

D. D. MANN'S EYE IS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Great Railway King Tells The Times of Great Future for This Section of Province— Ready to Build Steel Plant.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"I have studied with a very special interest the strategic position of Vancouver Island on the Pacific seaboard in connection with the transportation problem and can appreciate to the full the aspirations of the people of the Island to secure rail connection with the mainland. That aspiration is a legitimate and logical one.

"The Canadian Northern is coming to the coast by grades which I think will be lower than those possessed by any rival line. While the route for the main line has been determined, I am approaching with an open mind the question of the building of branch lines.

"Yes, you ought to have steel and iron works on Vancouver Island. If they are not established when our line reaches the coast I will build them myself.

"This Island is a wonderfully rich one. The day is not far distant when you will have a population of one million people on the Island."

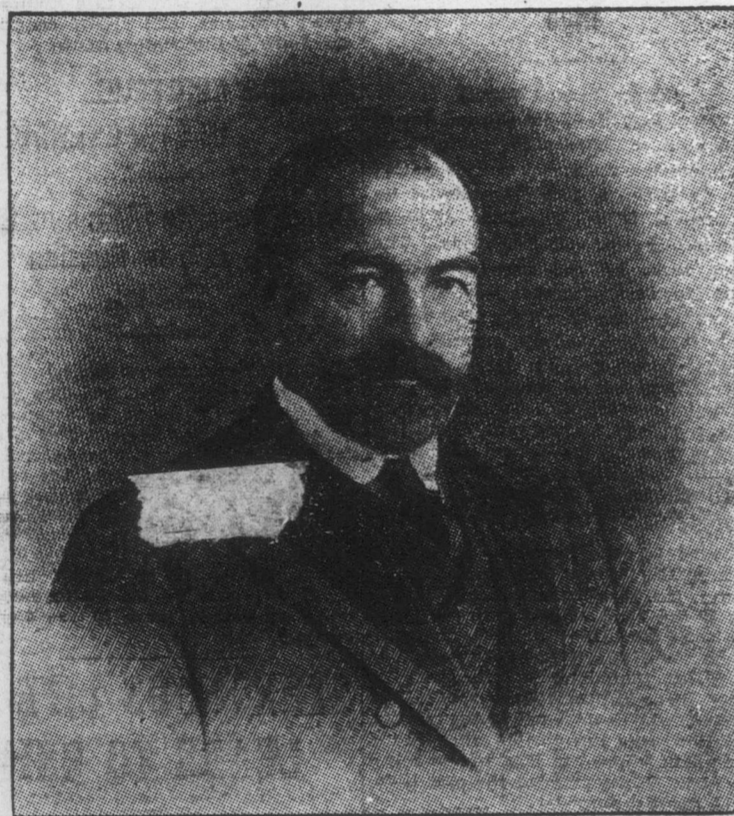
the prairies to-day there is not a tree or a shrub fit for any use; that there is not a stick of timber even for firewood, and that there are no stones even to take its place? See what an inexhaustible market there is for your timber there.

"When our road has reached the coast we shall haul no empty cars back on the eastern run, I can tell you. By the time we have opened the line to the coast we shall have 5,000 miles of track in the prairie provinces—as many miles as the C. P. R., if not more. To-day we are operating 3,500 miles of track in the wheat-growing area. So you see we shall be in a position to distribute among the people of that section your products from the province—your fruit, your fish and your timber. The prospect for business development is simply dazzling.

Steel Works.

"Vancouver Island is agitating for the erection of iron and steel works? Why not? You ought to have them. It is not a moment too soon to get busy along those lines. I can tell you this—that if such plants are not in existence when our line reaches the coast, I will build one myself. Our company has now you know a blast

The above are some points from an interview accorded a representative of the Times by D. D. Mann, the famous railway builder of the firm of MacKenzie & Mann, of the Canadian Northern, at the Empress hotel this



D. D. MANN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

morning. Mr. Mann reached the city last evening from Vancouver.

