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## ASK AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE

Edmonton Presbytery Pass Strong Resolution at their Meeting in This City.

The whole question of race track gambling has been brought prominently forward for discussion recently, and a strenuous campaign against it will be in full swing before many months have passed. Already petitions are being circulated and the efforts of the different churches and moral reform councils will be actively enlisted in the endeavor to make the notorious gambling associated with the race track in Canada and the United States, unlawful in the Dominion. The bookmakers, who have been driven out of the States of New York, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Illinois, and Washington, have come to Canada to pursue their profession, and against these the movement is directed.

The presbytery of Edmonton, which transacted a lot of business at its meeting in the city this week, passed the following resolution, which will be addressed to the different members of the House of Commons in this district.

**Resolution on Gambling.**  
"Inasmuch as the laws relating to professional bookmaking in connection with race track meets, and also relating to adultery and associated vices are manifestly defective, the Presbytery of Edmonton, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, desires respectfully to urge that your active sympathy and support should be given to the necessary amendments to the Criminal Code that may be proposed during the coming session of the Dominion Parliament."

At the meeting of the Presbytery held in Westminster church on Tuesday and Wednesday the moderator, Rev. J. E. Duncanson, presided and the Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. T. T. Reekie, B. A., of Leduc, was again in the secretary's chair. An absence of some months at Chicago University, where he was pursuing special studies, Mr. Reekie brought back a bagful of new ideas and the brethren seem to expect that his usefulness will be immensely increased by this visit.

**Report on Trip to Grande Prairie.**  
The veteran missionaries, Rev. A. Forbes and his wife, of Fort Saskatchewan, are back after a two months' trip into the Peace River country, where they had gone to spy out the land. The trip was an arduous one and the couple had many interesting incidents to tell of. Some years ago the Presbyterian Church established a mission at Spirit River, but it was not continued for more than two years. Mr. Forbes had a tough little journey, but he was well rewarded, making over one thousand miles.

An interesting discussion took place about the expediency of establishing some form of theological college work before very long. A committee was appointed to look into the whole situation and to report at an early date.

One of the affecting things at the Presbytery was the resignation of Rev. Dr. McDonald of his mission charge of Silverside and Rabbit Hill. This noble specimen of the ministry appeared before the court and announced that after a long ministry extending over nearly half a century he felt that he must give the responsibilities of his work to younger hands. The announcement was received with profound marks of sympathy and interest. The secretaries answered inquiries and already this week several gentlemen from the State of Washington have come to visit Edmonton, with a view to investment, as a direct result of representations made to them at the air.

**Tribute to Long Service.**  
A committee was appointed to draft a suitable minute and have the same inscribed on the minutes of the Presbytery. It will be the hope of this committee that the ministry in other parts of Canada where this veteran minister has labored with conspicuous zeal and success, that he may be long spared to render the church of his fathers assistance by his counsel and other invaluable ways. The Doctor remains in connection with Knox Church, Strathcona, of which he is an honored officer and bearer. A pathetic touch in the active duties of the ministry was his nomination of a young University student John McLean, just beginning his career, as his successor, his work to begin with the New Year. The Home Mission committee accepted the suggestion gladly.

## CAPTAIN KIDD REAPPEARS.

Pirate Schooner Cruising in Vicinity of the Bahamas.

Galveston, Texas, October 21.—Orders were received today from Washington for the revenue cutter Winona, stationed here, to proceed at once to the vicinity of the Bahamas Islands and search for and capture the alleged pirate schooner reported by the British steamship Rowanmore, Captain Phelan.

The Winona is to be joined off the coast of Florida by other cutters. The attack made on the Rowanmore was reported to Washington. The alleged attack on the Rowanmore, when four or five men, said to be armed, attempted to board the vessel, which was bound from Liverpool to Galveston, was reported in detail to Washington by Collector of Port Lee. Since then the steamship Centurion reported a suspicious craft straggling in the same vicinity. The Winona is at Corpus Christi, Tex., in attendance at the presidential celebration, but will leave there tonight. Ammunition and other equipment used by the cutter when on a cruise for smugglers have been assembled here and will be taken aboard the Winona as it passed on its way to the scene of the pirate rendezvous.

The commander and crew of the Winona are very enthusiastic over the chance of chasing a black flag schooner manned by Buccaneers.

## TWIN CITIES EXHIBIT WON \$430 IN PRIZES

Secretary Harrison of the Edmonton Board of Trade Returns From New Westminster Where He Had Charge with J. L. Porter, Strathcona, of the Twin Cities Exhibit—Secured Valuable Information Concerning Fair.

