated around mining camps, has been shipped by Bay Consolidated Gold Mines from its mine at Tye, to Red Cross Society at Nelson.

A record of high values in a mine in the Coeur d'Alene mining district of Idaho, been made by the Lucky Day Mining Co., the company shipping 90 tons of concentrates to the smelter at Logg, Idaho, which gave smelter returns of \$18,239.

The shipment consisted of one car of lead-silver ore and one car of silver-zinc, the silver car totalling 52 tons, element being made on a weight of \$315.40 per ton, \$16,518, while the silver shipment of approximately 10 tons gave net returns of \$1721, gross value of the lot being \$3738.

The mine is the only one in the district returning high values in silver from zinc ore.

At Susap Creek, Similkameen mining division, 10 miles west of the Similkameen river, and 10 miles south of Kelowna, Benjamin Williams is reported as having loc-