Meeting Premier.

"I have an appointment with Premier McBride at 12 o'clock. Until I have ascertained his views in respect to railway enterprises which are pending I don't know that I can say what are to be the plans of the Canadian Northern Railway Company for this province. I can say this much, however. Our main line from the prairies to the coast has been located. We believe we will have lower grades than any other transcontinental line through the mountains. We purpose following a water route—the easiest of all routes. This line runs west from Edmonton through the Yellowhead Pass, to Cranberry Lake, which is the summit of the divide, thence down the North Thompson river to the Fraser river, and by the south bank of the latter to the coast. We have survey parties now in the field working in both directions from Cranberry Lake.

"In respect to possible branch lines which the company may build in this province, I can say that we are prepared to give full consideration to the claims of Vancouver Island for rail connection with the mainland. As you may suppose, our company has had for a long time full information respecting the strategic position of the island in respect to the transportation problem in this section of the Dominion, and you can rest assured that any feasible scheme has not escaped our notice.

"Our plans for railway building in this province naturally depends upon the attitude of the provincial government towards such enterprise, and until I have had an opportunity of ascertaining the views of Premier McBride and his colleagues it would be premature for me to say what may be the policy of our company.

Riches of Island.

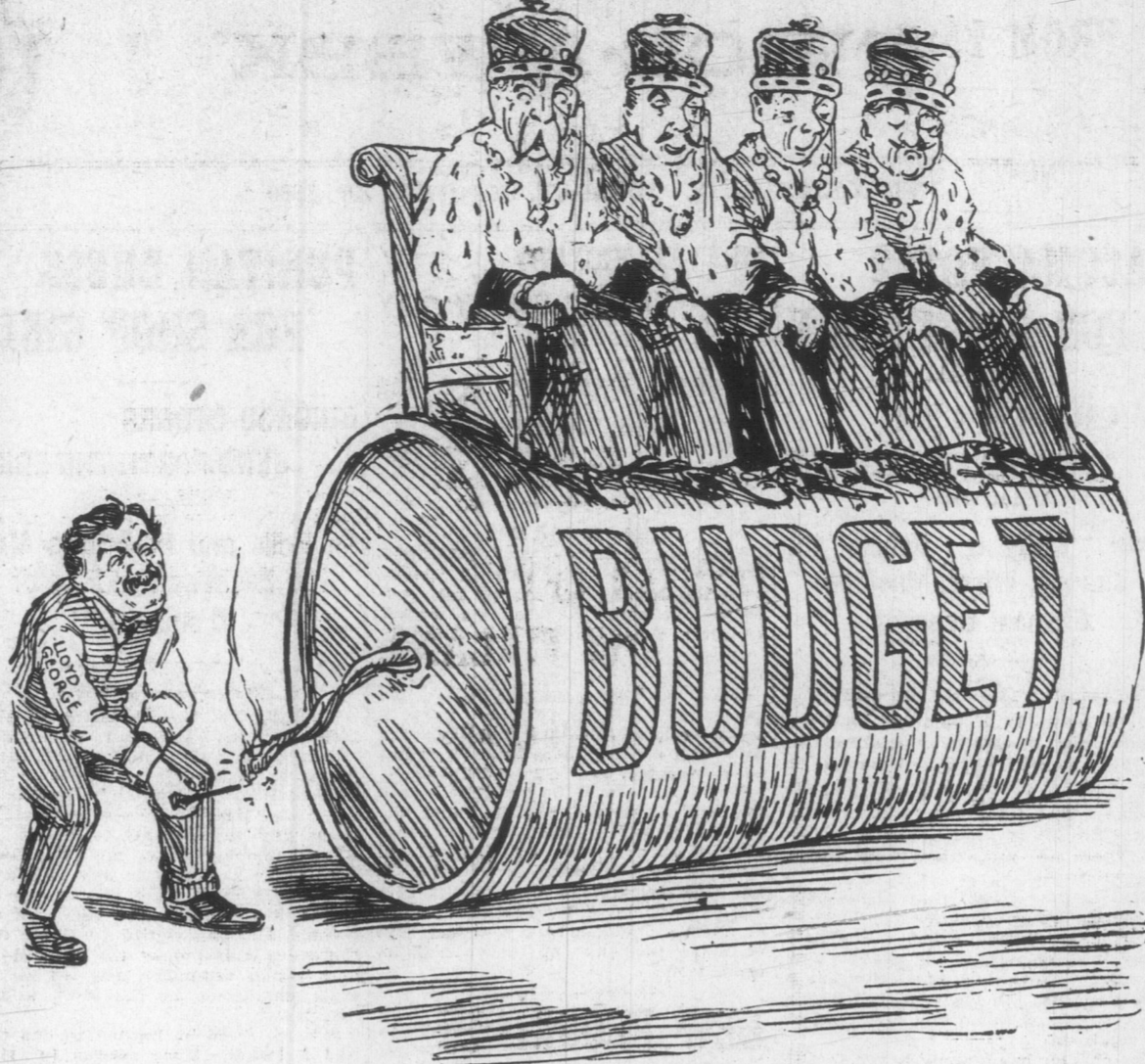
"You may say this, however. This Vancouver Island is an immense district of wonderful richness in resources; and the hope of the people to benefit from railway construction is not only a most natural aspiration, but one the fulfillment of which can hardly be delayed for any great length of time.