"We have brought home our exhibit and \$430 in prizes," said Secretary Harrison of the Edmonton Board of Trade, who returned from the Pacific Coast yesterday afternoon. Mr. Harrison has just returned from the Pacific Coast where he went three weeks ago with J. L. Porter, secretary of the Strathcona board of trade, to take charge of the Twin Cities' exhibit at the New Westminster fair, the annual Provincial exhibition and great gathering of the Dominion.

Edmonton-Strathcona exhibit was the only Alberta exhibit at the fair. It was located in the agricultural building and attracted a great deal of attention from the thousands of visitors to the fair. 57 reasons of the contract which was presented as a grain exhibit to the exhibits of products of the mountain province. The grains and products were displayed in a beautiful manner in the stand allotted to the Twin Cities. By Messrs. Harrison and Porter, the exhibit was a success. The fair was held in the city of New Westminster, B.C., and was one of the largest and most successful in the Dominion. The Twin Cities' exhibit was a success and won \$430 in prizes.

**Did Much Advertising.**  
Hundreds of pamphlets and folders were issued. The supply of literature was exhausted before the close of the fair, and eagerly awaited the questions of numerous answered inquiries and already this week several gentlemen from the State of Washington have come to visit Edmonton, with a view to investment, as a direct result of representations made to them at the air.

"The New Westminster fair is the most practical fair in Canada," said Mr. Harrison. "It is a success and the money goes instead of towards prizes for exhibits. The awarding of district prizes for exhibits of exceptional merit is a splendid feature, which Edmonton would do well to copy. The buildings at the fair are very fine. There were 27,000 visitors in one day and admission together about 60,000 paid admission. The charge for admission to the grounds is fifty cents and an additional dollar is asked for a ticket admitting to the grand stand."

Mr. Harrison returned from the exhibition committee, visited the fair grounds at Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and other places and gathered a lot of useful information about the laying out of grounds and buildings which he will embody in a report to the exhibition committee.

Mr. Harrison says he did not come across another live progressive city like Edmonton while on his travels. He was pleased on the whole with New Westminster, which will probably be the western terminus of the Canadian Northern in the not far distant future and will thus be closely connected with Edmonton as the nearest coast city.

## WILL SUPPLEMENT AID TO B.C. RAILWAY LINES

Liberal Opposition Will Go to Country Next Month. Policy of Subsidizing Railroads to 50 Percent of That Given by the Ottawa Government.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 21.—When the Liberal party goes to the country next month it will do so on a definite policy of railway construction on lines so comprehensive as to embrace every section of the province.

In a general way Leader Oliver proposes "to ease in" on the extensive system of subsidies already guaranteed by the Dominion government, subsidies which if supplemented by Provincial aid would insure the construction of nearly a thousand miles of new railway through this Province.

Instead of maintaining the insane policy of "fighting Ottawa," Mr. Oliver suggests a practical plan of taking advantage of what Ottawa has done and of supplementing the aid given by the Federal administration roughly to the extent of 50 per cent.

In other words, 40 Federal subsidies would run to \$2,400 a mile, the Province in the event of construction being vigorously prosecuted, would grant \$2,400 a mile.

The projected lines subsidized by the Dominion Government, which Mr. Oliver would subsidize to half the Federal subsidy, are the Kootenay Central from Elk to Golden, the Midway and Vernon from Garma to Nicola by way of Penikese, Vancouver, and from Vancouver to Fort George, Lines which are not yet subsidized, but should be assisted, are the E. & N. extension from Campbell River to the north end of Vancouver Island; Victoria & Barclay Sound Railway from Victoria to Barclay Sound, and a line from Abbotsford to Nicola by way of Hope Mountains. A maximum estimate of the subsidy and which the Provincial government would give under the plan would be \$5,000,000. The interest and sinking fund yearly on such a loan would be only \$250,000 a year, a sum well within the present financial ability of the Province with its great and expanding revenues.

