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EXTRACT FROM ORDER IN COUNCIL No. 2206.

"The Committee of the Privy Council further observes that as this war is being waged by a whole people of Canada, it is desirable that the whole people should be kept as fully informed as possible as to the acts of the Government which are concerned with the conduct of the war, as well as with the solution of our domestic problems; and for this purpose an Official Record should be instituted to be issued weekly for the purpose of conveying information as to all Government measures in connection with the war and as to the national war activities generally."

CANADIAN APPOINTED TO BRITISH BOARD

Mr. Lloyd Harris to Represent Canada on Committee of Commercial Intelligence.

Mr. Lloyd Harris, Chairman of the Canadian Trade Mission in London, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence (British) on the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs by an Order in Council passed on January 30, as follows:—

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 28th January, 1919, from the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, submitting that he has had under consideration a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 26th of August, 1918, Dominion No. 462, respecting the appointment of an Advisory Council to assist the Department of Commerce and Industry.

The Minister recommends, with the concurrence of the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, that Mr. Lloyd Harris, the Chairman of the Canadian Trade Mission in London, be appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence.

The Committee concurring in the above recommendation, advise that Your Excellency may be pleased to forward a copy hereof to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his information.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

Bounty to Fishermen.

Under the authority of "An Act to encourage the development of the Sea Fisheries and the building of Fishing Vessels," the sum of \$160,000 is paid annually to fishermen of the eastern Maritime Provinces. The bounty is distributed under regulations made from time to time by the Governor in Council. It is stated in the "Fisheries Statistics" issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Take some of your change in
Thrift Stamps.

LIVESTOCK AND MINING NEWS OF CANADA'S WEST

*Mild Weather on Prairie has
Been Ideal for Stock—
Cattle Breeders ask Removal
of British Embargo.*

BOUNDARY ORE RECORD

The office of the Commissioner of Immigration and Colonization at Winnipeg reports:—

The weather conditions on the prairie are mild and ideal for cattle on ranges. So far this winter it has not been necessary for ranchers to provide feed and stock is in excellent condition.

The following livestock were shipped to the United States during week:—

	Cattle.	Hogs.
	1919.	1918.
Emerson.....	2,266	..
North Portal..	87 1,151	90 221

During the week a St. Paul firm purchased 315 head of two-year-old steers at Camrose stockyards, the largest deal yet reported from that point. Three carloads of beef cattle forwarded from Vernon, B.C., to Vancouver realized \$9,500. The shipment consisted of 44 head 3 and 4-year-old steers. The average price was \$170.25, with average weight 1,370 pounds, and 18 cows, average price \$110, with average weight 1,260 pounds.

At the Sixth annual meeting of the Western Canada Livestock Union, a strong resolution was passed urging the Dominion Minister of Agriculture to use every endeavour to secure a removal of the embargo against Canadian cattle entering Great Britain, which has existed for 27 years.

Several farmers in the vicinity of Otterburne, Emerson Sub. are going in for sheep raising. A shipment of 50 sheep for breeding purposes was received during the week.

MINING NEWS OF WEST.

The following are boundary ore shipments for the week ending January 27:—

	1919.	1918.
Sullivan.....	3,850	1,616
Ainsworth.....	160	150
Nelson.....	80	..
Slocan.....	306	274
Roseland.....	1,085	1,450
Grand Forks.....	3,814	4,731
Greenwood.....	..	3,883

Received Tadanac smelter during week, 8,568 tons, last year 2,151 tons. Granby, 8,868 tons, last year 17,099 tons.

The 1919 program of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., of Trail, calls for expenditure of \$1,500,000 for improvements. This includes a new line that will be built into Princeton to supply power to the company's mines in that district. \$325,000 will be spent in improving and enlarging copper refinery and installing rod mill, which will increase capacity of copper refinery to more than 50 tons daily.

Total of 313,422 tons ore received at Trail smelter during 1918.

Granby smelter blowing in another furnace, making four in operation.

A blast furnace designed to smelt magnetite ore into pig iron was tried out in British Columbia recently and with some improvements it is anticipated the furnace will be a success.

Commercial possibility of electric smelting of iron ores in the province of British Columbia is reported on favourably in a memorandum compiled by the professor of metallurgy at McGill University, which has been submitted to the Provincial Minister of Mines.

Machinery for drilling of mines in Highland Valley in the vicinity of Ashcroft, which is being done by the Government now being installed.

It is announced that Canadian Collieries plan to open up new mines on Vancouver Island and generally extend the company's operations.

