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PEACE TEMPLE AMONG FIGHTERS

Waspish Republics Inaugurate Court of Justice at Cartago

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Andrew Carnegie Comes Forward with the Offer of $700,000

Cartago, Costa Rica, May 26.—The Central American Court of Justice, the establishment of which is one of the results of the Central American peace conference held in Washington last year, was inaugurated here yesterday. The various countries represented include Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The United States and Mexico were represented by high commissioners W. I. Buchanan and Enrique Creel, respectively, who however have no official connection with the permanent tribunal.

Enrique Creel, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, explained Mexico's mission in advocating peace throughout Central America. He was greatly applauded.

The American representative, High Commissioner Buchanan, said in part: "While applauding this new movement towards the orderly and judicial adjustment of international questions, the world will confidently expect that success will follow, and will not be satisfied with less than that. In striving for that attainment, the good wishes and God speed of the president, the government and the people of the United States are always with you."

The commissioner concluded: "I have received a cablegram from the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Elihu Root, instructing me to say he has been authorized by Andrew Carnegie to offer $700,000 for the purpose of erecting at Cartago a temple of peace for the exclusive use of the Central American Court of Justice as an expression of his sympathy for the peace and progress of Central America, and his confidence in the success of the great humanitarian work that has its foundation at this court."

The session was closed with greetings and applause on all sides, those present loudly cheering the remarks of Gonzales Viquez, President of Costa Rica, who in returning thanks for the splendid contribution made by Mr. Carnegie referred to him as a man "whose name shall hereafter be constantly associated with the work towards the attainment of peace in Central America."

REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Hack Loaded With People Run Into By Delivery Wagon on Vancouver Wharf

Vancouver, May 27.—Frightened by an auto delivery wagon, a team of horses ran away along the C. P. R. wharf this morning and overturned a hack with two ladies and two children inside. The pole of the wagon went right through the windows of the hack, but the occupants escaped without injury.

The team was drawing a contractor's wagon when a big auto van came along the wharf. The scared horses backed, and the rear wheels of the wagon went over the edge of the wharf. The teamster jumped down and took one rein, while a spectator took the other, and the horses were dragged free with the wagon, but got away and dashed along the narrow wharf. Coming down the waterfront was a Stanley park livery hack, inside of which were Dr. McConnell, of Texada, his wife, another lady and two little children.

The hack driver saw the runaway team bearing down on him, and turned in between No. 3 and 4 sheds, but did not get clear, the heavy wagon overturning the carriage and the big pole smashing through the glass. Help was promptly forthcoming and the frightened people extricated, when it was found that they were not even scratched.

Mrs. McConnell and the children experienced a miraculous escape at Banff a few days ago, when in a runaway rig, and they were on their way to join the Queen City, en route for home, when the accident occurred this morning.

HINDUS DEPART

Many Who Failed to Find Employment in B. C. Looking to Hawaiian Islands

Vancouver, May 27.—Declaring that they are unable to obtain work in Vancouver, dozens of Hindus are applying at the C.P.R. ticket office for information as to rates of passage to Honolulu. It is believed that the few Hindus who have strayed from Vancouver to the islands have found labor conditions there more to their liking than in British Columbia, and have sent back word to their complaining compatriots urging them to go to Honolulu. In all probability a fairly large number of Hindus will leave for that point on the sailing of the next Canadian-Australian liner.

If all the tales told by the Hindus to the railway officials are true, they are not being encouraged to remain in British Columbia by offers of employment. One man who said he had been in the country three years declared yesterday that he had been able to secure but two months' work during that time, and that he had during the last nine months been employed only thirty days. Presumably he lived by begging, as do scores of other Hindus now in Vancouver. Begging appears to be the chief occupation of many of these men and householders declare they have become an intolerable nuisance.

Stove Works Destroyed.

Morrisburg, May 27.—The loss of the Imperial Stove Works destroyed by fire yesterday is placed at $25,000.

Drowned While Swmiming.

Walkerton, May 27.—A young unmarried man named Cassidy was drowned here while swimming.

C.P.R. Official Dead.

Winnipeg, May 27.—Walter Pratt, Sr. for many years stationery agent for the Canadian Pacific railway in Winnipeg died last night.

Farmer's Antics.

Ottawa, May 27.—Thomas Lytle, an Aldridge Centre farmer, disappeared a month ago and has returned home as quietly and mysteriously as he disappeared. His appearance as well as his clothing shows that he has had a rough time, but he refuses to give an account of himself. He appears to be quite rational.

Conciliation Board's Award

Halifax, May 26.—The award of the board of conciliation on the application made by Mechanics lodge, P. W. A., for increased pay for certain classes of men in the employ of the Cumberland Railway and Coal company, has been filed. The majority of the board find against the men on all points. It is noteworthy that the company had declined to take any part before the board.

