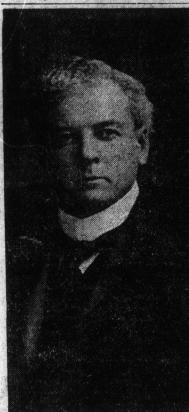
PREMIER BACK

Hon, Richard McBride is Enthusiastically Welcomed by Citizens-Graceful Speech in Response to Reception

BRITISH VIEWS ON RECIPROCITY PACT

First Minister of B. C. Predicts Province Will Return Solid Seven to Support Mr. Borden at Ottawa

The Hon. Richard McBride, Prime Minister and most esteemed citizen of British Columbia, with Mrs. McBride, Denuty Speaker W. H. Hayward M.P.P Lawrence MacRae, arrived home Thursday evening from the brilliant spectacle of the coronation, where this Pacific province was ably and most acceptably represented by its Fremier



HON. RICHARD MCBRIDE

country, British Columbia's foremost great men of wider Britain, and it is the exception of a few special interspontaneously and generally accorded a prominence hitherto denied to any overseas premier in a provincial sphere.

The First Minister's homecoming was made the occasion for demonstrations of welcome and regard in almost unbroken continuation from the crossing of the Rockies, citizens turning out in large numbers at virtually every im portant railway point to look for the well known leonine head, and to cheer again and again as recognition of the popular premier was made complete. Here at Victoria the welcoming throng numbered many hundreds, and it is safe to state would have been twice as large but for some little uncertainty as to the time of the steamer's arrival. The Prime Minister's party had been joined at Vancouver by Mrs. McBride, his mother, and by Hon. Mr. Ross, while at the dock the leader was met and welcomed as he crossed the gangplank by Hon. Dr. Young, who has been acting head of the government during the Chieftain's absence, Hon. Mr. Ellison, Mr. Leonard Tait president of the local Conservative association, Mr. Ernest McGaffey of the Vancouver Island Development league, Mrs. Hasell, (who, on behalf of the Alexandra club presented Mrs. McBride with a beautiful bouquet of typical Victoria flowers), and a

A Graceful Speech

At the Belleville street entrance to the docks the crowd had massed solidly and Hon. Mr. McBride's appearance was the signal for round after round of cheers given with a right good will. The Premier was escorted to an open carriage, to which a dashing team of four regal greys had been attached, and with Dr. Young, Mr. Tait and Mr. R. F. Green, was driven to the Parliament buildings, the carriage preceded by a mounted police escort and by the pipers' band. At the doors of parliament an improvised platform had been arranged, and from this Mr. Tait voiced Victoria's welcome in graceful and fitting terms, the Premier responding in an address which was characteristically direct and informal and in which he expressed his appreciation of his reception, both for Mrs. McBride and himself, sketched deftly the outstanding features of the great ceremonial from which he has just returned, made due acknowledgment of his recognition of the excellent work his colleagues in the Cabinet have been accomplishing in his absence, referred to the splendid position which British Columbia at present holds in the heart of the Empire, and assured his fellow-Victorians that he has come back to them with enhanced pride in this splendid province and a stronger Briton and British Columbian than ever.

Victoria's reception was notable for its personal note-its spontaneity and its cordiality. It was a gathering of friends and admirers to welcome leader regarded with sincere personal affection as well as pardonable pride. And similar characteristics marked those other welcoming demonstrations

fore seven o'clock in the morning yes-terday, a representative concourse of Cequitlam residents gathered at Mis-sion City and presented an appropriate address, the more prized by its recip-ient by reason of the fact of this being his old constituency and the riding which gave him to public life. Little Miss. May Quimby coincidently pre-sented Mrs. McBride with a basket of lovely roses, while Reeve Irvine perovely roses, while Reeve Irvine per-ormed the honors in voicing Coquitlam's relcome and reading the district's ad-ress. In Vancouver the scene was reenacted upon a larger scale, and at each point Hon. Mr. McBride spoke feelingly nd eloquently in response and acknowl-

