

\$125,000 Realized From Sale of Jap Properties

Brisk Demand Despite 'All-Cash' Stipulation

By CLIFF MACKAY
More than \$125,000 in cash has been realized to date from the forced sale of Jap-owned real estate in Vancouver by the Custodian of Alien Enemy Properties.

Capt. J. C. Banks Funeral Today

Last rites for Capt. James Charles Banks, 85, of 6292 Douglas Road, were conducted today in Burnsby Funeral Directors Ltd. chapel by Rev. E. P. Church, burial, Mountain View Cemetery. He leaves his wife, Annie, three sons, James G., Winnipeg, Fred W., Vancouver, and Sam, Nanu, B.C.; one daughter, Mrs. D. Williamson, Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Meeting of Labor Council Cancelled

The regular meeting of the Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labor Council scheduled for next Tuesday has been cancelled.

Birt Showler, president of the council, has notified local officials by wire from Quebec that it would be impossible for the bulk of delegates to the convention there to get back to Vancouver until after Tuesday. The next meeting will be held two weeks from Tuesday.

Many Electricians Seek Carrier Work

One hundred and fifty-seven electricians and 60 helpers have applied to National Selective Service here for part-time work on aircraft carriers, Horace Keetch, manager of the local office reports.

Since there are not enough skilled men available for full-time work several city organizations are allowing their electricians to work overtime on this high priority job, Mr. Keetch said.

Size of the sum—which is only a fraction of an expected total in excess of \$1,000,000—is double-checked by an analysis of the Custodian's catalogue and testimony of real estate firms handling the sales. The money is held to the credit of the evacuated owners and is available to them at any time.

Individual sales are running as high as \$12,000 but the average is reported to be near \$2000. The custodian's advisory committee is still dealing with numerous tenders submitted for a group of 187 holdings put on the DEMAND on June 19.

DEMAND BRISK

The catalogue has been revised since then to delete items already disposed of, although it is recognized that the amended list may not be a true reflection of all the completed transactions.

Nevertheless, 31 dwellings, 14 stores, three rooming houses, one factory and one parcel of vacant land have been dropped from the original list so far.

Real estate operators say the demand is brisk despite the all-cash stipulation. Continuing the progressive disposal plan the custodian is now advertising for tenders closing on Oct. 4 for the remainder of 297 properties under his management.

AUCTION SALE TOO

They comprise holdings on streets with initials "P" to "Y," on avenues from 1 to 71, and in Burnaby, North Vancouver and West Vancouver.

Arrangements are not yet complete for auctioning the personal effects left behind when the Japs were re-located. They include warehouses full of household goods which might deteriorate in unheated winter storage.

Liquidation of these assets is to be the final step in ridding Vancouver of the last vestiges of Jap economic penetration.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



REV. FATHER L. A. LAMONTAGNE

Who will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary of ordination in the priesthood on September 10. Invitations have been issued to the clergy to attend the anniversary service at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Campbell and Keefer. Next Sunday the French Survivance Society will hold a reception in his honor in the IOOF hall at Main and Seventh.

Father Lamontagne was born in Gaspe County, Quebec, and attended St. Joseph's University in New Brunswick. He came to Vancouver in 1915 to be in charge of St. Andrew's parish, later chaplain of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd. He is now chaplain of St. Joseph's Oriental Hospital.

Wasted Time In Shipyard Equal to Ship

Time lost at shift changes and meal periods because of whistle beating and poor supervision totals 422,700 man hours per year, equal to a 10,000-ton cargo vessel, an investigation of one Vancouver shipyard has shown.

Broken down the figures show that the daily loss was 1409 man-hours, which, at the average rate of 80 cents, totalled \$1127 per day or \$385,100 annually based on the 300-day work year.

Smallest average time lost was at noon when yard supervision was strongest.

One unionist pointed out the man-hour loss was due in great part to poor supervision. "The report shows the highest loss is during the morning and afternoon shift changes," he said. "The reason is that when a crew punches in for work, the charge hands have to instruct each man individually what job he is to do.

