

CITY ENGINEER'S PARTING SHOT

H. TOPP SPEAKS PLAINLY TO COUNCIL Declares That Street Work is Impeded by Lack of System.

Referred to the incoming council, which was the course pursued at Monday's meeting of the city council...

On a motion being made that the letter be referred to the incoming council, Ald. Fullerton objected to the suggestion made by Mr. Topp...

Ald. Fullerton stuck to his guns and declared that if any embarrassment ensued in the engineer's hands...

Ald. Henderson also thought that the complaint of the city engineer was a little far-fetched...

EXONERATES THE CHIEF. Police Commission of Cranbrook Investigates Charges.

Cranbrook, Jan. 3. - Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been publishing from time to time recently a paper called the Searchlight...

BUILDING AT CALGARY.

Calgary, Jan. 4. - Building returns for the year past total \$2,420,452. This represents eighty per cent. of the value of the buildings erected...

TARIFF REFORM WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

Balfour Declares Principles Underlying Budget Will Decrease Welfare of Working Classes - Britain's Naval Supremacy Threatened.

London, Jan. 5. - A. J. Balfour, speaking at Hanley last night, said he would continue himself to the navy, socialism and tariff reform...

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Radical member of parliament asserts that Mr. Asquith, speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the probable method would be to demand from the King a letter accepting a condition...

Another significant defection is announced. John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor party at Gateshead, has resigned the vice-chairmanship of that party...

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THE WIND-UP OF THE HOLIDAYS.

COUNTING CHANCES IN ELECTION

BURNS AND BUXTON WILL HAVE HARD FIGHT

Other Members of Cabinet Considered to Hold Safe Seats.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 5. - With the beginning of the new year, the smouldering fires of the English political campaign have burst forth into a heat and a torrent of speech-making...

Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his daily epistles, says the agriculturists want such legislation in order to enable them to become owners of the soil they till...

Most of the prominent Conservatives are confident of re-election. Arthur J. Balfour, Conservative leader, and Sir Frederick Brabury, the cunningest obstructionist in parliament, are absolutely certain of success...

The election of Jos. Chamberlain is largely a matter of complacency, as he has been too feeble to attend parliament for two years...

New York, Jan. 5. - The marked increase in customs receipts on passengers' baggage under Wm. Loebl's lecturership, as already shown by monthly reports, was brought out in greater contrast by figures for the year, which were made public yesterday...

Montreal, Jan. 5. - Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending December 31st, increased \$121,973.

SCOTLAND STANDS WHERE SHE DID

IS ALMOST SOLID FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Unionists Admit Proposal to Tax Food is Unpopular.

Edinburgh, Jan. 5. - Central officers of the Liberal party yesterday again expressed the opinion that politically Scotland stands as in the last House, almost solid for the government...

Mr. Chamberlain's own view is that now or never is the time for victory. The advocacy of small land holdings under a land purchase act like Ireland's is being pressed to the front daily as the Unionist alternative to land value taxation...

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad street hall...

Waterloo, S. D., Jan. 5. - The town of Castlewood, 18 miles south of here, narrowly missed being wiped out by fire of unknown origin last night...

Burnside, Ky., Jan. 5. - Mrs. Mary Corder and her daughter, Mrs. Jonas Klis, with three children, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Klis home at Slavens, Wayne county, according to word received here to-day...

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COAL FAMINE NOW FEARED

COLD WAVE DEMORALIZES RAILWAY TRAFFIC

Two More Deaths Are Reported in Western States.

(Times Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., Jan. 5. - The cold wave of the last few days, which has resulted in at least ten deaths in Western states and has partially tied up nearly every railroad, threatens to bring on a coal famine throughout the entire middle West...

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Salt Lake, Jan. 5. - R. E. Wells, general manager of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, stated to-day that from the meagre reports received here thus far he estimated the damage at about \$1,000,000...

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CANADIAN NORTHERN OFFICIALS ARE HERE

Wm. Mackenzie, Who Arrived Last Evening, Says Immediate Inquiries Will be Made Regarding Vancouver Island Connection.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Victoria has as guest to-day one of the foremost railway builders on the continent of America in the person of William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company...

The purpose of the visit is to confer with Premier McBride and his colleagues of the government respecting the details of the contract for the extension of the Canadian Northern railway through British Columbia to the coast cities...

Messrs. Mackenzie and Phippen accorded an interview with the Times representative this morning at the Empress. The president of the Canadian Northern said there would, of course, be little for publication respecting the immediate plans of the company in regard to the railway enterprise until after the conference with the government...

The government had thought it well for himself and Mr. Mann to come to discuss the details of the contract prior to the opening of the Legislature, and they were now here for that purpose...

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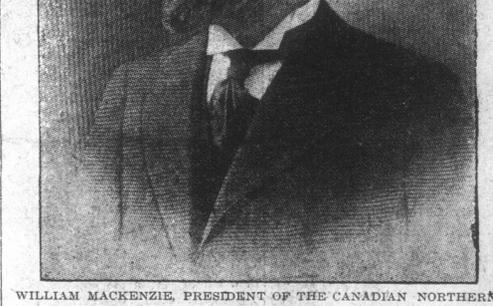
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the company, with headquarters at Toronto, is one of the leading jurists of Canada. He resigned his position as judge of the appellate court of Manitoba about six months ago to take his present position with the Canadian Northern. Mr. Phippen is greatly enamored of British Columbia in general and Vancouver Island in particular...

But nobody can doubt the future of British Columbia. Mr. Phippen went on, "You have the area of an Empire, a variety and an extent of resources



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