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### CANADA FACES GRAVE CRISIS

#### Say Conditions Here Are Akin to Former Ones in Great Britain

That Canada is facing today a crisis substantially similar to that which Great Britain faced at the beginning of the era of machine industry and that it was up to the people and the government of Canada whether the vast resources of this country were to be given over to selfish commercialism and what it entailed or developed for the good and for the betterment of all Canadians present and future; these were the striking points emphasized by Rev. J. Bruce Wallace of Letchworth, before a gathering of the representative citizens at the luncheon hour yesterday in Broad street hall.

Mr. Wallace began with the statement that he had traversed Canada from east to west and was highly impressed with the opportunity of the one thing that had struck him adversely was the discovery of how low an opinion many Canadians held of English immigrants. He was not surprised that such an impression was created by the lower order of English immigrants received in Canada. They were part of the social wreckage of England, part of the proof that she had made some great mistake in her social arrangements.

**The Great Mistake.**  
And, Mr. Wallace contended, no one who could review the history of English industrialism would be surprised at the low order of this class of immigrant. When the era first began women were forced to work from fifteen to sixteen hours a day and to within a few days of confinement oftentimes. Children were put to work at a tender age and forced at the lash of the whip to work long hours. When sleep bore them down the whip kept them awake and up to their tasks. The social wreckage of today, Mr. Wallace said, was the result of such conditions. By failing to take the right step at the beginning of the machine industry, England and the world generally had missed a great opportunity in a crisis of human development.

Mr. Wallace then went on to tell of the remarkable results achieved by Robert Owen, when he was manager of a great industrial factory in Scotland. Owen had insisted that the first consideration before the concern was the development of the people it employed with the object of cultivating the very highest type of humanity. Owen built up an immense industry with this as his object and out of it arose the little village of New Lanark. In this community all children were regarded as additions to the wealth of the community; there was no idleness, no immorality and police were not known nor needed.

The reason, Mr. Wallace pointed out, that this idea was not permitted to permeate England, was not that it was undauntingly opposed, but that it was opposed in both the churches and in the House of Commons and yet it was not taken up. Mr. Wallace said that the reason very largely was that Owen was a heretic, that he maintained that good in humanity was fundamental and not the result of religious dogma. The churches grew indignant at this view and used their influence to prevent Owen from light Owen's theology instead of adopting his sociology and eventually his partners in the industry bought him out.

"If," Mr. Wallace went on, "England had adopted Owen's idea the conditions which exist today would never have come about."

In continuing the speaker declared that the great mistake made by England at the beginning of the machine industry was now reacting in Canadian development and, in some degree, interfering with Canada's future. Canada was face to face today with a crisis that was substantially analogous to the crisis that faced England. Were Canada's resources to be left to selfish individualism or would the nation develop them for the good of all the people here and to come?"

In conclusion Mr. Wallace expressed great faith in Canada's wonderful future.

### TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-First Anniversary A. A. and S. R. Portland.

The twenty-first anniversary of the A. A. and S. R. of Oregon will be held at Portland on the 12, 14 and 15 of this month and it is expected that a large number of brethren from British Columbia who have received a cordial invitation to be present, will attend.

The ceremonies held by the Scottish Rite are of such a nature as to attract the members from any part of the country, which is accessible and there is no doubt that every member of the Rite in this province who can possibly attend, will do so. The Scottish Rite Cathedral in Portland is said to be one of the finest on the continent of North American and any of the brethren who attend will doubtless be duly impressed by its splendid appearance.

### FISHERMEN'S FAILINGS

Hellenes Haled Before Magistrate Charged with Violation of Fisheries Act.

The first prosecution for some time under the Dominion Fisheries Regulations of the 8th of June, 1906, will be taken up today before Magistrate Jay, when the cases of the Hellenes, Manikato and George A. Kaghules, two Greek fishermen, will be opened by Dominion Fisheries Overseer William M. Galbraith.

According to the allegation of the authorities, Manikato and Kaghules were out to catch all the fish in Victoria arm. They took note, the charge is, of all the sea and all that therein is and then proceeded to stretch an illegal net across the Arm so that all unsuspecting fish meandering up the Arm would be caught. Herring was their chief fare and they were catching a variety of fish as easily as they could abstract sweetmeats from a juvenile, when the minions of the law descended upon them and seized them and their net and their boat and anything else they had with them. The prosecution will act on two separate charges. First the nets are charged with fishing and they are also charged with using an illegal net. The

### COUNTY COURT CASES

Judgment in Various Cases—List For January.

Judge Lampan in county court yesterday reserved judgment in the action for damages of \$15 brought before him in the case of Chanabank, Hutchinson. Plaintiff alleged that a cow belonging to the defendant had caused \$3 worth of damage on his property, and he also claimed \$12 due for wood. Defendant admitted the latter claim but the dispute arose over the damage done by the cow. Mr. Child appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant argued his own case.

