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Legislation for Development of Province to Come Before Parliament Which Convenes

PREMIER TO ANNOUNCE NEW RAILROAD POLICY

Picturesque Ceremonial at Opening by Lieutenant-Governor-Forecast of Speech from the Throne

Yesterday's steamer from the provincial mainland brought to the Capital a majority representation of the members of the twelfth legislative assemtly of British Columbia, the third (and it is generally believed final) session of which will open this afternoon at the usual hour of three o'clock, with all the time-honored and picturesque ceremonial attaching to such events in the conduct of British representative government, His honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson, will attend promptly at the hour, attended by his secretary, Mr. Muskett, his A.D.C., Capt. Tyrwhitt-Drake, his official staff, drawn from the officers of the Canadian naval and military services and the Fifth Regiment C.G.A., while the guard of honor will be furnished by the citizen soldiery of the "Fighting Fifth," in charge of Captain and Adjutant P. A. Stern, assisted by Lieutenants F. A. Robertson and D. C. Reid. The regimental order for the parade requires the muster of the men in review order with master Rogers, will also attend. The provincial and city police will for the occasion reinforce the regular staff of house officers, vialle the chamber again promises to be exertated to accommodate the usual brilliant throng representative of British Columbia best society, which is always conspicuously represented at such functions. In vitations to the opening have, as in all list, recipients of which invitations will be provided with seats on the floor of the house, while the ladies' and visi-

tors' galleries will be available to the

Interest in the now opening session is peculiarly active by reason of the mportance of various matters of legisthe representative industries of the province, which will be presented for enactment during its life, and because of the well understood intention of the premier before its close to announce to the house, and through it to the country, the details of his new railway policy, through which it is hoped to promote a yet more rapid and beneficial era of development in confunc tion with the opportunities created by the opening of the Panama canal.

Outstanding features of the session opening today, and which it is expected by the government will last but little longer than six weeks, are expected to be found in legislation for the raticompleted revision and consolidation the statutes; a new and comprehensive land act, a bill for the amendment of the Vancouver city charter making possible the introduction of a number of radical innovations in the scheme and methods of civic government, a measure for the establishment of a department of forestry, and for the revision and perfection of the Bush Fires Act so as much more effectually to conserve and protect the timber resources of the country; yet other legisation providing for a readjustment of provincial taxation; the necessary legislation preliminary to the establishment of a reformatory school for wayward girls; the completion of the incorporation of the city of Prince Rupert, and various private measures, the cope and tenor of which have already been outlined and are well understood by the major portion of the community interesting itself in public affairs.

It is also possible that before the close of the session the prime minister may be in a position to announce, as he hopes to do, the completion of an understanding with the federal government preliminary to the format consideration of British Columbia's request a more equitable readjustment of iscal terms with the Dominion of Canada. It is also quite probable that before the session closes, an announce ment may be made by Hon. Mr. Mc-Bride of his intention of taking up with Downing Street direct the intricate question of Asiatic immigration in all its phases of so great importance in connection with the preservation of this province and this Dominion as a white British Commonwealth.

Speech From the Throne

The speech from the throne with which His Honor will this afternoon formally inaugurate the third session of the welfth parliament of British Columbia may in the natural course be expected to contain suitable reference to the ccrration of His Gracious Majesty King

TEACHERS IN COUNCIL

Convention at New Westminster Passes Besolution in Regard to Sub-stitute's Salaries

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 10 .-The closing session of the twentieth convention of the Coast Teachers' Institute was marked by a lively discus-sion over the following resolution:

"That this convention favors the amending of the school act to require school boards to pay the salaries of substitutes in case of illness of teachers for a period of 30 days."

