PEOPLE OF PROVINCE ARE WELL SATISFIED

Political Field Reviewed by Mr. Green—Poor Ammunition of Liberals—Islands District Strong for Mr. McPhillips—Some Nominations

"Premier McBride will be returned to power by a good majority. Of that I am perfectly confident," remarked R. F. Green, former Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works yesterday. Mr. Green has returned from a visit to Kaslo, his old constituency. As has been reported in telegraphic despatches he was cordially received by the residents of the district, and members of the Liberal-Conservative association expressed their confidence in him by offering him the nomination.

Although unable to accept the honor, the spirit of good-will which it demonstrated was appreciated. Mr. Green asserts that Neil Mackay, one of the most efficient deputy commissioners the lands and works department has ever had, who has been put up by the Liberal-Conservatives of that section, will be returned by a handsome majority. He believes that there is no doubt of Mr. Mackay's success, stating that his opponent, John Keen, is not by any means as strong as he is regarded by the supporters of the Liberal party.

Mr. Green is not only sure of the outcome of the election in Kaslo but he is equally certain that the government will receive the endorsation of the country as a whole. He says that in the course of his travels the same gratifying sentiment was noticeable. The people appeared to be contented and prosperous, to be satisfied with the existing conditions, and to be in favor of returning the administration which had done so much to bring about "good times." Despite the fact that the opposition press was making much of the tour of J. A. Macdonald, K. C., the leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia, and his first lieutenant, W. W. B. McInnes, the majority of the meetings which were held by the former in the interior were what might be forcibly called, in the parlance of the street, "frosts." That held recently at Nelson," he said, "was a distinct disappointment to the Liberals. The proceedings had been unmarked by any enthusiasm whatever and the gathering had broken up without a single cheer "for the party, or for the King." Much the same had occurred elsewhere. In fact Mr. Green was doubtful whether Mr. Macdonald would be able to carry his own constituency, Rossland. The indications were that he would be defeated. Under the circumstances there seemed to be little hope for the Liberals. Personally he did not think they would anything like hold the sixteen seats at present occupied by them in the provincial legislature.

Let Well Alone

Reasons for the failure of Mr. Macdonald and his adherents were given by Mr. Green upon being pressed to outline his impressions of the campaign as far as it had progressed. He reiterated the statement that the country was prosperous, that the people everywhere were happy, comfortable and contented, and that they were almost at one in the opinion that the administration, which had so successfully lifted the province from its deplorable financial state of three years ago, was entitled to the confidence of the electorate for another term. In addition the intelligent classes, and the majority of the residents of British Columbia could be included in that term, wanted to know in what way the Liberals would better conditions if they were returned. So far they had been unable to answer that question, so occupied were they in conducting a fight consisting largely of "unfair criticism, misrepresentation and innuendo." Neither Mr. Macdonald nor any of those at his back had yet outlined any constructive policy.

What good arguments had the Liberals introduced against Premier McBride? Mr. Green asked. As far as he could see they had said nothing which would be likely to influence the fair-minded voter. They had failed to show that the policy inaugurated had not been progressive in all lines, and that it had not brought about the best possible results and had not been in the interests of the province.

An endeavor had been made to attack the deal between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in reference to Kaien island. But their arguments could avail them nothing, because it was impossible to alter the fact that it was a good bargain, one that would redound to the benefit of British Columbia. They were reported to have made capital out of the sale of the 10,000 acres included in the townsite at the rate of $1 an acre when the Indians of a neighboring reserve had disposed of their holdings to the same company for $7 or $8 an acre. When that statement was made without any further explanation it became the most bare-faced misrepresentation.

A Good Bargain

While it was true that Kaien island and other lands were granted to the Grand Trunk Pacific company at the rate quoted, the terms of the agreement provided that the government should have a one-quarter interest in the townsite for all time. Wasn't that, he asked, sufficient to counter-balance the difference in the price? He thought so and he knew that all business men would support him in the contention. But that was not all. In addition to the one-quarter interest aforementioned the province had the right to the same amount of the foreshore. The latter, it was agreed, should be cut up into small pieces of one thousand feet and "the government would have the first choice of this property." Wasn't such a concession worth something? In his opinion it would one day prove of inestimable value. For one thing, it eliminated the possibility of the same condition of affairs as prevailed in Vancouver ever existing at Prince Rupert. The railway company could never have full control of the waterfront. As a matter of fact, if the company went ahead and constructed wharves and made other improvements it would be possible for the government to take possession of the foreshore upon which these structures were placed and the railway corporation would be unable to do anything more than to protest.

