

PRACTICAL WORK FOR THE EMPIRE

Wealthy Men of England Are Seeking Opportunities for Large Investments in Western Part of Canada

NOW MAKING TOUR OF THIS PROVINCE

Mr. Norton Griffiths Speaks of His Scheme of Colonization—Discusses Questions of Imperial Interest

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15.—Millions of dollars are likely to be invested in Western Canada, including British Columbia, as a result of the tour now being made by the Earl of Dunmore, Norton Griffiths, M. P., and Mr. Harry Brittain. They are ardent imperialists and do not neglect any opportunity to advance the cause they are so prominently identified with. Mr. Brittain is the father of last year's imperial press conference.

"Our mission to the Dominion has a direct bearing on our imperialistic principles. We are looking around for investments. The members of our party have considerable means and intend to carefully study the situation. If we see anything that appeals to us we will invest our own money, and can also secure capital from our associates in England," said Mr. Griffiths.

Incidentally it developed in the course of the conversation that Mr. Griffiths has already purchased about 100,000 acres in the prairie provinces. The matter was referred to as though it were the most commonplace incident. Ten or 15,000 acres of fruit lands in Okanagan valley have also been acquired by members of the party, including Mr. Brittain, who is a stockholder in various illustrated periodicals.

"This is only the beginning," resumed Mr. Griffiths, very modestly. "We intend to have a look through various districts in this province. Our original plan of coming west through the Yellowhead Pass was abandoned. It is now quite probable that we will ascend the Skeena river and go through to Fort George, and thence south to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Quite separate from any investments which I may make with my fellow-travelers I have heard a personal project for bringing out at least 1,000 families from my own constituency of Wiltshire, a start has already been made. Several families have been secured."

Three of them are in Victoria. I shall look them up tomorrow. For various reasons I prefer British Columbia to the prairie regions as a field for the settling of the people I shall send out. Here I purpose locating three centres of colonization, to be named Wiltshire, Tipson and Darlington, after places in my constituency. There will be a resident secretary at each point. This is the first definite non-charitable project working on systematic lines. The press of England is working the experiment with interest. My ultimate object is to produce results which will stimulate members of parliament and mayors of cities to start similar movements. In that way I think I can do the empire a greater service than by simply talking. Of course I shall expect the cooperation of your government. This is a matter I hope to discuss with Premier McBride.

In every instance the families sent out will be selected very carefully. No undesirable will figure in the list. They will largely belong to the type of farm laborers, but artisans and local secretaries will be included. The local secretaries in each community out there will keep in touch with conditions and at occasion warms will cable home for additional immigrants.

"Let Great Britain have her own parliament and the overseas dominions their own parliaments, but let them join in the establishment of an imperial senate, in which all parts of the empire will be represented," he continued in championing the cause he has so deeply at heart. "I would not have it sitting in the west of England. Rather would I prefer to see the senators assemble this year in Ottawa and in another year in Cape Town or Sydney. The Canadian navy is a step in the right direction, but the colonial units must be a portion of the imperial navy working under an imperial admiralty in times of war. I can claim credit for being the first candidate to conduct an election campaign on purely liberal imperial lines. I formed my opinions as a result of observation in various parts of the world. On a platform with my 22-foot map I was able to demolish the argument of every Little Englander. The idea of an imperial senate will be realized some day. This sentiment is now as leaves working down among the masses. In private I have also advocated the same thing to Mr. Balfour and other leading members of the party. We will create the greatest united empire and the greatest race the world has ever seen. There will be one imperial army, one imperial navy controlled by an imperial senate. Liberal preference will come automatically as a natural sequel. If a plebiscite were taken today, 75 per cent of the people of the empire would vote for preferential trade. Let us keep trade in our own channels as much as possible. An empire united on closer lines will be able to dictate the peace of the world. Any tendency to delay the realization of imperial unity would, of course, be to the interest of other big nations not included in it."

Asyrians Spied Record
LANARK, Scotland, Aug. 15.—James Radley, the English aviator, today flew the mile in 47.5 seconds in Bristol monoplane. This is the world's record so far.

Mayor Gagner Doing Well.
NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The following bulletin on Mayor Gagner's condition was issued at 10:30 o'clock: "There is much improvement in the mayor's condition today. He is taking

nourishment well, has been comfortable and has rested from time to time. At midnight the mayor had been sleeping since the last bulletin.

Many East Indians Come
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Four hundred Punjabi and Hindoo have sailed from Calcutta for San Francisco, according to advices which have reached the department of Commerce and Labor. Two hundred others sailed a week ago for the same port. Officials of the department are puzzled. Protests have been received from the Atlantic exclusion leagues of the Pacific coast. It is said that if the immigrants pass the immigration tests and pay the head tax of \$4 each they cannot be deported.

