

SOUTH AFRICAN STATESMAN HERE

HE HAS BEEN THROUGH TRYING TIMES THERE

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick Has Had a Very Interesting Career.

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, who addressed the Canadian club on Friday, is one of the foremost men in Transvaal politics. Sir Geo. Farrar and he are at the head of the Progressive party which constitutes the opposition to the government, which is led by General Louis Botha; and his defeat of Sir Richard Solomon, who is the father-in-law of Sir Percy Giroud, at the general election, which gave the Transvaal responsible government, was the greatest of the triumphs of his party. Sir Richard Solomon, who is the father-in-law of Sir Percy Giroud, the distinguished Canadian who is now governor of Nigeria, was a great administrator; he had run the government of the country, while it was a Crown colony, was formerly a member of the Africaner Bond, in Cape Colony; had been a member of a Cape Colony administration; was an associate of Cecil Rhodes. The granting of responsible government to the Transvaal forced him to make a decision as to what part he would play in the future of the country, man and South African citizen; and he chose to lead a party of his own, the Nationalist, The Progressive is the capitalist party, and it was understood that the Nationalist would join with Het Volk, the Dutch party, in forming the first administration. The experience of Sir Richard would, therefore, have made him the first premier under responsible government, but he was defeated by Sir Percy in the very place where Sir Richard ought to have been strongest—the centre of his official influence. Sir Richard is now agent-general for the Transvaal in London and Sir Percy is Sir George Farrar's most distinguished lieutenant in opposition.

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick has a pleasing disposition, which makes him popular among both English and Dutch, and it was probably his popularity among the latter which gave him his triumph over his opponent. He is, however, a strong mine-owner and has been in ordinary circumstances, would cause the Dutch to regard him with ill-favor, but it has not. His personality has outweighed their natural prejudices. He was, as is probably well known, a representative in the nominated legislature, which preceded the present parliament, and he and Sir George Farrar steered through the House the Chinese labor ordinance, which brought in indentured coolies to work the mines. The speech, in which the ordinance was introduced by Sir George, began at noon and was not concluded at 3 o'clock on the following afternoon, and Sir Percy wound up the debate with a three hours' speech, delivered after 11 o'clock at night. He is the ablest speaker on the opposition benches, and he can appeal to the hearts of men where his chief has more to rely on appealing to their reason.

Both he and Sir George took part in the Jameson raid and had to spend several months in a Transvaal prison. Transvaal prisons in Kruger's days were ill-kept, badly run, and often scarcely sanitary. So that being sent to jail in those days meant a little more hardship than in these. But the men of the raid were not pampered; they had learned to rough it; many of them had fought in native wars; they knew what it was to live in the open under the beautiful star-studded canopy, which is the chief glory of the South African night.

Sir Percy himself has been on the long trek, away up north; he has mined the country, and he has written many books about it. He knows the Boer; he has often visited his rugged, light-hearted, brought into the mine by the Dutchmen by such men as Sir Percy. Gradually the old prejudices are giving way; railways are bringing the isolated farmers into more constant communication with the cities; the cities are providing markets for their produce, and the whole country is at last realizing a unity and identity of interest which formerly could not of necessity exist when the chief means of transport and communication was the tedious trek oxen.

This sense of unity will be increased by the new instrument of government, a common parliament for South Africa, and, no doubt, as Sir Percy has been one of its great promoters, he will also be one of its first members. The political field is fairly open for such men as he. The giants of the pre-war period are nearly all gone—Kruger, Rhodes and Escombe (Natal). Steyn alone remains. It is a South Africa that we see to-day; the juniors of the earlier political days have come to take up the work of their dead masters and fortunately the question of supremacy has been decided and they can now sit down together and work in peace.

TONS OF PEANUTS.

The second consignment of freight brought from the Orient via Seattle on the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Line, arrived on Friday on the steamer Oscar. They consisted of nearly 80 tons of peanuts from Japan. This commodity is one of the regular articles of freight from the Orient. The nuts are grown in Japan much like potatoes and are shipped in enormous sacks.

GOLDEN CURLING CLUB.

Golden, Oct. 14.—There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Curling Club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, J. N. Black; President, D. Bowers; 1st Vice-President, John Bulman; 2nd Vice-President, M. Dainard; Secretary-treasurer, A. M. Pinkham; Umpire, J. Henderson; Chaplain, Dr. McRae; Committee, H. G. Parson, Chas. A. Warren, J. A. Buckham, Dr. Taylor and J. H. D. Benson.

Colonel Walker and H. S. McLeod of Calgary were re-elected representatives of the Club at all meetings of the A.B. R.C.C.C.

TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS IN MEXICO

Corn Will Be Admitted Into Republic Without Payment of Duty.

Mexico City, Oct. 15.—To assist in relieving the sufferings from the floods of the Santa Catarina river, which practically destroyed the city of Monterey and brought death to hundreds recently, the Mexican congress to-day passed a bill amending corn into the country without the payment of tariff. Large quantities of the cereal will be brought from the United States to relieve the famine caused by the floods and intensified by the frosts, which practically ruined the Mexican crops this year.

TRUSTEE STANELAND FULLY EXONERATED

Special Committee Reports to Board on Paint Question.

The denial made by School Trustee Staneland to the charges brought in connection with the painting contract of the North Ward school reported Thursday in the Times was supported Thursday by the school board special committee, which handed in a report of yesterday morning's committee meeting, the result of which is that the allegation against Trustee Staneland is found to have no truth in it. The charge also involved the work of A. E. Lewis, contractor, who, the committee found, had carried out his contract in a satisfactory manner. The report is as follows:

"Your committee, appointed to investigate the Lewis painting contract, beg to report:

"With regard to the roof of the Central school, we find, upon full investigation, that the roof was in such a condition from want of repair, that it was agreed by Trustees Staneland and Mr. Fairley that the following of coats of paint by hand painting was not feasible and would only tend to further damage the same, and it was arranged by them that the paint should be applied by spraying the result being that about twice the quantity of paint was actually used on the roof than would have been consumed in applying the coat by hand, and that the cost of the material used was more than any saving to the contractor for labor.

"As to work in the North Ward school we find the walls in the cloak rooms were in better condition than those in the cloak rooms and that the inspector considered that in these rooms two coats were quite sufficient and that the saving to the contractor by reason of the application of only two coats in these rooms was of such a small amount as to not be worth consideration.

"We may add that in our opinion had the inspector reported the changes to the chairman of the building and grounds committee or to the board, the misunderstanding that has arisen with regard to the work under the table at a former meeting, was a letter was of a new kind. He said the report of the committee as arrived at that morning was satisfactory to him, and that Mr. Fairley's statement to the committee had been straight and fair. He felt that the best interest of the board and the public had been served by the change made in the specifications. So affected had he been over the matter that he had considered the advisability of handing in his resignation as a school trustee. He, however, would not do this now. He failed to see why if he is a member of a paint firm that firm could not compete with others in the business on a school contract. In connection with the Moss Street school specifications, he said, where a varnish handled exclusively by his own firm had been called for, he had insisted on the architect, J. C. M. Keith, striking out that brand and inserting another in the specifications so that persons of the class should not follow. He had never assisted his own company in a single instance by his position as a school trustee and when he was in England he had been accused of being a contractor and ordering the job done with materials supplied by his own company. The answer to this was the fact that he was 3,000 miles away. Mr. Tite's letter was finally received and fled after Trustee Christie had spoken shortly advocating local manufacturers for use in all school contracts.

The reason of the sun assuming such a deep red color on a misty day is owing to the fact that the sun's rays are filtered through a layer of red rays more easily than any other.

CHIEF WATER COMMISSIONER

W. S. DREWRY, OF NELSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Other Provincial Appointments—New Companies Formed.

(From Friday's Daily.)

W. S. Drewry, C.E., of Nelson, has been appointed chief water commissioner for the province, under the terms of the Water Act, passed last session, and assumes office from today.

Other appointments by the provincial government are: Thomas W. Herne, Hazelton, assessor and collector for Omineca district; Edward J. Wilson, Vancouver, a superintendent under the Children's Protection Act.

Lewis A. Lewis and John James Jones, New Westminster, members of the board of managers of the Royal Columbian hospital for two years; Walter Noel, Port Essington, a justice of the peace; George Martin and Cutbert William Rigby, notaries.

The undertaking of the Bell Telephone, Light & Power Co., Ltd., is approved under the provisions of the Water Act. The capital is fixed at \$1,500, and the works are to be commenced within six months and completed within a year from October 13th. On Monday, November 1st, at 10 a.m., four mineral claims are advertised to be sold in the maple committee room at the parliament buildings, for non-payment of taxes. These are all in Victoria assessment district.

The following new companies have been incorporated:

Call Creek Lumber Co., Ltd., to acquire the business of the McNeill Timber Co.; capital, \$150,000.

Canadian Summer Iron Works, Ltd., to acquire certain inventions in saw and shingle mill machinery from Summer Iron Works, of Everett, Wash.; capital, \$250,000.

