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THE LIBERAL LEADER ON BETTER TERMS

Premier Should Have Kept Question Out of Party Politics—McBride Placed Province in False Position.

"Why didn't the premier take Mr. George H. Cowan with him to the conference?" asked Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Liberal leader in the provincial House. In an interview with the Vancouver World, Mr. Macdonald was prepared to talk, and he did so forcibly:

"I think it is a matter much to be regretted that Mr. McBride should give to the question of 'better terms' a partisan cast," he said. "I am aware, of course, that it is claimed as an excuse for this that some Liberal newspapers have criticised his conduct at Ottawa; but, even so, the premier of the province should realize that the question is a large provincial one, and should be kept out of party politics."

"I have followed the discussion of Premier McBride's course at Ottawa with keen interest, and a desire to arrive at the facts, and to come to a fair conclusion with regard to his presentation of British Columbia's claim for a re-arrangement of the financial terms of union. It cannot be truthfully said either of the Liberal party in the province or of myself that we have failed to keep the question of better terms on the high plane of non-partisanship. It is admitted that the resolution which contains the legislative assembly's declaration, that the province is entitled to special recognition was proposed by me and was accepted by Mr. McBride in the House two years ago. This resolution embodies in a few words the sentiments of British Columbia on this subject and with this non-partisan and unanimous statement of British Columbia's claims Mr. McBride went to Ottawa to join in a conference with the premiers of the other provinces in an endeavor to come to a common agreement regarding better terms. Such a conference was the obvious, if indeed, not the necessary preliminary step, where it was proposed, as here, to alter the financial terms upon which each of the self-governing provinces entered the union."

"The propriety of such a conference will appeal to every reasonable man, and while it was known, for the past two years at least, that such a conference would be called, no objection, I believe, has ever been made against it, either by Mr. McBride or by his party press. Nor is such a conference without precedent. One was held in 1887, when a Conservative government was in power at Ottawa, and another in 1902."

"Mr. McBride distinctly recognized that the recent conference ought to take the whole question of better terms, including the special recognition claimed—and properly claimed—by British Columbia into consideration and formulate a general and comprehensive scheme of readjustment of the existing financial arrangements between the provinces and the Dominion. He recognized this when he asked the conference to affirm the claim of British Columbia to special increases over and above those which we could claim in common with the other provinces."

"This being the situation we had a right to expect that our representative at the conference would be fully prepared to support his demands with the facts and arguments upon which British Columbia relies. Had he been so prepared he would not have had to resort to the weak expedient of asking for arbitration. The government of British Columbia had the means of collecting and placing before the conference all matters and facts showing our exceptional conditions and the contributions of this province to the Dominion exchequer, and should have been prepared to submit an overwhelming case to the conference in favor of exceptional treatment."

"Mr. McBride says that he went alone. He did not take his attorney-general with him, nor did he invoke—as he might have done—the assistance of Mr. George H. Cowan; of your city, who was engaged prior to the session of 1905 in collecting and tabulating facts and figures upon this subject and who had made a very careful study of the question.

"Mr. McBride now claims that the conference had no right to deal with British Columbia's claims for special recognition—that this is a matter between the province and the Dominion alone. If this be so Mr. McBride failed in his duty by not taking the objection in the first place. He placed his province in a false position. He raised no objection to the tribunal until he had got an adverse decision from it. It was after his claim for arbitration had

the feet of the King," said Mr. Macdonald, smiling. "Considering that it is admitted that no obligation binding on the Dominion or other provinces has been broken, the sacrifice would be both undignified and futile."

"What is the present position of the question?" asked the World's representative.

"The most important phase of the question now is, where are we at?" replied Mr. Macdonald. "Our champion came away before the business was finished. I hope he will at once outline a policy which will enable British Columbia to recover her equilibrium. We have a good case. The government must see to it that it is not thrown away, either by reason of childish pique or to obtain an election cry."

THE WATER APPEAL TO BE HEARD HERE

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Application was made yesterday to the Full court, now in session in Vancouver, on behalf of both the city of Victoria and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, that the city's appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Duff be heard in this city. The application was allowed, and it was agreed the appeal should be heard here some time before the municipal elections.

No date was definitely fixed as it must be arranged to suit the convenience of the judges.

SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN ON FRIDAY

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His Majesty the King does not wish any public celebrations on the actual date of his birthday, next Friday, according to a recent proclamation issued by the federal government. This being the case neither of the patriotic societies in the city, the Sons of England and Sons of St. George, will take any steps towards recognizing the event. His Majesty wishes to perpetuate the memory of his mother, the late Queen Victoria, by requesting the official celebration of his birthday on that of the late Queen, May 24th.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS ASKING IF THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE CLOSED ON THAT DATE, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THAT DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THE TIMES TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALL PARTS OF THE PROVINCE WILL REMAIN OPEN ON FRIDAY NEXT IN DEFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF HIS MAJESTY.

COUNTRY POSTMASTERS.

