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STEWART CITY TO BE HUMMER

HARRY SMITH READY FOR BIG SEASON

He Tells of the Preparations for Coming Season in the Northern Camp

Harry Smith, the veteran mining man and trader of Dunsmuir, who has spent the last two or three years in the north is now in the city completing the purchase of a big shipment of goods for his store in Stewart, where he is now in business.

Mr. Smith has recently erected at Stewart a two-story building 40 x 120, and will enter in supplying mining supplies to the miners and prospectors.

Mr. Smith is also in a position to appreciate the prospects for the year. "This year is going to be a hummer," he declares, "and even before I left, the advance guard of the newcomers was beginning to arrive.

When the acquisition of the charter of the Portland Shortline road run- ning up Bear creek for twenty miles by Mackenzie and Mann, has given a great impetus to everything, and con- struction on this road will further increase the good times which are on this summer."

Mr. Smith looks for enormous development all through the central portion of the province in the next five years, but in spite of his optimism over the north, still thinks the southern end of Vancouver Island will be the Los Angeles of British Columbia, because of its incomparable climate.

SECRET RUSSIAN TRIAL

Satting Charge of Assassination by Pressing Electric Button

The trial by court-martial of Petroff Veslenski in connection with the murder of Col. Karporoff, the late chief of the secret police, took place in St. Petersburg.

The proceedings were held secretly in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The charge against Petroff was that he belonged to a criminal society whose aim is the subversion of the existing order of things and the foundation of a democratic republic, and that he was the murderer of Col. Karporoff.

Petroff did not deny that he murdered the chief of police deliberately, by causing the doomed man to fall in a canteen since his arrest. Petroff was described as a peasant of the government of Viatka, and a former teacher in the primary school.

Though Petroff admitted that he belonged to the Social Revolutionaries, and that he blew up Col. Karporoff, he pleaded not guilty, because, in his opinion, his deed was not a crime from a democratic revolutionary standpoint.

The indictment declared that Petroff attempted to induce Gen. Gerassimoff, former head of the secret police, and another high official to come to his flat with Col. Karporoff in order to blow them all up. According to the Bourne Gazette, Petroff was not allowed to subpoena Gen. Gerassimoff or Dabich, a former agent of the Russian secret police in Paris.

The court-martial passed sentence of death.

PRIVY COUNCIL

London, Feb. 25.—Before the judicial committee of the Privy Council today judgment was reserved in the case of Jones and others vs. the North Vancouver Land Improvement Company.

GOOD ROADS COMMISSIONER

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—Hon. Robert Ross announced in the House today that the government had appointed Alexander McGillivray, good roads commissioner for the province of Manitoba. Mr. McGillivray is a present resident of Vancouver.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the medicine's benefits for kidney ailments.

SUSPECTED LEADER OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS

Man Believed to Be Head of Band is Captured in Arizona

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 2.—After a desperate struggle with the Arizona officials, a man who they believe is Chick Wallace, alleged leader of a gang organized to smuggle opium into the United States, is in jail today at Prescott, Ariz., according to advices received at the sheriff's office in this city. The man who declares his name is John Oliver, was arrested late last evening in Williams, Ariz.

Wallace is the reputed leader of the gang that has been successfully smuggling opium into San Francisco for the last eight months. He is also alleged to have been the brains of an organization for the illegal importation of Chinese.

Since the recent capture in Los Angeles of fourteen half-starved Chinese smuggled across the boundary from Mexico, the federal officials had redoubled their efforts to capture Wallace. The Chinese were in a box car that was being taken to San Francisco. The arrest of the man in Arizona is the culmination of one of the most exciting government cases in the southwest in recent years.

The federal officials have trailed the members of the gang. T. J. Murphy and M. L. Harris were arrested in this city a month ago. They were alleged to be members of the ring.

The officials say that the power of the organization will be effectively broken with the capture of the leaders.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETS

Earl Grey Speaks at Annual Gathering—New Officers Elected

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association today Col. MacDonald and Col. Dillon reviewed the work of the past year, the latter mentioning the specially splendid work of the Canadian team at Bisley last year. Secretary Birdwhistle, in his annual report, stated there were 700 entries at the D. R. A. meet last year, an increase of 144 over the previous year.

The following officers were elected: President, Col. Sam Hughes, M. P.; Vice-presidents for western Canada, Col. Prior, Victoria; Col. Cruickshank, Alberta; Col. Steele, Manitoba; Lt.-Col. Gwynne, Saskatchewan.