"In one yard a charge hand had as many as 40 men under him. It takes at least a minute to give each man his instructions, which means there is a gap of 40 minutes before the whole crew is on the job.

"The solution is better supervision which can be obtained by increasing the number of charge hands per crew."

Boilermakers Ask Action on 7-Day Week

Membership of the Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders Union Local No. 1 have instructed their delegates to the Shipyard Union Conference to call for an immediate meeting of all shipyard unions to deal with the "whole matter" of the seven-day continuous production program which the unions claim the operators seek to abandon in principle.

A union spokesman said the meeting would probably be held Saturday morning.

While the operators have denied any intention to scrap the seven-day week, the spokesman said it was "self evident" that they are merely attempting to operate a 5 1/2-day week, on the seven-day principle through keeping only skeleton crews on for Sunday work at straight time.

"Under the normal work week plan the industrial employee gets time and one-half for Saturday afternoons and double time for Sunday," he continued. "The unions agreed to the seven-day plan which eliminated such overtime generally as a wartime emergency.

"However, since production has been slowed down, it must follow that the emergency does not now exist to the extent labor should be called on to give up its hard won privileges.

"Skeleton crews are being kept on Sunday shifts and through this the operators are able to have rush work done at straight time rates.

"This is a complete violation of all the principles of the seven-day plan as agreed upon by the unions and management."

25 City Soldiers Back From Europe

Three officers and 22 enlisted men who have served with the Canadian Army overseas since early in the war were greeted by relatives and friends when they returned home to Vancouver by Canadian National Railways train today.

Some of the group have been sent home on medical grounds. Others will serve as instructors, or fill other army jobs in Canada.

They were met at the depot by officers from the military district depot.

Rent Court Refuses 'Improvement' Boosts

To ask five tenants to pay \$700 in the next two years for improvements is a bit too much and more than the owner of an apartment on South Columbia will get, Judge C. J. Lennox intimated at Thursday's rent court.

"We didn't ask him to do the work outside because there is so much that needs doing inside," said the spokesman for the quintette of tenants.

"The plumbing is all out of condition and the water is running very, very slowly," he added.

"More than you folks have that trouble," said His Honor in a consoling voice.

IT WILL BE WARMER

But that isn't all that is wrong with the building. Windows are broken. Locks need fixing and dear knows what all is in need of repairs.

Still the owner spent his money on the outside and asked the court to raise each tenant's rent \$5 a month to give him back his output.

"But the building will be warmer and they will save on fuel," the landlord explained to the judge.

He said he will be quite satisfied to have the place inspected and get what rent the board thinks the suites are worth. Incidentally, he claimed new plumbing has been installed.

Thursday's hearing of landlord and tenant troubles was only well under way when His Honor observed:

CLIENT DOES TALKING

"One layman calls me Your Worship and a lawyer calls me Your Lordship."

The latter, Lawyer E. A. Lucas, admitted his error pronto, saying he had noticed his slip of the tongue as soon as it was out.

Mr. Lucas was spokesman for a dozen or more tenants of a Cypress Street apartment house which was bought last April by a man who believed in doing his own talking in court, even if he had a lawyer there to do it for him.

The place had been operated on a losing basis for years by the previous owner, a woman who eventually lost it by foreclosure.

The new owner's lawyer, A. L. P. Hunter, had an opportunity to do little more than explain this and say that his client wishes to

operate it so he won't go broke, too. Then the landlord took over the job of justifying the higher rents he was seeking for his \$22,000 investment.

DOWN FOR INSPECTION

"Certainly not," was his retort, when Mr. Lucas suggested that he is improving the place with the sole idea of getting the rents boosted and then selling it at a profit.

His tone suggested that such a thought had never entered his head.

After a 15-minute discussion of coal stokers, linoleum, tile sinks and what Mr. Lucas called the "exhibition suite," the case was listed for an inspection.

