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THE LIBERALS SHOW THE WHITE FEATHER

Futile Endeavor to Coax Dr. Hall to Come Over to Their Ticket—Record of the Government in the Encouragement of Agriculture

That the members of the Victoria Liberal Association are troubled in mind in respect to the outcome of the forthcoming election was convincingly demonstrated yesterday, when a deputation from their executive visited upon Dr. Ernest Hall, one of the labor candidates, and offered him a position upon their ticket.

With their invitation was a stipulation to the effect that Dr. Hall should arrange for the withdrawal of his running partner, A. Johnson. They also assured the doctor that if he could place as one of the recognized Liberal quartets. And, Dr. Hall could see his way clear to accept the proposal.

According to information received from trustworthy sources, Dr. Hall listened to what the deputation had to say with the utmost courtesy. But when the project in all its details had been outlined, the labor candidate lost no time in uncompromisingly declining the invitation. He said he would be glad to act as a representative of the Victoria Labor party and would continue in that position. He said that he would not just as emphatically refuse to entertain such an arrangement as the Liberal proposal. He said that he would not approach that candidate with the object of inducing him to withdraw in order that Dr. Hall might take a place on the Liberal ticket.

Thus the interview closed, and the doubles well-meaning Liberal deputation returned to their committee rooms, perplexed and chagrined.

This move on the part of the local Liberal Association has been met with a feeling of surprise by the members of the party. Beyond a doubt they recognize that without a systematic withdrawal from their ranks and deprived of the help of Dr. Hall, it will be impossible for their candidates to be returned on the 2nd of February.

FOSTERING AGRICULTURE

An Important Step, Premier Government Mark

The course of Premier McBride and his government in regard to agriculture, has been a most commendable one, leaving an exceedingly favorable impression upon the mind of the average individual in the province. The cultivation of the fertile lands of the country. When coming to power, some of the first steps of the present administration reached the conclusion that the agricultural resources of the province had been not being sufficiently exploited. Therefore it was decided to give the people the benefit of a vigorous policy. That work was placed in the capable hands of the Hon. Mr. Tatlow, who was entrusted with the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture. To say that he has carried out his duties with adequate expression to the extent of his achievements. Through his energetic campaign inaugurated by Hon. Mr. Tatlow the annual output in natural products has increased enormously, the supply of the province of the fruit grown in the province was advertised throughout the world, and thousands of desirable homes were induced to settle on the western side of the Rockies. The trend of the government's policy was encouraged by a commendable contract with the Salvation Army, and there is every indication that the result of the work of Hon. Mr. Tatlow will be felt for years to come to the lasting benefit of British Columbia.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

When the provincial government first took control their attitude in reference to agriculture was necessarily not quite so aggressive as at present. Hon. Mr. Tatlow and those associated with him went about the undertaking with proper caution. They foresaw that the advancement which was hoped for would be necessarily have to come through a process of evolution. For that reason their first action was in the line of educating the people in the most modern methods of agriculture and horticulture. With that object in view, expert lecturers were engaged to tour the various farming sections, with instructions to deliver addresses at the different centers. Although some scoffed at the ideas outlined and would not make much of the horticultural exhibits, the residents attended the lectures and displayed a marked interest in the remarks of the best plant would be those employed in tilling the soil the best means of packing their produce so that it would bring them the maximum price when placed upon the market. This move proved more successful than the most sanguine anticipated. The residents attended the lectures and displayed a marked interest in the remarks of the best plant would be those employed in tilling the soil the best means of packing their produce so that it would bring them the maximum price when placed upon the market. This move proved more successful than the most sanguine anticipated.

GOVERNMENT SUCCESS BEYOND A QUESTION

Increased Support Assured From the Districts of the Interior

Greenwood, Jan. 19.—After a tour of two weeks with Premier McBride through the interior of the province, in which time they visited and delivered addresses in twelve constituencies, Mr. Bower left here for home this morning, to commence his winter campaign work as one of the Solid Five in Vancouver and to give his assurance that he will be a supporter of the present administration.

The Premier and Mr. Bower both stated that they were well received by the audiences over assembled throughout the country from Vancouver to the eastern slope of the Rockies, and that all along the line is an enthusiasm and strength among the Conservative workers that can mean nothing but victory. In every constituency the most influential men have been found ready and willing to analyze as candidates in support of the present government. Behind them are to be found the men of the party, assisted in many places by prominent Liberals, who have expressed the belief that a change of administration at the present time would mean a disturbance of existing prosperity.

