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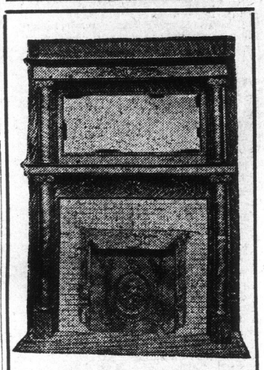

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CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Enthusiasm Evoked at Annual Meeting Last Night Bodes Well for Future of Party in Victoria—Capt. Tatlow on Indian Reserve

A degree of enthusiasm that bodes well for the future of the Conservative party in this city was evoked last night at the annual meeting of the Victoria Conservative Association, held in Institute Hall.

Practically all of the old executive was present, and addresses were given, among others, by Capt. Tatlow, minister of finance, and Hon. F. J. Fulton, minister of lands. Capt. Tatlow shed some additional light on the attitude of the government towards the Songhees Reserve question.

The new executive was chosen as follows:

President, R. F. Green; vice-presidents, H. F. Bishop, E. A. Lewis and E. E. Leeson; treasurer, L. Tait; secretary, W. Price; executive committee, J. W. Bolden, H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., J. Brown, J. Dean, H. Maynard, J. L. Beckwith, R. Hayward, P. J. Riddell, G. Penketh, C. Baxter, C. M. Cookson, H. Fullerton, H. Maloney, A. McKeown and W. W. Perry.

Retiring President.

G. H. Barnard, M.P., the retiring president presided at last night's meeting. In his opening address, he alluded to the organization work which had been carried on during his term of office. He hoped the audience had been satisfied with the result, and he drew attention to the victories won in the provincial and dominion elections. There were, he said, signs of another election between now and next June, and it behooved those present, not alone to keep the organization in its present state, but to render it more perfect still. When it was possible to win in the Dominion election last October surely it was possible to win the forthcoming provincial elections. In the executive which was just going out of office the work had been of the most harmonious character, and he expressed the sincere hope that this state of affairs would continue.

The reports of the vice presidents, treasurer and secretary, were read respectively by H. F. Bishop, Leonard Tait and W. Price, and were all carried unanimously, being of an eminently satisfactory character. The treasurers report showed a balance in the bank to date after all liabilities had been cleared.

Captain Tatlow.

While the election of officers was being carried on a number of interesting speeches, illustrating the progress of the party were delivered. Captain Tatlow on being called upon congratulated the association on the representative gathering which was present, in spite of the fact that there was no great issue before the country at the present time. There were rumors he said of a provincial election but he was unable to say when it would be. The time of peace was the time to prepare for war. He drew an interesting comparison between the condition of affairs in the province at the time the conservatives came into power and at the present day.

"Premier McBride," said Captain Tatlow, "has been grossly misrepresented by one of the papers in this province. I allude to the Songhees Reserve question. Let me carry your mind back to 1903 when the Conservatives first got into power here. At that time Mr. Helmcken came to us and asked what we were going to do about the settlement of the Indian Reserve question. At that time an arrangement had been suggested by Premier Dunsmuir representing this province and the then secretary of state by which 24 acres of the Reserve should be set aside for a park, 17 acres, that portion lying between the E. & N. Railway and the waterfront should be devoted to railway terminals, and the balance should be sold. The money accruing from the sale was to purchase another reservation for the Indians, and whatever was left over was to be funded for the benefit of the Indians. The Conservatives of that time were perfectly willing to act upon that arrangement, but the Dominion government feared that the Conservative government in British Columbia would get credit for the settlement of the matter, and hence, nothing was done.

Empowering Act

"In 1906 we passed an act empowering the provincial government to deal with the land on the reserve after the Dominion authorities had settled the matter with the Indians. We told the city council to make whatever arrangements they could to effect a settlement, but again for doubtless the same reasons nothing was done. The desire of the provincial government is to see this vexed question settled. We do not care who gets the credit for the achievement. That is the status of the question today. No one can say that we have not done out best to effect a settlement.