Empire Stevedoring Co., Ltd.; capital, \$100,000.

Glacier Creek Mining Co., Ltd.; capital, \$500,000.

Quatsino Coal Co., Ltd., to acquire the coal lands and leasehold of the Quatsino Coal Syndicate; capital, \$100,000.

Licensees to extra provincial companies have been granted to the Lawton & Crown Insurance Co., the National Spruce Co., Ltd., and the Northern Trusts Co., and the Williams, Greene & Rome Co., of Berlin, Ont.

The Hedley Gold Mining Co., incorporated in Delaware, has opened an office at Wilmington, is registered to do business in the province, but not to issue or transfer stock. Its head office in the province will be at Hedley.

DOORS OF JAPANESE BANK ARE CLOSED

Doubtful Loans Cause of Trouble in Sacramento Institution.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 15.—The Japanese Bank of Sacramento closed its doors yesterday morning and its doors have not been opened since. Rumors from State Bank Examiner Anderson, who came up from San Francisco last night. Rumors had been going round for several days that the bank was in bad shape and Wednesday there was a mild run on the institution. Anderson had notified the bank several weeks ago to get its affairs in better shape and to make a showing in its books. The bank failed to respond.

Doubtful loans is the cause of the trouble. Unless the stockholders can make a showing in actual cash the assets will be liquidated and the bank permanently closed.

The deposits are estimated at \$100,000. He authorized capital is \$500,000, of which about \$240,000 was paid in. Last week the deposits were nearly \$150,000 and in the last few days about \$50,000 was withdrawn by depositors who had heard rumors of the bank's condition.

MINOR CASES HEARD IN POLICE COURT

Court Hears Assault Case and Story of Unmindful Horse.

Charles E. Schultz, a youth, was fined \$5 in the police court on Friday for an assault on Fred Likert, an employee of the Golden West Bakery, were defendant had previously been employed, and in the witness box for his defence admitted he had made a threat to kill the plaintiff. Both youths were fined \$5 for the offence of assault. The prosecutor had taken the case to court as driver. Schultz had gone to the store to wait for him and had been making the threat when the pair met.

The manager and an employee gave evidence of the fight which was admitted in the box. He said he saw the mistake of allowing his temper to get the best of him, but he was told plaintiff had said he was making money unlawfully out of his former employer during the employment. A lad named Bentley, who, the chief of police informed the court, had checked the police continually when ordered to look after his horse, was fined \$5 for leaving the animal unattended on the street. Another driver, fined a similar amount on a like complaint, said the horse was lame, and should have been fined as it was not doing its duty.

C. M. Gowen, an automobile driver, who was fined five dollars for not displaying a light with his license number on the lamp behind dusk and dawn, said the lamp did not hold enough oil to last all night, and he could write a long letter about it.

TRAGEDY AT NEW WESTMINSTER

MAN KILLS WOMAN AND ENDS OWN LIFE

Former Sailor Also Attempts to Shoot His Daughter.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 15.—Tired of being continually beaten by frequent fights with his swashy stevedore, Lazlo Daniel, Harry Smith, 30 years old, of New Westminster, this morning shot and instantly killed her and then took his own life after failing to kill his 16-year-old daughter, who saved her life by knocking the man's gun aside.

Smith left a note addressed to Chief of Police McIntosh in which he said the woman had made life "hell for him." The event which culminated in the tragedy to-day was a fight with the woman's daughter at the street of New Westminster last night, the couple being separated by the chief. Smith was formerly a sailor on a British man-of-war, but lately has been unemployed.

DELEGATION SEES PREMIER

WINNIPEG WANTS AID FOR BIG EXPOSITION

Delegation From Prairie Capital Urges That Province Make Exhibit in 1910.

His Worship Mayor Hall, Simon Leiser, president of the Board of Trade, and G. H. Wilson, of the Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League, were on Friday interviewed at the Empress hotel by a delegation from the city of Winnipeg, which has in hand the plans for the great exposition at the Prairie capital in 1912. The delegation from Winnipeg made up of Charles F. Feland, secretary; R. E. Sprague, and R. C. McDonald.

It was pointed out to the representatives of the city that it was desired by the Winnipeg committee that the various communities in British Columbia should approve of the proposal which was to be made to the provincial government, that an exhibit be made by the province, and the government put up a building of its own.

The whole scheme of the exposition was explained, and the delegation of Winnipeg will of itself undertake to raise the sum of one million dollars. The federal government was expected to make a large grant and it was hoped to get each of the provinces interested.

