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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

### LARGE NUMBER OF ORIENTALS

#### Member for Vancouver Speaks in Commons on Increased Immigration of Japanese to This Province

### NEFARIOUS METHODS OF LATE GOVERNMENT

#### Control of Local Fisheries Secured by Men of Japan—Treatment of Navy as a Business Proposition

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—Yesterday's most interesting event in the Commons was Mr. H. H. Stevens' speech, after a reference to highways, terminals and elevators and the proposed tariff commission, he discussed Oriental immigration. Adverting to the Vancouver Chinese immigration he told how the head tax had been evaded. He himself had two Chinese come into his office and offer him \$500 for the post of interpreter, which they assured him was very lucrative. The present government had bequeathed to it a problem worse than the negro problem in the United States.

Many Japanese. Ten years ago there were not 10,000 Japanese in British Columbia, now there were 25,000. Ten years ago the fisheries of British Columbia were in the hands of whites; today they are altogether in the hands of Japanese fishermen, who number 10,000. Japanese fishermen were mostly naval reservists, and they were making charts and taking photographs of the B. C. coast.

An incident was the notorious system on which fishing licenses have been given out to heeled Japanese. In the case of the Japanese, these licenses have paid \$1,000 to \$1,500 for licenses for which party heeled paid \$500 to the government. Mr. Stevens suggested that inhabitants of Labrador be transferred to the British Columbia coast so as to supply a fishing population. Was it the intention of the late administration that Canada's navy should be manned by Japanese? For only by means of the fishing population could the merchant marine and navy be supplied.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux asked if the number of Japanese had increased within the last two or three years. "Yes," replied Mr. Stevens, and he drove home that the Laurier government by refusing to pass legislation on lines of the Natal Act, as expressly suggested by the Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, and by assenting to the Anglo-Japanese trade treaty without reserving control over immigration, and disallowing the Provincial Exclusion Acts, had caused difficulty.

#### Navy Business Proposition.

Finally Mr. Stevens spoke about the navy. This was a matter of vital importance to the Pacific coast. The Laurier naval policy was unanimously condemned. The question, in his opinion, should be approached, not with a view to throwing a sop to one element or another, but as a business proposition. Canada has a large navy, and this must be protected. It was not a question of self-aggrandizement, or propagating Imperial ideas; it was a commercial question. There should be organized, he declared, an Overseas Dominion should have representation. That representation would remove the last vestige of objection to the control of the navy by a central Imperial authority. As for the expenditure of expenditure, he would take the total traffic of the Empire and would have some Dominion contribute pro rata. Some opposed a direct grant without representation. He believed in autonomy, and he also believed in a direct grant and representation.

#### Nationalist Views.

Earlier in the afternoon, Mr. Mondou Yamaska, declared that he had been at several Nationalist meetings, and asserted on his responsibility as a member, that the speeches delivered could be delivered in any part of the Dominion. As for the navy, French-Canadian would stand with a majority of the people of Canada, pronouncing for or against it.

Mr. Burnham of West Peterborough spoke on Ne Temere. The decree, he said, was typical of all attacks on the law of the country, whether they come from Protestants, Catholics, Jews or Gentiles. The question was whether they were married or were not. If they were, how dare anybody say they were not. If they did say this, the people were entitled to the protection of the law. People who endeavored to bring about a defiance of the laws were punishable in other cases, and why not in this? The late government's attitude in this respect had given the people the idea that they were unworthy, and when a doubt has been raised, it was the duty of a strong government not to evade, but to meet the question.

### VERDICT REVERSED

Supreme Court of Washington State Makes Ruling in Regard to Anti-Mormon Statements

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 25.—The supreme court today reversed the verdict of a king county court which convicted Axel Nist of murder in the second degree for the slaying of policeman Judson P. Davis in Seattle on the night of Feb. 23, 1911, and granted Nist a new trial.

Nist and John Ford set out on that night to hold up and rob men on the street, according to the anti-mormon statement of Ford. Nist was married. Policeman Davis halted the men, and Ford and Davis engaged in a pistol duel which resulted in the death of both.

Nist fled and was captured. The supreme court ruled that a dying man's statement cannot be used except as against one of his opponents in a fight. Thus Davis, if not killed instantly, might have made a valid statement against Nist, but Nist's own partner's statement is barred.

