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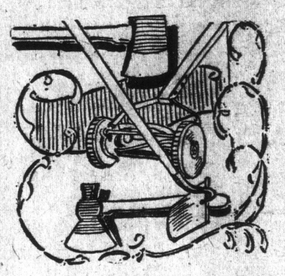

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BRIGADIER SMEETON DENIES THE CHARGE

Salvation Army's Reply to Socialist Leader's Accusations in the House

THEY DID NOT BRING MEN HERE

Latter Came to Victoria Under Altogether Different Auspices—Government Not Responsible

"A gross misrepresentation of the facts," is the term applied by Brigadier Smeeton of Vancouver, provincial officer of the Salvation Army, to the charges made by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist leader, during the sitting of the legislature on Friday against the army in connection with the coming to Victoria of some ten Old Country ship builders, whom it was charged had been deceived in regard to the conditions here and whom, it was further stated, were without any means of livelihood. The brigadier says most emphatically that these men were not brought to Victoria by the Salvation Army, and points out that if they had been they would have reported to the army here immediately on their arrival in this city, in which case they would have been provided for and there would have been no occasion for the destitution that it is charged is being experienced. Further than this he made clear that the government cannot in any way be held responsible for any trouble that has arisen in connection with the matter.

Brigadier Smeeton, accompanied by Adjutant Bloss, also of Vancouver, came over from that city on Saturday evening for the purpose of conducting the services in the local barracks on Saturday and Sunday, and the first he learned of the Hawthornthwaite charges was what he saw in the papers on his arrival in Victoria.

When seen by a reporter for the Colonist the brigadier said that he had been very much surprised to read what Mr. Hawthornthwaite had said in the house and also the statement signed by the ten men over whose coming to this city all the trouble has arisen. The facts as set forth in that statement were not in accord with the truth and on these Mr. Hawthornthwaite had based an attack, the opportunity for which he had apparently been eagerly looking for.

The real facts in regard to the coming of these men were that the Army had departed from its regular custom of bringing in from the Old Country only farm help and domestic laborers and had taken to supply a number of men accustomed to shipbuilding work. Later it was discovered that there was trouble at the works of the Esquimalt Marine Railway company, controlled by the Messrs. Bullen, and the Army officials, careful not to mix in any labor trouble or any dispute of any kind, at once wired to Halifax to stop the men from coming to Victoria. Accordingly all were sent to Toronto, where work was secured for them. Some of them, however, were not getting very good wages and were more or less pinched and the Army came to their assistance with money, and in every way tried to do its duty by them.

Recently some of the men were approached by another organization, with which the army is in no way, shape or form connected, with a proposition to come to Victoria to work at Bullens' and the ten men who arrived here Thursday and whom Mr. Hawthornwaite says are in a state of destitution, accepted the offer made them. The Army had absolutely nothing to do with their coming to Victoria. The officers in Vancouver were not advised of their leaving Toronto, as is done in the case of all immigrants sent out under Salvation auspices, and neither was the local officers notified. Further than this the men in question did not report to the Army headquarters, neither in Vancouver nor in Victoria. Had they reported to him in Vancouver he could and would have secured them work there, although they had not come west under Army auspices, and if they had reported here they would also have been looked after.

Instead of doing either of these things they came right through Vancouver and, on their arrival in Victoria, at once allied themselves with Mr. Hawthornthwaite. Why they should have done so he could not understand. If they had thought the Army owed them anything it was their duty to have come to the Army on their arrival here, and have given the officer in charge an opportunity to fulfill any promises that they might claim had been made to them by the Army before leaving the east. If they had wanted to act the manly part they would have done so. Instead, they placed their case in the hands of Mr. Hawthornthwaite and would not even talk the matter over with him. Capt. Traviss, the local officer, had during the afternoon hunted for these men and had located two of them, whom he had asked to come up to the local headquarters of the Army to talk the whole matter over. Their reply had been that they "might" come if a meeting which they were going to attend got through in time.

He regretted exceedingly the attempt that had been made by Mr. Hawthornthwaite to injure the Army in its work by means of the absolutely incorrect statement made by these men and he was sorry to see the men lending themselves to any such attempt. The statement was a gross lie, and the charges which Mr. Hawthornthwaite based on it were "a gross misrepresentation of the facts."

In connection with Mr. Hawthornthwaite's attempt to saddle the government with the responsibility for the army's alleged wrongdoing, he would like to say, in conclusion, that the government could in no way be held culpable even if the Army had not acted correctly in the matter. The bringing out of these shipbuilders was not part of any arrangement between the government and the army.

Brigadier Smeeton and Adjutant Bloss return to their homes in Vancouver this evening.

Among the matters discussed by Capt. Travis, head of the local branch of the Salvation Army, and Brigadier Smeeton, of Vancouver, were some repairs to the barracks here rendered necessary by the tearing down of the old Metropolitan Methodist Church. It is likely that one wall of the barracks will have to be rebuilt.

