

### TIMBER LEASES TO BE PERPETUAL

#### Premier McBride Announces Timber Policy of the Government

### TO ACT NEXT SESSION

#### Report of Forestry Commission to Be Waited For as Regards Terms

(From Thursday's Daily)

Premier McBride announced to the legislature at the afternoon sitting yesterday the policy of the government with regard to the tenure of timber leases.

He stated that the government has decided that it is advisable to make the tenure of these leases perpetual, but that the matter will be held over until next session.

The terms and conditions attaching to the matter will be left in large measure to the decision of the proposed forestry commission. This announcement has been eagerly awaited for many weeks, and many guesses have been hazarded from time to time as to the probable attitude of the government.

The Public Service bill passed the House as did the attorney-general's measure to add gasoline tanks to the list of explosives in the Explosives Storage act. The Grand Trunk Pacific bill passed committee safely.

The bill for the consolidation of the mining claims and water rights of John Hopp, which caused a great deal of discussion in the legislature at second reading stage, was withdrawn by Mr. Thomson (Victoria).

### The Timber Policy

The premier's announcement was as follows:

"Before the business of the day is taken up, I would like to make a statement of considerable importance, which has been waiting for some time to be presented to the legislature. I refer to the question of the tenure of special timber licenses, which has been the subject of some controversy of late, and the principal commission of several delegations representing the timber interests in British Columbia.

I beg to announce that the government has come to the determination that the tenure of these licenses will at the next session of the legislature receive the attention of the administration in the form of a bill that will make for the perpetuity of the licenses until the timber is removed, but on such terms and conditions as the government may then deem prudent in the interests of the people of British Columbia.

It has been a wise decision to defer this matter until we have received the advice of the commission on forestry, and it is upon the basis of their report that the government will act.

Mr. Oliver (Delta) complained that nothing had been done in an order passed by the House for the bringing down of returns of the prosecutions which have been instituted by the attorney-general produced the returns, stating that it had been his intention to bring them in at this time, but that private members' day.

### Private Bills

Mr. Henderson (Yale) withdrew his amendment to the B. C. Permanent Loan Company bill, and depriving the company of the right to invest in the securities of chartered companies in Canada. He substituted an amendment to which he said all parties had agreed. This gave the company the right to invest in the securities of fire and life insurance companies, and of any chartered companies in Canada on approval of the legislature.

The amendment was accepted, and the bill passed report stage. The Pacific, Columbia and Okanoga Railway bill was considered in committee. This bill asks for an extension of time for the building operations of the railway.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) moved an amendment to the effect that the extension of time granted by the bill be not construed as extending the time wherein the railway may raise the provincial loan of \$5,000,000. The amendment was held over to report stage.

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### Several Bills Passed

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In report stage on the attorney-general's bill to amend the Police and Prisons Regulation Act, Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) introduced an amendment providing for the abolition of the "awakening" system of extracting evidence from prisoners.

He said that it was commonly stated that American methods of extracting evidence by the "third degree" were being introduced in the province. From the standpoint of humanity, no such methods should be established in the jail of this province. It was his intention to have these methods in Russia.

Mr. Bowser said that no such methods are employed in British Columbia. Every man was considered to be innocent until he was proved guilty. The whole thing was based on vague rumor. He refused to accept the amendment which would have a regulation was entirely unnecessary.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) said that in the case of the government survey of the Klamath river, the statements made generally in the newspapers, that had never been authorized or denied by the government, were entirely untrue. The danger of the system was that innocent men were in some cases induced to confess crimes they never committed, and to incriminate other innocent persons.

### Grand Trunk Pacific Bill

The House went into committee on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill. Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said the legislature was asked to confirm an incomplete plan of the Prince Rupert railway. He was unalterably opposed to this and to the scheme carried out between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific to cut the town of Delta from the sea. He thought the government would be going far enough to extend the time for the completion of the railway, to take the triangular piece of land referred to, and leaving the approval of the plans to such a time as they might be completed.

