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SAMPLE FALSE CRY
OF OPPOSITION MEN

Absurdity of Statements Made in Regard to Land Scrip
— Government Supporters Work at Organization —
Rossland Conservatives Name Candidate

It has been charged by supporters of J. A. Macdonald, K. C., the leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia that the present government was guilty of malpractice in connection with the issuance of South African scrip, giving away large pieces of land in this way which, rightly should still belong to the province. The absurdity of such an allegation was pointed out yesterday by Hon. R. G. Pattison, minister of finance. He explained that it would have been impossible for members of the government to have done such a thing had they been so inclined. The records showed just what scrip was issued and all the details in relation to every transaction. It was only necessary for those who wished to call at the provincial buildings and to look up the official records in order to receive personal assurance that the administration had followed the only proper course in dealing with this matter. It was only another illustration of the fact that the opposition was being forced to "grope" about for campaign criticism of Premier McBride and those associated with him.

WORKING WITH VIM
Local Liberal-Conservatives Completing Their Organization

Although the municipal elections are beginning to command more general attention than heretofore, provincial politics are being discussed in the street corners, in the club rooms and in fact, wherever two or three people are gathered together. The opinion is that Premier McBride will be returned to power with a good working majority.

As far as the local constituency is concerned, it seems to be agreed that the full Liberal-Conservative ticket will be returned at the polls. Both sides have been working energetically for the past few days.

GRAND TRUNK DELAYED
EAST OF WINNIPEG
BY IMMENSE DRIFTS

No Chance of Being Able to Help in Moving This Year's Crop

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has abandoned all hope of being able to move any portion of the wheat crop from the west. Mr. Wainwright told your correspondent that 80 per cent of the grain on the Grand Bay branch is now piled up, as a result of the drifts which have accumulated in the snowdrifts. The present slow rate of progress will not have that part of the line completed by the end of the year.

DUKE OF ABRUZZI

London, Jan. 12.—The appearance to night of the Duke of Abruzzi before the Royal Geographical society was attended by King Edward and other members of the royal family, as a mark of Great Britain's consideration for the house of Savoy. The Duke's description of his perilous ascent of unexplored peaks in Central Africa brought an enthusiastic demonstration from the members of the society.

ALBERTA QUESTIONS

Lebridge, Jan. 11.—Hon. G. H. V. Balfour, lieutenant-governor of Alberta, speaking of the coming session of the Alberta legislature, which convenes on Jan. 24, said: "You know I know nothing about politics. I may say, however, that the coming legislative session, the second since the erection of Alberta as a province, will be quite a heavy one, and that the time of the members will be expended mainly with revamping and amending of old territorial statutes, and introducing them in an improved form under new constitutions. Of the strictly new pieces of legislation, one of the most important will undoubtedly be the proposed provincial highway act, under which the province will exercise its power of granting charters for railways and of regulating them. The territories possessed no power with respect to railways."

It is extremely unlikely that the commission appointed to inquire into the question of a beef combine will have any report for this year's session, as the British Columbia government has not yet appointed its representative. The representatives of the territories of Yukon and Manitoba have, however, met informally, though the taking of evidence has not been begun.

His Honor said a spirit of harmony and co-operation characterized the members and parties in the legislative assembly, with the measures, which chain added importance from being enacted when the institutions are as yet in a plastic condition.

FOREIGNERS IN MOROCCO

Rome, Jan. 12.—It is semi-officially stated that the difference between France and Germany over the Moroccan question has been settled through the assistance of Vienna, St. Petersburg and Rome, on the basis that any Franco-Spanish demonstration at Tangier shall be merely to induce the Moroccan foreign office to re-establish order. The fleet will not be allowed to land men except with the consent of the diplomatic corps at Tangier, but the chief admiral will be allowed to send men ashore on his own responsibility in case there is imminent danger to Europeans.

MONEY FROM ROCKEFELLER

Two Millions for University Endowment at Louisville

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 12.—It is stated that John D. Rockefeller has agreed to give \$2,000,000 for the endowment of a university for Louisville, provided a similar amount be raised here. A plan has been practically agreed upon by the University of Louisville will be financed with the proposed university of the city for the use of the city.

ABOUT MR. THOMSON

The Nelson Canadian Alludes to His Kootenay Record

The Nelson Canadian in its issue of January 8 says: "H. B. Thomson, who was yesterday nominated on the Conservative ticket for Victoria, was formerly a resident of Nelson. In years gone by he managed Turner, Beaton & Co's branch, and so highly was he esteemed by the business men of this city that on the eve of his departure he was given a public banquet at the Phair Hotel. In 1899 he was elected an alderman for the East ward, and so great was his personal popularity that without canvassing a voter he was returned at the head of the poll. In the olden days of political fights he was ever in the forefront, and that he enjoyed these contests is best evidenced by a letter received last night from him by a strong personal friend. I would like to see Nelson on the stump. Tell Jack Kirkpatrick he has my best wishes for success."

