

JOE MARTIN RESIGNS

Gives Liberal Leadership into Hands of the Party.

Aspect of Affairs Changed by Events at the Coast.

VICTORIA, June 3.—The resignation of the Liberal leadership by Joseph Martin at the meeting of the provincial executive in Vancouver today has enormously increased the prospects of victory for that party at the next election. There is now a disposition on the part of the Liberals on all sides to accept the decision of the executive not to hold a convention but to allow a committee to arrange the campaign and allow the members of the next house to select their own leader. This committee will consist of the following:

Vancouver Island—R. Hall, W. Sloan, J. Jardine.
Kootenay—The interior district Liberal council, D. Ross, secretary.
Lower mainland—J. Martin, J. C. Brown, J. Oliver and W. J. McMillan.
Middle country—S. Henderson, H. G. Miller, M. P. Gordon, R. Borland, D. Stoddart.

John Houston, chairman of the Conservative association executive, today declared that the action of the Liberals was the most rational yet taken. What is the sense, he said, of a convention declaring some man leader who may not be in the next house, and pledging the support of candidates to him? The Conservatives here seem to repudiate McBride in his new role, and the Colonel sharply lectures him and appeals to his party loyalty to stand out of the way.

At the house sitting this afternoon, Tatlow reported for the special committee the original estimates in connection with recommending retrenchment in carrying them out. In reply to Hunter he said McBride would announce his cabinet in two days, and that he, Tatlow, was not in receipt of a salary. While the main estimates are turned over to the house practically as they stand, there is a recommendation made that in certain lines these might be rationally reduced. Certain sections are specified, which are those relating to salaries, etc. This will not affect public works at all. In the supplementary lists increases are being made. Some of the members of the committee intimate that these increases are not so much in any large item, but increases all along are being asked for, more particularly in the up-country votes. There is a vote of \$20,000 for the Vancouver hospital.

The committee seem to consider it useless to fight these items out in their meeting, knowing that they have no authority in the matter, and that the house will have the privilege of either agreeing or disagreeing with them and finally deciding upon them.

Sir Hibbert Tupper denies that he is intending to desert the house of commons to break into provincial politics. He says he never plans so far ahead, but he won't run again for the Dominion house for Pictou, as it takes too much time to go to Ottawa.

THE LIBERAL MEETING.

VANCOUVER, June 3.—"I hereby place my resignation as leader of the Liberal party in the hands of the provincial executive."

This was the signed statement which Joseph Martin placed in the hands of Stuart Henderson, chairman of the Liberal executive, which held a meeting here at noon today. The reason for Martin's action, as officially stated, was to avoid friction and promote harmony in the party. But Martin's action avoided the calling of a convention, which had been proposed specifically for the selection of a new Liberal leader. Martin returned to Victoria late this afternoon well satisfied with the turn matters had taken. His resignation is regarded here as a tactical move, successful from Martin's point of view, as stalling off the convention at least between the convention and the forthcoming provincial election.

The plan of the executive decided upon today is that the party shall go leaderless to the coming election, that local conventions shall be called in the different ridings to nominate Liberal candidates and that a new leader be selected from amongst the candidates elected at a caucus previous to the meeting of the new house.

It was decided that in view of the imminence of dissolution of the legislature and the importance of saving time for organization, a convention of the whole province was inadvisable. Martin agreed with this view, and further said that as there had been throughout the country a certain amount of feeling as to the constitution of the last Liberal convention, which, as it followed the lines of representation in the local house, was considered by many as not fully representing the people, and as on that and other grounds the action of the convention in electing himself as leader had been challenged, he agreed that the best course under the circumstances seemed to be for him to place his resignation in the hands of the executive.

The action of the executive was taken in the face of requests from thirteen different Liberal associations for the calling of a convention. The by-laws of the association require a convention to be called when only ten associations ask for it. Martin's Vancouver Liberal opponents were taken completely by surprise by his resignation today, and when it was announced this afternoon they put up a loud complaint against the action of the executive in not calling a convention, which they declare must be done, arguing that the executive has no choice in the matter.

