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OPPOSED TO EXCLUSION OF CHINESE CHEAP LABOR

R. Marpole Says That British Columbia, While Experiencing a Great Wave of Prosperity in all Branches of Industry is Handicapped by a Shortage in the Labor Market—He Thinks the Prohibitive Tax a Mistake.

Robert Marpole of Vancouver, general superintendent of the Pacific coast division of the C. P. R., is in St. John, having come to attend the Holmes and Robertson wedding. When interviewed last evening at the Royal, Mr. Marpole gave a most glowing account of the prosperity of British Columbia. According to this gentleman the Pacific province is on the high road of commercial advancement and even political and labor troubles will not greatly retard its progress. Fishing, mining, lumbering and agriculture are in a flourishing condition and are now at the beginning of a period of further expansion.

The mining industry is making good progress. This is especially true of the Roseland and Boundary districts. Lumbermen are making money and new mills are being built all over the country, more particularly on the coast. British Columbia possesses the greatest soft forests in the world and the value of these timber lands is practically incalculable.

The fisheries will no doubt be benefited by the investigation of the present commission appointed by the Dominion government, as this commission seems to have been selected from men who know the subject thoroughly. Developments along the lines mentioned will benefit Eastern Canada as well as the West, as British Columbia is a good customer for manufactured goods.

The labor problem is the most serious one confronting the province at the present. Mr. Marpole thinks that a tremendous mistake was made when a prohibition head tax was placed on the Chinese, and his twenty-one years' residence on the coast has given him an opportunity of closely studying the matter. White laborers practically refuse to touch certain kinds of work and the Indians make most unsatisfactory laborers along these lines on account of their nomadic habits.

The fruit growing industry of British Columbia has great future before it, but cheap labor is needed in the picking season. Chinamen are ideal laborers for work of this kind and compose practically the only class of labor available. But a head tax

shuts them out. Unless the legislators of the far West think of some plan to relieve the strain caused by scarce labor British Columbia will suffer a severe check. Mr. Marpole thinks that an effective check could be placed on imported coolies that would prevent them from competing with skilled white labor.

Vancouver and Victoria are both booming and the population of the former is expected to soon reach the hundred thousand mark. Victoria has all the resources of Vancouver Island to aid it in its progress, and this advantage, together with the city's fine climate, ensure a great future for it.

Concerning politics Mr. Marpole would say little. Uncertainty hangs over the coming elections. As Sir John A. Macdonald was reported to have said, "Nothing is sure in this world but death and taxes, nothing so glorious and positively uncertain as a general political election and a horse race."

In conclusion Mr. Marpole remarked that the weather in this section of the Dominion was in marked contrast to that of the Pacific coast, fine weather being usual in those parts during the winter months.

That Mr. Marpole's trip was not entirely for social relaxation is apparent from the following reference to his visit, which appeared in the Montreal Herald a couple of days ago:

"Mr. Marpole, general superintendent of the C. P. R. Pacific coast division; J. C. Denis, agent of the C. P. R. with jurisdiction over their irrigation work near Calgary, and F. B. Busted, assistant chief engineer, whose headquarters are at Winnipeg, have all come East in connection with the construction programme for Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, which is now engaging the attention of the Dominion government. Mr. Marpole has gone down to St. John for a few days in connection with his family affairs, but will be back before the end of the week to go into the business of the division under his jurisdiction."

Mr. Marpole will leave for Montreal this evening.

EVIDENCE ALL IN IN CROSBY CASE

Argument of Counsel Will be Heard This Morning.

Evidence in the case of Crosby v. The King in the exchequer court yesterday occupied all day. Argument in the case will be heard this morning. I. W. Tossig and L. G. Crosby were the principal witnesses for the plaintiffs, and Mr. P. V. Paddock for the defendants. Mr. Paddock was called in regard to the percentages of sulphur which the molasses contained, being as high as from one-half to one per cent. All molasses, however, he admitted on cross-examination, contained some sulphur, although some times as small as 1-55 per cent. L. G. Crosby and I. W. Tossig, recalled, said that all molasses contained sulphur, and Mr. Crosby gave evidence to show that it was used in Porto Rico, from whence his molasses was imported. Their evidence went to show that the existence of the sulphur was no proof that the molasses had been mixed.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY

WILL RUSH OPERATIONS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the Dominion Coal Co. directors, held today, it was decided to put the mines on double shift immediately, owing to the great demand of the Steel Company. It was decided, owing to the Hub mine being out of business to sink further shafts as soon as possible.