N. S. Schooner Wrecked.

Halifax, May 26.—The Lunenburg schooner Crofton McLeod, Capt. Avard Westhaver, lies on the west side of Netledge shoal, at the northern harbor entrance, probably a total wreck. The captain was down below and one of the crew at the wheel. The buoy was not noticed, and the vessel crashed on a rocky ledge, smashing in her bow badly. She soon settled to the bottom.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST IN FLOOD AND STORM

Parts of Oklahoma Visited By Tornadoes—Reports of Drownings

Wichita, Kas., May 27.—Peter Rudy, his wife and two children were killed by a tornado which passed two miles east of Alva, Okla., early today. Several persons were injured. A number of farm houses were destroyed or damaged. Details are lacking owing to interruption to the telegraph wires.

Three persons were killed and one child is missing at Ingersoll, Okla., as the result of a tornado that struck that town last night. Much damage was done to property.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 27.—A special from Colbert, Okla., near the Texas line, says fourteen persons who had taken refuge on an island, formed between the new and old channels of the Red river, are reported to have been drowned late yesterday when the flood waters covered the place where they had taken refuge. The report lacks verification.

Three children of J. H. Roberts, a ferryman, were carried to death yesterday when the river swept away a tree in which they had taken refuge, south of Lawton. Will and Newton Stidham were drowned near Henrietta yesterday while attempting to leave their home in a skiff.

ALBERTA MASONS

Grand Lodge Holds Annual Meeting at Edmonton, With Large Attendance

Edmonton, May 27.—The annual meeting of the grand lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Alberta was opened this morning in Masonic temple by Judge H. C. Taylor, worshipful grand master. About 100 delegates from all parts of the province had assembled when the roll of lodges was called at 10 o'clock. After the reading and confirming of the minutes the grand master delivered an eloquent and impressive address to the assembled brethren.

From the number of representatives present at the morning session it is evident that Free Masonry in Alberta is in a most flourishing and prosperous condition. Among other brethren who attended were the following: O. W. Kealy, George McDonald, Medicine Hat; Rev. G. H. Hogbin, N. J. Lindsay, J. T. McDonald, Calgary; T. McNab, Lethbridge; Charles C. Hoyle, Leduc, and others.

The afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock, and the presentation and consideration of reports was continued during the afternoon. The election of officers takes place tomorrow morning, and in the afternoon the corner-stone of the Norwood school will be laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

WORK OF LIGHTNING

Electrical Storm Does Damage in Montreal and Surrounding Country

Montreal, May 27.—Montreal was visited by a severe electric storm, which passed over the city late yesterday afternoon, as the culmination of several days of superheated weather. While the storm only lasted a few minutes, several places were struck, including St. John's Presbyterian church and the ferry boat St. Laurent. The wires of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power company were flooded with tremendous electric discharges, which burned out a large number of transformers, and thus temporarily upset the lighting service in many parts of the city.

Outside of the city the storm was even worse. At Beauharnois it was particularly severe, and a few moments after the first flash of lightning a heavy bolt struck the summer residence of Frsd B. Locker, of G. R. Locker Co., of this city, and the house was completely destroyed. The spire of the church at Pointe Clair was struck and demolished. The roof of St. John's church was damaged, and the mast of the steamer St. Laurent was destroyed.

HARD STRUGGLE ON IN COMMONS

Opposition to Block Estimates Until the Election Bill is Changed

A LONG SITTING IS HELD

Early Announcement in Regard to Hudson Bay Railway Expected

Ottawa, May 27.—The house at an early hour this morning by a vote of 72 to 30 defeated Mr. Foster's motion calling for reform of the civil service.

After the rejection of Mr. Foster's motion, the house went into committee of supply. The customs estimates were taken up, but no progress was made up to four o'clock, when Hon. Mr. Fielding moved the adjournment, and the house adjourned at 4.25 a. m.

After the vote was taken at one o'clock, the majority of both sides of the house went home, and those who remained were little more than enough to maintain a quorum. Half of these were asleep, and for nearly an hour and a half, Mr. Martin, member for Queen's P.E.I., held the floor by reading the contents of a long parliamentary return, which he contended had a bearing on the customs vote.

When Mr. Foster asked the Minister of Finance what business would be taken up this afternoon, the latter sharply retorted "estimates," and Mr. Foster thereupon gave notice of his intention to bring up a question in regard to cold storage when the government motion for committee of supply was made. This meant that the house could not get into supply today, because the sitting closed automatically at six o'clock.

The opposition declines to consent to the passage of another cent of estimates unless the government consents to a withdrawal of the objectionable clauses in the election bill, while the government contends that the election bill and the civil service salaries have no connection with one another, and is prepared to fight the matter out on that view, if this course is pursued.

It is expected that the government will soon make an announcement of its intention regarding the building of a railway to Hudson's Bay. Mr. Monkman, of the surveys branch of the interior department leaves in a few days to undertake the work of surveying the townsite of Fort Churchill.

Currency Bill Conference.

Washington, May 26.—The senate and house conferees on the currency bills held three meetings today which did not adjourn until 6:30 o'clock, and at the third vote reached an agreement on which will be based the compromise agreement which Republican members of the conference hope to report on at an adjourned meeting tomorrow forenoon. At the conclusion of the final meeting this evening the probability of the reporting of a compromise bill to the two houses of congress was much stronger than at any previous time this session.

