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BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is strong evidence that in the minds of those who asserted the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company would ask Parliament for an extension of the time in which the road is to be completed, the "wish was father to the thought."

A CRITIC ANSWERED.

In some of his speeches Mr. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, criticized the management of the Post Office Department. He contended that the service had not been extended in proportion relative to the development of the country.

TOKIO WILL ACT.

The investigation of Mr. Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, has effectually disclosed the cause of the recent great influx of Japanese to British Columbia.

Scene of Confusion.

Upon the opening of the session of the House to-day the floor leaders of the "Bloc" parties declared their readiness to support the Imperial Government.

THE ARBUTUS FAIR AT METCHOSIN

The Westminister, one of the most popular and interesting of Canadian magazines, announces that for the year 1908 Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, formerly of Victoria, will contribute to its columns a series of articles on "The Romance and Beauty of British Columbia."

Henry Clews, the New York banker and commercial commentator, avers that the crisis is past, that the corner is turned, and that within a short time complete confidence will be restored and the business of the United States be upon a secure foundation.

Secretary Taft of the United States has been received with almost royal honors in St. Petersburg, according to Associated Press dispatches.

There has been marked decrease in the volume of the bank clearings in all the principal centres of the United States.

King Carlos of Portugal does not appear to be a very popular sovereign. The republicans will get him if he does not watch out.

BUELOW ACTED ON KAISER'S ADVICE

CHANCELLOR HAS NOW SUPPORT OF REICHSTAG

Action of Socialists in To-Day's Sitting Causes Adjournment of House.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The ministerial crisis has been settled as suddenly and as quickly as it broke out. Prince Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, succeeded in getting pledges of support from all the coalition parties, and at the opening of to-day's session of the Reichstag the leaders of the parties assured the chancellor of their continued loyalty.

Consequently the action taken by Prince Von Buelow yesterday introducing a revolutionary change into German governmental methods, his appeal was nothing less than the responsibility of the ministry to the Reichstag. It is understood that Emperor William is fully aware that this step was coming before he went to England.

Three Representatives of the Corporation from St. Paul Are in Victoria To-Day

The unbiased opinion of land transportation experts, and of the common people interested in the subject as well, is that J. H. Hill is the greatest railway man in the world. Without a dollar in his pocket he built the Great Northern railway through the northwestern parts of the United States, and extended his lines into Canada without financial encouragement, and even against financial opposition.

The Function Given by King's Daughters Was a Success in Every Way.

The Arbutus fair, at Metchoshin, on November 23rd, was, in spite of the inclement weather, a great success socially and financially. The receipts from the various departments were much larger than anticipated, amounting almost to \$150.

Part of the entertainment in the evening given by the children of Metchoshin and Rocky Point schools, a fan drill under the direction of Miss Tully, was given by Misses Stephenson, Tully, Buss, Grubb, Knobb, Pears, Foster. The graceful movements and tender singing of the young girls in their pretty fancy dresses was greatly admired.

FULL DIGNITY OF NATIONHOOD

J. S. EWART K. C., ON IMPERIAL RELATIONS

Future Will Bring Canadian Monarchy Recognising Sovereignty of British King.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Addressing the Canadian Club in Ottawa last evening on the future of Canada, J. S. Ewart, K. C., urged that the present position of subordination is one that cannot last forever. Canada must some day rise to the full dignity of nationhood, and either alone, or in some partnership, have and exercise the highest powers of government.

BIGAMIST AND THIEF.

J. F. Lavergne Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment at Ottawa.

WINNIPEG INLAND REVENUE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Inland revenue collections during November in the Winnipeg district reached the total of \$123,000.

OLD BILL MINER HOLD-UP ARTIST

Author of "Hands Up" Was Methodical and Business Like Bandit.

In an address to the International Association of Chiefs of Police at the Jamestown Exposition recently William A. Pinkerton gave credit to Old Bill Miner, who escaped from the New Westminister penitentiary on August 8th, for first using the phrase "Hands up," while engaged in his professional activities as a highway robber.

MURDERED IN BED.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. van Winkle, a section hand and his wife, were found murdered in their beds at Fairport, early to-day.

PRINCE PULIN IN JAPAN.

Chinese Special Envoy Is Returning Prince Fushimi's Visit to His Country.

500,000 HOTEL.

London, Oct. 3.—A company to be known as the King Edward Hotel Company, has been formed here to put up a 500,000 hotel.

104 YEARS OLD.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 5.—John Spavin, possibly the oldest man in this state, died at his 104th year. He was born in England 104 years ago, last October, and had lived in Vernon since he was a young man.

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