

# CONSERVATIVE PARTY WAS FOR DREADNOUGHTS

## G. H. Barnard, M. P., Back From Ottawa, Says Conservatives in House of Commons Would Have Endorsed Offer of Battleships for the Defence of Empire.

...ouse, who has just returned after attending the recent session.

"There is a tremendous amount of talk about Victoria and British Columbia in the east," remarked Mr. Barnard last evening, "and the travel in this direction will be very heavy during the present summer. Many of the members intend visiting the coast and Vancouver Island, and all spoke of the eulogies which they had heard of British Columbia as a whole. I can appreciate these latter myself, for never have I so recognized the charms both of climate, scenery and everything else of the capital city of British Columbia than I have in the last twenty-four hours. Here we are in the midst of summer, but back there in Ottawa the trees are hardly budding."

The east is just beginning to recognize that the political star is moving westward, and that the provinces towards the Pacific are fast proving much greater factors in the affairs of the Dominion than previously.

That the Conservative party would have endorsed the offer of a Dreadnought or Dreadnoughts as Canada's contribution to the imperial defence, that Hon. R. L. Borden and his supporters were anxious to see the construction of the G. T. F. hastened, and that in the East there is marked sympathy with the determined stand British Columbia has taken against Oriental immigration, are statements made by G. H. Barnard, M. P., Victoria's representative in the Federal House of Commons.

"Increased interest is manifested in our climate, resources, and our problems, and the eastern public men are finding that they must visit the west and obtain a first-hand knowledge of conditions here."

All prospects point to a bumper crop upon the prairies, Mr. Barnard stated, and throughout east and west alike Canadians are pervaded with a spirit of optimism which is a happy augury of the good times at hand. Despite the fact that the season is a late one, the weather conditions are ideal, and a big harvest is prosaged.

The Session.

But it was with the labors of the body to which he was recently elected that Mr. Barnard dealt at great length. The five months' session was a laborious one, for if the mills of the

Commons grind slowly, it is because a multitude of subjects small as well as big, is submitted to them. Two questions, Mr. Barnard pointed out, were of greater importance probably than the majority. One was the debate upon Canada's contributions to imperial defence; the other, the G. T. F. loan.

With regard to the first:

"Although the Conservative party as a whole was not satisfied with that resolution," said he, "we were very much handicapped by the fact that at that particular juncture unanimity was necessary, nay, all important. While the sympathy of the party was entirely in favor of a much stronger action, yet we felt it would be more or less disastrous to have it go forth to the empire at large that there was a difference of opinion upon the matter."

Hon. G. E. Foster, in his speech in closing, told the government that if it wished to offer a Dreadnought or Dreadnoughts, the Conservative party would back it up.

The G. T. F. Loan.

"The Conservative party was a unit in desiring the speedy completion of the G. T. F., and in the matter of the loan, which is being made to them, the party did not desire to throw obstacles in its way. Any amendments or proposals brought forward were merely to safeguard the public by getting better security than the government seemed prepared to demand."

"The loan in the course of the debates was always by the government speaker compared to that made to the G. T. F. during the early days of that railroad's construction, but the speakers failed to recognize a very important fact. This was that the government in the case of the G. T. F. had as security for its advances, every lot and title of property the company had. It was pledged to them. The only security the government has from the G. T. F. is the Grand Trunk railway, and the latter already owes the Dominion \$60,000,000, and has owed it almost since Confederation."

"We have no lien of any kind on the G. T. F. terminals nor upon their branch lines. One glaring case in point is the Lake Superior branch. Handling practically all the grain, the road hauls, it virtually dominates the situation, and can dictate rates yet there is no charge upon it at all. And

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### TWO FATALITIES AT EXTENSION

Miner Injured While Taking Out Coal and Boy Crushed by Cars

Nanaimo, June 8.—Two fatal accidents have occurred at Extension Mines in the last three days, one on Saturday, the other yesterday.

On Saturday morning, in No. 3 mine, Extension, an Austrian named T. Kulal lost his life. Kulal and his brother were working in a pillar, the height of the place being about 12 feet. They had fired one shot and had loaded out the coal. They drilled another hole in the top coal in what was the rib. They had just completed tamping the hole, and Alex, the younger brother, proceeded to gather up the tools while Tom put a light to the fuse.

Alex had just stepped back and had just grabbed up a pick and a shovel when, without the slightest warning, the side of the coal into which they had drilled the hole swung over on top of them. Alex, who was a foot or two behind Tom, managed to throw himself to the side, and the huge mass of coal passed over him, just grazing his back. The other was caught in the hole, however, and although his brother and others, working like Trojans, endeavored to get him out, he was so severely injured that he died yesterday morning in the Chemainus Hospital, following an operation.

The other accident occurred today.