## MAY OCCUPY FINLAND.

Such Course May be Taken to Enforce Wishes of Russian Government.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—A report is current that orders have been issued for the mobilization of the first corps of the Russian army for the purpose of the occupation of Finland. While an investigation proved the report to be premature, it also established that such military occupation of the Grand Duchy may take place if it is found necessary to enforce the wishes of the Russian Imperial Guards. Duke Nicholas Nikolaevich, commander of the Russian Imperial Guards has returned to the capital to take personal charge of the deployment of troops in the event that they are ordered out. These will include the Czar's Life Guard, the Czar's Own Guard, and the Czar's Own Guard. The decision to prepare for an emergency was decided upon at a conference held at Premier Stolypin's chambers in which the ministers of war and marine and Lieut. General Chelchovsky, commander of the Russian Imperial Guards, were present. The conference was held on the 19th inst. and was attended by the ministers of war and marine and Lieut. General Chelchovsky, commander of the Russian Imperial Guards, were present. The conference was held on the 19th inst. and was attended by the ministers of war and marine and Lieut. General Chelchovsky, commander of the Russian Imperial Guards, were present.

## KING ALFONSO'S TROUBLE

Threatening Letters are Pouring in Upon Him and His Ministers.

London, Oct. 20.—A mailed despatch from the Madrid correspondent of the Chronicle, dated October 5, says that since the 10th of the month the Palace, King Alfonso has worn a dejected expression. He has been suffering from sleeplessness and loss of appetite and it is feared his health may be affected. Threatening letters are the province in which the King has abandoned his daily duties and is almost a prisoner in the palace.

Apparent tranquility reigns in Madrid and the provinces, but it is only a calm before the storm. The situation in Barcelona inspires grave fears. Any one uttering a word of disrespect to the King or his ministers is arrested. Many have been arrested for possessing Ferrer's photograph.

## Soo Eastbound Derailed.

North Bay, Oct. 20.—Boys playing with a switch caused the Soo eastbound express to be derailed last night. Owing to the soft nature of the ground the train stopped quickly without fatal result. The express and baggage cars plunged down the embankment to the bottom of the ravine. The train was stopped by a fireman. The express messenger W. H. Blake of Kingston, was cut by broken glass while crawling through a window.

## Earthquakes in India.

Simla, India, October 20.—Earthquakes in Belapur, Central Buchistan district, have destroyed many buildings. Twenty-five were killed, including several officials. Public buildings suffered. Lord Kitchener goes to Manchuria. Lord Kitchener, inspector general of the British forces in the Mediterranean, who has spent a week here, left today to visit the Manchurian battlefields.

## CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION CO.

Public Will Be Offered Shares at \$10 Each.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 21.—Every body will have a chance to become a shareholder in the Winnipeg Centennial Exposition company at \$10 a share. At noon today the finance committee of the exposition held a meeting at which there was a full attendance, and which was attended by J. A. M. Atkins and Isaac Pittblado, the solicitors of the company to be formed. The solicitors presented a draft of the charter for the company which placed the capital stock at half a million to be sold in shares of \$10 each. Nine provisional directors are to be named at a meeting which will be held tomorrow, and these will apply for a charter at the next sitting of the Manitoba legislature.

The meeting of the finance committee Mr. Atkins expressed the desire to be connected with the enterprise as a private citizen, rather than as a solicitor and so H. A. Robson was appointed to take his place. Mr. Atkins has been one of the most energetic workers for the big project and will be able to do work in his private capacity that he could not do as a solicitor.

## BY-ELECTION RESULT IS EAGERLY AWAITED

Both Great Parties in Britain 'Look to Result in Bermuda to Give Idea of Country's Attitude Toward Budget and Tariff Reform.

London, Eng., Oct. 20.—A writ for by-election in the constituency of Bermuda, famed for its leather tanneries and jam factories, was moved in the House of Commons yesterday. The election is probable either Wednesday or Thursday next and the result is awaited with the deepest concern by both parties.

It is understood David Lloyd-George weeks past has been urging the cabinet to go to the country while the budget issue is hot. He wants at all costs a new lease of power. If his candidate, Hughes, wins, he and Winston Churchill may precipitate a general election even by the threat of resignation if necessary. On the other hand, the tariff reformer, Humphreys, wins, the conclusion will be drawn that the budget has done nothing to help the government. A third possibility is the return of the third candidate, Dr. Baile, a high-sounding, cultured Socialist, whose victory would vivify Lord Rosebery's anti-socialistic warnings, and would tend to strike terror into every Conservative.

## DISCOUNT RATE GOES UP.

Reaches Five Per Cent. Point, the Highest Since 1907 Flurry.

London, Oct. 21.—The Bank of England today raised its minimum discount rate from four to five per cent. The highest it has stood since the American fall of 1907. This is the third consecutive week that the Bank's rate has gone up. It is a sign of the determination to strengthen the barrier against a further inflow of gold reserves.

