

ASPIRANTS FOR CABINET VACANCY

PREMIER MAY HAVE A DIFFICULT TASK

Minister of Finance Will Probably Enter Federal Politics—Opinions as to Summer Session.

Premier McBride is again being forced to give attention to the question of filling up his cabinet. The task of selecting another minister from the ranks of the government members is one attended with no small difficulty. Tried members of the party like Price Ellison, C. W. Clifton and F. Carter-Cotton are said to be anything but satisfied with the way in which the Premier filled up his cabinet. The consequent bungling of affairs is attributed to the exclusion of the old guard, and there is no doubt that these men watched with some little satisfaction the government's vain attempts to explain the woeful condition into which affairs had been brought by incompetent hands.

Fresh from the electorate, before whom the advantages of party government had been lauded in the highest terms, these Conservative members were restrained from coming out in direct opposition to a policy of which they disapproved and against a ministry which they could not honor. The interests of the province were sacrificed for party and the McBride administration lived through the session.

It is more than likely that lurking behind all this was the question of personal ambition. They realized that the only hope of attaining to the position of minister of the crown was through Premier McBride, with a vacant portfolio in his cabinet the Premier possessed a strong inducement for would-be re-entrants to smother any rebellious feelings.

But the old members of the party are not the only ones who seek preferment at the hands of the Premier. The youngest member of the House is said to desire office. This is Harry Wright, of Ymir, who is in the city at the present time, and is said to be urging his claims for recognition. There are many features about the member for Ymir which recommend him strongly in the Premier's eyes. He is a man of high ability, absolutely safe from the leader's standpoint. There would be little likelihood of Harry Wright giving any trouble in executive, as he would support unwaveringly the man who gave him ministerial life. It is difficult to conceive of the member for Ymir putting up any counter attraction to a proposed policy by the Premier. There are all qualities which commend him to the Premier. He is essentially a man of peace and one who abhors the effort and danger of over-coming opposition in his own camp.

It is even said that Harry Wright is making a show of bolting if not given office. The example of John Houston, of Nelson, is probably accountable for this.

There is in the present cabinet one member, however, the government dictator, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, of Nanaimo. His conduct will have to be obtained in any addition to the cabinet, and there is an idea prevailing that he may resign himself to the office. Socialism, as a political doctrine, in his constituency is showing signs of disintegration. Dissatisfaction is felt with Mr. Hawthornthwaite by that party, and the member for Nanaimo may seriously consider the question of accepting office in a government whose acts have to be approved by him. It would be much more convenient for the dictator to have an office in the parliament buildings.

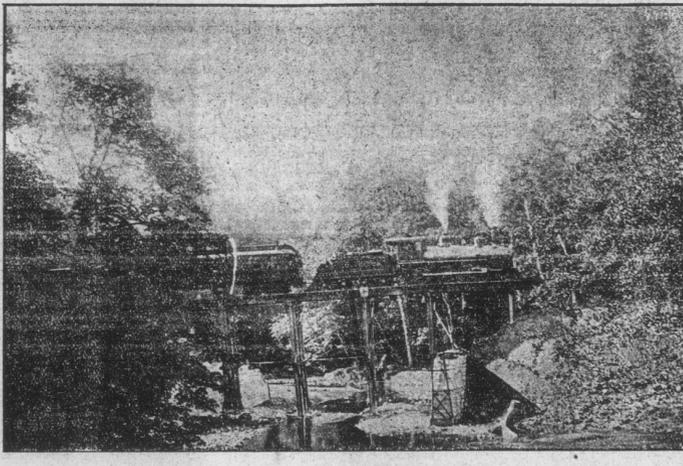
There are those who believe, however, that at least one member of the ministry, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, would hardly stand for the admission of the Socialist to the cabinet. This difficulty may be overcome, however, when selection is made of a Conservative candidate for the seat of the Dominion elections. It is believed that the Minister of Finance may be the choice, and that he will, for different reasons, accept of resigning his seat in the Legislature in order to do so. Upon this minister falls in no small measure the difficulties met with in consequence of the wonderful financial policy instituted by the government. He is therefore little wonder that he has become somewhat uneasy and seeks retirement from the local government. This would afford an opening for F. Carter-Cotton, and tend to overcome the lukewarm support given by the latter member to the McBride administration.

There are those who believe that a summer session will be held. Among them are Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who is using every influence to have the purchase of the E. & N. railway brought about by the government. He sees in that a means of increasing his influence in his own constituency and is pressing the acceptance of Jas. Dunsmuir's offer upon the government.

Mr. Dunsmuir, on the other hand, is not known to be anxious to consummate the deal. In the face of excessive taxation placed upon his property and the unsettled condition into which the financial policy of the government has thrown affairs, Mr. Dunsmuir is likely willing to sacrifice his interests at the price at which it was offered. He is not, however, seeking a market for his line of railway.