### MANY WOUNDED

London, June 8.—A despatch received here from Cracow, in Austrian Poland, says: Five hundred persons were wounded by the explosion of an army powder magazine here on Saturday night. Three soldiers were killed, forty houses were wrecked and hundreds of other houses damaged, and many of the wounded are seriously hurt. The magazine, which was situated near the railroad station, was struck by lightning and exploded. Several thousand pounds of powder went off, and 1,800 projectiles were scattered among a big crowd of people, who assembled at the station, awaiting the train. The local hospitals are crowded with the wounded.

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Columbus, O., June 7.—Having wandered into the walls of the Ohio penitentiary without let or hindrance since last Wednesday night of last week, Harvey Johnson, the negro life-terminator, has been captured.

The roundup came just in time to relieve the prison officials from the growing apprehension that the disappearance was a case for a neurologist instead of one for guards and detectives. Since he vanished Johnson had been seen in so many places so many different times, had so frequently vanished into thin air when cornered in the angle of a wall, and had proved himself such an expert in bullet dodging that the suspicion had been slowly growing that there was no Johnson and never had been.

Johnson's return to the realm of the things tangible was not due to the purchase of bloodhounds or the hiring of special detectives. Even Tim O'Leary, of Philadelphia, who, it was reported, had been consulted, failed to furnish a key. O'Leary, it is rumored, had suggested that the prison might be torn down. The officials, haggard and worn, were, it is believed, just upon the point of accepting the O'Leary tip, when the following telegram was received from Muncie, Ind.:

"When you want to capture a man feed him. This always works."

The telegram was signed simply, "A woman who knows how to catch 'em."

The suggestion saved the day. Three chickens, with the trimmings, were cooked and set out as bait, with the guards placed under cover.

The "escaped prisoner" was suddenly seen eating the chicken.

Fifteen guards rushed upon him. Three shots were fired and a call for mercy was heard. Johnson made no effort to escape. He continued to eat. The recaptured captive, seemed much surprised. He said he had no idea of running away. He did not even know that any one was looking for him.

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At the time of my visit of the London Times prairie section of the G. Railway were being operated by the department for the benefit of those who were along the line—nearly all non-existent last spring—ness there. The track, which "air line" and will provide the easiest route between Winton, reflects great credit on contractors. There is no exceeding 2-5 in 100, and kind are conspicuously a construction work has been more carefully than is customary of railways, even trunk Canada or the Western S. ing was not finished work for Wainwright, the fifth point on the completed line not allowed to attempt to the company being unwilling or limbs of its passengers—which might be commended many American railway cover, it traveled during the that the journey up took a included, however, a week rous, certainly the pret towns along the track. Fa the train's easy progress, fi ing of the steel trail mean last market their grain, and of their homesteads (which into homes) had been mu times. To the storekeep thanks to the closer sett future, their trade would be and a system of cash transa sible. Nor did these men mity of other lines, primar tentacles, knowing that the transcontinental track, whi due the factor of compet about a reduction in freight

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## RISKS O

By many sportsmen the buffalo is considered a far more generous antagonist than the lion. In the shade and concealment of the swamps, dense forests, fifteen feet high elephant grass, are seldom seen until within a few yards and a few feet of them. Herds of seldom charge a man deli but when startled by the sportsman or by a shot they come straight upon the hunter, who by indeed if rapid and close turns them. The real danger buffalo is with a wounded in an encounter with a lion. The latter will often charge more provocation than the sportsman. Recently an officer of the African rifles was sporting a phant near Mount Kenya sighted a lone buffalo to his wide detour to the left of the spear, to avoid the chance of to defend himself against the When well past the point he had seen the buffalo he retu the spear, but before he co or spring aside, the buffalo had been stalking the sports caught him on the horns and him up into the flat top of a tree where, luckily, he lodg paratively unhurt. At that tree the doughty old buffalo till nightfall.

A wounded buffalo is vast dangerous when he runs aw when he charges, for in nit out of ten, after a dash hat for a few hundred yards or he will revengingly circle ba interception of his own tra pursuer comes plodding alo hidden in grass or thicket, trail and then charge upon hi

While easily stalked, the r is a dangerous customer, a men will agree who have nut especially Benjamin Eastwo accountant of the Uganda who was nearly trampled to one, with the actual loss of above the elbow. If the r sets one's scent he almost in charges, often, probably, fro curiosity, but that does no him any the easier to disp Moreover, he runs and tur speed inconceivable in a bea vast bulk. Against his massi head the heaviest bull mere fleabite, leaving no p of a stopping shot except hard nose ball sent fairly i heart through the chest. An tive is to stand absolutely less, when, with his had there is a possibility he m take you for a tree and ve Indeed, the best rule in the any charge is to stand fast for even the unwounded lion in his charge and retreat a man who has the nerve to a coming.

Doubtless the most exha nerve racking work of the sportsman is the pursuit of They are not often found ex following their own narrow p tween walls of bamboo thic sie tangle, or elephant grass that escape from the path sible and if one meets an ing, frightened herd in such the chance of escape is virtu