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OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR TEMPLEMAN.

Dear Sir—In your speech the other night, as reported in the Times of Saturday, you say:

"There are anonymous statements made by an anonymous statistician in the Dominion Government... I do not know who made that calculation, but it seems to me that it is a very serious matter."

I cannot help but assume that in speaking of "anonymous statements" made by an "anonymous statistician," you refer to myself, and despite my natural disinclination to thrust myself forward in the discussion of public matters, I feel in duty bound to place the statements beyond the pale of anonymity.

In discussing the subject of Better Terms, I think, and the public will be inclined to agree with me, that it was wholly unnecessary on your part to attempt to discredit the figures that have been presented in behalf of the case of the Province, by such slighting and gratuitous references as "anonymous." It is scarcely necessary for me to state that I occupied the position of statistician in the Provincial Government buildings for several years, or that in that capacity I prepared the statistical statements that were submitted by the several delegations that went to Ottawa. I think that it is quite within your own knowledge, I may say, too, that I had a good deal to do with the preparation of the case in all its details, and, therefore, can claim to be fairly familiar with its various phases.

You say you do not know whether the "calculation" which was made was true or not as you have not gone into it. These statements have been before the Government at Ottawa for some time. Their accuracy has not been questioned. If you have not gone into them and investigated their reliability, as a member of the Government of British Columbia and its interests, it was your duty to have done so.

What is wanted is an equitable adjustment of revenues between the people of the Province and the Dominion Government. It is better for the Province to have a fair share of the Dominion's revenue than to have a large and increasing deficit.

Expanding by "Dom. in B. C. Cont. by Dom." 1900-1 ... \$1,313,700, 1901-2 ... 2,281,774, 1902-3 ... 3,492,883, 1903-4 ... 5,851,880.

I have all the details, under every head of expenditure, and receipts, which I should be pleased to publish for the information of Doubting Thomases and refer them to the pages of the Auditor-General's report, where they may be found. By far the most important aspect of the case for Better Terms is the physical conditions of the Province which make the cost of administration in this Province many times greater than in other Provinces of the Dominion.

AN ASSURANCE FROM CHARLES M. HAYS. It is gratifying that some kind of an assurance has been received from the President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company...

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF HOW BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED. Our readers are familiar with the way the lumber industry of British Columbia is treated by the Government...

THE LIBERAL SCHEME OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Under the Liberal scheme of construction of the Grand Trunk Railway, the profits will go towards reducing the interest on the bonds...

DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL EXPENDITURE.

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(From Friday's Daily.) Smelter returned. The Bryes Copper Company's smelter at Ladysmith during September ran 24 days; smelted 4,081 tons of ore; produced 1,000 tons of refined copper and 1,000 tons of refined silver.

Accident at Chemlains.—Word came from Chemlains yesterday afternoon to the effect that a logger named McGowan had been very badly injured by a log rolling on him. The log was so heavy that it could not be moved expeditiously, and the rescuers were compelled to dig the man out. His life is in jeopardy.

Chinese Conspiracy Case.—At the police court yesterday the hearing of evidence in the alleged conspiracy of a number of Chinese to secure the conviction of Wong On and Wong Gow was continued. As in the earlier stages of the case the Chinese manifested a keen interest in the proceedings. Several witnesses were examined and the case has again adjourned till this morning.

Mrs. Turner Ill.—A private letter from Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general in London, received in the city yesterday, conveyed the sad intelligence that Mrs. Turner is suffering from a severe illness. Her condition is such that it is feared she will not recover. Her friends in British Columbia are anxiously awaiting news of her recovery.

A Serious Character.—A young Toronto commercial traveler was arrested in Vancouver yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Some months ago he visited Victoria and while here, it is alleged, induced Mr. J. H. Turner to advance him \$250 each. He then left for Toronto and has not since been heard of. The Toronto police are endeavoring to locate him in Vancouver and yesterday afternoon he was arrested on the charge of having obtained money under false pretenses.

May Visit Victoria.—If F. W. Parker, general agent at Seattle of the Chicago and North Pacific, and the Ontario and Quebec Railway, is successful in his negotiations with the American Association of Traffic Passengers, it is expected that he will persuade the association to meet in Victoria. The delegates, who are to travel in a special train, will number 100 in number, in that event will visit Victoria.

A Cook's Duty.—A summons was yesterday issued against the cook of H. S. Shearwater, charging him with having in his possession a small amount of opium. The cook is a native of the East and is well known in the city. He is charged with having obtained the opium from a person who is believed to be a member of the same race as himself. The case is being heard in the provincial police court today.

Sale at Navy Yard.—The annual sale by auction of surplus and condemned stores, steam launches, boats, etc., was held at the Navy Yard, Victoria, yesterday by Mr. W. T. Harcourt. The sale was a very successful one and was concluded at 5 o'clock. The total amount of the sale was \$10,000. The surplus stores were purchased by Vancouver and other buyers from the Sound and one from the Victoria Harbour. The surplus stores were purchased by Vancouver and other buyers from the Sound and one from the Victoria Harbour.

Yukon Freight.—Mail deliveries from the north coast of the Yukon river will be shortly delivered at Dawson by freight in transit down the Yukon river.

Hotel Foundations.—The B. C. General Contract Company is confronted with a huge task in occupying the site of the White Horse hotel. The foundations for the hotel are being laid and it is expected that the hotel will be completed in a few months. The hotel is to be a first-class establishment and will accommodate a large number of guests.

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