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NOW THE BOWSER NATAL ACT

The latest Bowser Natal Bill is now an Act, having received the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislature, as the former abortive bill would have done had His Honor received proper constitutional advice from his ministers. The Premier and his Attorney-General, as eminent counsel learned in the law, have expressed their belief that the bill is a good one within the competence of the enacting authority. They say they will lose no time in enforcing its provisions. It is devoutly to be wished that these gentlemen will carry out their pledges and endeavor to have definitely established the constitutionality of their pet measure. They claim to be consumed with a burning desire to keep Orientals and all classes of undesirable persons out of the province and to reserve it exclusively for laborers and settlers of the white races. Now that they have got their act, we hope there will be no more of the tricks and subterfuges which have characterized their conduct in the past plainly for the purpose of keeping the question an open one, palpably in the interests of their friends the chief employers of Oriental labor, and for the purpose of gaining all the political capital out of it that there is in it. Mr. Bowser claims to have the machinery all ready for the enforcement of his act. Let him set that machinery in motion at once, and not tinker with it in the hope of Japan entering an immediate protest with the Imperial government and the Imperial government remonstrating with the Dominion government and inquiring whether the measure should not be vetoed as plainly inimical to Imperial interests and Imperial alliances.

The Times has repeatedly stated that it placed more faith in the determination of Japan to voluntarily restrict immigration than in the virtue of any Natal Act that could be devised either by the Dominion government or the provincial government to keep out such immigration. We have pointed out how easy it would be for the Japanese, who are a particularly intelligent, enterprising and aggressive race, to fulfill the conditions of such a test as that which can be imposed under any Natal Act. We have had the experience of the Colony of Natal itself advanced in support of this contention. Some of the other colonies of South Africa have complained of the inefficacy of the original Natal Act and have declared their intention of retaliating against Natal because their territory is being rapidly overrun by immigrants permitted to land in South Africa in consequence of the alleged ineffectiveness of that act. That is one of the reasons why we have argued that it would be well to put to a fair test the sincerity of the Japanese government in its announced determination to put a stop to immigration to this country. If that experiment is not successful, we shall soon have the most convincing evidence of failure, and in that event the Dominion government is pledged to denounce the treaty which at present stands in the way of the federal enactment of a Natal Act and to place such an act upon the Dominion statute books, thus giving the most effective testimony possible of its regard for the sentiments of the people of British Columbia.

But it does not suit the political purposes of the McBride government to await an issue which is plainly Imperial as well as local in its ramifications. The government in power in the province is determined, in the hope of gaining a little cheap and ephemeral popularity, to throw down the gauntlet before the Imperial authorities and to create a situation which will be a menace to our future trade relations with Asia—upon which the commercial future of British Columbia, and especially the commercial future of the coast cities of British Columbia—so largely depends. Let the Premier and his Attorney-General enforce their act, and enforce it with vigor. We hope the Imperial government will not raise the question of the constitutionality of the act. We hope the Dominion government will permit the McBride government to go far enough to allow the matter of its sincerity and its bona fides to be settled for all time and its acknowledged hypocrisy to be effectually exposed. The McBride government hopes and prays that the Bowser Act will be disallowed, and that it will be disallowed speedily. The all but unanimous legal opinion is that the act is not worth the paper it is written upon. Let the able Mr. Bowser prove the contrary, in accordance with his expressions and the expressions of his Prime Minister. The result will be to establish the quality of their statesmanship. It would be worth while to wink at a slight strain upon the constitution to thoroughly expose such a company of "bletherers."

SETTING THE CROOKED STRAIGHT.