Judge Lampan recently handed down his decisions in the cases of Ollivant vs. Fisher and in Sheritt vs. McCallum. In the former action, which was for \$100 on an allegation of damage by a property near Beacon Hill by defendant's cutting hay on the said property and pulling up survey stakes. Judge Lampan held that judgment in \$14 and costs should be given in favor of the plaintiff.

In the latter case plaintiff claimed a mechanic's lien of \$180. The case was one in which McCallum, who is erecting a house at Foul Bay, had suffered loss by the failure of the contractor, one Young, to complete his work. The plaintiff was employed on a sub contract by Young to do the plastering and when Young threw up the job Sheritt made out a bill and presented it to the defendant. The latter did not pay it and Sheritt failed to file an affidavit as required by law within 31 days. The judge held that plaintiff had "tried to manufacture a lien," and that therefore the action must be dismissed with costs.

The list for the county court sittings for January is as follows: Joe Wong vs. Jennie Morris, trial fixed for the 11th at 2.30 p.m.; Fairall vs. Erb, on the 17th at 10.30 a.m.; Dennis vs. Michigan Pacific Lumber Co., 24th at 11 a.m.; McIlwrie vs. Elliott, 18th at 10.30 a.m.; Dunford vs. Craikbank, 18th at 10.30 a.m.; Cambridge Company vs. Houston, 19th at 10.30; Goodacre vs. Simpson, 19th at 2.30; Anderson vs. Mills Chambers to fix trial; Powell vs. Sortwell, 20th at 10.40 a.m.; Burgess vs. Emschart, stood over for day to be fixed.

### TO LAY MINES IN PUGET SOUND

Mine-Laying Steamer Major Ringgold to Carry Out Practice Across the Strait.

The United States mine-laying steamer Major Ringgold is receiving three dozen mine anchors of an improved pattern which are to be tried in the waters of Puget Sound. The anchor is equipped with an automatic locking nature, which plays out by cable as a mine is planted, until the bottom of the channel is struck, when the cable is clamped, holding the mine about five feet under water at mean low tide. Similar anchors have been used in the east and found meritorious but these, which are expected this week are said to be an improvement over the old and have not been experimented with on the Pacific coast.

The work will be preliminary to active mine laying in the earlier spring. The practical work will also serve to qualify the members of the coast artillery, who have been detailed as mine companies, in all phases of the work aboard the planter and on the water. Details of men will make their home on board for indefinite periods and schooled ready for any emergency which may arise.

Mines will be planted, raised and tested under every condition; the peculiarities of each section of the different harbors and channels of the Sound noted; the holding qualities of the bottom examined into and the effect of currents and tides observed.

### CONSERVATION OF PROVINCE'S TIMBER

W. J. Sutton Reads Instructive Paper Before Natural History Society.

"Our Timber Wealth and its Conservation" was the title of an instructive paper read by W. J. Sutton before the Natural History society last night. So great was the attendance that it was necessary to hold the meeting in the large lecture hall of the Carnegie library, which was nearly filled.

The lecturer took a bird's-eye view of the timber wealth of British Columbia. He dealt with the relative importance of conserving the timber supplies, advocating forest reserves, and the establishment of a bureau of forestry.

The paper read by Mr. Sutton will be presented to the government of the province for the benefit of the forestry commission.

### THE RURAL PRESS

Painfully Personal.

Jim Thistlebeak is on another horrible drunk.—Ferne Free Press.

Perie's Painful Pearls.

Miss Perie Butchart has suffered much with aching teeth of late.—Okanagan.

And Returned.

Tom Cave sauntered down to Rock Creek for the New Year—full of good resolutions.—Boundary Creek Times.

Putting it Politely.

Will the party who took the wrong hat at the dance, and did not leave any in its place please return it as the owner's name is inside.—Ferne Free Press.

Wife Sarcastic.

Miss Smith opened school on Monday, the smiling faces of the youngsters showing their pleasure at seeing their dear teacher again.—Okanagan.

Society Note.

Miss Millie Moonshine arrived in Elkton, Dec. 24th from the Peigan Reserve, Alberta, and proceeded to the Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, accompanied by a big band of Braves.

Miss Millie will give an exhibition of her character sketches during the Big War Dance for the benefit of the Kootenay.

Her dress is an electric blue and chiton with beads and sleigh bell trimmings. She arrived in Elkton Tuesday evening with all her trading goods, regalia, beaded until she shone like a rainbow.—Elko Echo.

### GROWING DEMAND FOR REALTY

Property on Douglas and Yates Changes Hands—Minor Sales Reported

The opening day of the present week saw considerable activity in the realty market and every indication that the demand will grow much greater than it has been any time during the past two months. Two deals of considerable interest on Douglas street are reported as follows:

Baker's brickyard, at the corner of Douglas street and Toimie avenue, has been sold to George Baker, a nephew of the proprietor, for \$2,000. This sale includes the land and a nearby plant, the bricks in stock being sold independently in Vancouver. The property is bounded by the tracks of the Victoria and Sidney railroads.

