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VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Liberal Appropriation for Recreation Grounds—Governor of Victoria Arrives En Route.

Proposed Division of Subscriptions Between Relief Work and the Fair.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Vancouver, Sept. 20.—Lord Brassey, governor of Victoria, is in the city en route to Australia. He is impressed with the prospect for confederation of the Australian colonies. He is a warm supporter of an Anglo-Saxon alliance, without a formal treaty.

L. Ross, for brutally assaulting a Chinaman, was today fined \$100, and for resisting arrest \$25.

A by-law for the expropriation of numerous parcels of land for recreation purposes has been read a third time, and will go before the people at an early date. It is proposed to spend \$150,000 on the purchase and improvement of recreation grounds.

Al. McDougall at last night's council meeting protested vigorously against Vancouver having to contribute to the proposed inspection of Darcey Island lighthouse station.

WESTMINSTER RELIEF COLLECTIONS.

At a meeting of the relief committee of the Vancouver board of trade last evening, the chairman, Mr. C. E. Tisdell, stated that \$4,943 had been collected by the board of trade in response to an appeal written at the head of the subscription list as follows: "We, the merchants and citizens of Vancouver, agree to contribute the amounts opposite our respective names to the fund for the relief of the sufferers, it being part of the understanding of this subscription that, in the event of the immediate wants of the sufferers having been duly provided for, in the estimation of the relieving committee, any balance may be appropriated towards the cost of carrying on the fair, should it be decided to do so."

Mr. S. Oppenheimer moved the following resolution: "Resolved, that the funds in aid of the sufferers by the late disastrous fire in New Westminster, be handed over to the mayor and council of the city of New Westminster, to be applied by them in such manner as they may see fit, in such manner and as long as they shall deem necessary; and that any surplus of the same shall be applied to the support of the forthcoming exhibition."

Mr. Trapp, from New Westminster, explained that the relief committee did not want the relief and exhibition funds mixed up. He stated that they did not come to the board of trade in any way, but with a business proposition; they felt that if the exhibition was worth \$50,000 to the merchants of New Westminster, it must be worth quite that amount to the merchants of Vancouver, under the present conditions. He stated that the board of trade could not get stocks or supplies in time from the East.

Exhibition Commissioner Keast then spoke briefly. He assured the meeting that 25,000 was a conservative estimate of the number of visitors the fair would attract, and mentioning that he had this week received letters from Kelowna, Vernon and Armstrong, asking if room could be found for them. He stated that the exhibition was a provincial one, and never before had the prospects for its success been so bright. The Canadian Pacific railway had made special rates from its quarters, and the electric car service could handle a large crowd between the two cities.

After further discussion it was pointed out that the original proposition was that the money collected should be handed over to the Westminster board of trade for distribution, and accordingly the following resolution was unanimously adopted, in place of that printed above: "That the president of the board of trade communicate with the Westminster board of trade, and recommend it to consider favorably, after the immediate relief of the sufferers, what amount it can appropriate towards the fair out of the fund subscribed under the auspices of the Vancouver board of trade."

YUKON PERMITS.

Major Walsh Pained That Territorial Government Collected Ahead of Him.

Montreal, Sept. 20.—(Special)—The Herald publishes an interview with Major Walsh at Brockville in reference to the statements in Mr. Bulley's report, presented to the Northwest legislature on Saturday. The Major says he met Mr. Bulley at Lake Bennett on his second trip to Dawson. Mr. Bulley said he was going to issue licenses when he arrived at Dawson, under the regulations of the Territorial act. Major Walsh urged him not to do so, and gave as his reason that parliament was in consideration of a bill which would separate the Yukon from the Territories. When this bill passed, his policy in reference to liquor could be formulated. Mr. Bulley was to Dawson first, and when Major Walsh arrived, he was surprised to find that he had issued licenses to the extent of \$32,000. Meanwhile, legislation was passed at Ottawa separating the Yukon from the Territories. Naturally the Major was prompt in his action to remedy the existing state of affairs. The Major says these are the straight facts of the case, and he is prepared to stand by his action. He was pained by Mr. Bulley's action, in view of the fact that they were old acquaintances.

The report of the committee on the state of the church presented to the Anglican synod at Montreal yesterday, the formation of two new sees in Ontario and one in Nova Scotia.

A RUSSIAN DISCLAIMER.

The Czar's Ambassador Makes an Explanation of the Position in China.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 19.—A special to the Times from Narragansett Pier gives an interview with Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, in which he says: "There has been absolutely no change in Russian sentiment or policy towards the United States, nor does there exist a reason for such a change within my knowledge. Russian policy does not conflict with the interests of the United States in any part of the world, no more in China than in England. Russia seeks only peaceful and friendly relations with all other nations."

