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## HOUSE DISSOLVED— ELECTION FEB. 2ND

### Legislature Convened for March 7th.—Liberal Leader Macdonald Will Probably Have Support of W. W. B. McInnes.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The gauntlet of battle has at last been thrown by Premier McBride, and the opportunity for which not only Liberals but many Conservatives, weary of government dictated by rampant Socialism, and abetted by a "band of adventurers, male and female," have eagerly waited, has finally arrived. From now until the 2nd of February the campaign will be ceaselessly waged, and in those ridings where candidates have not been formally chosen this will be attended to without delay.

To that great body of the electorate who feel that a more efficient and sane administration of affairs can be secured by the return to power of the party led by J. A. Macdonald, the situation is full of hope. Mr. Macdonald himself came to the House and party almost a stranger, but so rapidly has he gained in public confidence and favor that he is to-day the ablest debater in the legislature, the most meretricious critic of defective legislation, and at the same time holds the confidence and esteem of every one of the men in the party which he leads.

Behind him are ranged men like John Oliver of Delta, T. W. Paterson of the Islands, Chas. Munro of Chilliwack, the "solid four" from the city, and many others who might be named, who contribute a following which even in opposition has compelled the government to accept on many occasions its views.

This loyal band of supporters is likely to be augmented by another—a man whose name is a household word in the West and who by his brilliant administration of affairs in one of the most difficult fields in the Dominion has greatly added to the high reputation he had already established as a member of the Commons in the province. The gentleman in question, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, commissioner of the Yukon, is at present in New York, but it may be confidently predicted that in a little over a week's time he will be back to British Columbia and will assume his old place in political warfare—namely, in the forefront of the fighting line.

Mr. McInnes is the most magnetic political speaker in the province, and will be a tower of strength to his leader and to the party generally. He will, if he enters the list, in all probability make a tour of the province in company with Leader Macdonald.

### Nominations—January 19th Elections—February 2nd Legislature—March 7th

Premier McBride has at last taken the step he has long wished to take, and has not had the courage to finally decide upon. This step was the asking of a dissolution of the legislature with the consequent appeal to the country. Under the circumstances it was not surprising that the Premier hesitated long before coming to a decision, the situation in the country being such that the obtaining of a dissolution would be tantamount to the courtship of defeat at the polls.

Monday His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor granted Premier McBride a dissolution with nominations for the new parliament on January 19th and elections on February 2nd.

In due course the writs are made returnable on or before March 2nd, and the new parliament is called to meet Thursday, March 7th.

An extra Gazette containing this information was issued Monday. The political fight may now be considered on in earnest, and constituencies which have not yet selected their party representatives will have to act quickly. The retirement of R. F. Green from the government has left the Premier in a most unenviable situation. Those in touch with political matters cannot conceive that Mr. Green's retirement was the voluntary act which it is described by those most directly interested. In fact it may be regarded as a throwing overboard of a valued colleague to propitiate public indignation against the lands and works department. It is believed in fact that the chief commissioner up to a few hours before his resignation went in was as full of hope politically as any of the members of the government. He discussed matters connected with his office and future plans on Saturday afternoon with no indication that anything was pending.

Last Saturday evening, however, the step was taken, the impression prevailing that Vancouver Conservatives were directly responsible. There has been a very antagonistic spirit shown by a large section of the Vancouver Liberal-Liberal nominees to the nomination of Mr. Green. It is doubted whether the chief commissioner's colleague, Hon. F. Carter Cotton, made any very strenuous efforts to crush this feeling of opposition out. The Vancouver Conservatives, after finding that their protestations against Mr. Green were unavailing and that the Premier was prepared to stand by his bosom friend and colleague, decided, it is said, to take a bolder step, and they gave Hon. Mr. McBride the choice between the party support in the Terminal City or the assistance of Mr. Green.

The Premier, although loath to part with the chief commissioner, could do nothing but accede to the wishes of the party in Vancouver. The result was the resignation of Mr. Green, who suddenly found private life luring him from office.

