

Prepare Struggle Against British And Foreign Ships

MONTREAL (CP) — Union forces are gathering their power for a struggle against British and foreign shipping in Canada's coastal trade, it was reported here Monday.

Hal C. Banks, president of the 14,000-member Seafarers' International Union (AFL-TLC), said he will raise the matter as a delegate at a special conference of the American Federation of Labor, beginning in Chicago Aug. 11.

Mr. Banks, recently returned from an international labor conference at Helsinki, said in an interview the problem already has been discussed among some Canadian unions.

URGED RESTRICTION

Canada's three labor congresses already have urged a royal commission on coastal shipping to recommend that the coastal trade—including great lakes business—be restricted to Canadian vessels.

The Trades and Labor Congress, in a brief submitted to the commission July 12, went so far as to

recommend that all vessels except Canadian and American should be barred from inland waters, even international traffic.

Crux of the issue now is the building of the St. Lawrence seaway, with its opportunities for foreign shipping operating with wages and other costs below those of Canadian ships.

Mr. Banks, who represented Canadian and American seamen at the Helsinki conference of the International Transport Workers Federation, said his plea was generally well received.

BRITAIN ONLY EXCEPTION

Britain was the sole exception—“unfortunately the top British leaders were not at the conference,” said Mr. Banks. They were unable to attend because of a dock strike to progress at the time.

Mr. Banks said Britain currently has some 30 vessels plying in the Canadian inland trade—far more than any other country.

“The Scandinavian delegates

promised 100 per cent support at Helsinki,” he added. “The Swedes said that if they heard of any of their ships causing trouble they would pull them out immediately. Norway said it has no intention of getting into such trade.

“Germany is not a great factor as yet, but some keels have been laid. The Austrians also are preparing.”

HAS 'HOPES OF RELIEF'

Mr. Banks said he has “great hopes of relief” from the royal commission, which has not yet finished its work.

“As for the unions, the CIO, AFL, CCL and TLC are all very definite in their feelings on this,” he added. There had been “formal” meetings among “teamsters, railroad brotherhoods and longshoremen.”

American and Canadian unions were in agreement on the matter, feeling that the “lakes are traditionally American and Canadian.” The United States already had a law stating that ships in coastal service must be U. S.-built and U. S.-manned. This regulation was relaxed in the case of Canadian ships to “mutual advantage.”

Mr. Banks said any action the unions might take to back up their views would be decided at conferences later.

War Pensions Commission Still Actively Engaged

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OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian pensions commission now is re-examining some 6,000 war veterans pensioned because of deafness.

Of the 900 so far examined, about half have been awarded pension increases, says L. A. Mutch, deputy chairman of the pension commission.

Re-examination is important to pensioners' families because a widow of a pensioner who had been receiving a disability pension of 50 per cent or more is entitled to draw a pension on his death. If the pension is under 50 per cent, it does not continue to the widow.

Pensions of First World War veterans are not reduced if they have not varied for three consecutive years. Mr. Mutch said in an interview that there has not been a case of a reduced pension for a First World War veteran since 1946.

and the rates for children are doubled. Thus a widow of a totally disabled veteran with three children receives \$194 a month.

HELPLESSNESS ALLOWANCES

There are also helplessness allowances ranging from \$480 to \$1,400 a year for totally disabled pensioners who require attendants. A paraplegic from the waist down receives the maximum allowance of \$1,400. A blind veteran receives an extra \$960 a year.

Allowances for children are paid until the age of 16 in the case of a boy, 17 for a girl. If children remain in school, allowances can continue until they are 21.

Total number of disability pensions awarded for the First World War reached a peak of 80,133 in 1940. Number for the Second World War is about 100,000.

Of First World War pensioners, 3,919 receive 100-per-cent disability pension. There are 19 other classes ranging down from 97-per-cent disability number—12,208—are in the eight-to-12-per-cent disability class.

Georgetown

Miss Phyllis Martell, student nurse at the Charlottetown Hospital, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Martell.

Mrs. Frank MacLean and family are visiting in Rustico, where they are the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dicks, Jr., who have been visiting Mr. Dick's parents, Captain and Mrs. John Dicks, left on Friday, July 22 on return to Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross and son of Saint John, N.B., were recent guests of Mr. Ross' brother, Mr. Melville Ross.

Mrs. Herbert Boyce of Boston, Mass., is vacationing at her summer home in Georgetown.

Miss Shirley Stevens of Toronto, Ont., is the guest of Miss Helen Murphy.

Dr. Philip Doyle and daughter left last week on return to their home in Ottawa, Ont., after visiting Dr. Doyle's father, Mr. Ernest Doyle.

Mr. John Boyce of Halifax, N.S., who is vacationing in the Province, was a recent visitor to Georgetown.

Mrs. James H. Skinner, who spent the winter in the United States, is vacationing at her home in Bridgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beardshaw of London, Ont., who are

MAY BE INCREASED

On the other hand, pensions can be increased on re-examination. The commission has found that disabilities increase with advancing years, so that a First World War veteran can often be awarded a higher pension.