In view of the circumstances, Mr. Green thought that it was patent that there was nothing in the charges of the Liberal leaders. When the bargain was looked at from a practical standpoint, men of sound judgment would have to acknowledge that it was an exceedingly good one as far as the government was concerned. He thought that if the lands had been sold to the company at the same rate as the Indians sold their holdings, no interest whatever being retained in the property, there would have been reasonable ground for complaint.

Only Justice

Another transaction with which the present government had been concerned and which Mr. Macdonald and his henchmen were pleased to discuss and embellish was the Columbian & Western deal. The hand Premier McBride and his colleagues had in this matter was the honorable completion of a bargain which had been entered into by a previous administration. The C. P. R. had been promised certain lands, providing specified work was accomplished. The railway had carried out its part of the contract faithfully. Their officials had entered into negotiations with an intervening government in the endeavor to secure the concession of a smaller block of other property in lieu of that which originally had been offered. Those in power then gave them to understand that it would be possible to make the change. Believing this, the C. P. R. had not continued the survey and other work necessary upon the first mentioned area. When Premier McBride and his colleagues had assumed control the company was given to understand definitely that it would be impossible for them to obtain any holdings other than those originally specified. Then it was too late for the C. P. R. to complete the necessary surveys within the time limit, and the government, recognizing that the delay was partly due to its predecessor, had extended the limit. This action, Mr. Green contended, would be endorsed by any honorable business man. It was true that it would have been possible by following out the letter of the law, or, in other words, by declining to extend the time, to have retained these lands, despite the facts that they had been honestly earned by the C. P. R. That, Mr. Green said, was an authentic account of the policy adopted by Premier McBride and out of which his opponents were attempting to make capital.

But Mr. Green did not think that Mr. Macdonald and his supporters would be able to make much progress by continuing the fight along such lines. The electorate was found to see through such misrepresentations. The majority of the voters were too intelligent to be mislead. Their tactics would have to be altered before they could hope to work their way into the public confidence.

Looking at the situation from an unbiased viewpoint, Mr. Green could not see how the Liberals could sincerely hope to win. They were defeated at the outset, in his opinion. To return to the house with a majority on the 8th of March it would be necessary for them, not only to hold the seats they now occupied, but to capture six others. Under the present conditions such a feat was an impossibility. With a strong, progressive premier, with a cabinet composed of members of the same calibre, with the splendid record of the past three years to back them—a period during which the country had been lifted from the mire of bankruptcy to that of general affluence—there was no doubt that the endorsation of the people would be of a flattering character.

FOR MR. McPHILLIPS

People of Islands District Will Give Him Majority

A. E. McPhillips, K. C., the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the Islands constituency, is visiting the residents of that district. According to reports he has been tendered a cordial reception.

Last evening F. J. Bittancourt, who has been working in the interests of Mr. McPhillips for the reason mentioned that the latter's chances of election are very bright. He affirms that the electors of the riding are dissatisfied with T. W. Paterson, who has represented them for the past several terms. They complain that he has not kept his promises, and intend giving the Liberal-Conservative candidate a handsome majority on the 2nd of February.

Not only do the voters of the constituency support the candidacy of Mr. McPhillis for the reason mentioned, but they are desirous of expressing their confidence in the present administration. The Conservatives and many of the Liberals acknowledge that the government is entitled to some credit for the prosperity of the country. Therefore they contemplate endorsing Premier McBride by electing as their member one who will tender the government his support.

The gratifying information given by Mr. Bittancourt is corroborated from other sources.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Cariboo Candidates—Yale Liberals Have "Cold Feet"

A meeting of the Liberal party of Saanich was held last evening. Among others, J. A. Macdonald, K. C., delivered an address.

C. W. Munro was formally nominated by Chilliwack Liberals on Thursday.

H. Jones, ex-M. P. P., and J. Yorston, manager of the Australian ranch at Quesnel, have been nominated as the Liberal candidates in Cariboo.

A despatch from Nicola to the Colonist says: "At the Liberal convention today Stuart Henderson received the nomination. It was a very quiet session, with no demonstration. The Liberals have cold feet."

A Cumberland despatch of yesterday says: "The Socialists have withdrawn Peter McNiven and nominated George Richards in his place. Mr. McInnes speaks here tonight. Mr. Grant has just returned from the north."

H. C. Brewster, the Liberal candidate for Alberni, returned from an electioneering visit to that constituency last evening by the steamer Queen City.