Two vacancies in the directorate caused by recent resignations were filled. The new directors are G. H. Duggan, assistant general manager, and C. C. Fergie, superintendent of mines. Duggan was also elected second vice-president.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kunkin Headache Powders, 10 cents.

MANY CREDITORS WILL GET NOTHING.

Benjamin Stackhouse's Estate Panning Out Very Small.

A meeting of the creditors of Benjamin Stackhouse of the parish of St. Andrews, who assigned about three years ago, was held in the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon. The assignees were the principal witnesses for the plaintiffs, and Mr. P. V. Paddock for the defendants. Mr. Paddock was called in regard to the percentages of sulphur which the molasses contained, being as high as from one-half to one per cent. All molasses, however, he admitted on cross-examination, contained some sulphur, although some times as small as 1-55 per cent. L. G. Crosby and I. W. Tossig, recalled, said that all molasses contained sulphur, and Mr. Crosby gave evidence to show that it was used in Porto Rico, from whence his molasses was imported. Their evidence went to show that the existence of the sulphur was no proof that the molasses had been mixed.

BUILDING SOCIETY OFFICIAL

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—William J. McGee, secretary of the People's Mutual Building Society, was placed under arrest upon information laid by the president of the People's Mutual Building Society, Class B, on a charge of having misappropriated the funds of the societies to his own use. An official representative of the company states that McGee has made a confession of his guilt and an audit is now being made of his books with a view to ascertaining the extent of the defalcation, of which, in the meantime, no definite estimate can be made.

McGee's fidelity to his trust has been provided for by guarantee bonds on behalf of both societies.

FOUR IN ONE FAMILY DEAD.

Suffocated by Illuminating Gas in Their Rooms.

Surviving Son Was Absent and Returned Too Late to be of Any Aid to Other Members.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 15.—Four members of a family, Meyer Rubin, 50 years old, his wife, Rosie, 45 years old; a son, Philip, 17, and a daughter, Hettie, 15 years old, were suffocated by illuminating gas in their apartments on the ground floor of the large six story apartment house at 115 Hopkins street this morning. The only surviving member of the family is a son, Louis, whose escape was due to the fact that he attended the wedding of a friend. He returned too late to be of any aid to the other members of his family.

The elder Rubin conducted a small grocery store and the members of his family slept in the rear. The girl occupied a room directly in the rear of the store, and the one adjoining that was used by Rubin and his wife. The son Philip slept in a small room in the rear. There is a window in this room overlooking the small courtyard. The apartments were heated by a gas range, which was located in a room off that occupied by the father and mother. The gas attachment consisted of a long rubber hose, extending from the fixture in the centre of the ceiling.

Last night the family entertained some friends, and the rooms became so warm that one of the guests entered the little room, turning off the gas at the bottom of the stove, instead of checking the gas at the top. None of the family, after the departure of the guests noticed the mistake. The family retired as usual, each going to his own room. Some time during the night the flow of the gas through the rubber tube forced the end from the fastening at the bottom of the range and allowed the gas to flow into the rooms.

Each room became filled so gradually that the sleeping occupants were not aware of the gas. When they awoke, they found that the gas was in the room. This was evident from the fact that when found each was lying in bed without any evidence of a struggle. The gas was not noticed by any of the inmates of the house although many were up at an early hour. It was not until 10 o'clock when Louis, returning from the wedding festivities, was surprised to find that the little grocery store was not open for business. He entered the hall and immediately detected a strong smell of gas. He also encountered the milkman, who told him that he had knocked on the door, but had failed to receive any response. Fearing that something had happened Louis immediately hunted up Michael Bern, the owner of the house, and the two men went to the little courtyard. They smashed the window of Philip's room and there was an outpouring of gas.

The pair rushed into the hallway and lost no time in smashing in the door. Again they were stopped by the gas. The door was opened and the two men entered the room. The gas was so thick that it was difficult to breathe. The pair rushed into the hallway and lost no time in smashing in the door. Again they were stopped by the gas. The door was opened and the two men entered the room. The gas was so thick that it was difficult to breathe.

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PROMINENT LABOR LEADER DEAD.

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—Daniel J. O'Donoghue, prominent labor leader, and for years a Dominion fair wage earner, passed away this morning at the residence of his son, D'Arcy street.

His death was not unexpected, as he had been ill since April last. He once represented Ottawa in the legislature and was one of the first, if not the very first labor member to sit in the Canadian parliament.

