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POACHER IS ORDERED SOLD

Edrie Forfeited After Being Condemned as Prize of the Cruiser Rainbow for Poaching Off Cox Island.

The gasoline schooner Edrie, which was owned by the Chlopek Fish company of Seattle was captured by H. M. C. S. Rainbow when poaching within the three mile limit off Cox Island northwest of Vancouver island on February 21. It had been condemned as forfeit to His Majesty King and ordered to be sold by public auction by the supreme court as a result of an action brought by the attorney-general of Canada. The appeal of the Chlopek Fish company against the seizure was recently dismissed by the appeal court.

In the action brought by the attorney-general for the forfeiture of the Edrie for contravention of the Customs and Fisheries Protection Act, the statement of claim alleged that the Edrie, being a foreign vessel was on the 21st of February, 1911, found fishing within three marine miles of the coast of Canada, namely, within three marine miles of the shore of Cox Island, British Columbia, and that such ship was legally seized by an officer authorized by the Customs and Fisheries Protection Act, and claimed the forfeiture of the Edrie was lawfully on the high seas and was illegally seized by the Canadian cruiser Rainbow.

Section 10 of the Customs and Fisheries Protection Act, R. S. C. 1906, Ch. 47, enacts that: Every ship, vessel or boat is foreign, or not navigated according to the laws of the United Kingdom or of Canada, which (a) has been found fishing or preparing to fish or to have been fishing in British waters within three marine miles of any of the coasts, bays, creeks, or harbors of Canada, not included within the limits specified and described in the first article of the aforesaid convention, or in or upon the inland waters of Canada, without a license then in force granted under this Act; or (b) has entered such waters for any purpose not permitted by treaty or convention, or by any law of the United Kingdom or of Canada, for the time being in force, shall, together with the tackle, rigging, apparel, furniture, stores and cargo thereof, be forfeited.

Section 21: "The burden of proving the illegality of any seizure, made for alleged violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or that the officer or person seizing was not by this Act authorized to seize, shall be upon the owner or claimant." The judgment on the trial determined that the defendant did not discharge the burden of proof resting upon defendant and adjudged that the Edrie, be sold by public auction.

Held on appeal, that the trial judge was right. Ritchie, K. C. and Reid, K. C., for appellant (defendant); Macdonell and Armour for respondents (plaintiffs).

Good Roads in Ontario TORONTO, Feb. 13.—A bill to aid in the improvement of public highways was introduced in the legislature by Hon. J. B. Macdonell for the purpose of raising one million dollars to be used for good roads. This amount is over and above all other moneys that have been set apart for improvement of roads.

Live Stock Convention OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The passing of a number of important resolutions and the election of officers was the principal business transacted at tonight's final session of the National Live Stock convention. A. D. Patterson of Lader was elected director for British Columbia.

Charged with Fraud Two Men Arrested in Connection with Orchard Companies' Affairs—Others in Canada PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb. 14.—A. J. Biehl, trust officer of the Oregon and Washington Trust company, and Harry H. Humphrey, a motor car salesman, who for several months was a director in the same company, were arrested by the federal authorities here on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. Both men furnished bail for \$10,000 each for appearance tomorrow.

Since tomorrow before the U. S. commissioner. Warrants were also issued on a similar charge for the arrest of G. C. Hedges, and W. E. Delam. Hedges was formerly connected with the Columbia River Orchards company, and Delam with the Columbia River Fruit and Irrigation company, both of which organizations are in the hands of receivers in Seattle.

U. S. District Attorney John McCourt stated that he believes that Hedges and Delam are both in Canada. According to his information, McCourt says Hedges left this country in September, 1911, and Delam three weeks ago. While the deputy United States marshal is waiting for Biehl to return to his office, a deputy constable took possession of the place on an attachment issued at the instance of the owners of the chamber of commerce building who have instituted suit for office rent.

According to the deputy constable, he found a couple of empty roll top desks and a big bundle of unissued bonds of the Columbia River Orchard company. No documents of any description, he said, were found in the offices.

