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### SENATOR BOSTOCK MAKES SPEECH ON HINDI QUESTION

There are About Five Thousand Hindus in Canada at Present but Immigration Has Practically Stopped.

On Monday last in the Upper House Senator Bostock brought up the question of Hindi in Canada, and a report that they were being ill-treated. He quoted figures to show that some five thousand had come to Canada. He stated that they were not adapted to Canadian conditions or Canada's climate and approved of the arrangements made by Hon. Mackenzie King with the British Government, which has practically stopped all Hindu arrival in Canada since 1908. The Government of India expressed its appreciation of the action of Canada. The present government had not given the attention it should have to an application by the Hindi in Canada to be allowed to bring in their wives. The result was that agitators in India had stirred up feeling.

Several speakers spoke in favor of allowing the Hindi to have their wives with them. Senator Douglas saying that the action of British Columbia towards them was unchristian, un-British and ungrateful.

In British Columbia the question was not one of race, but of labor organizations. Senator Loughheed said the question of Oriental immigration was one of the most difficult with which Canada had to deal. Its difficulty was shown by the experience which the American Government was having with California and the Japanese. It would be difficult to fly in the face of the sentiment of the Pacific province and British Columbia was against the admission of the Hindi. The debate was not concluded.

### B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Opening of New Line to Saanich Will Take Place Shortly.

Mr. A. T. Goward, the Victoria manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., has announced that the formal opening of the new Saanich line will take place about the middle of the current month. The rolling stock for the new line is on its way from Vancouver, the cars being of the same style as those used on the Chilliwack line.

The time table will be announced shortly and it is expected that a car will run through about every three hours.

### Strikes Paralyze Trade

Between 300 and 400 plumbers are out on strike, in Calgary demanding an increase of 5 cents an hour in wages. In Toronto the whole brotherhood of carpenters have gone on strike because an increase of 45 cents an hour was not granted. It is expected the strike will affect 2,000 men.

At Nahaimo and the surrounding districts the mines are still out on strike, and the Western Fuel Co. is arranging for a long shut down. The entire clerical staff has been laid off, and all the rolling stock taken out of the Brechin Mine.

### Oil Rivals the Coal Industry.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. has fallen off to the extent of 15,000 tons a day owing to the use of California oil as fuel. The management of the coal company is not dismayed by this, as its largest customers the smelters of Montana and British Columbia still consume large quantities of coke.

## BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSSES ORIENTAL OWNERSHIP OF LAND

AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF VITAL INTEREST TO  
RESIDENTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Sewerage Question Again Under Discussion—Amalgamation of the Boards of Trade of the Province One of the Questions Talked Over at Meeting.

An ordinary meeting of the Board of Trade was held at Berquist's hall on Tuesday evening. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a letter was read from Mr. Sheppard, M.P., announcing further appropriations for this district, details of which appeared in the last issue of the Review, and stating that as soon as they were passed and were available he would at once urge the immediate carrying out of the various works for which they were provided.

An invitation was also read from the Vancouver Island Development League inviting the members of the Board to join its excursion to Alberni.

Captain Byers then moved a resolution to approach the Provincial Government through the Victoria Board of Trade to urge a vigorous protest against the selling or leasing of land in British Columbia to Orientals.

In seconding the motion Dr. Gordon Cumming pointed out that owing to the vast extent of unoccupied land in this province the question of foreign owners of the soil was not a pressing one. There was a great difference between European and Asiatic foreigners, as the former might be said to assimilate closely with us in their general ideas of what was meant by civilization, but in the case of Asiatics their ideas were fundamentally different. He alluded to the immense difficulties that surrounded this question and which in our case are larger than in the case of the citizens of the United States, as we are members of an Empire whose ramifications are so many and intricate and from which we cannot dissociate ourselves. The term Asiatics includes not only Japanese and Chinese but Hindi, who are our own fellow Britishers.

The time is hardly opportune to deal with this subject in even the most cursory manner, but it is well worth while to keep it in mind and to study it in all its aspects so that when the time does arrive to deal with it vigorously and intelligent action may be taken.

Mr. Oldfield raised the question as to what line of action Australia was taking on this subject and no one appeared to be in a position to inform him.

Finally it was resolved, "That this Board views with alarm the increasing ownership of land by Asiatics and that the Victoria Board of Trade be requested to give the matter its attention at the earliest possible time with a view to institute legislation to correct the evil."

Dr. Gordon Cumming then moved, that whereas certain residents of this district recently applied for incorporation, and whereas the sewerage question was a dominant factor in that petition, and whereas the Provincial Department of Health endorsed the opinion of the petitioners on this point, and whereas the government did not consider the time opportune for the granting of such

petition for incorporation, therefore this Board do now petition the Government to inaugurate a system of sewerage to serve the congested district of the town under the act giving certain powers in this matter in unorganized districts.