Will Probably Be Granted Increased Remuneration—Delegates Interview Minister.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL

J. T. Harahan Elected President in Place of Stuyvesant Fish.

TWO MEN FOUND DEAD.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 7.—(Times.) J. Porter, formerly of the Mattawa 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and at one time a clergyman of the Church of England, and George White, stonemason, were found dead near Cobalt in a shack. They are supposed to have died from exposure.



ALBERT RUMSBY, NEW BANDMASTER OF FIFTH

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Unfortunately, there was rather a slim attendance at the practice of the Fifth Regiment band last night, and therefore Albert Rumsby, the new bandmaster, whose portrait appears above, could not obtain an adequate idea of the musical ability of a large number of the members. This morning, however, he said that those present gave him good hopes of forming a band of competent players that will be more than ever a credit to the city. At last night's meeting no date was fixed for the beginning of the promenade concerts, beyond deciding that they will commence as soon as possible.

In addition to being a man of distinct ability in the management of the instruments, Mr. Rumsby is a first-class violinist. He intends, when he gets the regiment band in running order, to form a class of pupils for the violin. Most of the music at present in possession of the band is of a very suitable character, but through some misunderstanding several selections, principally from the works of Wagner and other composers of music of intricate character, are entirely unsuited to the band of the Fifth Regiment. They require a band of from 50 to 60 pieces for their proper rendition.

The new bandmaster will immediately procure some new music, popular but good, as he deems severely classical compositions unsuitable for use for large gatherings like those that assemble in the drill hall every Saturday night during the winter. An interesting fact Mr. Rumsby stated this morning is that his children have been trained to play the violin, although, by his almost continuous absence from home for some time, practice has been somewhat neglected recently. Their early arrival will mean that the "Watsons" will have to look out for their laurels as the favorite musical family of the city.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE FERNIE STRIKE FAIL

(Special to the Times.) Fernie, Nov. 8.—All negotiations are off in connection with the settlement of the strike at the collieries here.

Messrs. Burke and Sharpe, the representatives of President Mitchell, have had their last conference with the coal company officials.

Great disappointment is felt at the outcome.

AUSTRIAN BANKER CONFESSES MURDER

(Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 7.—When the hearing of the divorce suit brought by the Countess de Castellaine (formerly Anna Gould) against her husband, Count Boni, was resumed to-day in the Palace of Justice before Justice Ditté, Maitre Cruppi, counsel for the Countess, briefly reviewed the points he had covered last week, referring to the reckless fashion in which the Count had spent millions of the Countess' money, while allowing her only a few hundred francs, monthly for pin money. Counsel declared that the proofs of the Count's infidelity and cruelty combined in the thirteen allegations of last week were sufficient to justify a divorce without summoning witnesses. As evidence of the Countess' generosity counsel cited the agreement of 1898 by which the Count's father and mother were guaranteed a life income of \$5,600 and \$1,000 respectively, and again laid special stress on the Countess' intention not to abandon the country of her adoption but to raise her boys as Frenchmen. Maitre Cruppi then plunged directly into the Count's manoeuvres since the divorce proceedings were instituted to reconquer his wife's affections.

PUGILIST IN CUSTODY.

Arrested in Connection With Stabbing Affray in New York Hotel on Election Night.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—Wm. Broad, commonly known as "Kid" Broad, the pugilist, was arrested last night after Thomas Burns had been stabbed and probably fatally wounded.

The stabbing occurred at a hotel at Broadway and 42nd street, where the police said Broad was employed to keep the election crowds from blowing horns in the hotel. It is alleged that Broad attempted to prevent a party, including Burns, from entering the place when Burns suddenly sank to the ground bleeding from a knife wound. The crowd rushed at Broad, but he was rescued by policemen and locked up on a charge of felonious assault.

REGINA CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Regina, Sask., Nov. 7.—During the month of October the receipts of the customs department at Regina totaled \$24,647.51. As against this the receipts for October, 1906, totaled only \$13,488.83.

WARNING NOTE BY BRITISH FINANCIER

R. M. Horne-Payne Advises Canadians to Countenance No Undertakings Not Approved by Reputable Men.

(Associated Press.) London, Nov. 7.—At a meeting yesterday of the British Columbia Electric Railway, R. M. Horne-Payne said the prospect of British Columbia would really commence from the time when it began to attract capital from the old world. For this reason people in British Columbia would do well to think twice before they sent forth to the world resolutions and by-laws threatening and antagonizing capital. The Canadian market had hitherto been kept clean and wholesome, but he received recently prospectuses of at least a dozen enterprises of the wildest nature, involving millions of pounds sterling. If these were taken up he had not the least doubt ninety per cent. of the capital would be lost. There were only two safeguards: to avoid United States names on Canadian enterprises, which were like the plague, and to make sure to get the names of leading commercial Canadians and important banks on the prospectus. Above all there should be no confusion between the social and political position and the financial and commercial position.

