

REPRESENTATION IN THE CABINET

B. C.'S CLAIMS STILL DENIED RECOGNITION

Interior Department Is Too Large For One Minister—West Cannot Be Much Longer Ignored.

The Vancouver World says: Private advices from Ottawa affirm that Hon. F. Oliver is becoming reconciled to the restraints of office, and promises to make a record for himself, only surpassed by one former incumbent of the interior department, Mr. Sifton. It takes time and opportunity to develop the capacity of any man, and while there have been no wanting prophets to forecast failure on the part of the new minister, the feeling is growing steadily over an excellent choice of opponents that the Premier when he invited the member for Edmonton to a seat in the cabinet, Mr. Oliver may be an unpolished diamond—but a diamond nevertheless. Experience in office, the heavy weight of responsibility, the wide variety of work to be done and the possibility of success to be achieved in formulating and directing the policy of the largest and most important department of the government are potent influences on a man of honesty of purpose, who also possesses the ability to do things.

The Great West has never had more than one minister with portfolio in the cabinet, excepting for the brief time Col. Prior was controller of inland revenue in the Boveil government. Senator Thompson, without portfolio, is of much service to British Columbia; but where all the affairs of government are relegated to one department or another, a minister without a portfolio is a minister without a voice. It is a fact which will ever be given any credit. If he personally accomplishes anything it can only be through one of the departments whose responsible head will be accorded the praise or the blame; as the case may be.

How long the West will have but one portfolio it would be difficult to say. It should have three—Manitoba one, the Territories one and British Columbia one. Senator Templeman will receive the next portfolio given to the West, but there is none as yet in sight. There is talk about the division of the interior department, which is too large for one minister, but nothing has been definitely settled upon. The West cannot be treated to-day as it was ten years ago in the distribution of cabinet positions. It is becoming too powerful as a political factor to be easily ignored by either party. In ten years it may be strong enough to dictate, as Ontario and Quebec dictate now, in the matter of the relative provincial representation in the cabinet. It may remember then that when it was in the minority the full measure of justice was not meted out to it.

WEST COAST CAVES.

Mining Operator Says Famous Caverns of Kentucky Are Comparatively Insignificant.

Mr. Anderson, the West Coast mining operator, who travels back and forth from the city a great deal, was seen on Thursday, and asked regarding the discovery of another cave containing skeletons of human beings. He confirmed the news, and added that there were several of such caves on the coast. All he says, who go to such travelling on the coast are aware of this fact. The one alluded to in these columns a few days ago was discovered in an interesting manner. While looking for one Mr. Anderson entered an old formation—something like an arch. He set off a blast, and the opening created left an entrance to an underground cavern of unknown depth. It was dark, and from the exterior a stone was dropped, which seemed to take minutes rather than seconds in its descent. A splash was heard at the bottom. The stone had struck, and though the stone had bounded into water. The cave was very large, and the stench from within was overbearing. Mr. Anderson was not particularly impressed with the peculiarity of his discovery, for, as stated, there are many such caves on the coast. He has been all through the famous caves of Kentucky, of which so much has been written, and from a personal knowledge knows them to be insignificant compared with what he has seen on the coast of Vancouver Island.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Little Daughter of O. A. Goodwin Succumbed to Injuries.

A very distressing accident occurred Thursday afternoon at the home of Chas. A. Goodwin, Speed avenue. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Dorothy Erling, scarcely six years of age, in consequence of her clothes taking fire was burned so severely that death resulted early this morning.

The child was left alone for a few moments while Mrs. Goodwin went on an errand to a neighboring house. The screams of the little girl immediately afterwards attracted the attention of her mother and others. Rushing to the house the child's clothes were found to be ablaze.

HOSPITAL BOARD.

An Animated Discussion Over the Presentation of an Account From Mr. Rattenbury.

An account for \$348 submitted by Architect F. M. Rattenbury for various plans and sketches prepared for the board during a period extending over several years was the subject of a lively discussion at a meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital held in that institution on Thursday. During the time referred to Mr. Rattenbury was acting as the board's consulting architect. The account, it was stated, had not been presented in the ordinary way, and no explanation was given of why this should have been done. Several members thought that the board was not legally bound to settle the account as the work done by Mr. Rattenbury had never been ordered. After a protracted discussion it was decided to refer the matter to a committee which will interview Mr. Rattenbury on his return to England.

The matron reported having during the month received donations from the following, which were ordered acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Arthur Robertson, magazines; D. R. Ker, plants; a friend, old linen; a friend, papers and magazines.

The monthly report of the resident officer was submitted as follows: Total number of patients treated, 153; total number admitted, 97; patients treated, 83; total days' stay, 1,834; daily averages, 61.04.

The president reported having received from Mrs. William Macdonell a cheque for \$100 for the funds of the children's ward. With the consent of the donor it was intended to take \$50 for the purchase of a bed and furniture and use the remaining \$50 for the purchase of an ambulance chair. On motion a letter expressive of the thanks of the board will be forwarded to Mrs. Macdonell.

