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FISHERY REGULATIONS STILL CAUSE OF DISPUTE

Canners' and Fishermen's Deputations Unable to Reach Agreement

DRUGGISTS AND MEDICINE BILL

Port Simpson Outport Placed Under Prince Rupert—Death of Senator Casgrain

Ottawa, March 8.—The canners and fishermen have had some strenuous wrestling this week with a view to a compromise, but so far no decision has been reached. One suggestion made is that in place of a weekly close time of sixty hours it should be fixed at 48, an increase of 12 hours over the existing regulations. With reference to fishing above the New Westminster bridge it was proposed by the commission to be limited to fishermen residing above the bridge, and it has been suggested that a similar privilege be granted to residents of New Westminster. Both proposals are snagged for the present. Neither the canners nor the fishermen are satisfied.

Mr. Michaud, the new member for Victoria county, N. B., took his seat today.

Touching references to the death of Edward Cochrane, M. P., were made in the House this afternoon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden.

Hon. Mr. Templeman was waited on today by a large deputation of druggists from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, who protested against the patent medicine bill. Mr. Gervais, M. P., voiced the views of the deputation and asked that the bill be referred to a select committee, so that the views of all interested might be heard. Another suggestion was that a committee of druggists representing each province should be appointed to confer with the minister. Mr. Templeman promised consideration.

The outport of Port Simpson has been detached from Victoria and placed under Prince Rupert from April 1.

R. S. Gray is appointed deputy collector of inland revenue for Vancouver division.

Lord Elgin cabled the Queen's sympathy to the parents bereaved by the school fire in Montreal and her admiration for the heroic conduct of Miss Maxwell, who lost her life while endeavoring to save the children.

Announcement of the death of Senatar Casgrain of Windsor was made in the upper house today by Senator Scott.

Splendid progress was made with the tariff today, every item being disposed of except one relating to boots and shoes.

JAPANESE LOAN

London, March 8.—The prospectus of the Japanese conversion loan of $115,000,000 at 5 per cent, the issue price being 99 1-2, was issued here this afternoon. There was a big demand for it at all the issuing banks.

MR. HEARST ILL

New York, March 8.—Wm. R. Hearst is seriously ill at his home, according to an announcement today, and his engagements for some time to come have been cancelled. Mr. Hearst recently contracted a severe cold.

ROBLIN GOVERNMENT HAS SOLID MAJORITY

Latest Returns Give 27 Conservatives and 12 Liberals, With Two Deferred

Winnipeg, March 8.—The Liberals, to whom thirteen seats were conceded today, will probably have only twelve in the next legislature, as Dr. Wright was beaten in Russell by belated returns received tonight. These wiped out his majority of 70 in the central part of the constituency, and elected Bennycastle, Conservative, by 8. A recount will be applied for against Attorney-General Campbell, who has two majority, and the Liberals claim they have great confidence of winning. The house now stands 27 Conservatives and 12 Liberals, with two deferred elections.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL IS TALKED OUT IN HOUSE

Attempt to Force Vote on Measure Frustrated by Its Opponents

PARTY LINES ARE DEPARTED FROM

The Suffragists Hold a Meeting and Declare Intention to Continue Their Agitation

London, March 8.—The bill to extend the right of suffrage to women was defeated in the House of Commons today, where it was talked to death without coming to a vote. The supporters of the bill made a determined attempt to obtain a vote, but the speaker declined to accept a motion of closure, and the sitting of the house was closed automatically at five o'clock this afternoon. The bill is thus killed for the present session.

The debate was a repetition of the familiar arguments for and against female suffrage, and there was a complete divergence from the usual party lines, the rejection of the bill being moved by Mr. White, Liberal, and another opponent being Mr. Cremer, also a Liberal, while both Conservatives and members of the Labor party were found among its supporters.

The result was not surprising, even to the suffragists, as some of the strongest sympathizers with the women's cause realized that the question was not ripe for legislation, and that parliament was not in a position to deal with the question until it becomes a definite issue at a general election.

The suffragists, however, were not daunted, and tonight they held an enthusiastic meeting at Exeter hall. Resolutions condemning the attitude of the government and of parliament, and expressing determination to carry on the agitation were adopted. The speakers at tonight's meeting included James Keir Hardie, Socialist member of the House of Commons; Philip Snowdon, M.P., a new recruit to the women's cause; Rev. Chas. F. Aked, who was pastor of Pembroke chapel, Liverpool, and who has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York; Israel Zangwill, the prominent Zionist; as well as many of the prominent suffragists.

