

BENEFITS FROM RAILWAY POLICY

Premier McBride and Party at Cranbrook Tell of Added Prosperity Through Development of Transportation

BEFORE COUNTRY STRONGER THAN EVER

Mr. T. D. Caven Likely to be Returned by Acclamation—Mr. L. D. Taylor a Candidate in Rossland

CRANBROOK, B. C., March 12.—An election by acclamation was the news which greeted Premier McBride and his party on their arrival here from Fernie this afternoon. T. D. Caven was unanimously nominated as the Conservative candidate, and so far no opponent is in sight and as the official nomination are tomorrow there is likely to be none.

A crowded meeting was addressed by the premier, the attorney general and Mr. Caven in the opera house tonight. Mr. McVittie, president of the Conservative association, presided, and short addresses were delivered by Mayor Bowness and Otis Staples.

Mr. Caven in a practical railway man told of the benefits that must accrue from the railway policy. He pointed to the congestion of the wheat traffic on the prairies as an instance of the need for more railways and said that as yet only 10 per cent. of the land under cultivation.

Mr. Staples pointed out that if forty million dollars were spent on railways in the country, it would have the benefit of the distribution of this money and the railways too.

Premier McBride was given a warm reception, and outlined the railway policy, which would provide for the construction of lines into the Kootenay, Mackenzie and Mann had already discussed these with the government. The present programme meant three inter-provincial lines heading towards Vancouver. The population crowding to the barrier of the Rockies must spill over into the valleys of British Columbia.

Mr. Bowser said three years ago when they swept the country the people prophesied the Conservatives would fall to pieces from their own weight. Instead they were coming before the country stronger than ever. He outlined the work of the government including, Oriental immigration and the Liquor Act.

The meeting closed with cheers for Messrs. McBride, Bowser and Caven.

The party goes on to Nelson tomorrow and Trail and Rossland the following days. Interest has developed over the situation in Rossland from L. D. Taylor's acceptance of the Liberal nomination there.

"Let them all come," said the attorney-general. "This is the time to show them where they stand."

Mrs. Eddy's Will in Dispute

CONCORD, N. H., March 12.—The controversy over the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, reached the final stage of the trial of the will of the late Mrs. Eddy today, when final arguments, which will extend over three days, were begun before the supreme court on the construction of several clauses in the will. The proceedings opened with the presentation of a brief in which it is alleged that the provisions of the will bequeathing the greater part of the property to the directors of the Christian Science church in Boston is a violation of the state limiting bequests to churches.

Killed at Colliery

NANAIMO, March 12.—While engaged in coupling cars on the top works at the new shaft of the Canadian Colliery company near Haslam creek yesterday a Chinaman was caught between a body and so terribly mangled that he succumbed to his injuries shortly afterwards. The body was brought to Nanaimo where an inquest will be held today.

Smallpox in Quebec

MONTREAL, Mar. 12.—There have been seven cases of smallpox in this province since the outbreak a year ago according to the estimate of Dr. Beaudry, health inspector of the province.

Railroad Officials Arrested

CROOKSTON, Minn., March 12.—The struggle between the Great Northern railway and the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen reached a final stage here today when warrants were issued for the arrest of Superintendent Knebel and Master Mechanic W. J. Smith, on the complaint of J. H. Walter, Grand Lodge Deputy, the charge being that they would not quit the union. Under the state statutes it is a violation of the anti-trust law, for any persons or corporations to discharge employees who refuse to quit any union labor organization or to join such. This section of the statute has never been tested in the courts. At a hearing union men testified that officials of the road had given the option of quitting the union or being discharged. Knebel and Smith both refused to testify on the plea their evidence might incriminate them.

NANAIMO CRIME

Japanese Committed to Stand Trial Before Next Assize

NANAIMO, March 12.—In the city police court yesterday Tomochi Hikkida, was committed to stand trial at the next court of assize here on a charge of the attempted murder of a compatriot named Tasaki and a Japanese girl, Kiko Miyouchi.

Hikkida, jealous of the girl's affections is alleged to have determined to end the girl's life and also that of her rival. Entering the apartments of Tasaki he fired a bullet into the head of his intended victim then visited the girl's home while she was asleep and also fired a bullet from a 32 calibre revolver into her forehead.

Both, however, have recovered from the effects of the wounds and as a result the man who is alleged to have done the shooting now faces the less serious charge of attempted murder.

