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JARDINE THROWS HIS LOT WITH GOVERNMENT

Former Liberal Member For Esquimalt Allies Himself With the Conservative Party and Endorses Its Policies.

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 19.

John Jardine, elected to the legislature as a Liberal in 1907, and re-elected in 1909 as the official Liberal candidate, is now a supporter of the McBride government.

It has been known since long before the House met that Mr. Jardine intended to take this step, and he hinted at it himself seven weeks ago in an after-dinner speech.

Mr. Jardine was warmly congratulated by Conservatives, members and outsiders after the House rose.

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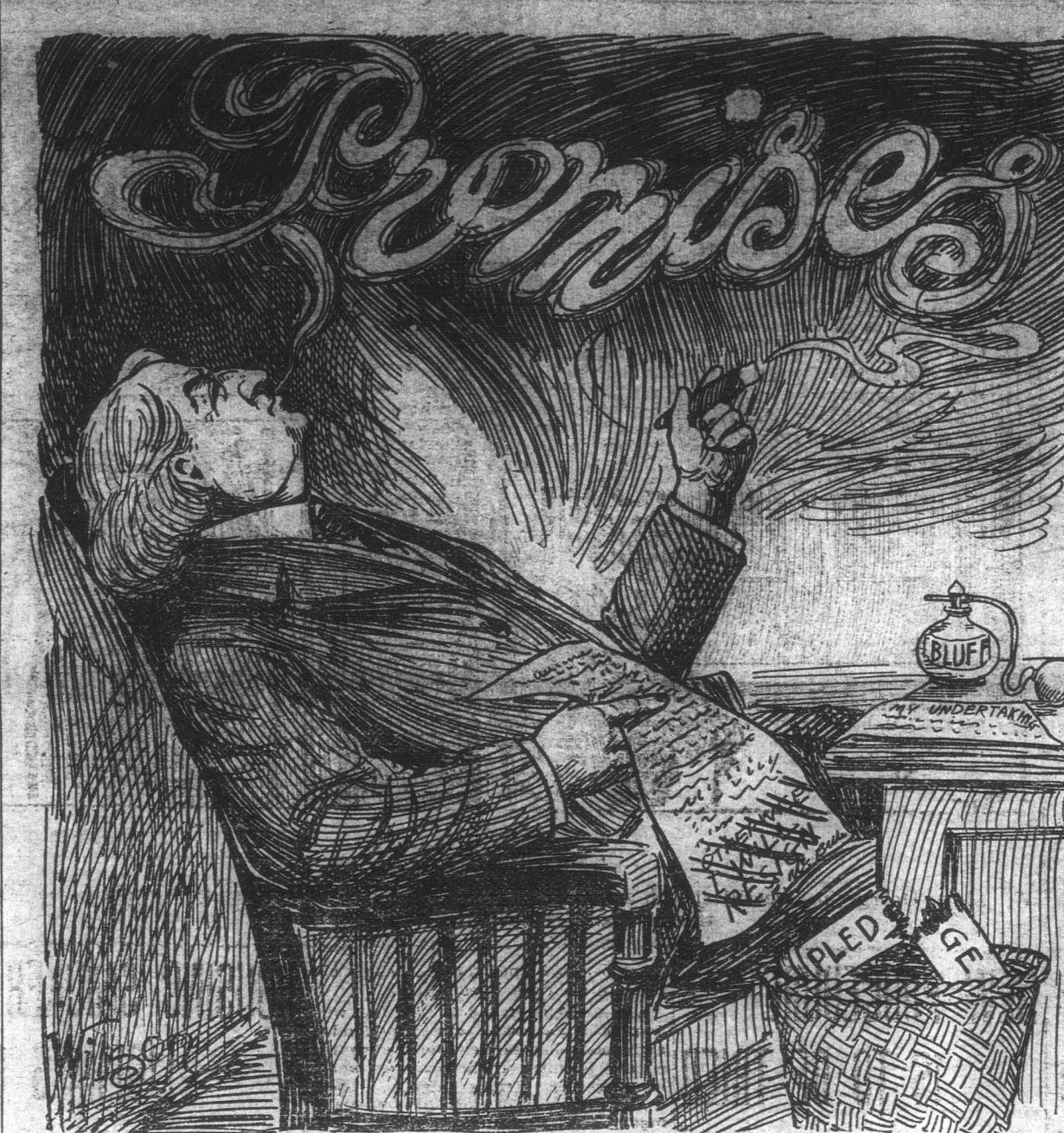
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A PLEASANT REVERIE.

MINISTERS WILL RETAIN OFFICES

MIKADO REFUSES TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Twelve of Twenty-Four Condemned Socialists Will Be Given Life Terms

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Promoter Used Institution's Money for Investments in Canada

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abroad, in his entourage. It is finally decided that he shall make the trip, which will be a number of the other leaders of Japan's political and military life, and the whole affair will be designed to offset the charge that the Mikado's empire in any way lacks the "trimmings" of the spirit of a modern power.

Forty miners were killed to-day in a fire in the Gasimir mines in the Russian-Silesian frontier, according to dispatches to private parties here. No details of the accident were given.

London, Jan. 20.—The London Times to-day prints a Washington despatch that the United States and Canada have fully agreed on a reciprocity treaty. The terms of the agreement are not given in the despatch.

London, Jan. 20.—The official receiver's statement issued by the Creditors' Trustee of the Commercial Bank of Canada, of Carpenter, the promoter of the wrecked institution, Carpenter, and three others obtained an act of insolvency in Quebec, in 1909. His clients, Quebec and Western Railway Co., the bankrupt, acquired the interests of his partners in September, 1909, and then formed a company, called the New Canadian Company, which has since acquired the receiver's office.

