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## THE COMMISSION'S INTERIM REPORT

### ON FISHERIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### The Limitation of Canneries in Northern Waters—More Effective Patrol Necessary.

As stated in a dispatch from Ottawa on February 14th an interim report and recommendation of the British Columbia Fisheries Commission has been prepared and was considered at a meeting of the cabinet held on February 14th. The dispatch gave a summary of the report. The full text is now available and is as follows:

(1) The commission is strongly of opinion that, in view of the evidence placed before it, a satisfactory adjustment of the differences between the Dominion and Provincial governments on fishery matters is urgently desirable. Much of the evidence laid before the commission demonstrated that the administration and development of the fisheries are hampered by the existing dual authority.

(2) The commission has been impressed with the importance and absolute necessity of some definite declaration by the Dominion of its claims respecting Hecate Straits. If these waters are Canadian the fishery operations, extensively carried on from Dixon Entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound inclusive, are illegal and some public notification of the position of this matter is essential as soon as possible, in the interests of the fisheries and of all parties concerned.

(3) The limitation of salmon canneries in northern waters, such as Rivers Inlet, Skeena River, etc., has been strongly and weightily urged upon the commission in the course of its proceedings. The commission is of opinion that the number of boats used in fishing operations should be limited, such limitation to be enforced during the ensuing period of 5 years, commencing with the season of 1906, at Rivers Inlet, Skeena River and Naas River.

The commissioners are of opinion that the department should suggest to the canners some mutual allotment of the boats amongst themselves on the lines followed in previous seasons, as indicated in the evidence placed before the commission. Failing such adjustment by the local parties operating canneries, then the matter to be adjusted by the department's fishery officers in charge of the waters concerned.

Further, the commissioners have concluded, from the evidence laid before them, that the maximum number of boats permitted should be, respectively, as follows: Rivers Inlet, 550 boats; Skeena River, 800; Naas River, 200. The allotment referred to, if not mutually determined on or before March 31st, each season, shall be decided by the officer specified above as soon as possible thereafter.

(4) The commissioners, in the course of their investigation, have felt the need of fuller and more exact information respecting the resources of the waters, which their inquiry covers, and they recommend that, as early as possible, a thorough survey of the fishing grounds be carried out such as is carried out by the United States Commission, Scottish Fishing Board and similar organizations. The details of such fishery researches might be outlined, and the necessary apparatus and gear

devised upon by the Marine Biological Board, which the commissioners understand meets in the early part of 1906. Amongst other lines of work experiments with the beam-and-trawl and dredge appear to be desirable, and effective tests are especially needed upon the halibut banks of Hecate Straits with a view to determining the spawning season, size when young halibut are mature, and other valuable information such as have been obtained by other government surveys, to the great advantage of the fisheries and fishing interests.

Such fishery investigations have been already urged by Mr. William Sloan, M.P., and Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., the commission understands and Mr. Sloan has laid stress on the necessity for a B. C. Biological Station similar to that on the Atlantic coast operated under Dominion government auspices. The urgency of this work has impressed the commission.

(5) The commissioners urge that a more effective fisheries patrol be carried out in British Columbia, especially in the northern waters and along the west coast of Vancouver Island, in order to suppress, as far as possible, poaching and trespassing in undoubted Canadian waters by foreign fishing boats and fishermen.

(6) The commission strongly recommends the continuance of the work already commenced by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, with a view to the removal of all natural and artificial obstructions to the ascent of salmon in the Skeena and Naas rivers.

(7) The commission would call attention to the desirability, as a first step in the work of improving the salmon fishing areas in the northern rivers named below, of placing a new and more powerful snag-boat upon the Skeena River, and of transferring the present Skeena River snag-boat to the Naas River in view of the serious damage done to nets and fishing gear each season by snags, etc., in both the rivers named.

In addition to the foregoing an eight recommendation urges that it is not opportune or desirable during 1905 and 1906 to prohibit the export of fresh herring from the province, in view of the excessive abundance of herring in British Columbia.

The commission will make a final recommendation at the close of its work when a full report is before it from the sub-committee appointed on its number to specially investigate the herring fisheries of the coast.

This interim report was received in Ottawa about the middle of December, but the death of the Hon. Mr. Prefontaine delayed its consideration and his recommendations could not be made public at an earlier date.

#### CANADIAN NEWS.

Result of Bye-Election in Maisonneuve—York County Loan Shareholders Meet.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—Paul Verville, Laborite, was elected in Maisonneuve

who paid it are entitled to collect as creditors.

