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PREMIER M'BRIDE ON PARTY PROGRAMME

Hon. W. R. Ross Strongly Hints at Premier's Translation to Dominion Sphere—New Officers Chosen

NELSON, B. C., Nov. 17.—The probability that provincial Premier McBride will before many years seek higher honors and broader opportunities of usefulness in the Dominion arena, a probability very considerably discussed throughout Canada since the visit to the coast of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in August last, was significantly and semi-officially suggested at the opening session of the fourth annual convention of the B. C. Conservatives here this morning, when upwards of three hundred stalwarts of the party gathered from all parts of the province to discuss questions of party, provincial and incidentally national policy, in connection with the progressive activities of the association. The suggestion that the popular provincial prime minister may not overlong confine his unquestioned talents to the provincial field was voiced by Hon. William R. Ross, junior member of his cabinet, in acknowledging felicitations upon his recent elevation and promising his whole-hearted endeavors to do his utmost for the good of British Columbia in the administration of his department. He reciprocally congratulated the association upon its excellent organization and prospects, and then touched lightly upon national politics. He pointed to numerous signs of liberal disintegration and remarked:

"The Liberal party in Canada is just now at the top of the toboggan slide—if indeed it has not already begun the swift descent. We all know where the plunge will leave that party at the next elections. With the achievement of power by Mr. Borden and his party, a policy will be inaugurated and consistently maintained which must greatly accelerate the development and the prosperity of the Dominion. And when the time comes for Mr. Borden to select his associates and colleagues in government," the provincial lands minister added, "we can offer him one or two good men from this Western province. We can send to the national capital at least one man who, in statecraft, in far-sightedness, in staunch Canadianism in the enjoyment of the fullest confidence of the people, is the equal of any. We can offer at least one man thoroughly capable of filling with distinction any position at the executive board of Canada. And when I say 'any' such position," the minister added, with a brief pause and significant emphasis, "I mean 'any.'"

The suggestion was received with prolonged applause, as was every appearance of or reference to the provincial first minister, while in a resolution unanimously adopted, expressive of especial approval of the course adopted by Hon. McBride and his government in the official entertainment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Victoria, reference was made to the effect towards unification of true Canadianism that must arise out of "such a welcome from the great leader of one party to the great leader of the other."

Addresses by the president of the association, R. F. Green, by Mayor Selous of Nelson, Premier McBride, and his two Kootenay ministers, Messrs. Taylor and Ross, constituted, with the reception of representatives, the business of this morning.

Hon. Mr. McBride

The premier paid especial compliments to Kootenay and its traditional hospitality, with due tribute to the pioneers of the district who had appreciated at the outset its ultimate destinies and stood by the Kootenay in their days of struggle with all the characteristic fortitude and loyalty of the makers of new nations. He spoke of Kootenay today as on the eve of coming into enjoyment of its own—its mines, its farms, its orchards—now at the inception of their greatness, and of Nelson City as that "fine show window of the Kootenays."

The questions of better terms and of the necessary preservation of a white Canada were the only national issues discussed, each of them clearly and cogently, the direct breach of faith with British Columbia on the part of the federal government in non-enactment of Asiatic exclusion laws, especially emphasized.

As a result of this breach of faith, and on its record generally, he predicted that when the Laurier government again asked for an expression of confidence from the people of Canada, not a single member would be returned from British Columbia to support that government. There was in the Canadian policy nothing at present of more vital importance than legislation to secure for Canada settlement only by classes suited for citizenship. The Conservatives were more firmly pledged than ever to preserve Canada as a white man's country, and so soon as a Conservative government was entrenched at Ottawa a long step would be taken in this desirable direction.

Better Terms

There was also the question of better terms. It might be urged that British Columbia, with its substantial surplus and its manifold evidences of general prosperity should not come more from the federal treasury. There was happily a considerable surplus in the provincial treasury. But the government did not propose to keep it there. It was required, and more too, for the opening up and development of British Columbia—for the provision of good roads, good schools and other necessities of this growing country. The vast hinterland of the new north called for vast expenditures. Anyone who had recently visited the districts tributary to Prince Rupert on the coast of Fort George in the interior could grasp the immense necessities of the country in this connection. Expenditures on necessary public works had to keep pace with the country's development, and the same condition was true of the southern portions of the province, so that not only seven and a half millions of money, but even more, would be needed for the work. The government counted upon getting it; the country could afford to give it.