FOUR CANDIDATES

Mr. Alex. Manson Will Contest Skeena In Liberal Interests

PRINCE RUPERT, March 12.—The Liberals tonight nominated Alex. Manson of this city to contest Skeena in their interests against William Manson, the Conservative candidate. This makes four in the field at present, but there is a feeling that Dr. Clayton, the Independent Conservative, may retire. Montgomery, the Socialist will continue in the campaign.

The Liberal nomination is not regarded as endangering the chances of the Conservative candidate, who is looked upon as a safe winner.

LABOR COUNCIL AND SOCIALISM

Split Probable as Result of Action at Stormy Meeting Last Evening—Mr. Midgley Candidate

As a result of the adoption of the principles of Socialism by the Trades and Labor Council of the city of Victoria, which took place last night on a straight vote, a number of the leading unions affiliated with the council may secede and form a separate council for themselves as it is specifically stated in their various constitutions that the espousing of political or sectarian principles is prohibited.

The passing of this resolution, which will thus result in the disrupting of the Trades and Labor Council was not achieved without opposition. As a matter of fact so great and so strenuous was the opposition that the resolution that a free fight was very narrowly averted.

The meeting was called for the special purpose of considering two resolutions, the first being to the effect that the council should adopt the principles of Socialism, and the second being the endorsement of the candidature of Mr. V. R. Midgley as a Socialist.

Mr. A. J. Webb, of the Painters' union, George A. Caldwell of the Typographical union, and Mr. Sheek of the Laborers' union, expressed themselves as utterly opposed to the first resolution.

Delegate Webb pointed out that according to the constitution of a number of the unions they could not legally express themselves in the terms of the proposed resolution. Such a course was expressly prohibited by the constitution. In fact, it was not proposed for them to even discuss political or sectarian questions. As Delegate Webb continued to oppose the resolution those in favor of it became wroth and for a time it appeared as if the discussion would end with the forcible ejection of the speaker. So hot did the debate become and so personal, that one did the arguments assume that two of the opposing factions stripped off their coats preliminary to having a set-to at fistfights.

When, at last, order was restored without anyone receiving other than sentimental injuries the chairman, Mr. A. J. Webb, explained that while the vote on the resolution could be taken as an index of how the council felt on the subject it would in no way bind the council or the unions associated with it.

Before the vote on the Socialism resolution was put, Delegate Nagel of the Musicians' union joined the opposition, so that the resolution passed by 20 votes to 8. The other resolution endorsing the candidature of Mr. Midgley was passed by 20 to 4.

EXPLORER SAFE

H. V. Esdford Has Supplies Sufficient To Last a Year

WINNIPEG, Man., March 12.—H. V. Esdford, of New York, who is exploring the Hudson Bay country, reached Spruce Harbor, at the South of Chesterfield Inlet on Hudson Bay, on October 1, 1911, according to a letter received today by R. H. Hill, of this city, representative of a fur trader concern. The letter was dated October 3, as follows: "With my assistant, T. George Street, I arrived here three days ago by canoe from Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake. Found the relief supplies you were so kind as to send us, and have landed them here. These will enable me to continue on my northern expedition for at least a year."

THIRTEENTH DAY OF COAL STRIKE

No Settlement of Crisis Yet in Sight—Conference at Foreign Office Continues Sitings This Afternoon

SOME PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS PEACE

English Miners May Recede from Position on Minimum Wages—Situation in German Collieries

LONDON, March 12.—Thirteen days of the coal strike and no settlement yet. That is the situation tonight.

The joint conference of miners, mine owners and members of the cabinet adjourned this evening until tomorrow afternoon, to consider certain proposals made by the Prime Minister. Concerning the nature of the proposals and the results achieved at the conference, which lasted five and a half hours, the government is persisting in its policy of rigid secrecy but there are indications that some progress toward peace has been made and that the miners have receded from their position that the only basis of a settlement would be the owners' acceptance of the federation's schedule of minimum wages.

Previous to the conference the National Miners' Federation adopted a resolution which gives to the various districts the right to renew negotiations with the owners in question of rates, varying them as they may deem proper, but stipulating that all amended schedules must be endorsed by the national conference and that the settlement of the strike must be national in its scope. It is said that they may even give way on the latter point as a proposal considered today may be adopted. This proposal is that the miners of the English federation who can make favorable terms with employers, return to work, while the Welsh and Scotch miners continue to fight the owners to a finish on the minimum wage. English miners who resume operations meanwhile agreeing to submit to a special levy to help their brothers on strike.