The agent of the East Indian owner of 1524 West Tenth had nothing to say to support an application for \$2.50 more than the comparables he submitted.

"I made the application as I was instructed," he explained in a meek voice.

A young matron who bought a Kitsilano home and wants the whole house for her family asked for a jump from \$13 to \$25 for two upstairs rooms occupied by a woman on the shady side of middle age.

The new owner was concerned about her legal status with her unwanted tenant, but discovered that the Rent Court is not the place to get enlightenment on that phase of her problem.

An inspector will visit the house.

"Could he come in the morning, because I go out in the afternoon to look for another place to live?" timidly asked the tenant, whose potatoes froze in her bedroom last winter.

"I'm sure he'll telephone to give you a chance to be there," His Honor assured her.

A landlord certainly should fix up a leaky roof, but Judge Lennox tacitly agreed that it is not his job to wash dirty walls.

Iowa Corn Crop So Tall It's Dangerous

SPENCER, Ia., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Some of Iowa's corn is so tall this season it's a downright menace. The Clay County Farm Bureau's executive board has requested its members to cut back the towering stalks at fence corners which adjoin highway intersections. The move was taken to help eliminate auto collisions at blind corners.

Liberals Called to Ottawa To Canvass Election Chances

Special to The Vancouver Sun
OTTAWA, Sept. 3. — Parliamentary supporters of the government, including Senators, are being called to Ottawa for an unprecedented caucus in which the Canadian political situation is expected to be canvassed, with clarification of the question whether or not a general election will be held shortly.

The caucus will be held within the next two weeks, it is expected, probably around Sept. 15. Some observers go further and forecast, as one report did this morning, that a Liberal national convention will be called this year.

In calling in Liberal members only six weeks after adjournment of the session, the government hopes to take stock of the

current political situation in which reverses have been suffered steadily by Liberal forces. Sharp differences of opinion exist regarding causes and some observers blame the war controls and public resentment against them. Others note the rise of the CCF in some provinces.

Reliable opinion here holds the view that clear-cut evidence that the King government has lost public support heavily would precipitate an election, for in the face of crucial national decisions no government could hope to control parliament without solid public favor. The Liberal caucus will possibly provide basic information on which decision will be made whether an election should be held.

Ex-Sun Carrier Weds in Britain

The marriage of Pte. Kenneth Robinson, RCASC, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robinson, 759 East Fifty-first, to Miss Winnie Girdley of Sussex, England, in Sussex, is announced by his parents today.

Pte. Robinson was born in Winnipeg and came to Vancouver about 17 years ago. Pte. K. Robinson a go. attending Mackenzie and John Oliver High schools here.

He was a Vancouver Sun carrier salesman for a number of years.

Pte. Robinson enlisted in June, 1940, and went overseas in July, 1941.

The couple intend to make their home in Canada after the war.

B.C. Airmen Graduate From Alberta School

MacLEOD, Alta., Sept. 3.—(CP)—A. E. Jung of Victoria, B.C., led a class of pilots who graduated today from No. 7 Service Flying Training School, RCAF. Graduates included: W. R. J. Hill, D. Kerley, W. H. Laing and R. G. Satterfield, all of Victoria; D. E. Beaton, J. P. Brubaker, H. M. Brone, L. L. Galbraith, T. R. Donald, H. A. Johnstone, W. D. Johnstone, F. Y. McCarter, R. M. Donald, C. E. Steve and D. A. Stewart, Vancouver; A. Osborne and T. W. Pollard, Kamloops; M. Bentford, New Westminster; J. S. Bean, Fernie; J. Buck, R. A. Gildersleeve, Vancouver; R. A. Gildersleeve, Vancouver.

Strike Threatens Two Textile Plants

VALLEYFIELD, Que., Sept. 3.—(CP)—More than 4000 workers of Montreal Cottons Limited, and Dominion Textiles Limited will strike September 11 unless their demands are met for union recognition and pay adjustments, it was announced Thursday by union leaders.

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