BANQUET TENDERED TO MEMBER FOR STURGEON

John R. Boyle Made Subject of Complimentary Banquet by Electors of Constituency—Event Is Attended by Over 150 People—Minister of Public Works Present.

On Friday evening last the electors from all parts of the Sturgeon constituency gathered at Namao school house, where they tendered a complimentary banquet of a political nature to J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., for Sturgeon. About 150 were present, being probably the largest gathering of farmers at a function of this kind ever held in the province of Alberta. The seats in the school house were removed and three long tables were laid with an end table for the guest of honor and the speakers of the evening. The banquet was a splendid success. The catering was done by C. W. Campbell, of Edmonton, in his usual excellent style. The speeches were interesting, and a spirit of hearty good fellowship prevailed. One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the presence of a number of ladies at the banquet. Great credit is due the committee in charge of the affair for the success of the evening.

Letters of regret were read from Premier Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney general,, and Hon. W. T. Finlay, minister of agriculture, who were unable to be present. Mr. Webber acted as chairman and toastmaster of the evening in capital style. The toast to the King was responded to by singing the national anthem. "Our Guest" was proposed by Mr. Mason, of Sturgeon Valley, and Andrew Raffin, of Bon Accord, and was responded to by Mr. Boyle. W. H. White, member elect for the federal constituency of Victoria, responded to the toast to the House of Commons. The toasts to the Alberta government and the legislature were replied to by Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works. H. Bell replied to the toast to the agricultural interests, and Rev. Mr. McLean, of Namao, responded to the toast to the ladies. "Old Timers" was suitably replied to by Mr. H. Bell, one of the old residents of the Namao district. J. H. Thamer, of the Great West, of Edmonton, replied to the toast to "the press."

Three Gambling Dens Raided.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Three gambling houses were raided and 22 men arrested, while gambling paraphernalia valued at nearly $3,000, consisting of roulette wheels, faro and stud poker tables, cards and colored checks were seized at one o'clock this morning. The raids were under the personal direction of Chief Campeau and the houses visited were on East street, Catherines street and University street. One of the houses adjoins the French Presbyterian church. Each man arrested had to furnish $20 bonds for his appearance in court Monday morning. This is the biggest raid made in the city for years.

MURDERER ROAMING NORTH.

Gun-a-Noot Has Found a Retreat on The Skeena.

Kamloops, B.C., Dec. 21.—Gun-a-Noot, the fugitive Indian murderer of the north, is reported to be camped for the winter in the vicinity of Fort Connelly, on Bear Lake, about 100 miles northeast of Hazelton, on the old Hazelton-Fort Graham and Findlay river trail. Gun-a-Noot is spending his time trapping, having a regular Indian trapper's district, with his fellow fugitive, Simeon, on the next trapping post, some 50 miles north. Indian friends are seeing that necessary supplies of flour, ammunition, etc., reach the men and are selling their furs for them, and their presence in the district is pretty well known among the Indians. Gun-a-Noot murdered Max Le Clare, of Kamloops, guide to C. S. Cowan, the big game hunter.

The fugitives' retreat is in a country most difficult for white men to travel across with speed or certainty; it is wild and cut up with mountains, rivers, lakes and dense timber growth. Bear Lake, upon which Fort Connelly is located, is near the head waters of the Skeena.

POWDER AND PAINT.

St. Louis Pastor Says Artificial Aids to Nature Are all Right.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec 21.—The young women of the First M E. church may now use the powder puff, likewise the paint brush and the brow pencil without any compunctions of conscience. The pastor, Rev. Philip Cone Fletcher, says it is all right. Lecturing on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage," he told them that beauty was a duty and that if they had not been born that way it was incumbent upon them in powder and paint and pencil themselves beautiful. "If I were a young woman I would try to be winsome," he said. "Beauty is a duty in that young women ought to strive to appear to the very best advantage, physically and morally. If by the use of the powder puff, the paint brush and the brown pencil, you can make yourself more winsome, you have my consent to use them freely. It is all right to supplement the works of God. To be ugly in an age like this is but little short of a sin against God and self." He said lovers should be true to each other.

RIDING TO A FALL.

Lloyd-George Says Government Will Shatter House of Lords.