PREMIER SCOTT GOES SOUTH

Regina, Jan. 11.—It is understood that as soon as the condition of Premier Scott permits, he will leave for a southern point, where he will spend some months. It is altogether unlikely that he will be able to take any active part in political affairs during the forthcoming sitting of the legislature.

JAPAN AND PHILIPPINES

Tokio, Jan. 11.—A Philippine-Japanese association has been formed to cultivate commercial relations between Japan and the Philippines, to develop relations between Japan and the Islands and to found a Japanese bank and insurance company in Manila. The association will print a paper in Japanese, English and Spanish.

ADVANCE GUARD IN FROM WINNIPEG

Charmer Last Evening Brought Over Large Party to Inspect City

MANY WILL MAKE INVESTMENTS

Prominent Real Estate Dealer From Prairie Capital Offers Suggestion Re Land Title Deeds

The advance guard of the coming Winnipeg invaders reached Victoria last night on the Charmer. Though there were probably 100 in the party they do not by any means represent the total number en route. Three trains each of 11 cars at least left the Manitoba capital on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Those who reached the city last night were only the remnant left, after the first excursion train had got rid of a large number of its passengers intent upon visiting all sections of the province. Some went via the Crow's Nest branch to East Kootenay others left the C. P. R. at Revelstoke and went to Nelson and other places down the Arrow lakes while others again turned southward from Sicamous junction to inspect the Okanagan valley. A good number, also, remained in Vancouver, but will come to Victoria eventually.

Among the visitors arriving last night was J. T. Kilgour, a prominent real estate dealer of Winnipeg, who was accompanied by his wife and family. The latter will remain here for the winter. This is the third business trip Mr. Kilgour has made here within the past three months. He has made several successful deals in Victoria property already and intends to invest during his present stay.

"Some Winnipeggers who have never visited Victoria," he said last night at the Dominion, "think our investing here somewhat absurd but those who have seen for themselves realize that it is the finest residential town in Canada. Not only this, for as Vancouver Island and British Columbia generally increase in population, Victoria will claim a prominent position in commercial importance. We have not invested here without studying conditions and look forward to a big movement this spring.

"On the train I came on this time, the first of three huge excursions from Winnipeg, there were representatives of at least ten real estate firms. All came with the intention of purchasing either for themselves or clients. Though most of them have stopped off for the time being, at different places in the province they will all reach Victoria in the course of a week or so.

"All the fruit growing districts of British Columbia are receiving the attention of Winnipeg land operators. They have invested heavily in the different Kootenay valleys and in the Okanagan district. But when they want homes they come here. And this reminds me of a matter that might be altered with advantage to British Columbia. Your land title system is too cumbersome. The titles, of course, are good but they take too long to investigate. We have the Torrens system in Manitoba and anyone, can see the exact title to a piece of property in a few minutes. The method here works rather disadvantageously. Suppose a man has only a week or so to stay in Victoria, it requires four or five days to look around and become acquainted. Then there only remains two or three days to purchase what is required. Titles have to be looked up, some going as far back as when the old estates were taken up around Victoria. One has to see who was someone's heir, and so forth. Under the Torrens system all this is obviated. The title appears on the face of the documents and can be found in a couple of minutes.

"Property in British Columbia, I think, should be bought on the spot. In most places it is altogether different from the prairie. In Winnipeg, for instance, one can buy from the map. The land is level. Lots in the same vicinities are of about equal value, but in Victoria and most places in British Columbia each piece of property must stand by itself. Certain lots that would make good business sites would not be compared in residential value to others in the same locality. You must get the people to come here.

"They are beginning to come already, more will come every week. In fact, as far as I can see it is not a case of too few purchasers but too many. I find it exceedingly difficult to get desirable properties and know others who have fared the same. With its splendid climate making it a most admirable residential city, and an assured commercial prosperity Victoria has a future before it second to that of no city in Canada."

Manitoba is evidently getting somewhat educated as to the mildness of this climate. There was a noticeable absence last night of the heavy furlined coats and caps that were recently a feature in the attire of all visitors from the prairies. As one of them said: "You advertise your town as the Evergreen city of Canada so persistently that we are beginning to realize that it is true. To find it not even freezing in January certainly seems strange. When we left Winnipeg it was many degrees below zero."

Most of the visitors will stay here two or three weeks on a mid-winter vacation, while some including Mr. Kilgour, have brought their families with them to spend the winter.

In addition to the above excursions several others have evidently been planned. A despatch of yesterday from Winnipeg says: "Several hundred Winnipeggers and other Manitobans left last night and this morning on the Pacific Coast excursion, six extra sleepers being attached to the train. A party of one hundred leaves on the fourteenth."