Impressions From Old Land.) Concerning his recent travels and exeriences, the Premier says that he as "done his best" to worthily reprecapital, and in connection with the late enthronement of his august majesty cessful in eminent degree is attested by those who had the good fortune to be with him in London, while the metropolitan press attests the prominence to his utterances in speech and interview with respect to the conditions and opportunities obtaining in this favored

British Columbia, Mr. McBride says, today obtaining a larger measure of truly intelligent attention in the Home Country than ever before in its history. The certainty of its rapid growth and development by reason of the working out of the railway construction programme is universally recognized, and on every hand discriminating investors and industrial leaders are manifesting the keenest interest in all that concerns this province. Very large invest ments are projected and are being made. not only by groups of England's foresent by South African magnates to whom ,under its present stable conditions and assurance of sustained prosperity, Canada's westernmost province

seems specially alluring. Nor must the worth of Mr. Turner' efforts in his capacity as agent-general be for one moment lost sight of in trac ing the complete explanation of British Columbia's wide publicity and enviable status with the people of the Mother Country, this veteran Victorian and loyal British Columbian being indefatigable in his skilful championship of all provincial interests, and held in particularly high regard by all the leaders in public and business life at home, who have learned to accept his representations with unqualified confidence.

British Views of Reciprocity. Concerning reciprocity, as proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the very great satisfaction of the United States, Premier McBride naturally made it his business to analyze the exact feeling of Great Britain in respect to the contemplated pact, both among political lead ers of both Motherland parties and among financiers and industrial captains making London their home. With all of these the sentiment is pronouncedly adverse, the primary suspicion as to the trend of sentiment indicated in the reciprocity proposals having been strengthened and confirmed by President Taft's recent remarkable speech. With significant of the appraisement of his ests, among which cotton is prominent, stature as a national leader that he was | British trade views the Canadian reciprocity arrangement as cial policy, setting back substantially the natural and desirable development

of inter-dominion imperial commerce, and operating in the outcome in evitably prejudicially to the true interests of the people of Canada. At the same time it is felt that a building up of commercial unity of interest with the United States cannot but have the effect of coloring Canadian sentiment and inducing the people of this dominion, unconsciously, perhaps, but none the less surely, to view world questions and even Brtiish imperial questions,

through American spectacles. Confident of Victory En route to the west and home, Premier McBride visited Ottawa and was in conference with Mr. Borden and a number of the leaders of the Conservative party of Canada, all of whom he found super-enthusiastic with res pect to the outcome of the elections so soon to test the feeling of the people on the questions of reciprocity and the record of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration. That Sir Wilfrid found himself in a position no longer to fully command his following was indicated

in the abruptness with which the session was terminated, omitting even the customary and traditional speech from the throne. It is indicated too in the perturbed conditions in the Liberal party now evidenced in virtually every province. Even in Quebec, Sir Wilfrid's stronghold and chief dependence, the sentiment of the people has seemingly cooled and changed amazingly of late; while in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the certainty of strong Conservative gains is absolute and generally conceded. In British Columbia, the provincial leader expects to see the widespread dissatisfaction with the reciprocity bargain and all that it im-

turn of a solid phalanx of seven Conservative members. Regarding the suggestion in eastern Canadian press despatches that he might himself be induced to enter the federal arena as a candidate, Premier McBride remarks that with the keen desire evinced by so many good men to win the honor of bearing the party standards, there will be abundant and excellent parliamentary material to select from. He feels that he has still much to do for British Columbia in rounding out and completing the policy which he has evolved and developed and which is already bearing so very satisfactory fruit in existing conditions and prosperity and the assurance of even brighter days to come in the near future. While he will now throw himself heart and soul into the fight and do all within his admittedly wide

power to advance Conservative inter-

plies attested emphatically by the re-

ests in the west, it may, therefore, be be prophesied that he will not himself a Dominion seat. vention, leaves today for san Fran That the party will have efficient generalship in the returned first mincisco, where the sessions of the convention take place on August 14. ister none can gainsay, while it is mat-

ter for universal satisfaction that he was never more fitted for battle, returning as he does in the perfection of health, having accomplished as one friend yesterday put it. "the happy miscale of crowing the property of the happy miscale of the property of t miracle of growing ten years young during his three months' absence."

