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GLOWING ACCOUNT OF OUR NORTHLAND

Donaldson Speaks of Our Great North Heritage--Wants Its Resources and Capabilities Made Known--Committee Refused by Premier.

Saskatchewan has a great heritage in her northland and to call attention to its value and importance the following resolution was moved on Thursday by Messrs. Donaldson and Bradshaw:

"That a select committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report on the extent and resources of that portion of the province north of township 50."

Mr. Donaldson (Prince Albert County)—In moving for the appointment of such a committee I do so firmly believing that we have in our great northland a heritage, equal, if not greater, than that of any of the other provinces. Not only is it almost unknown to the rest of Canada but few in our own province have anything like a fair idea of the wonderful country that lies north of the 52nd parallel, of its great areas of farming lands, its timber and mineral wealth. It has been looked upon merely as a preserve for the fur-trader; but the time will come when many thousands of people will make happy homes there, and towns larger than are now to be found in the southern part of this province will spring up with the development of its many and varied resources.

I wish to call the attention of the House to a few facts about the north country which have been gathered from the reports of the Dominion government surveyors, and also statements made to me by traders, missionaries and others who have travelled that country and lived there, and who therefore speak from personal observation.

Let me deal first with that portion of the country lately explored by Mr. Crean and lying between the Churchill and Saskatchewan rivers. His report covers about one-third of the area between the 53rd and 57th parallels. This area comprises about 22,000,000 acres, and he has classified it as follows: 3,000,000 acres of water, 5,000,000 acres ready for settlement as soon as made accessible by roads, 12,000,000 acres of swamp that could be reclaimed at a moderate expenditure. That would leave only ten per cent. of the land as unfit for cultivation, a proportion that is not exceeded in most parts of Canada, except in the southern parts of the prairie provinces.

I am dealing at present only with the possibilities of the north as an agricultural country. Two hundred and fifty miles north of Prince Albert and Portage la Loche oats and barley have been grown. Wheat has never been grown there, but there is nothing to prevent its being done. Owing to the low altitude and long periods of sunlight in the north country the production of grain is bound

to be just as successful as it is 300 miles south. The altitude of Prince Albert is 500 feet lower than that of Regina and Stanley on the Churchill is nearly 300 feet lower than that of Prince Albert. The following figures will illustrate this statement:

Ottawa	May 1, 14 hrs. 4 min.
Prince Albert	May 1, 14 hrs. 46 min.
Port la Loche	May 1, 15 hrs. 12 min.
Ottawa	June 1, 15 hrs. 10 min.
Prince Albert	June 1, 16 hrs. 20 min.
Port la Loche	June 1, 17 hrs. 2 min.
Ottawa	July 1, 15 hrs. 22 min.
Prince Albert	July 1, 16 hrs. 36 min.
Port la Loche	July 1, 17 hrs. 8 min.
Ottawa	Aug. 1, 14 hrs. 32 min.
Prince Albert	Aug. 1, 15 hrs. 24 min.
Port la Loche	Aug. 1, 15 hrs. 66 min.

Of course we may hear the same old story that the country is too cold to live in; but the same statement has been made about almost every part of the northwest. However, Mr. Crean's report could hardly be more favorable respecting any part of this province. It must further be remembered that he is speaking of a district which is over 100 miles north of Prince Albert. The report reads: "The climate conditions seemed to be most favorable. The expression 'Frozen North' sometimes used, is a misnomer. Of course the winter is cold, but not any colder than the winter in some of the settled parts of Saskatchewan. In August, 1908 a frost occurred in almost all the settled parts of Saskatchewan, but did not apparently affect the northern part which I explored. Locally, this frost may have been felt, but it certainly was not felt all over. I was not in the district at the time, but the first frost registered by my thermometer was on Oct. 2, when the thermometer fell to 24 degrees F. I was at Portage la Loche on Sept. 17 and the potato tops were not frozen in the least. The garden was also quite untouched. Cabbages, carrots, parsnips, etc., all looked well. Not had I seen any frozen vegetables on the way up. At Lac La Plonge Mission the wheat was touched; but it was grown close to the river and caught any frost there could have been. The vegetables in the garden here were quite untouched and looked as fresh as when I first looked at them. They had been removed from the garden in case frost might come. The lakes began to freeze on Oct. 20, but remained open for perhaps two weeks, the weather turning quite cold again. There was not sufficient snow to travel with dogs until Nov. 20th, and even then there was very little. The snow was not deep until about Dec. 16. The rainfall in this district is ample, though not excessive, and its uniformity from year to year is a valuable feature. As far as I could

learn the heaviest rains occur in the early summer just when rain is most needed for agricultural purposes. The snow fall is not generally heavy, seldom exceeding 18 inches and as with the rainfall was uniform."