"Then Premier McBride has been assailed on the grounds that he has done nothing for Victoria. The government today is building a road to Millstream at a cost of $100,000, which will prove of great advantage from a tourists' point of view, and from which Victoria will benefit considerably. We are endeavoring to get the whole block on which the provincial government buildings stand to become the property of the province. We already own one-half of this property, and we are prepared to buy the remainder, and to make the block one of the handsomest in the entire Dominion. We are prepared in every instance to spend a just proportion of money in Victoria. In fact we are thoroughly imbued with the idea that the capital of the province should get a little more in proportion than the other cities. We know that Ottawa the capital of the Dominion has been beautified, and when the time comes we are prepared to spend money on a similar scheme in Victoria. When the time of the next provincial elections comes around we think that on the record we have made that we can fairly ask the people, not only of Victoria, but of British Columbia to give us their support, as we think we have done honestly by them."

Hon. Mr. Fulton

The Hon. F. G. Fulton, on being called upon to give an account of himself for recently becoming a benedict, said that he had succumbed to one of the attractions of the city, and had taken to wife one of its fairest daughters.

He congratulated the Conservatives of Victoria on their achievements in recent times. In 1903 four Liberals had been returned for the provincial house, but four years later the city had redeemed itself by returning four Conservatives. The triumph in the Dominion election was still fresh in the memory, and he felt satisfied that this condition of affairs would continue.

No small part of the success of the Conservatives in this province, said Mr. Fulton, was due to the efforts of Premier McBride, whose absence he regretted. He was proud to be one of his lieutenants. In his opinion the showing made by the Conservative government in British Columbia had been magnificent. The revenue, the expenditure, and the work of the government had increased, and these increases were emblematic of the progress being made in every portion of the province. Mr. Fulton stated that he had held the portfolios of minister of lands and works, and attorney-general. He could say that three sessions ago there was not as much work in these three departments, as there was in any one of them today.

The Surveys

Mr. Fulton here gave some interesting information on the survey work being carried on in the province. He showed that this was a work of immense importance in opening up settlements. "Last year," he said, the sum of $280,000 had been expended on this work. This year surveys will cost close upon $300,000. In the past complaints were made that it was not possible to get information with regard to land, even at the parliament buildings. This was due to the lack of survey work going on. We are trying to remedy all this. During the present time we have from sixteen to eighteen survey parties at work, one of these is in the Clayoquot district, and another in the Rupert district on this island. By the end of the summer we will have reports from these of the land that is available for settlement. When the field notes come from our surveyors they are plotted on the maps over at James Bay. From these a selection of one-third is made and is set aside for the purpose of endowing the provincial university for which a grant of 2,000,000 acres has been made. By this means we have set apart already 160,000 acres of land. This land is among the best in the province, so that when this university is built it will have a magnificent endowment, and will be one of the best and most handsome institutions of its kind in the Dominion. Of the remaining two-thirds of land surveyed, one-third is open for pre-emption, while the remaining third is open for pre-emptions and settlement. We thus keep on opening up land for settlement.

"People coming to British Columbia are not shut out, but have a chance of purchasing one-third of the land surveyed every year. Last year 300,000 acres were surveyed by the provincial government, while this year probably 400,000 acres will be surveyed, a great proportion of which will be open for settlement.

Mr. Fulton pointed out that the attention of the outside world was directed on British Columbia today. He drew attention to the visit of Mr. Carfield, a prominent real estate agent of Rochester, N. Y., who as recorded in the Colonist was now on a visit here. He had seen Mr. Garfield and the latter had assured him that he considered that there were sixteen$fi ave tofrom imeweseenth mh great opportunities for investment in British Columbia. Mr. Fulton from his interview with the visitor stated that it was highly probable that a large amount of Rochester capital might be directed to this province. Mr. Garfield had said that in Rochester, with a population of 20,000 people, there was a sum of $150,000,000 lying idle in the banks.

Alluding to Victoria Mr. Fulton congratulated the people of their progress, and said that he was sure that within a few years' time the population would be double what it is now. Judging by the attendance and enthusiasm at the present meeting the continued success of the Conservative party in this city was assured.

