1000 Enumerators Start Work on B.C. Voters' Lists

250,000 Electors to Be Enrolled at Once

Nearly 1000 enumerators, more than 600 of them in Greater Vancouver alone, began work today in 11 of 41 provincial electoral ridings on the preparation of new voters' lists.

They will be working intensively for the next ten days to two weeks, during which time it is expected that the bulk of the 250,000 voters will have been enrolled.

Commissions of the enumerators will not expire, however, until September 8, so that the last holiday-maker, straggling back to his or her home in the city, will be able to get on the lists.

Each enumerator will make no calls on each home in his area.

He will receive 10 cents for each name placed on his list, and it is expected individual lists will run from 250 to 350 names.

PARTIES WILL CHECK

During the latter part of the enumeration period the political parties will be allowed to turn their own commissioners loose to make sure no one is missed.

The "political commissioners," as the party canvassers are dubbed, will not be paid for the names they obtain, however.

George M. Phillips, Registrar-general of voters for the province, has had a busy time since voters' lists in the 11 constituencies were cancelled, instructing the 989 enumerators in their work.

A few remain to be instructed in Vancouver East and Centre.

ONE FOR EACH POLL

Here are the numbers of enumerators for each riding (in the case of the Vancouver constituencies there is one for each polling division): Centre, 124; Burrard, 143; Vancouver East, 138; Vancouver-Point Grey, 159; North Vancouver, 49; Oak Bay, 29; Victoria, 100; Saanich, 50; Burnaby, 63; New Westminster, 43; Delta, 75.

In 30 other ridings in the province the existing voters' lists remain in effect.

British Convoys Safely Navigate Despite Italians

By LARRY ALLEN

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 11.—It matters not whether Mussolini's battered navy stays home or ventures out, Britain's Mediterranean fleet is bent upon blasting the last of Italy's warships from what Il Duce calls "Our Sea."

British authorities say — and arrivals here confirm — that Allied convoys move freely through Mussolini's self-proclaimed private lake, pouring vital war supplies into Malta and the Middle East.

The backbone of Italy's battle fleet is broken. More than 50 percent of her total naval striking power lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean or is out of commission.

The Fascist fleet now is so crippled, British sources say, Il Duce scarcely can find enough seaworthy ships to hold a naval review.

Four Die in Prison Break

By British United Press

MCALESTER, Okla., Aug. 11.—Gov. Leon Phillips, investigating the bloodiest break in the history of the Oklahoma Penitentiary, today praised W. E. Alexander, 45, a bald and retired deputy sheriff, for single-handedly killing two fugitives, critically wounding another and capturing the fourth.

The escaping convicts killed Warden Jess Dunn, 65, and Jailer W. B. Ford, 51.

Alexander fought two gun battles with the fugitives. In the first, he killed Claude Beavers, 26.

In the second, half a mile from the first, he killed Roy McGee, 36, and shot William Anderson, 35, through the stomach. The fourth fugitive, Hiram Prather, 33, threw down his gun and begged for mercy.

War Cartoons Will Be Displayed Here

OTTAWA, Aug. 11.—An exhibition of British Commonwealth war cartoons will open at the National Gallery here early in October and later will tour Canada from Coast to Coast, N. O. McCurry, gallery director, announced Saturday. It will include hundreds of original drawings by artists of Great Britain, Australia, India, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.

Mr. McCurry said Canada will be represented in the Exhibition by the cartoons of English and French-speaking artists.

Among those will be Lee Cahlan, Toronto Star, formerly with The Vancouver Sun.

Tenting Tonight—on the New Camp Grounds



The Rocky Mountain Rangers, now on a 60-mile route march from Kamloops to Vancouver, relaxed at Lytton over the week-end and today are marching over the Fraser Canyon Highway, enroute to Boothroyd Airport, where they will spend the night, before proceeding to Hope.

Here a detachment is seen marching down the highway near the site of the Lytton camp. (Story on page three.)

Cottrelle Asks Fewer Deliveries

By Canadian Press

TORONTO, Aug. 11.—The federal oil controller, G. R. Cottrelle, urged today that reduction in the number of deliveries by merchants in every line of business be made. He asked merchants "in all lines of business throughout Canada to immediately organize to reduce delivery services to one per day."

