STORY OF DEADLOCK AT THE CONFERENCE

British Columbia Case Before the Gathering of Provincial Premiers

PREMIER ROBLIN GIVES HIS VIEWS

Manitoba Delegate Declares Himself in Support of McBride's Action

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The British Columbia memorandum submitted by Premier McBride at the interprovincial conference set forth that, while adhering to the general principle of the rights of the provinces to increased subsidies, the government of British Columbia could not accept the Quebec basis of 1902 as a final and full settlement of its demands. Without special consideration to British Columbia, it was held that that province would be no better off than at present, by reason of the fact that British Columbia contributes much more to the federal treasury than she receives from it. It is claimed that since she came into the confederation, British Columbia has contributed nineteen million dollars more to the federal revenue than has been expended in the province. The memorandum further set forth that the proposed increase in subsidies being based largely upon population, the special physical conditions which greatly enhance the cost of government in British Columbia were not provided for. It is contended that the financial terms originally conceded to British Columbia were the least favorable, possibly by reason of the fear existing thirty-five years ago that the province would not pay its way. As these fears have proved groundless, it is held to be incumbent upon the Dominion, morally and constitutionally, to substitute fairer terms than those now in force.

Unfair Discrimination

The following figures are given showing the annual average per head of population of expenditures by the different provinces during the last thirty years:

British Columbia	$11.86
Manitoba	4.31
Prince Edward Island	2.94
Quebec	2.44
New Brunswick	2.16
Ontario	1.79
Nova Scotia	1.65

Reference is also made to the physical character of the country, rendering its government very costly. It is also pointed out that the geographical position of the province handicaps it in relation to the products which it sells. A comparison is made of the terms conceded in British Columbia and to the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. It is held that the two latter provinces, when they receive the full amount to which they are entitled will get $2,250,000 per annum, while British Columbia, at its maximum amount, will secure less than half a million. It was contended that either the two new provinces had been too generously endowed by the Dominion, which is not alleged, or that British Columbia had received very inadequate consideration.

The memorandum concluded with a request for the appointment of a commission to investigate the merits of the provincial contention. It was suggested that this tribunal be composed of three persons, one each appointed by the Dominion, by British Columbia and by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. McBride's Proposals

As will be seen from the resolutions already quoted, Mr. McBride's request for a commission of inquiry was rejected and then for the next two or three days the discussion centered upon the additional amount which British Columbia should receive. At first $75,000 a year for ten years was suggested. Afterward this was raised to $100,000 per annum, or one million dollars in all. Mr. McBride then put the following sliding scale proposal: That in case the proposed readjustment of subsidies, as set out in the resolutions of the Quebec conference of provincial premiers, be accepted by the Dominion government, there shall be paid to the province of British Columbia each and every year, in addition to payments and subsidies otherwise provided, an amount understood to be what the Dominion of Canada is willing to pay and the province of British Columbia to receive as a nominal recognition of the disabilities borne by the province owing to peculiar physical conditions, and from other causes set forth in the case of British Columbia for better terms and accompanying memorandum. That the said annual amount shal be fixed in the following manner: $1 per head of the population until the amount reaches $300,000, to remain fixed until the population reaches 400,000; 75 cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches $400,000 per annum, to remain fixed until the population reaches 800,000; 50 cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches $500,000, to remain fixed until the populatoin reaches 1,500,000; 33 1-3 cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches $600,000, to remain fixed until the population is 2,500,000; 25 cents per head of the population thereafter.

It is said that at times the discussion was excedingly warm.

May Jeopardize Arrangement

The climax came when Mr. McBrdie was finally offered yesterday morning $100,000 for ten years. After the resolution had been adopted, the British Columbia premier entered his final protest, bade his colleagues adieu, and the conference saw him no more. Later in the day he sent a letter to Chairman Gouin briefly explaining his position once more and expressing his willingness to accept any reasonable amendment to his sliding scale basis. He made it clear, however, that as the reasons which it had been conceded entitled British Columbia to special consideration must always continue, a flat rate offer could not be entertained by the province.

