

C. P. R. PLANS TO SAVE GAME ON THE ISLAND

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lies on her many trout and salmon rivers and picturesque lakes, the home of the ottonianche. In all the European countries game and fish are regarded as an important item of public revenue and in recent years the dogma of protection has spread to the uttermost corners of the earth. The extermination of the buffalo awakened the government of Canada to the necessity of preserving the other wild things which roam her plains and forests; Africa has been aroused to a sense of her loss in the destruction of her elephant herds, and Australia has vainly regretted over the practical extinction of the kangaroo.

Vancouver Island, though but a speck on the map of the world, has a precious heritage in her herd of that king of the deer-family, the wapiti or American elk, which should at all costs be saved from annihilation as well as her common deer which are now so plentiful. Then there are the trout and salmon which afford a splendid sport, and grouse, pheasants, ducks, geese, snipe and numerous other wild fowl, and the unprotected bear, wild cat, lynx and wolf, which should find their amusement and profit to many who now waste their energy and ammunition in the destruction of game at forbidden seasons.

The C. P. R. does not claim ownership of the game on its land and has no desire to interfere in any way with legitimate sport, but it is determined that E. & N. land grants shall be a game preserve in the sense that those who break the law will be brought to justice. To this end the company has secured the services of Mr. W. H. Heald, a hunter of world-wide fame, who has been gazetted as a deputy game warden and will co-operate with Mr. Bryan Williams, provincial game warden. Mr. Heald has been on Vancouver Island for several months and in an unofficial capacity has visited every part of it for the purpose of "sizing up" the situation. His investigations show beyond question that the game act is being infringed with impunity every day in the year. Deer are slaughtered for their heads, grouse and pheasants for the sake of practice, and fish are dynamited, netted and trapped. The offenders are confined to any one class of the community, though Indians are the chief sinners in the matter of fish; many otherwise reputable persons and even members of sporting clubs are found among the culprits. The company declares that these reprehensible practices must be stopped, and Mr. Heald is unable to have the law carried out through his personal efforts he will be provided with as many assistants as may be required to secure a strict enforcement of the game act.

Mr. Heald has hunted big and small game in almost every country in the world and assures Mr. Dennis that Vancouver Island offers greater attractions to sportsmen than any other territory of like extent on the face of the earth, and like all true sportsmen, he is strongly convinced of the absolute necessity for protection if the island is to preserve its reputation and profit by its magnificent herds and herds.

In Africa at a time when his kraal would be surrounded every morning by big game, elephants, elands, hartebeests, giraffes, zebras and ostriches, he provided about during the night, and witnessed with sorrow the wanton destruction of these splendid animals like the present day sportsmen of Vancouver Island. It is very hard to get. A hunting license in Africa costs \$250, and with incidental expenses one who shoots an elephant or a lion pays from \$7,000 to \$10,000 for his sport. The bulk of the money is spent locally for supplies, transportation and assistance, and is a very important item of revenue to the government. It is the intention of the C. P. R. to provide for the protection of the game and consequently the fish is at the mercy of all comers at all seasons. It is the intention of the C. P. R. to provide for the protection of the game and consequently the fish is at the mercy of all comers at all seasons.

The preservation of the rivers and lakes is quite as important as the protection of game, and it is unfortunate that there should exist a conflict of jurisdiction between the Dominion and provincial authorities. The game act provides a close season for trout, but the Dominion fisheries act has no such provision and consequently the fish is at the mercy of all comers at all seasons. It is the intention of the C. P. R. to provide for the protection of the game and consequently the fish is at the mercy of all comers at all seasons.

PHILAMON WROUGHT DEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Philamond Wright, grandson of the original founder of Hull, died today, aged 78.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The contract for new wing to the parliament buildings has been awarded to Messrs. Gray and Labelle. The price is \$238,000.

THAW MUST LINGER.