ASK FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LORD'S DAY ACT

Deputation From Alliance Urges Matter Upon Provincial Ministers

A large deputation representing the Lord's Day alliances of Victoria and Vancouver waited upon the members of the provincial cabinet yesterday afternoon for the purpose of advancing reasons for the enforcement of the Dominion Lord's Day Act in British Columbia. W. M. Rochester, western secretary of the organization, was the principal spokesman, although short addresses were delivered by the Bishop of Columbia and others. The former, after outlining in amplified form the claims of the members of the deputation and those they represented in regard to the measure, submitted a full statement of their attitude. This statement is in most part identical with that of Mr. Rochester published in last Tuesday's issue. The concluding portion is somewhat different and is as follows:

General Considerations

"We beg to submit the following as indicating that no obstacle should be placed in the way of the Dominion Lord's Day Act being applied to British Columbia—

"(a) In principle and in the general scope of the act it unquestionably represents the sentiment of Canada.

"(b) Whilst there may be a disposition to condemn specific clauses of the act, and certain interests may feel aggrieved, it is to be remembered that for full four months the matter was before the Dominion parliament, and every interest had its opportunity to be heard both before the committee and the house.

(c) That in scope and principle, we believe, this law represents the predominant sentiment in British Columbia; that the bulk of all objections to the act that have found public expression have been based upon ignorance of its requirements.

"(d) That the particular sentiments attributed to many in British Columbia, and the commercial and industrial interests of the province, meet with generous consideration under the terms of this enactment.

"(e) That a splendid opportunity, we submit, is now afforded this legislature to strengthen the sentiment in favor of an institution that has its authority, not from the Bible and the church merely, but from natural law and history, and whose worth to the nation, although inadequately conceived by many, is nevertheless, in the opinion of the greatest minds, real, immeasurable and enduring.

"In the name of the alliance.

"Western Secretary L. D. A.
"W. M. ROCHESTER.

"Victoria, B. C., March 8, 1907."

In reply Premier McBride stated that he and his colleagues appreciated the reasonable stand assumed by the Lord's Day Alliance in regard to the question at issue. He gave his assurance that the arguments in favor of the act would recieve the most serious consideration at the hands of the government.

The deputation then withdrew.

Judge Jeffrie's chair, which has been stored for many years in the county surveyor's office at the Shirehall, Dorchester, is to be loned to the Dorset County Museum.

The Witham (Essex) Sparrow club has closed the season with a record of 35,541 sparrows killed. This is claimed as a record. Three members contributed 3,000 birds each.

At Bulphan, Essex, a police constable has discovered that the floor of a cottage (occupied by a woman) was like a mudpond, and ducks were swimming about in the water inside the hut. A closing order is to be applied for by the Ongar guardians.

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DUTY OF SOLID SEVEN ENTIRELY NEGLECTED

No Word on Behalf of Railway Project Which Would Benefit the Province

"What's up with the 'Solid Seven'?" asked a prominent man in Victoria financial circles, and a former member of the Liberal executive, last night. And he handed the Colonist the following clipping from a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal:

"If Hudson Bay ports can be developed as export points for grain and it were feasible to build railroads to keep these ports going, it would be an event of far-reaching importance. All sorts of arguments pro and con have been advanced as to the feasibility of constructing such roads. It has in fact been stated that the Hill-Canadian transcontinental would find its eastern terminus at Hudson Bay.

"It has been contended that navigation is open there for at least six months in the year; that the construction of lines to Hudson Bay and the development of Hudson Bay ports as export points for grain would greatly cheapen rates on export grain, deflect large shipments that now go through the lakes, cheapen rates and make for general advantage all round.

"The soundest opinion, however, ridicules the entire project. One of the most posted railroad men in the northwest says: 'Twenty years ago a line of railroad was projected from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay. It had substantial backing for those days, and it was believed that the project would go through. In fact, part of the line was built from Winnipeg northward for seventy odd miles to Lake Winnipeg. The reconnaissances, however, showed that for about 300 or 400 miles southward of Hudson Bay the nature of the soil consisted of about six inches of moss on the surface and below that about four feet of ice for twelve months in the year. The line never went any further. So far as I know meteorological conditions are the same today as they were then.'