Mr. Stewart, assistant superintendent of public instruction, strongly opposed the resolution, and said that the plac-ing of such a law upon the statutes of

the boards of school trustees in British Columbia. He stated that in the his-tory of all the boards of the province been called to deserving cases they had always been liberal in providing for the teachers, and until some specific in-stance of that neglect could be produced, he urged the convention not to pass such a drastic and radical reso-

After considerable discussion, in which several teachers gave instances of having been forced to pay for sub-stitutes in cases of illness, the resolution was adopted.

Victoria will have the next conven

Roads from Peking to Tientsin and Shan Hai Kwan Now Under Protection by Various Powers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- Recent cable suarding the railroad from Peking to Shan Hai Kwan. Among them are no American troops. British troops are guarding the section from Tang Shan to Lanchow, which was assigned to American protection.

The number of foreign troops permit-

ted to be stationed in China to protect legations and consulates was settled by protocol in 1901, after the Boxer rebellion, when provisions were made also for foreign guards to be stationed at railroads and at certain ports. The legation guards in Peking was fixed at about 2000 men of various nationali-

Under the protocol it also was arranged that 5900 foreign troops should be stationed along the railway from Peking to Tientsin and on to Shan Hai Kwan. In order therefore to bring this protection force up to its full quota, 2700 more men are required, and these will be provided by those nations that have not now their full proportion on the spot. The points specifically men-Lang Fang, Yang Tsun, Tientsin, Chung Liang Cheng, Tang-Ku, Intai, Tan-Shan, Lanchow, Tan-Si, Chin Wang Tao and Shan Hai Kwan.

DESTROYERS SAFE

Little U. S. War Vessels Turn Up at Bermuda and Rampton Boads, Orippied

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 10 .-- A message has just been received from the United States tender Dixi, reporting the missing torpedo boat destroyer McCall, and the cruiser Birmingham approaching Bermuda. They are expected to arrive here tomorrow morn-

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 10 .- The scout cruiser Salem, which suffered in the recent storm at sea, and the auxiliary cruiser Prairie towing the disabled torpedo boat destroyer Roe, arrived in Hampton roads late today. The Salem and the Roe both will go to the Norfolk navy yard for repairs.

MURDEROUS HOLD-UPS

Desperadoes in Portland Shoot Down Two Officers and Two Bystanders and Escape

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Three highwaymen held up two pedestrians at Park and Oak street, in this city, compelled the proprietor of the La Salle hotel at Tenth and Burnside streets, under force of arms, to hand them \$35 from his till, and quickly escaped to a saloon at First and Burnside. They shot Patrolman Amundsen, Special Officer Edward Gassett and two bystanders, all within a few minutes, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. They escaped after the shooting, and at an early hour this morning had not been

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 .- Impressed by the rapid extension of the revolu-tionary disturbances in Ecuador, the administration is contemplating the despatch to Ecuadorean waters of a naval force, perhaps an entire division of the Pacific fleet. At present the only warship looking after American interests is the little gunboat Yorktown, which arrived Sunday at Guaya-Reports have reached Washingquil. ton of the threatening attitude of some George V., and to the observance of that of the Ecuadorean factions toward Angleon (Continued on Page Two.)

HOUSE RESUMES ITS SITTING

Government Ready with Considerable Business for Attention of Members-Estimates Are Brought Down

Some Time Devoted to Acquisition of Branch Lines for Intercolonial Railway-Opposition Differences

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 .- The House of Commons resumed its sitting this afternoon, the government promptly bringing down a considerable amount of business for its consideration. The Minister of Finance brought down the presented, several returns were laid on the table and Premier Borden intro-duced a bill to place the department of external affairs under the Premier in-stead of under the secretary of state, as

After a number of questions had been tions. Sir Wilfrid Laurier obtained an order for a copy of the recent memorials relative to the improvement of Ottawa. In doing this he defended the improvement commission against the charge of mismanagement. In replying, Mr. Bor-den observed that the commission had not proceeded on a sufficiently compre-

hensive scheme.
Hon. Mr. Emmerson moved a resolu tion to the effect that it is desirable in the furtherance of the transportation interests of the Dominion that the or otherwise acquiring such branch lines connecting with it as will serve as direct and profitable feeders. In moving this, Mr. Emmerson enlarged upon the advantages of the opening of new areas by the addition of branch lines to the government system. Noticing the Hudson Bay railway, he said that line would be of service to the trans-portation interests of the Dominion for

four months only in the year.