WINNIPEG FLYER DITCHED

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—The Flyer, south-bound on the Great Northern, was ditched this morning at Oseo, thirty miles north of St. Paul, by spreading rails. Two sleepers and the observation car were ditched and the day coaches turned over. Three passengers, an elderly woman and two men, were seriously injured, but not fatally. They were taken to a hospital at Minneapolis. The railroad company refused to divulge their names.

ROSSLAND MINES

Roseland, Jan. 19.—The more that ordinarily cold weather, coupled with a heavy fall of snow, has resulted in hampering the railroad so that there is more or less shortage in coal and coke. As a result of this some of the smelters of the Boundary are closed during the winter months, and it is not running to as large an extent as they would were there an ample supply of fuel.

MOTHER AND ONE CHILD FOUND LIFELESS TWO OTHERS DYING

Calgary, Jan. 19.—A father, mother and a new-born child dead; and two other children, aged 2 and 4, probably dying, were discovered at 328 Fourth Avenue east this morning.

CHARLES SEMLIN The Veteran Standard-Bearer of the Liberal-Conservatives in Yale

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ASSASSIN EXECUTED

Ther. Russia, Jan. 18.—The assassin of Gen. Stepanoff was executed today, though confined in prison since April 7, he has not been identified.

FISHERIES QUESTION DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Hon. Mr. Brodeur Speaks of Modus Vivendi and American Poaching

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The fisheries question came up in the House. Messrs. Sloan and Macpherson urging the necessity for better protection to the industry in British Columbia. Minister Brodeur doubted whether the time had arrived to drop the modus vivendi, and said the government had decided to protect these fisheries and stop poaching. For this purpose legislation would be asked to vote an appropriation to provide a suitable cruiser. He defended the privilege to the New England fish company to ship their catch via Vancouver, as he said Canadian fishermen and transportation companies got the benefit.

Mr. Foster made an important speech in which he said the day must soon come for Canada to withdraw the modus vivendi unless she got a quick pro quo.

The appointments of Senators Costigan, Ross, Bell, Gillmor and Cameron will be gazetted tomorrow.

The Canada Northwest Land company is to return fifty per cent of the capital of the common shares of the company outstanding, being the amount of \$125,000 per share of the Alberta Contracting company at the present session will ask for an extension of time and authority to build a branch from Content to Medicine Hat.

Application is also made to incorporate the Winnipeg and North-western Railway company to build a line from Winnipeg northward between lakes Winnipeg and the Lobstick river, with branches from Prince Albert to Fort a la Corne, and along the North Saskatchewan to an Alberta river, with branches from Victoria to Battleford, from Saddle Lake to Leo La Vie, and from Victoria to Edmonton and Athabasca Landing.

INDUSTRY FOR LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge, Jan. 18.—W. C. Frye announces that he has a company of local men with a capital of \$20,000, half of which is paid up, ready to put up a brick plant here with a capacity of 30,000 brick per day and a pay roll of \$50,000 per month.

WANTS MORE ACTIVITY

Toronto, Jan. 18.—There is a well defined rumor that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, ex-M. L. A., recently appointed registrar of deeds, will resign and seek the parliamentary nomination in North Toronto, the seat now held by Hon. S. Foster. Dr. Nesbitt is already looking after the voters' list.

MORE EASTWARDS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced at Rube, government of Baku, at 10 o'clock this morning.

STANDARD OILS CASE

Findlay, O., Jan. 18.—County Clerk Ainsworth has turned over to Sheriff Groves by order of the Grand Jury, three indictments against John D. Rockefeller and others, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Standard Oil Company.

PRICE ELLISON

Popular Former Member and Present Conservative Candidate in Okanagan

Winnipeg, Man. Jan. 18.—Justin J. Golden, a well known citizen, former politician and at present immigration agent in Winnipeg has been appointed deputy minister of agriculture for Manitoba.

REMARKABLE ENDURANCE

Raymond, Alberta, Jan. 18.—Solomon Johnson, a rider for the Knight Cattle Company, was out two days on horseback after a cow which was running wild. His horse played out but he kept on the pursuit on foot. His face and wrists were frozen.