Liverpool, Dec. 22—David Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the exchequer, addressing a meeting held last night from which women were rigorously excluded to prevent suffragette disturbances, denounced the veto of the liberal bills by the House of Lords, and predicted that the country would "shatter the throne of King Lansdowne," who had usurped the sovereignty that "no king had claimed since Charles the First." With regard to old age pensions, the chancellor said he could find the money needed "without taxing anybody's bread or interfering with any productive industry."

G.T.P. IS THE GREATEST ROAD IN THE WORLD

Toronto Globe Makes Editorial Comment on President Hays' Statement Concerning the Future of the Road—Would Not Be Surprised if Wheat is Carried to Europe by Way of Pacific.

Toronto, Dec. 21—Under the heading "Greatest Railway in the World," the Globe says in part: "President Hays of the National Transcontinental railway, is a thorough going optimist about the future of Canada, and in his latest interview gives good reasons for his hopeful forecast. The exultant tone of this remarkable pronouncement is all the more notable because Mr. Hays has, during the whole of his management of the Grand Trunk system, been the very reverse of communicative in his relations with the public at large. His statement of what has been accomplished in the construction of the National Transcontinental railway and the contagious cheerfulness with which he faces the future will put a permanent stop to the wretched attempts of political partisans to damage the great national undertaking for the sake of injuring their political opponents. The railway that is financed jointly by the Rothschilds of London and Speyers of New York can never be injured by slander. If it fails, its want of success will be due to long continued mismanagement, not to groundless and malevolent aspersions.

The Western Division.

"The most interesting part of Mr. Hays' statement is that in which he deals with the character of the western division of the railway, for the construction of which his own company is entirely responsible. From Winnipeg to Prince Rupert there is not a gradient steeper than 26 feet to the mile, over which a single engine can draw a train with a freight tonnage of more than 2,000. The very best that any of the other transcontinental lines can do with a single engine to haul less than 600 tons over a grade of 116 feet to the mile. This is a startling assurance, but it is made in such terms as to preclude scepticism on the part of those who receive it.

An Exceedingly Fine Harbor.

"No wonder Mr. Hays ventures to predict that a large part of the wheat of the Canadian west will yet be sent to Europe by the Pacific ocean and Panama canal, to say nothing of what will go direct to the orient to supply the Chinese and Japanese with food. Mr. Hays classes Prince Rupert, in Canada, and Sydney, in Australia, as the two very finest harbors in the world, and, on the strength of trustworthy information he feels inclined to award the palm to the Canadian terminus.

"As if in reply to the senseless report that the proprietors of the Grand Trunk railway system are becoming discouraged with the magnitude and difficulty of their undertaking, Mr. Hays announces the fact, learned from personal observation, that rapid progress is being made in the grading of the first hundred miles east of Prince Rupert. The line westward from Winnipeg is rapidly approaching the Rocky mountains, and he sees no reason to doubt that by the autumn of 1911 their first train will break through to tide water, passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In other words, what will, beyond all controversy be the greatest railway in the world, will be completed within the advertised time and without the slightest financial uncertainty. Such a record is absolutely without precedent, and it is sure to greatly enhance the already high reputation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for statesmanship, that enabled him to plan such a project and force of character that enabled him to have carried it to a completion.

RUSHING CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Transcontinental Train Divided Into Two Sections to Prevent Delay.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21—A very large consignment of English and other eastern mail will arrive in the city at noon tomorrow. The amount of this mail is so large that the train bringing it west was divided into two sections east of Fort William. The train had lost two hours and rather than take any chances of delivering mail late here and further west the officials of the C. P. R. decided to separate the mail from the balance of the train and rush it forward at the highest possible speed. Much of this mail is intended for points in the west. There are said to be ten cars of it on this special train. This is the first occasion when a special mail train of this consequence was carried west over the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Crown Prince and Princess of Germany Have Collected Large Sum.

Berlin, Dec. 22—The crown prince and princess have collected 300,000 marks for the relief of the widows of the victims of the Radbod mining district. The money will not be given to the central committee, which already has collected 1,200,000 marks, but will be delivered over to three representatives of the miners, who have been invited to come to the palace tomorrow to receive the money. They will dispose of it in the manner they consider most beneficial to the bereaved families. The statement which was published to the effect that the crown princess had sold some of her jewels in order to supply funds for the subscription is purely imagination.