CONTRACTOR IS TO BE OUSTED

Justified in taking away the contract. Mr. Stedham, the solicitor, stated, had been paid \$4,800 more than he was entitled to, as the contract calls for no payment until the work is completed when seventy-five percent of the cost was to be paid and the balance kept as a hold-back for ninety days as a guarantee of the work.

City Engineer Smith explained that he had paid the \$4,800 on progress certificates. It is usual to pay seventy-five percent of the work on such certificates as the work proceeds. He had looked at the Stedham contract but not as closely as perhaps he should, and he had taken it for granted that the usual practice would obtain in this case as in others. But a considerable portion of the work done will be useful and the payment was made only upon the cross wall.

Poor Construction Alderman Stewart declared that three weeks ago he had objected by the method in which the work was being carried out and on his complaint the inspector appointed by the city was discharged. He doubted if the wall as it stands is worth very much. The cement placed therein had run down upon the floor of the reservoir and to an extent that instead of binding the rocks placed in the wall spaces were left through which rats could run. Further the cement coating had been left too long before being applied to the walls.

City Engineer Smith stated that not 80 percent of the work of roughing of the walls, necessary to permit of the coating adhering to the old walls, had been done. Mr. Stewart, the city engineer, advised that the inspector, apparently did not give enough attention to the work as it progressed.

City Auditor McDougall suggested the putting of the work of Mr. Stedham at a standstill and if the latter objected he could take any action he saw fit. He had \$4,800 which could be placed against any work he had done properly. Alderman Gleason complained of the poor quality of the cement used in coating the walls, declaring it did not come up to the specifications.

NORTON GRIFFITHS GREAT CONTRACT

Understood that the Cost of the Work will Run to Over Seven Million Dollars—Prospects for the West The Norton-Griffiths contracting company has been awarded the contract for building the government school at the port of St. John, an undertaking that will cost in the neighborhood of seven million dollars, and while the fact is not generally known, the magnitude of the contract which has been signed and ratified by the parties, it is also interesting on account of the fact that it represents the first government contract to be awarded the great contracting firm of Dominion, and when it is considered that Mr. John Jackson endeavored to obtain the same for his well-known and what the contract means to the Norton-Griffiths concern, which within the past few years has extended the field of its operations all over the world.

While there is no definite date to go upon it would not be at all surprising, in view of the government's decision to construct the school at the port of St. John, a project that has been long considered and long agitated for. If the same company secured the contract, at the present time, the Norton-Griffiths firm, largely represented in the city of Victoria, being engaged in several important blocks, among which might be mentioned the Benjamin hotel on the corner of Humboldt and Government streets, and the Union Bank on Government street.

It is only recently that the company has come to Canada at all, but their name is well known throughout Europe, the United States, South America and the Far East. Only a few months ago Mr. Norton Griffiths, the head of the great concern, was in the city of Victoria consulting with Premier McBride in regard to provincial developments, and it is yet possible that as a result of these conversations something tangible may have been accomplished. When Mr. Norton Griffiths left here he went to Mexico where his company has just been awarded a contract for the construction of a great line of railroad. After putting things in shape there he went back to London where he negotiated for another great railroad contract in Russia, and at the present time he is on his way back to England from that country after having signed up an important agreement for the construction of a new line.

COMPANY CANNOT GIVE GUARANTEE

Island Construction Company May Throw Up Contract for Erection of New High School Because of the inability of the Island Construction company the lowest bidder for the erection of the new high school to secure any bonding company willing to guarantee its faithful completion of the work, which has occurred in connection with the erection of the proposed institution. In a communication to the school board, read at last night's meeting of that body, Mr. D. C. Reid, president of the contracting company, stated that owing to the large figure at which the company had taken the contract stipulated with the school board, the bonding companies at first suggested as suitable guarantors have refused to guarantee the work.

