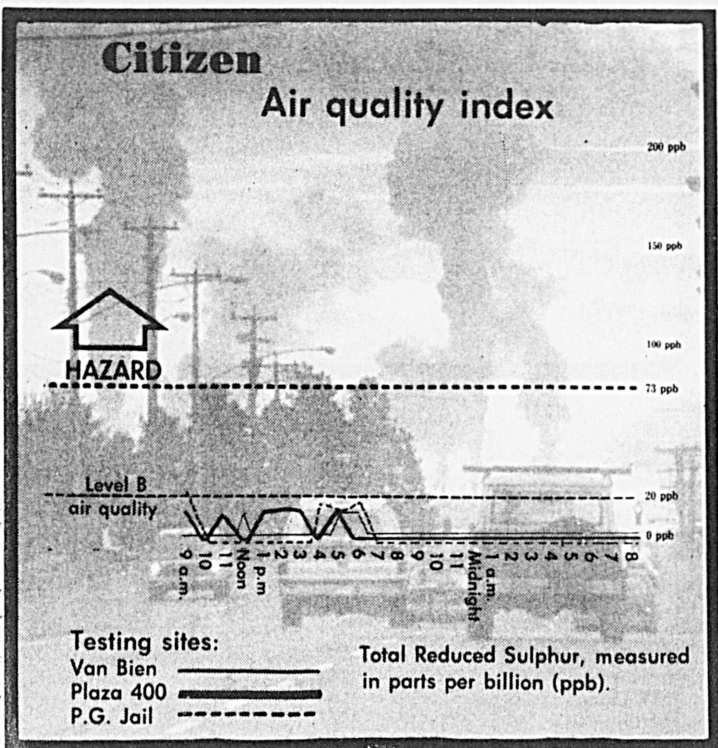
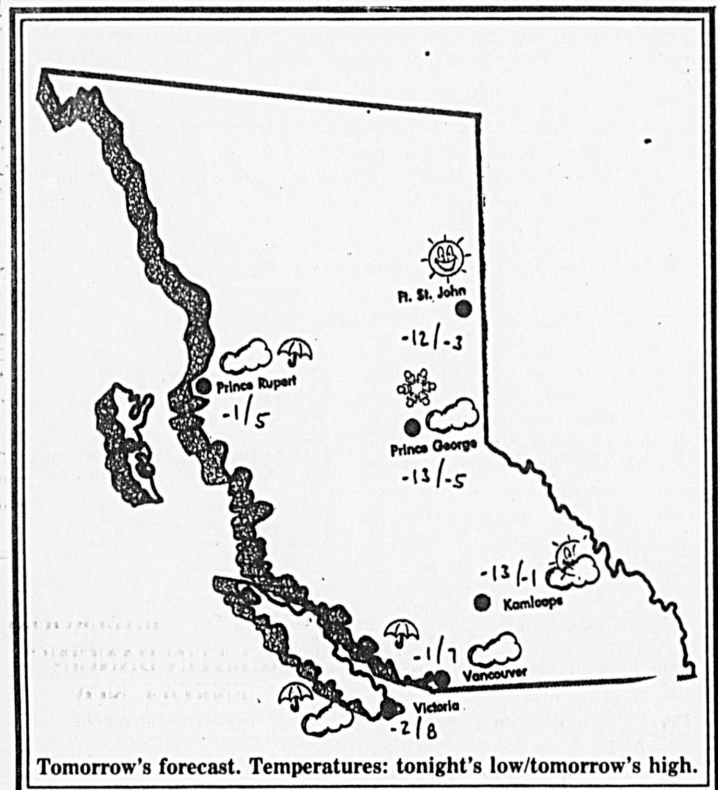


Provincial



The levels of total reduced sulphur compounds that remained in town Monday morning hovered about the lower limits of the provincial government's testing equipment — 10 parts per billion. Only one reading, at the Prince George Regional Correctional Centre, exceeded the government's Level B standard of 20 ppb at 9 a.m. Readings of zero were recorded at all stations from 6 p.m. Monday until this morning.