Captain Byers then suggested the possibility and great utility that would arise from an amalgamation of all the Boards of Trade throughout the province, and it was pointed out by Mr. S. A. Kelly that such an association did exist amongst all the boards of the Kootenay district and that great good resulted from this association and great weight was added to their counsels, and it was therefore resolved on the motion of Captain Byers, seconded by Dr. Gordon Cumming, that inasmuch as a necessity for concerted action arises from time to time in the affairs of business men throughout the province, and inasmuch as these affairs are at present more or less effectively dealt with by the individual boards of trade and that more efficient results could be obtained by the affiliation of all the local boards of trade, acting through a central elective governing body, it be now resolved that the Sidney Board of Trade invites an expression of opinion from the various boards of trade on the Pacific coast with a view to instituting action to obtain this desirable result at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Gordon Cumming then brought up the question of the unusual plague of mosquitoes which is affecting Sidney during the current season, and pointed out how easily by means of oil it could be allayed. This gave rise to an interesting discussion but no action was taken in the matter and the meeting adjourned.

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PREMIER'S ACCESSION

Enthusiastically Celebrated at New Westminster.

A very enthusiastic reception was accorded to Premier Sir Richard McBride at New Westminster on Monday evening. The proceedings were arranged by the local Conservative Association and were most cordially joined in by the whole population of the city. The occasion was the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Sir Richard's accession to power, which also signalled the introduction of party system into Provincial politics. All the members of the cabinet took part in the proceedings except the Attorney General who was prevented by illness from being present.

The operations of temperance societies in Russia are much hampered by the fact that the manufacture of vodka the national spirit is a crown monopoly.

### CANADIANS HONORED ON KING'S BIRTHDAY

The List of Those Honored Contains Many Well Known Names of Public Men in This Broad Dominion.

Ottawa, June 2.—A cable received at the Government House announces that His Majesty King George, has been pleased to confer the following honors on Canadians:

K. C. M. G.—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec.

Knights Bachelor.—Chief Justice Barker, of New Brunswick, Chief Justice Davidson, of the Superior Court of Montreal; Hugh John MacDonald, chief magistrate of the city of Winnipeg.

C. M. G.—Aylwin Creighton, law clerk of the Senate; Alexander Lang, a member of the Pacific Cable Board.

Imperial Service Order.—William Cochrane Bowles, clerk of votes and proceedings of the House of Commons; William Joseph Lynch, clerk of the Senate.

Major-General Otter, C. V. O., C. B., Inspector-General and Chief Military Secretary to the Minister of the Militia of Canada, has been made Knight Commander of the Bath.

### VICTORIA CARNIVAL WEEK PROGRAM ALMOST READY

Sir Thomas Lipton Gives Challenge Cup for Competition in the Sailing Races Held That Week.

Sir Thomas Lipton of tea and yachting fame will give a handsome challenge cup for one of the big sailing events to take place in the straits off Victoria during Carnival week.

There will also be a long distance ocean race for power boats from Olympia to Victoria. Details are being arranged by the Pacific International Power Boat Association.

Miss Mary Beaton, of Toronto, a diploma holder of the Royal Life Saving Society, will give a scientific exhibition at the Gorge both of swimming and life-saving methods, and another display during the week will be one by Mr. L. Fullard Leo, ex champion swimmer of the world, short distance champion of Canada and the holder of 800 gold medals.

### INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION WILL SETTLE THE CLAIMS

One Sitting Has Already Been Held in Washington and the Next Will Be Held at Ottawa.

Ottawa, June 2.—Pecuniary claims, hoary, some of them, with the weight of a century and involving millions sterling, claims which have vexed the governments of Great Britain and the United States since the middle of the last century, will be considered by a commission of arbitration which will sit in Ottawa next Monday under a treaty signed three years ago.

This is the first sitting of the commission in Canada, though it has already met in Washington. Mr. C. J. B. Hurst, the representative of Great Britain on the tribunal, is here, while the chairman, Mr. Fremagol, representing France, as the foreign arbitral element, and Mr. Chandler H. Anderson, the United States arbitrator, will shortly arrive. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick is Canada's representative.

"Some of the claims we have to consider," said Mr. Hurst, "date back to the eighteenth century. The last commission of this kind sat in 1853 and adjudicated no claims after 1814, so that we have two which arose before that year. One of these is the Canadian Government's Cayuga Indian claim, which arose in 1794. Some of the claims we consider to be ridiculous pretensions, while in others the amounts total as high as a million and a half sterling."

Only a few cases will be considered at the present session, but an adjournment will be made until next spring, when there will be a three months' sitting. The sessions will be public, and the procedure judicial, claimants being represented by their counsel. The Newfoundland fishery claims by the United States firms will be among the first ones considered.

### Federal Elections in Australia

The result of the elections, that have just taken place, is the return of the Labor party to power with the majority of only 2. As one of this party will be elected Speaker, and the Liberal party has returned 36 members, only two less than the Laborites the one independent member will practically hold the balance of power.

The Browning love letters have just been sold in London for over \$30,000.



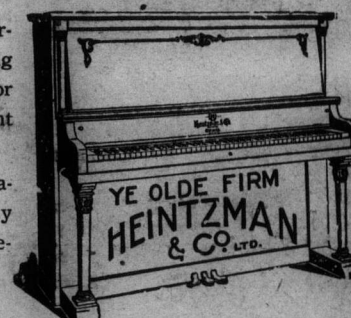
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