New York, Dec. 7.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, the architect, will not begin until March or April of next year, as District Attorney Brown consents to rearrange his court calendar. This was the announcement made today at the district attorney's office, where the trial is looked upon as a far-off event.

WEST COAST NEGLECT IS A CRYING SCANDAL.

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general interest subsided. It had been revived at intervals but each revival had been weaker than the last. And so the question had been allowed to drag. When the local Liberals had been asked the reason for the delay they had been disposed to make excuses for the party in control at the Dominion capital. They had asserted, for instance, that it was the duty of the provincial government to join hands with the federal administration in meeting the expense of constructing the trail desired. Mr. Mara was of the opinion that this argument was ridiculous on the face of it. The road-way wanted would not open the country for settlers, it was not being placed in the hands of the residents of the West coast as a means of access to their scattered homesteads; but it was a public undertaking for the good of the province. It was distinctly within the department of the Dominion government to safe-guard in every way possible the lives of those who might be placed in the terrible predicament of those shipwrecked. As well might the provincial administration be asked to construct lighthouses.

Not a Party Issue

But, Mr. Mara continued, it was not right that such a question should become a party issue. He thought it should be dealt with outside party politics. There was no question in respect to the fact that it was the Dominion government's duty to build a trail and to provide a modern lifeboat, placed at some convenient spot along the West coast, near Bamfield creek, and to maintain also a competent lifesaving crew of adequate size. The matter, he understood, would be taken up at the next meeting of the Board of Trade and he hoped all members would demonstrate their interest by attending. He thought, also, it would be well for all local organizations to join in impressing upon the Dominion government the imperative necessity of some action by explaining the seriousness of the situation and emphasizing that something should be done without delay.

BRAVE WOMAN SAVES SHIPWRECKED CREW

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When the ship was wrecked on the rocks, the men were in a desperate plight. The woman, Mrs. McKay, saw the danger and immediately started to row to where the Quadra lay. She was alone, but she was determined to save the crew. She rowed for hours, and finally reached the ship. She found the crew in a state of panic, but she managed to get them all safely ashore. Her bravery and self-sacrifice were truly heroic.

THE LAST COLONIA

The last Colonia was an old wooden three-masted bark of 853 tons, built 37 years ago by J. J. Calley at Warren, Rhode Island, for the Pacific Shipping company of San Francisco. She was 108 feet long, 35 feet beam and 20 feet deep. For many years the vessel was engaged in the lumber trade on the Pacific coast being owned and operated by W. G. Tibbets, of San Francisco.

THIRD PROTEST GOES FROM THE ROYAL CITY

Recommendations of Fisheries Commission Considered Mischievous

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 7.—The Board of Trade of this city is the latest organization to add its voice to the protest against the recommendations of the majority of the members of the fisheries commission. At a special meeting of the council of the board, held yesterday afternoon, a strong worded protest condemning the report drafted by the commissioners, was despatched to the Minister of Fisheries at Ottawa. This makes a third time that a protest has been forwarded to Ottawa in less than a week, and the unanimous expression of disapproval by the residents of New Westminster. The Board of Trade protest follows: Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa: The undersigned are instructed by the council of the New Westminster Board of Trade to protest against the adoption of the recommendations of the fisheries commission. This board considers that these recommendations propose mischievous and arbitrary interference with the natural course of salmon fishing; that they would not assist in the preservation of the fish, and that they discriminate in favor of operators foreign investors and the alienated who carry on the gulf fishing, and against the permanent white population fishing with gill nets in the Fraser river. (Signed) D. S. CURTIS, President. A. E. WHITE, Secretary.

WORK OF THE LINE IS APPRECIATED

Canadian and United States Governments Told of Mrs. Paterson's Bravery

CAPTAIN AND CREW RELATE STORY

Survivors of West Coast Wreck Proceed Home—Full of Thankfulness at Being Saved

Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine, in his report to Ottawa concerning the disaster to the lumber-laden bark Coloma, and the rescue of her crew by the Quadra, has drawn attention to the heroism of Mrs. Thomas Paterson, of the Cape Beale light, who made her way over the difficult trail to despatch the government steamer to the rescue of the men who were huddled on the vessel's poop, fearful lest the vessel should break up beneath their feet or that she be dashed on to the rocks of the island coast.

