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ADVANTAGE OF ALL-RED ROUTE

PRESENT POSITION OF PROPOSED SCHEME

Hon. Clifford Sifton, K. C., Was the
Guest of Liberal and Colonial
Club in London.

The Liberal and Colonial Club, of London, entertained to dinner one evening recently at Prince's restaurant the Hon. Clifford Sifton, K. C., a distinguished Canadian lawyer and a statesman.

The son of a former speaker of the Manitoba assembly, Mr. Sifton was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1882, and in 1895 was made a Q. C. (now, of course K. C.). "A life-long Liberal"—as he has been described—Mr. Sifton was one of the representatives of his province at the North American conference of 1893. Three years later he joined the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as member of the interior and superintendent-general of Indian affairs. Since then he has distinguished himself as minister of the interior and a member of the Alaska boundary commission.

Among those at the dinner were: Lord Brassey, Lord Blyth, Sir Felix Schuster, Sir Algernon West, Sir J. Williams Bann, M.P., Lieut. Carleton Bellairs, M.P., Mr. R. W. Pegg, M.P., Mr. C. D. Rose, M.P., Mr. E. A. Riddale, M.P., Mr. Archer Baker, Canadian Pacific railway; Mr. Percy Bunting, Captain Mulheed Collins, representative of the Australian Commonwealth; Lieut.-Colonel Lewis, Mr. Freeman Murray, British Empire League, Dr. G. R. Parkin, Mr. W. Pemberton, high commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. James White, Canada; Mr. F. W. Taylor, Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Cecil Grenfell, hon. treasurer of the club.

Ladies were invited and amongst those who attended were the Hon. Maude Lawton and Miss Talbot of the Victoria League. Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., presided.

Mr. Sifton then gave an interesting address on the "All-Red Route." The resolution of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the Imperial conference, Mr. Sifton pointed out, was for the purpose of providing a system of transportation between Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. Canada was willing to contribute one half of the amount necessary to secure an Atlantic service, and a very substantial amount of what was necessary to secure a Pacific service. There was absolutely no ground for supposing that Canada was endeavoring to lay the burden upon someone else which she was not herself prepared to share. (Hear, hear.)

Present Position.

The present position of the All-Red Route project was that the British government was making investigations, and Canada was awaiting its reply. He hoped and expected that that reply would be an early and favorable one. This, he said, was not a commercial proposal in the ordinary sense of the word, yet given a few years in which to establish itself, it would prove a sound commercial scheme. (Cheers.)

Mr. Sifton described in detail what is known as the "All-Red Route," and which means the establishment of a connection with Australia and New Zealand across the Atlantic by means of a fast service of steamers, and then through Canada, and across the Pacific by another fast steamboat service, the whole service being conducted in British territory.

He dealt with some of the difficulties that had been urged against the Canadian route across the Atlantic, and described these as:

1. Fogs.
2. Ice.
3. Dangers of the St. Lawrence.

Dealing first with fogs, Mr. Sifton gave some instructive official United States survey cables, which showed on the Canadian route the average percentage of fogs from December to May 3.5-12, as compared with 8 per cent. on the New York route. According to these figures the percentage of fogs encountered by vessels taking the trip to Halifax was as follows:

November 5 to 30, 3 per cent.; December 2 per cent.; January 1 per cent.; February 1 per cent.; March 1 to 15, 1.2 to 1 per cent.; March 15 to 30, 1 per cent.; April 2 per cent.; May 1 to 10, 1.2 per cent.

This gave, with figures which Mr. Sifton also quoted for June and July, an average of 3.1-2 per cent. during the months covered. On the portion of the Canadian route via Bellefleur, Mr. Sifton admitted that exact information was not available, but navigators knew that the farther west they went the less was the fog encountered.

Turning to the New York route, Mr. Sifton gave the following fog figures: December, 4 per cent.; January, 3.1-2 per cent.; February, 2 per cent.; March, 2 per cent.; April, 1.2-2 per cent.; May, 9 per cent.; June, 11 per cent.; July, 16 per cent.

As compared with the Canadian route this made an average 8 per cent. There was no possible doubt about

the facts, said Mr. Sifton, that from the standpoint of fogs the routes proposed for the steamship service to Canada were more favorable than the ordinary steamship route to New York. (Cheers.)

The Ice Bogy.

As for ice, that was a bogy, which was not fearsome to navigators or any of those acquainted with the route. As to the dangers of navigation upon the St. Lawrence, perhaps the best way of determining those dangers was to look at the statistics of accidents during the last few years upon the St. Lawrence river. From 1889 to 1907 seven passenger vessels were stranded, and of these five cases courts of inquiry had been held, and it was found that the accidents were due to incompetence on the part of the navigators and not to the dangers of the route. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Sifton, proceeding, pointed out that, at the only spot on the St. Lawrence where vessels had to wait for tidal waters, works were being carried out which, when completed, would afford a channel 1,000 feet wide and 40 feet deep, by which the fastest steamers could go at full speed all the way to Quebec. The dangers of the Canadian route had been exaggerated, and formed no serious obstacle to the "All-Red Route." (Cheers.) The Canadian government was spending large sums of money in carrying out signal stations, wireless telegraph stations, and other works, and everything that could be done to improve the safety of the route was in course of being done.