The correspondent reminded the ambassador that the American people were asked by the English writers to believe that some of the Continental powers had sought to arrange a project for international intervention in behalf of Spain in the recent war, and that this plan of action had been defeated by the refusal of Great Britain to be a party to it, or even to consent to see other powers engage in it, thereby placing this country under a new and special obligation to the British people.

"I never heard that there was such a proposition by any of the powers. The latter continually maintained their neutrality throughout the war between the United States and Spain."

Coming to the question of Russia's development in the Orient, Count Cassini said: "In building the Siberian railroad it was found that the route especially followed by reaching Vladivostok was a very difficult one, made so especially by the existence of a stretch of almost impassable marshes. The engineering problems presented by that route were practically insurmountable. We also found that it was absolutely necessary to cross Chinese Manchuria in order to obtain an ice-free port which was essential to enable the railroad to be a commercially successful enterprise. On the Pacific coast is closed by ice during the winter months. We are not building a railway simply for the purpose of laying down steel rails, or for the fun of the thing. It must have traffic when it is built, in order to justify the investment, and so we sought a terminus to the westward, where the ships of all nations could come at all seasons of the year. We obtained from the Chinese government a lease of the territory for a term of years, like the lease of Kiao Chiao by the Germans, and Wei-Hai-Wei by the British.

In making the arrangement we were not animated by hostile purposes towards any other power. The only source of revenue which the Chinese government possesses is their maritime customs and a portion of those were applied for the payment of our loan to China. The administration of the maritime customs is in the hands of an Englishman, Sir Robert Hart, but we did not undertake to have a close relationship to the interests of other nations in China. We are represented as hostile to the interests of other nations in China, but we are not. We are only interested in preventing other nations from interfering with our commercial privileges. Furthermore, it should be remembered that Russia and China have a common boundary of some 5,000 miles in extent, and that they have a close relationship to China, exceeding that of any other power."

THE TRADES CONGRESS.

Nanaimo Delegate Chosen as President—The Next Meeting to Be at Montreal.

Fifteen Important Planks Laid Down as the Platform for the Dominion.

(Special to The Colonist.)
Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—The Dominion trades and labor congress closed this evening with a banquet tendered the delegates by the Winnipeg trades unions. At the forenoon session delegates Stewart and Street moved that if favorable negotiations are not made with reference to alien labor and contract labor at the Quebec conference the congress executive be ordered to press the subject before the government at next session. The president's address commended the delegates for the wisdom of their action, and in it the Emperor asks his people to cooperate with him in making the newly established system a success, and assuring them they will thus aid in strengthening the resources of the Empire.

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CIVILIZING CHINA.

The Emperor Declares For a New Order of Things in His Dominion.

Peking, Sept. 20.—A series of remarkable imperial edicts has been published during the past few days. The edicts startled the officials, while making a favorable impression upon the old foreign residents, who are usually sceptical as to the practical value of such orders. The Emperor addressed the people in a long explanation of his new policy, declaring that in many respects western civilization is superior to the existing order in his dominion, and announcing his intention to adopt its good features and discard its bad ones.

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FRANCE IS FRIENDLY.

Terrible State of Affairs Following the Withdrawal of Spanish Control.

London, Sept. 20.—The Times this morning publishes a letter from its Havana correspondent, in which the writer points out that though, as in the other country, there appears no disposition among the Spaniards in Cuba to attempt a pronunciamento, the soldiers and civilians alike have accepted disaster and its consequences with a dreary fatalistic calm, and the island is fast drifting into a condition of anarchy. Insurgent hands, the correspondent says, are enjoying immunity in the commission of outrage and plundering, and this is especially true in the western provinces, where the insurgents bitterly complain that they have been ignored and abandoned by the United States, left utterly destitute, and can only save themselves from starvation by rapine. Without food, medicine and clothing, they are dying like flies, and unfortunately it is the best elements among the insurgents that are suffering most.

The Times in an article draws attention to the difficulties facing the Washington government, and to the advisability that the peace conference be not unduly protracted.

The government relates terrible stories of anarchy, and says the American government is apparently attempting to suppress the truth. As an instance, he gives the following story, which he declares was suppressed by the censor at Key West: "A band of insurgents attacked the Providencia sugar factory, near Guines, one of the richest in the island. The guerrilla force which the proprietor maintained to defend his property until the arrival of the Spanish troops, was obliged to surrender because the Spanish troops were now doing nothing to suppress lawlessness. The insurgents invaded the enclosure, where they found a lot of reconcentrados. They stripped the women naked, and placing them in line, fired from behind them at the guard, thus making it impossible for the defenders of the factory to return the fire."

The correspondent declares that the most terrible and irremediable effect of prolonged civil war in the island is the almost total destruction of the white population.