Satisfactory Process. Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—A chemical process for welding copper which has given the most satisfactory results and which has aroused great interest in manufacturing circles has been patented by a Winnipegger named McMillan.

#### MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

Majority of Delegates Have Little Hope of Successful Outcome.

Algiers, Feb. 24.—Conversations with principal delegates, except Ambassador White, show that they have little real hope of a successful issue of the Moroccan conference. Mr. White remains hopeful that some solution may be found. The interviews which Baron De Courcel, the former French ambassador at Berlin, had at that city recently on the subject of Morocco are understood to have been unsatisfactory, but no confirmation of this can be obtained here.

## THE KING HAS TO USE WALKING CANE

### SERIOUS RESULT OF RECENT ACCIDENT

Even With Aid of Stick His Majesty Walks Slowly and With a Pronounced Limp.

New York, Feb. 24.—According to the London correspondent of the World King Edward can never walk out again without the aid of a cane. The King fell while shooting in Windsor forest last November, resulting in the breaking of a tendon achilles. The World's correspondent states this on undisputed authority. It was announced at first that the King had a serious injury to his right leg, but it is now stated that the injury is not so serious, and that, even with surgical assistance, cannot completely repair the broken tendon achilles of a man of that age.

The correspondent avers, leaning on a stick, King Edward walks very slowly and with a pronounced limp. His Majesty leaned heavily on a crutch-handled stout cane when he opened parliament. He could not arise from the throne until the cane was handed to him. He wears an orthopedic instrument inside his boot to support his ankle.

Otherwise the King looks to be in good health, but is planning for a quiet, restful stay at Biarritz before his Mediterranean cruise.

## MILITIAMEN WILL RECEIVE A BONUS

### MEMBERS WHO EARNED SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Representatives of Fifth Regiment Who Made a Creditable Record at Last Summer's Camp.

An order of more than usual importance has been issued by Lt.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, in which a list of the names of those who qualified at the last camp for extra pay is published. As was mentioned by the Times some days ago, the Dominion government has set aside an appropriation for those who have displayed a certain proficiency in the handling of the six-inch guns at Fort Macaulay, in field range taking and in depression range finding. All these branches are of the utmost importance to the militia as a whole, and, therefore, the authorities have adopted this course in order to encourage the non-commissioned officers and men to achieve a prescribed standard of efficiency. It speaks well for the local corps that no less than twenty-eight members of the Fifth Regiment garrison companies proved themselves entitled to this bonus through their competence in accuracy gun laying in connection with the target practice held during last summer's camp. Field range taking and depression range finding is not taken up by many, and consequently the number of those qualified is accordingly small, there being three in one instance and two in the other respectively.

Appended is the complete regimental order:

The following extract from Militia Order No. 22, 1906, is published for general information: The following N. C. O.'s and men obtained special certificates of qualifications as stated below and are entitled to draw extra duty pay for training of 1905 in accordance with G. O. S. 1905.

Field Range Taking—Sergt. Taylor, Gr. Evans, Gr. Fawcett.

Depression Range Finding—Sergt. King, Sergt. Lawrie.

The corporals, bombardiers and gunners above mentioned will parade at the drill hall on Wednesday, February 28th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of signing pay sheets for specialists pay under the above order.

The following men, having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned, and will assume the regimental number opposite their respective names: No. 104, Gr. Hay, Gr. Ernest Saunders, February 21st; No. 4, Gr. R. H. Watt, February 15th; No. 190, Gr. Samuel H. Musgrave, February 14th; No. 106, Gr. Alexander Parfak, February 14th; No. 10, Gr. E. O. Staples, February 14th; No. 23, Gr. J. J. Staples, February 14th; No. 27, Gr. S. L. Wilson, February 21st; No. 213, Gr. William Pope, February 21st; No. 11, Gr. John B. Daniels, February 15th.

Officers commanding companies will see that every member of their company thoroughly understands the conditions under which extra pay for specialists may be obtained, and laid down in G. O. S. 1905 and Militia Order 22, section 1, 1906. A copy of the above order is in the orderly room, but must not be taken away from there.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers will be held in the mess rooms, drill hall, on Thursday, March 1st, at 8.30 p. m. Dress, walking out dress. By order. (Sd.) W. RIDGWAY WILSON, Capt. Acting Adjutant.

