

SESSION FULL OF INTEREST

Legislation for Development of Province to Come Before Parliament Which Convenes Today

PREMIER TO ANNOUNCE NEW RAILROAD POLICY

Pictureque 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 assembly 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 Patterson, will attend promptly at the hour, attended by his secretary, Mr. Muskeft, his A.D.C., Capt. Tyrwhitt-Drake, his official staff, drawn from the officers of the Canadian navy 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 helmets, and the band, under Bandmaster Rogers, will also attend. The provincial and city police will for the occasion reinforce the regular staff of house officers, while the chamber again promises to be open to all who desire to attend the session.

NEW RAILWAY POLICY

Interest in the now opening session is peculiarly active by reason of the importance of various matters of legislation material to the development of the 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 conjunction with the opportunities created by the opening of the Panama canal.

DESTROYERS SAFE

Little U. S. War Vessels Turn Up at Bermuda and Hampton Roads, Crippled

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 morning.

MURDEROUS HOLD-UPS

Desperados 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 Amundson, 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 captured.

TO GUARD AMERICAN INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Impressed by the rapid extension of the revolutionary disturbances in Ecuador, the administration is contemplating the dispatch to Ecuadorian 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 Guayaquil. Reports have reached Washington of the threatening attitude of some of the Ecuadorian factions toward American interests.

TEACHERS IN COUNCIL

Convention at New Westminster Passes Resolution in Regard to Substitute's Salaries

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 10.—The closing session of the twentieth convention of the Coast Teachers' Institute was marked by a lively discussion 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."

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FOREIGN TROOPS GUARD RAILWAYS

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

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Recent cable dispatches have shown that there are 2200 troops of different nationalities guarding the railroad from Peking to Shan Hai Kwan. Among them are no American troops. British troops are guarding the section from Tsing Shan to Lanchow, which was assigned to American protection. The number of foreign troops permitted 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 nationalities.

FRENCH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

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

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HOUSE RESUMES ITS SITTING

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

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SECURITIES SAFE IN SMALL VAULTS

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

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 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 are up to their half billion or more in securities.

FOLLOW TRAIL OF SUSPECTS

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

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KING AND QUEEN SAIL FOR HOME

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

BRITISH COAL MINERS VOTE ON STRIKE

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Thousands of coal miners are voting whether there shall be a national stoppage of the coal mines in the United Kingdom. The result, probably, will be announced on January 18.

PROMINENT LUMBER MERCHANT DEAD

MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—Martin Power, one of the best known lumber merchants in Canada, died today from heart failure.

ACCIDENT TO STEAMER

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10.—The steamer Nome City with the disabled steamer 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 attempting to enter Coos bay.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

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

LIBERAL AMOUNTS FOR THIS PROVINCE

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 \$44,570,373, total \$149,489,677, compared with \$109,816,917, \$46,450,521 and \$156,073,538, the corresponding figures for the current year. There will be supplementary estimates later on.

WEATHER REPORTS

Toronto Meteorological Office to Be Placed in Close Touch with Bureaus in Europe

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—The meteorological 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.

MARINE EXPERT SPEAKS OF PORTS

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

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 10.—"Vancouver is bound to be the Liverpool of the American continent, and one of the leading ports of the world," said Mr. Nash, an expert on matters pertaining to the merchant marine, who arrived today as the special representative for the United States and Canada of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company, with headquarters at London, and the world in general as an operating firm.

BIG HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

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

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 10.—The preliminary estimates will provide five hundred thousand dollars for the Victoria, B. C. harbor improvements, this being considered a sufficient amount to get the work well started this year. It is understood that the completed improvements 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 the 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 Panama canal.

BREAKWATER FROM BROTCHE LEDGE

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 government 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 westward of McLaughlin point, or thereabout, sheltering a large area of deep water—an area greater than that in the harbor at Southampton. The entrance will be from 1,200 to 1,500 feet in width. Concrete piers will be provided in this harbor extending from the Dallas road foreshore giving adequate berthing space for 24 modern ocean liners with a basin of 200 feet of water—about a third of the distance greater than between the two piers of the outer wharves—between each pier. A ferry pier will be provided where car ferries can load or unload easily, and in order to bring the rails to meet keel at the piers' bascule bridge is contemplated from Laurel to Songhees point to connect with the trackways 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 of the growth of the trade requires an even greater harbor, when a breakwater 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 contemplated harbor will provide a clear space of over 1,500 feet radius 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 harbor, the breakwater will shelter about a mile of waterfrontage. The scheme also comprises the clearing up of the inner harbor, deepening it to a uniform depth ample for the coastwise trade and removing all obstructions to navigation.

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.

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AMERICAN TROOPS FOR CHINA

MANILA, Jan. 10.—Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the Philippine division, hopes to dispatch the transport Logan at noon on Thursday for China, with the first battalion of the fifteenth company. The troops, numbered 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 evening.

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