OF PTOMAINE POISONING

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—George S. Mc-Laren, 38 years old, one of the leading business men of Seattle, died tonight of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating canned mushrooms at a dinner at Ta-coma Tuesday night. Mr. McLaren was taken ill while returning to Seattle from Tacoma, and was hurried to a hospital as soon as he arrived here. Mr. Mc-Laren was a son of the late P. McLaren, vice-president of the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Com-Seattle for that company. He had been a resident of Seattle nine years, here from Atlanta, Ga. Mr. McLaren was prominently connected with many a director and a member of the finance committee of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. He is survived by a widow and two children.

FIRE'S NEW START

Mountains Thought To Be Safe
—Incendiarism Suspected

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 3 .- A terrific fire, springing from an unguarded fire-fighting station in San Bernardino mountains swept up Little Creek canyon tonight and at a late hour proved formidable to hundreds of fighters who rushe to oppose

It threatened several power stations and headed towards Cajon Pass, which separates the San Bernardino range from Mount Baldy. Hundreds of men were rushed from here to fight it, and foresters working under Supervisor Charlton at the west end of the area were transferred wherever pos-

sible to the new blaze. Forester Long, in charge of the Little Creek end of the fire, predicted that the situation would be controlled by morning. The fire started directly after a group at one station had left it without permission, thinking the fire there subdued. Incendiarism is sus-

MORE ATTENTION PAID TO ALASKA

Director of U. S. Bureau of Mines on Way North to Oversee Work of Mine Inspection-Coal Question

SEATTLE, Aug. 3 .- Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mines attle tonight on his way to Alaska to study mining conditions there.

Holmes, "has no political significance although I have been closely identified with the conservation movement since its early agitation. For the first time in our history the federal government has established a watch over Alaska mining industries, and has undertaken official protection. Summer S. Smith, who is now in Alaska, where he is to be stationed permanently, was recently appointed by the president to this work want to see the mine inspection work started right and carried on for the benefit of the mining industry of Alaska.

"I have been unable to find a think ing husiness man in the east who wants to see Alaska exploited for the benefit of that section of the country. The feeling back there is that Alaska coal should first be utilized to benefit Alaska, and then the Pacific coast. The east has all the coal it needs. Out here you need coal for the development of the iron and steel industry. You are able to manufacture everything in the steel and iron line, and good coal in plenty would remove the greatest obstacle t that end."

Mr. Holmes will leave tomorrow for Juneau.

BUREAU OF PEACE

Gathering of International Body Berne Expected to Have Im-

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 3 .- A conwhich marks the first extensive steps by the permanent bureau of peace in its campaign against war, began today in University Hall.

The conferees express the belief that the meeting will do much toward putting the movement for international peace on a practical basis. The session was opened by Professo

John Clark, of Columbia university, who voiced the thanks of the bureau for the peace foundation established by

Dr. P. O. Philoppovich, of the University of Vienna, was elected presi-Nicholar Murray Butler, president of Columbia university outlined the idea

of the conference. He laid stress on its essentially international and scien tific character, its work being directed he said, toward the organization of an educational campaign and the standardization of the peace movement. After a short discussion on the mos efficient methods for effecting the ob-

to divide into four sub-committees. Leaves for Convention-Mr. Robert A. Hunt, Victoria's delegate to the International Typographical Union con-

FOR GOVERNMENT

Circumstances Coincide Curiously with Those Immediately Preceding Fall of Mac-kenzie Ministry in 1878

MINISTERS RESORT TO SMALL TRICKS

Slight Change in Mr. Borden's Plans-Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Make Opening Speech at Simcoe

OTTAWA, Aug. 3 .- Sir Wilfrid Laur ier has decided to open his campaign Simcoe, the county town of Norfolk, once the seat of John Charlton, The hostility with which the premier treated that veteran of Liberalism.