### Japanese Bankrupt

TACOMA, Nov. 25.—The first Japanese bankrupt in the history of the federal court in Tacoma, Kozaburo Inouye, has brought more trouble to Tacoma. Inouye is a truck gardener. He became heavily indebted to Japanese laborers and fled a voluntary petition of bankruptcy on November 4th. He is now alleged to have made away with \$2,000, sending it to relatives in Japan to avoid creditors. Inouye denies this, and asks for a review of the case, which has been granted.

### DUNCAN STORES PREY OF FIRE

#### Cowichan Merchants' Block and Adjoining Buildings Completely Guttled with Loss Approximating 75,000

As stated in the Colonist of yesterday morning the city of Duncan on the E. & N. line came within an ace of destruction by fire in the early hours of the morning. But for the fact that rain was falling heavily and steadily during the outbreak and that there was scarcely a breath of wind it is possible that this thriving city would have suffered damage considerable in excess of what actually occurred. As it was the damage involved in the fire, estimated in the aggregate, amounted to between \$70,000 and \$80,000. Of this sum later inquiries elicited the fact that only about \$50,000 worth of the property was covered by insurance leaving a net loss to those concerned of about \$30,000 to be borne between them.

Occurring at such an unexpected hour in the morning when there was scarcely anyone on the streets the outbreak occasioned the greatest excitement. The Cowichan Merchants block was the centre of the blaze, but the rapidly with which the flames spread to adjoining buildings, the Odd Fellows hall and the livery stable of Messrs. Keast and Blackstock, inspired the fear that the entire town must go. This fear was dispelled, however, by the operations of the fire brigade, which, under the able guidance of Firemaster Rutledge, performed wonders in the way of checking seemingly inevitable extensions of the outbreak.

The scene presented by the people hurrying from their homes to the glare of the light of the fire was a most animated one and will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it. Talking in the situation at a glance the chief directed the efforts of his men to the heart of the blaze, and the elements of the fire, by adopting these tactics it became evident, in a comparatively short time that whatever damage was suffered by the buildings in the heart of the town was safe, although the three buildings mentioned, the Merchants block, the Odd Fellows hall and the livery stable, belonging to Messrs. Keast & Blackstock, were ruined.

#### Details of Conflagration

From passengers who returned from Duncan on the E. & N. trains yesterday and from reports forwarded by the Colonist correspondent it is learned that the fire did damage approximating \$75,000, wiping out the fine three-story brick building known as the Cowichan Merchants block, the Odd Fellows building and the livery stable of Keast & Blackstock. The blaze is believed by the chief of the fire department to have been due to a defective furnace in the Cowichan Merchants block. The loss is only partially covered by insurance. The estimated figures being \$50,000.

Mr. Andrew Peterson, manager of the Cowichan Merchants store, came down from Duncan on the noon train yesterday to purchase new stock of goods. It being the intention to immediately recommence business in a temporary structure until such time as the destroyed block can be rebuilt.

Another passenger stated that the fire was first discovered about 3 a. m. in the basement of the Merchants block, and though the department was early on the scene and worked with great energy, the blaze gained such headway that their progress could not be stayed until they had gutted the fine building completely. (Continued on Page 2.)

### ENJOY VISIT TO MODEL FARM

#### Institution at Coquitlam Established Through Efforts of Hon. Dr. Young Viewed by Conservative Delegates

### WORTHY ADJUNCT TO NEW HOSPITAL

#### Warm Praise of Policy Pursued in this Regard by Government Given in Addresses at Luncheon

VANCOUVER, Nov. 25.—The delegates from every part of British Columbia attending the fifth annual convention of the Provincial Conservative Association at New Westminster were this afternoon guests of the local government on the occasion of their visit to the model farm recently established through the efforts of Hon. Dr. Young, responsible head of the department of public health, in connection with the new hospital for the insane now building at Coquitlam, overlooking both the river of that name and the lordly Fraser from its commanding position on the hillside.

