

# Government to Sell All Seized Japanese Property in B.C.

## Reports Deplored

### Gas Shortage Won't Close City Bakeries

Reports published in a morning paper alarming citizens of an impending bread shortage, due to lack of gas for baking, were branded as "humbug" today by B.C. Electric officials.

At the same time, Vancouver bakers declared that the situation had been entirely misrepresented.

## Stores Ponder 4-Day Week

"The article gave an untrue picture of the whole situation," said B. C. Electric spokesman.

"There are three bakeries in Vancouver that use gas. These are located in an area of the city which is not likely to be seriously affected by gas shortage. Gas pressure would have to be practically cut off before any of these three bakeries would be affected. The gas situation is satisfactory in Dunbar and Point Grey but there are no large bakeries out there.

Second day Matthews secretary, C. G. Matthews, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association said today.

"The result is very unfortunate. People may start to buy bread ahead for a week or two, but we don't know how much people will want to buy after seeing that article."

"We are now manufacturing enough for our normal needs, but we don't know how much people will want to buy after seeing that article."

Meanwhile, the gas situation shows neither improvement nor deterioration during the past 24 hours. This morning the pressure in the "holders" was about the same as it was yesterday morning. Overnight consumption was also about the same.

This means that there will have to be a slackening of demand over the week-end or else Dunbar and Point Grey will again be without gas.

That is why the B. C. Electric is appealing to citizens to avoid waste in order to maintain gas pressure in all parts of the city.

John Keillor, gas engineer for the B.C. Electric, said that he was still receiving reports of people in apartment houses and other residences using their gas ranges for heating purposes.

Shortage of gas and low pressure due to the unprecedented drain from the mains in the last few days has affected restaurants considerably but they have been able to "just about get by" according to proprietors.

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## Weather

use gas as fuel, and these will continue to get supplies.

Steel shipyards in Vancouver expect to get back to work by Monday.

West Coast Shipyards Ltd., reports: "Provided weather is no worse than at present and except where men are notified by telephone to the contrary, day shift workers will start at 9 a.m. Monday. Second and third shift workers will start at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

North and South Burrard yards will continue to operate as they have all week. There are no night shifts or afternoon shifts at these yards except where men are specially notified.

North Van Ship Repairs are closed until Monday. Gangs of men are clearing away ice and snow in preparation for a start then.

The coal situation should be better here Monday. Better weather is permitting shipments of seaweed from Vancouver Island today.

Vancouver traffic is about normal today after four days of clearing up. B.C.E.R. gangs have used more than five tons of salt to keep switchers from freezing up.

Many local churches have cancelled Sunday night services, but as usual in most instances, mid-week meetings are being held in private homes as a result of the fuel shortage.

Dairy farmers face a heavy financial loss as a result of the five-day storm. Many have had to throw milk away, while others are trying desperately to preserve it, or turn it into butter.

Rural mail deliveries are at a standstill.

First bread delivery in three days went to Cultus Lake from Sardis Thursday by army truck. In other areas, bread is being delivered by hand sled.

The road between Chilliwack and Vedder Military Camp was opened late Friday.

An evening extension lectures at Vancouver Normal School have been cancelled for Monday and Tuesday. Schools in North Vancouver City and District will remain closed on Monday. It was announced today at the City Hall that the milk situation looked better than ever this afternoon with word from Abbotsford that the public Works Department will try to clear principal side roads in the Fraser Valley.

Farmers have been working for the past three days to open the narrow side roads which are their means of communication with the rest of the province.

## Bunkhouse Ambulance

EMERGENCY, Alta., Jan. 23.—(CP)—They couldn't get Alex Swanson, a frostbitten laborer, safely to hospital any other way because of snow-blocked roads, so they hitch-hiked a tractor to his bunkhouse and hauled the house, Swanson, bed and all the 38 Swanson, frostbitten while working in the woods was carried in his bed into the hospital after the bunkhouse was hauled right up to the hospital door.

## Hospital's Coal Supply Running Low

EDMONTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—beta's coal shortage remained acute today and many cases of frostbite were reported as the province still was hit in the grip of a cold weather blitz.

The hospital at Rimbey reported many frostbite cases and is low on coal. Some coal had been borrowed but reports indicated there is less than a week's supply of coal in the town.

Sermons coal shortage at Red Deer was temporarily relieved with the arrival of five cars of coal and a slight rise in temperature.

Farmers were being asked to bring in supplies of wood to towns but in some districts, snow was so deep woodcutting was impossible.

While Albertians huddled in homes and burned scrap wood, 145 miners at the East Coulee Mine at Drumheller remained on strike.

At Edmonton where the temperature registered 39 below accompanied by a heavy fog, churches reported themselves dangerously low on fuel.

Meanwhile on the Pacific Coast, Seattle gave up waiting out its snow cold spell and returned to work at war industries and trial and transportation paralyzes abated only slightly as the death toll rose to at least three.

## Deaths

Ernest Seaton, 76, of Vancouver, a fruit merchant in B.C. for 40 years, died in Vancouver.

## Steel

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and John Doherty, international representatives of Philip Murray, USWA president, endorsed the settlement plan, and said they were recommending the men should return to work.

The statement read:

"We, the commission of the executive board of the United Steelworkers of America, recommend and expect our members in the steel plants involved to accept the settlement and to immediately return to the making of steel, which is so necessary to our war effort."