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ISLAND ENDED

Late Session Yesterday Afternoon Concluded Labors of Church Body for the Quarter—Church Union The Presbytery of Victoria concluded its sessions yesterday, sitting until nearly seven o'clock in the evening. The question of church union came up, for discussion at the morning session when a report was handed in by the committee appointed two months ago to look into local conditions. As, however, the basis of union is now before the people for their vote the presbytery declined to express any opinion on the matter. The bill was sent down recently by the general assembly to every congregation throughout the Dominion, and every adherent of the church who is over eighteen years of age may vote on the matter. The local congregations received their ballot papers about ten days ago. The votes must be reported to the clerk of each presbytery by March 15 and to the general assembly by the 26th. The records of

LOCOMOTIVE SPARKS AND FOREST FIRES

Dominion Government to Cooperate with Provincial Authorities in Matter of Patrol Along Railways The provincial minister of lands, Hon. W. R. Ross, has just been advised of successful results by Mr. Clive Pringle, K. C., who has been representing the British Columbia case before the board of railway commissioners at Ottawa in connection with the contention of the provincial minister that railways under federal jurisdiction operating in this province should be required—as all railways under provincial control will be—to maintain efficient patrols after all trains in forested districts during the dry seasons, for the purpose of reducing to a minimum the principal cause of bush fires; sparks from locomotives. The Dominion authorities have shown an immediate readiness thus to cooperate with the province for the preservation of the forests, and Mr. Pringle was able to wire Hon. Mr. Ross several days ago, stating the situation in abstract terms: "Fire patrol application heard today. Board decides to draft general order along the lines suggested by your government, draft order to be submitted to all interested parties and complaints therein to be heard before final order goes. Chief commissioner being asked if it's manifest to issue order by May, replied 'yes'."

Amplifying this telegram in a letter which Hon. Mr. Ross has just received, Mr. Pringle states that at the sitting of the board of railway commissioners, the railway companies took the old ground, that they are already doing all within their power to protect the forests against fire loss, and that therefore any regulation such as suggested is unnecessary. Looking for independent and expert opinion on the issue involved, the board called upon Dr. Fernow, professor of forestry at Toronto university, who had been appointed by the board to act as a consultant on this issue. In his report upon conditions in this province, and generally his statement was a strong accentuation of the position taken by British Columbia. Mr. White, the secretary of the Conservative commission of Canada, also strongly endorsed the attitude of the province.

After hearing all parties concerned, the chief commissioner announced that the board would draft the desired regulation in the form of a general order. The issue of the B. C. Gazette today will officially announce the appointment as deputy commissioner of fisheries for this province of Mr. D. N. McIntyre, who for some six months past has been administering the affairs of that office with marked efficiency, bringing to bear upon his duties executive and administrative qualities of a high order. Following in the footsteps of so well recognized a piscatorial authority as Mr. John Pease Babcock, Mr. McIntyre's task was by no means an easy one. He has, through his knowledge of fishery problems—marine biology having been a specialty with him from his university days—by this knowledge quickly ascertained itself in results, both in the satisfactory rounding off of the details and "practical" part of the work committed to him, and in the almost doubled receipts from licenses and otherwise which he brought to the treasury by close checking of the operations of the various factors in the industry in his charge. Personally there is no rise in the charge of the civil service whose rise will be noted with keener satisfaction by the complete total of his many friends.

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THE CITY MARKETS

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods including wheat, flour, sugar, and other commodities. Includes sub-sections for 'RETAIL' and 'WHOLESALE' prices.

Advertisement for Dress Skirts For Spring Wear by Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd. 1008-1010 Government St. Features 'Dress Skirts at \$5.00' and 'Dress Skirts at \$4.75' with an illustration of a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne. 'The ORIGINAL and ONLY GENUINE' for COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, etc. Includes text about its effectiveness and availability.

Extensive improvements and enlargement of the field of operations are contemplated by the Delta Telephone company. Judge Thompson, Kookoyak's new county judge, has begun his judicial career in a manner indicative that criminals need expect scant consideration at his hands. Births, Marriages, Deaths section.

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