Gigantic Swindle Exposed in Portuguese Capital.

Lisbon, Dec. 21—The newly elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's accounts. More than $7,000,000 has disappeared. The former municipal councillors admit the irregularities but lay the blame upon the government, which, they say, illegally took the city's money.

King Manuel has charged Dr. W. Dos Pereira Delima, former minister of foreign affairs, to form a cabinet, the success of which, however, is doubtful. The old cabinet resigned December 17, under the leadership of Senator Porto, at one time minister of war, the Francoists are reorganizing to fight the reactive parties.

ANDREW CARNEGIE AN ARDENT FREE TRADER

Before the Ways and Means Committee at Washington Defends His Position With Witty Epigrams and Pointed Jokes Turning Aside a Fierce Protectionist Attack.

Washington, Dec. 21—Andrew Carnegie defended his position for free steel today before the ways and means committee at a tariff hearing that extended throughout the day, and in witty epigrams and pointed jokes turned aside a fierce onslaught by Hayne, Delsella and Fordney, high protectionists, and with Speaker Cannon, allied himself with the leaders of the forces with which President-Elect Taft must do battle, if battle is necessary, to an honest revision of the tariff.

The examination of Mr. Carnegie covered the widest range and a multiplicity of subjects. The great iron master could not be swerved from his position. He could not be led into figures as to the actual cost of the manufacture of steel at home or abroad, but his generalizations were acute and pointed, and his readiness with an answer was remarkable. He smiles at the fatigue of his inquisitors and brightly announces himself ready for a week of the trial. Here are some of his epigrams:—

"An income tax makes liars of a nation."

"The day of the small man in the steel business has passed. If he attempts it he does not deserve success.

"Our policy has been a failure if after forty years' coddling by a tariff steel cannot do without protection."

"It is not the duty of the government to stand behind men's mistakes."

"The relations between capital and labor are mutual. It pays to get the best men and give them the highest wages."

"I had forty-three partners, chosen because of merit, and all were millionaires when we sold out in 1901."

"Th opportunities for capable men were never greater than now."

"Cheap foreign sales are good for all concerned. They evidence the filling of the home market, the surplus going to maintain organization at the works."

"Figures befoggle, unless you know how to work with them."

"The ore supply of this country will not last more than 40 years and England's not more than seven."

Much Interest in Examination.

The examination of Mr. Carnegie attracted much attention with members of congress now in session. In the audience were a number of ladies who enjoyed the jibes of the Scotchman. Mr. Carnegie had much fun with members of the committee, and repeatedly forced Chairman Payne into the limelight by insisting that he notice the testimony. Mr. Payne early gave Mr. Carnegie up as a bad proposition from which to extract testimony from the view of a continuation of the tariff policy.

THE U. S. A. AND GERMANY.

New German Ambassador Hopes to Develop Cordial Relations.

New York, Dec. 22—"The ties between the United States and Germany are happily free to develop upon common ideals and political fair play. That this should remain so will be the object I hope to attain on the ground of my instructions and of my own earnest desire."

With that cordial declaration there landed in New York last night from the Amerika, the new German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff. He was accompanied by the countess and their daughter. The diplomat never visited this country before. His wife was born in New York but has been abroad twenty-five years.

CUBA WANTS CONCESSIONS.

Proposal to Admit Philippine Sugar and Tobacco Free Alarms Cubans.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The sugar interests here, alarmed by the proposal to allow 300,000 tons of Philippine sugar to enter the United States free of duty, are actively organizing a campaign to get concessions from the American congress. They want a renewal of reciprocity treaty and also a reduction in the duty on Cuban sugar of fifty cents per hundred weight. The tobacco interests are also interested in the proposal that a certain quantity of Philippine tobacco shall be admitted duty free into the United States, and they will work with the sugar interests in an attempt to get tariff concessions. Together they will raise a large fund to carry on their campaign.

Cabbies Strike in New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—The strike of the coach and cab drivers and chauffeurs started on Saturday by the Liberty Dawn association today extended to seventeen stables. Eight hundred men went out. Two of the largest stables affected were those of the New York Cab company and the Scotch. A large force of strikebreakers was sent to the stables of the New York Cab company under police protection.

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