John Oliver, William Sloan, of Nanaimo, and T. S. Baxter, Vancouver, pulled strongly in the executive today for a convention, but they were outvoted. After the meeting Martin refused absolutely to discuss the question further.

Four campaign committees were named for different sections of the province, and a resolution was passed calling upon all provincial Liberals to fall into line.

These present at the meeting were: Stuart Henderson, acting president; William Sloan, T. S. Baxter, Richard Hall, John C. Brown, John Oliver, W. J. McMillan, J. Jardine, H. G. Miller, Dr. Sinclair and Joseph Martin, the latter by invitation, he not being a member of the executive.

C. P. R. STEAMBOAT SERVICES.

Captains Troup and Gore Given Official Designations.

VICTORIA, June 3.—A special to the Times from Montreal says Captain Troup, manager of the C. P. N. company here, has been appointed general superintendent of the C. P. R. company's British Columbia coast service, with headquarters in Victoria. Captain J. C. Gore is appointed superintendent of the company's British Columbia lake and river service, with office at Nelson.

THE HOUSE PROROGUED

Supply Voted and a Number of Bills Passed Yesterday.

The McBride Government Needs But One More Member.

VICTORIA, June 4.—Premier McBride partially organized his cabinet tonight. He retains the post of chief commissioner of lands and works. Tatlow is minister of finance and agriculture, McPhillips, attorney general, and Green, minister of mines. These were sworn in this evening. Charles Wilson will be sworn in president of council on Monday. In the meantime he has cases against the crown. The post of provincial secretary has not yet been filled. The first cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow.

PROROGATION.

The house was prorogued this afternoon shortly after 6 o'clock. His Honor reading the following address:

"I note that several measures of importance have been passed by you during the course of the present session. It has afforded me much pleasure to know that definite steps have been taken towards a settlement of the Alaska boundary question, and that the legal profession of this province will be represented among the counsel retained by the Dominion of Canada."

THE APPROPRIATIONS.

The supplementaries passed during the day provide \$300 for a resident doctor at Camberne, \$500 for a doctor at Herriot Bay, and the same for one at Weston. Vancouver general hospital gets a conditional grant of \$20,000, and Ymir hospital \$2000 toward construction. Kaslo hospital gets \$500 for furniture. The Nelson mineral and agricultural society gets \$2000.

The recommendations of the committee went through without amendment. During the sitting of the committee Smith Curtis succeeded in getting \$10,000 extra for the present Rossland riding, but as this was followed by similar demands from Green and others it was wiped out.

The same special committee recommended only three bills to the house, and these were put through. There was an act to amend the liquor license act of 1900, an act to amend the S. A. land grant act, 1901, and an act to amend the mutual fire insurance companies act, 1902.

The committee, on advice from the government, did not recommend an extension of time for the Coast-Kootenay and Midway-Vernon railways. The government stated that they had not formed their railway policy and were not necessarily opposed to these measures.

Prior tried to get through an amendment to the bureau of mines act, by which the appointment of Tolmie would be legalized, but Tatlow refused.

Martin protested against the item in supply to pay the expenses of McCaul as counsel for Wells before the investigating committee. He stated that Duff, acting for the prosecution, might properly be paid by the country, but McCaul was acting for only one minister to discredit the other. The item was passed. Prior and Paterson tried to get \$15,000 for trails through Vancouver island, but Tatlow refused.

The following bills were assented to by the governor: An act to amend the liquor license act, 1900; an act to amend chap. 71, namely, the special surveys act; an act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay; an act to amend the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen Coal and Railway company act; an act to incorporate the Kootenay Development and Tramways company; an act to amend the supreme court act; an act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance company act; an act to amend the companies winding up act; an act to amend the police and prisons regulation act; an act to incorporate the Port Simpson general hospital; an act to amend the New Westminster act; an act

to amend the S. A. land grant act; to incorporate the Kootenay-Creston railway act; relating to the Vancouver general hospital; to amend the bureau of mines act; to authorize the corporation of Victoria to subsidize a tourist hotel.

MR. TATLOW'S STATEMENT.