The attorney-general reviewed the concessions which the government was able to obtain from the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

He said that if Mr. Oliver's motion to amend the section of the bill were adopted, it would undo all the work carried through up to this date by the government.

Mr. Oliver (Delta) returned to the charge with his old arguments.

The intention of the government to go into partnership with the G. T. P. in the sale of the townsite of Prince Rupert. An amendment to the bill, brought in by the chief commissioner, provides that no such partnership be allowed to copy the plans. The attorney-general said that the government and the G. T. P. would divide the cost and the profit on the railway on a basis of one-fourth and three-fourths.

The attorney-general said that the amount realized would be \$200,000, but he later corrected this statement, saying that he did not know the estimated profit.

The chief commissioner moved that the schedules attached to the bill be taken as read.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said that the schedules to this statement, which he thought were incorrect, as the plans were incorrect and incomplete. The schedules and preamble were taken as read.

The bill was reported complete with amendments.

The water bill was again considered in committee. Eight sections only were taken up, and the committee rose.

The chief commissioner of lands asked that the second reading of the Game Protection Act be discharged, and to re-introduce the bill by message.

The bill to amend the Land Registry Act (of which Mr. Oliver was given second reading.

### YOUTHFUL ASSISTANT OF "PROPS" IN TROUBLE

#### Twelve-Year-Old Larry Willis Quits Theatricals and Lands in Jail

(From Tuesday's Daily)

After jaunting across the continent and visiting every important center in his capacity of property man's assistant and baggage ruster for the St. Louis and Chicago company, twelve-year-old Larry Willis, who has been in the theatricals for some time, was arrested by the police here on Sunday evening for the bringing down of returns of the prosecutions which have been instituted by the attorney-general produced the returns, stating that it had been his intention to bring them in at this time, but that private members' day.

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### JACK JOHNSON REACHES CITY

#### Says He is Willing to Meet Jeffries or Any Other Man in Ring

### HAS SPLIT WITH MANAGER

#### Colored Champion As Charity Patient in Hospital—Plays at Concerts

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Jack Johnson and his white wife, a former Philadelphia woman who threw in her lot with him after the fight in Sydney, and Sam Fitzpatrick, who is no longer manager of the big black champion, having split with him over the cost and the profit on the fight in Victoria yesterday morning by the Canadian-Australian Inquirer.

Mr. Johnson, who is now in the hospital, declared his willingness to meet Jeffries or any other man.

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# REFEAL OF THE TARIFF

The special committee appointed by congress for the purpose of making a thorough and complete report on every important detail connected with the manufacture of wood pulp and paper, and the tariff thereon, after a long and exhaustive inquiry, unequalled in scope and thoroughness by any other congressional investigation held in later years, has just recommended a reduction of the tariff of the United States, so as to permit outside importation of wood pulp and paper, and thus assure the American publishers a permanent supply of newspaper.

At present the duty on newspaper is \$5.00 per ton, and the committee has recommended that it be reduced to \$2.00, and also recommended a corresponding reduction of duty on wood pulp. At present the American mills are obliged to import millions of dollars worth of wood pulp and almost a million cords of wood pulp per year, in order to operate their mills. The pulp and paper mills of the United States in later years have found it extremely difficult to meet the tremendous demand for newspaper, and President Roosevelt, in a recent message to congress, pointed out the necessity of repealing the duty on wood pulp and paper, so as to permit importation and thus relieve the market.

MR. LOUIS CHABLE, Secretary of the American Pulp and Paper Association, under date of June 19, 1908, said:

"The surplus stocks of pulp on hand at present are not more than sufficient to last four years, according to estimates based on general reports. A serious drought during the next two months would wipe out whatever surplus ground wood the mills have, and, at the same time, absorb all the surplus paper."

GEORGE F. ENDERWOOD, General Manager of the International Paper Co., of the United States, in commenting upon trade conditions, said:

"The main source of raw material now is Canada. The supply in the United States is extremely limited. Any further development in the paper industry must be Canadian. Inasmuch as the Canadian government is considering the levying of export duty on paper products, not much relief can be looked for there. All the Canadian mills are not producing enough to meet the necessary high prices, and newspapers in time will have to adjust themselves to these conditions, and unquestionably will find a way of doing so."

