

COUNSEL CLAIMS ESTES RAN AWAY

MR. DAVIS'S STATEMENT BEFORE COMMISSION

Company's Representative Declined Proposal for Appointment of Board of Arbitrators.

Vancouver, June 5.—Before the royal labor commission this morning, Mr. Stenton, a miner of Ladysmith, admitted that President Estes was working with James Baker had induced the miners to strike on Vancouver Island.

No settlement of the strike is probable. The U. B. R. E. offered to forego the recognition of the union if the C. P. R. would allow members to belong to a union. E. P. Davis declared the company would employ no one who belonged to the U. B. R. E. Mr. Davis gave an undertaking yesterday if Mr. Estes would come back and give evidence the C. P. R. would not prosecute him.

The Chief Justice asked when Mr. Estes might be expected to come back to Vancouver.

The U. B. R. E. is on trial here, said the court, "and the president should be here to tell what he knows."

Mr. Davis put in a number of copies of the Railway Employees Journal, the official organ of the U. B. R. E. The issue of May 28th contained the statement that the U. B. R. E. and the A. L. U. and W. F. of M. were affiliated.

At Thursday's sitting in Vancouver of the royal commission inquiring into labor troubles David B. Johnston, formerly vice-president in the employ of the C. P. R., said he was a member of the Freight Handlers' Union and joined the U. B. R. E. as an individual member in August, 1902.

lier, had been dismissed for refusing to do so. The constitution of the U. B. R. E. was then put in and identified by Mr. Johnston. He explained the objects of the order and clauses of the constitution. There were twelve classes of employees eligible for membership, engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, switchmen, telegraphers, clerks and union-tenders, freight handlers, shovellers, carmen, bridgemen and the trackmen.

Mr. Davis asked why the company had not been allowed time to carry out its usual procedure in such cases, which was to suspend a man, then investigate the case, and, if it was found that his suspension was uncalled for, to reinstate him and pay him for the time he was under suspension.

Mr. Davis brought up the trouble in January, and questioned witness as to the coincidence of all these troubles being brought on just before an Empire Express train about to leave on its regular work was unusually pressing.

Mr. Bird, counsel for the strikers, said that he did not know that the U. B. R. E. was composed of poor men, who were on strike, and that it was a hardship that they should be compelled to bring their president to the coast.

Mr. Bird stated that Mr. Estes was certainly wanted to give evidence in the present inquiry, and for that matter agreed to start no prosecution.

Mr. Bird repudiated George Estes's authority of this. It had been prepared by Mr. Halton, in Vancouver, and as a general statement of the condition of affairs, was correct, except that the exact number of men out was 945 instead of 1,000.

should be incorporated as it rendered them liable to prosecution. He agreed that responsibility should come with power, but an employer, especially in the case of a big company, which employed a large salary, could not keep a union engaged in litigation on some trivial matter or other all the time.

Paris, June 5.—A number of gendarmes and a detachment of engineers have dispersed the monks of the monastery of La Blanche. A crowd of 6,000 persons engaged in a demonstration for and against the authorities.

Butte, Mont., June 6.—A Great Falls dispatch to the Intra-Mountain says: "While trying to cross the Milk river, three miles west of Chinook in a small skiff, the family of William Steaton, of Anaconda, were precipitated into the Milk river, and two children, a baby of 11 months and a boy of 3 years, were drowned."

Fort Delegates. R. G. Macpherson has arranged for the steamer Kestrel to be placed at the disposal of members of the Presbyterian assembly on the 13th instant.

Ottawa, June 8.—In the Supreme court today judgment was given in the case of Prince Edward Island v. the Dominion in regard to the representation of the island which has got to be varied after each decennial census.

San Jose, June 6.—One man was killed, a girl and a boy fatally and several others badly injured in an accident on the Alum Rock Park electric railway this evening.

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C. P. R. DIRECTORS APPROVE HOTEL

Mayor McCantless has received the following telegram from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R.:

MONTREAL, JUNE 8TH, 1903. HIS WORSHIP, A. G. McCANDLESS, MAYOR, VICTORIA, B. C.

Our board has adopted the hotel project on the general lines indicated in the letter of June 1st, signed by yourself and the other members of the committee.

We may wish to offer some suggestions about making one or two of the streets somewhat wider. The clause about water and taxes will require to be more clearly defined.

Of course it is understood that the city is to do all the requisite filling to bring the lots to the level contemplated by the plans, and is to be turned over to the company completed in this respect, excepting in so far as we may be able to save filling in connection with the foundations of the building.