START WORK SOON
ON ALASKA S.S. WHARVES

Contracts to be Awarded Today for Structure to be Built on James Bay

The contracts are to be awarded today for the construction of the proposed new docks for the Alaska Steamship company, in James Bay. Tenders were called some time ago, and answers have been received. It is expected that the cost of the construction of the wharves will be between \$1,400,000 and \$1,600,000. The new wharves are situated on James Bay, on the two blocks of waterfront property owned by the steamship company just to the east of the post office building. They will be of the most modern and up-to-date character, rivalling the docks of the C. P. R. in the bay, and will be large enough to handle all the business of the steamship company for years to come, and allowing for the continuation of the rapid expansion which has marked the trade of late.

OLD MANITOBIANS DEAD

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The death occurred today of Rev. Father Lillon, parish priest of St. Jean. Rev. Father Lillon had undergone several operations for cancer, but of late had been in better health. He hurt his finger, and from the small wound blood-poisoning set in, which caused his death at the age of 62 years.

L. W. SHATTFORD

The Liberal-Conservative Standard Bearer for Similkameen

CANAL CONTRACTS

Big Syndicate Offers to Build for \$140,000,000

Washington, Jan. 12.—The proposals opened by the canal commission of today for the entire construction of the Panama canal were as low as had been expected by the experts on construction work. For some time it has been known that several members of the commission believe 7 per cent on the estimated cost of the construction would be a fair remuneration for a contractor under the form of contract prepared by the commission. Granting that the estimate of \$140,000,000 for the construction of the canal, which has been frequently spoken of in congress, is accurate, the remuneration of the Oliver-Bangor combination would be \$9,450,000, which is awarded the contract. Much discussion has been caused by the great difference in the four bids received, as they ranged from 6.75 per cent to 23 per cent.

THE CHANNEL PROJECT
MAY BE THWARTED

Rumor That Defence Committee Has Pronounced Tunnel Dangerous

London, Jan. 12.—The extensive project for tunnelling the English channel, which is now awaiting parliamentary approval, would appear to have received a serious setback in a report that the Imperial defence committee has decided such a tunnel would be prejudicial to the national security. Inquiries made by the Associated Press at the headquarters of the committee, however, failed to gain confirmation of this announcement. Nevertheless, there is a strong drift of sentiment among the most eminent British military and naval experts, headed by Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, which condemns this project as opening the possibility of continental invasion. On the other hand, the Rothschilds and the great railroads of England and France are prepared to make an enormous investment of capital for the carrying out of this project.

RACE QUESTION COMES
UP IN U. S. SENATE

Senator Tillman Takes Occasion to Scold President Roosevelt Again

Washington, Jan. 12.—The senate listened to a debate on the race question today, Senator Tillman being the principal participant, and Senator Eastwood of Colorado, his opponent, which brought into striking contrast the ideas of the South and the North on this question.

R. GRANT

The Liberal-Conservative Standard Bearer for Comox

PASSENGERS INJURED

Train From Calgary Thrown Off the Track Near MacLeod

Macleod, Alta., Jan. 12.—The Calgary southbound passenger train was derailed here at 11 o'clock this morning. Four persons were injured, two foreigners, a brakeman and one passenger. Their names are as yet unknown. All are in the hospital. One of the boys, who occupied the engine, was killed while the engine was backing snow in a cut, and was due to the spreading of the rails. The engine and two passenger coaches were derailed.

THE RUSSIAN FAMINE

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The minister of finance has today announced that the relief fund of \$85,500,000.

MARLBOROUGH QUARREL

Terms on Which Duke and Duchess Separated

New York, Jan. 12.—The World correspondent hears that under the separation agreement reached between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the children the sum of \$100,000 settled on him by the Duchess' father, W. K. Vanderbilt, at the marriage. This will accumulate for them during their minority, less the cost of their living and education. The Duke, after maintaining himself in the sum of \$40,000 income, and he is now looking for a good but not costly flat in Mayfair for a town residence.

AN INDIAN MURDERER

More Crimes Likely to Follow if Soldiers Are Removed

Lander, Wyo., Jan. 12.—George Terry, head of the Shoshone reservation, who was murdered on Thursday night as he came out of the council lodge on the Indian reservation. He was set upon by a party of four men, and his body was then cut to pieces with knives. The murder is supposed to have resulted from a family feud. No arrests have been made, but suspicion points to several prominent Indians. Terry was a half-breed son of the famous Mormon Bishop Terry of Utah. He was a squaw-man, and had lived on the Shoshone reservation for 22 years. Terry's barn and horses were recently burned mysteriously. The proposed abandonment of Fort Washie will, it is believed, result in the gravest disturbance among the Indians, who are in awe of the soldiers. The Shoshones are sworn Indian enemies, and there are factions in both tribes ready to fight at any time.