The delegation, before coming to Victoria, had interviewed the various public bodies at Vancouver, and the proposal which they were about to lay before the government here had been heartily endorsed. After the conference at the Empress hotel, the party went to the government buildings and had an interview with Premier McBride. After hearing the views of the gentlemen from Winnipeg and an outline of what was expected from this province, the Premier promised to give the matter his best consideration.

ATHABASCA STILL FAST ON ROCKS

CREW AND PASSENGERS REMAIN ON VESSEL

Tugs Have Not Made Any Attempt to Rescue Those on Steamer.

Owen Sound, Ont., Oct. 15.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Athabasca, with its crew and passengers, the list totaling about sixty persons, is still on the rocks at Flower Pot Island, at the north end of Bruce Peninsula. The company announces that all on board are safe.

The fact is that the big ship is still held on the rocks by her bow, while her stern is deep water. Tremendous seas are now rolling in and the wind is very strong, being from the north-west this morning. While the tugs are not trying to rescue the ship, it is likely that they would take a chance and go in closer were the ship showing any signs of breaking up.

The greatest cause for fear is that the vessel might suddenly be freed from the rocks and slip back into deep water.

CONSERVATION OF BISHOP.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 15.—The house of bishops at a meeting yesterday arranged for the consecration of Rev. W. C. White, of Ontario, as bishop of the new diocese in China. Consecration will take place as soon as possible. The time and place are left in the hands of the primate, Archbishop Matheson. Rev. Mr. White is now at his home in Ontario on furlough. The missionaries in China were the chief factors in bringing his appointment about, as he did such good work there. Rev. Mr. White is considered the ablest missionary that has been sent out by the church for some time.

RETIRE FROM W. C. T. U. WORK

DISPUTE OVER THE CONDUCT OF MISSION

Committee Working for New Building Has Resigned in a Body.

A regrettable difference of opinion which has developed among the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city respecting the policy for the maintenance of the mission has resulted in the withdrawal from all work connected with the organization of the strong committee who had been entrusted with the work of arranging for a new home for the mission. The correspondence bearing upon this unfortunate situation was introduced by the following letter:

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 22nd, 1909.

To the W. C. T. U.:

We, the undersigned, regret that we are compelled to resign from the W. C. T. U. mission board.

We consider that the board has been ignored in all plans of furthering the work, showing a lack of confidence in said board.

(Signed) Mrs. Burkholder (supt.); F. Adams, president; W. C. Holt, vice-president; J. Frank, secretary; W. N. Parsons, treasurer; Mrs. Field, matron; J. W. Williams, Mrs. Scowcroft, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Andrews.

M. C. FRANK, secretary.

To this reply was made as follows:

Dear Mrs. Frank:

Your letter of Sept. 22nd was read before the W. C. T. U. meeting on Thursday and heard with deep regret by all present. The ten ladies mentioned in the resignation have always had the full confidence of the W. C. T. U., and at all times and in all places have been spoken of only in words of praise and commendation.

The union regrets that the board has so misunderstood them as to give the reason assigned, and therefore ask the board to reconsider their work. Hoping for a favorable reply.

S. O. SHERBURN.

At a business meeting of the organization held Thursday afternoon, the secretary, Mrs. Sherburn, reported that no answer had been received to her letter as above. Mrs. Field, the matron, and a member of the committee, who have resigned, then made an explanation of their position. No member of the committee desired to relinquish the work, but the resignation of the committee was accepted, and the plan of making the building, which was proposed to purchase the headquarters of the organization, had spoiled the work, but all were impressed with the necessity of united action. The plan of making the building, which was proposed to purchase the headquarters of the organization, had spoiled the work, but all were impressed with the necessity of united action.

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FIRE BRIGADE HOLDS DANCE AND CONCERT

Mayor and Aldermen Present at Very Successful Function.

The Victoria fire department offices presented a brilliant scene Thursday when some two hundred people were the guests of Chief Thomas Davis and his men at the first "home" of the department since the arrival of the new chief. Gaily decorated with an abundance of flags and floral decorations and with an orchestra of sixteen pieces, everything that could make the function an enjoyable one was in evidence. A supper table laid in the ante room positively groaned beneath its weight of edibles, and a pretty decoration scheme was carried out in all the rooms.

The dance was preceded by a concert held in the big upstairs hall, where ten vocal and instrumental numbers were well rendered. Prowlight's orchestra provided the dance music, and dancing continued until 2 o'clock this morning.

Mayor Hall and several of the city aldermen and their wives and many prominent people were among the assemblage. All the members of the fire department who were off duty and Chief Davis and Mrs. Davis were present.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Japanese Will Be Hanged in December For Murder of Fellow Countryman.