Cottrelle further suggested purchasers carry parcels on all possible occasions or arrange to have them delivered on the next convenient delivery of the merchant.

"I trust that all merchants will co-operate and that no one will try to take advantage of the other," Cottrelle said. He asked that new delivery arrangements be made early in August, thus avoiding "the necessity of regulations in this matter."

He added that "the time has come when Canadian citizens must forego many services such as the delivery of merchandise of any and all kinds and in all sizes of packages . . . I am sure that the Canadian public, realizing the necessity of our being able to supply adequate quantities of gasoline and oil to our fighting forces, will cheerfully sacrifice conveniences and services which we have until now enjoyed, so that the battle to defeat Hitlerism and to preserve democracy will be won."

Chris Spencer Off to Ottawa

Chris Spencer, Provincial Chairman for War Savings, left for Ottawa Sunday night to attend a conference of provincial chairmen for war savings, where final preparations will be made for the program of increased activity this fall.

Before leaving he announced new appointments. John Barsby, ex-mayor and Chairman of the School Board, has been named chairman of the Nanaimo War Savings Committee, succeeding Fred F. Grant, now living in Vancouver.

Gordon Towers has been appointed chairman of the Langley district.

Delegation Protests Early Milk Delivery

Housewives without refrigerators have found that early delivery of milk under daylight saving time frequently leaves them with sour milk, according to a delegation which protested before social services committee at City Hall today.

Mrs. E. C. Mortimer of the Civilian Personnel Mothers' Association spoke for the delegation.

Mrs. Mortimer, who was backed by delegates from the Local Council of Women, said by half a dozen housewives, urged that hours of milk delivery be readjusted.

The protest was noted and filed.

Logger Killed

FANNY BAY, B.C., Aug. 11.—M. C. Edwardson, 52, logger employed as second faller by Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company at Camp 7, Fanny Bay, was killed during logging operations Saturday. He has relatives at 2537 Graveley St., Vancouver.

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Survivors Landed From Three Ships

LONDON, Aug. 11. — Twelve survivors from the British tanker Horn Shell, 8272 tons, have arrived at the Cape Verde Islands aboard the Portuguese freighter Africa Occidental, who picked them up five days ago near the Canary Islands, 10 days after their ship had been sunk.

Thirteen survivors of the torpedoed 3976-ton Greek freighter Mikoklis, who had spent 20 days in a lifeboat, were landed at the Canary Islands from a Spanish ship.

Sixteen survivors of the British freighter Saint Anslem, 5614 tons, which was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine off the Canary Islands, arrived at Rosario, Argentina, Sunday, aboard the Spanish steamship Tom.

Australia plans to construct 60 merchant ships within the next year.

City Planning Action Against Jap Fishermen

Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart was instructed by harbors, utilities and airport committee of City Council today to learn what action could be taken against Japanese fishermen who allegedly make a point of blocking the seaplane fairway on the middle channel of Fraser River.

The committee made its decision after hearing a complaint from Canadian Airways, through W. E. Gilbert, manager, that a Japanese fishboat had placed an inbound plane from Victoria in grave danger of accident by disregarding a warning siren installed at a cost of $800 by the city.

Mr. Gilbert said the obstruction appeared to be deliberate, and added that it was only one of a series of similar incidents which have interfered with seaplane operations.

Ald. H. D. Wilson, committee chairman, declared that Japanese continue to ignore the siren in spite of a "gentleman's agreement" arrived at after a conference with fishermen's unions and Japanese Fishermen's Association.

"Japanese fishermen always seem able to find some excuse for being around when planes are taking off or landing," Ald. Wilson charged.

"It seems to me we should ask the Department of Fisheries that the middle arm of the Fraser from Marpole bridge to the mouth be closed to fishing," he said.

Ald. George Buscombe sought more direct action.

"Find a way to soak them with a $100 fine or throw them in jail," he suggested.

Ald. Wilson pointed out that white fishermen have adhered strictly to the agreement.

Accuracy of reports that Japanese fishermen deliberately obstruct the landing of Canadian Airways seaplanes at Sea Island is doubted by I. Kawasaki, Japanese consul in Vancouver.

"I think it's one of those charges made by those war mongers," he said. "In the past we have been unjustly attacked by Alderman Wilson, who has become known as the 'Japanese-baiter'."