INCREASE OF WAGES

Chicago, Jan. 12.—After negotiating for several weeks, the western railroads today decided to grant increased wages to locomotive engineers, aggregating between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 annually. The increase will affect about eighteen thousand engineers on all the railroads west of Chicago.

WINNIPEG REAL ESTATE

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 12.—Thirty million dollars changed hands for Winnipeg real estate in 1906.

COURTMARTIAL IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 12.—The cabinet today authorized a bill for the suppression of courts martial in time of peace.

MANY WORKERS NEEDED

Montreal, Jan. 11.—A conservative estimate places the number of men required in railway construction in Canada during the present year at from 40,000 to 50,000. The general opinion is that the government will either suspend the Alien Labor Act and allow contractors and railway companies to bring in men under contract, or bring them in themselves and farm them out to employers of labor. The big railways are known to be making very pressing representations to the powers that be on this labor question. It is said that Sir Wilfrid and his ministers have given an attentive hearing to all that has been said on the subject. It is admitted, in fact, that without special action on the part of the government, a good part of the projected railway construction in different parts of Canada will be held in abeyance.

PREMIER McBRIDE AND MR. BOWSER ADDRESS GREAT MEETING AT FERNIE—RETURN OF W. R. ROSS SURELY INDICATED BY VOICE OF PEOPLE

Fernie, Jan. 12.—Stork's hall, which usually accommodates with comfort all people who attend public meetings in this city, was not nearly large enough for the crowd that pressed tonight to hear Premier McBride and W. R. Bowser, K. C., of Vancouver, discuss the record of the present government and deal with the opposition. The large audience was composed of miners, mechanics and those who follow mercantile and professional life. The speakers gave the visiting speakers a true picture of a strong opinion among all classes of the community for the candidate who is out in favor of the present government. The audience listened with the closest attention to two masterly orations that were full of substance and convincing argument.

Mr. Ross' Strength

The chair was occupied by Dr. Bronnell, president of the Conservative association and with the Premier and Mr. Bowser on the platform was W. R. Ross, who represented Fernie in the last parliament, and who is again the Conservative candidate. A previous invitation had been extended to William Dicken, the Liberal, and H. Moore, the Labor-Socialist candidate, but neither of them put in an appearance.

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A HEARTY GREETING
AT THE COAL CITY

Premier McBride and Mr. Bowser Address Great Meeting at Fernie—Return of W. R. Ross Surely Indicated by Voice of People

Ottawa machine got into operation, nor were any Dominion civil servants interested in provincial politics as a rule. The case is all this outside Liberal interest in the affairs of British Columbia was the surplus in the province. They saw a grater opportunity for harvest and they surely would not restrain themselves. Mr. Bowser felt that if the majority of the electors were of the same standard of morality and intelligence as those he was addressing the Liberal invaders would be driven out on Fernie railyards. There were, he said, unmistakable signs in all parts of the province that the Liberal government would be returned to power with a strong working majority, and the people of Fernie had their attendance at the meeting and their enthusiasm over the honest and able administration of the premier and his Conservative colleagues given assurance that they would give their share.

The Premier

Premier McBride referred briefly to his present tour, on which he said all doubt as to his having a good working majority in the next parliament had been removed. He had found the electors throughout the province keenly alive to the importance of continuing in power, a government that had shown its fitness at a time when circumstances had been such that courage was badly wanted in the land, and the return of which would mean continued confidence, continued development of resources, continued expansion of industry and in fact general prosperity. The Premier had been heartily welcomed in the province had come forward in his campaign as Conservative candidate. They had beheld the undivided party forces and the support of many prominent and far-seeing Liberals who believed this was a time when patriotism and principle should be put before party prejudice.

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SUMMARY EXCUTION

OF RICTION STRIKERS

Mexican Government Merciless Way of Putting Down Industrial Disorders

City of Mexico, Jan. 12.—Late advice from the Orizaba strike district are to the effect that 5,542 of the 7,908 men who were out have returned to work.

TIME TO LAY DOWN

SOME OF HIS OFFICES

Senator Cox Explains Retirement From Bank of Commerce Chair

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Senator Cox states that his retirement from the presidency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is due in the first place to his promise to his family to lessen the strain which is the inevitable result of taking so active a part as he has for many years in a number of business concerns. His second reason is that having occupied for a good many years the position of honor at the head of so great an institution as the Bank of Commerce, it is only fair that he should resign in order that somebody else, especially in view of the fact that the bank has arrived at such a splendid position in the country, and its solidity and future expansion are abundantly assured. In the third place, the course he is taking will enable him to devote himself to the Canada Life company and the Central Canada Loan, which concerns have always occupied a foremost place in his mind.

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