The northwest corner of Douglas and Johnson streets was put through the market yesterday by Grant and Latham in conjunction with P. R. Brown. The price was \$50,000. The piece of property which measures 50 square feet, comprises only half a lot. The whole passed through the market two months ago for \$25,000, and less than a month ago the half lot which was sold yesterday was purchased for \$38,000. The fact that within a month the property has increased in value by \$14,000 illustrates the enhancement of realty values on Douglas street.

A third sale on Douglas street of interest was that of a lot at the corner of that thoroughfare and Cormorant, which realized a price of \$45,000.

**Yates Street Property**  
The Manitoba bar and the site upon which it stands on Yates street, with a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 66 feet, was sold yesterday for \$25,000. The sale shows that Yates street property at that point is worth more than \$2,000 per foot.

R. W. Coleman reports the sale of four lots on Hillside avenue for \$18,000, and twelve lots in Rockland park for \$33,000.

An interesting feature in the market yesterday was the final payment on the purchase of the Victoria theatre. The deeds were completed, the sale price being \$100,000. The purchaser is H. N. Galer, president of the British American Trust company, who, it is understood, has bought the theatre on behalf of Spokane capitalists. The theatre is now their property subject to the lease held by E. R. Ricketts, which expires on December 31 of this year.

The Island Investment company reports the following sales: Four lots on Cook street; two lots on Kings road; three lots on Prior street; two lots on Duplin road near Douglas street; one lot on Garbally road; eight lots on Quadra street; four lots on Pembroke street; two lots on the corner of Princess and Blanchard streets; one lot on McBride avenue; two lots on Queens avenue near and will subdivide the same and again place it on the market. This piece of land was formerly owned by James Richards.

T. P. McConnell sold a two-story brick structure on Johnson street, opposite the Queen's hotel yesterday for \$18,000 to two men, one a Victoria and one a Prairie man. On Saturday afternoon he sold a lot on Ontario street to an outside buyer.

Activity in Building  
Coincident with the activity in the realty market there has been an increased activity in building circles.

# White House January Sale

## WHITEWEAR BARGAINS FOR TODAY

- Ladies' Corset Covers**  
Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine cambric, trimmed with lace. Special Sale Price ..... 40c  
Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine cambric, trimmed with beading and ribbon. Special Sale Price ..... 65c  
Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine cambric trimmed, with eyelet embroidery and lace. Special Sale Price ..... 85c  
Corset Covers, made of deep embroidery, very fine, trimmed with lace and ribbon. Special Sale Price ..... \$2.25  
Also a splendid assortment of all sizes, made in the latest styles, slightly soiled, to be sold at greatly reduced prices, from 35c to ..... \$2.50
- Ladies' White Underskirts**  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of the finest cambric flounce of French Embroidery, with insertion and ribbon. Special Sale Price ..... \$7.50  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of the finest cambric, with wide flounce of Val. lace and French insertion. Special Sale Price ..... \$6.75  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric flounce of Val. lace and insertion. Special Sale Price ..... \$5.50  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with flounce of embroidery and insertion. Special Sale Price ..... \$5.00  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with wide flounce with embroidery and insertion. Special Sale Price ..... \$3.25  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with flounce, trimmed with embroidery and tucks. Special Sale Price ..... \$2.50  
Ladies' Underskirt, made of cotton with flounce of fine lawn, trimmed with lace. Regular 75c. Sale Price ..... 45c
- Ladies' Night Gowns**  
Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine cambric tucked yoke, slip-over style, elbow sleeves nicely trimmed with fine embroidery ..... \$2.75  
Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine cambric with eyelet embroidery yoke and short sleeves. Slip-over style. Sale Price ..... \$2.50  
Ladies' Night Gowns, cambric with yoke of fine Val. lace and French insertion. Elbow sleeves, newest style. Sale Price ..... \$2.25  
Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine cambric. Slip-over style, nicely trimmed with fine embroidery and ribbon, 3-4 sleeve. Sale Price ..... \$1.25  
A lot of odd lines of Night Gowns in different styles, put in at greatly reduced prices. Prices from 90c to ..... \$4.50
- Ladies' Drawers**  
Ladies' Drawers, made of fine cambric circular ruffles, nicely trimmed with lace or embroidery. Regular \$2.00. Sale Price ..... \$1.50  
Ladies' Drawers, fine cambric, flounce of French embroidery and insertion. Regular \$2.35. Sale Price ..... \$1.75  
Ladies' Drawers, fine cotton with embroidery flounce and tucks. Regular 60c. Sale Price ..... 40c  
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With the better weather conditions holders are making ready for the spring season and plans have been prepared, or are under way, for several business structures. Yesterday a permit was issued by the building inspector to R. P. Clark, who will erect a two-story brick building on the west side of Broad street, between the Salvation Army barracks and the new building recently erected at the corner of Broad and Johnson streets. The new building which will cost \$2,000, will be of concrete, steel and brick construction. The ground floor will be used for stores and the upper floor for offices. W. K. Wilson is the architect.

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