This is the story of the subsidy fight. What will be the outcome? Sir Wilfred Laurier cannot now make a tentative agreement with the provinces. They will have to wait until the Home government has been appealed to for an amendment to the British North America act. In the event of the Dominion seking this legislation in London, Mr. McBride says he will also go there. In such contemplated action he has a precedent from his own province. When in 1874 British Columbia appealed to the Dominion for redress by reason of the terms of union not having been carried out, and it was refused, Premier Walkem went direct to England. The Carnarvon terms were the result, and the railway communication—the construction of the C. P. R.—which British Columbia had been promised, was undoubtedly expedited. Mr. McBride's proposed trip to London is what places the general subsidy rearrangement in jeopardy.

Interview With Mr. McBride

Most of the delegates left for home last night, Messrs. Roblin and Campbell went to Toronto with Messrs. Foy and Matheson. Mr. Whitney, however, remained in town until this afternoon. Mr. McBride, before leaving for Montreal today, expressed to your correspondent his deep regret that he had been compelled to withdraw from the conference. He declared that British Columbia would press her claims most vigorously, and not rest until she had got fair play. "I consider it strange," he remarked, "that while eighteen months ago the Domiaion government undertook to create two provinces without consulting the others, yet it now lays down the doctrine that no special claims of a province must be considered without the consent of all." He definitely stated that British Columbia would appeal to the British government if an amendment to the British North America act is sought.

Premier Roblin's Views

Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—Premier Roblin returned from attending the provincial Conference today, and when asked for his views on the action of Hon. Mr. McBride, said: "I think the position taken up by him was a strong one. Had any of the others been placed in similar circumstances, the premier so situated would have adopted a similar attitude. The position he took was that the legislature of British Columbia never endorsed the Quebec resolution of 1902. They unanimously asked for consideration of their claims, independent of the reasons given for the resolutions when they were adopted. I agree that he could not have taken any other stand and been able to meet the legislature of British Columbia with a report that would have been acceptable to them. That is, unless he had obtained special financial assistance, asem bodied in his request. His action and conduct were financial assistance, as embodied in his demands for reference of British Columbia's claims for special consideration by virtue of her physical difficulties."

The premier, on the subsidy arrangement, expressed no disapproval or criticism. He explained that nothing was definitely settled. The resolutions as submitted were acceptable to the Dominion government, but the federal ministers pointed out that they would be compelled to submit the matter to the imperial parliament by way of an amendment to the British North America act before anything could be done.

The Times repeats the assertion that Hon. Mr. Whitney, premier of Ontario, made the remarks derogatory to Hon. Mr. McBride in the recent interprovincial conference. Mr. Whitney having specifically denied saying anything of the kind, his denial will be accepted, and the insinuation of the Times that he feels safe in making his denial because the conference was held behind closed doors is quite worthy of that paper, but in no wise affects the value of Mr. Whitney's denial. It has come to a strange pass in Victoria when the solemn words of the premier of Ontario are treated as absolutely unworthy of credit.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT A FOOTBALL MATCH

Bleacher Stands Collapse and Four Hundred People Get Terrible Fall

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 20.—During the progress of the football game between the teams from Syracuse and Collegiate Universities at New Star park here this afternoon, a portion of the upper section of the bleacher stands collapsed. The stand was densely packed and four hundred people were precipitated into the enclosure under the stands.

It is a miracle that none were kiled. Fully one hundred or more were injured and the death of three is expected.

Rev. Christopher J. Donigan, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist church, sustained an injury to his spine which may prove fatal.

Professor William Lusk, principal of the Union Free school, Hamilton, also sustained a serious injury to his spine and is in a precarious condition.

John West, of Rome, is injured internally and may die.

The accident occurred just after the resumption of play in the second half. Intense rivalry between the two teams brought out the largest crowd that ever attended a football game in Syracuse.

There were 8,000 people in the stands and bleachers and on the sides and the excitement all through was at fever heat.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Little Girl at Cumberland Plays With Fire With Fatal Results.