In the new Coquitlam retreat are assembled conditions, facilities and methods assuring the maximum opportunity for cures in all the cases received for scientific treatment. The hospital itself is now shaping in the builder's hand. The retreat farm will become a most important feature in the humanitarian policy of the institution. At the same time it will as it grows make the buildings largely self-maintained, and must prove besides an invaluable auxiliary of the department of agriculture by illustrating to the entire province the means as well as sanitary advantage in conducting the business of farming upon advanced modern scientific lines.

of High Quality

Already the horses and the cattle are recognized as among the very best in their classes of any on the continent. The buildings are modernly metal, with asphalted streets and squares and every (Continued on Page 2.)

### CITIZENS KEEP STREETS QUIET

#### Industrial Workers of the World Indulge in No Further Demonstrations in Aberdeen—Go to Montesano

### COMPARATIVELY FEW LEAVE VANCOUVER

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 25.—Quiet reigns in Aberdeen tonight, and no disturbance of any kind was attempted here by the I. W. W. who are seeking by demonstrations to force the repeal of the street ordinance here.

As last night, the streets were patrolled by citizens who volunteered for police duty, but the work was accomplished much more quietly and with quite as good effect as last night. The city has been thoroughly scourged, and as a result of the dragnet only a half dozen workers were arrested. The workers appear to have deserted the city. Not one of the men drummed out at midnight last night has put in an appearance today.

The scene tonight shifted to Montesano; the county seat, where the workers had been congregating all day. Not daring to put in an appearance in Aberdeen, they rented a hall there tonight, and a meeting was in session up to a late hour. No move against them was made by the county authorities, as they confined themselves to speeches in the hall. These speeches were all denunciatory and were made chiefly by those who were drummed out of Aberdeen last night.

#### Assistance from Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 25.—The statement that 250 men connected with the Industrial Workers of the World had left Vancouver for Aberdeen, Wash., to agitate against the ordinance passed in that city to prevent street speaking in the business section, is according to the statement of G. W. Russel, local organizer of the I. W. W., much exaggerated.

Mr. Russel said that the matter was brought before the local membership, and they decided that since street speaking was the only method by which the organizers could carry on its propaganda, they would take steps to assist their brethren in Aberdeen. Twenty-five men at that time volunteered and left at 3 p. m. on Friday evening. Mr. Russel says that 100 more are ready to go at any time. (Continued on Page 2.)

### VICTIMS OF ELECTRICITY

Statified Electrician is Killed and Two Are Injured While Repairing New Trolley Circuit

STRATFORD, Ont., Nov. 25.—Jonah Johnston, night electrician at the local power house, was instantly killed this morning by accidentally coming into contact with a brass rod while he was throwing off the switch of the street lighting circuit. W. Kunder and J. Swanson narrowly escaped a similar fate when the former attempted to show Coroner Rankin how the accident happened. Both were seriously burned, and Kunder may die.

### REBELS TAKE NANKING FORT

#### Secure Position on Tiger Hill, Which Commands Lower City—Imperial Forces Defending Fort Surrender

SHANGHAI, Nov. 25.—A brief message was received here today by wireless from Nanking, announcing the capture of the Tiger Hill fort by the republican army, and the surrender of the imperialist defenders, but no details were given. Tiger Hill is the most important fort outside Nanking. It is well fortified, and contains big guns which menaced the approach of the rebel fleet and commanded the lower section of the city. Lion Hill fort at the lower side of the town, is within the wall.

This important victory and the surrender of the imperialist soldiers indicates the separate position of General Chang, commander of the imperial troops. With the attacking forces occupying Purple Hill, to the southwest, the entire city now is at the mercy of the bombardiers. General Chang's force is inadequate to defend the walls of the city, which are 22 miles in circumference. The imperial commander possibly has escaped, in which case Nanking may surrender, and this, with the reported victory of the rebels at Hankow, would place an entirely new aspect on the situation. Communication with Nanking is possible only by wireless, which is deficient.

#### Rebel Success at Hankow

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### IDEA SUGGESTED BY CUSTOMS MAN

#### Smugglers of Opium on Trial at Seattle Allege That an Official Started Them on Their Business

### ILLICIT TRADE BY WAY OF MEXICO

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—In the trial of Sam Winnigrass and Ben Goldsmith, accused of smuggling opium in trunks from Vancouver, B. C., government counsel yesterday ignored the allegations of the men's attorneys, that they were victims of one Mueller, also known as Callison, who put the smuggling idea into their head, induced them to go to Vancouver, loaned them a false bottom trunk and procured opium for them. A smuggler now serving a term in the county jail testified that Callison put him in the business, and a fourth man, not to be tried, testified that Callison initiated him.