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DENIES STATEMENTS IN VANCOUVER PAPER

Hon. H. E. Young Gives Cause for Postponement of Timber Royalty Increase

Hon. H. E. Young, provincial secretary, on being interviewed concerning the question of privilege raised by him in the house on Friday and ruled out of order by the Speaker, in which he gave a distinct denial to certain statements attributed to Charles Lindmark by the Province, of Vancouver, stated, regarding the article published in the Province of the 16th inst., under the heading, 'Lindmark Creates Scene at Cabinet," that the said article appeared in such a form as to convey an entire misapprehension of the facts. While strong representations were made by those appearing on behalf of the lumbermen, the executive, in withdrawing the section of the proposed amendment to the Land Act, which would have increased the royalty on lumber twenty-five cents per thousand feet, was guided by several considerations, not the least of which was the very full and complete representation of the conditions involved which was made by supporters of the government from constituencies where lumbering is carried on upon a large scale, particularly by Thomas Taylor, the member for Revelstoke.

The statement made by the Hon. R. G. Tatlow at the close of Wednesday afternoon's session, with respect to the proposed increase in timber royalties, was of the highest importance, and had met with universal public approval. While it had been the intention of the government to have the new royalty come into force on January 1, 1908, several circumstances, unforeseen at the time of the framing of the measure, combined in such a way as to make it abundantly certain that the increase in the royalties on timber at so early a date as next January would work a most serious and unjust hardship upon a very important industry. Chief among these circumstances was the fact, plainly set forth in an explanatory communication from Mr. Marpole, that, owing to the unprecedented congestion of traffic caused by the abnormally severe winter which is only now just beginning to loosen its grip up the country, the Canadian Pacific railway cannot possibly handle more than a bare fifty per cent of the orders to be filled by the lumbermen. Those in the know say that Mr. Marpole is over-optimistic even in these low figures, and that forty per cent. is more likely to be the extreme limit of the railroad's capacity.

The situation and its inevitable consequences were clearly laid before the government by Mr. Thomas Taylor, member for Revelstoke, and by others, with the result that the Hon. Mr. Tatlow and his colleagues recognized the argument contained in the unusual condition of transportation facilities brought about through natural agencies, decided to postpone the increase of the timber royalties for the year later. The proposal to increase would, however, be brought before the house next session, and would probably go in effect early in 1908; and the acting premier, in giving notice of the government's determination on Wednesday, publicly warned all concerned in making their future arrangements to take the proposed increase into account.

ANOTHER MONTREAL FIRE

Montreal, April 20.—Fire badly gutted the wholesale liquor and grocery house of M. Quintal and Fils, St. Paul street, today. The stock is valued at $100,000 and is fully covered by insurance. The damage to the building will be a good deal under that figure. The fire is believed to have originated from the furnace in the cellar. By the time the firemen arrived the flames were in full control.

NOVA SCOTIA CENTENARIAN

Halifax, April 18.—Mrs. Hannah Armsworthy, aged 109 years, is dead at her home near Queenport. She was the oldest person in Nova Scotia.

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FULL BLEACHED DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS, size 18x18, hemmed, ready for use, assorted patterns. Per dozen, $1.75, $1.25 and $1.00

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DOUBLE DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS, rich satin finish, all pure linen, in polka dot and floral designs. Per dozen $2.75

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FULL BLEACHED IRISH LINEN TABLE CLOTHS, bordered all around, size 2x2 yards. Each, $3.00, $2.50, $2.00 and $1.50

ALL LINEN DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, in floral and fruit designs, size 2x2½ yards. Each, $4.50, $3.50, $3.00, $2.75 and $2.50

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WHITE DAMASK TABLE LINEN, 54 inches, 58 inches and 60 inches, in shamrock, tulip and rose patterns. Per yard 50c

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GREY ALL-WOOL HOMESPUN (6 pieces only), 54 inches wide, regular $1 and $1.25. Monday 50c

FANCY CHECK TWEED SUITING, newest colorings (6 pieces only), regular 75c. Monday.... 50c

LIGHT TWEEDS (7 pieces), assorted check and stripes, 44 and 46 inches wide, regular 75c to $1.00. Monday 50c

VARIOUS TWEEDS (30 pieces), dark and light grounds with checks and stripe designs, regular 75c to $1.00. Monday 50c

SELF COLORED DRESS GOODS (50 pieces), Roscana, H. B. serge, mohair, etc.; colors navy, myrtle, resida, wine, purple, peacock, brown, red, cream, etc.; regular 75c. Monday 50c

SILK FINISHED MOREEN SKIRTING (about 12 pieces), 38 inches, regular 65c. Sale price 35c

Slightly Damaged Feather Pillows At Half Price

The covers of these pillows have been slightly torn, and rather than renew the ticking ourselves we have decided to clear the whole lot at half price.

FEATHER PILLOWS, regular value per pair $3.50 ; Special Sale price per pair $1.75

FEATHER PILLOWS, regular value per pair $2.50; Special Sale price per pair $1.25

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Size 8 ft. 3 in. x 11 ft. 6 in., at each $32.50, $28.75 and	$27.75
Size 10 ft. 0 in. x 13 ft. 10 in., at each $65.00, $45.00 and	$37.50
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18 in. x 33 in, at each	$1.25
26 in. x 54 in., at each	$2.50
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3 ft. x 9 ft., at each only	$2.75
3 ft. x 12 ft., at each only	$3.50
6 ft. x 9 ft., at each only	$5.75
9 ft. x 12 ft., at each only	$9.50
12 ft. x 12 ft., at each only	$11.50

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During the week our stock of Seamless Velvet Rugs have been largely increased and today we show many exclusive designs in the most needed sizes. Velvet Rugs afford a rich appearance and will stand hard service. Modestly priced, as follows:

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3 yds. x 4 yds., at each	$27.50
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