H. B. Thomson

H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., who was the next speaker, alluded to the attack made upon him by a local paper because he had stated that the non-settlement of the Songhees Reserve question was the fault of the Dominion government. "After Captain Tatlow's remarks," said Mr. Thomson, "I think it will be evident to you all that it is sheerly the fault of the Dominion government that this question has not been settled long ago. You remember how prior to the last general election the Hon. W. Templeman said at a meeting at Spring Ridge that he had an important statement to make on the Songhees Reserve question but he would make it at a meeting to be held in Victoria West. Well, the latter meeting came off, and Mr. Templeman's bomb failed to explode. Legislation was promised on this matter during the last session, but the session has passed away and no legislation had been introduced."

Mr. Thomson went on to deal with the attempt of the Dominion government to euchre the province out of the Tsimpsean reserve. He told how the railway company had made a dicker with the Indians and the Dominion government fell into line and turned over the property to the G. T. P. But the provincial government stood pat, and would not allow the railway company to register the title deeds, and insisted on retaining one-fourth interest. This interest the province of British Columbia still holds, and when the land is put on the market it will realize probably as much as was made in the sale of Prince Rupert townsite lots.

The speaker went on to allude to the work done by the government in Victoria, of the grants made to the Agricultural association which had a period of depression after the buildings had been burned down, of the aid given to the Jubilee hospital and the Old Men's Home. He referred to what Captain Tatlow had said on the affairs of the province and in this respect quoted some figures illuminative of the prosperity which had blessed the country under the Conservative regime. The following figures dealing with the reduction of the province's debt, the money spent on public works, and the increase in taxation during the same period were quoted by Mr. Thomson and are indicative of the great progress being made:

Liabilities Over Assets

1904	$8,764,412
1905	8,788,828
1907	6,525,233
1908	4,226,887

Public Works

1905	$ 368,000
1906	452,726
1907	854,135
1908	1,418,916
This year	2,831,000

Taxation

(Personal property, income tax and real property.)

1904-5	$709,105.18
1907-8	764,572.13

Mr. Thomson dealing with the above figures pointed out that the province's debt had been reduced by more than one-half, the amount of money spent on public works had been increased eightfold, and taxation, in spite of the fact that the population had largely increased, had only been increased by eight per cent. All this had been accomplished under a Conservative government. Most of the money which they were now able to spend on public works had been derived from the natural resources of the province, while the difference in taxation was practically nil compared with the growth in every line.

Others to speak were R. F. Green, the newly-elected president, F. Davey, M.P.P., E. A. Lewis, J. L. Beckwith, and W. Blakemore.

Before the meeting adjourned the following resolutions were carried unanimously: "(1) That the date of the annual meeting of the association be changed to February, to be held on a day to be selected by the executive and duly advertised. (2) That this association expresses its unbounded confidence in Hon. R. L. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party in the Dominion, and in the policy pursued by him. (3) That Premier McBride and his colleagues have the unbounded confidence of this meeting. (4) That resolutions two and three be telegraphed to Hon. R. L. Borden and Premier McBride respectively.

CHINAMAN SCRAPS WITH DETECTIVE

Edmonton, Alta., June 17.—As the result of a desperate encounter early yesterday on the top of the high bank at the rear of the Blowey-Henry block between Detective Derby of the city police force and a wiry Chinaman named Ah Kim, alias Chian Chung, the Celestial now lies at the city hospital in a critical condition.

The constable is suffering from the effects of the fight which he was up against while arresting Ah Kim who was making off with a bag of goods which he had stolen from the Palm cigar store near by.

NEW IRON WORKS FOR VANCOUVER?

MacDonalds May Construct Plant There—Encouraged by Members of Building Trades

Vancouver, June 17.—There is great likelihood of a large iron works being located here by Messrs. J. C. and A. J. MacDonald, proprietors of the Grand Forks Machine and Structural Iron Works. They are here looking over the situation and have already secured much encouragement from individuals prominently connected with the building trade, including structural engineers and architects.

AMERICAN BANKERS MAY NOW SUBSCRIBE

Washington, June 17.—Events are so shaping themselves in the proposed loan of $27,000,000 on the Hankow-Szechuen Chinese railway as to make the state department hopeful that the American group of bankers anxious to participate will be allowed to do so.