There is one exception to the first reduction-in-pension rule for First World War veterans. This occurs where a disability is removed by surgical treatment with the consent of the veteran. There have been extremely few such cases.

War pensions cost Canadian taxpayers about \$127,000,000 a year. Canada has spent \$2,000,000,000 on pensions since 1919 when the Pension Act was introduced.

Some 200,000 cheques go out every month for 500,000 disabled veterans and their dependents. There are still some 60,000 veterans of the First World War and 15,000 widows drawing pensions; 98,000 of the Second World War and 18,000 widows.

IN SECOND WORLD WAR

The largest number of Second World War pensioners—27,342—also falls in this class. There are 3,513 totally disabled pensioners of the Second World War.

There are 64,000 veterans—31,477 from the First World War—receiving prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances from the veterans' affairs department. Prosthesis is the medical term for making up of deficiencies, such as by an artificial leg.

In a single year, the department issues nearly 100,000 such appliances from hearing aid batteries to socks for limb stumps and has repairs made to another 20,000.

The pension commission still handles about 300 war pension claims a day, including applications for higher pension. The commission grants about 40 per cent of the claims.

AVERAGE PENSION

Average disability pension for the First World War now is \$32.64 a month, for the Second World War \$24.53. Average age of First World War pensioners is 65, of Second World War pensioners 41.

Of First World War pensioners, 75 per cent receive a pension of less than 50 per cent; of Second World War pensioners, 85 per cent receive a pension of less than 50 per cent.

A totally disabled — or 100 per cent — pensioner receives \$125 a month plus \$45 if he is married. There is also an allowance of \$20 a month for the first child, \$15 for the second, \$12 for the third and each subsequent child. Thus a totally disabled veteran with a wife and three children gets \$217 a month.

A pensioner with 10-per-cent disability receives 10 per cent of these amounts.

A widow receives \$100 a month

500th Baptist Anniversary Conference Ends

LONDON (AP) — The 500th anniversary conference of the Baptist World Alliance closed Friday night with an appeal by American evangelist Billy Graham to remain true to the Baptist faith.

Graham told a crowd of about 45,000 in Arsenal Stadium that the next five years may be “the most tragic or the most glorious in history.”

“Intellectuals and scientists are at the end of their tether in struggling with problems which beset the world,” Graham said.

The evangelist urged his listeners to remain orthodox and simple, practice evangelism and humanitarianism and strengthen the church.

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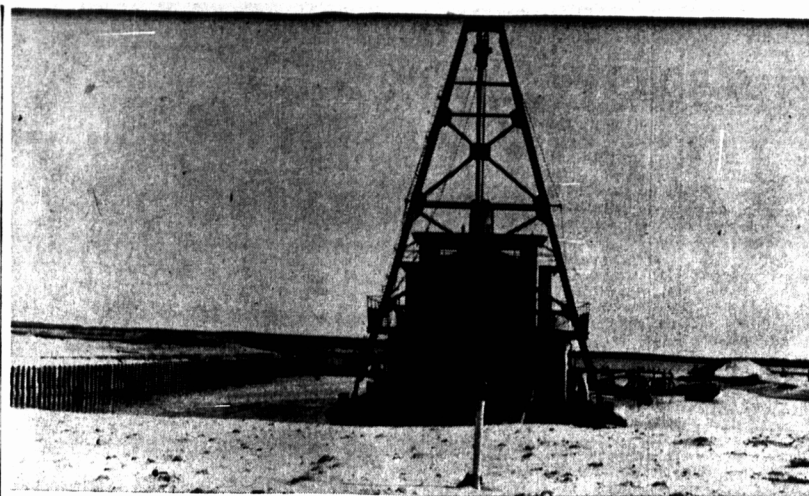
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CHEWS SAND BANK

Shown above is a head-on view of the Federal Department of Public Works Dredge No. 12 as it makes its way through the sand bank at Savage Harbour. The protection pier can be seen in the background.

holidays on the Island, motor to Georgetown on Thursday, July 21, where they visited Mr. Howard Walker, with whom Mr. Beardshaw served in the army during the Second World War.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Boyce of River Hebert, N.S., are visiting in Montague, where Rev. Boyce is relieving the resident United Church minister. Rev. Boyce will relieve Rev. W. A. Paterson at St. David's United Church, Georgetown, during August.

during the weekend, where they visited friends and relatives.

Five Killed In Head-On Collision

ST. ALEXIS DES MONTS, Que. (CP)—Five men were killed Saturday night in a two-car collision near this town, 80 miles northeast of Montreal.

The dead were identified as Jules Elliott, 27, of St. Paulin, Que., driver of one of the cars and four St. Alexis men, Jules Savard, 27, driver of the second car, Henri-Paul Allard, 26, Lionel Soucis, 27, and Raymond Savard.

Two others, Richard Dupuis and Jean-Marc Giguere, were taken to hospital in Louiseville, Que.

NEW SHOVEL

MONCTON, N. B. (CP) — A Hamilton manufacturing firm is developing a new-type overhead hydraulic shovel and angledozer invented by Charles McEwen, a Moncton contractor. The machine has not yet been tested on excavation work but results of snow removal tests last year were described as “highly satisfactory.”

