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FIFTIETH YEAR

RESERVE CHOSEN; OTTAWA ASSENTS

Chief Cooper and Councillors Agree to "Maplebank," Fine Property on Esquimalt Harbor

SIR WILFRID TELEGRAPHS DOMINION CONCURRENCE

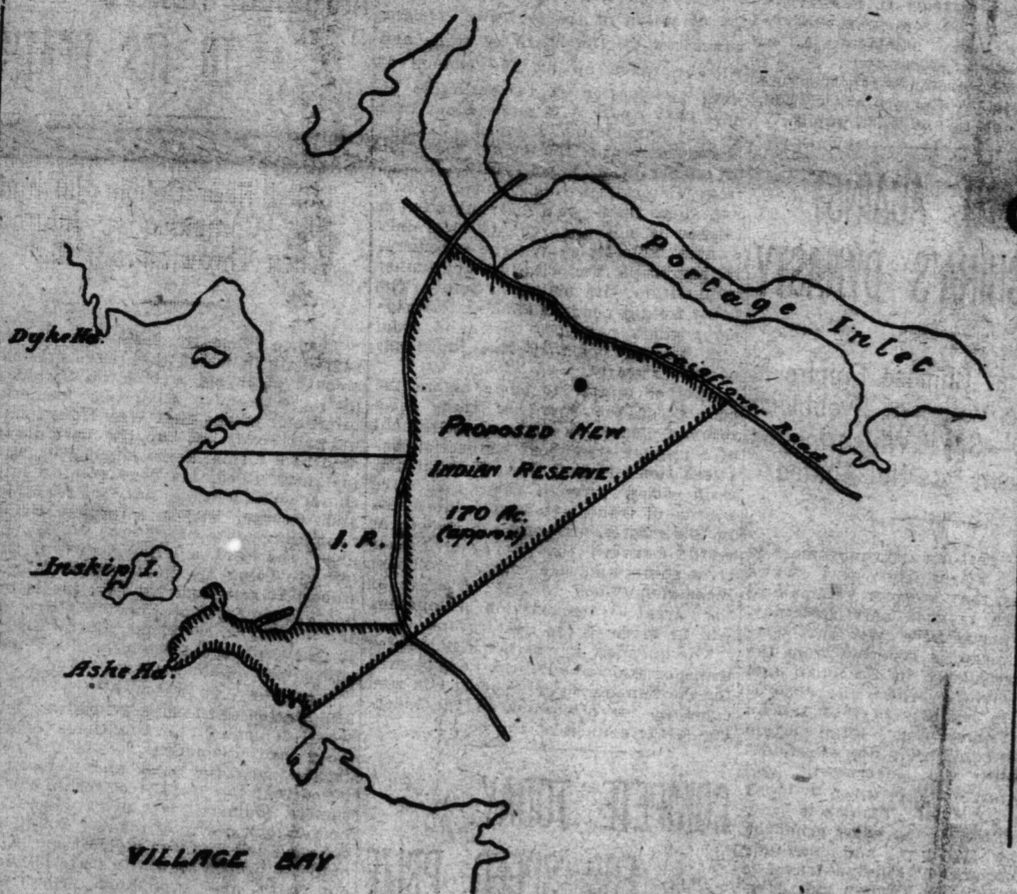
Premier McBride, Lands Commissioner Ross With Messrs. Helmcken and Matson Meet Songhees Committee

After many futile attempts in years past to solve the difficulty the Songhees Reserve matter was practically settled yesterday through the readiness of Chief Cooper and his councillors and Premier McBride and his colleagues.

The lands marked in brackets in the red lines are the lands selected by the Songhees as satisfactory for their new reserve. The red lines are the boundaries of the reserve as proposed by the Special Committee.

PROPOSED NEW SONGHEES INDIAN RESERVE.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT.



Scale 20 chains = 1 inch.

Witnesses
Mr. Ross
Chief Commissioner
A. Dallas Helmcken
J. S. Matson

SIR WILFRID'S MESSAGE

Hon. Richard McBride, Premier, Victoria.
Have consulted with Minister of Interior and any arrangement satisfactory to Indians will be made acceptable to us. Would only suggest that as we are the guardians of Indians, it would be advisable that department be party to arrangement under Indian act. We intend introducing legislation this session in connection with similar questions.