On motion for supply yesterday, Tatlow presented, in lieu of a budget speech, what would otherwise have been in part his criticism of the financial conditions in which the province finds itself.

"While presenting the estimates of our predecessors to the house," said Tatlow, "the government wishes it clearly understood that it disclaims responsibility for them. It will be perfectly willing that the house make any reductions or changes it sees fit. Nor will the government be bound to adhere in any way to administrative items placed here, if information obtainable later goes to show that reductions are possible and advisable in the public interest and the true economy of the province."

He hoped the house would deal with the estimates in a self-sacrificing spirit, in the hope of relieving the province of a portion of the grave financial burden placed upon it at the present time. There was no budget debate and the house went at once into committee, with Hunter as chairman.

When the committee reached the item of \$2100 to pay the expenses of the Fernie conciliation commission an objection was raised by Hawthornthwaite, who said he did not look on this as fairly chargeable to the province. The Federation of Miners had in reality been instrumental in stopping for the time being the strike at Fernie, and in any event the premier had had no authority to bind the government to pay this committee's expenses. It was particularly desirable for the Crown's Nest Pass Coal company to have this difficulty terminated and Prior, as a heavy stockholder in this company, had been too ready to saddle the costs upon the country instead of paying the bill with his fellow shareholders. The Nanaimo city member moved for the elimination of the vote. The motion failed to find a second, after Wells had come to Colonel Prior, resigning accepting full responsibility for the former government for the ex-premier's offer in this connection.

A LIBERAL MEETING.

The A. O. U. W. hall here was filled tonight at a big Liberal rally. The speakers were Stuart Henderson of Ashcroft, Martin, Gilmour, Stables, Hall and Drury. Ringing speeches were delivered and the belief was expressed that the next government would be a Liberal one.

MANY PEOPLE CAME

SATISFACTORY IMMIGRATION FIGURES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BILL PASSES RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

OTTAWA, June 4.—J. A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, has given the agriculture committee figures which show that the immigration for the fiscal year which will close on June 30th will be the largest in the history of Canada. Mr. Smart estimates that the total number of immigrants will be 130,000. For the eleven months ending Sunday last the total immigration was 104,716, made up as follows: From the United Kingdom, 37,670; from the continent of Europe, 31,429; from the United States, 37,617. This is double last year's figure.

The figures for May were: British, 40,133; continental, 324; United States, 4109; total, 24,493. This is the largest month by far the department has ever had.

The Grand Trunk Pacific bill passed the railway committee today after being seven days before it. An amendment was made to give connection with the main line from Montreal.

About fifty members of parliament waited on the government today, and asked that George E. Casey be made Dominion architect. Laurier, Fisher, and Scott received the delegation and promised favorable consideration.

Ed Guerin, barrister, Montreal, stands a good chance of the senatorship recently vacant by the death of James O'Brien.

There was a big fight over Senator Loughheed's bill to prevent foreigners coming into Canada to interfere in strikes. The labor organizations were represented by a large delegation and the manufacturers' association by another large delegation. The latter supported and the former opposed the bill. The question was adjourned for a week without reaching a decision.

NEWS OF THE COAST

Boring for coal has been commenced by the Comox Coal company in the neighborhood of Comox and Courtenay. The services of the Diamond Drill company of Seattle have been secured for the work. The opinion of many is that under the arrangements now made it is possible that before long another

THE NEW REGIME AT THE CAPITAL

Richard McBride's Prospect Successfully Conducting the Affairs of the Province.

STRONG AND POPULAR GOVERNMENT

All Indications Point to a Victory at the Elections and the Advancement of the Cause of the Common People—Charles Wilson's Course.

VICTORIA, June 6.—With care, discretion and patriotism, Hon. Richard McBride has taken over the responsibilities of the government of the province. In so doing he has the support of the Conservative party, and from indications here will secure the endorsement of the country at the forthcoming elections.