"After a week of careful review of the Canadian steel industry demands of the workers to be entirely justified, but we think the present settlement is a decisive gain toward the objectives of the steel workers and provides machinery for ultimately reaching their goal.

"On behalf of President Philip Murray and ourselves we wish to express our very deep appreciation for the kindness and courteous treatment we have received from Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Labor Minister Mitchell and other members of the Cabinet who have all worked hard and diligently while resolving this very difficult situation."

MEM'S PROPOSAL

The men had sought a basic minimum wage rate of 55 cents an hour with cost-of-living bonus additional, and proportionately higher rates for higher-paid workers.

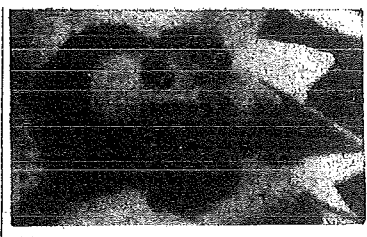
It was understood that one of the chief suggestions considered here during the last few days was that a basic minimum wage of 55 cents an hour be established, and that the National War Labor Board be asked to rule on the question of cost-of-living bonus and retroactive pay.

It was believed possible the settlement might be along the lines of this proposal. It would represent a compromise between what the workers demanded—a minimum basic rate of 55 cents an hour, including cost-of-living bonus.

It was not known whether the settlement would avert a threatened strike at the Hamilton plant of the Steel Company of Canada.

At the South it was announced the local union would vote on the settlement plan at a mass meeting Sunday.

Vancouver Burns Fellowship dinner, scheduled for the Hotel



NAVY, Army and Air Force police are adding city police departments of Victoria and Vancouver in their search for the slayer of 15-year-old Molly Justice, Saanichton seamstress whose mutilated body was found Monday night beside a railway line a few hundred yards from her home. The girl died from multiple knife-wounds.

## Not Permitted to Cut Up Drift Logs

An angry resident of the University Endowment Lands complained today to the Vancouver Sun against the alleged refusal of the district forester to allow a beachwood operator to cut and split large quantities of marked logs cast up on Point Grey shores.

"The logs escaped from booms and many of them have been there for years," the informant stated. "This operator, on whom I get permission to use them, has had to confine himself to drift-wood just because someone has a claim on the logs which may never be exercised."

## Major A. E. Cagney Dies in Montreal

Word has been received in Vancouver of the death in Montreal Friday of Major Arthur E. Cagney, a former Peacock Brothers Ltd. engineer.

Major Cagney opened up a branch office of Peacock Brothers in Vancouver in 1911 and remained here as manager until he went overseas in the last war.

## Reported Killed

Sgt. Russell Frederick Wilkins, whose mother is Mrs. F. D. Wilkins, Oliver, was reported killed on active service overseas in a Royal Canadian Air Force casualty list released in Ottawa today.

## War Veterans Will Get First Choice

From The Vancouver Sun Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—Japanese property seized in British Columbia is to be sold, with war veterans getting the preference in the purchase.

An order-in-council has just been passed authorizing the Custodian of Enemy Property to dispose of the Japanese property in British Columbia; under procedure similar to that which governed the disposal of the fishing and other vessels seized at the outbreak of war with Japan.

There are about 1400 properties involved, including real estate in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster and other cities and farm lands in the Fraser Valley and elsewhere. These will be offered for public sale but the Director of Soldier Settlement is to be given the opportunity to purchase any of the properties on behalf of soldier settlers. A fair price must be paid.

No confiscation is involved. The price obtained on the open market will be paid over to the Japanese owners.

British Columbia members of Parliament have been pressing for this action for some time, and Hon. Ian Mackenzie placed the matter before the cabinet. Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster, who has been in Ottawa as a member of the War Finance Committee, urged an early decision.

## Eisenhardt Evolves Plan For National Youth Body

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—A program of recreational and cultural work of this kind and such additional jobs as filling sand bags, filling bomb craters and running errands.

Canadian youth organizations in a vast volunteer army to aid the Canadian war effort and help out in the manpower shortage, has been authorized by Captain Ian Eisenhardt, western physical and cultural director.

The plan is now waiting approval. Captain Eisenhardt has been on tour from the Canadian Army for five months, preparing his proposals.

Primarily, the Eisenhardt plan is a general welfare scheme for munitions workers and families. Captain Eisenhardt visited 50 war factories and found less than five percent of them had adequate recreational activities. It is recognized that an important morale job needs to be done in congested war production centres. One evidence is the rise in the rate of juvenile delinquency.

GROUPS WOULD HELP

The Eisenhardt plan, which has not been made public, would organize a program of citizenship in which youth could play a war part. For the most part, existing youth organizations would be used, with central direction from Ottawa.

Since there are 885,000 Canadian boys from 10 to 17 years, organized groups could help in local emergencies, in salvage and other campaigns, in running Victory Gardens and in undertaking relief work from the Youth Miseries.

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## 11 Saved Off B.C. Vessel

PORT ALBERT, Jan. 23.—How he and 10 crewmates spent five days huddled in a cave on the west coast of Vancouver Island awaiting rescue after their ship struck a rock and sank off Cape Cook was related here by John A. Goodlad son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodlad of Alberni.

The vessel went down during inky darkness at the height of the storm, and it was only with great difficulty the men were able to make the beach.

Thanks to the foresight of the cook, they had a small quantity of food but all were suffering from hunger by the time they were picked up.

A rescue vessel which found them took them to Victoria where all were found to be in good condition.

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