SEALING MEN'S MONEY.

Details of the Long Delayed Cheques Now Speeding to Victoria.

The Award to Each Vessel Participating and Allowances for Personal Injury.

By Lapse of Years Executors Replace Several of the Original Claimants.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Ottawa, Sept. 21.—Checks have been forwarded to Victoria covering the award for Behring sea seizures as follows:

Carolina	22,362
Thornton	22,963
Onward	16,715
Anna Bayard	5,507
W. P. Sayward	20,262
Dolphin	5,833
Alfred Adams	16,302
Ada	32,782
Triumph	17,195
Pathfinder	20,641
Black Diamond	22,701
Lilly	17,751
Arise	4,406
Kate	4,593
Pathfinder	12,487
Wm. Keay	12,942
Great and Hattie	2,943
Black Diamond (1887)	8,080
Total	\$422,090

In addition to the above, there are a number for personal damages for illegal arrest and imprisonment of masters and mates, as follows:

Daniel Monroe	5,028
John Margoth	4,180
Hans Gutormsen	5,028
E. Prarwan	4,180
James Ogilvie	5,028
John Bell	4,180
George R. Foley	3,282
A. D. Laing	2,424
E. Prarwan	2,424
M. Keefe	2,424
W. Pettit	3,282
Manritz Gorman	1,616
James Gaudin	1,616
Total	\$51,001

Add vessel checks, \$422,090.
Grand total, \$473,151.

The amounts apportioned to various vessels are again divided up in such a way that the owners, masters, mates, crew and hunters receive their shares separately. Some of the payments are: Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, \$4,880; A. D. Belyea, \$4,923; N. H. T. Whitte Drake, receiver \$138,342; Charles Spring, \$33,006; Manritz Gorman, \$20,553; George Byrnes, \$9,281; Cuyler A. Holland, \$6,788; E. D. Prarwan, \$6,330; J. J. Gray, \$12,747; Richard Hall, \$3,761; H. J. Goepel, \$3,761; Charles Clarke, \$3,761; William Munroe, \$4,217; E. D. Prarwan, \$2,424; Morris Moss, \$23,800; Capt. Samuel Bucknam, \$1,905; Victor Jackson, \$2,405; Victor Jackson, \$11,894; Capt. Henry Patton, \$1,910; James McLeod, \$1,380; Pacific Sealing Co., \$2,965; Archibald Carmichael (for A. D. Laing), \$10,500.

MANUFACTURERS ON GUARD.

They Take No Chances of Their Interests Being Bartered at the Conference.

Quebec, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mr. P. E. is here on a non-political and non-partisan mission to the Premier and other members of the British commission. The former minister of customs has a letter from J. J. Cassidy, secretary of the manufacturers' association of Canada, in the following terms: "In view of the fact that in the territorial negotiations the British government has a modus by which some measure of commercial reciprocity may be brought about, and that the British commission is desiring that the British commissioners may be duly advised regarding the interests of the manufacturers of this country, it is desired by our association that you proceed to the city of Quebec and put yourself in communication with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and the other British commissioners, and remain there as long as you deem it in the interests of Canada to do so. I am instructed to say in asking you to look after Canadian interests, this association has every confidence in your knowledge, ability and discretion, and they do not desire to restrict you in your liberty to use your best judgment in any matters that may arise in your intercourse with the British commissioners, and to advise them in any matter of importance as an independent member of the parliament of Canada."

NO EARLY SESSION.

Attorney-General Martin Says Legislature Will Meet in January—Majority Not Yet in Sight.

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Among the passengers on the east bound train this morning was Hon. J. M. Martin, the new Attorney-General of British Columbia, who with Mr. Martin, is on his way to Ottawa on private business.

On a recent reporter Mr. Martin had been a hard one, but he believed the government would have a working majority in the house, though it could hardly be stated as a certainty until the house met. This would not be until after January 1st, under the Turner government, he believed, have left the province in a bad financial condition, and that the government would be in a position to go into figures.

NANSEN SPOILED.

The Explorer's Head Has Been Turned by Attention Paid Him.

A curious story is current about the explorer Nansen, which would seem to indicate that the man's head has been completely turned by the admiration which he received everywhere, save in the United States, on his return from the coast of Norway, which constitutes the Scandinavian counterpart of the Cape regatta and race week in England, Nansen, while passing by the royal yacht in his naphtha launch, omitted to salute King Oscar, although the latter was on deck and looking directly toward the launch. Oscar thought at the time that the discourtesy was unintentional. But he was unaccounted when, later in the day, at the yacht club banquet, Nansen was the only person present who remained seated when His Majesty entered, everyone else in the room naturally rising to their feet. 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