

Vets To Get Former Jap Lands In Valley

Needy Widows Of First Great War Pensioners To Receive Allowances

OTTAWA, June 19.—(CP)—An item of \$400,000 to provide for compassionate allowances to needy widows of pensioners of the first Great War was approved by the House of Commons in committee of supply tonight.

There was no opposition but Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, said the matter should have been dealt with by amendment to the Pensions Act instead of by an item in the estimates.

The allowances are not to exceed \$240 a year or \$300 in certain exceptional circumstances.

The whole evening was spent on estimates. Besides passing that item for Pensions Minister Mackenzie the House considered post office estimates and heard Postmaster General Mulock report 1942-43 was a record year for volume of mail carried and postal revenues.

During discussion of the \$400,000 Pensions Department estimate, Mr. Mackenzie review-

ed requests for such allowances in recent years and moved an amendment to the wording of the item to provide for the payments being handled by the War Veterans' Allowance Board rather than the Pensions Commission.

H. C. Green (Prog. Con. Vancouver South) said the payments would be supported by all, but he wondered why they should be provided for by an estimates' item, rather than through legislation which would make them permanent without a yearly vote being required.

Mr. Green said the amount should not be placed at \$20 a month, with a small additional sum if the widow had no income. The payment should be at least \$1 a day. This payment should be granted not only to widows but to all under the War Veterans' Allowance Act and old age pensioners.

NORTHERN CLUB PLANS FRASER BARREL SWEEP

Prince George Rotary Club is conducting a barrel sweep in the Fraser River from Dome Creek to Prince George—140.4 miles. The barrel will be launched July 3 at 3 a.m. and is expected to arrive at Prince George late on July 5. Each ticket allows the purchaser one guess on the time required for the barrel to travel the course. Prizes are \$300, \$100, and four prizes of \$25 each. Money raised will be used for charity projects.

Royal City Flier Killed Overseas

OTTAWA, June 19.—(CP)—The R.C.A.F. in its 605th casualty list of the war, containing 40 names Friday night named seven men as killed on active service overseas and 26 as missing on active service after overseas air operations.

Two men were listed as killed on active service in Canada and one man, previously reported missing in Canada, was listed as now reported killed on active service.

There was one B. C. man listed. Sgt. William Angus Bartlett Stokes, son of J. H. Stokes, New Westminster killed on active service overseas.

ELECTRIC POWER SUSPENDED

In order that the B. C. Electric can make essential repairs to its 12,000 volt line, there will be no electric service available on East Keith Road east of Mountain Highway and all adjoining roads including Deep Cove, Cove Cliff and Dollarton, on Sunday, June 20, from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m.

DIES AT 88

SALMON ARM, B. C., June 19.—(CP)—A one-time colorful figure in the life of British Columbia, William Smith, 88, is dead here. Born in London, England, he ran away to sea at the age of eight. He sailed to China, then across the Pacific to Victoria, B. C. At one time he drove the stage between New Westminster and Gastown—now the city of Vancouver.

To Be Held For Distribution Until After War

OTTAWA, June 19.—(CP)—State Secretary McLarty announced Friday night that 789 parcels of farm land in the Fraser Valley area of British Columbia, formerly owned by Japanese, have been sold to the director of the Veterans' Land Act for future disposition to British Columbia men now in the armed forces.

Proceeds of the sale will be credited to the accounts of the former Japanese owners. It was negotiated by Mr. McLarty, as custodian of enemy property, on the recommendation of the advisory committee on rural property set up under Judge Whiteside of New Westminster, B. C.

The owners of the land have been evacuated from the protected areas of British Columbia, of which the Fraser Valley is part.

Administration of the tracts will be transferred to the provincial supervisor under the Veterans' Land Act, at Vancouver.

The director of the Land Act, Gordon Murchison, said in a statement that not all the parcels of land are "of themselves suitable for veteran settlement."

"In some cases subdivision may be undertaken. In others, it may be advisable to consolidate two or more parcels into one unit. In many cases it will be necessary to undertake extensive alterations to existing buildings or the erection of new homes of modest size but of enduring construction. The scarcity of building materials and expert labor at the present time are factors which make it necessary to postpone such a building program until conditions are more favorable."

Meanwhile, he said, local administration of these lands will come under I. T. Barnett, provincial superintendent, Veterans' Land Act and Soldier Settlement, at Vancouver. Annual taxes levied by the local authorities will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Veterans' Land Act.

Charlie Palmer, secretary of the Greater Vancouver Canadian Legion, said here Friday that the land will be held until after the war for disposition among B. C. veterans of this war.

"Just at present it would not be fair to men still overseas to allow this land to be sold to men who have already returned. It is better, in view of the fact that machinery and buildings are so hard to get, for these returned men to go into more essential war industries until after the war."

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