"A great deal has been said about the great timber wealth of the province and particularly of the timber resources of Vancouver Island, but I am sure your people do not commence to realize to the full what the future holds for you in the development of that wealth by supplying the demand for timber in the prairie provinces.

"Why, do you realize, for instance, that among the million homesteads in

humble tasks on railways—but the brains and the will were there, and today "Dan" Mann is known far and wide as a great Railway King.

In appearance Mr. Mann gives one the impression that nature intended him for a successful man—for a man who would do things, one who out of the very love of overcoming great difficulties would push his way to the front in almost any country under any circumstances. Above medium height, heavy of build, slow of movement—and of speech—with a massive head, heavy, determined jaws and a glance of the eye that pierces one through, "Dan" Mann is a big man—and he looks it.



AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.

SPANISH CABINET APPEARS DOOMED

LIBERALS ARE IN CONTROL OF CORTEZ

Legislators Hurl Inkstands at Each Other During Stormy Session.

Hendaye, Spain, Oct. 16.—The fall of the Spanish cabinet apparently can be averted but a short while. This, at least, is the prediction of persons arriving here to-day from Madrid, who say that the opening session of the Cortez yesterday demonstrated that the Liberals were in full control. If this be true, it is generally believed that the Liberals will force the members of the present cabinet to resign.

According to news reaching here, yesterday's session of the Cortez was the stormiest held in years, and the meeting practically ended in a free for all fight.

The session had hardly been called to order before trouble started. As the meeting progressed the lie was frequently passed and a riot was soon started among the assemblymen. Laying aside all dignity, the legislators hurled inkstands at each other's heads and many duels are expected to be fought as a result of the meeting.

In the event of the overthrow of the present cabinet, General Weyler most probably will be named as the new premier. He has been an active member of the Liberal party.

Ready For Emergency.

Paris, Oct. 16.—The Socialist paper, the Humanite, in an "extra" to-day appealed to the socialists, revolutionists and anarchists of Paris to hold a great anti-military and anti-clerical demonstration this afternoon.

Similar meetings have been called throughout France, and bloodshed is feared. Troops are swarming this city and many special deputies have been sworn in by the officials in their attempt to preserve order.

The Spanish embassy is under heavy guard, as most of the ill-feeling is directed toward the Spanish government.

Bomb Outrage.