ELECTED OFFICERS

FREDERICKTOWN JUNCTION, Jan. 17.—Sunbury Royal Chapter met here on the 14th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. O. Patterson, W. C. C. D. Duplessis, Chaplain; C. A. Duplessis, Companion at Arms; P. B. Duplessis, C. F. Conductor; Geo. Bagley, Companion at Arms; F. B. Duplessis, C. F. Conductor; John McLary, C. J. H.; and E. G. Duplessis, C. O. H. D. A. Duplessis, Past County Master, duly installed these officers.

Advertising is, indeed, one of the great developments of the century.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—House and property at Armstrong's Station, I. C. R., 10 miles from city. Pleasantly situated. Try stop right opposite. For particulars apply A. H. STANTON, A. & I. Isaac's, Princess Street. 14-1-1

FOR SALE—Self-contained house, ten rooms. Bath, hot and cold water. Barn attached. Big bargain. Apply MR. GLEDSON, Canada Permanent Mortgage Building, City. 17-1-1

FOR SALE—Framers 3c up; Hockey Skates 4c up; Acme Skates 5c up; Pocket Knives 5c up; Children's Snow Shovels, 15c; Men's 25c. Everything marked in plain figures at DUVAL'S, 11 Waterloo St. 6-12-1

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagons, 2 coaches, and 2 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first class coach very cheap; also three motor cars, best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGE-COMBE, 115 and 119 City Road. 12-1-1

GASOLINE ENGINES. Stationary, Portable and Marine—any Horse Power, 2 and 4 Cycle, Stationary Engines for Dough Mixers, Concrete Mixers, Grain Grinding, Thrashing and other uses. See our pleasure and Fishing Boats at the St. John Exhibition. TORONTO GAS AND GASOLINE ENGINE CO. LTD., 57 Water street, St. John, N. B. 15-1-6

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

FRANK E. JONES, Electrical Engineer and Contractor. All branches of electrical work undertaken, including lighting plants, telephones, electric bells and annunciators. Office 454 Prince William St. Phone 444. Residence 140 Broad St. 15-1-6

SITUATIONS VACANT—MALE

BOY WANTED to learn house painting. 17-1-6

WANTED—Night porter at Hotel Edward. 17-1-1

WANTED—Boy and girl for the grocery business. References and experience required. Apply C. A. W., care of Star Office. 15-1-6

WANTED—A ward maid. Apply at the Public Hospital. 11-1-1

WANTED—Competent bookkeeper. Apply in applicant's own handwriting. Reading age, experience and references. \$15.00 to \$20.00 per week. Address R. H. S., Star Office. 9-1-1

WANTED—BRIGHT, INTELLIGENT BOYS, 14 to 16 years of age, to learn dry goods business. Every opportunity given the right kind of boy who will be promptly promoted. MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON, ALLISON, LTD. 15-1-1

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MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED to buy any household article or articles in exchange for other goods. McGRATH'S Big Toy and Furniture Store, Brussels street, near Wilson's Foundry. 12-12-1mo

HAMS AND BACON, POULTRY, Mince Meat, Cake Lard. JOHN HOPKINS, Phone 133. 2-12-1

JAMES G. MCGIVERN, Agent, No. 5 Mill street, sells coal, good coal, hard and soft, and delivers promptly. Tel. 42. 5 July-1 yr.

ST. JOHN FUEL CO. can give you cheaper dry wood than any other fuel company in St. John. We also keep in stock the celebrated Springfield Coal, especially adapted for cooking stoves, and also both Scotch and American Hard Coals. Prompt delivery with our own teams. Telephone 1304. 5 July-1 yr.

WILLIAM H. PATERSON, Graduate Doctor of Optics, 15 Brussels street. Glasses perfectly right, two years ago may be far from right now. We will examine your eyes FREE and only recommend a change if absolutely beneficial. 3-1-1 yr.

A. FITZGERALD, 25 Dock street. Boots, Shoes and Rubbers repaired. Also a full line of Men's Boots and Shoes at reasonable prices. Rubber heels attached, 35c.

F. C. Wesley Co., Artists, Engravers and Electrotypers, 52 Water street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 252.

E. LAW, Watchmaker, 3 Coburg St.

J. D. McAVITT, dealer in hard and soft coal. Delivered promptly in the city. 29 Brussels street.

NOW IS THE TIME to attend to your storm sashes for winter. I repair and paint them at reasonable rates. Blacksmith for Heavy Work. Residence, 10 Haymarket Square. Tel. 161.