"James J. Hill, when asked if he intended to make Hudson Bay the eastern terminus of his new transcontinental line, said: 'Oh, yes. I think we will cross Hudson Bay on pontoons and make the terminus out in the northeast end of Labrador. It is a great country to build railroads in. There is no need for ballast and ties will last a hundred years.'"

What he said, in continuance, was hardly fit for publication. Boiled down, however, it amounted to this. That with a chance to aid British Columbia in the matter of railway construction, and put a nail in the coffin of what he termed "the crazy refrigerator route," not one of the members from the province had taken advantage of the recent debate in parliament on supply to emphasize the needs not only of British Columbia, but of every province west of Manitoba for another all the year outlet for the wheat crop that it will be impossible for existing or projected railways to handle within the next three or four years.

"The railway the Colonist is advocating," he continued, "is of more importance to the Dominion, more 'to the general advanttage of Canada,' as they call it, than twenty Hudson Bay railways that, for seven or eight months in the year would find their only traffic in taking tourists to gaze at the icebergs of the frozen north. If they don't get busy right away they will hardly dare face audiences on the Island, at the next general election, and ask for support. And why does not the Times fall in with the advice of the late candidates of its party in the provincial elections and take politics out of the agitation for the new railway?

"Last night that paper had something to say about it, and harped on the idea that the provincial government should take the initiative. Its editor should study geography. Can he not understand that the proposed railway cannot be a branch of the G. T. P., unless it joins that line near the source of the Fraser and that if any other railway wants to take the matter up it must get a Dominion charter. It would have to go outside the province, that's certain, as any connection with the C. P. R. would mean an abrupt turn south and leaving the portion of the central interior most requiring transportation without it. Vancouver Island wants transcontinental connection. It is a matter of vital importance to Victoria, and yet all the Times offers is a branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific that would, in any event, be much subsidiary to the company's terminus at Prince Rupert."

RED FIR LUMBER COMPANY.

New Flaning Mill and Sash and Door Factory at Nanaimo.

Work on the new planing mill and sash and door factory for the Red Fir Lumber Company will be commenced within a week or ten days, says the Nanaimo Herald. It will be on the grounds and to the north of the old planer sheds and will be an imposing building 86x86 two stories high, and will employ a large number of hands, quite a large proportion of which will be skilled workmen. The company has repeatedly stated that so far as is possible they will give the preference in employing help to white labor, and to residents. The shingle mill is practically completed and is now awaiting machinery that is held back by the freight blockade. The planing mill and factory will be so constructed that it can be enlarged and other improvements outside of such as have already been initiated are being considered. The railway problem is as yet in abeyance awaiting the results of other negotiations. It is, however safe to say that the entire plant will be in operation and connected in some way with the railway before many months.

KAMLOOPS FRUIT LANDS

Mr. J. T. Robinson of Kamloops has been in Victoria for several days past, and in conversation with a Colonist representative, he states that real estate is booming in Kamloops and vicinity. This is particularly true in regard to fruit lands. Thousands of people in Manitoba, the Northwest and the south, are coming into the interior and buying up small holdings The Thompson River Valley, near Kamloops, is receiving particular attention and already many of the large farms have been sold. They are now being sub-divided into ten and twenty-acre blocks. A few weeks ago a syndicate of Kamloops gentlemen purchased the famous Pemberton ranch, known as Sunnyside, on the South Thompson river, twenty-one miles east of Kamloops, containing some 2200 acres.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Society Incorporated to Take Charge of Provincial Denominational Institution

The coming erection of the Baptist college at Summerland has necessitated the formation of an educational board of that denomination to conduct collegiate business, and other of a similar character, in the province. In yesterday's Gazette notice is given of the incorporation of this body under the Benevolent Societies act, the name chosen being the "Educational Board of the Baptist Convention of British Columbia."

Victoria is honored by the choice of residents of this city as the first trustees, in the persons of A. J. Pineo, M.A., and J. W. H. King, B.A. The other signatures to the articles of incorporation are Rev. T. LeRoy Dakin, Aaron Perry and A. B. McNeill. Full arrangements have been made for the conduct of the board's business and succession in office of the board of management.