Cerbere, France, Oct. 15.—In a bomb explosion near the cathedral at Barcelona to-day ten persons were injured, three of them fatally. The explosion to-day followed a similar one yesterday before the house of the bishop.

It is evident that the anti-clericals, who have been furious since the execution of Prof. Ferrer, are attempting to destroy the cathedral.

SIR F. BORDEN IS VINDICATED

SENTENCE PASSED IN EYEOPENER CASE

W. M. Carruthers Must Pay \$100 or Serve Six Months in Jail.

Kentville, N. S., Oct. 16.—To pay a fine of \$100 or in default serve six months' imprisonment, with seven days in which to pay the fine, was the verdict handed down to-day by Judge Drysdale upon W. M. Carruthers, in the celebrated case of King vs. Carruthers, arising out of the distribution of copies of the Eyeopener containing alleged libellous statements regarding Sir Frederick Borden.

The court house was crowded this morning when sentence was delivered. The judge said that others were behind Carruthers, and he is not the only culprit, therefore the sentence would be light.

Pays Fine.

Kentville, N. S., Oct. 16.—(Later.)—Carruthers paid the fine and is at liberty.

VICTORIA LEADS IN FINANCES

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS VERY HIGH

Increases Exceed All Other Centres, Giving City Proud Position.

The abounding prosperity of this city and the large though quiet expansion of business here is strikingly shown in the clearing house returns for the week ending October 9th.

For that period this city had the highest percentage of increases of any city in the Dominion, leading them all with a percentage of 87.2, several points higher than its nearest competitor, and nearly forty per cent. ahead of the next city.

The returns as just prepared, are as follows:

Oct. 9, 1908.	Oct. 7, 1909.	Pct.	
Montreal	\$53,780,594	\$47,721,890	41.2
Toronto	26,494,261	23,351,219	24.1
Winnipeg	15,290,819	22,090,190	44.4
Ottawa	4,209,025	7,746,586	84.05
Vancouver	3,567,997	3,827,930	7.2
Quebec	2,477,007	2,910,364	17.4
Halifax	1,931,308	1,959,469	18.2
Hamilton	1,582,443	2,147,514	35.7
St. John	1,622,928	1,673,120	3.09
Calgary	1,395,150	2,098,492	50.4
London	1,290,015	1,392,709	8.3
Victoria	936,451	1,733,558	87.2
Edmonton	810,353	817,045	13.1
Total	\$95,119,211	\$129,070,477	35.6
Regina		798,440	

The splendid showing of the city is already attracting attention from the financial institutions of the Dominion, and it is stated that the recent advent of the Dominion bank to Victoria is to be closely followed by that of at least two other banks. Both of these are Eastern institutions. A third was negotiating for a Government street site for two or three months this summer, but when they were unable to obtain the location they desired they decided to defer their opening here until another site was obtainable.

FIREMAN LOSES LIFE

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 15.—The body of Fireman John Mullin was found late yesterday in the ruins of the Crown Ore mill, at Brannan and Fifth streets, which was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

PROPOSED LINE TO UNGAVA

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The St. Lawrence and Ungava Railway Company gives notice of its application for a charter to construct and operate a line of railway from a point on the St. Lawrence river in the county of Berthier, Quebec, northerly through the counties of Joliette, Berthier, Maskinonge, St. Maurice and Champlain to the north-

HEADS OF TWO REPUBLICS

Taft and Diaz Exchange Greetings

Border Towns Celebrate the Visit of the Presidents.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 16.—President Taft of the United States and President Diaz of Mexico met and exchanged expressions of good will to-day while the bands and the cannon of the two great republics joined their echoes across the Rio Grande.

The modern business blocks of El Paso, as well as the adobe front of the old Juarez across the river are festooned with American and Mexican flags entwined. All the business houses of the two border towns are closed for the holiday and the celebration which began early in the morning when the Mexican president reached Juarez in his magnificent private car, will not close until Mr. Taft returns this evening from the banquet given in his honor by President Diaz, and is escorted to the railway station for the resumption of his transcontinental journey.

