

Pulp And Paper Output In B.C. Reaches New High

VANCOUVER (CP) — Production of pulp and paper in British Columbia last year reached a record but judging by expansion plans the figure will go higher still in the next five years.

The western division of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association reported here Thursday production last year was 1,407,561 tons, valued at \$205,407,868. The previous record was set in 1954—1,287,433 tons worth \$176,094,094.

More than \$85,000,000 will be spent on expansion by the industry, said Leander Manley, secretary-manager of the association.

"During the next five years, a total of more than \$250,000,000 will be invested in pulp and paper," he said.

This follows expenditures of close to \$200,000,000 on plant modernization and expansion during the last seven years.

Last year the United States purchased \$109,054,278 or 53 per cent of the B.C. output. Canadian markets absorbed 28 per cent and the rest went overseas.

The following is a breakdown of some of the biggest expansion plans now under way:

MacMillan and Boedel Ltd.: This big lumber empire, which showed net earnings last year of \$18,742,597, is engaged in a \$63,000,000 pulp and paper development program at Port Alberni on Vancouver island.

Powell River Co. Ltd.: Western Canada's biggest newsprint manufacturer last year added another machine to its facilities, 80 miles upcoast from Vancouver, and is spending about \$20,000,000 in 1956. Surveys are still being made in conjunction with the Aluminum Co. of Canada Ltd. to build another mill at Kitimat to use some of the surplus power from the Kemano hydro site.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd.: Through its subsidiary, Elk Falls Co. Ltd., this huge U.S. company plans to double capacity of its newsprint-making facilities at Duncan, near Port Alberni, to 100,000 tons a year. The group also plans a new 400-ton-a-day kraft pulp mill and a sawmill capable of handling 100,000 board feet of timber in an eight-hour day.

Alaska Pine and Cellulose Ltd.: A subsidiary of Rayonier Inc. of New York, Alaska Pine is spending \$11,000,000 on improvements to its rayon and dissolving pulp plant at Port Alice at the northern tip of Vancouver island.

B.C. Forest Products Ltd.: A \$25-million bleached kraft mill, costing \$36,000,000 will be built by this company at Crofton, on Vancouver island. Construction is expected to take two years and the plant will employ 800 men at peak capacity.

Campaign Strikes Hard At Stalin's Close Friend

VIENNA, Austria (Reuters) — The current Soviet campaign vilifying Stalin has struck hard at the late dictator's close friend, Premier Vukko Chervenkov of Bulgaria, reports from Sofia disclosed.

At the same time, some prominent Bulgarian and Czech leaders who were executed or imprisoned during the Stalin era for alleged "Titoism" were reported to have had their names cleared.

The Sofia reports from reliable sources said that the Bulgarian Communist party's central committee Monday condemned Chervenkov for violating the principle of collective leadership. This was one of the accusations flung at the late dictator's close friend, Premier Vukko Chervenkov of Bulgaria, reports from Sofia disclosed.

In another resolution, the Bulgarian party leaders posthumously cleared the name of former deputy premier Traicho Kostov. He was executed in December, 1949, for treason, allegedly on Stalin's orders.

The execution left the path clear for Chervenkov to become undisputed Communist leader of Bulgaria. He was said to have also been a close friend of Soviet police chief Lavrenti Beria, executed for treason nine months after Stalin's death in 1953.

It is assumed that Chervenkov, condemned by his own party, will be dismissed or forced to resign.

The dramatic dethronement of Stalin is almost daily clearing dead men's homes and opening prison gates to persons convicted during his regime. Unconfirmed reports from Prague Tuesday said that three former government officials tried with Czech Communist party chief Rudolf Slansky in 1952 have been released from prison. They were the only three men not executed out of a total of 14 accused of treason and "Titoism."

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MARY ELLEN BOLGER
The death occurred in Charlottetown at her late residence, 310 Grafton St., on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956, of Mary Ellen Bolger, beloved wife of the late Michael J. Bolger, in her 75th year.

Mrs. Bolger, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connell, was born in Abilene, Kansas, U.S. and came to P.E. Island at an early age with her parents where they settled at Eldon. Shortly after her marriage she moved with her husband to Charlottetown, where she resided until her death. Her husband, Michael J. Bolger, predeceased her 16 years ago. A daughter, Mary Gertrude (Mrs. J. Dowling) also predeceased her 9 years ago.

A devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church, Mrs. Bolger was of a quiet and friendly nature, kind and cheerful at all times, and she will be greatly missed by a host of relatives and friends but above all by her family, who will always cherish the memory of a loving Christian mother. She leaves to mourn her passing three sons, William, Maurice and Plus, all of Charlottetown; two sisters, Amy (Mrs. Patrick Cumiskey) of Tarnum, Eliza (Mrs. Phillip Coyle) of Droimore; also three brothers, Maurice O'Connell of Roxbury, Mass., Tom O'Connell of Flushing, Long Island, and John O'Connell of Charlottetown and one grandson, Ralph Dowling.

The funeral was held from the Hennessey Funeral Home on Feb. 13, to St. Dunstons Basilica, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. F. Corcoran, who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. W. Simpson was present in the Sanctuary.

The pallbearers were: Ralph McGinnis, William McCabe, Thomas McCabe, James McCabe, Harold Alchorn and Arthur Clinton.

Coal Dealer Is Committed

MONTREAL (CP)—Paul Perras, 43-year-old coal dealer, has been committed for voluntary statement next week on 15 charges involving more than \$77,000 worth of coal which the federal government claims is paid for, but never received.

Perras is accused of 14 theft charges, based on alleged delivery shortages to several government buildings and service bases in the Montreal area, and conspiracy to defraud the federal treasury.

