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SAVES POINTS ON ISLAND COAST. OPERATIONS FOR ANOTHER BUSY SEASON. Expert Surprised at Extent of Ore Outcrop - Good Hunting and Fishing.

Renewed, from where some of the timber in the world has been exploring the past season, is just now entering its prime. The two companies engaged in the logging business spent the fine weather in making a study of the botanical resources of the coast. There are all ships in port, and launches have been seen carrying parties to another busy season.

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LIBERAL CANDIDATES. The following candidates for election to the House of Commons are in the field with the approval and endorsement of the Liberal party and the Liberal government.

Victoria—GEO. RILEY. Nanaimo—RALPH SMITH. Comox-Atlin—W. SLOAN. Vancouver City—R. G. MACPHERSON. Yale-Cariboo—DUNCAN ROSS. Kootenay—W. A. GALLIHER. New Westminster—J. B. KENNEDY.

WHINING. Sir Hibbert Tupper says he "took every experience that was coming to him as a member of the House." He did not take it to him. He did not venture to defend the transaction as an honest one. He is the teacher set up to warn the people against political immorality! Nor is it true that all members of Parliament follow his unworthy example. The Times last night cited a conspicuous instance to the contrary in the action of Ralph Smith, the member for Nanaimo, who complied with the letter and spirit of the law leaving upon seasonal indemnities. Having served his country for twenty years, and been well paid for his services, possibly Sir Hibbert Tupper thinks he was warranted in drawing from the public treasury hundreds of dollars as mileage to which he had neither moral nor legal claim. What right had the country to cast off a Tupper anyway? It disposed of two at once, which was an outrageous thing to do. It is but right that it should pay for its ingratitude. Now that it is about to be deprived absolutely of the services of the whole family it will realize the seriousness of the situation. But the question we asked last night is still unanswered: Was the transaction with the public treasury an honest one? Is the man who could be guilty of such an act justified in posing before the people as a critic of the personal probity of the members of the government or in assailing the public honesty of the government as a whole?

ALBERNI NOTES. (Special Correspondence of the Times). The congregation of All Saints, Alberni, held their harvest thanksgiving on Friday evening, October 14th. There was present a large and representative gathering, including Rev. Mr. Glasford and many other members of the Presbyterian church. The service, which was fully choral, was very well rendered by the choir, and the hymns and songs were of a high order. The Rev. Mr. Glasford, in his address, recently surprised choir boys had obtained considerable proficiency under the careful training of the vicar and Mr. Howitt, whose valuable though voluntary services as organist continue to be much appreciated. The male members of the choir took part in the professional. The well selected hymns were of high value to the congregation. The ladies of the choir, Mesdames Ward, Bird, Haslam and Burdette Garrard and Miss Melrus gave efficient service. The following solos were rendered: "O Rest in the Lord," Mrs. B. Garrard; "The Peace of God," Mr. Howitt; "The Holy City," Rev. Mr. Plinton. The vicar preached the eloquent, impressive and appropriate sermon, and the services concluded with the singing of the Te Deum, heartily joined by the whole congregation. The church was beautifully decorated.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. "The Conservative party is no longer the party of other days. It is the Populist party. It is simply an offshoot of the Populism which has arisen across the border. It is a Populist idea (the Conservative "railway policy"), it is not a sound economic policy, and for my part I express my surprise that the present leader of the Conservative party should so far depart from the traditions of the party to which he is proud to belong." Such was the language employed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier recently in summing up the policy which the opposition are asking the electorate to accept in substitution for the government's transcontinental project for Canadian development.

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R. Company. He says that if he should go on with the railway project he would pursue it as a government work. He indicates that he might abandon the whole scheme east of Winnipeg and substitute for it the extension of the Intercolonial, via the C. P. R. line around the north shore of Lake Superior. Suppose he got a majority. It would consist of all kinds of men, some attracted by one phase of his railway attitude, and others by another. There would be C. P. R. men; State-socialist or government ownership men of the type of my friend Mr. William Maclean; men like Mr. Monk, who wishes the Eastern division built on the grand meander, old-fashioned, cautious Conservatives who would sooner turn Borden out again than let him embark the country on government ownership of railways. It would be impossible to guess what sort of a railway project, if any, would come of his attempt to devise one that would be acceptable to all whom he endeavors to attract.

"At least it would take many months for me to reconcile his factions. He could not hope to do it without going far on in a session of parliament. He could not get ready to meet parliament for months, four or five at least. Meantime, and all the time up to parliament passing his scheme, confusion would prevail, because doubt would rule all over Canada. Not only would work on the railway be paralyzed. In view of the success of a party whose leader is deeply involved in more or less clear pledges to establish government ownership of railways, what would the financial world of Great Britain and the States be doing to Canada? "The opinion that the hitherto safe and solid Dominion had shipped its financial moorings and gone off on a career of State-socialism could not but be widely entertained abroad. Would not Canadian credit suffer instantly? I do not mean the national credit only, but the credit of Canadian railways, banks, manufacturers, exporters, investment companies of all kinds. Would not every foreign creditor of a Canadian concern feel frightened? Would not the foreign creditor wait at least a mighty lot of assurance that Mr. Borden would not do any of the socialistic things he causes many of his supporters to imagine he means to do?

"Think of the effect of expropriating a company with which the Grand Trunk, that has 40,000 English shareholders, is associated as closely as a Siamese twin. To Englishmen Canada would appear to be turning her back on herself, and making naught of her solemn contracts. I can't believe that Mr. Borden would expropriate the G. T. P. The interests of the country would forbid him to do so. But he has said he will if he can get power. It is not what he would do, but what the financial world will be afraid of him doing, that would cause the collapse of credit on November 24th. He was successful on November 24th. For many months the country would not know what it was at.

"The time is very critical," went on Mr. Thomson. "Business is good here compared with the condition I have been observing all summer in the States, or his reported condition in England. It is good here because of confidence that there is no great disturbance near. The country sees its way. The tariff it knows is better for it than would be a long period of guessing what the Minister would make of it. Men of enterprise are alertly looking to the great opportunities they will get from the National Transcontinental. Leaders of the Ministry have been disturbed, count on another year about as good as the last. They are content on following years far better, because the great railway work will stimulate immigration anew, and entice trade by increasing the demands for all sorts of supplies. Canada, with Laurier in, knows where she is at. Her constitution is that of stable government.

"Mr. Borden proposes to upset the arranged order of things. Believes him as one may, it seems certain that the Canadian in general will say that they can't afford to plunge into uncertainty and confusion and depression and wonder what may be coming that would follow the turning out of Laurier and Phillips, and that prince of Dominion-boomers, Clifford Sifton.

"Will the people put in Sir Wilfrid's case a most honorable gentleman who will be compelled to get right out, or forced by his Macleanite cohort to do good only knows what in the way of upsetting the existing order of things? Mr. Borden would be at the mercy of any small resolute group of his following, since he could not, by any reckoning, have more than a very small majority. It is not that he would be a very small majority, but that he would be a very small majority. It is not that he would be a very small majority, but that he would be a very small majority.

"And so you think," said the reporter, "that Laurier's majority will be increased?" "What other conclusion can there be to the reasoning? Is it false or true? If true, are the Canadian people unlikely to know it? They seem to me more intelligent people in the world. It is true that Laurier has now a large majority, as he can, he would be just as well off, not better off, with one or forty. But if he does not have one of fifty on the election of the next Speaker, you come to me and I will present you with a hat."

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