City Restaurants On High Level

Diners-out in Vancouver's 460 restaurants now receive better food and service in more sanitary surroundings, according to a report by Dr. Stewart Murray, city medical health officer, today.

In the nine months Grade A restaurants have jumped from 63 to 173; Grade B from 256 to 264; Grade C has dropped from 105 to 23; Grade D restaurants, of which eight were listed in 1940, have disappeared completely.

Ald. George Miller, chairman, said "restaurant owners are to be commended."

R. Ward Bell, provincial representative on social services committee, said that part of the credit for improved conditions should go to the classes for waitresses sponsored under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan.

GREEN TO QUIT' AFL

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—William H. Davis, chairman of the national defense mediation board, said Saturday it was "common knowledge" in Washington that William Green will resign as president of the American Federation of Labor in October.

Civic Workers Ask Compensation

Three-Year Limit on Silicosis Attacked

Compensation for silicosis should be paid without quibbling about time, Walter J. Scribbens told Mr. Justice Sloan, when the royal commission enquiring into administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act went into its second week here today.

Mr. Scribbens presented the recommendations of the Civic Employees' Association, of which he is secretary and business agent.

"We do not see any sense in the three-year time limit in connection with silicosis," he told thecommissioner, after referring to three cases of former miners stricken during the last 25 years and totally incapacitated by silicosis but unable to obtain compensation because they had worked for the city for more than three years.

His association asked that benefits for silicosis and lead ½poisoning be extended to civic employees. Men working in the waterworks and sewer department on tunnelling and drilling in silica rock, he said, very often are old miners.

He contended that whatever men are working under conditions which either temporarily or permanently incapacitate them for further employment in that line they should receive compensation.

ONLY TWO PAID

Hernia caused by heavy lifting is frequent in scavenging, water and sewer departments, but, Mr. Scribbens declared, he has known only two out of more than 100 claims for this injury which have been paid by the Compensation Board in 25 years.

"The injury may result from gradual breaking down of the muscles, but undoubtedly it is caused by the employment. The board, as I understand their rulings, takes the stand that it is not an accident, therefore it is not compensable," said Mr. Scribbens.

It should not be assumed that injured workmen will not try to get suitable employment as they may continue on compensation, Mr. Scribbens told H. I. Bird, commission counsel.

"WRITTEN OFF"

He contended further that a pension for partial disability should be paid as long as the disability continues, or until the earnings equal those prior to the accident.

"That is the law now," said C. H. Locke, K.C., counsel for the Mining Association.

"How does it happen then that the board is able to get these men written off as it were?" asked the witness.

The commissioner said this can be done if the disability is less than 10 percent. Whether it can be done legally, as they have done in some cases, is a question, he added.

J. W. G. MacKenzie, Seaboard Sales Co. accountant, testified that J. Ecclestone was an employee of the owners of the SS. Benglow and did not come under compensation. He said his firm claimed that Ecclestone had recourse against the ship's owners for a leg injury he suffered in 1939.

WOMAN MEMBER

Ecclestone was a witness Friday, stating that he was refused compensation for a broken leg sustained 20 minutes after he reported to the ship as watchman. He had paid a cent a day during 16 years' similar employment, he claimed.

A woman member on a rotating board was recommended by the Local Council of Women through Mrs. Ada Crump, president.

"We feel that it is essential that a woman with a special insight into the affairs of widows and children should be on the Compensation Board," said Mrs. Crump.

Girl, 16, Dies Saving Friend

LADNER, Aug. 11.—A 16-year-old Abbotsford girl gave her life in saving a companion from drowning on Sunday.

Mary Heide, 16, Abbotsford, drowned in the Fraser River near Glenrose cannery, Sunbury, about 2 p.m. Sunday, after she went to the rescue of Betty Schmidt, 16, also of Abbotsford, who had got into difficulties.

The two girls had been bathing together, police said, and Betty, who was unable to swim, got beyond her depth. Mary went to her aid and succeeded in getting her close to shore. Then she herself disappeared beneath the surface.

Mary's sister, Ann, 17, pulled Betty to safety, but was unable to go to the assistance of her sister.

The body was recovered about 8 p.m.



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