Yesterday a cablegram came to the department saying that the agents of the European bankers at Pekin had advised their principals to permit the New Yorkers to join and a despatch from Berlin also was received which caused the officials to state that the administration was much gratified at the cordial reception which the German government had given to the proposals for American participation.

Stolen Paintings Returned.

Quebec, June 17.—The two paintings stolen from Laval University on Monday were returned yesterday by a city priest, who had received them from the thief. No questions were asked.

And Here Is Rejoicing.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 17.—Eight thousand employees of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company have been notified that from the date of July 1st their wages will be increased 10 per cent.

Negotiations Are Cancelled.

Ottawa, June 17.—Andrew Weir & Company, the well known steamship owners of London, Eng., have cabled the Canadian government cancelling all negotiations for a Canadian-New Zealand steamship service.

Obalski Retires in Quebec.

Quebec, June 17.—Mr. James Obalski has tendered his resignation as superintendent of mines for the province of Quebec. Mr. Obalski was one of the veterans of the provincial service. Twenty-nine years ago he accepted the position from which he has just retired.

Lady Aberdeen Presided.

Toronto, June 17.—Lady Aberdeen presided in the opening general meeting tonight in Convocation Hall in connection with the Quinquennial Congress of Women. The meeting took the form of a welcome and reception to the delegates. Lady Aberdeen arrived accompanied by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mayor Oliver.

Heavy Damages Awarded.

Vancouver, June 17.—A verdict for the heaviest damages for personal injuries that have been recovered in a Vancouver court for many months was awarded to James C. Farquharson by a supreme court jury yesterday. Farquharson was suing for damages as the result of injuries sustained in the tram collision at Cedar Cottage last fall. The verdict was for $11,500.

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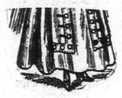

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LONGSHOREMEN DO NOT PLAN TO STRIKE

International President of Union Declares That No Trouble Will Take Place—Business Does Not Warrant

Cleveland, Ohio, June 17.—There will be no strike of the longshoremen on the Great Lakes, according to T. V. O'Connor, international president of the Longshoremen's Union, who arrived here yesterday. "The vote of the members of the union upon the question of declaring a strike was so close that we had to go over it again," said Mr. O'Connor.

"There is one error which I wish to correct and that is that the movement among the longshoremen is sympathetic in connection with the strike of the marine engineers, seamen, cooks and firemen. This is not the case. We are acting independently. Wages are not the issue at this time. We are fighting for the union and its principles."

Mr. O'Connor also said he is not in favor of the strike by the longshoremen at this time and hopes that the final count of the ballots will shows the members to be against it.

"The general business does not warrant such a move at this time," he said.

STEAMER RACES TO BEAT THE TARIFF

San Francisco, June 17.—Rushing across the Pacific loaded with over a thousand tons of tea, the steamer Asia is seeking to land her cargo at this port before the additional tax which importers fear will be fixed on this commodity by the present congress goes into effect. In order that no time may be lost in the race with the passage of the Payne Tariff Bill, the steamer has been scheduled to come direct, omitting the Honolulu stop and thereby saving two days. The Manchuria and the Choyo Maru, recent arrivals, both landed large cargoes of tea.

NOMINATIONS IN THE YUKON OVER

Dawson, June 17.—Nominations for the Yukon council closed yesterday. Nominations for all five districts were made, as follows:

Dawson: Dr. J. O. Lachapelle, L. A. Smith, Conservatives; Charles Bossuyt, Joseph Stingle, Liberals. South Dawson: James W. Murphy, Dr. A. G. Gillis, Liberals; John Grant, Independent-Liberal; George Black, Conservative. Klondike: Max Laundeville, Angus W. McLeod, Liberals; David Ennis, Eugene A. Hogan, Conservatives. White Horse: Robert Lowe, Willard P. Phelps, Liberals; Patrick Campbell, Conservative.

The election will take place June 28. This is the first wholly elective council. Each contestant deposits $200 on nomination, which is forfeited to the government if he fails to get half the number of votes of the successful candidate.

Venezuela Meets Germany.

Berlin, June 17.—An agreement of amity, commerce and navigation between Venezuela and Germany was today assented to by the Federal Council.