Weather

Immediate Prince George area: The forecast calls for mainly cloudy skies and occasional snow flurries overnight and Wednesday. The temperature is expected to rise to near -7 today, drop to near -13 overnight and rise to near -5 Wednesday.

The probability of snow is 60 per cent today and overnight rising to 90 per cent Wednesday.

Monday's high was -8.9, the overnight low was -13, there was 1.6 cm of snow and 0.7 hours of sunshine recorded at the airport weather office.

A year ago on this date the high was -6.2, the overnight low was -9.8, there was 2.8 cm of snow and no sunshine.

Sunset today is at 4:12 p.m. and sunrise Wednesday is at 8:24 a.m.

Prince George, Parsnip: Cloudy, a few flurries. High -6. Tonight, cloudy with clear breaks, chance of a flurry. Low -15. Wednesday, cloudy, chance of a flurry in the afternoon. High -2. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 40 tonight and 70 Wednesday.

Chilcotin, Cariboo: Cloudy, a few flurries mainly in the morning. High -5. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods. Low -13. Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High 2. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 20 tonight and 10 Wednesday.

Bulkley Valley-The Lakes: Sunny with cloudy periods. High -9. Tonight, clear with cloudy periods. Low -14. Wednesday, clouding over periods of snow beginning late in the day, milder. High -3. Probability of precipitation in per cent 10 today, 10 tonight and 80 Wednesday.

Greater Vancouver: Cloudy with sunny periods, chance of a shower mainly in the morning. High 5. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods, slight chance of a shower. Low -1. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. High 7. Probability of precipitation in per cent 40 today, 30 tonight and 20 Wednesday.

Temperatures

TORONTO (CP) — High-low temperatures and precipitation in millimetres for the previous 24 hours issued today by the weather office:

Vancouver	4	-1 003.8
Victoria	5	-3 001.2
Comox	4	-3 000.0
Port Hardy	6	0 006.6
Prince Rupert	2	0 008.4
Stewart		Misg
Terrace	-10	-10 002.0
Penticton	-3	-9 002.8
Kamloops	-7	-11 001.1
Abbotsford	3	1 013.0
Cranbrook	-12	-15 000.4
Revelstoke		Misg
Blue River		Misg
Puntzi Mountain		Misg

tation in per cent 40 today, 30 tonight and 20 Wednesday.

Greater Victoria: Cloudy with sunny periods, chance of a shower mainly in the morning. High 5. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods, slight chance of a shower. Low -2. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. High 8. Probability of precipitation in per cent 40 today, 30 tonight and 20 Wednesday.

Thompson: Cloudy with sunny periods, flurries likely. High -3. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods. Low -13. Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High zero. Probability of precipitation in per cent 70 today, 20 tonight and 10 Wednesday.

Okanagan, West Kootenay: Cloudy, flurries likely. High -3. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods. Low -12. Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High plus 1. Probability of precipitation in per cent 70 today, 20 tonight and 10 Wednesday.

East Kootenay: Snow tapering to a few flurries this morning. High -3. Tonight, cloudy with flurries. Low -18. Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods, chance of a flurry. High -7. Probability of precipitation in per cent 100 today, 80 tonight and 40 Wednesday.

Columbia: Snow tapering to flurries this morning. High -7. Tonight, cloudy with flurries. Low -13. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods, chance of a flurry. High -6. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 80 tonight and 50 Wednesday.

Lower Fraser Valley: Cloudy with sunny periods, chance of a shower. High 5. Tonight, cloudy with clear periods, slight chance of a shower or flurry. Low -3. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. High 7. Probability of precipitation in per cent 50 today, 30 tonight and 20 Wednesday.

Queen Charlottes: Cloudy, chance of a shower. High 7. Tonight, cloudy, slight chance of a shower. Low 2. Wednesday, cloudy, rain beginning in the afternoon. High 8. Probability of precipitation in per cent 60 today, 30 tonight and 100 Wednesday.