Bought by Victorians
NANAIMO, August 15.—A deal has been consummated whereby Messrs. Wright and Stephenson, of Victoria, come in possession of ninety acres of land on Mudge Island, which they have acquired from A. Thatcher, the well-known rancher of that place. The purchase price, which is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000, includes the dwelling, outbuildings and all stock. Mr. Thatcher retains seven acres of land bordering on the beach, including the coal rights. During his thirteen years' residence on Mudge Island, Mr. Thatcher was engaged in mixed farming, including fruit growing, poultry and sheep raising, making a success of his business, which is to be continued along the same lines by the new owners.

FIRE RAVAGING NATIONAL PARK

Report on Situation at Glacier Montana, is Disquieting—More Soldiers Are Sent From American Lake

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Alarming news of the forest fire situation in the Glacier national park in Montana was received today by the interior department. Major William R. Lofan, supervisor of the park, reported that the flames were spreading and that the number of fire fighters on the scene was inadequate. He appealed for the assistance of more troops, and upon the request of the interior department, General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, ordered three companies of the Second Infantry from the American Lake manoeuvres in Washington for duty in the park. These soldiers will augment the one company of the Twenty-fifth Infantry that is already on the scene.

Interior department officials were much encouraged by reports from Supt. Morgan of the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana, that the fire on the reservation were now under control.

WORLD'S FAIR SWEEP BY FIRE

Several Buildings of Belgian Exposition Are Destroyed—People Trampled in Panic on Crowded Grounds

BRUSSELS, Aug. 15.—The ruins of the Belgian exposition buildings, burned yesterday, are still smoking, but there is no danger of further destruction by fire. Crowded throngs of people are supposed to have started the flames, which soon destroyed that flimsy structure and spread to others nearby.

Soon the Belgian, English and French sections were destroyed. The firemen and detachments of soldiers called to the scene found themselves baffled by the gale, which carried the burning embers to all parts of the grounds. The loss is estimated at \$100,000,000.

To the left of the main building across the picturesque roofs and spires of "Brussels Kermesse," a Belgian corner island, with water chutes, toboggan slides and scores of side shows. This place was alive with Sunday crowds, and before they could be gotten out with any semblance of order, the Kermesse was aflame. The crowds became panic-stricken, and men, women and children fought madly to escape. The exits became choked with the struggling masses and men used their fists to clear the pathway. Many were trampled under foot and badly injured.

An engine corps from Antwerp attempted to dynamite the buildings in the French section in the hope of checking the fire, but the flames leaped across and engulfed the Italian, Russian, American, Japanese, Chinese and Norwegian buildings.

Forty houses on the Avenue Solbech, adjoining the exposition were destroyed. There were about 100,000 people in the exposition grounds and the Kermesse when the fire broke out, and the escape of nearly all from death or injury is remarkable. About 40 were injured in the panic.

The loss is nearly \$20,000,000. Fortunately the most valuable art treasures were removed by the police to a place of safety. The British loss is very heavy, including costly Moriah tapestries and furniture from the collections of Bernard Moore, on which he refused to set a price. They were insured for \$100,000.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Brussels dispatches do not report any damage to the Canadian pavilion, through the great fire in the exposition grounds. The building containing the Canadian Pacific exhibit also escaped destruction. Toronto's tower of light was being exhibited in the British section, which was gutted.

NAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 15.—A trolley car on the gorge road this evening nine persons were injured, one seriously.

TROOPS CALLED TO COLUMBUS

Governor Harmon Afraid That Reduced Police Force Was Unable to Keep Peace—On His Own Responsibility

CITY AND STATE AUTHORITIES DIFFER

Mayor Asks Railway Company to Cease Operation of Cars at Night—Calls for Suspension of Mayor Marshall

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 15.—Governor Harmon, in a formal statement given officially, gives his reasons why he called out the troops. He says that the moving of a portion of the police of Columbus has so weakened the force that the police are unable to control the situation. He says that he took the action on his own responsibility as governor of Ohio.

Mayor Marshall tonight called upon the railway and light company to keep its cars in the yards at night until peace is restored. He said a few days of quiet probably would end the excitement and permit the strengthening of the police force and those of the sheriff, and the vigilance committee.

Despite the order, cars ridden by police were operated in the early hours tonight. The police rode the cars as they have been doing for four nights. Friends and advisers of Governor Harmon were greatly perturbed by a remark attributed to Mayor Marshall when informed that the governor had gone over his head and summoned troops, whom he supposed to direct in quelling riots without consulting the mayor. Mayor Marshall was reported as having said the governor and his general staff could go to Hades so far as he cared. The mayor promptly was called upon to explain. He declared that the remark was not made by him. He said he merely had declared that he did not care a rap what his many critics said.

The Builders and Traders' exchange today adopted resolutions calling upon the governor to suspend the mayor. The strike-breakers are now under the direction of the head of a Cleveland detective agency as a result of the disappearance of John R. Brady, the former leader, who is being sought by the police for shooting two women and a little girl.