Hon. Frank Cochrane said Mr. Borden would be found to be a premier who kept his promise, and the policy of the (Continued on Page Two.)

Premier Caillaux Leaves Office Because of De Selves Incident-Secret Negotiations with Germany

NAMES MENTIONED FOR NEW MINISTRY

PARIS, Jan. 10 .- The downfall the Caillaux cabinet came suddenly tonight. It was legally due, however, because of the failure of the premier to obtain timber to complete a political combination. The resignation last night of the foreign minister, Justin De Selves, which followed a dramatic scene at a meeting of the senate committee, when M. De Selves declined to back up the premier in his statement regarding recent negotiations between Germany and France, resulted in immediate dissensions in the cab-

M. Calilaux accepted the inevitable, and amounced to President Fallieres the retirement of himself and colleagues. Among the names mentioned as most likely for the new cabinet are MM. Deicasse, Bourgeois, Raymond, Poincare, Millerand, ex-Premier Briand

and possibly ex-Premier Clemenceau.

The Paris newspapers, which unanimously regret the De Selves-Caillaux incident as likely to do harm to the prestige of France abroad, quickly lined up for and against the premier. The Liberte accused M. Caillaux of

secret negotiations with Germany be-fore the despatch of a German warship to Agadir, while he was minister of finance, and after the Agadir incident, while he was premier, the result of which would have been the transference of the Congo to Germany, the overthrow of all French foreign policies, the compromising of the dignity and security of France, both in Africa and in Europe, and the abandonment of the Europe, and the abandonment of the triple entente through the entente with Germany. Fortunately, the paper claims, President Fallieres and Foreign Minister De Selves learned of the project, which subsequently was allowed to drop. The Temps makes a strong defense of the premier in a page review devoted to "the real negatiations between France and Germany."

BRITISH COAL MINERS **VOTE ON STRIKE**

LONDON, Jan. 10.-Thousands of coal miners are voting whether page of the coal mines in the United Kingdom. The result, probably, will be announced on

January 18.

The ballot is to decide whether notice shall be given of a national strike, to begin on March 1. The leaders of the Miners' Federation are against the movement, but it is thought

Prominent Lumber Merchant Dead MONTREAL, Jan. 10.-Martin Power one of the best known lumber mercha in Canada, died today from heart fail-

Accident to Steamer

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10.-The steam er Nome City with the disabled steam er Alliance in tow, arrived here late today from Coos bay. No lives were lost, and there were no casualties as the result of the accident to the Alliance, which lost its rudder while at-tempting to enter Coos bay.

Search in Ruins of Equitable Life Building Gives Assurance-Larger Vaults Are Still Unopened

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 .- More than NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—More than \$50,000,000 in stocks and bonds were recovered from some of the smaller vaults in the burned Equitable Life Assurance society building tate today, but it probably will be a week, perhaps longer, before the great vaults of the society and those of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company give up their half billion or more in securities.

Further examination of the gaunt ice-shrouded building swept on Tuesday by fire showed this afternoon that of those who made the inspection, an opinion reinforced by the discovery to-day that the smaller vaults had kept their treasure safe, their contents will suffer little, if at all. But, buried as they are, under hundreds of tons of ice and debris, it may be a week before

it will be advisable to open them.