During year 1918 British Columbia mines produced 2,573,139 long tons of coal, an increase of 174,424 long tons over the production of previous year.

During the year 1918, value of copper ore shipped from Mandy mine, The Pas, totalled \$925,560, compared with \$274,560 last year. About 15,000 tons will be shipped out this year, 50 per cent more than in 1917 and 1918 combined.

A strike of gold-bearing quartz of great richness is imported from Knee Lake district on the old Hudson Bay trail from Winnipeg to York Factory. An English syndicate is reported to have staked a number of claims.

FOREST PRODUCTS.

During the week 388 cars of lumber were shipped from various British Columbia mills; last year 405 cars.

With the continuation of the present mild weather it is expected that logging and shingle camps in British Columbia will resume operations in a short time. Most of the sawmills and shingle mills are closed down at the present time for the annual overhaul of machinery.

IMPROVE COAST LIGHTING.

In anticipation of development of ocean traffic out of Prince Rupert, the Dominion Government is taking steps to improve lighting facilities on the coast contiguous to that port. It is announced the Government proposes to go ahead with the construction of a new lighthouse on Triple Island, Dixon's Entrance.

SCHEMES FOR CHANGING AIR IN DWELLINGS

Health Bulletin Has Been Issued by Commission of Conservation.

Various schemes for changing the air in dwelling houses so as to maintain its freshness and even distribution, while the house air is kept at the right temperature, are explained and illustrated by diagrams in a bulletin entitled "Tuberculosis: A Disease of Insanitary Living," prepared by P. H. Bryce, M.A., M.D., Chief Medical Officer, and issued by the Commission of Conservation.

Great good, the bulletin states, will result from the education of the community at large as to the real meaning of fresh air in living houses and living apartments. Various aspects of sanitary living are dealt with in the bulletin under the heads of "Contamination of Air," "Standards of Air Space in Rooms," and "Constituents of Air." The main topic of the bulletin is under the head of "Proposed Schemes for Supplying Fresh Warm Air to Rooms."

INTERNED ALIENS AND DEPORTATION

Lack of Shipping Facilities at Present Delays Their Return to Europe.

With respect to the question of aliens in Canada, the following information has been officially obtained:—

(1) There are at present in various internment camps throughout the Dominion about 2,200 interned prisoners, of whom 1,700 are Germans, the remainder being of Austrian and other enemy nationalities. Of the 1,700 Germans, 800 were transferred from the West Indies and are held at the request of His Majesty's Government. The Government has been advised by Great Britain that repatriation is now possible of a number not exceeding one hundred adult enemy aliens from the Dominion. An Order in Council has been passed providing for the deportation of all enemy interned prisoners who may be regarded as dangerous or undesirable, and this order is now being carried out, subject, of course, to the limitations necessarily imposed by the shortage of shipping and restrictions by enemy nations upon repatriation. Inquiry is also being made of His Majesty's Government for the purpose of obtaining directions as to what disposition they wish to be made of the 800 Germans who were transferred from the West Indies.

(2) There is a larger number of aliens employed industrially in Canada, principally in the larger centres. Of these, many thousands are anxious to return to European countries and are willing to pay their passage if permitted to go. Lack of shipping facilities and passports alone prevent a general exodus of these aliens. The Government has taken up with the Canadian ministers abroad the question of transportation for this purpose and also as to whether, pending the official ending of the war, enemy and friendly aliens can be admitted to their respective countries.

(3) Communication has been made to Sir Robert Borden as to the advisability or necessity of providing for a stipulation in the terms of peace which would permit deportation of enemy aliens after the declaration of peace and any necessary immigration laws against admission of aliens of enemy nationality into Canada. It may prove impracticable for the reasons mentioned to complete the repatriation of those now interned before the conclusion of peace, and there may be European prohibition of immigration after the war.

The whole question relating to aliens has been receiving the most careful attention on the part of the Government. It is manifestly a most difficult one to deal with in the present unsettled state of international affairs, with the peace conference still engaged in its deliberations, and the shortage of shipping and prohibition against entry into European belligerent countries.

PERMIT SYSTEM ON GOODS FOR BELGIUM

Regulation Has Ended in Regard to Certain List of Articles.

An official cable from Brussels to the Belgian Consul General just to hand announces that the permit system for imports to Belgium has come to an end, except as far as the following articles are concerned:—

Sugar, breadstuffs, malt, barley, oats, tobacco (raw and manufactured), wines and liquors, the importation of which continues as before, being subject to the permit system.