Premier McBride endorses the course followed by Mr. Green in the latter's administration of affairs during his term of office. This is undoubtedly a

heavy load to carry in facing the country. If the Vancouver Conservatives and party supporters in other parts of the province could not think of facing the election with Mr. Green and his record in office, it is difficult to understand how the Premier expects to succeed by shouldering the burden himself without any assistance from Mr. Green.

Mr. Green on account of the personal regard he has for the Premier will take a part in the campaign it is said in the Conservative interests. Even the Premier himself is not popular with the dominant Conservative wing in Vancouver. There are those who believe that the retirement of Mr. Green having been accomplished will be followed later by the deposition of Premier McBride himself, and that another leader will be selected for the Conservative party as a result after the election. Until the test at the polls, however, the party will rally about Hon. Mr. McBride in order to create a more favorable impression on the electorate.

The veteran of the Delta, John Oliver, one of the best fighters in the legislature, has again been nominated for the constituency he has represented for years. A convention was held at Cloverdale on Saturday when the nomination was made. Mr. Oliver was the unanimous choice. His election of course cannot be expected to be unanimous on polling day, but it is safe to say that Delta constituency will look to Mr. Green for the welfare of the province and return "Honest John" again to the House. His grasp of public affairs in British Columbia is such that in opposition his suggestions have been of the greatest advantage in the legislation passed in the House. The government is not always ready to acknowledge that their inspiration for some of the best enactments came from John Oliver. Yet this is the condition of affairs. A British Columbia legislature without him would not seem complete and certainly it would feel the evil effects of his absence. Mr. Oliver's chances of election, however, are conceded to be excellent.

The Socialists have put a man in the field for Grand Forks. John McInnes, of Phoenix, a miner. The convention which nominated him was composed of 27 delegates representing labor unions and socialist clubs in the riding. H. Brewster, of this city, left this morning to make a tour of his constituency, Alberni. He was nominated as the Liberal candidate some time ago, but having been busily engaged in his cannery at Clayoquot until a few weeks ago he has found it impossible up to the present time to tour the riding. Immensely popular on the West Coast of the Island where he has had business relations for a long time, Mr. Brewster is regarded as a safe man to wrest the constituency back again to the side of Liberalism and defeat W. Manson, who won the seat at the bye-election following the resignation of W. W. B. McInnes to accept the governorship of the Yukon.

The Premier will remain in the city until about the end of the present week. His intention at present is to fill the two vacant portfolios—attorney-general and chief commissioner of

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The temperature was only zero, but the firemen were incensed in ice after fighting for four hours. Only the tottering walls and gutted floors of the house are left. The building is a total wreck.

The anniversary of the day which ushered peace and goodwill into this world some two thousand years ago, was observed very quietly throughout the city yesterday. In the morning early, where the children of the house hold rendered sleep impossible, their elders kept the phones busy exchanging the accustomed Christmas greetings with their friends and neighbors.

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In the morning religious services were held in the Anglican churches, the Roman Catholic cathedral and the Metropolitan Methodist church. In the afternoon Rugby and Association football games were played on the city grounds.

The beautiful weather made the day an ideal one for an outing, and the streets of the city and the roads in the vicinity were thronged with happy pedestrians, as well as by vehicles of all descriptions.

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The First Presbyterians will hold a competition in addition to the regular programme. A Christmas tree is provided for the infant class. The Spring Ridge Methodist church Sunday school holds its annual Christmas treat to-morrow evening. Rev. G. K. B. Adams will preside, and in addition to a programme by the children the proverbial tree will be provided, which has been decorated in a manner to excite the interest of every child.

In Emmanuel Baptist church a special concert in aid of the church debt fund will be given by the choir. An interesting programme, musical and otherwise, has been provided.

