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WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

ROYAL ASSET SECURED FOR CONTRACT TO MAKE EAST ST. JOHN HARBOR

Total Expenditure Will Reach \$11,500,000--Norton Griffiths and Co. Will Do Work.

Company Will Build Immense Wharves and Terminals and also Agree to Construct Up-to-date Dry Dock 900 Feet Long--Twenty-two Berths to be Provided and Work Must be Completed in Four Years--Greatest Boom in St. John's History.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The Order-in-Council has been passed and the Governor General gave his assent today, awarding the contract for development at Courtenay Bay, in the harbor of St. John, to Norton Griffiths & Company.

The policy of developing the great ports of Canada as outlined by Mr. Monk, the Minister of Public Works, early in the session, is being carried out as far as St. John is concerned on a very practical basis.

It is due to the action, or, rather, inaction, on the part of Mr. Pugsley and the Laurier government that development in Courtenay Bay was not started last fall. The tenders closed on August 10 and, but for Mr. Pugsley's propensity for playing politics, the contract could have been awarded promptly.

In one respect, however, St. John has benefitted. There has been a thorough revision of the plans by the Borden government and several important improvements will be carried out.

The full development of the facilities in Courtenay Bay towards which a propitious start is made with the present contract will, when completed, in the opinion of experts here, constitute one of the most modern and up to date harbors in the world.

The complete scheme as laid out encloses an area of about 400 acres by means of a breakwater 4,570 feet in length, which is included in the contract now awarded.

On the city side of the Bay, adjoining the tracks of the I. C. R., a large area will be reclaimed for railway terminals and wharves. According to the complete plan some twenty-two berths will eventually be provided for vessels from 500 to 800 feet in length.

On the eastern side of the Bay, in the rock at the foot of the Alms House building, the dry dock will be built. It will be 900 feet in length and will be constructed with a reclamation sufficient for a shipyard and repairing works.

The main entrance to the harbor of Courtenay Bay, between the reclamation ground on the city side, and the breakwater, will be about 1,600 feet.

It is understood that certain changes in the plans are under consideration with the co-operation of the contractors which will increase the area of efficiency and the amount of accommodation in the harbor.

Mr. Stewart, the managing director of the company, arrived in Ottawa today and, when interviewed by The Standard's correspondent, expressed his great satisfaction at the outcome of events.

Asked when a start might be expected, Mr. Stewart said instructions would be given to commence operations on the breakwater and dry dock site at once.

The chief engineer of the company is P. R. Warren, who will be in charge of the work. Mr. Stewart stated that Mr. Warren recently spent ten years in Singapore carrying out some of the largest harbor works in existence and had come to Canada specially to supervise the Courtenay Bay contract.

In December, 1910, F. Oswel, one of the Norton Griffiths engineers, made an inspection of all the eastern ports of Canada and submitted a very favorable report on the possibilities of St. John harbor.

Now that the development of Courtenay Bay is an assured fact, even to the satisfaction of the doubting Thomases who were sceptical of the government's intention to fulfil Mr. Borden's promise made to the citizens of St. John through the columns of The Standard, it may be well to explain that what was assumed to be delay has only been the necessary interval of time for the thorough investigation and consideration by the cabinet of this important project.

Changes and improvements have been suggested, and in some cases made, and the prospective contractors and the engineers of the Department of Public Works have been frequently consulted on matters which called for explanation.

The expenditure of \$7,500,000, the largest contract for public works in the Maritime Provinces, was not to be lightly entered into.

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COMMONS WOULD NOT BE PLEASED

Many Would Oppose Elevation of Sir Edward Grey to Premiership. NOT FATAL TO PARTY.

Government Would Hardly be Upset, Says Joseph Martin—Mr. Asquith Has Had a Brief but Eventful Term.

London, Feb. 13.—Among the members of the House of Commons many of whom have reached London in readiness for the reopening of parliament tomorrow the rumored retirement of Herbert H. Asquith from the premiership was today the chief subject of conversation.

Even among the members of Parliament who have taken part in the campaign against Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, it is agreed that their opposition to him was in great part due to their desire to prevent him succeeding to the premiership as they are against his foreign policy.

Joseph Martin, the Liberal member of parliament for the east St. Pancras division of London, who was formerly prominent in Canadian politics, and is now one of the leaders of the extreme radical wing in the House of Commons said in the course of an interview today that there was no doubt that the majority of members of the House of Commons would view with keen disappointment the elevation of Sir Edward Grey to the premiership.

Sir Edward Grey during his term at the Foreign Office has commanded the respect of both parties. Only recently has there been an agitation against his foreign policy. One of his supporters pointed out that Sir Edward Grey was really a peculiar combination of radical and conservative.

JAPANESE BUDGET PASSES THE HOUSE WITHOUT AMENDMENT

Tokyo, Feb. 13.—The house of representatives today passed the budget without amendment.

JUSTICE DIES IN TRUO THIS MORNING

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Feb. 13.—F. A. Laurence, judge of the supreme court, died at his home in Truro at 12.34 this morning.

BULLET WAS MEANT FOR POLICEMAN

Officer Benoit Threatened Just Before Fatal Shot was Fired—"Tall Italian" Responsible for the Murder.

PROSECUTION TO CLOSE CASE TODAY.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 13.—The circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of Anna Lopizzo during a riot in this city on January 29 were described by various witnesses today at the continued hearing in the district court of the case of Joseph J. Eitor, strike leader, and Arturo Giovannitti, charged with being accessories before the fact to the woman's murder.

The shooting was described by Robt G. Warner, a Boston newspaper man. He said the man who fired the shot was about six feet tall and wore a long dark overcoat. Officer Benoit's back was turned to the man and another man stopped in behind Benoit.

JUDGE ADJOURNS THE COURT TO VINDICATE HIS REPUTATION

Midland, Texas, Feb. 13.—"Judge, you are a liar." "This court will stand adjourned till I whip the man who just called me a liar," exclaimed the judge.

MANY NEW SETTLERS LANDED ON SHORES OF THE DOMINION

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Immigrant settlers to the number of 306,705 arrived in Canada during the first ten months of the current fiscal year, April 1st to February 1st.

HAS SMALL CHANCE OF A REPRIEVE

Governor Foss Will Make No Effort to Save Richeson from Electric Chair—Sentiment Unanimous.

INSANITY IS HIS ONLY CHANCE.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 13.—Governor Foss will make no effort to commute the death sentence of Clarence V. T. Richeson, murderer of Gov. Linnell, who has been sentenced to death in the electric chair in the week of May, 10.

THE NEWS WAS VERY WELCOME IN THIS CITY

Great Joy Last Evening Over Announcement that Courtenay Bay Work Would be Commenced at Once.

FAITH OF THE PEOPLE MORE THAN JUSTIFIED.

The announcement that the order in council for the work in Courtenay Bay had been passed by the government and assented to by the governor general while not unexpected, was most welcome news to the people of St. John.

FRANCE EXPECTS TO RULE THE AIR WITH GREAT FLEET

Millions to be Expended on Dirigibles and Aeroplanes—Aeronautic Regiment to be Organized This Year.

JEWES WANT DUTY ON UNLEAVENED BREAD LOWERED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Chief Rabbi Glazier, of the united congregations of Montreal, waited upon Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs today, asking that the duty on unleavened bread be remitted during the Passover season.