Meanwhile, securities variously estimated in value from a billion to a billion and a half dollars cannot be recovered. Special guards have been thrown about the building, and day and night they will be on duty. The smaller vaults of the Mercantile

Trust company were the ones opened this afternoon. As it was seen they could be entered, 50 clerks were despatched from the Bankers' Trust company, a few blocks away, to transfer the securities. Between \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in stocks and bonds were removed. The Bankers' Trust company owns the Mercantile Trust

Just what is the value of the secur ities still in the vaults is mere guess work. It is known that the Equitable securities are close to \$300,000,000, and these of the Harriman estate in the viults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company are understood to approximate \$125,000,000. It also is said that Thomas F. Ryan has approximately \$100,-000,000 in securities there, and the Gould estate practically a similar sum. It was said at George Gould's offices this afternoon that Mr. Gould had felt some anxiety about his securities, but had received assurances that there would be no loss. The Mercantile Safe Deposit company issued a statement saying that not only was everything in the vaults safe, but that in some places the paint on the vault had not been blistered. The vaults and safes of the Harriman lines are believed to be in-

No trace had been found of the body of Battalion Chief William Walsh, nor had the body of Wm. Campion, chief of the Mercantile guards, been recovered, although it is partly in sight. Tenants of the American National Bank building, across Cedar street, where the trembling ruins may fall, have been ordered to vacate their offices.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Train service on all lines leading east from Portland, which were demoralized by the recent storm was placed on normal schedule today. In Portland, with the exception of the outlying residence district, electric light and telephone service is practically restored. No flood conditions are reported to result from the mild weather now prevailing.

KING AND QUEEN SAIL FOR HOME

BOMBAY, Jan. 10. — King George and Queen Mary embarked tonight on the steamship Me-dina, homeward bound.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

Total Shows Reduction of Over Six Million Dollars from That of Current Year-Supplementaries to Come

LIBERAL AMOUNTS

Two New Vessels for Fisheries Protection Service and New Lighthouse and Buoy Steamer Provided for

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—The main estimates for 1912-13 tabled this afternoon show a consolidated fund expenditure of \$104,919,304 and capital \$44,870,373, total \$149,789,677, compared with \$109,616,917, \$46,462,621 and \$156,079,538, the corresponding figures for the current year. There will be supple-

mentary estimates later on.
Victoria harbor improvements are
\$500,000, Vancouver harbor improvements are \$500,000.

Public buildings—Ashcroft public building, \$5000; Chilliwack public building, \$35,000; Cranbrook public building, \$38,000; Dominion public building, renewals, improvements and repairs, \$3000; Grand Forks public building, \$40,000; Greenwood public building, \$25,-000; Merritt public building, \$10,000; Nanaimo public building extension, \$19,000; Nelson public building, addi-tions, \$7000; Prince Rupert, public building, \$50,000; Prince Rupert, quar-antine station, \$24,000; Quesnel public building, addition, \$1000; Revelstoke public building, \$30,000; North Vancouver, public building, \$80,000; Vancouve

ver, public building, \$80,000; Vancouver examining warehouse, \$30,000; Vernon public building, \$10,000; Victorla post-office improvements. \$10,000; William Head quarantine station improvements and repairs to buildings and furniture, etc., \$4000.

Harbors and Blyers—Columbia and Kootenay rivers improvements, \$35,000; Columbia river, survey from boundary with view to determine cost of rendering river navigable, \$30,000; Courtney river improvements, \$1100; Courtney river improvements, \$1100; Fraser river, to commence construc-tion of training pier, \$200,000; Fraser river improvements, reconstruction and repairing dams at Nicomen slough, \$5000; Fraser river (lower) improve-

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Officers Tracing Movements of McNamara and Dean in Hope of Finding Hiding Place of Stolen Money

SEARCH FOR ANDERSON AT LOS ANGELES a Canadian point of view.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 10 .- The detectives who are investigating the robbery of the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster are making inquiries at Victoria, Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, Calgary and other towns to determine the actions of John McNamara and Charles Dean, while staying in these places prior to the time that the trail was picked up in Winnineg.