It has been observed that the date selected for the general election, September 21, is within one day of being the anniversary of the great Conservative victory of 1878. That election to place on September 22, so that the day after the coming election will be the 33rd anniversary of the triumph the national policy. Coincidences are striking throughout. It was a battle of protection, of building up of the home market against the policy which decried the home market and looked to closer relations with the United States. It was held just prior to the advenof a member of the royal family to Rideau Hall. Even Sir Wilfrid Laurler's confidence finds its forerunner Hon. Alexander Mackenzie expected to be embarrassed by the largeness of his

solution was precipitated by some un expected event, such as a quarrel in the cabinet between Messrs. Oliver and Fielding over the refusal of the latter to allow the west larger representa-

majority.

At transpires that the Liberals are behindband with circulation of their campaign literature. Franking privi-leges end with this week, and vast quantitities of Liberal pamphiets are un-sent. The intention is to send them out under the frank of the Hon. George P. Graham as minister of railways and canals, franks of members being of no avail. Not long ago the Liberals. were criticising Mr. Sifton for sendin out copies of his speech under his frank during session time. Mr. Emerson described it as an abuse of the privilege. It apparently is an abuse of the privilege to send out anti-reciprocity speeches under frank in time and an act of statesmanship to send out pro-reciprocity pamphlets under a minister's frank after parliament is eternally. dissolved.

Petty Trickery

Another piece of petty unfairness has een encountered by Conservative campaigners. At the printing bureau, the practice is to send out lists in alphabetical order, Annapolis first and Yukon last. But ministers got theirs ahead of others. Thus Hon. Mackenzie King has Waterloo and Hon. Mr. Bro-

deur has Rouville ahead of the others Yet another trick comes to light. On he last day of the session Sir Wilfrid Laurier brought down papers relating to the imperial conference, and more especially dealing with the naval and military agreement. It was pointed out that there should be a wide distribu tion of these, and on being urged the government agreed to the Imperia blue book, papers, etc., being reprinted

Dissolution puts the matter out of control of the House, and puts matters in such a position that the Conserva tives will not have ready access to the documents and the government will be able to make what assertions they choose. Liberals may get copies withheld from Conservatives. A sample o the misrepresentations to be expected is the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Quebec organ, in advance of publication, twisted the perfectly natural arrangement assigning cruising stations to Ganadian ships into the establishment of "free maritime zones, whatever that might mean.

The idea was to suggest some kin of neutralization which had not been provided at all, thereby showing the premier's-will rather than his power of accomplishment.

Mr. Borden's Plans

Mr. Borden has made a slight change in his plans. He will not, as intended go to Toronto on Saturday, having en gagements which will keep him in Ot tawa. The details of his Ontario tour will be arranged in Toronto.

Curiously enough several ministers are in trouble over their seats. Today brings word that Hon, Charles Murphy's road in Russell is becoming very rocky. George McLaurin, who was pulled off last time to make room for Mr. Murphy, is set upon running this time, and is determined, if he goes to the convention at all, to refuse a large deputation of Russell Liberals

and they urged him to run. Premier Walter Scott of Saskatch wan and Premier A. L. Sifton of Alberta, each head of a provincial Liberal government, reached Ottawa today on their way home from England. They spent several hours with Premier Laurier discussing plans for the election campaign in western Canada, It is understood they both offered their pervincial political organizations would be placed at the disposal of the government in the reciprocity fight.