Nanaimo, Oct. 20.—(Special)—At Cumberland this morning, while playing near an open fire, the clothing of Lily Haywood, the little daughter of A. Haywood of that city, caught fire, burning her severely. She succumbed to her injuries this evening.

A number of Chinese this evening found one of their compatriots hanging from a rafter suspended by a clothes line around his neck. The body was found in an old shack in the Chinese quarter. From all appearances it is a case of suicide.

NEW SOUND STEAMER.

Indianapolis Will Go On Straits Run When New Steamer Arrives.

On arrival of the steamer Iroquois, which is to replace the Indianapolis, the latter vessel will be placed in service from Seattle to Port Townsend, Port Angeles and other points in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The Iroquois has a licence for the carrying of 1950 passengers on excursions, and has sleeping accommodation for 150. Both the Iroquois and Chippewa have been taken over by Superintendent Peabody and George Lent, superintending engineer is preparing them for the 15,000-mile voyage to Puget Sound.

VANCOUVER FIRM BUYS PROPERTY IN VICTORIA

Mahon, McFarland and Mahon Acquire Property on Government Street

A REAL estate deal of considerable magnitude and much local interest was consummated yesterday through Messrs. Pemberton & Son, when E. Mahon, of Mahon, McFarland & Mahon, Vancouver, acquired the choice Government street business site known as the Sehl property from the executors of the estate of the late Jacob Sehl. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of $60,000.

The property in question, which has been in the market for a considerable period, has been looked upon with envious eyes by many speculators and negotiations were on several times for the purchase of the same, which is considered one of the choicest bits of business realty in the city. The price paid by Mr. Mahon is not considered at all excessive, considering the roseate outlook for the future of Victoria.

Mr. Mahon, who is a guest at the Driard, was interviewed by the Colonist yesterday on the subject of his purchase and confirmed the news that the deal had been consummated. He announced his determination of at once arranging for the reconstruction of the building, a two-story brick structure, which has a frontage on Government street of 45 feet, a depth of 133 feet, and a frontage on Langley street of 87 feet.

The ground floor on Government street will be remodeled and converted into two first-class stores ,with modern shop fronts, and the upper floor will be made into offices, with heat and all the latest improvements. There will also be offices on Langley street.

Messrs. Pemberton & Son will act as agents for the owner.

SECRETLY MARRIES ACTRESS.

London, Oct. 19.—It has been learned that the Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, eldest son of Lord Aberdare, and Camille Clifford an American actress, were secretly married on October 11. The marriage has made no interruption in Miss Clifford's appearance in "The Belle of Mayfair," in a local theatre.

RIOT OCCURS AT BANQUET.

Paris, Oct. 20.—A banquet attended by six hundred Free Masons given in the Chapel of a former Carmelite convent here last night caused considerable rioting and led to a number of arrests. During the disturbance Gen. Andrew the ex-minister of war, was beaten with sticks.

TACOMA-VICTORIA.

Steamship Service Sought by Chamber of Commerce of Sound Port.

A special despatch from Tacoma says: "If the efforts of Ralph H. Hoitt, of the traffic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, are successful, a steamship service between Tacoma and Victoria will be inaugurated. The movement is backed by the Victoria Board of Trade, which is anxious to secure direct communication with this city. The Victoria people have addressed a letter to the Canadian Pacific company, advising that application will be made to the government for a subsidy for a steamer to carry mails to down-Sound points and that preference will be given that company in the application providing it is willing to establish the required service.

The Tacoma chamber is supporting the proposal. The Canadian Pacific railway steamer at present visiting Seattle is debarred from coming here, also, owing to the fact that it flies the British flag and cannot call at more than one American port. This may be remedied by the employment of a steamer with a United States register.

DID SLOOP FOUNDER?

Arrival From West Coast Sighted Fishing Vessel in Distress.

