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## SAYS BRITISH COLUMBIA IS FOR MARITIMES

Western Barrister, Here on Way to England, Speaks of Claims

"Whatever steps it will be necessary to take to help the Maritimes in securing justice, the people of British Columbia as a whole will stand back of them." Such was the declaration made this morning by Hamilton Read, a prominent barrister of Vancouver, who arrived in Saint John en route to his former home in England. Mr. Read, in discussing the Maritime situation, said that it was recognized in British Columbia that great injustice had been done the Maritimes, especially in the matter of freight rates. He said that no country could prosper under excessive rates. The people of his province, he said, were behind any move that would help all Canada and it was recognized that for Canada as a whole to prosper, the Maritimes would have to prosper.

### NATION OPTIMISTIC

Speaking of conditions generally in Canada, Mr. Read said that he had been surprised at optimism expressed by casual acquaintances made en route across the continent. Especially in Saskatchewan the people were very optimistic, particularly in Moosejaw and Regina.

Mr. Read spoke very enthusiastically regarding the possibilities of Vancouver as a port and predicted that it would be in time the premier port of Canada. He thought this would come about by the development of trade with the Orient which already had been built up to a considerable extent through Vancouver.

### CUSTOMS INQUIRY.

He said that the hearings of the Royal Commission making inquiry in customs matters was creating a big sensation on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Read has been practicing law in British Columbia for the last 16 years, but is now en route to his old home in Leicestershire, Eng., for the purpose of visiting his mother, who has been ill. He will sail from this port tomorrow on the Canadian Pacific S. S. Montcalm, which is scheduled to sail for Liverpool.

## OLD TIMER PASSES

Isaac Brigham, Veteran of Boer War, Dead at Ottawa

Canadian Press Despatch. WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.—Isaac Brigham, old timer of the west, who served with distinction under Col. Sam Steele of the Lord Strathcona's Horse, in the Boer War, and rendered the British government valuable service in installing numerous sawmills in Great Britain during the great war, is dead here.

About 2 weeks ago, he came from Moosemin, Sask., to Winnipeg for medical treatment, and entered the general hospital. His case was hopeless, however, and he passed away in his 60th year.

The son of Thomas C. Brigham, of Hull, Que., Mr. Brigham was born in Pembroke, Ont. His ancestors had been in possession of lands along the Ottawa river as early as 1798, and on sections of them now stand the cities of Hull and Ottawa. For generations the family was identified with the lumbering business of the Ottawa Valley.

## Agreement Reached On Hereford Railway

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 14.—Word was received here this morning that a decision was reached yesterday at Ottawa regarding the operation of the Hereford railway, which runs between Lime Ridge, Que., and Colbrook, N. H., at a meeting of the Canadian National board. It is learned that a service will be inaugurated over the Hereford Railway by the Canadian National, starting from Sherbrooke. The trains will run over the C. P. R. to Cookshire, and thence over the Hereford line.

## Pacific Cable Board Debates Rate Cut

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A substantial cut in the cable rates between Great Britain and Australia and also between Canada and Australia, via the Pacific Cable Board, was considered yesterday at a meeting of the Pacific Cable Board, but no final decision was reached, although it had been hoped that the reduced charges would be put into effect on New Year's Day. The delay is due to the necessity of securing the formal assent of both the British and Australian governments.

## Mayor Acts At Toronto On Duncan Report

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—Reading a recommendation by the Maritimes Royal Commission of enquiry that "establishment of coking plants under the assistance of the Dominion government for the coking of Canadian coal would go far towards solving the coal problem," Mayor Thomas Foster today recommended that the City Council of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario be asked to proceed with the plan for a combined power-coking-heat plant in Toronto. In the event of the commission declining construction, the mayor proposed that they should consider the plant as a municipal ownership enterprise. The suggested auxiliary steam plant would generate electricity in reserve, and would combine facilities for the coking of coal and manufacture of gas.

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