Up to a certain point, the speech of Mr. Joseph Martin, delivered last evening, was a very clear and fairly accurate description of the existing political conditions in British Columbia. It was when the speaker passed from the constitutional aspects of the Oriental immigration question and proceeded to deal with purely personal phases of politics in general that the rancor and bitterness of the disappointed politician displayed themselves in distortion, if not in actual misrepresentation. After portraying the character of Premier McBride with characteristic frankness and in terms which will be generally acceptable in the light of recent experiences, Mr. Martin said: "And so Mr. Templeman thought he (Mr. McBride) was a better man than my humble self." This doubtless with reference to the manner in which Mr. McBride was called upon to form a government. What are the facts in regard to that unfortunate episode in the political history of the province? Mr. McBride was the acknowledged leader of the opposition at the time of the dismissal of Premier Prior by the Lieut.-Governor of that day, Sir Henri Joly. He was selected as leader by the forces of a composite party, the most prominent elements of which were composed of Liberals of unquestioned repute and unimpeachable integrity, such as John Oliver of Delta and Charles Munro of Chilliwack, Liberals whose principles not even Mr. Martin will venture to assail. They were the men who led the attack upon the government and were primarily instrumental in its defeat. Why they selected Mr. McBride as their leader we do not know. Probably the selection was the result of a compromise designed to hold the opposition party together and unite it in its assaults upon an unworthy administration. But it is apparent to all men who are not prejudiced by thwarted personal ambition that Mr. Templeman had no more to do with the selection than did Mr. Joseph Martin himself. When the government was dismissed from office there was only one constitutional course for the Lieut.-Governor to pursue. He could not but call upon the acknowledged or titular leader of the opposition to form a government. Mr. McBride betrayed the confidence not only of the Liberals who accomplished the downfall of the government, but also the confidence of the Lieut.-Governor, by deciding to form an administration composed exclusively of Conservatives. In following this course Mr. McBride will not deny that he deliberately foreswore himself. He turned his back upon the men who were the backbone of the opposition party and proved himself a man of a moral calibre it would not be judicious to describe in written language. He was not the leader of the Conservative party in the province at the time. Charles Wilson, a leading lawyer of the province, was the Conservative leader, chosen in a Conservative convention. So that, literally, the "first Conservative government British Columiba ever had" was conceived in treachery, and its record is worthy of the character of its leader.

The foregoing are the facts in regard to the genesis of the McBride government. The Times had opposed the Prior government, as it had opposed almost every government that had been in power in the province since Confederation, for reasons which have been amply justified by the events of the past and which will be more fully justified by the events of the future. And it is a remarkable fact that although the character of Premier McBride in power has been demonstrated to be just what might have been expected of a man capable of such unexampled treachery to his colleagues, Mr. Joseph Martin, paragon of political integrity, of almost superfine excellence, friend of the workingman and of the downtrodden and oppressed—Mr. Martin, the all virtuous, actually at the last election voted in Vancouver for the candidates of the McBride government!

Our way of handling immigration and labor matters is attracting attention in the States. Ten days ago Mr. Mackenzie King was a guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon at the White House and subsequently discussed with the President the labor problems of the two countries. Mr. Roosevelt manifested keen interest, particularly in the Canadian Labor department and the operations of the Industrial Disputes Act and stated that he would recommend Congress to legislate along similar lines. He spoke of the friendship of the two countries and could conceive of nothing to interfere with their present happy relations.

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PAARDEBERG DAY AND CANADIAN CLUB

South African Veterans and Members of Legislature Will Be Entertained.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

The anniversary of Paardeberg will be celebrated by the Canadian Club of this city at a luncheon to be held in the Empress hotel on the 27th inst. The decision to recognize the day was finally reached at an executive meeting held yesterday afternoon. Owing to the St. Joseph ball being held on the actual day, the 18th, the luncheon will be held on the 27th, the day of the surrender of Cronje's forces. Lunch will be held at 1 p. m. and it will be the final meeting arranged by the present executive committee.

The list of guests at this luncheon will be exceptionally large, and instead of their being just one guest of honor the invited parties will number about 80. The guests of honor on the Paardeberg Day celebration lunch will be all local South African veterans, and these will be asked to attend in Khaki. There are quite a number of soldiers in Victoria who were present at Paardeberg. The club is making all veterans their guests, not only the local contingent, but all who took part in the war.

The members of the legislature will also be invited to be present.

The proceedings will be essentially patriotic in character.

At yesterday's meeting the report of the year was also received and passed and arrangements made for the annual meeting to be held on the 17th inst. The reports were of a very gratifying character and it is expected they will be printed and placed in the hands of the members during the Paardeberg luncheon. The membership report showed about 300 members, while the financial report is very satisfactory. The question of merging the offices of secretary and treasurer was also discussed and notice will be posted to alter the constitution to this effect. The report of the nominating committee was received and it is expected that almost a total change in the executive will take place. The idea is to give the position of honor and duty to as many members as possible, especially as there is so much talent to draw from.