President Diaz, surrounded by his staff, got into his car, himself wearing a uniform gorgeous with precious metal and glittering orders, was met at the American approach to the international bridge by Secretary of War Dickinson, Brigadier-General Meyer and Governor Campbell of Texas, had brought with him from Fort Sam Houston, batteries A, B and C of the third field artillery, two squadrons of the third cavalry and the entire ninth infantry. Artillery and cavalry soon were drawn up around the spot where General Diaz alighted from his carriage to receive the formal greetings of Secretary Dickinson, acting as the personal representative of Mr. Taft.

After being welcomed to the country by Secretary Dickinson, Diaz was welcomed in the name of the State of Texas by Governor Campbell, and to the city of El Paso by the mayor. The cavalry band then struck up "La Paloma," the soldiers forming themselves into an escort of honor, and while the artillery's cannon boomed out 21 guns for the distinguished guest, the Mexican executive was given a smart pace to the Chamber of Commerce, where President Taft was awaiting him.

The infantry was drawn up about the house, where the meeting of the presidents took place, and when General Diaz arrived, came to salute.

Standing directly behind President Taft as the introductions were made, were Postmaster-General Hitchcock, Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, and Secretary of War Dickinson.

President Taft grasped President Diaz's hand warmly, told him how glad he was to welcome him in the name of the people of the United States, and expressed the hope that the cordial relations that have existed for so many years between the two great republics of the western hemisphere, will continue for ages to come.

President Diaz, who speaks English fluently and accurately, replied in similar happy diplomatic vein.

After the introduction the two presi-

dent had a friendly chat over a light luncheon of sandwiches and champagne.

The first interview lasted only a few minutes. President Diaz then made his formal adieu, and was escorted back to the international bridge in the same manner in which he had come.

Half an hour later, or shortly before noon, President Taft emerged from his temporary residence, crossed the international bridge and was received by his turn by President Diaz.

As the Mexican chief had left his soldiers on his own side of the river when he came a-visiting the United States, so President Taft propped his military escort to the bridge and rode over the Rio Grande, accompanied only by his military aide, Captain Butts. The ceremonies in Juarez were practically identical with those in El Paso, except that instead of receiving the official respects of President Diaz, Mr. Taft said his own.

The banquet to be given President Taft by President Diaz in Juarez tonight is to be the most costly and elaborate ever given in the north of Mexico.

Unfounded Reports.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 16.—Chief John E. Wilkie, of the United States secret service, to-day characterized the stories sent out by press agents of plots against Mr. Taft and President Diaz as "rot," and without any foundation of facts. Chief Wilkie has run down many clues and found nothing at the bottom of any of them.

Berkman in New York.

New York, Oct. 16.—Alexander Berkman, the anarchist and associate of Emma Goldman, is in New York to-day. When informed that secret service men were looking for him in San Antonio, he seemed to be much surprised.

"I haven't been in San Antonio recently, and do not intend to go there," he said, "and I can't imagine what this reported flurry is about. Miss Goldman is in Philadelphia, and will return to New York on Sunday."

CASUALTIES ON TRANSCONTINENTAL ROAD

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The toll of death in construction work on the National Transcontinental railway during the last fiscal year was 63 killed and 30 seriously injured. The fatalities were mostly caused by dynamite explosions,

CHANGES CONTEMPLATED AT JUBILEE HOSPITAL

Board Proposes to Put Management of Institution Under Business Man—Need of Great Care in Financial Arrangements.

There is an upheaval going on at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. The finances of the institution have for a long time past been in a very unsatisfactory condition and the present board of management are determined to have them improved. Some months ago a committee under a chairman, Mr. R. S. Day commenced investigations and the result of their labors was incorporated in a report which was presented at a private meeting of the board held on Monday last.