Evidence has been secured to show that the men were in the places mentioned, and the officers are of the opin-ion that it is possible that a good poror other of the cities. In view of the amount of money involved, there being \$240,000 unaccounted for, and that the reward offered by the Bank of Montreal for the recovery of any part of the money still stands, the officers are receiving much information from people in New Westminster and Van-couver who believe that they came in contact with the two men.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10 .- The police and private detectives of Los Angeles are now hunting for Albert Anderson, alias Addison, alleged to be the fourth member of the gang that blew the safe in the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., on September 15, 1911, and secured about September 15, 1911, and secured about \$375,000 in cash and securities. That Anderson is or was in Los Angeles was confidentially stated by a message received by the officials today from San Francisco. The police stated that the telegram from San Francisco contained the information that the police there had combed that city and were convinced that Anderson had escaped to Los Angeles in an auto. Anderson is alleged to be the pai of Albert Hoffman, or Dean, now under ar (Continued on Page Two.)

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—The meteorologial office in Toronto will in the future be in close touch with weather bureaus all over Europe, Great Britain and the North Atlantic, and weather conditions all over the world will be received and recorded at the office here twice a day. In this way storms can be traced and followed, and it will be possible eventually to warn people in the Old Country of the approach of storms from this side of the Atlantic.

Arrangements have been made so that information will be transmitted through FOR THIS PROVINCE will be in touch. The department at Ottawa is also co-operating and is paying the cost of the cables. The arrangement will be of the very greatest value in forecasting weather in Canada.

Drowned on Mudflats SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—The body of John Deering, aged 26 years of age, was found today in the mudflats at Stan-wood. Deering went duck hunting yes-terday, and the position of his body causes the belief that he waded into the mudflats to pick up his quarry, His coat and gun were found a few feet away where he had laid them he waded into the treacherous

MARINE EXPERT SPEAKS OF PORTS

Ar. Nash, Representative of Great English Steamship Company, Thinks Well of Vancouver's Prospects

the American continent, and one of the leading—if not the leading port of the entire Pacific coast." This is the prediction of Mr. E. J. M. Nash, an expert on matters pertaining to the merchan marine, who arrived today as the ape cial representative for the United States and Canada of the Royal Mall Steam Packet company, with headquarters at London, and the world in general as an operating field.

"Two ports on the Pacific coast will attain great importance within the next en years," said Mr. Nash.

"The choice lies, as far as I can see, between San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Vancouver, and Vancouver will be one of thes two, with the other ports fighting for second place. Vancouver is a free port for the shipping of the world, and everybody will enjoy equal rights and privileges, which is another strong factor with companies looking for terminal facilities. I should looking for terminal facilities. I should not be surprised at all if, for instance, the C. F. R. and other transcontinental coastwise steamship line, say from Montreal to Vancouver through the canal to protect their own freight business over the Canadian continent. American railways might also find it exoastwise laws of the United States may be against it. But this would only add to the importance of this port from

"Coming back to our own company, which owns today 324 ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 1,340,000, and enpircles the entire globe, we feel that we must adjust our routes according to the new conditions arising with the open-ing of the Panama canal. We are now the only company maintaining docks at Panama and Colon, and when we look over our routes as they stretch from one corner of the known world to the other, Vancouver is not likely to be overlooked.

"Regarding the plans of the Canadian Northern, of which I have heard a great deal spoken while in San Francisco, I must confess that I have no official information on the subject, but it would not be at all unlikely if the Canadian Northern were to run steamers from England to Canada via Vancouver or from Vancouver to the Orient. But the Canadian Northern will not be the only company wise enough to recognize Vancouver's wonderful location."

American Troops for China MANILA, Jan. 10 .- Major General J.

Franklin Bell, commanding the Philppine division, hopes to despatch the transport Logan at noon on Thursday for China with the first battalion of bering about 500 men, will board the Logan tomorrow, but as there is a great deal of work to be done before sailing it is more than probable that the departure may be delayed until

Will of Wm. C. Greene

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—The will of the late William C. Greene, known as the "Mining King" of Cananea, Mexico, who died in Cananea on August 5 last was filed for probate here today. Col-onel Greene directed that all of his property, personal and real, be given to his wife, Mary Procter Greene.