The soil varies as it does in the other parts of the province, but invariably is of good quality. It is a rich soil, and a grain growing country it provides an ideal home for ranchers. Hay is abundant in all parts and there is plenty of shelter. Hundreds of cattle have come from this part of the country this year to provide supplies for railroad construction gangs.

In the far north much timber is to be found though much of it has been destroyed by fire. However there is still an abundance for the settlers. In the southern part of this area, say 200 miles north of Prince Albert, is to be found some of the finest timber limits in Canada. Sit, let me call your attention to some facts relating to the timber industry in this part. The new Cowan mill, 93 miles north of Prince Albert, will cost \$1,000,000. Now, as regards shipments, the Prince Albert Lumber Company shipped this year 55,000,000 feet, the Sturgess Lake Lumber Company, 6,000,000 feet. Thus with the great Cowan mill still incomplete over 60,000,000 feet have been shipped out this year.

Before dealing with the mineral resources I want to call your attention to the fact that up to the present I have only dealt with the area covered by the Alberta boundary, which is a country of even greater possibilities. It has probably a greater extent of good farming land, and if anything, a climate superior to that which I have described.

Mr. Speaker, I have endeavored in a very imperfect way to set before you the facts relating to the north country. However imperfect it may have been, I think sufficient has been said to demonstrate that in that country we have a great asset, a resource which we must not allow to pass by. We must not allow it to go to the hands of some other province, for it is ours. We must take it into our hands and make it our own. We must make it our own by our own efforts and our own resources. We must make it our own by our own efforts and our own resources. We must make it our own by our own efforts and our own resources.

committee of the House to keep track of the resources of the country. He contemplated no expenditure of public money. They need railways for getting about the country. When the country was opened up it would produce millions and millions of bushels more than is at the present produced in the balance of the province.

Mr. Scott said the subject was doubtless of great interest to the people of the province and of Canada as a whole. In point of importance of looking after the interest of the province he agreed with Mr. Donaldson. With regard to more information, he said already a very considerable amount of information had been obtained. It is a distinct different class of country to that of the south of the province, but this would prove to be an advantage, providing a variety of resources.

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UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

Governors Will Spend \$400,000 Next Year—Many New Buildings to Be Built.

The board of governors of the provincial university met in Saskatoon on Wednesday.

It was decided after very careful consideration that the collegiate Gothic style of architecture will be followed. This is the accepted type of architecture for college buildings now and is an adaptation of the general style of English college buildings.

It was decided to proceed with the erection of three buildings at once, a general university building, a dormitory and a central power house, at a total cost of \$350,000. These would be located on the campus which comprises the broken quarter section fronting the river and being the southwest quarter of 34-36-5, the buildings being placed slightly toward the eastern half of the campus.

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ALMOST AN EVEN BREAK

Milestone, Moosomin and Yellow Grass Go Dry—Wolsley, Hanley and Sinteluta Vote for License.

Monday was the first real test of the local option sentiment in the province and furnished many surprises. Wolsley was counted safe for the "drys" yet the act was defeated. In Moosomin it was felt that the law would be defeated, yet the result showed a majority against the "wet" cause. The results were very close except in the rural municipality of Indian Head. The by-law carried in Milestone by 12, Yellow Grass 1, Moosomin 5, Rural Municipality of Indian Head 74, and was defeated in Hanley by 7, Sinteluta 3, and Wolsley 9.

Next year with a better organization the local optionists should win many more victories. Success in the enforcement of the act in Milestone, Yellow Grass and Moosomin will largely determine the result in the contests a year from now. The question of hotel accommodation will be a burning question in these towns.

Municipal Elections.

A. Shaw was elected in Ward One, defeating Ehmann by three votes. The result was very close, being Shaw, 77; Ehmann, 74. Rank 65. In Ward Four Sinton won from Dallas by 151 to 69.

There were no contests for public school of collegiate institute boards. A. Mueller and John McCarthy were elected to the separate school board.