The international money position shows no material improvement during the past week and the bank's reserve, which is now nearing the \$10,000,000 mark, is threatened with further depletion this week by the South American and Egyptian requirements, which are estimated at 7,500,000.

Foreign exchanges have been steadily angling London, particularly Berlin, where gold is badly needed and where the next arrival of the metal will probably have gone but for the imposition of the five per cent. It is known that requirements from other centres would soon reduce the reserve to about \$100,000,000 unless the new rate attracts gold.

## NEW SPANISH CABINET.

Liberal Leader Proposes Great Social Reforms.

Madrid, Oct. 22.—King Alfonso has accepted the resignations of Premier Antonio Prieto and his colleagues, and has formed a new cabinet. The new cabinet is composed of the following members: Premier, Mr. Prieto; Minister of the Interior, Mr. Maura; Minister of Finance, Mr. Alvarado; Minister of War, Mr. Llorente; Minister of Marine, Mr. Bermejo; Minister of Public Works, Mr. Gasset; Minister of Instruction, Mr. Barroso; Minister of Justice, Mr. Martinez del Campo.

When the president of the House of Representatives announced that the Maura cabinet had resigned there was such an uproar he had to adjourn the session. King Alfonso today had a long conference with the new Premier, Mr. Prieto, at which the great social reforms urged by the latter were thoroughly gone over.

## MCBRIDE'S RAILWAY PROGRAM ASSAILED

Liberals Severely Criticize Conservative Government's Proposal—Kamloops People Disappointed—Both Parties are Organizing for the Fight—New Line Parallels C.P.R. for Sixty Miles.

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 20.—The political pot is now boiling furiously and the Liberals are grinding their loins for a fight that promises to be the fiercest political battle ever fought in British Columbia. The railway policy of the Conservatives, on which they seek endorsement, is openly criticized by the Liberals. The line for which \$50,000 per mile is being paid by the government parallels the C.P.R. practically from Kamloops to about 60 miles out of Vancouver, taking a route through the banks of Thompson and Fraser rivers. This will be a great disappointment to the interior south of Kamloops, who hope for a transcontinental line to tap the rich country between the Nicola and the coast. Vancouver also expected that the Canadian Northern would tap lines from the boundary and give the city the much sought fast line with the Victoria connection. The proposal to give the Midway and Vernon railway a subsidy of \$5,000 per mile for 50 miles to the Kettle Valley line is regarded by prominent Liberals as a sop to the C.P.R. for the paralleling of their line. Another point missed in this question is the forestry requisition.

## LIBERALS HAVE PLATFORM.

The Liberals have a well defined plank on this vital question. One prominent Liberal sums up the situation this morning as follows: "The day of the old party gang has passed and organization has been threatened by the young Liberals ready for the election. The agreement with the Canadian Northern puts a powerful weapon in the hands of the Liberals and is sure to be severely criticized. There will be the strongest political fight the province has ever seen, and there is no 'if' in the Liberal program now; we will win."

Politicians are already organizing for the election. Five Conservatives now represent Vancouver and all will probably again seek the party nomination. It is conceded, however, that an organization has been threatened by the young Liberals ready for the election. The agreement with the Canadian Northern puts a powerful weapon in the hands of the Liberals and is sure to be severely criticized. There will be the strongest political fight the province has ever seen, and there is no 'if' in the Liberal program now; we will win."

## FIGHTING FOR NOMINATION.

"H. H. Watson, who all but received the Conservative nomination, when C. H. Cowan was elected to Ottawa, has been charged with a crime," said the stepladder magistrate, "and I think that it does disclose a crime." He declines to accept the motion to discharge the accused.

## STOLE BOOK OF MONEY ORDERS

Young Man Arrested in Winnipeg on Charge of This Crime.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 20.—Charged with having stolen a book of money orders, a young man, named John, was arrested in the city. The book, which was found in his possession, contained a list of money orders issued by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The young man, who is a native of the city, was arrested by the police on the 19th inst. and is now in custody.

## FRANCE NEEDS NO HARD

Flour Mill Proprietor Comes to Canada to Secure Desired Cereal.

Winnipeg, Oct. 21.—With the object of securing No. 1 hard wheat for milling purposes in France, M. Blaudin has crossed the Atlantic and has a contract to make the arrangements. He is the owner of a large flour mill at Dion, France, and is registered at the Royal Alexandra. M. Blaudin said this morning that there was a demand in France for hard wheat to mix with the soft for milling purposes, but states that the duty is almost prohibitive, being \$1.40 on 250 pounds. He hopes to be able to import wheat in bond and export it as flour. The French miller says that this has been a good year for agriculture in his country, but states that there seems to be a falling off in the demand for wine. The owners of vineyards and it hard to exploit their products at a reasonable price.