Outlook Gloomy

LONDON, Mar. 12.—According to information published in the London morning papers, Premier Asquith has been trying to persuade the miners to return to work on a basis of a five shillings minimum wage for men and a

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DEVELOPMENT OF TIMBER LAND

Negotiations Pending for Acquisition of Large Timber Holdings in North of Vancouver Island

SEQUENCE TO MCBRIDE RAILWAY POLICY

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 12.—That the provincial government's new railway policy has been conceived not a moment too soon with a view to the development of the industries of the province is evidenced by the statistics available in the land and timber offices here. These show that the inquiries this spring in regard to land and timber are double the number of those received during a corresponding period in 1911.

What are no doubt preparations of large companies for extensive development are being made on Vancouver Island. A logging road has been constructed from Crofton to Cowichan lake, and the Barkley Sound Lumber Co., in which Caffen Bros., the well-known timber capitalists, are interested, has erected a large mill at Alberni. Negotiations are now pending for the acquisition of large timber holdings in the northern sections of the island. There have been also a large number of inquiries in regard to lands which would be tapped by the proposed railway extensions on the island.

Swindlers Sentenced

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 12.—Three of the men who yesterday pleaded guilty to participation in the swindles for which J. C. Maybray recently served a term in the Federal penitentiary, W. S. Gibson, H. C. Howard and Frank O. Scott, received sentence today. Gibson was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or six months in jail. Howard was fined \$300, which he paid. Scott was given a three months' jail sentence with a \$300 fine. W. H. Barton, whose name was erroneously given as "Bryson," yesterday paid a fine of \$800.

ATTEMPT TO KILL ITALY'S KING

ROME, March 12.—An attempt was made to assassinate Victor Emmanuel this morning. Several shots were fired at the King, but all missed their target and His Majesty escaped unhurt. His assailant was arrested.

YUKON'S EXHIBITION

Their Royal Highnesses and Princess Patricia Invited to Dawson for Opening

DAWSON, Y.T., March 12.—Camp Dawson of the Arctic Brotherhood has voted unanimously to invite the Princess Patricia to visit Dawson City this summer with the Duchess of Connaught and the Governor-General to open the first grand annual exhibition of the north, showing Yukon's agricultural, mineral, forestry, fishery and other products.

The fair is under the direction of the Brotherhood and although the exact date of the exposition is not fixed, it will probably be on August, the seventeenth, "Discovery Day," unless the Duke requires some other more convenient date.

Aviator Meets Death

PAU, France, March 12.—Lieut. Henri Paul Tibulle Seville, an army aviator belonging to the Sixth Regiment, of African Mounted Rifles, was killed here today when making a flight.

SENDS GREETINGS TO SIX NATIONS

Duke of Connaught Conveys His Majesty's Message and Smokes Pipe of Peace with Brantford Indians

OTTAWA, March 12.—His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, smoked the pipe of peace today with a delegation of Indians from the Six Nations reserve at Brantford, who were accompanied by Messrs. Cockshutt, Fisher and Lalor, M. P.'s Chief Elliott, Chief John, Chief Joseph Hill, Chief Smith, Chief Claws and Chief Gibson, composing the delegation. The Duke was accompanied by his 15 large bands are fighting the Chinese soldiers in the north. General Sheng Yuan's army, composed largely of Mohammedans, and in the province of Yunnan an army of independence.

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SIX HOSTILE ARMIES AT WORK

Riotous Scenes of Pillage in China—Decimating of Populations and Wiping Out of Whole Districts

GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO STOP CARNAGE

British Gunboat is Damaged by Shells—Eyewitness Describes Scenes at Canton as Terrible

HONGKONG, March 12.—Four gunboats have been dispatched to Canton from Hongkong. An eyewitness describes the scenes at Canton as terrible. One thousand persons have been killed.

The British gunboat Kinsha has been compelled to shift her anchorage. A wireless despatch has been received from the Hamburg-American liner Cleveland, which sailed from New York on a round-the-world voyage on October 31, saying the contemplated visit to Canton has been abandoned as the officials have prohibited the landing of foreigners.

Mutinous Pillage

PEKING, March 12.—There is little hope among the legations that the coalition government will be successful in ending the mutinous pillage now sweeping over the north. One minister said today it must burn itself out, like a fire.

There are now not less than six hostile armies in the field. These comprise the Northern and Southern armies, which the present disorders show are not agreeable to the forced compromise their leaders are negotiating. The Manchurian troops and the Mongols' 15 large bands are fighting the Chinese soldiers in the north. General Sheng Yuan's army, composed largely of Mohammedans, and in the province of Yunnan an army of independence.