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His Grace, attended by the officiating priests and choir boys, advanced to the altar to the strains of the processional, "Christ is Risen," of Dressler, rendered by the organ, assisted by an orchestra of eight pieces. The mass itself was the setting by Marzo, the service closing with the imposing Veni Adoremus. The Archbishop, in lieu of a sermon, addressed a few words to the congregation. He referred to the event, the celebration of which, a duty in itself, is yet the joy of almost the entire world—the birth of the Christ.

The soprano solos were given by Miss Sehl, the alto parts by Miss M. Keefe. The offertory "Noel" was rendered by Mr. Griffiths, Messrs. Oliver and J. G. Brown took the bass solos. Mr. E. White the tenor. The orchestra consisted of: First violin, K. Berger; second violin, A. A. Bandy; cello, M. Foot; bass violin, H. Ball; clarinet, S. Flute; A. Searle; cornet, W. V. North. The organist was Professor Nagel.

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## UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

### Archduke Who Renounced Family Rights to Marry Girl of His Choice Seeks Divorce.

New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Vienna to a newspaper says Archduke Leopold, an actor, who renounced his family rights four years ago and married Wilhelmine, the daughter of a post office employe, with whom he has since lived near Geneva, is now seeking a divorce. He has summoned a Vienna lawyer to arrange terms with his wife, who has already agreed to a separation.

### JEWIS INJURED IN RIOT.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 26.—The anti-Jewish riots in session at Craiova, was invaded to-day by members of the anti-Jewish party. A riot ensued in which many Jews were injured. The authorities intervened and restored order.

### SIR W. HOWLAND ILL.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Sir William Howland, who is approaching his ninety-sixth year, is dangerously ill.

## JAPS SAID TO BE PLANNING REVOLT

### IN THE PHILIPPINES CUBA AND HAWAII

#### Alleged to Have Secured Photographs of Batteries at Havana—Governor Magoon Investigating.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cablegram to the World from Havana says: "Governor Magoon is investigating a report that the Japanese are planning an insurrection in February against American rule in Cuba, the Philippines and Hawaii. This information was given to the American governor by Mr. Pardini, a government official. Five Japanese are said to have been taking photographs and measurements of the fortifications of Havana. The secret police have been shadowing the Japanese for three weeks. Governor Magoon ordered the police to investigate the matter."

"Pardini overheard a conversation of the Japanese who talked of planning an insurrection among the negroes in Cuba simultaneously with the insurrection in the Philippines and Hawaii."

"The Japanese plot is said to be due to the antipathy of the Mikado to the United States. This antipathy goes back to the Russo-Japanese peace conference at Portsmouth, and was accentuated by the killing of the Japanese seal poachers and expulsion of Japanese from the schools in California."

"The Japanese obtained entrance to the batteries at Havana by pretending to be reporters from the Havana post. They are well appearing and speak five languages. They lived in poor quarters in the suburbs. They would be paid in the morning and moved to another address. Sunday the secret police found them, and they again scattered. It is said that a German acquaintance of Governor Magoon fears arrest."

### LEAVES TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Arthur Lineham, Head of the Lighting Department, Tenders His Resignation.

Arthur Lineham, who has been connected with the B. C. Electric Railway Company for the past 15 years, has tendered his resignation, and on the first of the year will sever his connection with the concern to enter into partnership with Ronald Grant of the firm of Grant & Conyers. The real estate firm's name upon this change will then be changed to that of Grant & Lineham.

Mr. Lineham has been a very popular official in the business of the B. C. Electric Lighting & Tramway Company, and has held the position of light and power department, a position which he worked up to through various stages, having entered into the company's employ as a conductor.

On Monday Mr. Lineham was agreeably surprised by other members of the office who waited upon him and presented him with a handsome case of pipes. The presentation was made by local manager, A. T. Coward, and was accompanied by an address signed by the heads of the various departments of the company's business. The address follows:

Dear Mr. Lineham:—During the many years that you have been connected with this company, you have gained the respect and esteem of all your colleagues, many of whom have been associated with you for a long period. On behalf of the office staff we ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as a small token of our regard in which we hold you, and at the same time we wish you every success in the new undertaking on which you are entering at the New Year.