Weston in Utah.

Wascatch, Utah, June 17.—Edward Payson Weston arrived here last night.

Kramer Beats Clarke.

Newark, N. J., June 17.—Frank Kramer, the American champion, defeated Jack Clarke, of Australia, last night in straight heats for the best two out of three heats in a one mile professional bicycle match on a six-lap track.

Loss May Reach $75,000

New York, June 17.—Forty thousand dollars is missing from the vaults of the Clinton branch of the Jefferson Bank, a small private institution whose teller, Paul Endemann, disappeared several days ago. Endemann was arrested at Brooklyn today and was arraigned in the police court on a charge of larceny. The police say that he has confessed, and detectives say that the bank's loss may reach $75,000.

TAKE THE CHEROOT FROM THE SAILOR

Washington, D. C., June 17.—Cigarette smoking by the enlisted men of the United States navy should be discouraged as much as possible, in the opinion of Admiral Seaton Schroder, commander in chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet.

Admiral Schroder desires to see a ban placed on the habit and recommended to the secretary of the navy that no cigarettes be sold at the ships' stores at any of the vessels under his command. He believes that cigarettes impair the health of the men and do not increase their efficiency.

MEETING OF KINGS TO MAKE FOR PEACE

London, June 17.—The suspicions with which the proposed meeting of Emperors William and Nicholas was viewed in England, when the announcement was first made, on the assumption that Germany was attempting to weaken the triple entente, have almost entirely disappeared, and both through the papers and in the streets one now hears it generally welcomed as a further move to secure the peace of Europe.

This change in sentiment is the result of most candid semi-official statements from Berlin and St. Petersburg. That such is the intention of the interview has been accepted in England, and it is pointed out that in view of the coming visit of the Emperor of Russia to Sweden, Denmark, France and England, and possibly Italy, a meeting between Emperor Nicholas and the Emperor of Germany could not be avoided without the suggestion of discourtesy.

GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICAN LEAD

London, June 17.—The predominance of American and British horses in the International Horse Show, which came to an end yesterday, evident throughout the ten days of judging at Olympia, has been further emphasized by the complete prize lists that are now available. British owners headed the list of prize winners in point of numbers, but a comparison of the number of winners to entries gives the Americans a still better average, taking eight cups against Great Britain's eleven out of a total of 21. Of the two remaining one went to Canada and the other to France.

The summary of awards includes Great Britain first with 52 firsts, 54 seconds, 51 thirds, 36 fourths, 30 fifths, 17 sixths, 43 reserves, and 53 commends, and America second, 34 firsts, 24 seconds, 29 thirds, 23 fourths, 15 fifths, 6 sixths, 16 reserves and 17 commends. Canada was fifth with 1 first, 2 seconds, 2 fourths and 2 reserves.

Gems disclosed in a surgeon's pill box in an incoming liner were seized by a customs detective.

GRADUATED SCALE OF DUTIES ON ZINC

Mr. Aldrich Offers This in Place of the Duty of One Cent a Pound — A Very Heavy Tax

Washington, D.C., June 17.—As soon as the Philippine amendment was disposed of by the Senate yesterday the zinc schedule of the tariff bill was brought up by Mr. Aldrich, who offered a committee amendment substituting a graduated scale of rates on zinc ore in place of the duty of one cent a pound as provided in the House bill.

The substitute admits zinc-bearing ores containing less than ten per cent of zinc free of duty. On zinc ore containing from ten to twenty per cent there is a quarter of a cent a pound on the zinc contained therein, and on zinc ore containing from twenty to twenty-five per cent, one half of a cent per pound; on the zinc and on ore containing more than twenty-five per cent, one cent per pound.

A substitute for the committee amendment was offered by Mr. Stone which provided that all zinc in pigs or blocks, oxide of zinc, old and worn out zinc fit only to be re-manufactured and all manufactured zinc should be placed on the free list but it was lost.