President A. W. McCurdy reported on his visit to the east as the Canadian Club delegate to Ottawa and stated that the Canadian clubs as a whole support Earl Grey's proposal to purchase the Plains of Abraham for a national park. A. W. McCurdy was appointed as representative of the central committee which was formed at the convention. Each club will send one representative.

The faithful services of the secretary were recognized by a small honorarium. The following is the present board of directors: President, A. W. McCurdy; vice-presidents, Judge Lampman, F. Napier Dennison; secretary, Frank I. Clark and committee, J. S. Gibb, A. S. Barton, J. Heinrick McGregor, Wellington J. Dowler, A. J. Brace and John Nelson.

DEATH OF CAPT. WINTHER.

Well Known Steamboat Man Passed Away Yesterday.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

The death occurred last evening at St. Joseph's hospital of Captain Frederic Charles Winther, of the C. P. R. Coast service. The deceased was in his forty-seventh year, and was a native of Denmark. Captain Winther has been in the employ of the C. P. R. for many years, and has held positions on the Princess Victoria, the Princess May, Princess Beatrice and others of the Coast service steamers, and has always been looked upon as one of the most capable pilots in the service.

Although ailing for a considerable length of time, the captain stuck to his duties until very recently, but was forced to undergo an operation about two weeks ago. His ailment, however, had gone too far, and the operation proved of no avail, and he passed away yesterday.

The remains have been removed to the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., Government street, from whose chapel the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

REDUCING TAXATION.

Bill is Expected to Reduce Various Forms of Direct Taxes.

A bill has been prepared by the government to further amend the Assessment Act. There was some suggestion that this bill was to be brought down by message yesterday, but some indecision arose in connection therewith. The object of the bill is said to be a reduction of taxation on real property, personal property and income.

—H. M. Walker, well known in British Columbia as former editor of the Edenograph, that was published at Enderby, returned to that thriving Okanagan city this week to reopen in the newspaper business. Mr. Walker was, for many years, associated with R. T. Lowery on the New Denver Ledge, and while there edited a bright little monthly called Moments.

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CHEHALIS CASE IS STILL IN PROGRESS

Full Court is Considering Appeal Arising Out of Collision.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

In analyzing the evidence in the Chehalis case yesterday afternoon before the Full court, Mr. Martin took first that of David Jones, the lighthouse keeper at Brockton Point. He was standing at his front gate watching the Princess go by at the time the accident happened. The engines of the Princess, he claimed, were not stopped until she struck the Chehalis. Mr. Martin further charged that the log of the Princess had since been changed. This was denied by Mr. Bodwell.

Mr. Martin also went over the evidence of James Cotton and Capt. Howse. A discussion took place as to whether the captain of the Chehalis should not have had a lookout stationed at the stern of the boat to watch for ships coming behind.

The case was continued this morning, Mr. Martin further reviewing the evidence.

LIBERALS ORGANIZE AT CLAYOQUOT

Association Formed With 32 Members—Bad Condition of Ucuelet Road.

Clayoquot, Feb. 3.—The Liberal Association of Clayoquot has just been reorganized with a membership roll of thirty-two. The association has held two meetings and another is scheduled for Feb. 8th. The officers of the association are: President, John Chesterman; vice president, W. J. Stone; secretaurer, E. B. Garrard, and executive committee of five members, Messrs. Dr. Raynor, A. F. Kinsey, R. Riley, J. Lomax and W. W. Rhodes.

Road in Bad Condition.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the small appropriation made in the last few years to the Clayoquot-Ucluelet road which has more or less dependent on it five families with children of school age in the Clayoquot school district. In winter even a man in gum boots cannot travel on the road within the school district, i.e., three miles—without going over the top of them in water and mud. In accordance with the School Act children of seven years and upwards can be forced to travel this road to school.

Work on Kallapa.

Work is being vigorously pushed on the Kallapa mine, a promising prospect on disappointment Inlet which is under bond to New York people.

The tram line on the Sidney Inlet mine is just completed, and it is expected this mine will be a regular shipper on the Tees. There are about forty men employed. A mill is run in connection with the mine which recently shipped several thousand feet of lumber to Clayoquot for the government wharf being built there under the superintendence of J. Arnet.

Lifeboat for West Coast.