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NERVE AVERTS TRAIN ROBBERY

Brave Express Messenger by Simple Ruse Saves Valuables and Kills Two of the Desperadoes

DIME NOVEL EPISODE IN ACTUAL LIFE

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 12.—Nerve and the simplest sort of a ruse enabled David A. Trousdale, a Wells Fargo Express messenger, to balk the robbery of a Southern Pacific train early today by killing two of the highwaymen who had slipped to the floor of the car with a mallet and shot off the top of the other's head when the latter tried to enter. The holdup took place east of Sanderson, near the Mexico border, at the eastern edge of the Big Bend country on the Texas side. The robbers, who held Trousdale at the point of a rifle in a corner, were ransacking the express car.

"I am not going to scrap with you all," said Trousdale to the bandit. "Oh, all right," replied the bandit. "Then you fellows will have to help get this stuff across the Rio Grande."

"Why don't you pick up that package," casually inquired Trousdale, as he kicked a small box on the floor of the car. "It's worth more than all the stuff you've got."

The robbers stooped, deceived by the ruse, to pick up the package. Trousdale grasped a heavy mallet and struck. The bandit received the blow on the head, and fell over dead. Trousdale picked up the robber's gun, and waited.

Meanwhile the second of the bandits had been working on the car ahead. When he had completed his job he hurried back to the express car. "Frank," he called. There was no answer.

The robber swung himself aboard the car. As his form loomed in the door the express messenger fired. The bandit tumbled to the ground dead.

The bodies of the robbers were put into a baggage car and the train proceeded.

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S. A. LAND GRANT TITLES

Property in North Vancouver in Dispute Valued at Nearly \$1,000,000

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 12.—Property in North Vancouver, involving South African land grant titles, and valued at nearly a million dollars, will form the basis of an interesting argument, which will be heard by W. A. Macdonald, J. C. at the lands and titles enquiry in the next few days.

This afternoon discussion as to the government's reversionary rights in D. L. 2044 and D. L. 2044 in North Vancouver, was introduced. Before many witnesses had been examined it was found that a large proportion of the subdivisions in these sections originated in South African grants, and it was at once apparent to Commissioner Macdonald that an important principle was involved, upon which there would be considerable argument pro and con. It was, therefore, decided to adjourn the presentation of the case both for the landowners and the crown for the time being.

VERNON POLITICS

No Liberal Opposition to Hon. Price Ellison—Socialist in Field

VERNON, B. C., March 12.—The Liberal convention here today decided not to put up a candidate against Hon. Price Ellison. The Socialists have nominated George F. Stirling. As out of 2500 votes last election the Socialists polled only one hundred and sixty-five, this is practically equivalent to Mr. Ellison's election by acclamation.

MUST BECOME A GREAT CITY

New York Shipping Expert Prophesies Immense Future for Victoria as Distributing Centre in Canal Days

"After making a tour of the various cities along the Pacific Coast, I am very much impressed with the position of Victoria in connection with development of the canal. The opening of the Panama canal, and I am of the opinion that your own people here do not fully realize the tremendous activity which will assuredly be witnessed in this section of the globe, following upon the revolution of the world's carrying trade."

This statement was made to a Colonist representative yesterday by Mr. John E. Smiley, of New York, who is returning east after having made a tour of investigation along the Pacific Coast from San Diego to Victoria in the interests of a group of trans-Atlantic steamship companies.

"Very much has been said and written," said Mr. Smiley, "about what the opening of the canal will have, but I am one of those who believe that the most extensive and extensive falls far short of picturing adequately the immensity of the extraordinary developments which we will witness shortly."

"The whole carrying trade of the world will be revolutionized, but more than that, we shall surely see a shifting of population. You have only to keep in mind the fact that the great tide of emigration which has flowed from the eastern shores of the continent of America to the west coast, and the Atlantic lines being within the reach of poor people, to realize that similar low rates will divert this stream to the western shores of the continent. Of course, the voyage, even through the canal, will be much longer than the direct run from Europe across the Atlantic, but the rate will not be prohibitive and will assuredly draw a great immigration to the Pacific Coast."

Hit Railway Companies

"The transcontinental railway companies will be hard hit by the competition which will be offered on the ocean as a result of the opening of the canal. One begins to realize this by observing the strong lobby that has been busy at Washington for some months in the interests of the railroads endeavoring to have the tolls through the canal put at a figure which would place the steamship operators at a disadvantage, but the United States government has wisely refused to fall into the trap."

