

SITE FOR LAND TITLES OFFICE

Premier Reports Excellent Crop Prospects in South of Province.

As a site for a permanent building for the land titles office, the provincial government has completed the purchase of three lots on the east side of Howard street, at the corner of day street.

The price paid for the three lots, 45, 46 and 47, which has a frontage of 50 feet on Howard street, was \$45,000.

The purchase of the property by the government ensures suitable surroundings for both buildings, and each will set off the other to advantage. The land titles building will be so constructed as to harmonize in design with the court house.

Mr. Stocks Leaves for North. John Stocks, deputy minister of public works, accompanied by J. D. Robertson, assistant engineer of the department left Saturday on his trip to the Peace River country.

Mr. Stocks goes in to Grande Prairie to view of the new road from Edmonton to the Peace River country.

Mr. Stocks is accompanied by J. H. Peterson, superintendent of construction of provincial telephones.

At present the long distance line between the northern cities and Lethbridge is congested with all the stations en route.

It is the intention of the telephone department of the government to have six pressing six-pin cross arms on the three hundred or more miles of poles between here and Lethbridge.

Mr. Shaper, M.P. for Lethbridge, addressed a meeting of his constituents here last evening on the reciprocity pact.

He ended by saying he would not vote for the pact, but that he would vote against it.

Mr. Shaper's supporters were held to a vote on the present short distance lines in this city.

Only Repair Dock Contract. Sheffield, April 11.—Col. Vickers, head of the great shipbuilding firm, has just got a contract from the Canadian Government, except for establishing a repairing dock at Montreal, which will be built here and taken out.

Had Head Blown Off. Ottawa, April 10.—F. Chumman, a man, while working behind the east block today, drilled a hole which he thought had been discharging when an explosion occurred, blowing off his head and his right wrist was detached.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN BURNED NEAR COUTTS, ALTA.—THREE ARE DEAD

Lethbridge, April 10.—Three children burned, and the mother and baby badly burned as to be likely to recover, in the terrible story of the fire which destroyed the home of Oran Brooks, a homesteader, thirty-five miles east of Coutts, Alta.

The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock on Saturday evening. There was a live coal in the stove and an explosion followed. The fire was seen by neighbors living across the boundary line.

The house was destroyed by the time they got to the scene. The remains of the three children were found in the ruins and the mother and the fourth remaining child were badly burned.

The mother will use both hands if she survives the shock. She is working for a butcher at Warner. The death of the baby, who was only a few days old, was a great loss to the family.

SEVENTY INDIANS DIED OF MEASLES AT FORT ST JOHN DURING WINTER

Five Land Cruisers Return From the Northwest, Where They Went to Stake Out Claims on the E.C. Side of the Peace River Country.

They were informed on their way back that the E.C. Government has Canceled All Land Sales, and Their Work Will Be Lost—Had Difficult Trip—Indians in Bad Shape.

Five disappointed land-cruisers arrived in the city Sunday from Fort St. John and are now visiting on the head of the Government of British Columbia their share in the passing of the new regulations in regard to the sale of land in British Columbia.

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THE IMMIGRATION HALL IS CROWDED

One Hundred and Thirteen Settlers Arrive in Two Days.

With the arrival of 113 settlers during the past two days, the capacity of the immigration hall is now exceeded.

The hall is crowded with immigrants, and the immigration officers are busy attending to their duties.

The immigrants are from various parts of the world, and are coming to Alberta to settle on the land.

The immigration hall is a busy place, and the immigrants are being processed quickly.

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COFFERS OF BRITISH TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE OPENED AGAINST RECIPROcity

Ottawa, Ont., April 10.—It is learned here that the anti-reciprocity campaign being conducted with bitter vehemence and supplemented by a circulating bureau with headquarters at Ottawa, and directed by James P. Cannon, has been already spent in advertising and other forms of arousing public sentiment against the government's reciprocity proposition.

The question as to whether the money came from the pockets of the well-to-do in Great Britain, which professes that Canada's reciprocity agreement with the United States is a menace to the protectionist propaganda they are preaching in the mother country.

Naturally, the interference of British protectionists in Canadian politics has been closely hidden, but a significant statement is credited to the chief man in the anti-reciprocity organization, that funds for the campaign were never so plentiful.

It was reported that when R. L. Jordan, the Conservative leader, tours the West next summer, he will be accompanied by G. H. Perley, millionaire, of Ottawa; H. R. Ames, financier, of Montreal; and other high protectionists.

The report is causing great anxiety to the Western farmers who are not content to take their politics, which so closely affect their interests, from Eastern capitalists and financiers, who have been actively opposed to the reciprocity proposition. It seems altogether likely that changes in the plans will have to be made.

CANADIAN TRADE TREATY A STEP TOWARDS DESTINATION OF EMPIRE

Morning Post and Standard, of London, England, See in Reciprocity Agreement the Dawn of Imperial Unity in That For the First Time in Its History One Part of the Empire Enjoys a Preference Against Other Parts.

This difference becomes of immediate practical importance in connection with the proposed reciprocity arrangements between Canada and the United States.

The United States has always maintained what is known as a "most favored nation" clause in its trade agreements, which means that it will give the same treatment to any other nation that offers it a better one.

Under this British tariff, Canada is compelled to extend to a number of other countries, without equivalent, the tariff concessions she is making to the United States in return for equivalent concessions.

Canada Under Compulsion. The practical effect is that where, as under the reciprocity arrangement, the United States grants concessions to Canada, Canada must give her concessions, not only to the United States, but to all the other countries with whom she has the most favored nation's obligations.

The withdrawal of Canada from the imperial treaties would throw the whole commercial system of the Empire into confusion, because it would necessarily involve a denunciation of all the imperial treaties from which Canada wishes to be released.

Denunciation of Treaties. The experience of the denunciation in 1897 of the Zollverein treaty of 1865 shows the difficulties that arise in the renunciation of imperial treaties when once they have been denounced, inasmuch as it has been found impossible to negotiate a fresh treaty with Germany up to the present time.

The adoption of the United States interpretation by Canada and the other dominions would bring about increasing tariff discriminations by foreign countries between the states of the British Empire and the mother country.

The tariff commission says the only way out of the difficulty seems to be not the abandonment of the British interpretation in favor of that of the United States, but a recognition by the mother country of her former power of direct negotiation, so that the states of the British Empire, though each possessing its negotiating tariff, should be able to enter negotiations with foreign countries.

Industrial Invasion of States. A modification of the tariff commission would not develop conditions of integration.

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DR. J. T. BELL, MONTREAL IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Famous Surgeon, the First in Profession to Perform the Cesarean Operation, Posses Away From Double Pneumonia—Served at Surgeon-General During the Rebel Rebellion in 1862.

Montreal, April 11.—Dr. J. T. Bell, chief of the surgical staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital and the first to perform the Cesarean operation, died here today of double pneumonia.

Dr. Bell, who was also professor of surgery and clinical surgery in the North-Western University, in 1852, he graduated in medicine at McGill in 1857 and won the Holmes gold medal.

For the first time in the history of the profession, he was in charge of the field hospital corps at the Rebel Rebellion, 1862, and received the rank of surgeon.

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NEGRO IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING FINANCED

Colonization Company in Oklahoma Held to Paying up Money for First Negro Immigrants to Alberta—Another Party on the Way Here.

Guthrie, Oklahoma, April 11.—The settlement of negroes in this state by Alberta which started several months ago, is continuing despite the fact that it is not being contracted by the Canadian Government.

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