The resignation of Charles Wilson in favor of Mr. McBride as leader of the Conservatives was born of disinterested motives and keen appreciation of the public weal. Mr. Wilson was actuated by but one idea, the advancement of the prosperity of all classes. Mr. Wilson evinces an honest desire to raise the condition of the people from the present slough of despond to the circumstances rightfully belonging to those who are devoting time, energy and money to the development of the country. He is not a politician in the ordinary western acceptance of the word. Rather he is imbued and governed by the sentiment and policy of statesmanship, clearly defined, that is for the general advancement of every inhabitant of British Columbia. He agrees with McBride, and McBride agrees with him. What one has not thought of the other has, so far as the restoration of general prosperity is concerned.

When Lieutenant Governor Sir Henri Joly called upon Mr. McBride to form a government, he selected not only the leader of the opposition but the embodiment of the young generation and a new order of things. By that action Victoria misanthropism and coast domination were destroyed forever. This gallant young premier is a phillistine so far as political conventionalities are concerned. He is a federal Conservative and head of the Conservative party in British Columbia, but has no more than Sir Wilfrid Laurier the idea of a high tariff policy for the west. He is not going to allow federal politics in any respect to conflict with provincial statesmanship. He appears to be willing to stand or fall upon a platform that has for its cardinal principle the recognition of the actual and vital needs of a new country immensely rich in diversified natural resources. He represents in the legislature an agricultural constituency in the lower Fraser valley, but he also represents the whole province. He is the first premier of British Columbia to do so. There is nothing sectional in Mr. McBride's political make-up. He recognizes the great future of the island and the great potentialities of all the agricultural districts, but most of all he appreciates and is working for the advancement and prosperity of the mining industry of the Kootenays. The indications are that he will go to the very heart of the situation, and with one swift sure stroke cut out the cancerous growth of inlaid conditions that surround and minimize the efforts of all those who are interested in the mineral industry.

Mr. McBride is one of those men who are always open to conviction. He is unbiassed and ready to give the clearest and brightest in his great office. This is the secret of the great esteem in which he is held by everybody who knows him, and the reason why he is where he is today, despite the fact that he is only thirty-three years of age.

Mr. McBride is a true-born statesman. He shows this in his comprehensive ideas in regard to his administration of public affairs. His predecessors never did rise to the proper level of fair and equitable administrators. Conservative or Liberal, Martin or Turner, Prior or Davie, it was always the same with regard to discrimination in favor of the big corporations. Large vested interests were always protected to the detriment of the common people. McBride is advised and thinks differently.

Shipping coal mine will compete in the coal market of the Pacific coast. A short time ago an agent of the company paid a visit to look over the ground and make arrangements, obtain title to lands that were required to carry out their objects, and superintend the commencement of operations. The lands of the company lie along the shore of Comox harbor, several miles in extent, and including the villages of Comox and Courtenay. This territory is composed of lands that were crown granted long ago, and therefore the coal output from it will be exempt from paying royalty.

It is also reported that a large American manufacturing concern is interested in the venture, which assures a ready preferred market for their output. All experienced in coal mining who have inspected the place are convinced that large coal areas lie below the surface of the stretch of country surrounding Comox harbor, and it is with promising assurances of success that the company has commenced operations.

George H. Robinson, Butte, Montana, has bought the Boscowitz interest in the Britannia copper mines, Howe Sound, near Vancouver. This interest is three-tenths. Mr. Robinson says by the middle of July the famous big copper deposit, now owned mostly by Montana men, will be actively mined. The first year 500 tons per day will be shipped to the Crofton smelter, afterwards they will build their own smelter on the spot at an expenditure of half a million dollars. Mr. Boscowitz said to have received over \$100,000 for his interest.

Another Victoria old-timer has passed away in the person of Cornelius Booth, provincial assessor, who died recently at the age of 73. He was a native of Ireland, emigrating to Ontario in his youth, and moving to the then unexplored west very shortly after. As was the case with many, the news of the discovery of gold in large quantities in Cariboo attracted him to this province. He first went into the Cariboo country in 1862 and lived there for some 10 or 12 years. In 1871 he entered the civil service as gold

office he held for four or five years, and shortly after that period ran for parliament and became M. P. for Cariboo district. Upon leaving politics he became provincial assessor in 1874, which position he occupied at the time of his death. Deceased leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Advices from Skagway tell of terrific losses sustained by shippers as a result of the sudden collapse of the ice on Lake Lebarge, causing the termination of winter traffic. The report comes out from White Horse that 33 scows and more than 1000 tons of freight are held at Upper Lebarge. When the ice broke there was not a scow to get over the jam, and the teams that have been engaged in the transportation of freight had moved only about 250 tons the full length of the lake. The result is very disastrous to shippers, as nearly all the freight that will not reach the interior until after the steamers begin to go through. All the freight was intended for early shipment.