Clement Coyette, on trial at L'Orignal, charged with the murder of Thomas and Richard Collins, father and son, at Alfred last January, attributes his deed to liquor. The defence will plead insanity, but experts on mental diseases who have examined him agree that while the prisoner is a degenerate he knows the difference between right and wrong. A weak will and an inordinate fondness for liquor cultivated for years is the combination that is held responsible for the double crime.

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CRUISER'S VOYAGE FROM ENGLAND

AMPHION'S SUCCESSOR NOW IN ESQUIMALT

Dropped Anchor in Port on Saturday—Brings News of the Flagship Grafton.

(From Friday's Daily.)

H. M. S. Bonaventure was hourly expected in Esquimalt from southern waters, where she has been since joining the Pacific Squadron a few months ago. The ship has never been here. She was commissioned at Devonport on the 3rd of December to succeed the Amphion on this coast, and after relieving that vessel at Ocoquimbo remained with the Shearwater and flagship on the South American coast. The Shearwater is following her up the Coast and should arrive early next week.

Although a sister ship to the Flora, the Bonaventure is said to be more modern in some respects. She is a twin-screw second-class cruiser of 4,300 tons displacement, of 7,000 h. p. nominal draught and 9,000 h. p. forced draught. She is steel sheathed, and her dimensions are: Length, 329 feet; beam, 45 ft; and draught, 19 feet. Built at Devonport, she was launched in 1892. She was engaged by Hawthorne, and cost £247,128. Her speed is 19.5 knots. She carries 400 tons of coal nominal supply, and her complement consists of two 6-in., eight 4.7 in., eight 6-in., one 3-in., four magazine guns and four torpedoes.

A list of the ship's officers is as follows: Captain, Robert G. Fraser. Lieutenants, Henry G. Gellibrand (C.), Geo. D. Ward (N.), Hugh Murray and Eric L. Whitson. Eng. Com., William H. Meadus. Eng. Lieut., Edwin Cole (Act.). Chaplain, Rev. Samuel R. Anderson. Fleet Surgeon, Geo. Howlett, M. B. Paymaster, Percy J. Lang. Surgeon, William E. Gabbell. Sub-Lieut. (R.N.R.), Chas. A. Poignand. Asst. Paymaster, William H. Meadus. Gunners, John Macdonald and T. Walter E. Williamson. Boatswain, William A. Collins. Carpenter, Robert G. Howlett. Artificer, Albert J. Lambert.

At 6 o'clock this morning H. M. S. Bonaventure, the second class cruiser which has been commissioned to take the place of H. M. S. Amphion on this station, anchored in Esquimalt harbor after a trip lasting a little over three months. She left Plymouth, England, on December 17th, and experienced stormy weather until reaching the southern coast of South America. There it moderated considerably, and the trip round Cape Horn was made in comparatively fair weather. From the Straits of Magellan to within a short distance of this port no exceptionally heavy winds were met with, but about eleven days from Victoria some of the most severe storms of the whole voyage were experienced.

This morning one of the officers of the ship stated that the trip had been devoid of adventures of any kind. After leaving Plymouth stops had been made at Maderia, St. Vincent, Montevideo and other points. Reaching the Cape, advantage had been taken of the exceptionally fair weather to stop at a number of points on Terra del Fuego. Several hunting expeditions were organized by the officers, which, however, did not prove very successful.

In order to shorten the voyage the Bonaventure passed through Smythe's channel on her way north. Under ordinary circumstances this is considered a most dangerous route, but owing to the unusually fine weather it was considered safe on this occasion.

Some diversion from the monotony of the trip was caused by meeting H. M. S. Amphion at Arica Bay near Ocoquimbo. The commanders and officers of the two ships met and exchanged news, and arrangements were made for the transfer of Eng. Lieut. Cole from the Amphion to the Bonaventure. This will be welcome information in military circles. Lieut. Cole has won for himself considerable popularity on this station.

At Callao the flagship H. M. S. Grafton was sighted. After the usual civilities had been exchanged by the officers of the respective ships the Grafton left on a cruise along the coast of South America, and the Bonaventure continued on her trip to Victoria. It is expected that the Grafton will return to this port

TELLS HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

DETECTIVE PERDUE ON WITNESS STAND

Thursday Afternoon's Evidence in the Chinese Gambling Case—Adjourned Till To-Morrow.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Three important witnesses were examined in yesterday afternoon's proceedings of the Chinese gambling case. They were Detective Perdue, Constable Stewart Jackson and Yip Wing, or as he is commonly known, Ah Wing, the Chinese police court interpreter. Yesterday afternoon was one of the few occasions on which Yip Wing occupies the witness stand, although he is indispensable when a case in which his countrymen are concerned is in process of ventilation.

Detective Perdue gave particulars of the police incursion into Chinatown, as already described in these columns. He said that when the officers broke into the gaming room there were about a hundred Chinese congregated there. When the alarm was given a number bolted upstairs and the detective went after them. He returned with five or six prisoners. He also described the interior of the inner room, and said the articles seized by the police there were fan tan paraphernalia.