"It requires no argument to have it admitted that as freight can be carried much more cheaply by water than by rail, a great proportion of the freight from the Atlantic Coast across the continent will come via the canal. This will mean tremendous development at Victoria, as at other leading ports on the Pacific."

"Looking at the map and studying the position of your city, I would say that it occupies an exceptionally favorable position to become a great distributing point for this freight. I am told that you are to have big harbor improvements here. You have not reached the decision a moment too soon, for once the canal has been opened, and the date is not now far away, you will see immediate results."

"Because of this great increase in the ocean-borne freight business, it will, of course, be necessary to establish large transshipment and warehouse facilities immediately adjacent to your ocean docks."

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GROWING TIDE OF PROSPERITY

Hon. W. T. White Delivers Budget Speech Showing Surplus for Fiscal Year of 29 Millions

NO TARIFF CHANGES ARE CONTEMPLATED

Statistics of Increasing Trade—Reciprocity Verdict Given on National as Well as Economic Lines

OTTAWA, March 12.—Hon. W. T. White this afternoon delivered his first budget speech, presenting to the house the financial statement, showing for the current fiscal year a magnificent surplus of twenty-nine million dollars. The speech was one of the most lucid and conservative and comprehensive of finances ever given before parliament.

The budget contained no special feature beyond the announcement of the surplus. There are to be no tariff changes and the steel bounties are not to be restored, so far as the present session is concerned. The decision in this respect was reached by the government after a great deal of careful consideration in which no phase of the situation was overlooked.

Mr. White stated today that in view of legislation establishing a tariff commission, which would collect data and report, it had been decided to make no tariff changes at present. Requests for tariff changes had been made, but there appeared to be no need so urgent that it could not wait.

The revenue of the Dominion continued buoyant. For the success of the fiscal year now coming to a close, the minister of finance declared his willingness to share credit with the other side of the House. A. W. McLean of Halifax, whose duty it was to criticize the budget for the opposition, was less generous, claiming a majority of credit for the late ministry.

The total revenue for the current fiscal year, including returns yet to come in, Mr. White gave as \$136,000,000 and the expenditure on the consolidation fund account as \$107,000,000. The amount going to the sinking fund is \$119,000,000.

Gift to the G. T. P. "We have," said the finance minister, "more than paid our way." But for the "joker" in the Grand Truck Pacific contract by which that company's bond issue is to be "implemented" out of the general exchequer, the capital expenditure for the year 1911-12 would have stopped at a total of \$34,000,000. To this, however, must be added the first instalment of ten millions, which the country must pay to the G. T. P. under the recent judgment of the judicial committee of the privy council. It works out to five millions and this amount the minister explained was to be treated as railway subsidies have been treated in the past and charged to the capital account.

Despite the enormous expenditure entered upon by the Laurier government in connection with the transcontinental railway, the finance minister expressed the belief that increasing revenues would be sufficient to take care of the cost. The amount going into the railway this year is \$32,500,000, bringing the total up to \$118,000,000. To this it will probably be necessary to add another hundred million.

Mr. White showed the house that favorable arrangements had been made in London in connection with the re-funding loan of \$5,000,000 required to replace the short term loan coming due in May. Another loan would fall due in October and would be provided for. There would then be only two loans to meet till October.

The minister presented statistics of the growing trade and increasing immigration. Dealing with the defeat of reciprocity, he declared that the verdict of the people had been given on national as well as economic grounds and that in the decision reached, there was nothing in the nature of hostility to the United States.

Mr. McLean, who followed, delivered a lengthy speech in which he reviewed the successes achieved by the Dominion during the Liberal regime and for which he claimed the credit for the late government.

THE MAPLE LEAF FOR EVER

Monument To Be Erected In Toronto To Author of Canada's National Anthem

LONDON, Ont., March 12.—The Ne Temere decree, bi-lingual schools and Home Rule for Ireland were opposed tonight by speakers at a public meeting in connection with the annual gathering of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario here.

The Mufir memorial committee was instructed to proceed with the erection of the monument to the author of "The Maple Leaf for Ever" and it will be unveiled in Mount Pleasant cemetery in Toronto on Dominion Day.

It was decided to penalize all branches of the lodge who used any spirituous liquors at any function held under the auspices of the Grand Orange lodge.

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