Toronto Meteorological Office to Be Placed in Close Touch With Bureaus in Burope TORONTO In **IMPROVEMENTS**

Appropriation of \$500,000 in Estimates for This Year's Work of Enlarging Port of Victoria Facilities

BREAKWATER FROM BROTCHIE LEDGE

Government Provides for Progressive Scheme Involving Expenditure of from \$3,-000,000 to \$5,000,000

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 10.-The oreliminary estimates will provide five hundred thousand dollars for the Victoria, B. C. harbor improvements, this being considered a sufficient amount to is understood that the completed im-provements now in contemplation will bring the total expenditure up to from three to five million dollars. The work which will be undertaken according to the present plans of the government engineers will be the construction of the breakwater from Brotchie ledge and a general system of harbor improvements. The securing of this early recognition of the rights of Victoria to harbor improvements is due to the efforts of Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., who has been insistent in advocating the necessary of an early start on the harbor works so that Victoria will be in a position to handle the trade which will develop with the opening of the Pan-

Following representations by Mr. G. H. Barnard the member for Victoria. Mr. Louis Coste, M. I. C. E., the noted Canadian harbor engineer was sent here to investigate the requirements of the port. After making a thorough investigation he formulated a plan for the construction of modern harbor works and returned to Ottawa to report to the government. The prompt action taken by the Dominion govern-ment in placing half a million dollars in the estimates to begin this work indicates that his plan has been accepted in toto, and the sum placed in the estimates is the initial yearly amount to begin the work. It will be followed yearly by ample appropriations to carry the work to completion.

Two Breakwaters

The plan, which Mr. Coste is understood to have recommended to the government, provides for the construction of two breakwaters, one to extend from the vicinity of Ogden point, and another from some point to the west-ward of McLaughlin point, or there-about, sheltering a large area of deep railways were to think of running a coastwise steamship line, say from trance will be from 1,200 to 1,500 feet in width. Concrete plers will be provided in this harbor extending from the Dallas road foreshore giving adeerican railways might also find it expedient to run steamship lines from New York to San Francisco to guard of water—about a third of the dissimilar interests and it is head. similar interests, and it is hardly likely tance greater than between the two that they will ignore Vancouver as a piers of the outer wharves—between most desirable port, but, of course, the vided where car ferries can load or unload easily, and in order to bring bascule bridge is contemplated from Laurel to Songhees point to connect with the trackage yards planned for the former Indian reserve. Adequate warehouse and cargo handling facilities; in fact, all that a modern port requires to handle freight promptly and cheaply is planned. The scheme contemplates also enlargement when the growth of the trade requires an even greater harbor, when a break-water will be constructed from Holland point or thereabout, and the large concrete blocks will be lifted and the Ogden point breakwater converted into a pier. The area of the con-templated harbor will provide a clear space of over 1,500 feet radium from the centre of the narrowest part, showing that vessels will have ample room for manoeuvring. On the westerly side, from the Breakwater to Coffee island at the entrance to the inner entrance to the inner harbor, the breakwater will shelter about a mile comprises the cleaning up of the in-ner harbor, deepening it to a uniform depth ample for the coastwise trade and removing all obstructions to navi-

Work to Commence

The commencement of this work, which will tend to bring Victoria into great prominence among the ports of the North Pacific coast, will probably take place in the early spring, and will furnish work for a great number of workmen.
The announcement from Ottawa

The announcement from Ottawa comes opportunely with the visits now being made to the North Pacific ports of special representatives of the large British and European steamship companies which contemplate the establishment of steamship lines via the Panama canal. Mr. E. J. M. Nash, special agent of the Royal Mail Steam Packet line, largest of all the steamthip companies, having 324 vessella is (Continued on Page Two.)