Secretary, Captain Birdwhistle, Ottawa; Treasurer, Major W. D. Sutherland, Ottawa; Auditors, Cunningham & Co., Ottawa.

In reply to a resolution, expressing regret at the near approach of his return to England, Earl Grey said the many years spent in Canada were the happiest of his life. He would go back to England as a Canadian, and would feel himself somewhat in the capacity of a Canadian ambassador.

TRIED TO START REVOLT IN THIBET

Chinese Government Issues Note of Removal of the Dalai Lama

Peking, Feb. 25.—The Chinese government today issued a statement declaring that the removal of the Dalai Lama from the management of the Thibetan government was the result of an effort upon his part to start revolution in the Dalai Lama's army, and that the Chinese soldiers and reached India. He is the head of the Lamaist hierarchy. The government's statement in part follows:

"The Dalai Lama, upon his arrival at Lhasa from Peking, circulated, with the object of organizing a general revolt, these rumors: 'The China intended to exterminate Lamaism, and second, that British trade in effect was injuring Thibet. The Dalai Lama then took measures to thwart this trade, whereupon China became alarmed and ordered 2,000 troops to go to Lhasa, with the object of preserving the peace and affording protection. When the Dalai Lama learned of the above, the Peking government ordered the Chinese resident agent to reason with the Dalai Lama, who refused to listen, and on the twelfth secretly left Lhasa with his followers. The resident agent searched ineffectively, whereupon China decided to elect his successor and issued a decree ordering the protection of Lamaism, and then continued the existence of treaties with foreign powers concerning Thibet with the purpose of preserving the status quo."

CONGRESS IN DOUBT

Board of Arbitration May Decide Whether Peary is Entitled to Recognition

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The question of whether Commander Robert E. Peary deserves recognition by congress by his announced discovery of the North Pole may be submitted to a board of arbitration.

NINE MILLIONS IN ESTIMATES

GREAT INCREASE IN FIGURES FOR 1910-11

Public Works Are Responsible for the Greater Amount of This

Legislative Press Gallery, February 24th. The estimates of the expenditure of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1911, were brought down this afternoon by the minister of finance, Hon. W. J. Bowser. The total amount asked for is \$7,738,257.11, together with a statutory obligation on account of the guarantee of three sets of railway bonds estimated to call for \$40,000 this year, or a sum of \$7,778,257.11. The aggregate amount asked for is \$7,818,257.11, an increase of \$80,000 over the estimate for the coming fiscal year of over two million dollars more than the current year.

The supplementary estimates are slightly larger than those of last year. For the current fiscal year there is needed \$1,231,892.46, and for some odds and ends of account for the fiscal year of 1908-09 there is required a further sum of \$73,671.63. The sum total of the estimates to be voted this session is thus \$9,049,231.29, which, when compared with the total vote of \$6,839,537.12 last year, is certainly making the money go, as the new holder of the portfolio of finance is credited with having said soon after his accession to the stewardship of the purse.

The increase is made up chiefly in the proposed expenditure on public works. Where there was voted last session, even with an election as a likelihood, \$2,331,100, the total vote asked this year on account of this item is \$4,266,805. Civil government is costing but \$92,000 more with the increase of salaries incident to the recent grading. Education gets \$136,000 more, and hospitals and charities an increase of about 70 per cent. on last year's vote. The estimated expenditure by services, omitting the \$40,000 for the guarantee of the bonds of the Shuswap & Okanagan, the Nakusp & Siccan and the Victoria & Sidney, compared with the amounts for the current year, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Public debt, Civil government, Administration of justice, Public institutions, etc.

Total \$7,738,257 \$7,818,257. The estimate of receipts which is given on the first page of the blue book gives promise of a deficit on the year's operations. To meet the expenditure of \$7,738,257, there is a revenue estimated of \$7,000,028, and not a thing of the odd sixty-six cents. Last year the minister of finance was able to show an excess of some \$285,000 in his estimate of receipts over his estimate of expenditures.