The members of the Hill survey party for the Trans-Canada railway, who have been at work for a month or so around Port Simpson, have returned to New Westminster. One of the members said that he considered the scheme had "petered out." Mr. C. E. Ferry went to the camp, which was then located 49 miles from Port Simpson, recently, and next day the camp was broken up without any explanation. It is also stated that the pay cheques of the engineer in charge were not honored by the company, but the men have no fear of losing their money. They state that there is every likelihood of the work being carried on by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Copper King mine, near Kamloops, has just closed a contract for ore smelting with the Crofton smelter and shipments will be commenced just as soon as a siding can be run from the main line of the C. F. R. into the mine. Work upon the construction of the siding, which will be about two miles in length, will be commenced immediately. There is now on the dump at the Copper King mine one thousand tons of ore suitable for shipment to the smelter and development work is resulting in the blocking out of a large amount of first class shipping ore. Shipments to Crofton will be kept up during the summer.

A meeting was held on Saturday afternoon between the committee of Fraser River Cannery association and representatives of the B. C. Fishermen's union and the Japanese Fishermen's union in regard to the scale of prices to be paid for fish during the ensuing season. The Cannery association offered 15 cents per fish during July and 14 cents in August, or payment by a sliding scale as previously offered. The cannery stated these were the maximum figures they would pay under any circumstances. The B. C. Fishermen's union asked 18 cents for July and 17 cents for August, while the Japanese offered to fish for 17 cents in July and 16 cents in August. Considerable discussion took place, but the meeting closed without any agreement being reached.

RUPTIONS IN COURT

FUSS BETWEEN MAYOR AND ATTORNEYS AT COURT OF REVISION.

ANGRY LEGAL MAN OPENS UP ON CHAIRMAN, WHO LEFT COURT.

(From Friday's Daily.)
There were "doings" at the court of revision yesterday afternoon, that marked the sittings as the most animated of the week. The mayor and aldermen serving on the court labored throughout the afternoon to deal with appeals presented, but the progress made was not quite as good as on the previous days. Alderman Dunlop is of opinion that the court will not complete the hearings this week, and that further sessions next week will be necessary to complete the docket.

The proceedings at the court of revision are not calculated to improve the temper of anyone connected with the matter. Appellants are likely to become angry when the court refuses to look at matters from the appellant's viewpoint, while the members of the court, after a week's confinement in the council chamber, may be excused if they have lost a trifle of the suavity manifested on the breakaway.

Yesterday the first really serious verbal battle took place. The bell-ringers were Mayor Dean and Edward Grant, representing Charles R. Hamilton, barrister. The legal man did most of the talking when the fur began to fly. He had attended the court daily to present the case of a number of large property owners, and claimed that Mayor Dean was not giving him the courtesy to which he was entitled in his business with the court, entitled him. Some suggestion was made that Mr. Grant's cases could not be proceeded with further unless the city solicitor was in attendance. This did not satisfy the lawyer, however, who announced his intention of holding the court until 6 o'clock if necessary to secure his rights. Ultimately his worship left the room, but it was finally agreed that the case should come up as soon as the court resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The biggest cut made yesterday was in connection with the land owned by the Spitzee company. All buildings and lands used for mining operations are exempt in Rossland, but the Spitzee company had been assessed for \$17,000, and had a big kick registered. Their assessment was reduced by the exemption of the ground occupied by headworks, dumps, etc., and the assessment of lands surveyed into lots on the Nelson and Derby claims was whittled down substantially. The assessment was reduced to about \$12,000.