### WHOLESALE EMIGRATION.

Nine Thousand of Inhabitants of Spanish Town Will Go to South America.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Madrid, published here to-day, says that nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Dolaz, which is 65 miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body. A meeting was held on Sunday, which approved the offer of the president of the town of Dolaz to supply ships and funds for the transportation of the emigrants.

### SAIL BOAT CAPSIZED.

Sixteen of the Twenty-Five Passengers Were Drowned.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—A sail boat with 25 people on board, was overturned this morning near Montego Bay. Sixteen of the passengers were drowned.

## VANCOUVER TEAM DEFEATED STANFORD

### IN FIRST OF SERIES OF RUGBY GAMES

#### Score Was Eleven Points to Nine in Favor of the Terminal City Players.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—By a sensational finish to one of the greatest games of Rugby football ever played in British Columbia, the all-star Vancouver team turned what seemed like certain defeat into victory in the initial match of the series with the Stanford University team for the championship of the Pacific Coast yesterday.

The final score was eleven points to nine in favor of the Vancouver team. It was a great game all through, but the excitement of the last few minutes of the match was something that even the oldest football enthusiast will remember as long as he lives. At half time the score was six points to five in favor of Vancouver.

When the teams took the field again there was no scoring during the first 25 minutes. Then Stanford, by using mass plays in which their previous experience in the American style of the game gave them a decided advantage, scored two penalty tries, bringing the score up to nine points to six in their favor. It looked like a sure victory for Stanford, and some of the supporters of the home team were already leaving the grounds, confident that the game would end that way.

Suddenly the Vancouver team gingered up and from a throw in a splendid rush was made, which was only stopped at the Stanford's 25 yard line. The Stanford defense forced the ball back to centre field again, where a scrum took place. In this, as in fact all through the game, the Vancouver team had the advantage, and another rush followed, which only the brilliant work of the Stanford full back, saved from being a score.

Then with less than a minute to play, the Vancouver forwards started another savage rush, which even the splendid interception of the Stanford team could not stop. Desperate tackling marked this portion of the play, but the Vancouver men were just a bit too swift in passing the ball for the Stanford aggregation to save the day. Johnston, Marpole and Churton, of the Vancouver team, participated in a splendid passing movement, the last named finally getting over the line for a try, amid a mass of arms, legs and bodies that piled five feet high. The cheering that marked this bit of play was something to be remembered, and culminated in a tremendous roar when Capt. Marpole, of the Vancouver team, converted the try, adding two more points to Vancouver's score and winning the match by a margin of two points. The cheering had not subsided before the whistle blew for the finish of the match.

Four thousand people saw the game which was played at Recreation park in splendid weather that was more like a spring day than midwinter. W. S. Morin, of Vancouver, was referee.

Vancouver and Stanford will play two more matches on Saturday, December 29th, and New Year's day.

## CHRISTMAS DAY CASUALTIES IN SOUTH

### Twenty-six Killed, Five Fatally Wounded and Five Seriously Hurt in the Christmas Casualty List in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama up to 9 o'clock last night.

"In addition there was a fire loss of \$10,000 and State Line, Miss., traceable to the premature explosion of fireworks, and a \$10,000 fire loss in New Orleans as a result of a smouldering cracker. In the south fireworks are used on Christmas in preference to the fourth of July."

### WINTER IN ENGLAND.

Two Inches of Snow in Metropolitan—Schooners Wrecked on Coast During Storm.

London, Dec. 26.—The British metropolis is covered with two inches of snow and reports from the counties districts announce that deep drifts are interfering with the distribution of the mails and railway traffic.

Several schooners have been wrecked on the coast during blinding snow storms. The steamer Hazeldeen struck a rock and sank off Cloughy. The lifeboat men succeeded in rescuing the crew after an exciting experience.