The item of \$459,142 for civil government is made up thus: Lieutenant-Governor's office \$1,800; Premier's office \$490; Provincial Secretary's department, \$12,547; Department of Mines, \$20,270; Department of Finance and Insurance, \$4,330; Lands Department, \$1,408; Legislative library, \$2,400; Attorney-General's Department, \$15,736; Land Registry office, \$5,180; Timber inspectors, \$14,044; Steam-boiler inspection, \$18,040; Statistical bureau, \$4,432; Surveyor of taxes and inspectors of revenue, \$5,520; Assessors throughout the province, \$3,594; Provincial office, Victoria, \$2,200; Administrative Staffs—Cowichan agency, \$1,234; Alberni agency, \$2,200; Kamloops agency, \$2,200; Nanaimo agency, \$2,200; New Westminster agency, \$2,200; East Kootenay agencies, \$18,222; West Kootenay agencies, \$20,756; Cariboo agency, \$5,400; Cassiar agencies, \$24,566; Kamloops agency, \$2,200; Vernon Agency, \$5,520; Fairview agency, \$4,030; Clinton agency, \$2,320; Ashcroft agency, \$2,320; Nicola agency, \$2,484; Shillikameen agency, \$2,320; Temporary assistance, \$15,000.

In addition to the civil servants, whose salaries are included in the above, there are several other Victorian officials under the heads of the administration of justice, public institutions and education. The vote for the office of the King's printer is \$38,287. The following are the votes for education: Education office, \$15,610; Free text book branch, \$3,852; Inspection of schools, \$24,700; Provincial Normal school, \$10,700; Education of deaf and dumb and blind, \$4,500; Evening schools, \$10,000.

For cities granted to city, municipal and rural school districts, schools in E. & N. railway belt, and unforeseen requirements, \$55,200. The night school vote is a new one, and is to provide the salaries of teachers and equipment. The per capita grant is divided thus: City districts, \$265,000; municipalities, \$150,000; rural

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Former Treasurer is Taken Into Custody Upon Return to Surrender

Boston, Mass., Feb. 25.—George W. Coleman, former treasurer of the National Bank of Cambridge, arrested on a charge of having looted the bank of more than \$100,000, was asked this afternoon what he had done with the money.

Coleman hesitated for a while, then replied: "What did they expect of a man at \$11.50 a week?" Coleman was being held by the police for \$20,000 bail. His friends announced that they expect to raise the entire amount by to-night and obtain his release.

The Coleman case is being considered by the grand jury and a definite action by the jury is expected soon. He refused to say whether any other person is implicated in the muddled affairs of the bank.

Coleman was arrested here at the railroad station upon his return here to surrender to the authorities. Many Harvard students have funds tied up in the bank.

ENGLISH SOCCER GAMES

London, Feb. 25.—The replayed cuplets yesterday between Westham and Queen's Park Rangers resulted in a win for the latter by 1 to 0.

In the second league, Barnsley won, defeating Fulham. Score, Barnsley 2, Fulham 1.

BIG SHIPBUILDING PLANT PROPOSED

May Be Erected at Victoria—Dominion Government's New Drydock

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Definite announcement that a big shipbuilding plant will be established at either Halifax, St. John or Montreal is expected to be made shortly by the government. The government will also bring down a bill increasing the subsidy for the building of a drydock. The terms will be 25 in- stead of 30 years. The Pacific coast will also benefit by the plans of the government and a shipbuilding plant will probably be built at Vancouver or Victoria on a large scale.

SLIDES DESTROY BRIDGES

Everett, Wash., Feb. 25.—Loaded with every available bridge worker and wrecking man, a special train was sent into the mountains today to follow the snow ploughs. Two carloads of provisions were taken also to prevent any suffering among the passengers of the stalled trains. At the general offices here it is believed most of the bridges in the mountains have been torn out by the slides.

PIONEER TO CELEBRATE ARRIVAL IN CITY

Mrs. M. A. Hall Will Receive on Tuesday Afternoon and Evening

Mrs. M. A. Hall, of 629 John street, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of her arrival in Victoria on Tuesday, March 1st, 1910. Mrs. Hall, who also celebrates her 74th birthday on February 28th, arrived in this city on February 29th, 1860, on the ship Athelstan, Captain Tracey. The material for the St. John's church came on the same vessel. Mrs. Hall married the late Philip J. Hall (who died about 28 years ago) in 1861, and all her family were born in Victoria, and consist of Mr. Philip J. Hall, of B. C. Salvage Co.; Mr. A. H. Hall, who is spending the winter here on Yukon; Mr. W. B. Hall, the popular Douglas street grocer; Mr. C. H. Hall, who is employed with W. B. Hall; Mrs. F. P. Watson, of Vancouver; Mrs. A. E. McDonald, of Cochrane, Alberta; Mrs. E. B. L. Rogerson, of this city.