HAD MUCH OPIUM

Supposed Smuggler is Captured by Vancouver Police Officer After Smart Chase

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15.—A clever capture, in which gun fire and sprinting play a prominent part, occurred shortly after one o'clock Saturday, when Sergt. Macaulay after darting around corners, through alleyways and emptying three chambers of his revolver, brought under the strong arm of the law two alleged smugglers, one Nicholas H. Collins, a Jew, and Jimmy, a Japanese. A third man of the alleged smuggling party was a Chinaman, who, by doubling back on the officer of the law, made good his escape.

Taken to the police station and searched Collins had on him \$4870 hidden in his socks. He gave his address as 519 Hamilton street. It is believed that he was having the opium taken to his room, when caught. There were 150 lbs. of opium in the grips valued at about \$15,000.

The Jap was a boy from the Empire of India, now living in port. The police suspect that Collins is a leading member of an opium smuggling gang operating here and at other ports.

SPAIN AND VATICAN

Religious Festivities Cause Suspension of Work—Pope Expresses Confidence

ROME, Aug. 15.—There were no demonstrations today in the controversy between the Vatican and the Spanish government. On account of the religious festivities all work at the Vatican was suspended, and the pope gave no audiences.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, remained throughout the day at his summer residence on Monte Mario, but he was in communication with the pope for a brief period by telephone in the afternoon. He said that he did not expect to come to Rome until Friday morning, when he will receive the diplomatic representatives.

The pope again expressed confidence in ultimate success in the fight.

No Opening of Lands.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The reclamation service today issued a statement denying reports that the government contemplates extensive opening of lands on the Yakima Indian reservation in Washington.

Dead in Hayfield.
ONION LAKE, Que., Aug. 15.—On Saturday the body of Samuel Dupont was found in a hayfield a few miles from here. Deceased had been cutting hay, and a passerby seeing the team standing alone found the body near the machine. The team having stood there all night. Dupont was related to the notorious Gabriel Dumont, one of the leaders in both Northwest rebellions and leaves a family of several grown up children.

Finals in Seattle Tournament.
SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—Sam Russell won the Flato championship tennis match of the Washington tennis tournament here, defeating Walter Pitts in a hard fought match, 4-6, 4-2, 6-2, 6-1. In the ladies' singles, Miss Hotchkiss defeated Miss Pitts, 6-1, 6-2, and in the ladies' doubles, Miss Hotchkiss and Miss J. Garrett won over Miss Pitts and Mrs. Goss, 6-3, 6-2. The men's doubles went to Russell and Pitts, who defeated Richardson and Johnson, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

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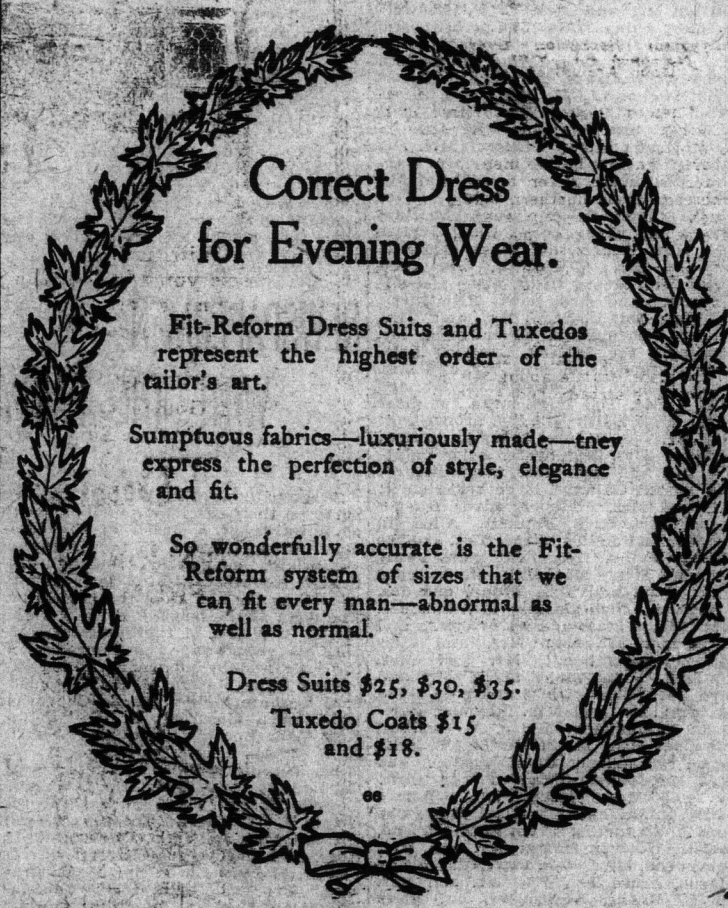
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