Another lifeboat made a similar rescue of the crew of the schooner Ringleader, wrecked off Dungeness.

### JAPS IN MEXICO.

Twelve Hundred Have Been Landed and More Are En Route.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—Warren Garrett, general agent of the Trans-Oceanic Emigration Co. of Tokyo, Japan, for Mexico, has just placed 1,200 Japanese emigrants who left Japan last month for Mexico. Of these 500 were landed at Manzanillo and the remainder taken to Santa Cruz, where they were landed and taken to the Oaxaca plantation. Among these latter were 57 women. They will all be employed in the cane fields. Thirteen hundred more are en route from Japan. The experiment is being made of bringing Japanese women with the men, as it is thought they will be more contented here if they have their wives with them.

## MANY PERSONS KILLED IN RACE WAR

### TROUBLE SPREADS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

#### The Number of Dead is Placed at Fifteen—Troops Are on Duty.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—With the number of dead placed by a conservative estimate at 15, the racial troubles prevailing throughout Kemper county, Miss., have reached a most acute stage, and unless quickly checked a race war of serious proportions, it is feared, will result.

After quiet had been restored at Wahwalk, where the first outbreak occurred, and just after the departure of the troops sent to quell the disturbance, rioting broke out afresh at Scooba, five miles south of the latter place, and during yesterday and last night five negroes are reported to have been killed. Of this latter class reports are conflicting, some placing the number of killed and wounded at a score. Troops were immediately ordered to the scene and left Meridian early today.

At Wahwalk five negroes were killed before the arrival of the troops.

At Crawford, Miss., Conductor F. N. Harrison, of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, was shot and fatally wounded by a negro last night. The negro was shot at by Harrison and before he could escape was killed by a posse. Three companions who were with the negro fled to the woods. One of these was captured and shot to death, and the others are being pursued.

Last night a negro became involved in an altercation with two white men aboard a train near Artesia, Miss., and when the station was reached was taken from the train and killed.

Besides the troops sent to Scooba today, 40 men from Columbia are on the scene to assist in quelling the riot.

In a dispatch to Governor Vardaman last night Sheriff Trout, of Kemper county, described the situation as critical.

## EXCLUSION LEAGUE ACTS.

### Resolution Denouncing Roosevelt's Message With Regard to Frisco School Question Adopted.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Resolutions denouncing Roosevelt's message to congress on the Japanese situation here, resenting his interference in the domestic affairs of this state, expressing want of confidence in Secretary Metcalf, and declaring his report to the president on the Japanese school question to be utterly unworthy of credence in any particular, and containing numerous misstatements and misrepresentations obviously one-sided and grossly exaggerated," were adopted at a meeting of 2,000 persons held yesterday by the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League.

### BOY KILLED IN MINE.

Fell Under Cars, Which Crushed His Head to a Pulp.

Michel, B. C., Dec. 25.—Dick Ecclestone, a lad 15 years of age, was run over by one of the motors in No. 8 mine, and instantly killed yesterday. He was a brakeman on the motor train, and was riding at the head of the loaded train, while it was being pushed on its trip. The unfortunate lad was first discovered by Walter Alarnand, who drives the motor, as he had evidently fallen under the cars, the entire length of the train having passed over his head, which was mashed to a pulp, and was completely unrecognized by his fellow-workmen. The work was ceased at once in all the mines.

### SEEKING COBALT PROPERTY.

American Syndicate Has Offered Forty Million Dollars For Section Containing Rich Ores.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the government has been asked if it would sell for \$40,000,000 part of the Gillies limit, including that section abutting into Cobalt silver mining area, and commonly referred to as "mineralized portion." This part of the limit is very rich in silver ores, and has not been cleared of timber. Fourteen hundred men are at work clearing timber from this portion. The proposition was laid before members of the government by representatives of an American syndicate.

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