Mrs. Hall has seen Victoria steadily grow and can tell of things that happened a half century ago as readily as if they took place only last week. Mrs. Hall will receive on Tuesday afternoon and evening between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock and 7.30 and 10, and will be pleased to meet her numerous friends and acquaintances of earlier days.

QUIETLY WEDDED

Mr. F. T. Godman and Miss Ellison United in Marriage

The marriage took place at St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, on Thursday at 3 o'clock of Mr. F. T. Godman to Miss Josephine E. Ellison. The ceremony was a private one, and was attended by only a few friends of the happy couple.

The service was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Mr. T. 3. Godman acted as best man, and the bride was attended by her parents, Rev. W. E. H. Ellison and Mrs. Ellison. The bride and bridegroom are leaving by S.S. Makura to-night for an extended tour to Australia and back to England.

The bride was a Victorian girl, brought up and educated in this city, and is well known to a large circle of acquaintances. She looked charming in a dress of white silk.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor attended the legislature this afternoon and assented to a number of bills that had already passed their third readings.

PREMIER ON RAILWAY BILL

OUTLINES FEATURES AT CONSERVATIVE MEETING

Declares That There Will Be Control of Freight and Passenger Rates

The feature of the annual meeting of the local branch of the Conservative Association Thursday was a speech by Premier McBride. The honorable gentleman seized the occasion to make an important announcement forecasting the railway legislation which will be submitted to the House on Monday next.

He said it would be his duty, to lay before the house measures providing for the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway from Yellowhead Pass to Barkley Sound. It would provide that the road be built within four years; that white labor be employed; that the men be paid white men's wages; that the material, where the markets afforded it, be purchased in British Columbia; that a minimum mileage be completed each year to insure the completion of the road and its operation within four years; and that the control of freight and passenger rates be vested in the hands of the people.

He dwelt on the beneficial effect on British Columbia of the promulgation of this railway legislation. For upwards of half a century there has been going broadcast stories of the marvelous wealth of the Canadian West, of its timber resources of illimitable extent, of its wealth in minerals, of its great fishing industries. Yet he ventured to say that if all these reports could be brought together and contained in a single brief chapter the facts would not be portrayed.

In the C. P. R. there was one instance of what transportation could do. Basing his prediction on the evidence furnished by the road, he had no hesitancy in declaring that with the completion of the Canadian Northern railroad, "the people's line," he called it, the West would enjoy prosperity such as it had never yet enjoyed.

The Kettle Valley railroad would involve an expenditure of \$3,000,000. It was the assurance of tremendous development, it would mean the exploitation of the resources of one of the richest sections of the interior. It was gratifying, he said, to read the increased activity of the C. P. R. and the G. N. R. in the province since it became evident that the C. N. R. was extending westward.

R. F. Green, president of the association, presided, and in addition to the address delivered by the premier, speeches were given by Hon. Dr. H. E. Young, Hon. Thos. Taylor and others.

The balloting for officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Leonard Tait; vice-presidents, I. F. Bishop, R. W. Perry and C. S. Baxter; secretary, W. H. Price; treasurer, Frank Davey; committee, R. F. Green, H. M. Fullerton, Dean, W. Blake-Hughes, Reg. Hayward, A. A. S. G. Sargison, H. D. Helmcken, K. C. J. W. Bolden, H. G. Wilson, W. H. P. Sweeney, P. J. Riddell, H. H. Malony, H. Maxnard, G. A. Fraser, and A. C. Burdick.

The appointment of Victoria's twenty delegates to the Dominion convention was on suggestion, which finally was embodied in a motion left in the hands of the executive.

The meeting adjourned with cheers for the premier and city members.

In the election of officers the machine was very much in evidence again. It was responsible for the selection of Mr. Tait for president, John Arbuthnot being turned down.

Blakemore was a candidate for a vice-presidency. He was defeated for that office, as were D. S. Tait and J. S. H. Malson for the executive. The machine seems to be somewhat out of gear just now, but still the presidency was the chief attraction.

REGISTRAR DEAD

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 25.—I. D. Thompson, registrar of Frontenac, died this morning, aged 63 years. He was in the forwarding trade here for many years before being appointed registrar. He was born in Montreal.

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

THE DOCTOR "Ah yes, realness and feverish. Give him a Steadman's Powder and he will soon be all right."

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