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WIRELESS PLANT WORKING SOON

DEAD TREE STATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Word Expected Daily From New Dominion Addition on Queen-Charlotte Islands

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DOZEN HOUSES SWEEP AWAY

OVER FORTY PERSONS ARE LEFT HOMELESS

Flood Conditions in Oregon Improve and No Further Damage is Expected

(Times Leased Wire.)

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—Flooding of the lands along the upper reaches of the Willamette river have practically removed all danger of a destructive flood in the vicinity of Portland, and though the high waters and rains combined have caused an estimated damage of \$60,000 in Portland and its suburbs, it is believed to-day that but little further harm will result.

The heaviest damage sustained from flood waters in this vicinity of Portland was at Lentz, a suburb, Johnson's, a tributary of the Willamette river, overflowed its banks and carried away a dozen homes and rendered over two score persons temporarily homeless. The damage was estimated at \$40,000.

The railroad lines are all clear and normal schedules obtain out of Portland to-day.

Yamhill Flooding. McMinnville, Ore., Jan. 20.—It is believed that the crest of the flood in the Yamhill river has passed. The river gauge registered 44 feet shortly after midnight and this morning the waters are falling. While the sky is cloudy, indications are that only a little rain will fall, if any.

Canada's Commercial Ascendancy is the Admiration of the World

Conserving the Forests of Canada

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FURBER VERNON DIES IN LONDON

FORMER PROVINCIAL MINISTER PASSES AWAY

Served in Four Cabinets—Prominent Pioneer Had Large Victoria Interests

(From Friday's Daily.)

The death occurred in London, after a prolonged illness, of one of the leading pioneer residents and chief figures in the early life of the province of British Columbia in the person of Hon. Forbes George Vernon. News of his demise was conveyed in a brief cable message to Col. A. W. Jones, a life long personal friend of deceased and agent of his considerable estates.

The flag at the Union Club, of which organization the late Mr. Vernon was one of the founders, is flying at half-mast and on all sides there are expressions of sincere regret at the passing of one whose life had been intimately related with the growth and development of British Columbia since crown colony days. Mr. Vernon was in his 68th year.

He possessed large interests in Victoria, which city he regarded as his home, and elsewhere throughout the province. He owned the Victoria block on the corner of Douglas and View streets, and had only recently approved of plans for a large addition to the structure.

The late gentleman, who had an interesting political career in this province, was the third son of Mr. Es. Vernon, D. L., of Clontarf, Castle, Dublin, Ireland, where he was born in 1843. His family was one of the oldest and most illustrious of England, took its name from the town of Vernon in Normandy, and was established in England by one of the companions in arms of William the Conqueror. In the fifteenth century a branch of the family was established at Clontarf, and acquired large estates there, which are at present owned by the family. The castle on the estate, which is historically celebrated, was founded by the Knights Templar in the twelfth century and was rebuilt after the original design by the present owners.

The late Mr. Vernon was educated in England for the Royal Engineers and in 1863 received a commission from the Imperial government. His residence, however, shortly after it had been granted and in the same year, 1863, in company with his brother and Col. Houghton, came to British Columbia where they engaged in ranching and mining in Yale district. After a time Mr. Vernon took over the management of the entire business and soon became possessed of one of the finest farms in the province.

In 1875 he first offered himself as a candidate to represent the important district of Yale in the provincial legislature and was returned by a large majority. In February, 1876, he accepted the portfolio of chief commissioner of lands and works in the Elliott cabinet, and on returning to the people for confirmation in this position was re-elected. This position he retained until the general election of 1878, when he was re-elected by his constituents, but in consequence of the defeat of the Elliott administration, Mr. Vernon was in opposition.

In 1882 he was not a candidate for reelection, but in 1886 he was again returned, and on the death, in 1887, of Hon. Mr. Smythe, he accepted office in the Davie government as chief commissioner of lands and works. At the general election in 1890 he was again returned by his constituents, and was given the position of chief commissioner of lands and works in the Robson government. He also held the portfolio of mines and agriculture in the Davie government during its term of office, between June, 1892, and March, 1895, and on the advent of the Turner government in the same year returned from politics.

Mr. Vernon in 1877 married Miss Banks, who died in 1885, leaving two children. During his later years' residence in British Columbia Mr. Vernon was engaged solely in the management of his private interests. Possessor of ample means he became identified with most of the important development projects as they were mooted and his holdings to-day must represent a considerable sum.

In temperament he was an Irishman possessed of that jovial disposition characteristic of the race, and his passing will be regretted sincerely by the host of acquaintances who still remain in this province.

FIREMEN'S COLLEGE.

New York, Jan. 20.—New York city has the first firemen's college in the world, and every man on the force except the chief and the faculty on the college staff is going to school again to learn thoroughly the trade of putting out fires and saving life. The college is the fulfillment of a dream of many men interested in the fire department, but it is the direct result of work by Commissioner Waldo and Chief Croker.

The college consists of four schools—the officers', the engineers', the probationary engineers' and the company school. Courses of instruction are maintained in fifteen subjects—general fire fighting, use of apparatus, tools, engines and boilers, use of high pressure systems, marine fires, care of horses, care of hose, sapping and mining, high tension electric currents, combustion and explosives, automobile engineering, fire telegraphs, auxiliary fire appliances, first aid to the injured, and discipline and administration.

The college is conducted by the fire college board, subject to the control of the fire commissioner.