The operative clause of the articles, setting out the reasons of incorporation, reads as follows:

"The purpose and object of the society and corporation is to carry on the educational work of the Baptist convention in the province of British Columbia, the promotion of literature, science and the fine arts, and the promotion and diffusion of knowledge, and to acquire, establish, found, procure and accept funds and endowments for, equip, maintain and carry on schools and academies, formulas, and prescribe courses of study, terms and conditions of entrance, matriculation, maintenance and graduation, and in the name of the society and corporation to acquire and take by purchase, donation, devise otherwise, and hold for the use of the members of the society and corporation, and according to the bylaws, rules and regulations thereof, lands, tenements and hereditaments and all kinds of real and personal property, and the same or any part thereof, from time to time, to sell or exchange, mortgage, lease, let or otherwise dispose of, and with the proceeds arising therefrom, from time to time, to acquire other lands, tenements and hereditaments and other property, either real or personal."

FOR OR AGAINST ACT

Form of Petition Now Being Circulated Throughout Kootenay

A meeting of the committee appointed last week to draw up a petition for signature to employees of miners, sawmills and smelters, for or against the enforcement of the Lord's Day act, says the Nelson News, met in Leslie Hill's office yesterday afternoon and decided upon the following circular letter:

Sir—A meeting was held in Nelson on the 1st March, 1907, to consider the effect of the enforcement of the Lord's Day act upon the mining, smelting and lumber industries. It was decided that the opinion of all those who employed in these industries in East and West Kootenay and Southern Yale should be obtained as to whether they desired the enforcement of the Lord's Day act, or were opposed to the enforcement of the same. In order to obtain the opinion of these men it was decided that a petition be circulated among the employees of the mines, smelters and sawmills, and you are requested to hy the enclosed petition before all your employees and to request them to sign their names in one or other column as being either in favor or opposed to the enforcement of this act. It is desired that the employees should not be influenced in their decision. It was decided that a meeting of the owners and managers of all mines, smelters and sawmills in East and West Kootenay and Southern Yale should be held in Nelson on Thursday, 14th of March, 1907, for the purpose of taking such steps as may be deemed necessary in regard to this most important matter. You are particularly requested to have the petition signed and sent to the secretary as early as possible, and certainly before the date of this meeting and to attend the meeting either personally or by deputy. Enclosed are some forms of the proposed petition.

J. J. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
LESLIE HILL, Secretary.

The petition is addressed to Premier McBride and contains the number of the men employed, the name of the mine, mill or smelter, and is divided into two parallel blank spaces, over one of which is printed: "Sir—We, the undersigned, respectfully submit that we are opposed to the enforcement of the Lord's Day act;" and over the other: "Sir—We, the undersigned, respectfully submit that we are in favor of the enforcement of the Lord's Day act."

SEED TESTING LABORATORY

New Station Established at Calgary Is Now in Operation.

The new seed testing station established by the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Calgary for the convenience of the farmers and seed merchants of Alberta and British Columbia is now fully equipped and in operation.

Seed will be tested at this Seed Laboratory for Purity and Germination. The purity test shows the amount of weed seeds or other impurities contained in a sample, and the names and quantities of each kind. When a farmer is buying seed or even if seeing his own, it is important that he ascertain whether or not it is free from noxious weed seeds.

The germination test shows what percentage of the seed will germinate under favorable field conditions. Many conditions affect the vitality of seed such as unfavorable weather, immaturity, freezing before harvesting, lack of proper storage or old age. Appearances are deceiving and often very good looking seed is low in vitality.

A report of the result of each sample sent in for purity test will be forwarded within a couple of days from the date it is received at the office.

The time required for final germination test of wheat, oats, barley, and clovers is ten days, timothy, rye grass, etc. fourteen days, vegetables ten to fourteen days. A preliminary report will, if requested, be forwarded within four to six days from the date of receipt of sample.

Samples should be securely wrapped in strong paper or enclosed in cotton bag, and should contain not less than one ounce of grass seeds of all kinds or white or alsike clovers, two ounces red clover, alfalfa or other seeds of like size, and three ounces or a small handful of wheat, oats and barley or other large seeds. The rate of postage is one cent per ounce and should be prepaid. All testing is done free of charge. Address: Dominion Department of Agriculture, Seed Laboratory, Calgary.

The Rochford (Essex) Board of Guardians has passed a resolution limiting the speeches of members to three minutes.