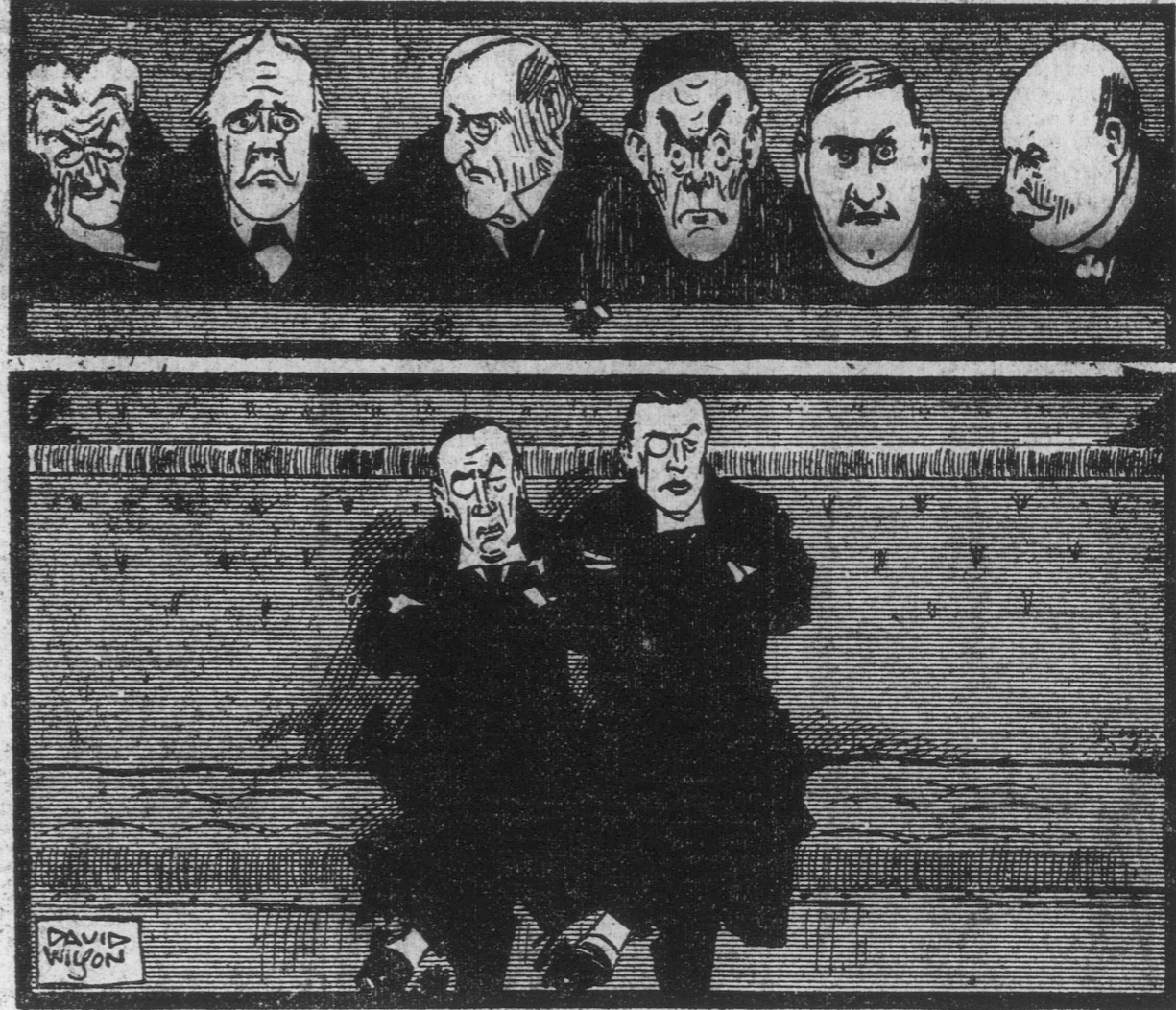
#### MR. GALLIHER HERE.

Member for Kootenay Spending a Few Days in Victoria.

W. A. Gallihier, M.P. for Nelson, arrived from the interior last evening and is at the Driad. He came to Victoria on business and not to participate in any way in the local election. Mr. Gallihier said the mines of Kootenay are active and the country is in a very prosperous condition, there being no friction between mine owners or employees, such as in years gone by worked to the detriment of all industries. Mr. Gallihier says the White Bear mine is resuming development at Rossland. In Sicuan the mines are doing well, and it is expected the Last Chance will soon be running full blast again. Mr. Gallihier speaks also of the good showing being made by St. Eugene and Ymir, and of the big improvements noticeable on every hand in the Boundary country, where heavy expenditures are being made in the opening up of low grade copper gold properties.

Mr. Gallihier will leave for Ottawa about the middle of next week.

## A CONTRAST.



The Distinguished Strangers' Gallery and the Front Opposition Bench.