RCMP officers testified at Perras preliminary hearing Friday that records of the accused's firm showed coal purchases by the government from July 1951 to October, 1953. The purchases, compared with sales, revealed the alleged \$77,000 deficit.

Voluntary statement is the stage of Quebec legal procedure giving the defence an opportunity to submit arguments as to why the accused should not be committed to trial.

Model Of Sir Robert Borden Is Approved

TORONTO (CP)—The model of the former Canadian prime minister is to be cast in plaster at her Toronto studio today, sculptor Frances Loring said Friday.

The half-size model was approved Thursday by National Gallery director Alan H. Jarvis, a member of the federal government committee responsible for the project.

Miss Loring said she would take the plaster cast to New York where she will use it as a model for a nine-foot clay figure she will build there.

The full-size figure will be cast in bronze in New York.

The memorial to Sir Robert, Nova Scotia-born Conservative prime minister between 1911 and 1920, is to be placed on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, in November.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Bolger wish to express their sincere thanks to Rev. Reginald Phelan and clergy of the Basilica, Dr. Farmer and all the kind relatives, neighbors and friends who sent mass cards, flowers, messages of sympathy, or assisted in any way during their recent sad bereavement.

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Farmers Preparing For Big Spring Seeding Job

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Despite a severe winter that dumped record snowfalls on the Prairies and loosed floodwaters in the Mt. Timms, Canadian farmers this week were oiling seed drills and preparing to go on the land—right on schedule.

Agriculture officials in almost every province were optimistic a Canadian Press survey shows. The one exception was Alberta where a frost penetration of up to seven feet was expected to delay spring planting past the normal April 20 date.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan, on the other hand, were hoping to get in crops in record time. Both provinces reported snow disappearing fast and little frost in the ground.

MARITIMES REPORT
Civ experts in the Maritimes weren't prepared to predict when spring seeding will start—normally it begins late in April—but re-

ported frost at a minimum. In Ontario, where seeding usually begins early in April, farmers reported some damage to fall wheat crops but snow was melting rapidly. Ontario government agriculture officials said use of nitrogen fertilizers usually corrects winter crop damage.

Quebec anticipated an early cereal crop with soils drying out quickly. Farmers hoped for a boom year. Quality of seeding grains was good and prices lower than last year.

The reluctance of Maritime farmers to predict when spring seeding will be completed follows a winter that swept eastern Canada first with floods and later with deep snow.

Much snow still remained and the Nova Scotia department of agriculture said poor weather could delay seeding for weeks. One department spokesman eyed the still-deep snow and remarked:

"How can we say what the ground is like when we can't see it."
MOSTLY POTATOES
Nova Scotia will plant half her 40,000 cultivated acres in hay, 3,000 acres in potatoes and 1,000 in turnips. New Brunswick again will seed heavily in potatoes and oats. Last year the latter province produced 10,000,000 bushels of potatoes on 45,000 acres and had a yield of 5,000,000 bushels of oats on 153,000 acres.

New Brunswick farmers' biggest worry was manpower. Agriculture Minister C. B. Sherwood has warned that farm laborers may be scarce because of construction and development activities.

Farmers in Prince Edward Island, another big potato producer, weren't betting on the weather. No major crop acreage changes were expected.

British Columbia farmers reported little crop damage despite the long cold winter. Wheat acreage may be slightly down but agriculture officials anticipate increased acreage in flax, oats and barley.

Only coastal areas reported damage to fall crops. Poor snow cov-

erage caused some browning to clover and new grass seedlings. Alberta expects to have a total of 14,000,000 acres under cultivation this year. Crop experts forecast a drop in wheat production and a corresponding increase in barley, flax and rape seed, especially in the south.

Manitoba department of agriculture officials were expecting 2,000,000 acres in wheat compared to 1,950,000 in 1955. Much of the last spring and there was a consequent drop in the 1955 crop.

Farmers will sow more oats, flax and sunflower and rape seed but less barley. Seed stocks were generally good.

In central Canada, agriculture experts expect larger crops of fall wheat, oats, barley and potatoes. Ontario and Quebec together will plant 9,000,000 acres in principal crops.

Quebec alone will have 1,700,000 acres in cereals and 3,500,000 in hay. Ontario farmers hope to plant 250,000 acres in wheat, oats and barley worth potato and soy bean crops down from 1955.

Would Prefer Pay Boosts Retroactive

OTTAWA, (CP)—Pay increases announced for federal civil servants were welcomed Friday by the major civil servants organizations but all said the boosts should have been retroactive at least to January.

The Civil Service Federation of Canada, representing some 65,000 federal workers across Canada, the Civil Service Association of Ottawa representing some 11,000, and the Amalgamated Civil Servants of Canada, representing about 10,000, issued statements on the pay boosts announced Friday and ranging generally between eight and 10 per cent. The increases are effective April 1.

The CSFC also would have liked

a shortening of the span necessary for civil servants to reach their maximum salaries in the various classifications. It noted that those in many of the classifications still had to serve eight years before maximums were reached.

The AMCSO described the increases as "like the parson's egg—good in part and not so satisfactory in other directions." It noted with satisfaction that its request for a flat \$300 a year increase had been met in large measure at the maximums of most salary ranges but was critical that a minimum — and intermediate — ranges the boost were only from \$120 a year up.

STE. ANNE-DE-LA-POCATIERE Que. (CP) — Antoine O'Connor of Cap-des-Rosiers has been named "King of Fishermen" in the Gaspé peninsula area. Working from a trawler, O'Connor and his crew landed 963,399 pounds of fish in 1955. The total included 517,867 pounds of cod and 280,420 pounds of perch. The remainder was made up of flatfish and haddock.

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