Coming Session

The premier then passed to a brief forecast of the legislation of the approaching session in its most important characteristics. He referred first to the necessity of legislation on the subject of timber, touching on the comprehensive and informative work of the forestry commission, whose report would enable Hon. Mr. Ross to draft and present a bill which would deal finally with the conservation and utilization to the best advantage of British Columbia's great wealth. And this bill, as the greater part of legislation under the present government, would make for permanency in legislation on the subject. It would deal comprehensively with all aspects of the timber resource and industry; it would be fair to all interests affected, while fully conserving the rights and property of the people.

Next in order of importance on the sessional programme would be found legislation with respect to the land laws. If his colleague in charge of that department concluded that the time for radical changes in the laws had come, such legislation would be brought down, and would also make for desirable permanence.

It was intended to present important legislation dealing with the regulation of trust companies and safeguarding the investments of the people through such medium. The finance minister was at present considering the legislation of similar character in force in other provinces, and in various states, and the result would be the presentation of legislation on the subject which would command hearty approval.

A measure would also be presented dealing with the operation of the coal mines of British Columbia. Last session he had, in his capacity of minister of mines, laid before the house a draft bill dealing with desirable regulations for the better protection of the lives and limbs of coal miners. This draft had at the close of the session been generally circulated, accompanied by requests for suggestions as to possible betterment. The deputy minister and chief inspector had also toured the mining districts and had conferred with miners and owners obtaining many suggestions, and the ultimate result would be found in a bill that would go far toward making safe the vocation of the coal miner.

A measure might also be expected for legalizing the work of the commission revising and consolidating the provincial status, while the estimates for public works would be on a generous scale, improvement of roads and bridges and betterment of educational facilities receiving first consideration.

The University.

The minister of education expected also to present a bill enabling the council of public instruction to obtain further time for selection of the remaining university lands. The vexed question of the location had been settled, and it was the determination of the government now to proceed as quickly as possible with arrangements for the inauguration of the university, so that when its doors were opened the young manhood and the young womanhood of British Columbia, its teaching staff and curriculum would be equal to those of Toronto, or McGill, or Yale or Harvard. The University of British Columbia would be second to none in quality, and it was his opinion that not only would it provide adequately for our own young people seeking the advantages of higher education, but many would cross the Rockies, from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, to enroll themselves among its students.

In respect to the public works programme, it was announced that the main trunk road from Vancouver to the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, three years from now would see direct communication established between Vancouver and Winnipeg, by excellent wagon roads. Nor would the local arteries of communication be neglected or the reconstruction of pioneering roads which with the growth and development of the land became necessary.

Election of Officers

This afternoon was devoted chiefly to the election of officers, a contest developing only in the selection of the second vice-president, with Osborne Plunkett, Vancouver, and Mayor Lee, of New Westminster, in friendly rivalry. The chosen officers are: hon. presidents, R. L. Borden and Premier McBride; president, W. W. Foster, Revelstoke; first vice-president, W. M. McKay, Vancouver; second vice-president, Osborne Plunkett, Vancouver; secretary, John B. Williamson, Vancouver, re-elected; treasurer, H. V. Edmonds, New Westminster, re-elected.

The ominon riding representatives on the executive are: Comox-Atlin, H. Doyle; Kootenay, Capt. Armstrong; New Westminster, W. N. Carter, Vancouver; Geo. E. Williamson; Victoria, Leonard Tait; Yale-Cariboo, W. T. Shatford; Nanaimo, A. Planta.

The election of president and vice-presidents are in the order of direct promotion. Henceforward, all vice-presidents of the association are to be permanently placed upon the association's executive.

Tomorrow's business includes consideration of an imposing list of resolutions and the selection of next year's convention centre, for which New Westminster appears to have the call.

This evening the local Conservatives entertained the visitors at a banquet at the Eagle's hall, which was crowded by a congenial company, including virtually all leaders in the professional, commercial and political activities of the Kootenay.

The ladies of Nelson assisted in the preparation and serving of the feast, while the oratory was bright and inspiring and non-political.