In conclusion, Mr. Sifton touched upon the Imperial aspects of the "All-Red Route." In connection with the transport of military forces should a war break out in the East, and also in the matter of food supply, it was beyond question that, before the steamship service they were talking about was in operation for ten years Canada would be able, if required, to meet all the requirements in connection with the food supply of Great Britain, and it was equally certain that by that time the United States would have ceased to be a grain-exporting country.

IRON HANDED RULE IN ODESSA

General Boufal, Newly Appointed
Governor, Publicly Challenges
Reactionary Organizations

Odessa, Dec. 18.—General Boufal, the new governor-general of Odessa, issued his first proclamation to-day. He ordered the police to interfere energetically "whenever disorders" occurred, and if necessary to make use of their sabres on the disturbers of the peace and arrest them. He declares that all persons guilty of disorder will be sentenced to prison for three months and then expelled from the city.

At the same time the governor-general charges some foreign newspaper correspondents with misrepresenting the actual character of the recent street disorders in Odessa. Continuing the proclamation says it is most difficult to ascertain the names of the authors of anti-Jewish outrages, and he invites the Political Union of the Russian people, which invariably is accused of these acts, to issue categorical explanations.

He is the governor-general who has dared to publicly challenge this influential reactionary organization.

NEW YORK ROBBERIES.

New York, Dec. 18.—Four young men and women suspected of numerous daylight burglaries were arrested to-day. Over \$10,000 worth of jewelry, lace and other valuables were found in their apartments on West Forty-eighth street, and were confiscated by the police. According to the authorities, the men and their wives were generally mistaken for window cleaners. The men and their wives were arraigned in the Tombs court on charges of robbery and were held without bail.

LUMINOUS SHELL.

Secret experiments are being conducted in Lorient bay with a new 2.5-inch luminous shell which is likely to prove a valuable asset in time of war. The new shell, which is the invention of a French naval officer, throws out a ray of white light when it strikes. During a night attack it will indicate the range of the enemy without exposing the firing warships to view with their searchlights.

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—T. Gray, of Fort William, accompanied by his daughter Alice, left for Victoria, where they will in future reside.

MINISTER KILLED BY TRAIN.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Rev. Burnish Bristol, a Methodist minister at Jerseyville, was instantly killed this morning by being struck by a Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo express train.

WHERE TUBERCULOUS COWS ABOUND

One-Fourth of Herds Pasturing in
New York State Smitten With
Dread Disease.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A startling reason for the terrible prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in New York state and an exposure of the utter insufficiency of the means now furnished by the legislature for the control of this disease has just been made before the Tompkins county medical society by Dr. V. A. Moore, bacteriologist of Cornell university, and the foremost expert in his line in the United States.

Dr. Moore stated that of 1,359 cows tested by the Dean law at the Cornell veterinary college, 166 contained the disease. The official reports of the state in 1904 showed that of 3,417 cattle tests for the period of 1904 included 2,688 animals, of which 22 per cent. were infected. These animals were in 282 herds, of which 46 per cent. were infected.

Private reports collected by Dr. Moore through Cornell graduates practicing in New York give figures on the animals of which 38 per cent. were infected. These were in 364 herds, 72.3 per cent. of which included tuberculous animals. Dr. Moore reached the conclusion that of the 1,800,000 milk cows in this state, 440,000 are infected with tuberculosis. This, he said, would be a surprise even to cattlemen.

The reason for this condition, Dr. Moore declared, is that New York has had up to this year no inspection of animals brought into this state, while other states have had such inspection. New York has become a dumping ground of tuberculous cattle.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMIGRANTS

Suggested That Charity Organizations
Should Look After Them
if Unemployed.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—A London special cable says the question is being seriously considered whether the time has not come when the Canadian government should impose similar restrictions to those it has imposed on emigrants from the United Kingdom entering Canada, upon all organized and charitably aided emigration and insist that each emigrant, at least a year, and should be liable to carry them back to England if unemployed during that period.

It is felt that this would be the easiest and the best means of eliminating the unfit while keeping the door open for those likely to become Canadian citizens.

TO HERSCHTEL ISLAND.

Expedition of Northwest Police Preparing to Start From Dawson City.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The expedition of the Northwest Mounted Police will be dispatched to Herschel Island from MacPherson and Herschel Island on the Arctic ocean at North MacKenzie river about the end of this month. The expedition is being made at the request of the Hudson's Bay Company. The expedition is being made at the request of the Hudson's Bay Company. The expedition is being made at the request of the Hudson's Bay Company.