MUST PAY INSURANCE

Hamburg, Jan. 11.—The North German Fire Insurance Company, according to a decision rendered by the local court in a test case today, must pay the losses which it incurred in the San Francisco earthquake of last year.

CALGARY BASEBALL TEAM

Calgary, Jan. 11.—The Calgary baseball club has appointed F. P. Thygh, of Lowell, Mass., as manager. The team will meet and report at Boston on April 18, and will on their way to Calgary play exhibition games in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and other states.

NELSON DECLARES FOR GOVERNMENT'S CAUSE

Hearty Reception of Premier in Kootenay Capital—Great Meeting Overwhelmingly in His Favor—Poor Opposition Effort

Nelson, Jan. 11.—For the first time since they left Kamloops last Monday, Premier McBride and W. J. Bowser met with opposition on the platform here tonight. The enemy was Dr. Hall, the Liberal candidate, and a number of Dominion government employees who occupied standing room just inside the entrance to the theatre. By their satisfactory review of the record of the government, their outline of future policy and an arraignment of the opposition, with W. W. B. McInnes in the foreground, the visiting campaigners completely captured the largest audience they have met on their interior tour.

The Premier and Mr. Bowser arrived at 8 o'clock in the evening from Arrowhead, where they addressed a meeting in the morning. They were accompanied by Martin Burrell, of Grand Forks; William Hunter, Conservative candidate for Slocan; W. C. E. Koch, of Slocan; H. Schofield and E. D. Murphy of Trail. A number of prominent citizens, including J. A. Kirkpatrick, the local Conservative candidate, with the Nelson band, met the party at the depot and escorted them to the opera house.

A Crowded Meeting

The theatre, which has a seating capacity of about 500, was crowded, in both pit and gallery, to the walls, and everyone present displayed keen interest in the proceedings and ready appreciation of the points scored.

R. S. Lennie, president of the Conservative Club, occupied the chair, and on the platform with the Premier and Mr. Bowser were J. A. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Hall, the Liberal, and Frank Phillips, the Socialist candidate.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, whose popularity was proven by a spontaneous ovation, spoke but briefly, in order that the Premier, Mr. Bowser and the opposition candidate could have more time.

Mr. Phillips disavowed any connection with or sympathy for either political party, and appealed to the workingmen to vote for one of their own class. He denied the alleged alliance of Conservatives and Socialists, and said that Mr. Macdonald, who had talked so much about red revolutionary flags, was not a man who would be a credit to any sort of flag.

Awkward Questions

Mr. Bowser, who preceded Dr. Hall, gave that gentleman a number of questions to answer relative to the opposition policy, Liberal scandals and Ottawa interference in the provincial campaign. He also devoted considerable time to an expose of the public record of Mr. McInnes, and elicited from the audience the fact that the man from the Yukon is not seriously taken in Nelson.

Dr. Hall did not choose to answer any of Mr. Bowser's questions, but used his time in reciting Kaien Island, Columbia & Western and other stock opposition charges against the government, and enumerating public works required in Nelson and district. He received a fair hearing and general applause.

An Ovation

The Premier followed Dr. Hall. As he rose from his seat he was given three cheers and a tiger. Throughout his disposal of the opposition candidate's charges and a ringing denunciation of Liberal scandal tactics, the applause was such as a public man seldom evokes in British Columbia. When during the course of his speech the Premier told of the political feeling he had found in all the constituencies he had visited, and that the indications were certain that not more than a dozen seats in the whole province could be won by the Liberals, the audience became almost unanimous in a remarkably enthusiastic reception of the news.

With regard to public works, the Premier said there were urgent necessities in all parts of the province, and now that the government was on its feet financially, a general scheme would be undertaken. He was not out to make pre-election promises, nor would he play any favorites. He would promise a continuation of wise, honest and equitable administration. He was not in public life for the purpose of creating fat jobs for party friends, and if that were ever required of him he would step down and out. He wanted to be judged now upon his record.

At the close of the meeting there were three cheers for the Conservative party, three more and an extra one for the Premier, and the same number for Mr. Kirkpatrick. An effort to raise a cheer for Dr. Hall failed dismally.

The Premier and Mr. Bowser will speak in Fernie tomorrow night

NEW TELEGRAPH HUTS FOR ISLAND COAST

Telephone Stations Being Established at Tsuhiat and Seven Mile Creek

The marine and telegraph departments of the government are building two new telegraph huts between Clo-oose and Pachena Point. It is proposed to appoint a man to be stationed at each, one at Tsuhiat and the other at Seven-Mile Creek. Telephones will be placed in the two new huts, similar to that at Clo-oose, connecting with the coast telegraph line between Carmanah Point and Cape Beale. The duty of the men in charge will be to patrol the coast line between their station and the next. Lineman Logan will work between Clo-oose and Tsuhiat. No appointments have yet been made.