Fan tan, he said, was played on long tables. Near each end was a square opposite which sat the banker. The sides of the square were numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. A number of buttons or coins were gathered under a cup and then withdrawn in fours. The number remaining after the last four were withdrawn indicated the winner.

No. 2 of the square, and there were two buttons left from the lot which had been reduced in fours, he would win the amount his opponent put upon No. 4, which is directly opposite. Those betting on Nos. 3 and 1 neither lost nor won, in that event. If the player placed his money on the corner between 3 and 4 and three or no buttons from the pile were left, he would win. Red tickets were used to vary the percentages. The house always exacted a percentage on wins varying from five to seven. Wing, the Chinese interpreter, was then examined. He described the outfit exhibited in court as fan tan paraphernalia. He also went into a description of this game, and said the house always drew a percentage of about seven on wins.

Constable Stewart Jackson also gave evidence. It was he who broke the door open, being with Sergt. Hawton at the head of the raiding contingent. Just as they reached the door opening into the

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Little Willie French Swelled From Head to Foot With Dropsy and Given Up By Doctors—Is Strong and Healthy Again.

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inner room a warning was sounded and the door was slammed and bolted. Before it was closed, however, he could see a large number of Chinese in the room, around the tables. He threw his weight against the door and broke it open. Seventeen were arrested, the others managing to make their escape. There must have been between fifty and seventy-five men in that room. No further witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon, and an adjournment was taken until to-morrow morning.

In the police court this morning the case of the Chinaman charged with snatching a watch from Miss Walsh was called, but on application of the defence and with the consent of the prosecution, was adjourned until Monday.

A new Chinese game, new to the police at least, was exploited in the court this morning. The initiation of all and sundry into the game was undertaken by an Asiatic witness named Wong Ying, who was called for the defence in the Chinese gambling case by Mr. Moreby. Because of the examination of this witness the sitting of the court assumed a somewhat extraordinary character, with Wong Ying as the leading figure, the magistrate, counsel, police, clerk and prisoner grouped around the table, and the exposition of the game was in progress.

The police were wrong in their assumption, this witness declared. It was not fan tan that was being played when the officers invaded No. 25 Flanagan street, but a harmless affair called chung tong. Through Tim Kee, who acted as interpreter, the witness went into a detailed description of the game. To photograph this exposition into cold, expressionless type is impossible. A chart, table and a hundred and one accessories are requisite. Suffice it to say that neither was there a dealer in the game chung tong, which was carried on in the inner apartment. The loser in the last round invariably grouped the buttons for the next and so on. In this game or "fast-time" every man had a fair chance.

After this witness had explained the game to the satisfaction of the defence's counsel, Mr. Moreby resigned him to the chief of police for cross-examination.

This was nothing if not lively. The chief went after the witness in aggressive style, with the result that numerous tills between him and Mr. Moreby were provoked. The chief started in with a question as to whether the tables in the inner room of number 25 could be used for fan tan. The witness evaded this question with typical Oriental diplomacy. He said the tables might have been used for fan tan before he came down from Vancouver two weeks ago, but on that particular night no fan tan was played on them.

The chief was not satisfied with this reply. He insisted that the witness answer the question. The latter, however, did not deign to answer the question directly. He unloosed an extensive vocabulary on the interpreter, and would doubtless have been going yet had the magistrate not interposed. The witness demanded a direct answer. Finally he admitted that fan tan could be played on the tables in the room raided. He denied that all the objects exhibited in the court were used on the night of the raid. In the game of chung tong there was no dealer and no "house" to employ, in gaming parlance.

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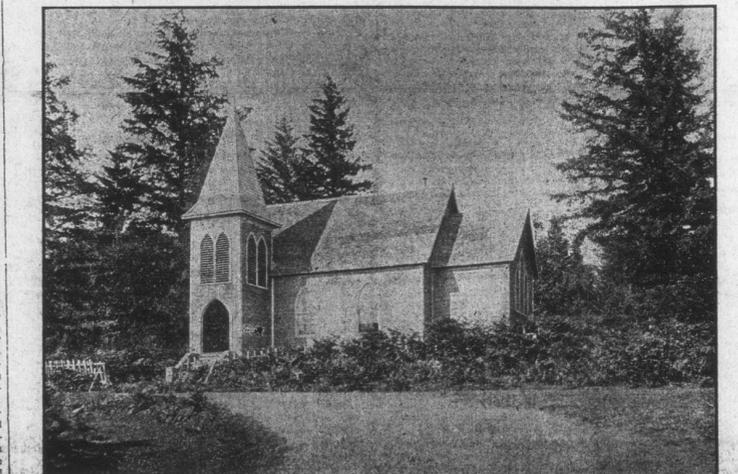
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