## C.N.R. TERMINUS IN INDIAN RESERVE

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 21.—English Bluff, which is the southwesternmost corner of Canada's mainland, where the Canadian Northern railway intends to make its terminus for its land line and ferry service to Victoria, is an Indian reserve and as such is practically owned by the government. The bay from which the ferry will leave lies a dozen miles north-west of Bluff. Headway toward this has been a good year for agriculture in his country, but states that there seems to be a falling off in the demand for wine. The owners of vineyards and it hard to exploit their products at a reasonable price.

## GUARANTEE OF BONDS.

"To assist the company in the construction of the road which will cost about \$50,000 per mile, the government will ask the legislature to guarantee interest at four per cent. upon \$35,000 per mile. For security the province will hold a first mortgage on the line of railway in British Columbia and will have a covenant with the company indemnifying the province against any loss. By the time this railway is finished the Canadian Northern railway will have at least 500 miles of line through a highly productive country. The company has already guarantees from other provincial governments for interest on its bonds and has never yet defaulted in its interest and the provinces have never been called upon to pay a single dollar. No assistance will be given by the government. The bill and the whole line must be finished within four years."

## MINISTERS BOLT

McBRIDE CABINET

Hon. R. G. Tatlow and Hon. F. J. Fulton Resign From Cabinet on Railway Issue.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 21.—A sensation was caused tonight when it was stated that the reason Finance Minister Hon. R. G. Tatlow, and Hon. F. J. Fulton, commissioners of lands, had withdrawn from the cabinet flight was on account of their disapproval of the policy of the administration in regard to C.N.R. extensions in the province. In all other matters they are in entire accord with Premier McBride and his colleagues. Hon. Mr. Tatlow says that in his opinion the assistance promised to the C. N. R. by the government is excessive. Hon. Mr. Fulton on the other hand claims that no assistance is necessary as the C.N.R. would have to build the road in any case in order to compete with the other transcontinental railways.

The fact of the ministers' withdrawal from the cabinet is a serious blow to the government's policy as a distinct surprise and will have a distinct bearing on the result.

Interviewed tonight, Premier McBride expressed regret at the necessity of accepting the resignations of his colleagues. He declared, however, that the agreement with the C.N.R. he and the other members of the government regarded as necessary if the province is to secure additional and much needed railway facilities for the large and fertile tracts on the mainland and if Vancouver Island and its islands are to be developed.

Following the acceptance of the resignations of Fulton and Tatlow, Hon. W. J. Blair today appointed minister of finance.

## ALMOST DRIVEN TO CANNIBALISM

Terrible Experience of 50 Men and Women Afflicted in Gulf of Aden.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 21.—Death from thirst and starvation or by a more horrible method was near to fifty men and women, huddled in a leaky vessel, when the British S.S. Welsh Prince, Captain Sheppard, brought them, succor.

## NO STRENGTH LEFT.

Men and women were leaning over the decks. Several men were trying to launch a boat, but they lacked the strength. At times, twenty men lay on the deck, and others were thrown overboard. The ship was unable to approach the land. For ten days they had been without water, many of the large party aboard having succumbed to exhaustion. The others were desperate to a point of cannibalism, but none was strong enough to overpower a fellow sufferer, and so this horror was spared them.

## BUCKETED BY GALES FOR WEEK.

The men then haltingly told their story. For weeks they had been buffeted by gales on a passage from Africa to Arabia. Headway toward their destination was impossible. Chained closely followed the gales and the ship was unable to approach the land. For ten days they had been without water, many of the large party aboard having succumbed to exhaustion. The others were desperate to a point of cannibalism, but none was strong enough to overpower a fellow sufferer, and so this horror was spared them.

## DUKE ORGANIZES COTTON COMBINE.

Charlotte, N.C., October 21.—An alliance of the largest cotton manufacturers of the Southern States and the establishment of a chain of cotton mills in the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina that will employ 100,000 men, is being planned and is being put into effect by James B. Duke, the tobacco magnate of New York, and associates, including his brother, H. B. Duke, of Durham.

## FIROUZ GALE ON LAKE OTTAWA.

Kingston, Oct. 22.—All last night a fierce gale, which began in the lake and is feared two fishermen, Daniel Leckey and Metzler Weaver, lost their lives. Their upturned boat has been found.