WILFRID LAURIER.
and Mr. J. S. H. Matson, Chief Cooper and four of the head men of the band, duly authorized by a special committee to handle the matter for the Indians, after accompanying Premier McBride and a party over the lines

of the proposed new reserve, expressed complete satisfaction with the property and the arrangement. A rough sketch map of the new site was prepared and the Songhees representatives signed it together with the premier and the minister of lands, the Hon. W. R. Ross. At the same time Premier McBride announced that he had received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on behalf of the federal government, a telegram stating that the proposed arrangement was quite agreeable to the dominion authorities. All that remains to be accomplished now is the purchase of the new site by the government from the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, which is to say, the Hudson's Bay Company. From an authoritative source Premier McBride and the gentlemen acting with him on behalf of the province were assured that the honorable company would undoubtedly entertain favorably any reasonable proposal. The net result looked for will be the removal of the Songhees, perhaps within 90 days, to a reserve much better adapted to their needs than the present site and the opening for sale of the valuable city property which will add so much to the business and manufacturing sections of Victoria.

and Mr. Matson had come to them in a friendly, businesslike manner and that the band was willing to treat with them sincerely. Consequently, the visit to the proposed site, the splendid farm occupied for fifteen years by the late Mr. A. Campbell McCullum and his father before him, and prior to that by the various admirals was planned for yesterday. Early in the morning the party, fathered and proceeded to the property in two large automobiles. The government was represented by Premier McBride, the Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands; Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., and Mr. J. S. H. Matson. Mr. Thomson, one of the Hudson's Bay Company, owners of the property, accompanied the party at the request of the premier. The Songhees band was represented by Chief Michael Cooper and Councillors William Robert, Tommy George, Jimmy Fraser and Jimmy John.

The proposed new site, a large flat partially timbered and bordered by wide sandy beaches overlooking the Esquimalt harbor, showed to great advantage in the bright autumn sunlight. "Maplebank," as it was known, justified its name. Beautiful groves of maples divided by grassy glades dotted the property on the harbor side. Beyond the railroad track which cuts through the place, heavy timber and more agricultural land testified to the value of the site. "Maplebank" was originally laid out as the residence of Chief Cooper, after consulting with his councillors indicated on the sketch map about the amount of land the band would require. When this was measured by the surveyor general it was found to contain just 170 acres. (Continued on Page Three.)

WARM DEBATE ON HOME RULE

Consideration of Question by Veto Conference Causes Strong Opposition Campaign by Anti-Home Rulers

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE OF LONDON TIMES

Earl Grey's Part in Supporting Federal Idea Among Unionist Friends—Plan Gaining in Favor

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The discussion on "Home Rule all round" for the United Kingdom is raging in the newspaper press. News that the veto conference has been considering the question of a federal United Kingdom has started a fierce opposition campaign among the anti-Home Rulers.

COAL MEASURES ON G. T. P. LINE

Valuable Deposit Discovered in District South of Hazelton—Quality of Coal Said to be High

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Oct. 28.—A. C. Smith arrived here with the important news that he has located valuable coal measures on the line of the G. T. P., about 25 miles south of Hazelton. It was first uncovered by a party of four Swedes clearing the right of way.

URUGUAY SCENE OF REVOLUTION

Attempt to Foist Unpopular President on Country Causes Outbreak—Situation Reported as Very Grave

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Montevideo by way of Buenos Ayres, says:

RAZE RUINS OF BURNED BLOCKS

Crowds Watch Operations of Men Wrecking Standing Walls in the Fire Swept Area

TEMPORARY HOMES OF FIRMS WHO SUFFERED

New Premises to be Constructed Will be Larger and Finer Than Those Which Were Destroyed

The scene of Wednesday night's fire is still a point of attraction for Victorians and while doubtless not a man, woman or child has viewed the devastated district many times the interested onlookers who watched the efforts of the gangs of workmen in clearing sidewalks, gutting down the Broad street wall of the Spencer block and other portions of the tottering ruins where such threatening lives of passers by. A charge of dynamite was requisitioned and the dangerous masonry pulled down.

DISASTER DUE TO DYNAMITE

Fact Established by Evidence Taken Before Grand Jury Investigating Wreck of Los Angeles Times Building

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28.—The first stage of the grand jury investigation of the Times disaster—establishment of the fact to the satisfaction of the inquisitors that it was dynamite explosion which wrecked the newspaper plant—was completed today.

Y. M. C. A. FLOURISHES

Triennial Report at Toronto Convention Shows Great Progress Made Since 1907

TORONTO, Oct. 28.—The triennial report of the Y.M.C.A. of North America, made public at the international convention here today, placed the endorsement fund on January 1, 1910, at \$1,743,885. It referred to the gifts of Mrs. Russell Sage and the late Mrs. W. D. Dodge of a headquarters building to cost \$1,500,000.

GET COLLISION DAMAGES

Owners of the Bark Eclipse Have Recovered Damages Against the Bark Duplex, Bound from South Australia to Falmouth. The vessel was in collision in the south Atlantic on June 8.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL

LONDON, Oct. 28.—At an influential meeting at which Lord Charles Beresford presided, it was resolved to arrange an Empire memorial to the late Florence Nightingale.

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