The report of the committee has not been made public, but the meeting was adjourned until Friday when the discussion was again continued. At that meeting Secretary Elworthy, who had been requested to do so by the committee, submitted a report dealing with the condition of affairs.

At the present time the resident physician is also the business manager, and he is responsible both for the steward's department and for the collection of the fees payable by the patients. It was shown at the meeting that in very many cases the fees, even from private rooms, were never paid. The rooms if occupied all the time should have produced a revenue of last year of \$39,000, but the amount actually collected was only \$26,000, the difference being enough to have provided many necessary improvements. There was shown a list of the rooms valued at \$22,000, all of which should have been collected.

There were other criticisms made such as the large cost of the up-keep of the doctor's house and of the steward's department in the hospital itself. It was shown that the increased cost to the hospital since Dr. Hassell had been given a separate house amounted to \$600 a year, and that there were also needless expenses in connection with a chicken ranch and vegetable garden. That the continual drain could not continue was the opinion of the whole board. They were quite unanimous on this point.

The plan of the directors is to appoint a business manager who shall relieve Dr. Hassell of the financial duties which now appertain to the office, thus allowing him to give all his time to his duties as physician. The business manager will supervise in his department and will have complete charge of the collection of accounts and of the steward's department. A competent steward was appointed last night and will report direct to the business manager when appointed. At the meeting held last night Secretary Elworthy was offered the business management of the institution, but he refused to give a decision until he had talked the matter over with Dr. Hassell who is out of town and who will not return for a week. In the meantime the matter is being left in abeyance.

The directors were very outspoken in their dissatisfaction with the present condition of affairs. It was shown that while the Victoria hospital has lost through non-collection the sum of \$22,000, the Vancouver hospital has lost in the same manner only \$50. This money would be most useful in improving the place. The hospital is solvent,

but much money is needed. Instances were given of people from the American side coming to town and taking private rooms, and then as soon as they had recovered returning to the other side without paying a cent, and apparently without any effort having been made to make the collection. At the present time from \$300 to \$400 a month was being lost to the institution in this way.

There is a bill just coming due for some painting which has been done, and there is no money to meet this account. There is an expensive X-ray instrument which has never yet been used because there is no room in which it might be set up, and a tuberculosis building was an absolute necessity. The board felt that while there were so many calls on the institution the greatest care should be exercised in the management of the funds.

At the meeting Friday it was decided to raise the price of some of the rooms. Rooms one and two will hereafter cost \$25 a week, several rooms have been raised to \$20 a week, and room 25 is being held at \$30 a week. R. S. Day said it seemed to him unwise to raise the prices when the rooms were often unoccupied at present, but J. W. Bolden said that the doctor had reported all the rooms being filled up and had asked for more.

The report of the finance committee showed a balance of \$21 on hand at the end of the first four months of the hospital year. There were, however, bills coming due.

H. D. King asked for an increase of his salary from \$50 a month to \$65 a month. After some discussion this was referred to a committee to report.

A series of letters were received from Mrs. J. D. Pemberton in connection with the chapel, which has been built at the hospital at her expense. In these letters Mrs. Pemberton objected to the passage to the chapel being used for any other purpose than an entry. At present it is used as a dressing room. It was shown that to comply with the request it would be necessary to provide a sum of from \$500 to \$1,000 and this the hospital could not at present afford. The institution it was pointed out was primarily a hospital and not a religious institution, and they did not feel that they should be called upon to spend money in this way. The women's auxiliary had already paid for the wiring of the building, and the heating would fall on the general management, so that there would be a continual expense in that connection.

Harold Robertson moved that Mrs. Pemberton be informed that the time has come to make the objection with the site for the building was being chosen and that at present there were no funds with which to make the change. He said they all appreciated the generosity of the donor of the chapel, but their duty was to the hospital. He felt that viewing it in that light Mrs. Pemberton would see the matter in the same way that they did.

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