APPLEBY'S CLEAN UP

Montclair, N. J., June 17.—Fred Appleby, the English long-distance runner, who made Montclair his headquarters when he came to this country a few months ago, has returned to his native land, several thousand dollars richer by reason of his participation in American and Canadian Marathons. Appleby did not finish first in any of the important races, but he landed part of the money in every event in which he was entered. He expects to return to this country in September and re-enter the racing game. Alfred Shrubb, another English long-distance runner who made Montclair his headquarters, is said to have cleaned up $30,000 since he came to America.

AMATEUR GOLF TOURNEY AT FAIR

Seattle, June 17.—The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific championship golf tournament, open to all amateur players in the world, is now in full swing on the links of the Seattle Golf and Country Club, north of the city. Douglas Grant, of San Francisco, who last week won the Pacific Coast championship, is one of the entries.

The prizes put up are the handsomest ever offered in a Pacific Coast tournament. H. C. Henry, one of Seattle's rich men, and a great lover of the game, is the donor.

Those who survived the preliminary play of yesterday are: Douglas Grant, H. A. Fleager, H. Canfield, Sherwood Gillespy, J. Matterson, T. S. Lippy, former Pacific Northwest champion; J. Neville, C. P. Spooner, E. A. Strout, Harry W. Treat, G. H. Tilden, F. R. Van Tuyl, A. S. Kerry, C. K. Magill, W. B. Mixter, S. T. Holbrook, T. P. Carr, Z. M. Greene, H. S. Ralston, C. D. Stimson, J. C. Ford, L. S. Lindsay, J. Owsley.

Automobiles killed three people in Detroit in a day and a half and injured six.

San Juan Ashore

Manila, June 17.—According to telegraphic advices received here the American steamer San Juan is ashore at the mouth of Carangian harbor.

Passengers Reach Naples

Naples, June 17.—The North German Lloyd steamer Prinzess Irene, carrying the cabin passengers of the Cunard line steamer Slavonia, wrecked June 10 off Flores Island, Azores, arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning after calling at Gibraltar.

Another International Match.

London, June 17.—Ida M. Wynne, second daughter of Robert J. Wynne, the outgoing United States consul-general in London, was married in this city today to Hugh Ronald French, a first lieutenant in the Seventh Dragoons Guard, one of the crack regiments of the British army. The ceremony occurred quietly in Brompton Oratory. Only relatives and personal friends of the bride and groom were invited.

Knock Police Systems.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 17.—The police systems in the larger cities of the country were severely criticized in the immigration section of the Congress on Charities and Correction today. The attack came from several quarters by the reading of a paper by Mrs. Joseph Bowen, of Chicago, on the topic "Delinquent Children and Immigrant Parents."

It was suggested that the police chiefs now in convention here send a delegate to next year's charities convention, a suggestion which was received with hearty applause.

ANNUAL MANOEUVRES OF BRITISH FLEET

Special to The Evening Post.

London, June 17.—The mobilization of the British fleet for the annual manoeuvres was practically completed this morning and something like 350 warships are now on their way to their respective stations.

The manoeuvres will be secret but the general schemes are understood to be a repitition of the plan of last year, which, however, resulted in a fiasco. Owing to the fog the opposing fleets never came into contact.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Henry May is in supreme command.

POLICE CHIEFS TOOK A JAUNT TODAY

Buffalo, N. Y., June 17.—There was no meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the day being devoted to pleasure. This morning the visiting delegates with the members of their families were taken for a boat ride around Grand Island, in the Niagara River and to Niagara Falls, where, after viewing the sights, they were entertained at a banquet.

The election of officers and choosing of the place for holding the next convention have been deferred until Saturday. The feeling among the delegates appears to be that Major Richard Sylvester of Washington, D. C., should be re-elected president.

JOHNNY KLING BUYS ST. JOSEPH FRANCHISE

Omaha, Neb., June 17.—Changes are rumored in the Western Baseball League with Pueblo to get out, the franchise going to St. Joseph. The transfer probably will occur within the next forty days.

John Kling, former catcher for the Chicago National, who is now running a billiard parlor in Kansas City, is said to have bought the franchise, and believing there is money in baseball at St. Joseph will take the team there. For three years Kling has been seeking to get hold of a franchise in the Western League, and it is said that this is the first opportunity that has presented itself.