—London Daily News.

## AUTOMOBILISTS UNDER ARREST

### J. K. VANDERBILT AND CHAUFFEUR IN TROUBLE

Party Had Narrow Escape From Fury of Crowd of Enraged Italians—Rescued by Gendarmes.

Florence, Feb. 24.—The incident at Ponetdera, 14 miles from Pisa, yesterday, which involves the detention there of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and their chauffeur, turns out to have been much more serious than at first reported.

The dispatches received yesterday evening from Ponetdera, simply announced that Mr. Vanderbilt was delayed there owing to an automobile accident by which a boy was injured, but not seriously. It now appears that Mr. Vanderbilt and his chauffeur were mobbed, that the former drew a revolver and that both Mr. Vanderbilt and the chauffeur were arrested and taken to the police station. Mrs. Vanderbilt was escorted to the best hotel in the place, where, according to the latest advices, she was awaiting developments.

The Vanderbilt automobile, it appears, was not going at excessive speed, but when turning a sharp street corner in Ponetdera it ran down a child, a boy about five years old and injured him about the head. Though the boy was not seriously hurt, his face was covered with blood. The automobile, which was stopped soon as its occupants learned that an accident occurred, was soon surrounded by a crowd of excited people, who indignantly and threateningly berated its occupants. In the midst of the excitement the report spread that the child was dead, and the townspeople became so enraged that they attacked the chauffeur. In fact matters reached a very critical stage, and Mr. Vanderbilt believing that the lives of the party were in danger drew a revolver, but before he could use the weapon several men jumped into the automobile, disarmed Mr. Vanderbilt and handcuffed him.

By this time the police had become aware that something unusual was happening, and a party of gendarmes arrived on the scene to protect the automobilists. Owing to the fury of the people the officers took the Vanderbilt party into a neighboring shop for safety. There they were immediately besieged by the crowd, the most violent of the people urging their companions to take summary vengeance upon the travellers. As a coincidence the shop into which the Vanderbilts were taken was owned by a relative of the injured boy, which did not tend to calm the feelings of the mob.

Eventually an officer of gendarmes with reinforcements arrived on the scene, and after the townspeople had somewhat calmed down, succeeded in rescuing the automobilists, who were taken to the police station, followed by a crowd of shouting people. The leaders protested vigorously against the al-

## FOR RELIEF OF FAMINE SUFFERERS

### CANADA WILL SEND FLOUR TO JAPANESE

The First Shipment Will be Forwarded on Fifth of March—Assistance From Seattle.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Canada will forward \$25,000 worth of flour to the Japanese famine sufferers. Most of the flour will be ground from Manitoba wheat, but a portion will be made up of Alberta wheat ground in British Columbia. The flour will be shipped in twenty thousand packages of forty-nine pounds. Each package will contain directions and yeast. The first consignment is to be forwarded from Vancouver on March 5th.

Call For Assistance. (Associated Press.) Seattle, Feb. 23.—The Post-Intelligencer to-day started an original effort to secure a ship load of wheat for Japanese famine sufferers. The paper subscribes 10,000 bushels of wheat, and calls for subscriptions in kind to be shipped, if possible, on March 12th. Last Oriental mail advices show that nearly a million persons are starving, and food is needed more than money.

## THE SULTAN'S TROUBLES.

Revolt Spreading in Yemen—Troops Refuse Duty Until They Receive Arrears of Pay.

Constantinople, Feb. 23.—An extraordinary meeting of the council of ministers has been summoned to confer with the Sultan at the Yildiz palace and deal with the situation in Yemen, Turkish Arabia. The hitherto localized revolt in Yemen against Turkish rule has been fanned into a more widespread rebellion by a warlike proclamation of the Sheik and the encounters with the Turkish troops which have taken place at various points, indicate that the situation is critical. Turkey is embarrassed by the objection of the troops to go to Yemen. Further reinforcements which were on their way there mutinied on board the transports in the Red Sea early this week, and refused to do any duty until they received their arrears of pay.