United States consul, Hon. A. E. Smith, has forwarded a similar report to the United States government; and shipping men, all loud in their praises of the bravery of the residents of the West coast with the Valencia disaster and other wrecks near Cape Beale have been so notable, are discussing steps to be taken to endeavor to secure for Mrs. Paterson and the crew of the Quadra the Humane Society's medal for life-saving.

Mr. Paterson had to remain at his post, to keep the light, but he had a boat ready to attempt a rescue of the unfortunate had the vessel driven into Cape Beale, as was threatened. Meanwhile his plucky wife made her way at all speed over the trail. Only those who know the West Coast trails can realize what this meant. The distance is about four or a half mile, but the way is so difficult. Capt. J. Searle, who returned from Cape Beale on the last trip of the Queen City, occupied two and a half hours in making his way over the trail on November 29, when the weather was fine. He says he was tired to his knees in places, had to clamber over stumps, and his way through undergrowth and clings to the rocks. When it could be done under the conditions such as must have been met when Mrs. Paterson hurried to Bamfield for her appeal for aid for the larger crew, the feat would have been a feat indeed.

When the Quadra rounded Cape Beale the shipwrecked saw a raft drift away on which they had thought they were to be picked up. They waited for the raft, but it did not come. They then saw the steamer's smoke and knew they were saved. Had the Quadra been delayed, the crew would have perished. Even had she not blown on shore, which seemed probable, the wreck would not have held together for more than four hours more.

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"When we saw the steamer first our hopes were quite dashed, but when we saw her coming we were revived. At first she seemed to be heading northward, she continued so far out to the westward before turning. Then when we saw her coming you may imagine our feelings of joy. My crew were brave men. I had taken my revolver from my cabin and had it ready for any emergency which might happen, and I had only had the crew on board for a few days. I didn't know them, but they are brave men. They looked death in the face in a bold, courageous manner. At one time they were expected to be probably fifteen seconds, disaster seemed so imminent, the men were deliberately and calmly contemplating the end.

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PREMIER IS WARMLY WELCOMED IN COMOX

Addresses an Enthusiastic Meeting at Cumberland—Met by Brass Band

Cumberland, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Premier McBride left Comox for Victoria this morning after a most successful trip through this portion of the district. He was met at Nanaimo on Tuesday by Mr. Grant, M. P., and on arrival the same night here received an enthusiastic reception at the station, where a big crowd and the Cumberland brass band had assembled to welcome the distinguished visitor.

On Wednesday night one of the largest meetings ever seen in Cumberland was held in the Cumberland hall, Mr. John Matthews in the chair, to hear the premier speak. Mr. Robert Grant, M. P., led off with a few words, evoking a burst of applause when he described Mr. McBride as the ablest and best premier the province ever had. J. B. Bennett, the Liberal candidate, who was present by invitation, followed, attacking with the stock opposition arguments, the school act, the Kisten Island act and the Columbia & Western act; while he declared that better terms was being used to take away attention from the government misdeeds.

The premier, in a forceful and lucid manner, made short work of Mr. Bennett's arguments and declared amid applause that the opposition had no policy, but suffered from a chronic disease—to find fault with everything the government did. A couple of Liberals who attempted to heckle the premier had their own arguments turned against themselves amid the laughter of the audience. During the evening the premier made the important announcement that British Columbia had again carried off first honors at the London exhibition and that he had received word from Victoria that after noon an arrangement had been arrived at with the Saltation Army to bring out a desirable class of British immigrants to British Columbia.

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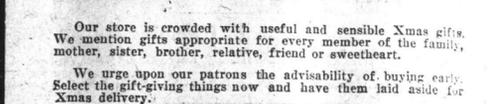
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