The Dominion government lifeboat with W. Chesterman as coxswain, has made several practice trips up and down the coast on the outside waters. On the trial trip there was quite a sea running and the crew were delighted with the way the boat behaved, when among the big rollers and breakers practically no seas being shipped. They are hoping for a little warmer spell than at present which is 20 degree F. when its self righting capabilities will be tried. No recent wreckage was seen on any of the trips.

—Word has been received in the city of the death of E. Wolffe, formerly of this city, but for the last three or four years a resident of Oakland, Cal. His death occurred at Oakland. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, is survived by his wife and a large family. One married daughter lives in Metchosin. Other daughters are Mrs. Geo. Snider, now in Vancouver; Mrs. Walter Clarke, who is in Toronto; Mrs. Foster, of Vancouver; Mrs. C. Rowland, of Oakland. There are two sons surviving, E. Wolffe and Lionel Wolffe.

—The first draft of the crew of the Egeria will likely leave Esquimalt for the Old Land a week from Thursday night. They will leave on the midnight steamer from here for Vancouver to take the train there for England. This draft will consist of about 71 officers and men. The second draft will leave about the 29th and will consist of 14.

ORGANISING BOARD OF TRADE

Creamery Association Held Annual Meeting at Alberni —Skeletons on Coast.

Alberni, Feb. 11.—A public meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the court house to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution for the proposed board of trade for Alberni. The report was adopted and arrangements made to complete the work of organization. A meeting of all who have joined will be held shortly to elect officers. The same meeting also discussed the advisability of forming a municipality for the two Albernis. Owing to a mistaken impression that municipalities could not be incorporated in the month of January of each year, no immediate step was decided upon, but the following committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements: Messrs. A. D. Morgan, Jas. Thomson, W. R. W. Prescott, J. Redford, A. D. Cooper, W. H. Marcon, R. H. Wood, G. A. Spencer, R. F. Blandy, C. H. Bird, R. J. Burde.

Creamery Association.

The fourth annual meeting of the Alberni Creamery Association was held on the 5th inst. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was small. The old board of directors and other officials were reappointed. The accounts showed that better returns had been paid to patrons this year owing principally to higher prices being obtained for the butter manufactured and also to decreased average working expenses owing to the output having increased considerably. A dividend of 4 per cent. upon the stock was arranged for, and $100 placed aside for a sinking fund.

Ghost Dance.

The ghost dance held at New Alberni on the 4th inst., was a pronounced success. The prizes donated by W. F. Gibson in the form of Mexican opals, were won as follows: Waltzers, Miss Josie Clarke and D. McKenzie. Two-step, Miss Grandy and W. Mitchell.

A masquerade ball will be held in the Athletic hall on the evening of the 14th inst. Prizes have been donated by various parties for the best portrayal character, both lady and gentleman, also for the best comic dress and for the best couple of waltzers.

Constable Wanted.

Applications have been called for the position of constable as assistant to Chief Constable Cox, in view of the influx of strangers consequent on railway construction.

Panther Bounty.

The recent rise in the bounty paid on panthers has given a decided stimulus to their pursuit, five having been killed in the neighborhood within the last ten days. It is reported that beavers can be found in a swamp not ten miles from town. The close time recently proclaimed by the government for these animals will give them a chance to multiply, and will form an additional attraction for visitors to Alberni, as their haunts can readily be reached.

Supplied Drink to Indians.

A. W. Neill, S. M., returned on the 9th inst from a visit to Cloo-ose, on the West Coast, where he tried C. H. Robinson for supplying liquor to Indians of the Nitnat band. Accused paid a fine of $105.

Whose Skeletons Were.

Mr. Neill reports in reference to the two skeletons found in a cave in that vicinity last summer and which were thought by many to have been survivors of the ill-fated Valencia, which was wrecked close by—that it has now been ascertained that they were the remains of two Indians, father and son, from Neah Bay, on the American side, who were carried out to sea and ultimately washed ashore at the place indicated. The bodies came ashore lashed to their canoe, and had been stripped of clothing by the action of the waves. The Indians laid the bodies away in the cave where they were recently discovered and decently interred. As far as can be ascertained from the Indians the accident must have happened some thirty years ago.

DUNCAN HELD TENNIS DANCE

Enjoyable Entertainment at Island Town—Death of Young Resident.