The Premier today saw numerous deputations, the majority pressing for special road assistance, increased hospital aid, etc., due consideration being promised the representations advanced.

Mr. Sousa Recovers.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 17.—John Philip Sousa, bandmaster and composer, who was taken to the New Haven hospital last week, suffering from an attack of malaria, left that institution today for New York. He seems to have fully recovered from his illness.

Wanted in Seattle

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 17.—An admission that he is the man wanted by the Seattle police on the charge of passing bad cheques was obtained today from Joseph Gardner, alias M. Cohen, arrested here yesterday on his way to South America. Gardner said he was glad the suspense was over, as he was tired of being pursued. Police Justice Duncan ordered Gardner held for the Seattle authorities.

RHODES SCHOLARS PRAISE OXFORD

Dr. Parkin Speaks of Opinions Formed by Americans Who Attend Old University—May Modify Tests

VANCOUVER, Nov. 17.—Dr. G. R. Parkin, organizing secretary of the Cecil Rhodes Oxford Scholarship Trust, is here from Los Angeles, and who will leave next week for Idaho, Montana, and later the Canadian prairie provinces, stated in an interview today:

"There are two scholarships for each state of the American Union. Hitherto several of the states have not been able to furnish men up to the standard we require. I have lately been discussing the American position carefully with their leading educationalists, and they are all agreed that we might attain greater results by some modification of the scholarships. This, however, is a matter which will be decided by the board of trustees, which includes Earl Rosebery, Lord Milner, Earl Grey, Dr. Jameson, Sir Louis Mitchell and Mr. B. F. Hawksley, a distinguished London solicitor. The seventh member was the late Mr. Alfred Beit, who died three years ago, leaving ten million dollars to back up Mr. Rhodes' ideas in South Africa.

"American students at Oxford tell me that there is no university in the United States where they could get so wide or comprehensive an acquaintanceship with their countrymen as at Oxford, since there are usually two selected students from each state of the Union. I have lately been meeting a large number of old scholars from the United States, and have not met one who is not devoted to Oxford and affirmed that Oxford has something to give Americans which America needed. For one thing, they say everywhere that they wish they could get the British sense of fair play and generosity in sport instilled into American athletics."

Ninety Americans are today attending Oxford under the auspices of the Rhodes trustees.

STEVEDORING CHANGE

Captain Phillips Expected to Take Over Interest in Victoria and Vancouver Company

VANCOUVER, Nov. 17.—It is understood that negotiations are pending whereby Captain Phillips, the well known commander of the Canadian-Australian steamship Zealandia, will take over the interest of the late Capt. Amesbury in the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring company.

Should the negotiations go through, it is more than probable that Capt. Phillips will assume charge of the local office of the company. Since the demise of Captain Amesbury, the local business of the company has been transacted by Jess Edwards.

Caupt. Phillips is well known in this port, having been for years in command of the steamship Aorangi, which is now engaged in the San Francisco-Australian service.

Winnipeg Y. M. C. A.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 17.—The Y. M. C. A. campaign fund is more than half secured. The total up to date is $176,000. The biggest subscription today was $5,000 from J. A. M. Aikins, C. P. R. solicitor.

McGraw and Giants

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals since July 1902, today signed a five-year contract with President John T. Brush to continue as commander of the Giants. In the eight seasons that McGraw has been manager the team has finished first twice, second four times, third once, and fourth once. This is the first time McGraw ever has been signed by President Brush for a longer term than two years.

AVIATOR KILLED AT DENVER MEET

Ralph Johnstone Falls From Height and His Crushed Body is Removed From the Ruins of His Aeroplane

TRIES SPECIAL GLIDE WITH FATAL RESULT

Denver Savages Swarm About Machine to Clutch "Souvenirs" While Body is Tangled Up in Wreckage

DENVER, Nov. 17.—With one wing tip of his machine crumpled like a piece of paper, Ralph Johnstone, the brilliant young aviator, holder of the world's altitude record, dropped like a plummet from a height of 300 feet into the enclosure at Overland Park aviation field and was instantly killed. When the spectators crowded about the enclosure reached him his body lay beneath the engine of the biplane with the white planes that had failed him in his time of need wrapped about it like a shroud. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

He had gambled with death once too often, but he played the game to the end, fighting coolly and grimly to the last second to regain control of his broken machine. Fresh from his triumphs at Belmont Park, where he had broken the world's record for altitude, with a flight of 3,714 feet, Johnstone attempted to give the thousands of spectators who stood with craned necks to watch him an extra thrill with his most daring feat, the special glide which had made the Wright aviators famous. The spectators got their thrill, but it cost Johnstone his life. The fatal flight was the second Johnstone had made this afternoon.