Williams Lake	-8	-21 000.0	North Battleford	-26	-33 000.0
Prince George	-9	-13 000.0	Winnipeg	-24	-35 000.0
Mackenzie	-17	-20 003.6	Brandon	-24	-36 000.0
Fort St. John	-22	-28 000.0	Churchill	-30	-39 000.0
Fort Nelson	-31	-34 000.0	The Pas		Misg
Dease Lake	-23	-28 000.0	Kenora	-24	-30 000.0
Peace River	-23	-25 000.0	Thunder Bay	-19	-23 000.8
Whitehorse	-23	-28 000.2	North Bay	-13	-16 000.6
Dawson City		Misg	Toronto	4	-10 000.0
Yellowknife	-30	-32 000.0	Ottawa	-5	-16 000.4
Inuvik	-19	-27 000.0	Montreal	-3	-13 000.0
Resolute Bay	-32	-37 000.0	Fredericton	2	-14 000.0
Eureka	-41	-44 000.0	Charlottetown	5	-13 000.0
Alert	-18	-30 000.0	Halifax	7	-7 000.0
Cambridge Bay	-32	-35 000.0	St. John's	9	-8 010.4
Calgary	-8	-21 000.0	Seattle	8	3 003.8
Edmonton	-18	-25 000.0	Spokane		Misg
Lethbridge	-19	-26 000.0	Portland	11	3 017.0
Medicine Hat	-24	-30 000.0	San Francisco	9	9 000.5
Swift Current	-20	-30 000.0	Los Angeles	17	7 000.0
Regina	-30	-36 000.0	Las Vegas	9	-1 000.0
Saskatoon	-29	-35 000.0	Reno	10	4 000.0
Prince Albert	-22	-38 000.0	Phoenix	15	3 000.0

VANCOUVER ISLAND OIL SPILL

Long-term compensation sought

UCLUELET (CP) — Compensation for an oil spill fouling beaches on the west coast of Vancouver Island must go beyond cleanup costs, acting federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard said Monday.

"We will explore all possible avenues of compensation for affected parties, including native communities whose source of food and income have been jeopardized," he said.

"It is an acceptable principle that the polluter make reparations," he said. "It is commendable that the American firm fully and quickly accepted its responsibility."

Bouchard said staff from the U.S. government and Canadian Embassy would meet today in Washington to discuss compensation.

Almost 500 kilometres of coastline, from north of Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island to Newport, Ore., have been affected by the Dec. 23 spill of 875,000 litres of oil off Grays Harbor on the Washington state coast.

Originally, the spill was estimated at 265,000 litres. The oil began washing ashore on parts of Vancouver Island on Dec. 31.

American officials said Monday that three days of stormy weather combined with high tides have removed oil from some Washington beaches. But some of the oil appeared to be moving north to beaches farther up the coast, they added.

On Vancouver Island, "the area of concern has shifted from the Tofino and Long Beach area (of Pacific Rim national park) north to the Nootka Sound area," said Rod Nelson, a Canadian Coast Guard spokesman.

The most recently affected area is an inaccessible, rugged area on the west coast of Vancouver Island, about 60 kilometres north of the fishing village of Tofino.

Bouchard, federal Fisheries Minister Tom Siddon and provincial Environment Minister Bruce Strachan toured the area Monday and met later with local politicians, native people, federal agencies and volunteers working on the cleanup.

British Columbia "will insist on

compensation for any longer-term damage to the economy of the area as well as the direct costs of cleaning up the pollution," Strachan said.

Bouchard said much of the oil appears to have moved below the surface of the water, making it even more difficult to predict which beaches and sections of coastline would be affected.

In addition, it wasn't until last Thursday that Canadian authorities were informed the spill was five times larger than first reported by American authorities, he said.

"The experts warn that oil will continue washing ashore perhaps for weeks to come," he added.

A task force has been formed to co-ordinate work at the federal level, Bouchard said, and Edward Owens, an expert on shoreline cleanups, has been hired to advise the coast guard. Owens is a former Vancouver Island resident now working in Texas.