Duncan, Feb. 10.—The second annual dance of the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club was held in the agricultural hall on Friday last. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Fry, and the ladies of the club. The supper room and the hall were very prettily decorated. Those present had a very pleasant time, and dancing was kept up until the early morning.

Death of Resident.

Charles Kingston died after a short illness at the Jubille hospital on Saturday. He was a young man who had lived most of his life in this district, and his loss will be deeply felt. The funeral is arranged for this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, and later from St. Peter's church.

Residence Changes Hands.

F. H. Price, of the Tzonhalem hotel, has purchased the residence of E. J. Hearn. The price paid has not been made public.

Billiard Tourney.

In the billiard tournament at the Tzonhalem, which has been in progress for some weeks, J. Maitland Dougall beat Ashton, of Ladysmith, on Saturday, and the final game of the tournament will be played between F. H. Price and the winner.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

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Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above land, issued to William John Bowden on the 8th day of April, 1897, and numbered 14,385c.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., the 10th day of February, 1908.

LOST—On West Saanich road, liver and white pointer bitch. Reward. P. W. Reid, Heal P. O.

EXEMPTION OF RAILWAY L

GOVERNMENT TAKES ENORMOUS PO

Will Be in Position to Companies to The Aid.

(From Tuesday's Daily

In the legislature yesterday cipal debate was that on th tion introduced by Dr. McGui subject of the price of coal. tion of coal being far too hi province was alluded to by t ter of finance in connection bill to increase the coal tax he contended that the coal c were making far too great a failed to suggest any remed to get a little more taxation collieries.

It remained for John Olive gest a rational course. He that an inquiry should take ascertain just what the coal ies were doing in the matter far the assertions made were in fact.

But this did not suit the go members who apparently fea anything which would bring barons into opposition to remedy was found and move McGuire. This was the not of shaking off all responsibili and passing the proposition tawa to investigate.

Yesterday Mr. Oliver m amendment to refer the whol of the price of coal and alle tions of the coal mining law lect committee of the House

This was, of course, voted it did not suit the purpose government party and the So have a full investigation. It ferable in fact for them to p lutions regarding the duties Dominion government in wh had no power to act.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, for of effect, protested loudly ag employment of Orientals in t and doubted the premier's questions on the subject. He voted against Mr. Oliver's am to have this investigated.

Stuart Henderson, on the the University bill, pointed necessity for improving th school education beyond wh the vast majority of pupils in ince never went.

The bill passed its second

The Coal Tax Act amendme its third reading.

Press Gallery, F

The House met at 2.30 o'clo

Railway Reported.

Mr. Ross (chairman) on beh railway committee, reported t incorporate the Eastern Britis bia Railway Company. The re received without discussion.

Motion for Supply.

On motion of the minister c seconded by the premier, it solved:

That this House will on Mon ruary 17th next, resolve itself mittee of supply.

Nelson's Borrowing Po

Dr. Hall introduced a bill the city of Nelson to borrow electric light and power pur

Cemetery Bill.

Hon. Dr. Young introduce garding the approval of cem

Coal Combine.

Dr. McGuire moved the fol olution:

Whereas it would appea cost of coal to the consumer vince of British Columbia is proportion to the cost of and

Whereas, owing to the ab the coal deposits in this pr the proximity of the source to the market, the cost of consumer in British Colum be much less than at pre case; and

Whereas the excessive pri British Columbia has the retarding and preventing th ment, in this province, of in pending upon a fuel supply

Whereas much of the pro coal mines of the province ported to foreign markets a price that enables it to c coal from other countries eign markets; and

Whereas a belief exists derstanding exists between or corporations controlling such coal mines to maint prices now being charged in this province;

Therefore be it resolved, ble address be presented t the Lieut.-Governor by praying him to request t government, through the nel, to cause an inquiry to by the Dominion departm and commerce, to decide w exists a combine or under tween the owners or contr coal mines of this province excessive price is charged in the province for coal p said mines, or any of the

In supporting the motion that according to expert Crow's Nest areas possess 000 tons of coal, and the naimo 600,000,000 tons, withstanding these vast re a fraction of the coal de province, there had been coal in Vancouver last half of the coal produce Columbia was exported to kets. He further observed cal wholesale price of c per ton of 2,240 pounds, price per ton of 2,000 pou and $8.45 per ton of 2,240 price obtaining in San F from $6.50 to $7.00 wholes 2,240 pounds. The estim production at the Vancouv