In the first flight, when he was in the air with Hoxsey and Brookins, he had gone through his programme of dips and glides with his machine apparently under perfect control. Then Johnstone rose, again, and after a few circuits of the course to gain height, headed toward the foothills. Still ascending, he swept back in a big circle, and as he reached the north end of the enclosure he started his special glide.

The Fatal Finish.

He was then at an altitude of about 800 feet. With his planes tilted at an angle of almost 90 degrees he swooped in a narrow circle, the aeroplane seemingly turning almost in its own length.

As he started the second circle the middle spur which braces the left side of the lower plane gave way and the wing tips of both upper and lower planes folded up as though they had been hinged. For a second Johnstone attempted to right the plane by warping the other wing tip. Then the horrified spectators saw the plane swerve like a wounded bird and plunge straight toward the earth.

Johnstone was thrown from his seat as the nose of the plane swung downward. He caught on one side of the wire stays between the planes and grasped one of the wooden braces of the upper plane with both hands. Then working with hands and feet he fought by main strength to warp the planes so that their surfaces might catch the air and check the descent. For a second it seemed to the white-faced spectators under him that he might skid, for the fireball helmet he wore blew off and fell much more rapidly than the plane.

The hope was only momentary, however, for when only about 300 feet from the ground the machine turned completely over and the spectators fled wildly as the broken plane with the tense-faced boy still fighting grimly in its mesh of wires and stays plunged among them with a thud and crash that could be heard over the big field.

Crowd Fighting for Souvenirs

Scarcely had he hit the ground when sensation-mad men and women swarmed over the wreckage fighting with one another for souvenirs of the terrible accident.

One of the wooden stays had thrust its jagged end almost through Johnstone's body. Before doctors or police could reach the scene one man had torn the splinter from the crushed and mangled body and ran away carrying his horrid trophy with the aviator's blood still dripping from its end. Frantic, the crowd tore away the canvas from over his body and fought for the gloves that had protected Johnstone's hands from cold.

The machine fell on the side of the field away from the grandstand and there were but a few hundred near the spot, but physicians and police were rushed across as soon as possible. Physicians declare death must have been instantaneous, as Johnstone's back, neck and both legs were broken, the bones of his thighs being forced through the flesh and the leather garments he wore.

Arch Hoxsey, who in a previous flight this afternoon had reached an altitude of 2,500 feet, had risen just before Johnstone began his fatal glide and was in the air when the accident took place.

As he swung around the other end of the course, he saw that Johnstone had fallen and guided his machine directly over the body of his friend. He descended as soon as he could bring his plane to the ground, and rushed to the wreckage, where he and Walter Brookins helped to lift the mangled body into an automobile, which brought it to the city.

Band Still Played

Many of the spectators were watching Hoxsey's flight and did not see Johnstone's machine collapse, but a woman's shriek, "My God! he's gone," drew every eye in time to see the doomed man dashed to death upon the ground. The band in the grandstand, blaring away under contract, never ceased to play, and Johnstone's body was driven out of the enclosure with the strains of "The Grizzly Bear" for a funeral march.

It would seem that many incidents had happened throughout the aviation meet here to warn the ill-fated aviator. Yesterday, in alighting, Johnstone broke the left wing of his machine against the fence. It was the same tip that gave way today and caused his death.

Today when he started on his first flight one of the wheels on which the aeroplane runs along the ground gave way and he had to have it replaced. As he prepared to start for his last flight a terrier that had broken through the fence stationed himself directly in front of the machine and barking frantically refused to be driven away.

As the machine rolled down the track one of the wings swept over the dog, which pursued the machine until it lifted into the air.

In discussing his flights in this rare atmosphere yesterday with a representative of the Associated Press, Johnstone declared he would attempt no stunts here, as he considered it too dangerous. Evidently he believed he had solved the problems of this altitude when he departed from his determination.