Environment Canada had acquired the services of aircraft that use infrared detection to spot oil in any weather conditions, Bouchard added.

"Once the beach deposits of oil

have been collected and disposed of, we will deal with the problem of oil that may have sunk to the seabed," he said.

Nelson said crews were sent by helicopter early Monday to an area near Nootka Sound, near a recently established sea otter colony, to assess oil damage. He said a light-house keeper in the area had spotted oil near the colony.

Fisheries officer Frank Crabbe said he spotted otters playing about 25 metres from where volunteers filled 65 large plastic bags with the oily debris.

Some residents and environmental groups have criticized federal agencies' reaction time to the spill.

The incident was reported to Canadian authorities the day it occurred, said Ron Holcomb, spokesman for the Washington state Department of Ecology.

Holcomb said U.S. officials conducted aerial surveys as the oil moved north and contacted the Canadian Coast Guard on Dec. 23, 24 and 26.

A storm Dec. 29 brought some of the oil on to the beaches at Olympic National Park, about 50 kilometres south of Vancouver Island.

Holcomb said oil was first spotted on Carmanah Point on Vancouver Island on Dec. 31.

The coast guard knew the oil hit Carmanah Point on Dec. 31, Nelson said, but it was "not deemed that significant at the time."

There were no other reports of oil until Jan. 3, when it came to full public attention by washing up on more areas, he said.

"It is very difficult to see," he said.

"The consensus here (in Tofino) is that the reaction time was very slow," said Catherine Gregory, a spokesman for the environmental group Friends of Clayoquot.

About 1,000 oil-soaked seabirds have been found dead on the B.C. coast, but fewer and fewer are being found now, said Mac Elder, chief warden of Pacific Rim Park.

Almost 5,000 birds from the Washington coast are known to have died — the most claimed by any spill in state history.

The worst marine spill in the region occurred in December 1985 when an oil tanker ran aground near Port Angeles, spilling 700,000 litres of oil.

Boaters 'must save themselves'

VANCOUVER (CP) — With the official search called off, a relative of one of five Canadian boaters lost since Dec. 30 in the south Caribbean said Monday it will be up to the missing to save themselves.

"We're starting to feel that, at this late date and the distance they have travelled, we now have to turn to them and hope they can pull themselves into an area where they can be rescued... onto a coast or something like that," Michael O'Brien, whose brother Bill is one of the missing, said from Kingston, St. Vincent.

The missing Canadians are Bill O'Brien, 44, a real estate agent from Coquitlam; Vancouver schoolteacher Frances Eger, 46; her son Acron, 17; a high-school basketball star in Vancouver; daughter Vija, 19, a student at McGill University; and her daughter's boyfriend Jonathan Deitcher,

20, of Toronto.

Also missing is American Danny Sorren, skipper of the Long Shot, a high-powered nine-metre speedboat with an open cockpit and no cabin.

The U.S. Coast Guard and local authorities suspended the search Monday.

O'Brien said he believes the six have drifted out of range of private aircraft used by searchers.

"The only thing we would ask from the Canadian government at this point is help again to put a little pressure on the U.S. Coast Guard to give us the plane for one more day.

"Otherwise, we're really not asking for any more from the Canadian government or their people."

The plane sought by the relatives is a four-engined coast guard C-130 Hercules aircraft which has a greater range than private aircraft.

External Affairs spokesman Robert Peck, noting the U.S. Coast Guard would respond to any sightings of debris or wreckage, said the search had already covered 120,000 square kilometres of ocean and islands.

"This was probably one of the most extensive searches ever carried out for something like this," Peck said from Ottawa. "This was not a kinky-dink effort."

O'Brien also said family members, who have spent \$6,000 US to charter aircraft, are trying to arrange for a boat or plane for further searching.

"We're going a little easy on it because we're afraid we're going to push people beyond what they can handle," O'Brien said. "The people have been so pleasant they might just take a chance and we're afraid we might get somebody hurt."

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