

A. C. ROSS QUILTS BANKS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

Disapproval of Grit Transportation Policy Reason for Change.

WARMLY APPROVES THE PRESENT GOV'T'S IDEA.

The High Conception Which the Conservative Government Has of Importance of This Question a Contrast to the Liberal Ideas.

Ottawa, April 10.—A. C. Ross, ex-M. P. for Cape Breton North and Victoria, and one of the most prominent Liberals in Nova Scotia, has severed his connection with the Liberal party and thrown in his lot with the Conservatives.

Speaking of the matter today before leaving for New York, Mr. Ross said his reason was simply his hearty approval of the whole transportation policy of the present government and his strong disapproval of the transportation policy of the late government. He considers that the present government has a far higher conception of the value to the country of transportation both by rail and water, ocean and inland.

He made particular reference to the failure of the Laurier government to see the great natural advantage of the Bydneys as the summer port of call for the landing and embarkation of mails and hurried passengers who desire to reach their destination quickly in either continent by ships that will use this shortest ocean ferry.

An eighteen knot ship can make the voyage from Sydney harbor, Milford Haven or Bristol in 5 days and a few hours and a 25 knot ship can make it in 3 days, 16 hours.

Mr. Ross when in parliament from 1905 to 1908 succeeded in getting the then minister of trade and commerce, Sir Richard Cartwright to compel the C. P. R. and Allan boats to make a number of summer calls at North Sydney, much against the will of the owners and on several occasions English mails were delivered in Montreal over twelve hours sooner than they were ever delivered by any other route. He says the merits of this route were further handicapped by the lack of interest of the Liberals' management of the I. C. R. and friction between the officials of the I. C. R. and the post office department.

Mr. Ross has been some weeks in Ottawa and he is thoroughly satisfied that the I. C. R. management will now co-operate and that with an improved roadbed on that railway 24 to 30 hours can be saved over any other route in the delivery of mails and passengers.

He says he feels very strongly on this question and the lack of support he should have been given by the Liberal party of which he has been a member of a life time. He believes that the Liberal-Conservative party will do all they can to consummate this and other undertakings that he is sure will be a lasting benefit to the lower provinces. He thinks that one of the conditions in granting assistance to the Canadian Northern should be that the Royal line make Sydney a port of call for these vessels during the summer.

Mr. Ross is a close personal friend of Hon. W. S. Fielding and Premier Murray of Nova Scotia. He is the father of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, the Inverness Coal and Railway Company and a number of other Cape Breton enterprises.

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FINDS EVIDENCE OF VERY LOOSE ADMINISTRATION

Business of Township of Russell in Deplorable Condition—Signs of Graft and Corruption Everywhere.

Embrun, Ont., April 10.—A series of recent developments in the affairs of the Township of Russell point to the fact that the business and financial interests of that township are in a most deplorable condition. Mr. H. S. Bates, a chartered accountant, who was engaged to go over the books of the township, in a lengthy report, which has been made public, reveals the fact that during the last two or three years the affairs of the township have been carried on in the most unbusinesslike manner imaginable. While he does not make any specific charges against any one of the officials, he hints at maladministration, theft, corruption, etc., in the conduct of the affairs of the township.

With the receipt of this report Reeve Menard has been moved to definite action, and yesterday he stated that he would not rest for one moment until the alleged mismanagement of the affairs of the township was placed where it belonged. In fact, Reeve Menard's decision to probe the matter has resulted in definite action being taken.

A special meeting of the township council was held yesterday afternoon, when Reeve Menard read the report to the councillors and demanded that an investigation of the alleged corrupt affairs of the township be held at the earliest possible moment. The Reeve declared that he had evidence of graft, corruption and maladministration against certain township officials, which evidence he would submit at the proper time and place.

REFUSED TO REVISE AFFAIRS OF COMPANY

Interstate Commerce Commission Falls to Get Far in Inquiry Into New Haven Road and Billard Company.

Washington, April 10.—Vain efforts were made by the Interstate Commerce Commission at a public hearing today to obtain details of financial transactions between the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and its subsidiary, the New England Navigation Company and the so-called Billard Company, through which millions of dollars are alleged to have been improperly diverted from the New Haven.

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NEW YORK GEMMERS MAY BE GRANTED TRIAL

First Clue to Fate of Missing Sealing Str. Seal Pelts, Believed to Have Come From the Southern Cross Sighted by Search Vessel.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 10.—Seal pelts thought to have come from the missing sealing steamer Southern Cross were sighted today seventy miles south of St. Mary's Bay by the steamer Kite, which has been searching the coast for a week. This is the first definite clue to the fate of the vessel, which was last reported off the southern coast on March 31.

The pelts are skins which have been roughly removed and to which considerable fat usually adhered, causing them to float readily. It is believed that they either were washed from the decks of the sealer or floated to the surface after she went down. None of the sealing feet which came in last week from the St. Lawrence grounds, where the Southern Cross had been seal hunting, lost any pelts off the southern coast in the vicinity of St. Mary's Bay.

The Kite reported by wireless that she would continue the search though the weather was foggy.

SUFFRAGETTES TO FINANCE CANDIDATES

Will Support Labor Party's Choice and Contribute to Campaign Fund—Reputed to Have Plenty of Cash.

London, April 10.—The suffragettes have introduced a new phase into the political situation by their determination not only to support Labor candidates but to finance them as well. There is to be a great outpouring of funds. The result will be that when the general election comes there will be innumerable triangular contests.

A well informed political writer says that this probably will return the Unionists "with too small a majority to be workable, whereas in all ordinary events the government will come back with only the loss of a comparatively few seats."

He continues: "There is no question of patriotism; suffragettes care nothing for Empire. They mean to have the vote, and they are not likely to shrink from financing irresponsible individual candidates drawn from labor when they pour chemicals into letter boxes, burn country houses, and destroy masterpieces such as the Velasquez ones."

FORT HOWE AS NATIONAL PARK

Canada Gazette Announces it Is Adapted for Purpose and Be Maintained as Such.

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COUNSEL FOR CONDEMNED MEN PRESENTS AFFIDAVITS BY MAN WHO SAYS SAW SHOOTING

SAYS CONVICTED MEN WERE NOT IN MURDER CAR

New York, April 10.—Supreme Court Justice Goff tonight signed an order making it mandatory for District Attorney Whitman to show cause why the four gunmen now in Sing Sing awaiting death in the electric chair for the part they played in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, should not be granted a new trial.

The order is returnable before Justice Goff, who presided at the trial of the gunmen, at noon tomorrow, and was obtained on the ground that new evidence had been discovered.

This new evidence, in the form of affidavits, was presented to Justice Goff by Charles G. F. Wahle of counsel for the condemned men. The affidavits were sworn to by a man who he could identify and who was not one of the gunmen was in the firing party whose shots killed Rosenthal. The other declared that he saw Sam Schepps, "Bridge" Webber, and Harry Vallon, the informers, and not the four gunmen, in the car that sped away from the scene of the crime after the Terrolia gambler had been shot to death in front of the Metropolitan Hotel.

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