Vancouver, Oct. 14.—The Assize Court yesterday was occupied with the murder trial of Yoshikawa, a Japanese accused of killing a countryman at Carlisle cannery on the Skeena river on June 10th last. According to the evidence the whole trouble appeared to have originated in a drunken row in the boarding-house where the men were staying. Yoshikawa came in one night to the bunk room and evidently the whole trouble appeared to have originated in a drunken row in the boarding-house where the men were staying. Yoshikawa came in one night to the bunk room and evidently the whole trouble appeared to have originated in a drunken row in the boarding-house where the men were staying.

After an absence of fifteen minutes, the jury returned with a verdict of guilty of murder. Mr. Justice Irving asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why the sentence of the law should not be passed upon him. The prisoner made no answer. He was removed and said he had nothing to say.

Mr. Justice Irving then sentenced him to be hanged on December 10th.

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SIR F. BORDEN GIVES EVIDENCE

FURTHER HEARING OF LIBEL ACTION

Minister of Militia Denies Paying Money to Miss Chalfour.

Kentville, N. S., Oct. 14.—In the Eyre-opener case yesterday Miss Chalfour was again on the stand, her evidence being much in opposition to that given at one time Wednesday. Yesterday she admitted the authenticity of her letters, but denied the truth of the allegations contained therein.

Miss Chalfour was cross-examined by Mr. Ritchie, and said that she had been asked to make evidence to prove enough against Sir Frederick to get money from him. She (her mother) was quite willing to share the profits. She said it was after she had told her mother she had got some money that her mother asked her to give evidence to get more. An affidavit recited that she had never had improper relations with Dr. Borden at her mother's house, nor had she ever been in the company of Dr. Borden, and it was acknowledged he had never made any proposal to her in Montreal. Miss Chalfour admitted that the \$2,000 sent her by Sir Frederick Borden was the result of the evidence her mother had got her to concoct against the minister. The money was paid five years ago. She also admitted that the letters were addressed up to serve her mother's wishes.

Sir Frederick Borden appeared on the stand and underwent a grueling cross-examination at the hands of J. J. Ritchie, K.C. He flatly denied the allegations of the witnesses for the defence. The evidence was all in at half-past four yesterday afternoon, and adjournment was made till to-day.

Sergeant Major Schetley, of Ottawa, assistant superintendent of labor, was the first witness placed on the stand. His work involved keeping time of the men in the Crown timber office of Quebec, said he knew Miss Chalfour, who had been employed in the office. She was in the office from about 1893 till 1903, when she was made permanent. She had the office until the 6th of February, 1907. Her pay at first was \$30 per month; when the position was made permanent she got \$50 a month. To Mr. Ritchie witness said he was speaking from memory. He could not tell the exact time.

Sir Frederick Borden was then called and sworn. He said he was Minister of Militia and Defence. He was formerly known as Dr. Borden, being a medical practitioner. Sir Frederick first saw Mrs. Marie Allison at her house on Albert street, Ottawa. This was at the beginning of the session of 1895. He had lodgings and board there. He went there in January of the last session, 1895. He did not forget then member for Queen's, other M.P.'s and other men were there. He saw Miss Chalfour at her mother's house about three months after she came to Montreal. She came to her mother's house over Sunday and went back to Montreal. When next he saw her it was about Christmas. He met her in Ottawa in the street. He never saw her since that time. He saw her very seldom from that time on. He did not see her in the States after that.

Sir Frederick thought he met Miss Chalfour on the streets of Montreal several times. He had no particular conversations with her. Sir Frederick knew nothing of Madame Archambault, whom he said he never saw when she was pointed out to him. He had never visited her house in Montreal. He had never gone to any house in Montreal for the purpose of meeting Mrs. Allison. He never saw her when she was pointed out to him. He had never seen Hester Chalfour at either of these places.

A copy of the Eyre-opener was produced and the alleged libel was read. Sir Frederick said he knew nothing of Miss Chalfour's reasons for leaving home. He had never seen her in the States. Sir Frederick had never made improper proposals, held out any inducements or had any improper relations with Miss Chalfour. He never saw the Stanley hotel, Montreal, with Miss Chalfour and did not register as Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Sir Frederick never paid \$2,000 to Miss Chalfour nor had he paid her any money. In regard to Mrs. Kathleen McFarland, mentioned in the alleged libel, Sir Frederick said his acquaintance with her was nil. He had only seen her once. Nor had he heard of her except in letters from Mrs. Allison.

SUSPECTED THIEVES TAKEN

Two Men Placed Under Arrest After Desperate Fight With Detectives.

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