Wanted at Once

5 Machinists.

3 First Class Boiler Makers.

3 First Class Machinery Moulders.

1 First Class Axle Maker.

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Apply at McRAE'S Employment Bureau, 74 King St., St. John, N. B. 3-12-1

SITUATIONS VACANT—FEMALE

WANTED—General servant; references required. MRS. H. R. STURDEE, 185 Duke street. 15-1-1

WANTED—Two girls wanted to work in hotel. A chamber maid and kitchen girl. 15-1-1

WANTED—Dining room girl. Apply CLIFTON HOUSE, Germal street. 15-1-1

WANTED—A kitchen girl to assist in other light housework. Apply to BOSTON HOUSE, 14 Chipman street. 15-1-6

WANTED—Girl for general housework. One who can sleep home. Apply MRS. DOHERTY, 10 Orange street. 15-1-6

WANTED—Experienced dining girl at once. Apply CARVILL HALL, Waterloo street. 14-1-1

WANTED—Kitchen girl, also chamber maid and bell boy. Apply at ROYAL HOTEL. 12-1-6

WANTED—Girl for general housework, also young girl for light housework. Apply with references to MRS. E. M. GRANT, 123 King street, even. 12-1-6

WANTED—Capable girl in family of three. Apply MRS. D. J. SEELY, 1 Carleton street. 15-1-6

WANTED—A cook and upstairs girl. Apply UNION HOTEL, 184 Union street. 11-1-6

WANTED—Nurse girl. Apply 64 Garden street. 10-1-1

GIRL WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. D. MACEE, 144 Elliott Row. 10-1-1

WANTED—Young girl for general housework. No washing or ironing. Apply MISS J. WILLARD SMITH, 176 King street, East. 6-1-1

WANTED—Immediately, good general girl, must understand cooking. Family of three. Housemaid kept. Apply MRS. EASSON, 77 Orange St. 15-1-6

WANTED—A cook and housemaid. Apply to MRS. A. L. TRUEMAN, 112 Hazen street. 3-12-1

GENERAL GRILLS, COOKS AND HOUSEMAIDS can always get best places and pay as high as \$12 per month. MISS HANSON, 133 Charlotte street. 7-1-1

WANTED—Girls to work on machines or by hand. Good wages paid. Steady work guaranteed. Apply J. SHANE & CO., 71 German street, 26-10-1

Mark Down Sale!

The great mark down sale of Ladies' and Misses' Wear will start tomorrow, Jan. 10th. This is a chance that every woman should take advantage of. Here are some of our bargains:

LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS... \$1.75 up.

MISSIES' DRESS SKIRTS... \$1.25 up.

LADIES' GOLF COATS... \$5.00 up.

LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS... \$5.00 up.

LADIES' HOSE... \$1.00 up.

J. ASHKINS, 655 Main St.

Court Yukon, C. O. F., held their annual installation meeting last evening in the Grand Hall, 110 Somerset street.

The installation ceremony was conducted by R. W. Wigmore, D. D. H. C. R., and Acting High Marshal S. H. Holder. The following were the officers installed: D. R. Kennedy, Jr., C. R. B. B. Stackhouse, V. C. R.; J. M. Kennedy, R. S. P. N. Perkins, P. S. R. P. Ham, treasurer; Chas. Perry, Chaplain; H. King, S. W.; J. H. McKinnon, J. W.; J. H. Speight, E. B. B. A. Stackhouse, J. B. G. G. Melvin, physician; D. R. Kennedy, sr., auditor. The newly installed officers were called upon and made appropriate speeches. Refreshments were served at the close of the business.

SALE OF FURNITURE BEFORE STOCK TAKING.

Dresser and Stand, with Bevelled British Plate Mirror... \$7 85
Lounges, with Golden Oak Finished Frames, 4 15
Tables, in all the different woods, from 43
Sideboards, Golden Oak finish, from 8 50
English Oilcloth at 24c and 28c per yard.
Carpets, all reduced 3-1-3 per cent.

George E. Smith, 18 King St.
Furniture, Carpets and Oilcloths.

Furs, Furs, -Bargains in Furs

Money back has been our motto, if better values can be procured, quality considered. No come back's yet.

BARDLEY, the Hatter. 179 Union St. Phone 409E
Your old hat blocked to look like new.

FISH (Halibut, Salmon, Mackerel, Smolt, Flounders, Herring, Haddock, Cod, Lobsters, Haddies, Kidlers, Bloaters and Clams.)
SMITH'S FISH MARKET.
TELEPHONE 1704. 25 SYDNEY ST.

SECTIONAL DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION.

Private Members Boon Home Ports for Constituents, Benefit—Conservative M. P. Says Portland Is Winter Port.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—There was a debate on transportation today from the standpoint of a number of gentlemen who have ports in their constituencies which they would like to have the government develop without delay.