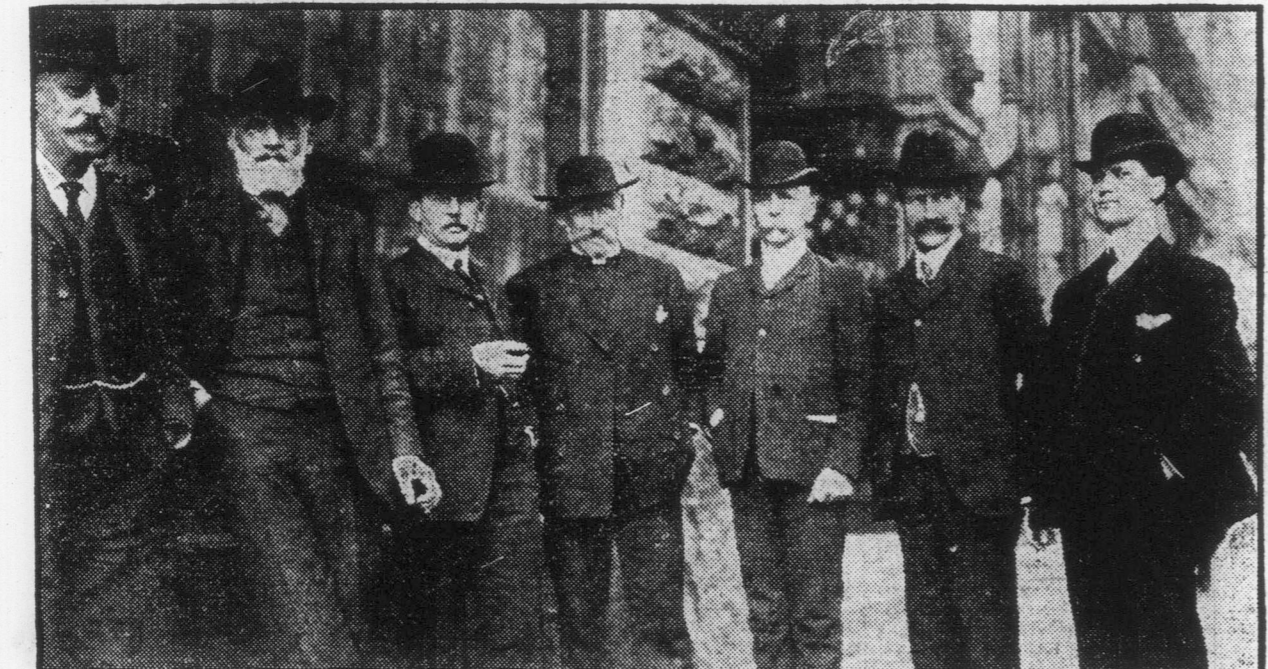
## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

National Party Has Been Organized With F. P. Nicholas as Chairman.

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 23.—The national public ownership party was formed at a convention called here yesterday for that purpose. An executive committee was chosen with F. P. Nicholas, of San Francisco, as chairman and John Murray, of Los Angeles, as secretary, and national headquarters were established at Los Angeles.

## AERONAUT'S ESCAPE.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 23.—An unsuccessful trial was made by Professor Montgomery's aeroplane at Idora park yesterday and it almost resulted in serious injury to D. Wilkie, the aeronaut.



## THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

Reading from left to right—Campbell Sweeney, Vancouver; J. C. Brown, New Westminster; J. P. Babcock, Provincial Fishery Commission, Victoria; Rev. Mr. Taylor, Wellington; Prof. Prince, chairman, Ottawa; R. Hall, M. P. P., Victoria; J. Charles Macintosh, secretary, Victoria.

#### DIVORCE LAWS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Before finally adjourning last night the congress on uniform divorce laws for the several states adopted the following resolution which seeks to make even more stringent the laws pertaining to the "migratory" character of divorce.

"Each state should adopt a platform statute embodying the principle contained in the Massachusetts act which is as follows: 'If an inhabitant of this commonwealth goes into another state or county to obtain a divorce for a cause which would not authorize a divorce by the laws of this commonwealth, a divorce so obtained shall be of no force or effect in this commonwealth.'"

A resolution was also adopted providing that "fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain a divorce should be made statutory crime by the criminal code."

A double murder was discovered four miles northeast of Fort Simcoe, on the Yukina Indian reservation, an Indian woman and her two-year-old child having been killed.

#### SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Owen Sound, Feb. 23.—The police here have arrested Albert Stewart, a young Englishman, as the man who shot John Morrison, the farmer of Anan, on Wednesday night. Stewart came here from England three years ago. The police say the circumstances point strongly to Stewart being the guilty person.

#### COUNTY LOAN CREDITORS.

Hallfax, Feb. 23.—A meeting of the County Loan and Savings Company was held here last night. The main point of interest in the proceedings was the written opinion of W. A. Ritchie, K.C., stating that the company's shareholders in this province rank as creditors because of the statute passed two years ago which directed that loan companies such as this should take out a license to do business in Nova Scotia. The York Company never obtained a license and hence their collection of money here was illegal, and those

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