Winnigrass was acquitted and Goldsmith convicted. On the witness stand Lotius testified that Callison was a government employee. Counsel for Goldsmith, in his address to the jury declared that the opium seized by customs officials was not destroyed. He said that false bottom trunks containing opium passed from Vancouver to Seattle frequently, and that the arrests made occasionally were intended to give the appearance of great vigilance on the part of inspectors.

Regarding the allegation of a conspiracy, government officials declared that if proof could be furnished it would be proved to the bottom. "I will prosecute any customs man who is guilty of such an offence," declared Assistant District Attorney Hutson. "It is true that I have heard rumors of this charge before. However, we must have definite and tangible proof brought to us first." G. W. Channing, special agent of the treasury department, and Frank P. Loftus, chief customs inspector, were equally strong in their declarations. That the conspiracy, if such exists, has been conspired by the government officials before, was admitted by them. Callison is said to be in Portland, Oregon.

#### By Way of Mexico

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—Local federal officials have taken cognizance of information brought here by Count (Continued on Page 2.)

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### IMPERIAL GENERAL MAY HAVE FLED

#### Revolutionaries Also Said to Have Won Important Victory at Hankow—Yuan Shi Kai Distrusted

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### REV. DR. ROPER

Very Rev. Dean Donli Resolves With From Bishop, Resigning as Acting Prayers for Right Decisions

Very Rev. Dean Donli received the following telegram yesterday morning from Rev. Dr. Roper of New York, whom the Synod of Columbia has chosen for its next bishop.

New York, Nov. 24.

Very Rev. Dean Donli, Victoria, B. C.: Most grateful for confidence of diocese. Await letter anxiously. Ask prayers for right decisions.

JOHN CHARLES ROPER.

The Dean stated to the Colonist that he had written to Dr. Roper acquainting him with all the facts in connection with the election, and it is expected that he will wire his decision inside of the next few days. Special prayers will be offered at the Cathedral today for the guidance of the Bishop-designate in the matter.

#### Imprisoned of Pagan

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—In Robert W. Emmett, in jail here, the police think they have a modern Pagan. They declare that Emmett has been training boys to steal motor cars. It was the prisoner's plan, according to a confession the officers declared one of his alleged pupils to have made. Emmett was arrested on the scene of the theft. Frank Sabine, 15 years old, also in custody, said, according to the police, that several machines were turned over to Emmett after he and other boys had used them for "joy riding." Emmett's case was set for Nov. 29.

### CENSORSHIP FOR PICTURE FILMS

#### Other Provinces Following Ontario's Lead in Establishing Oversight—All Country May Co-operate

TORONTO, Nov. 25.—The example set by Ontario in establishing a board of censors to examine all moving picture films before they are exhibited in public has already had its good effect in Manitoba and Quebec, while British Columbia will likely come into line later on. The Chalmers and Armstrong Ontario board has received inquiries from the Montreal authorities as to the machinery and working of the Toronto board, with the intention of copying the system, if possible. Similarities have written asking for information. It is expected from these evidences of interest that the whole of Canada will be protected by municipal or provincial boards of censors, framed in much the same way as is the Toronto board. With such a Dominion wide organization in force it would be possible to send rejected films from Ontario to other provinces, as is some times done. This would effectually close up Canada to the importer of undesirable films.

#### Go to Nelson

WINNIPEG, Nov. 25.—Herbert B. Thomas, manager of Kenora's public utilities, resigned and accepts a similar position in Nelson, B. C.

#### American Federation

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 25.—Rochester, N. Y., was chosen as the next convention city by the American Federation of Labor this evening. The vote was: Rochester, 6,028; Seattle, 5,554; Richmond, Va., 2,210.

#### Railway Strike Averted

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Executives of the international unions of 50 shompen employed by the Rock Island railroad today accepted the road wage and laid scheme, thus averting a strike which would have affected 6,000 men.

#### La Foyette Boom

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—Four hundred California supporters of Robert M. La Foyette for the presidency of the United States in 1912, met here today and organized the La Foyette league of California. C. H. Rowell of Fresno, was chosen president and Charles E. Detrick, of San Francisco, secretary. Governor Hiram Johnson, who recently expressed a preference for La Foyette for president, is said to be attending the meeting today, but telegraphed an expression of goodwill.