The Liverpool Daily Post Mercury commenting on Mr. Payne's speech says if Canadians could devise means by which reputable could be distinguished from disreputable undertakings they would confer an immense benefit upon British investors and facilitate the introduction of capital essential to the development of their country. In this connection the Canadian banks could probably do a good deal.

SEALING RETURNS FOR THE YEAR

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The total sealing catch for 17 schooners operated this year was 9,966 skins; for the same number of schooners sent out last year the total catch, including that taken by the Indians, for which the returns for the present season are not yet available, was 13,067. It will, there, be seen that the results of the two years' work contrast fairly well. All the fleet but one are now home, the Allie I. Algar, the last to leave the Behring Sea, having arrived last night. She remained in the sea until the 22nd, which was a week later than the Libbie, and made a splendid run home. Capt. Macaulay, skipper of the schooner, said this morning that on the 15th of last month he had only 222 skins, and to this he was able to add 93 pelts before settings canvas for home. The return voyage was very hasty. Cape Platery was reached in 13 days, and this despite the fact that twice the Algar had to heave to in heavy weather.

The Umbrina is still on the coast, and the Algar saw nothing of her. It is probable that she is still at Hesquot awaiting the return of search parties hunting for the three men who are missing from her crew.

There have been few accidents reported by the fleet this year, and that of the disappearance of three of the Umbrina's crew is the most serious.

In connection with the returns of the past year, which are published below, there is a most interesting point which might be mentioned. It is that included in the catches have been a number of branded skins. The Otter secured 25, and of these it is said the major number came from young seal, which would suggest, that since Professor Jordan introduced his famous electrical branding machine nine or ten years ago, some one has been attempting to imitate his notorious methods. The Otter obtained the largest number of these skins, and the next largest catch was six.

There were employed on the seven schooners operated during the year upwards of 200 white men and a slightly greater number of Indians. All received good wages this year, so that the expense of operating has been larger than last season. Good prices for the fur are therefore desired. The annual fall sale of the sealings in London has not yet been announced, but that it will be fixed soon is generally expected. In the returns appended no account is made of the sea otter skins, of which we think it safe to say that a large number were taken by the different schooners as follows:

Allie I. Algar, Capt. Macaulay, B. C. coast, 83; Behring Sea, 315; total, 408.

Carrie C. W., Capt. John J. Seare, Behring Sea, 283; total, 325.

Carlotta J. Cox, Capt. John Christie, B. C. coast, 333; outside area of award, 285; Behring Sea, 63; total, 703.

Casco, Capt. Wm. Munro, B. C. coast, 383; outside case, 258; Behring Sea, 187; total, 570.

City of San Diego, Capt. A. C. Folgar, Behring Sea, 17; area outside of award, 195; Behring Sea, 45; total, 412.

Diana, Capt. A. B. Whidden, Behring

CASTELLAIN DIVORCE CASE.

Hearing Resumed in Paris—Counsel For Countess Continues Address.

WOMAN TO DEATH

Made Statement to Coroner and Has Been Locked Up on a Charge of Homicide.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—Unable to eat or sleep under the pricking of his conscience, he declared, John Wachtance, 23 years old, an Austrian baker, last night confessed to Coroner Julius Warburger, according to a statement made by the coroner, that he was the murderer of Mrs. Maggie Gordon, 22 years old, who was choked to death at home on Second street on Sunday last.

Wachtance, according to the coroner, said the Gordon woman called him in to her home as he was passing. He said he had been robbed and otherwise had suffered at the hands of the woman, and had long nursed a desire to be revenged upon some of them. An irresistible impulse came to him to kill the woman, he declared, and that he choked her to death.

Wachtance read the story of the crime in the newspapers and of the arrest of Alexander Gordon, he said, and he could not bear to think that an innocent man might be sentenced to death for a crime another had committed.

After this confession, Coroner Warburger ordered Wachtance locked up on a charge of homicide.

STEAMER DAMAGED.

Had to Be Beached After Colliding With a Car Float.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—The steamer Maine, of the Province line, collided with a car float near Hell Gate while on her way down the East river from Providence this morning, and was so badly damaged that she was beached on Manhattan Island at 9th street. No lives were lost.

A large hole was torn in the Maine's side above the water line. Several freight cars on the float upset, and she broke loose from the tug. When Captain Hazard beached his vessel he ran her on a submerged rock, and she went bow high out of the water. Tugs were trying to drag her off.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Loss at Hamilton, Ohio, Placed at Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.) Hamilton, Ohio, Nov. 7.—A loss of more than \$500,000 was caused by a fire which started after midnight in the millinery department of C. D. Matheson & Company store. This was the finest business building in the city and it was almost completely burned out. The fire spread to the Millikin building and the Second National Bank building, in which was the dry goods store of Z. V. Howell, but was checked before these buildings were destroyed.

—Capt. Walbran, has received an order from the agent of marine and fisheries here to proceed to Vancouver and take over the command of the Kestrel for the present and continue the fishery service.