At least two of the contemplated cabinet changes will be made shortly. Hon. L. P. Brodeur will so on the su-

preme court bench and Hon. R Lem-leux will succeed him as minister of marine and fisheries. Dr. Beland, mem-ber for Beauce, will be appointed post-master-general.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—The first shot in the campaign in Quebec will be fired to Three Rivers on Sunday next, when he Nationalists will hold a mass meeting. In order to counteract it, efforts will be made by the Liberals to have Sir Wilfrid Laurier make, Three Rivers the point from which he will open the Quebec campaign. On the Conservative side, active organization work is going on. It is reported that the Labor party will bring forward several candidates in different divisions of Montreal Is-

Quebec Elections Likely QUEBEC, Aug. 3 .- Sir Lomer Gouin as called a caucus of his ministers and followers in Quebec and the announcement of the provincial contest one week prior to the federal elections is expected any time.

WILL ADMINISTER FUND

German Committee Appointed to Dis pense Fund Left by

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—Eminent men have section of Sir Ernest Cassel's munificent "King Edward VII. British-German Endowment" for the relief of worthy. Germans and Britons who find themselves in need, respectively in Great Britain and Germanyy. The administrative council was selected by Emperor William, who has nominated as chairman Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, former Imperial Secretary of the Interior, a statesman of brilliant attainments in the realm of social legislation and public philanthropy, and as aging director of the Hamburg-American line. The immediate management of the German fund will be in the hands of an "administrative committee," headed by Privy Councillor von Loebell. The other members are Mr. Lewald, Mr. Max Warburg, Baron von Thielmann, Privy Councillor Arnhold, and Herr von Knesebeck. The secretary and active managing official of the endowment in Berlin is Mr. Steffen, well known as the long-time British pro-consul in Berlin.

LIOY OFFENDS AGAIN

Lawyer for Alleged Camorrists Interrupts Testimony and is Censured

VITERBO, Italy, Aug. 3.-Marsnal Capizutti concluded his testimony at the Camorrists' trial today, explaining why he was convinced that Genarro Cuoccole and his wife were murdered by the Camorra. He said that he recognized the ring taken from the home of one of the prisoners as having belonged to Cuoccolo.

Here Lawyer Liov, whose interruptions started a quarrel that caused a suspension of the sitting a few days ago, broke in, halting the testimony. The lawyer was scored for this by his clients, the prisoners, who asserted that Liov put the defendants in an unsympathetic light by his conduct and caused the trial to be dragged out

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Aug. 3 .-Many Haytien political exiles who have been living here left today for Hayti. They include the wife of General Le-

conte, the rebel leader. Blaze in Parliament Buildings. TORONTO, Aug. 3.-Fire was disovered this morning at two o'clock in the west wing of the provincial parliament buildings. Fifteen minutes later the blaze was reported under control. The damage will not be great.

President Moyer Re-Elected

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 3 .- Charles H Moyer was re-elected president of the Western Federation of Miners by a vote of 207 to 90. It is expected that C. E. Mahoney of Butte will be elected vice-president. The work of the convention will be concluded tomor-

Dissecting Wreck of Maine

HAVANA, Aug. 3 .- The work of removing the wreck of the battleship Maine reached an interesting phase this afternoon, when there was begun the process of dissecting the shattered and distorted remains of the vessel by a gas blast apparatus. Some bones were found today embedded in the snarl of wreckage of the bow, but it will be impossible to extract them at present.

Mrs. Langley Out on Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.-A coroner's jury sitting here today absolved Mrs. Anna Langley of conscious intent when she shot and killed her husband, James Langley, yesterday. The jury's verdict was: "We, the jury, find the shot wound inflicted by his wife while in a state of temporary insanity, induced by his continuous intoxication and abuses." The case is scheduled to be heard in police court Saturday. Mrs. Langley was released tonight on \$100

Jovita Company Enjoined

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—The Jovita Heights company, which recently disposed of two of the largest additions ever platted in King county, was restrained today from disposing of any of its assets until the superior court passed on a petition filed by lot owners, asking for the appointment of a re ceiver. The petitioners charge that the ompany is disposing of its assets, largely cash, and is breparing to abandon its offices in Seattle. The officers of the Jovita Heights company were arrested a short time ago by the federal authorities on charges of using the mails to defraud. Most of the lots sold by the company were bought by residents of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and eastern Washington.

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