#### "Far Party" Case

LINCOLN CENTER, Kas., Nov. 24.—Two of the defendants in the "Far Party" case, John Schmidt and Sherwood, were found guilty late today of assault and battery by a jury in Judge Grover's court, that had been out since 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning. A. N. Simms, the third defendant, was acquitted. Sentence on the two men was deferred to permit attorneys to argue a motion for a new trial.

#### Fisheries Suggestions

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 25.—The Halifax Board of Trade wants the Dominion government to establish a separate branch of the Marine and Fisheries Department devoted exclusively to the fisheries and in charge of a deputy minister of fisheries.

Mr. Tait in moving this resolution eulogized Hon. Thomas Taylor for his work in connection with an important factor in the country's development and prosperity. (Continued on Page 2.)

### EXPRESS VIEWS IN RESOLUTIONS

#### Convention of Conservatives at Closing Session Deals With Large Number of Questions of Public Interest

### HARBOR WORK IS STRONGLY URGED

#### Strong Declaration on Subject of Asiatic Immigration—Revelstoke Next Year's Place of Meeting

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 25.—Having unanimously endorsed the claims of Revelstoke as the convention centre for 1912, and reiterated appreciation of the hospitality extended by Mayor Lee and his good burghers of New Westminster, the delegates to the 25th annual convention of the Conservative party in British Columbia left the Royal City for their respective homes today.

Their final session occupied a very busy morning, during which undivided endorsement was given a series of resolutions crystallizing Conservative sentiment in British Columbia upon the vital issues of the day, the inspiration and support of which will undoubtedly strengthen the hands of both the federal and the local government in the development of progressive national and provincial policies. Naturally the first in the series of resolutions expressed the convention's congratulations to and confidence in Hon. Mr. Borden and his government, the second being like unto it as applied to Hon. Mr. McBride and his provincial administration.

#### Harbor Improvement

Others less pleasantly formal, if enthusiastically sincere, were introduced by Messrs. Herbert Cuthbert and R. F. Green in moving that:

"Whereas, the business of the province of British Columbia has outgrown the present harbor facilities, and whereas the opening of the Panama canal will increase the shipping industry of the Pacific coast, making harbor facilities that are now adequate for the business of the various ports totally inadequate after 1915, be it therefore Resolved, That the Dominion government is respectfully asked to carry out such work at all the points on this coast as shall ensure the Dominion of Canada being fully enabled to participate in the enormous benefits that accrue to every part of the continent to North America that has placed itself in a position to take advantage of the opening of said canal."

Both mover and seconder effectively elaborated the importance of such preparation as this resolution suggests in order that British Columbia may fully enjoy the opportunities created by the Panama canal construction, and the resolution passed with acclamation. So also did those which followed in order as below:

#### Immigration

On motion of G. H. Morden and A. T. Eassey:

"Whereas, the annual increase in the population of British Columbia from immigration is obtaining in very disproportionate proportions; and whereas there is every reason to conclude that this annual immigration will not only be maintained but also greatly increased, be it therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention the time has arrived when the provincial government should consider the advisability of constituting a department of immigration to be presided over by a responsible minister."

#### Lead Clearing

On motion of H. T. Thrift and Murray C. Potts:

"Whereas, the logged-off and wild lands of the province are not being made productive as rapidly as the requirements of the country demand, be it Resolved, That the government be urged to take such action for the purpose of rapidly and expeditiously eradicating such stumps and worthless timber from the land without so much expense as is now entailed in the process of clearing lands."

#### National Highway

On motion of Leonard Tait and W. H. Price:

"Whereas, roads and highways are great factors in the development and protection of our forests and mines, of improved transportation facilities desirable throughout the country, therefore be it Resolved, That this convention, thinking it highly desirable that a Canadian national highway should be built from the Atlantic to the Pacific, recommends to the provincial government that it should co-operate with the Dominion government, increasing the subsidies for the building of new colonization roads and connecting by the already existing highways, and expresses the opinion that the counties and municipalities of the Dominion should encourage more efficiency in the construction of roads within their limits."

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