DAVID S. COWLES, President of the American Pulp and Paper Association, "Every indication points to the fact that the consumption of newspaper is increasing, and with the natural year by year increase in consumption, it would seem as though there would be a scarcity of paper in 1908, and perhaps for a much longer time."

MR. ALVAH MILLER, Vice-President St. Regis Paper Co., said:

"The rate newspaper is being consumed. I do not see where enough paper is to come from for the needs of the coming year. In this, as in all other lines, war will seek its own level. If a shortage of paper occurs, it will be at the necessary high prices, and newspapers in time will have to adjust themselves to these conditions, and unquestionably will find a way of doing so."

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Canadian Northern freight train left the rails at Wimmer, some miles west of Kamloops, B. C., on Monday. The cause, it is believed, was an unknown cause, but no person was injured.

Montreal, March 8.—Chas. Reid, who came here nearly a year ago and formed the Canadian Livingstone Club, was charged with obtaining \$5,000 under false pretenses from the company's stock. Reid was unable to obtain bail.

Provincial Police Officer Goes to Mount Vernon to Bring Back Fugitive

(From Tuesday's Daily)

William Clarke, who with "Slinger" Woods escaped from the New Westminster jail along with Bill Miner, and who was arrested two weeks ago by the police authorities at Mount Vernon, Wash., will be brought back to Canada if possible. Last night Sergeant Murray, of the Provincial police department, left for Vancouver en route to Mount Vernon with the necessary extradition papers and will endeavor to secure Clarke's return. The latter has stated that he will fight to the death, and will not return unless he is taken to a hospital.

Club Liquor Licenses

Winnipeg, March 8.—Some radical amendments were made in the liquor license act in the law amendments committee this morning, pertaining to the regulation of clubs. As the bill read previously it would require a license of \$500 from clubs in Winnipeg, and members concurred that this was a little too high a business. Three hundred dollars was mentioned as a more equitable fee, and the vote on the amendment was carried, while to the clubs elsewhere in the province a license of \$100 was cut down to \$50.

AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Ex-Convict Wanted by Vancouver Police is Arrested Here

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Wanted by the police authorities of Vancouver, where he is alleged to have committed theft, Jack C. Phillips alias Fellows, was arrested here yesterday afternoon and will be sent back. The arrest was made by Detective Sergeant Palmer and Detective O'Leary following the receipt by Chief of Police Langley of a wire from the Vancouver authorities.

BRIDE OF YEAR DIES

Young San Franciscan, Friendless and Alone, Meets Death

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Davey, a very young married woman, being only 19 years of age, and the bride of a few days, who died on Saturday morning at the St. Joseph's hospital, will take place from the Hanna funeral parlors this morning, and at 9 o'clock at the St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral, the interment being made in the Ross cemetery. She came here accompanied by her husband from Honolulu, and died on the day following the 11th, was taken by her husband to St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Davey subsequently left for Seattle, where he has since remained, endeavoring to secure employment. Prior to his death he had been in the hands of the Sisters the address of her parents in San Francisco, and the police here telegraphed to Seattle in the morning of the 11th, and received the telegram was delivered to him at the general delivery office in the post office building. It was not until Sunday that he learned that his young wife was dead. The couple were in very straitened circumstances.

### TWENTY HOURS OF OBSTRUCTION

#### Liberal and Socialist Members Hold Up the Election Act

### SLEPT IN THE LOBBY

#### The Weary Members Establish Dormitories About the Legislative Buildings

(From Wednesday's Daily)

After twenty-one hours of obstruction on the part of the Liberal, Socialist and Socialist members, the election act was passed by the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The House of Commons adjourned at 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the members of the opposition were seen to be very weary.

From eight o'clock Monday evening until almost 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the committee sat, as member after another—but always the Opposition—was seen to be very weary.

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