REGINA ROBBERY

Regina, Jan. 18.—The police are working on the robbery of a C. P. R. passenger train, the night before last. A car was broken into and \$1000 worth of cigars and whiskey was stolen. The car was broken into and \$1000 worth of cigars and whiskey was stolen. The car was broken into and \$1000 worth of cigars and whiskey was stolen.

RAILROADS TIED UP

Portland, Ore., Jan. 18.—Railroads are practically at a standstill in Washington and Oregon because of the inability to obtain fuel for locomotives. The car shortage is disastrous, and repeated landfalls and snow in the mountains have contributed to bringing about a congestion without precedent in these two states.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, Jan. 19.—3:27 p. m.—A special despatch from Kingston to the Evening News, under today's date, says: "An official report just issued states that over seven hundred bodies have been buried at Kingston and that the remains of 1,017 other victims have been identified and that a large number are missing." There is no confirmation as to how the first handling over of the bodies was effected, and it is believed that the figures "1,017" may be a cable error.

MORE MORMONS

Montreal, Jan. 18.—An application granted by Justice Davidson in the superior court marks a further invasion of the province in the Canadian Northwest. The application was for voluntary liquidation of the Cochrane Ranching Company, Limited, of Alberta. The liquidator, Messrs. James Cochrane, of Cochrane, Que., Ernest Cochrane, of Boston, and Charles M. Hunt of Montreal. The object of the application is to allow the first handling over of the business to Bro. Joseph A. Smith, chief apostle of the Mormons. The ranch covers 70,000 acres in an Alberta. The purchase price is said to be over half a million. The Mormons will form a large settlement there and cultivate the land.

BIG DIVIDEND BY WHALING COMPANY

Very Gratifying Report Presented at Annual Meeting—Sole Rights in Gulf Secured—President Outlines Plans for Coming Season

At the annual meeting of the Pacific Whaling company on Friday, a dividend of 20 per cent was declared on preferred stock and 10 per cent on common stock. The earnings of the company from the Sechart whaling station from which the stock was issued are reported as amounting to \$2,555.83. The dividend on the preferred stock will be \$1,111.11 and on the common stock \$1,444.72. The dividend on the preferred stock will be \$1,111.11 and on the common stock \$1,444.72.

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MONTREAL SUITS

Montreal, Jan. 18.—As the result of a discussion in the city council of the light question, the Montreal Light, Heat and Power company has sued Alderman White-Laurier, Martin Froulx and Labreque, charging them with fraud.

VICTIMS OF GOLD

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—From all over the province come reports of blustering weather, accompanied by fine snow drifting. The railways are tied up worse than ever.

SECRETARY ROOT ON HIS VISIT TO OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Secretary Root arrived in Ottawa today, on a few days' excursion to Earl Grey. In the afternoon he gave an audience to the corps of Ottawa correspondents, and spoke entertainingly on many topics. He said his visit had no political, diplomatic or governmental side to it, unless it be this—that all affairs of the world were the great cause of controversy among the nations was misunderstanding—the failure of people in one country to appreciate the point of view of people in another country. Better knowledge led to better understanding, to a kinder feeling, more reasonable treatment and the exchange of friendly courtesy.

REPREHENSIBLE TACTICS

Roseland, Jan. 19.—At tonight's meeting Mr. McInnes deliberately endeavored to stir up strife between employer and employee, for which the workmen of Roseland will not thank him. He insisted that the companies were attempting to coerce the men to vote contrary to their convictions, and his interferences were nothing more than a flagrant effort to create that agitation and strife for which Mr. McInnes is noted more than for any one thing.

FOR B. C. FRUIT LANDS

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—Notice is given in this week's Manitoba Gazette that letters patent have been issued incorporating William L. Farrish, grain dealer, Joseph A. Bandfield, merchant, Chas. J. O'Toole, agent, Chas. W. Clark, Ph.D., and Ernest Cochrane, of Montreal. The object of the application is to allow the first handling over of the business to Bro. Joseph A. Smith, chief apostle of the Mormons. The ranch covers 70,000 acres in an Alberta. The purchase price is said to be over half a million. The Mormons will form a large settlement there and cultivate the land.