The finance committee reported having approved accounts amounting to \$2,373.75 and salaries amounting to \$941.15. The total days' stay for April was 1,534, and the salaries paid and accounts payable give an average cost per diem per patient of \$1.75.

A discussion ensued on what should be done with incurable patients, but no decision being reached the board adjourned.

CRUISER ASKED.

Report Come From Shanghai That Ship Is Preparing to Make Her Escape.

Confirmation of the various telegraphic reports which have been received regarding the secret preparation of the Russian cruiser Askold to leave the Whangpoo coast for Shanghai per steamer Treadway, Friday. A mercantile mariner officer says it is within his own knowledge that several portions of the armament which were removed by the Chinese authorities have been replaced by others clandestinely, being put on board ready to be fitted into position at any moment. The crew, which is being trained by the month by contraband carriers, which have put into Shanghai to await orders, have been reshipped and are stored away till the time arrives for the expected departure of the vessel. The cruiser is fully bunkered, and is practically in a position to get under weigh at a few hours' notice. Other information has leaked out which show that it is the intention to take the cruiser out if the opportunity arises to meet the Baltic squadron or when the report should reach the Russian consul-general that the coast is clear outside Woosung.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

Arrangements Being Made For Display at New Westminster Fair.

The educational department is endeavoring to arrange for a good exhibit of school work at the Dominion fair to be held in New Westminster this fall.

The following correspondence relative to it speaks for itself.

New Westminster, May 9th, 1905.
Hon. F. J. Fulton, Minister of Education, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—I have been asked, from different portions of the interior of British Columbia, as well as from the coast cities, that a special effort should be made by the Dominion exhibition, to be held in this city, commencing in September 7th and ending on October 7th next, to have an educational exhibit that would be a credit not only to the province, but to the whole Dominion. I am sure you will remember the importance attached to the educational exhibit at St. Louis last year, and I feel that the value of a good school exhibit would be really immense, if manual training, brush work, drawings, compositions, and in fact all the work of the schools, could be shown. A creditable exhibit, though, cannot, in my opinion, be shown unless the various schools of the province can be induced to take part in this, and I have been requested by the board of control of the Dominion exhibition to write and respectfully ask, first of all, if the idea will appeal to you, and if, approving of same, you would permit the superintendent of education to take charge of such an exhibit, and by doing so we would be able to demonstrate to exhibitors the educational advantages enjoyed by residents in British Columbia.

REV. MR. WESTMAN GOES TO CRANBROOK

THE FINAL DRAFT OF STATIONS SUBMITTED

To the Methodist Conference—Ralph Smith Discussed Attorney Bill at Last Night's Session.

Vancouver, May 19.—The British Columbia Methodist conference has closed. The clause of the mission committee's report adopted yesterday morning, asking that the control of Indian work within the conference revert to this conference, was reconsidered last night, and a warm debate ensued. On amendment the matter was left over till next year. This carried by a majority of two. The two main points of the amended resolution were that the conference control all work within its boundaries, and that the chairman of Indian districts live at the station. The latter will be thoroughly considered at the next conference.

Ralph Smith, M. P., was introduced last night. He said he was proud of being a Methodist. He owed much of his position in public life to that fact. He then spoke on the Attorney bill, and said the conference resolution on the subject carried on Wednesday showed little knowledge of the bill. It did not threaten Protestantism. If he could be convinced it did he would vote against it on the third reading.

The conference showed much impatience with Mr. Smith's remarks on this matter, having passed the resolution almost unanimously. A bit of furry arose over newspaper reports of the proceedings. The World had spoken too freely on the Naas trouble debate. Some brethren remonstrated this, but asked the Province not to make capital of their remarks at the expense of the World. The Province saw a mild sensation, and wrote it out. Many conference members were indignant, but were reminded by others that the paper reports were not unfair, since the session was a public one. Rev. J. P. Hicks took this stand, and said the best way was to let the press say what it liked. The conference was not responsible for press comments. Members should not say in public session what they did not want reported. Messrs. Balderston, Peacock and others supported the final draft of stations show only one change in Victoria. Rev. S. J. Thompson will succeed Rev. J. B. Westman, who goes to Cranbrook. Stanch will get a new man, Rev. Mr. Laidley; Rev. Mr. Wright goes to Duncan, and Rev. R. Hughes, of Nanaimo, goes to Dawson Creek. Mr. W. H. Barrackough, the "Messiah" chorist, gave a special concert before the conference last night. Gideon Hicks was over for the occasion, and sang by request, "Thou Art Passing Hence," in memory of the late Rev. Mr. Bryant.

SHOT AT MANOEUVRES.

El Reno, Okla., May 18.—Lieutenant Grenville Chagman, stationed at Fort Reno, was shot in the back and instantly killed to-day while assisting in company manoeuvres.