No doubt there will be some other minor details to work out in the agreement but which do not occur to me now.

T. G. SHAUGHNESSY. Chas. Wilson Expects to Be Sworn In—Premier's Speech at Westminster.

It is highly probable that Chas. Wilson, K. C., will be sworn in as President of the Council in the new administration late this afternoon. The appeal being heard in Rex vs. Coote in the Full court has been the only obstacle in the way of this taking place.

There is a report in Vancouver that Mr. Wilson will seek election in Cariboo at the forthcoming election. With a strong probability that labor will be represented in the fight in that city by a full complement of candidates it is considered that Mr. Wilson might very probably be left behind.

Chatham City Laborers Are on Strike—Successful Medical Students at McGill University.

Montreal, June 8.—Ninety-seven students in medicine at McGill will receive their diplomas on Tuesday, June 9th, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Chatham, Ont., June 8.—The laborers in the employ of the city are out on strike. They demand \$1.50 for nine hours a day, instead of ten they have been working.

Kingston, Ont., June 8.—Steamer Empire State was burned to the water's edge on Saturday night. She was owned by the Thousand Island Steamboat Company. The loss, \$400,000, is fully insured.

Toronto, June 8.—The Gaiety report is expected to come up in the legislature on Tuesday. It will be vigorously attacked by the opposition member for Manitowish.

Portage la Prairie, June 8.—An unsuccessful attempt was made by burglars at 2 o'clock this morning to enter the Bank of Commerce here.

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DAWSON NEWS.

Important Strike in the Duncan District—Road House Destroyed By Fire.

A Dawson dispatch says: A new strike in the Duncan district caused the biggest stampede of the year in that region last Monday. The new discovery is on a tributary of Mayo river, called Mad creek, and was made by Archie McIntyre and Peter Haggart.

No. 9, on Eldorado, considered the best claim on that creek, has been sold for \$35,000. Morgan & Co. are the purchasers, and have paid M. La Pierre, the owner, \$20,000 cash as the first payment.

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Decapitated. Toronto, June 6.—The disappearance of Richard Rutherford, salesman in Oak Hall, was reported to-day. He left the store at 6 o'clock last night but did not go to his home, 29 Borden street. His lifeless body was found beside the railway track just west of the city this evening. He had been struck by a train and decapitated.

Monument Decorated. Toronto, June 6.—This afternoon the annual decoration of Sir John A. Macdonald's monument in Queen's Park took place under the auspices of the Toronto Liberal-Conservative Club. The monument was properly decorated with flowers. Addresses were delivered by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Messrs. Mark, Montague, Whitney, Clark and others.

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UNITED FRONT PRESENTED

ENTHUSIASTIC RALLY OF LOCAL

Prospects of Victory in the Campaign Are Bright—Congratulatory Speech

Sincere, loyal enthusiasm for the Liberal party was manifested last night. Despite the fact that such a character as to augur triumph of the party in which is soon to be found. There was a large attendance evinced most unmistakably they felt upon being a on the field with a united assistance that an undoubted prospect in the torn Conservator. Every speaker spoke in a sold organization, strong endeavor in the interests of the expressed the hope that they send to the parliament across solid Liberal representation speakers were heartily greeted remarks evoked loud applause. The Liberal party, and there was on the platform Stuart Henderston, Hugh Gilmour, M. P., J. P. P., R. Hall, M. P., J. C. Jones, C. H. Leavitt, James E. Ditchburn, Major J. C. MacGregor, A. B. Fraser, J. G. Cameron, John Macmillan and Cameron.

The chairman explained that had been called to discuss affairs. He was pleased to a gathering, which was especially in view of the brief stay of the party in the province. He called upon Stuart Henderston, chairman of the provincial executive.

Stuart Henderston. Mr. Henderston, who was applauded, said the party was gratulated on entering the first in the province on party united front. A fact which was largely straggling to the party.

The great object was to a government which would be the interest of the province. Despite the unequal nature of the province it was backy women and money were these would not come unless supported by the Liberal party. The situation had fluctuated greatly the past few years, and capital away, thus retarding the province's development.

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Mr. Martin. The next speaker was Joseph who was very cordially received. Mr. Martin in opening his remarks called the last time he addressed in this city on political affairs of the fight of 1900. He took the opportunity of thanking those who had supported him in that fight.

He could not understand but that the governments of this had been principally Conservative. The Liberal party was going to fight with united ranks, and they would win. (Applause.) He would work hard to the end of the world.

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