The telegraph line to connect the whaling station of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company at Sechart has been partly built, and when the steamer Queen City leaves again for the west coast she will carry a shipment of specially made wire for the long span of 700 feet across Effingham Inlet, where a cable will ultimately be laid.

CANADIAN TRADE

The Bank Clearances—Mild Weather Affects Business

New York, Jan. 11.—The following are the weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending Jan. 10, showing percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

Montreal	$32,379,028,	increase 6.6 per cent.
Winnipeg	$12,295,193,	increase 28.2 per cent.
Halifax	$2,385,470,	decrease 8.9 per cent.
Quebec	$2,027,529,	increase 2.8 per cent.
St. John	$1,555,268,	increase 13.7 per cent.
Victoria	$1,013,092,	decrease 5.0 per cent.
Toronto	$25,050,672,	decrease 6.3 per cent.
Ottawa	$3,240,236,	increase 38.6 per cent.
Vancouver	$3,757,418,	increase 86.2 per cent.
London	$1,689,012,	increase 21.8 per cent.

Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Following the holiday trade in Canada is quiet, this being somewhat accentuated in retail lines by mild weather. Spring shipments from eastern points have already begun. Collections as a whole are good, following the holidays. Country trade is quiet. Montreal reports that high prices for butter may cause reshipments from England of Canadian butter. Toronto reports bring orders for drygoods being received and a heavy business in prospect. Unseasonable weather affects retail trade, but allows of activity of building. Winnipeg reports retail stocks of winter goods as moving well, but there is complaint as to collections dragging. Failures for the week number 24, as against 16 last week and 46 in this week a year ago.

BREAK IN WALL STREET

New York, Jan. 11.—The announcement of an intended issue of additional capital by the Pennsylvania railroad company to the extent of $100,000,000 in bonds and $100,000,000 in stock checked speculative sentiment in the stock market today. Pennsylvania shares sold down four points from yesterday's close, under enormous unloading, beginning with fifteen thousand shares at the opening and selling in individual stocks later up to 8,000 shares. The break invited professional trading during the first hour.

CANNERS' OBJECTIONS MAY BE EFFECTIVE

Inspection Bill Debated—Dominion Finances for Past Half Year

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—A long discussion took place on Hon. Mr. Fisher's bill respecting the inspection of canned goods. Several members insisted that the canners should be given a fair opportunity to express their views before the bill is passed, and eventually Mr. Fisher acceded to this view. Objection was taken to the provision requiring the date of manufacture to be stamped upon the can. Mr. Macpherson said this would be disastrous to the salmon canners, as it would create a false impression in the minds of the public. Mr. Marshall advanced the same view with respect to canned fruit and vegetables. It is probable that this clause will be struck out.

Messrs. J. H. Sanderson, F. C. Baker and A. P. Woodman, of Prince Albert; J. H. Lamont, Regina; Wm. Anderson, Alex. R. Fleck and others of Ottawa, have been incorporated as the Prince Rupert Timber and Lumber company, with a capital of $450,000 and head office at Ottawa.

The statement of revenue and expenditure of the Dominion issued by the finance department for the six months ending Dec. 31 shows that the revenue was $43,694,716, compared with $37,877,167 for the same time in the previous year, an increase of $5,817,540. The expenditure was $24,695,166, or over one million less than for 1905. There was an increase in every branch of the public service, the customs showing three millions and three quarters. On capital account there was an expenditure of over six millions, about half a million greater than for the same time in 1905.

In the House this evening Mr. Fielding declined to raise the duty on cheese. Mr. Henderson (Holton) wanted it as high as the United States tariff. Last year Canada imported $20,000 worth, but exported twenty-four millions' worth.

The penitentiary report issued today shows that the average daily population in the penitentiaries last year was 1407. There is an increase in every penitentiary except Dorchester. The number of paroles was 179, pardons 36 and deaths 17. Fifty-six convicts are serving life sentences.

Mr. Aylesworth today introduced his bill to regulate the export of electric power and certain liquids and gases. The purpose of the legislation, as explained by the minister, was not to collect revenue but to have control over the companies and to ensure to the people of Canada the enjoyment of the advantages they possessed in the wonderful water power at Niagara and other places.

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