E. E. Hardwick, who has been spending some time at the residence of the missionary at Clo-oose stated yesterday that on Saturday, the 13th, he and others sighted a sloop, presumably a fishing vessel, laboring during rough weather and seemingly driving toward the shore. There were several occupants of the vessel and evidently they were endeavoring to work the vessel in to an anchorage. After struggling for a time they abandoned the attempt and let the vessel run in the direction of Cape Beale. He and other watchers thought they would make the land in the neighborhood of Nitinat.

A very heavy sea running and a strong wind blowing, they were much alarmed for the vessel and went some distance to endeavor to locate it, but nothing was seen of the vessel after it passed the point. A telegram was sent to Cape Beale asking if anything had been seen of the craft, but the lightkeeper replied that nothing had been noticed from Cape Beale. Two days later, on Monday, the 15th, T. D. Logan, lineman, found a small grey-painted nameboard, marked "Daisy" on Clanenwah beach, a short distance from where the Valencia drove ashore, and midway between Clo-oose and Pachena point, where the new lighthouse is being built. A new tiller, which had obviously not long been in the water was found at Clo-oose, and Mr. Hardwick believes that the vessel seen by him on Saturday had foundered.

THE ESKASONI.

Salvage Bill of $10,000 for Towing Ship Bound Here to Hongkong.

The British ship Eskasoni, which was towed into Hongkong in a partially wrecked condition after having been dismasted in a storm encountered when en route from Manila in ballast for Royal Roads, will have a big salvage bill to settle according to later advices received here. The Eskasoni was picked up by a steamer with her fore and main topmasts sprung and her decks damaged, and was taken to Hongkong, where repairs will be made as soon as possible. It is anticipated that some delay will take place ,as the dockyards are overworked in consequence of the recent typhoon. The steamer which towed the Eskasoni to the British port of Cnina put in a claim for ten thousand dollars. This bill will be settled by arbitrators.

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Ladies' Dressing Table, quarter cut oak with four side drawers, golden finish, oval mirror. Price $25.00

White Enamel Dresser Stand, beautiful oval glass. Price $25.00

White Enamel Dresser and Stand, square bevel mirror, two large drawers and two small. Price $22.50

DINING ROOM TABLES.

Elm Dining Room Tables, 8 feet extension square top, large turned leg. Price $14.00

Oak Dining Table, 8 feet extension, turned leg, fluted trimming. Price.. .....$15.50

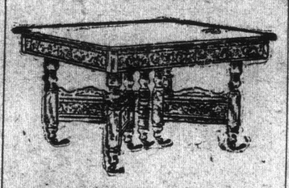
Oak Dining Table, 8 feet and 10 feet extension, extra heavy leg, fancy turned .....$19.00 and $22.00

Oak Dining Table, quarter cut, 8 feet extension, round top, highly polished, very neat turned leg..$22.50 and $25.00

Oak Dining Table, extra large tip, extends to 8 feet and 10 feet, round massive quarter cut legs with beautiful high polished top $25.00, $28.00, $29.00, $32.00

Oak Dining Table, 8 feet and 10 feet extension, round legs, highly polished, very neat turned leg .....$22.50 and $25.00

Oak Dining Table, quarter cut, 8 feet extension, round legs, highly polished, very neat turned leg..$22.50, $25.00



Oak Dining Table, beautiful quarter cut top, highly polished, large turned decorated leg, 8 feet extension, $45.00; 12 feet extension.. $47.50

English Dining Room Table, hand-carving around edge of beautiful quarter cut top, extends to 10 and 12 feet. Prices .....$65.00 and $75.00

Mahogany Dining Table, round top, extends to 10 feet, smooth, highly polished top and plain straight legs. Price $50.00

FOR THE SITTING ROOM.

Ladies' Writing Desks in golden ash, folding front, with drawer underneath. Price $6.00

Ladies' Desks, quarter cut, golden oak, with folding front, drawer underneath. Prices .....$12.50 to $22.50

Ladies' Desks, highly polished mahogany finish, with folding front and bevel mirror top ..$12.50 to $22.50

Ladies' Desks in old oak, golden and mahogany, open fronts, with side door compartments ..$11.75 and $16.50

Colonial Parlor Table, solid mahogany, beautiful high polish. Price.. .....$18.00

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