Hoxsey's daring flight over the foothills seemed to fire him with a determination to outdo his team-mate, for the first special flight, which he made safely, was by far the most daring any of the aviators had attempted at this meet.

High Flight by Hoxsey

The flights in the aviation meet at Overland Park today, which had a sad ending in the death of Ralph Johnstone, were productive of the highest flight ever made in this altitude. Arch Hoxsey, the first of the Wright aviators in the air today, started out to explore the currents of the upper levels. Circling around the course, he mounted upward in gradually widening circles until he was flying far over the foot-hills to the west and over the city to the north. It was bitterly cold, and Hoxsey finally turned back, sweeping down in beautiful spirals and figure eights. He had made a beautiful landing, coming to the ground after a flight of 37 minutes, so chilled that he could hardly walk. While Hoxsey was soaring high above them, Brookins and Johnstone flew around the course, jumping imaginary fences, dipping and turning, with machines under perfect control.

Johnstone was first in the air for the second flights. He was followed a moment later by Hoxsey, but Brookins had not started his machine when Johnstone's planes crumpled and his fall put an end to all flights for the day.

MEXICAN PLOTTERS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 17.—Federal service officers who have been working here for the last several days today learned many details of the revolutionary plot in part uncovered by the Mexican government.

A general rising along the border from Nogales, Arizona, to Brownsville, Texas, was set for Sunday, November 20. Nogales is the headquarters of the junta operating in Sonora. It has been in existence since the raid on Las Vacas two years ago. The brains of the revolutionary movement are in the United States and Europe. The revolutionists are backed by a seemingly inexhaustible supply of money, which has been used to purchase arms in this country.

According to federal officers, the revolutionary propaganda is:

The release of all political prisoners.

The welcoming of all political exiles.

The establishment of a popular government.

The capture of all customs houses.

Removal from office of Diaz and his adherents.

Montreal Fire Loss

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—A hundred thousand dollar loss, with a hundred men out of work, followed the destruction by fire of St. Amour's factory.

San Francisco's Population

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The population of San Francisco is 416,912, according to the statistics of the thirteenth census, made public tonight. This is an increase of 73,130, or 21.6 per cent, over 342,782 in 1900.

Aorangi Homebound

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—The British steamer Aorangi of the Union Steamship company of New Zealand, left on her first trip to Australia from this port. She has 50 passengers on board, including Sir James Mills, president of the company. Sir James was tendered a reception in the Merchants' Exchange yesterday by the local merchants.

A very pretty though quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, on Thursday, November 17th, when Miss Vyvian Muriel Bolton was married to Mr. Thomas Cecil Cummins, of Bonnington Falls. The bride, who looked exceeding pretty, was married in her travelling dress, a very smart grey tailor-made coat and skirt, with which she wore a handsome set of furs with fur toque to match. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Baugh Allan, the rector of the parish, and the bride was given away by her father, the Rev. W. W. Bolton. Mr. Douglas Bullen, cousin of the bride, ably fulfilled the duties of best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents in Admiral's road at which only relatives and intimate friends of the family were present. The happy couple left later in the afternoon for their honeymoon tour, which will be spent in Portland. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents.

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WILL NOT ANNEX

President Taft Assures People of Panama That Their Republic Will Be Left Alone

PANAMA, Nov. 17.—President Taft here effectually disposed of the report that the United States was likely to annex Panama. At a dinner given in his honor by President Arosemena and attended by 200 officials, diplomats and merchants, Mr. Taft aroused the greatest enthusiasm when he declared that the American people would feel utterly dishonored in annexing Panama unless some conduct on the part of the Panaman people left no other course. This contingency Mr. Taft was sure would never arise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Thousands of troops will find their stations changed as a result of an order by the War Department which affects the soldiers in various sections of the country who will go to Hawaii and the Philippines to relieve those on duty there now. The changes are in conformity with the government's policy of limiting to three years where practical, the tour of duty of the soldiers serving in the Philippines and Hawaii. The movements will begin early next spring and will not be completed until the following December. Three garrisoned posts in the United States will be turned over to caretakers upon the departure of the troops now stationed in them. These are Fort Wingate, New Mexico; Fort Thomas, Kentucky; and Fort Assiniboine, Montana.