MAYORS ELECTED

Moose Jaw—E. C. Matthews.
Saskatoon—A. J. Holmes.
Saskatchewan—A. J. Holmes.
Balgonie—W. H. Kalbfleisch.
Broadview—Brown.
Davidson—John Wilson.
Langham—F. B. Moore.
Langham—L. J. E. Campbell.
Lumsden—S. Mathison.
Maple Creek—A. A. Menzley.
Milestone—J. R. McKenzie.
Qu'Appelle—J. P. Beauchamp.
Sinteluta—T. E. Partridge.

Boundaries Changed.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 8.—The commission appointed by the Methodist conference of the three prairie provinces met here today to discuss the question of changing the boundaries of the three conferences to follow the provincial boundaries. The commission consisted of the following: Manitoba—T. B. Stacey and W. D. Pettigrew; Saskatchewan: Rev. J. C. Switzer and G. W. Brown; Alberta: C. H. Huestis and J. F. Fowler.

The commission decided to recommend to the next general conference that the boundaries of the three conferences be the same as the provincial boundaries in which they are located. The question of a larger local autonomy in the administration of missionary affairs in the west was subsequently discussed, and a large number of resolutions passed which will be submitted to the executive of the missionary board in Toronto and to the conference concerned before being submitted to the general conference.

The Australian government has cabled the Imperial cabinet to proceed at once with the construction of a battleship cruiser for the Commonwealth.

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Chapter Twenty-nine

IT is permissible to turn relief, although of a kind genial to the cynic than of humanity, from the love in Volsen to the comets which began to develop Slava from the hour of the birth of young Alexis.

The first result of this event, following so closely on that of Captain Mititch's expedition to give all the diplomats some look to their beds, or for a change of air, but one such colds as would certainly be present at state Young Alexis had a cold, consequently unable to issue invitations or take his part in functions. Countess Ellenburg more affected—she had had even General Stenovic was kept quite out for a few days. Only Colonel Staffin's bed proof against the epidemic. He was constantly about, very busy at the bar busy at St. Alexis's town, cheerful on the terrace of the Paris, but then he, of course, in no way responsible for the epidemic. He was a soldier and had orders. Naturally his health affected. He was, in fact, temper except when he took Captain Hercules' blunder ways. "Not the man for mission," he said doctored. Markat. The captain for mind him how it was that it been sent on one. The wife the colonel expressed his hope clear that such a reminder be welcome.

The cotter which had no resolution was set at six by its success. The destruction of common enemy was also of their common interest. Volsen did not seem a perfect or near enough to bind the Countess Ellenburg wanted. Stenovic was for a himself in the chair. Staffin himself the obvious man mandant of Slava. Staffin had agreed—only it was keep an eye on Volsen! were to be commandant colonel took the field as Volensid, forced. The colonel his mouth at that. "Make headquarters and my! see sheepskins to their sense advised insidiously. Staffin headquarters at St. Alexis was not sure that count Praslak with a small force picked, would be quite a ing there.

In the back of both men was a bit of news which to hand. The big guns livered and were on their way, counting down the Kr. They were consigned to a "Who was that imp now to be?"

When thence fall out come by their own. The ing involves one postula shall be honest man to a place Slava this sea difficulty, and it is not a Kravonia's two great nel and west quite filled the powers were exulting. They were nightly at way Kravonia had been. Their ministers had won any of the other minist press had a great deal civilization and such its graphical position was a history of the world as that the standard of e morality demanded of people largely on its importance of its geogra The neighbor on the w of mountains, but want plains. The neighbor of fertile plains adjacent to mountain line as a prot a farseeing statesman cerned how important e was to the interests of great neighbors began matter, but they moved had to see that their morality was not oppo sense of morality of nations. The right of fraged is a matter for tations, often, no doubt, easy.

So in the meantime to its own devices for to amuse itself in its remorseful, extremely way, and to grow and net at grim, gray, sad the hills. With the st who mourned the the Stenovic nor Staff the moment inclined to though each would have the other undertake the military regard, more right. The obvious this held out to wait f When once these were old battlements of Volt scarcely longer than t cho. And the guns w of navigation on the f for an escort to Slava. Max von He significant a person to have a cold—mov much more than a slightly gratified that cotter had picked lo bitter in their mouths. Within the palace of Young Alexis was so most ready pleased. lenburg was at her pr