NINE-HOUR DAY.

Reported Agreement Affected By Conciliation Board Between C. P. R. and Carmen.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The board of conciliation and investigation which has been engaged in an endeavor to adjust the differences which exist between the Canadian Pacific and its carmen concluded its labors to-day. Prof. Odium, of Vancouver, will go to Pilot Mound, where he has relatives, and Messrs. McVety, O'Dwyer and Hannah took the through train for Vancouver to-night.

It was learned that the nine-hour day is to be established, and that an increase of pay is to be granted to the carmen, so that for the nine-hour day, they would receive almost, but not quite, the equivalent of the sum which they have been receiving for the ten-hour day. The finding of the board is unanimous.

The evidence in the pipe-fitters' case was completed this morning. So far as could be learned, it is the decision of the board that this matter should be left in the condition in which it is at the present time. Pipe-fitters who are at various points throughout the West, connected with the carmen's unions, will remain so connected, and will have the benefit of association with the unions already established. The decision of the board in this case is not binding on the men concerned, and the question may be raised again immediately.

It is understood that all that remains to be done is to affix the signatures of the members to the finding. The negotiations in connection with the adjustment of the new schedule have been much more prolonged than was expected. The schedule is, however, a more intricate matter than could be supposed, and many questions are dealt with in addition to those of the hours of labor and the rate of pay.

ARRAIGNMENT OF FRENZIED FINANCE

Western Federation of Miners Says
It is Responsible for Shut-
ting Down Works.

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—In an address issued to-day by the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, labor union men are urged to rally to the defense of the officers and members of the Federation charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, and other crimes, and of the Goldfield miners who are on strike. The address declares that the financial stringency was caused by the operations of "Frenzied Finance," and is now taken advantage of to shut down mines.

Governor Sparks is referred to as a "puppet" of the mine owners and as "the plant tool of the capitalistic interest in its effort to crush organized labor."

"The mine owners," the address continues, "are determined to re-enact the bloody scenes of Colorado in Nevada, and it is our duty to do all in our power to prevent the accomplishment of their hellish designs."

President Charles H. Moyer, of the Federation, and George A. Pettibone, now on trial at Boise, are declared in the address to be "marked out for slaughter by the cruel despotic rule of capitalism, whose only aim is to crush the Federation, that the mine owners may rise triumphantly over an outraged humiliated humanity, that labor may be bound hand and foot, and that the last vestiges of American liberty may be summarily annihilated."

REVOLT AGAINST CONGO ANNEXATION

Belgian Liberal Deputies Oppose
Treaty on Reading Text—
Government May Fall

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Following a careful examination of the text of the Congo annexation treaty, which has just been published, the Liberal members of the Belgian parliament voted unanimously to oppose the treaty, on the grounds that the conditions therein set down unduly limit the sovereignty of Belgium, and disregard Belgium's rights.

As the government had counted upon Liberal support to pass the bill against the opposition of the Socialists and some Conservatives, there is a prospect that the treaty will be withdrawn and that the government will thereafter resign.

A detailed story of the complete treaty, including the voluminous addenda, was a very different impression from that which was obtained by the public from the rosy official forecast given out on December 6th. It is now plain that King Leopold retains a powerful interest in the Congo domain, which is the richest and best part of the Congo, more especially through his insistence that the rights of various foreign companies which have been granted in the Congo, the important concessions he maintained and recognized by Belgium. The public is convinced that the treaty does not sufficiently recognize the rights of Belgium in the Congo. The action taken by the Liberals to-day is interpreted in many quarters to mean the doom of annexation and the probable fall of the government.

RUSTICATION.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—A member of parliament is likely to have an episode in the Royal Military College ventilated in the Commons. His son was rusticated for four months for an offense which he stoutly denies. The son held held on the father's demands, which he says was a farce. He now wants the retirement of the authorities concerned.

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WESTINGHOUSE AFFAIRS.

Effort to Raise \$1,500,000 in London Led to Lively Scene.

London, Dec. 18.—A proposal made to-day by John A. Price, M. P., chairman of the British Westinghouse Company, to pass a resolution by which probably \$1,500,000 of prior liens debentures of the company would be placed before the security of the holders of the 4 per cent. mortgage debenture stock, caused a lively scene at a meeting of the holders of the stock. The proposal was met with cries of "wind up the company," and "appoint a receiver." One of the debenture holders said it was a case of asking them to raise \$1,500,000 to pay off the American Westinghouse companies and show their hands. The meeting adjourned without endorsing the proposal made by Mr. Price.

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Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The House of Commons yesterday introduced the British Columbia 1908-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-10