Six companies of infantry were called out for field manoeuvres in the presence of Brigadier-General J. M. Lee. While engaged in a running fight across the prairie, Lieut. Chagman, who was acting as battalion adjutant, received a shot from a ball cartridge fired from one of the companies opposing him. He died where he fell. A rigid examination into the affair is being made.

TROUBLE WITH UMPIRES.

Demand Made That Treadway Shall Be Retired—Shock Also Objected to.

(From Friday's Daily.) There is trouble in the Northwest League with the two umpires, Treadway and Shock. In the case of Treadway it has taken a very acute form. President Lucas, was informed by wire last night that the Chinese authorities at the local club, that the gates would not be opened for a match to-day in Victoria if Treadway was to umpire. Up to the time of going to press no reply was obtained from President Lucas. The company will attempt to make a run to him by long distance telephone this forenoon.

President Russell took this action after conferring with the other officers of the club, and maintains that it was necessary in the interests of sport in Victoria that Treadway shall be dropped from the list of umpires.

The kick against this particular umpire is not that he is giving partial decisions or that he does not interpret the rules of the game properly. It arises from a different reason altogether, and a key to the trouble is afforded by the following list of figures, taken during yesterday's match: Howlett, twice; Marshall, twice; Smith, \$5; Harmon, \$5; Hutchison, \$5; and McCloskey, \$5.

Treadway is autocratic, but baseball men do not seriously object to that, as they would probably in their inmost hearts agree that a very strict hand is best for them. It is his attitude towards the umpire that is nagging spirit in his treatment of the players. He makes himself obnoxious, and is most tantalizing in his manner. He goes out of his way to find trouble and provokes resentment which is followed by the infliction of fines. Side remarks and actions on the part of players which a wise umpire would never notice are magnified far beyond their importance, and he breaks out in fits of threats towards them.

It is further urged that the umpire's language and manner is anything but judicial. He is, in fact, far too "sporty" in his language. His threats are that he will "throw" "off the field," and that he will "throw" him "over the fence." This language, it is contended, is not necessary and is especially objectionable to a Victoria grand stand.

What action President Lucas will take is of course not known yet, falling any reply being sent to the message of Mr. Russell. It is quite probable that Mr. Lucas may come to Victoria this afternoon and take the matter up fully.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE WELL ADVANCED

TRANSFER OF E. & N. SOON TAKES PLACE

Some of the Projects which the C. P. R. Has in View Respecting the Service.

The transfer of the E. & N. line to the C. P. R. will take place within a few weeks. Arrangements were expected to be made for the transfer on June 1st. The usual delays have occurred, however, in the negotiations. When communications have to be carried on at the distance which separates Victoria and Montreal, uncertainty exists as to when all these arrangements can be definitely made.

It is expected, however, that all will be settled shortly after June 1st, and the formal transfer will then take place.

Under the arrangements the line passes entirely into the control of the C. P. R. It will be a part of the C. P. R. system, James Dunsmuir exercising no authority in the conduct of the road, as was at one time proposed.

The C. P. R. has not made any definite medical phase of the subject, Dr. Norman Bridge, of Los Angeles, president. It was stated that twelve per cent. of the death benefits paid by one of the "Big Three" life insurance companies was due to tuberculosis; that over one-half of sick benefits were paid during the first five years of the life of the policy, and that of the one-half billion dollars paid in death benefits by all the large companies yearly, six million dollars is paid on account of this disease.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Winnipeg, May 19.—According to reports presented at the annual meeting of the city association, 14,000 children attended the Sunday schools of Winnipeg.

DID NOT SIGHT YACHTS.

New York, May 19.—A dispatch by wireless telegraph from the steamship Caronia reports that she was 60 miles east of the Nantucket lightship at 10 o'clock this morning. Up to that time she had not sighted any of the yachts contending for the cup offered by the German Emperor.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR NORTHERN STEAMERS

The Skagway Liners Will Call at Rivers Inlet, the Skeena River and Port Simpson.

During the coming summer all the Lynn Canal steamers of the C. P. R. operating between this port and Skagway, will call at Rivers Inlet, the Skeena river and Port Simpson. The summer sailing schedule for the Lynn Canal and Northern British Columbia service is in course of preparation by Capt. J. W. 'Arup, superintendent of the coastwise vessels belonging to the C. P. R.

The Princess May has been running to Skagway for several seasons, and is one of the most popular vessels running north. The Princess Beatrice should prove a favorite on the run, for she has secured the services of Professor Brock, of Kingston-Mining school, to make the survey, which he will do this summer. He will take with him some of the best qualified men of the geological staff, and will secure some assistance in British Columbia. Much value is placed upon a survey of this character by the mining men of Rossland.

SEA-GOING SANITARIUM.

New Westminster, May 19.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says an experiment of great interest is to be made by Dr. Frederick Sohn, of this city, who is in the Arctic region twice a year, and who has been in the Arctic region twice a year, and who has been in the Arctic region twice a year.

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