Nehru Sends Elephant To Canadian Children

MADRAS, India (AP)—Ambika, a 30-month-old cow elephant—Prime Minister Nehru's gift to Canada's children—will sail for Montreal July 27.

A Madras state forest official said Ambika will be followed by an Indian mahout (trainer).

The elephant will be shipped to the zoo at Granby, Que., in response to a request from a five-year-old Granby boy.

Mayor Horace Boivin of Granby originally wrote to Nehru asking for an elephant for the zoo. Nehru replied that if the request came from children, India would be glad to send one free. Peter Marmor-heck, 5, then wrote a personal letter to the Indian leader saying the children of Granby would like to have an elephant. Nehru replied in a letter to Peter that the nicest elephant available would be sent.

MOVE INTO CAMP

CAMP UTOPIA, N. B. (CP)—No. 1 column of the Army Service Corps arrived here Saturday, heading one of the largest peacetime movements of militia units into Camp Utopia. The unit is commanded by Lt.-Col. H. M. Grant of Halifax and comprises companies from Halifax, Moncton and Saint John.

Fourteen other Maritime and Quebec units also began a one-week training program. Personnel at the camp number more than 1,500.

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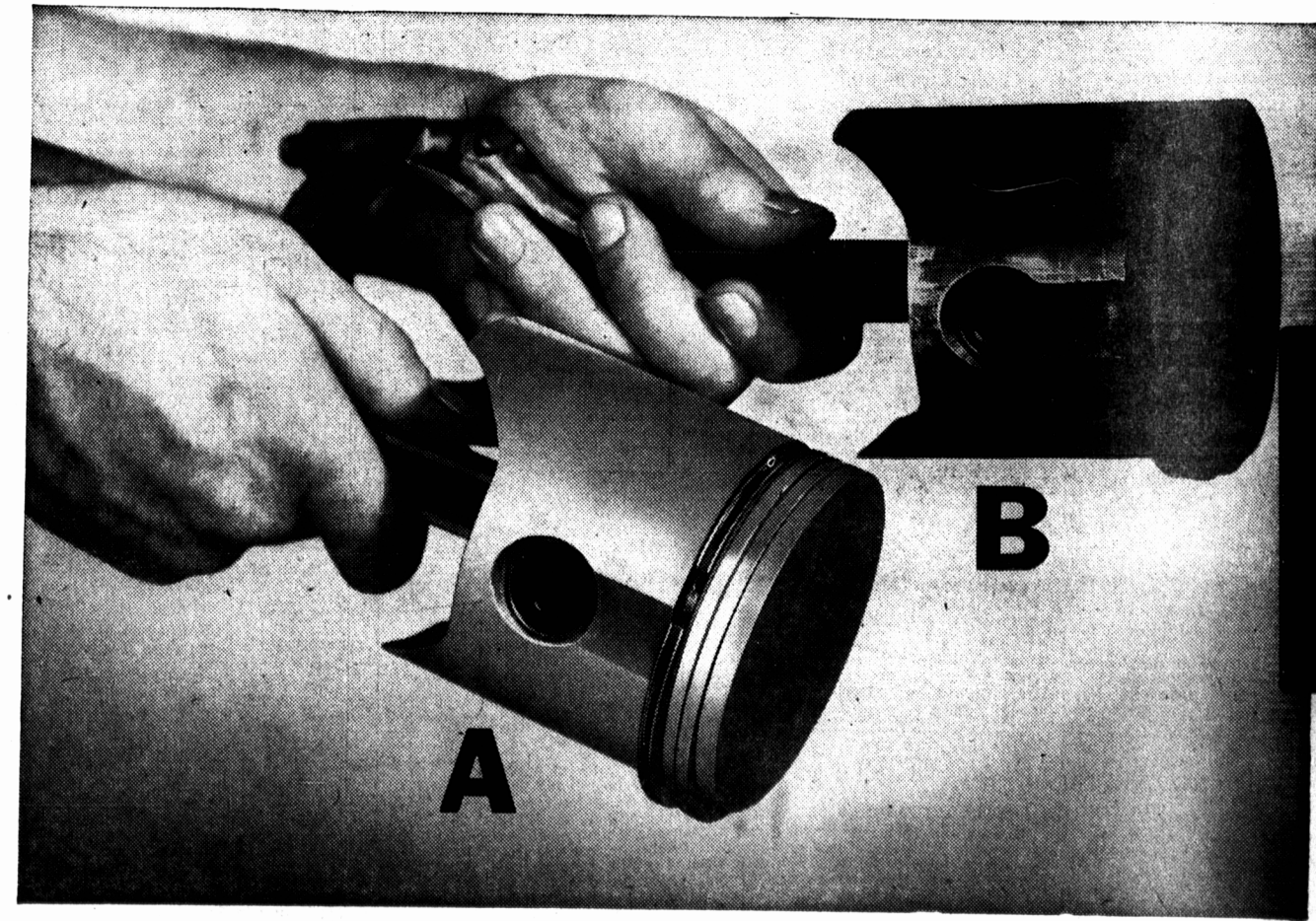
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