G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION IN SKEENA VALLEY

Contractor Stewart Indicates Probable Partition of Work

Prince Rupert, May 27.—J. W. Stewart, managing member in Canada of Foley, Welch and Stewart, who have contracts for building hundreds of miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and are building the first hundred miles east from Prince Rupert, arrived here on Wednesday night from Montreal by the steamship Princess Beatrice.

He was accompanied by J. B. L. MacDonald the firm's superintendent, and by Neil Keith, contractor, of Winnipeg, and others who will take subcontracts on this end of the road. Mr. Stewart may be quoted as saying:

"All the work between Prince Rupert and Aberdeen has been let, except a piece extending around Porpoise island to Inverness. The following named contractors will, no doubt, be allotted work as soon as they can inspect it, commencing at Aberdeen: Neil Keith, of Winnipeg; Macdonald & MacAllister, who also have work with us at Edmonton; M. Shady, who was with us in double-tracking the C. P. R. between Winnipeg and Fort William; Smith Brothers, of Kenora, who are of the same work, and Messrs. Stein & Harstone, who have been with us at Copper river.

"Mr. Macdonald and myself will take the steamer Port Simpson at Port Essington and go up the river as far as Copper river. From there we intend to drop down the river in a rowboat, and make a personal inspection of the line, so as to be able to divide the work into sections. On our return to Prince Rupert we will be in a position to let the work to other sub-contractors who are here, or are expected to arrive within a few days. When at Copper river we will more than likely let contracts for clearing the right-of-way on the Copper river end of the Kitimaat branch. The work of clearing the Kitimaat end may be commenced by Craig Brothers, as soon as they finish the piece of clearing work they have at Prince Rupert."

Aeroplane Flights.

Ghent, May 26.—Henry Farman, the British aeronaut, began a series of experiments here today with his aeroplane. He accomplished for the first time a number of flights in the teeth of a strong wind, which aroused the enthusiasm of the spectators.

Boy Drowned.

Canaoque, Ont., May 27.—Seven year old Reggie Brennan was drowned in Punch hole yesterday while playing.

Fire Ranger Drowned.

Toronto, May 27.—W. Wright of Blenheim, a fire ranger was drowned at Biscotsing.

Toronto's Power Plant.

Toronto, May 27.—The city will probably construct its own power plant instead of giving the work over to contractors.

Toronto Man Drowned.

Lakefield, Ont., May 27.—W. Meehan, 24 years old, of Toronto, while stepping from logs to a pier missed his footing, fell in the water and was drowned.

Lake Steamer Ashore.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 27.—The steamer Crow, laden with coal, for the Canadian Northern Railway, went on the rocks at Point Tophyr yesterday during a dense fog. Tugs have gone to her assistance from here.

Colored Bishop Dead.

Woodstock, Ont., May 27.—Rev. Charles A. Washington, of Windsor, colored bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, which includes all charges in Canada and one in Buffalo, about twenty-five in number, died here last night. He was born in Pennsylvania sixty-one years ago.

Collision Damages Wanted.

Quebec, May 27.—Application was made yesterday by the owners of the steamer Trold against the owners of the steamer Ottawa for $35,000 damages incurred in the recent collision between these two vessels in the lower St. Lawrence a few days ago. This is a counter-action as the owners of the Ottawa instituted an action against the owners of the Trold some days ago.

FRANCHISE QUESTION DEBATED AT REGINA

Exclusion of Chinamen and Indians Objected to By the Opposition

Regina, May 27.—The whole of the morning session of the house today was taken up with a debate on the question whether or not a file of orginal documents should be tabled in the house. The government contended that as only certain papers in the file had been referred to, although physically the whole file had been tabled, technically only the papers referred to had been tabled.

The leader of the Opposition claimed that the whole file had been tabled, and should therefore, he said, be laid on the table again. This question was debated at a former session in connection with the Morang school book contract. The attorney general referred to a telegram and letter in the file, and when it was laid on the table opposition members found it contained other important documents, including a report of the proceedings of the joint committee at Calgary, which recommended the readers of the Canada Publishing company. This report has been removed, with the file of original documents.

The speaker ordered that all papers which had been laid on the table should be returned thereto, but said that technically the papers in the file might not have been laid on the table although the physical act of producing them had no doubt taken place.

At the time of the former debate on the question the speaker ordered all papers produced on the debate laid on the table, and the Government interpreted this to mean only the papers read.

The bill to declare Wilfrid Tessler of Saskatoon a member of the college of Physicians was reported by the private bills committee as not proven in preamble, and was referred to a committee of the whole house, the intention being to change the bill to provide a special examination for Dr. Tessler, to which the medical council have agreed.

The whole of the afternoon sitting of the house was taken up with consideration of the new election law in committee, and the government stated its intention of shutting out from the franchise, not only Chinamen by birth but British subjects born of Mongolian parents at Hongkong or elsewhere in British territory. In reply to a question the attorney general said he had considered and was prepared to take the responsibility for the consitutional side of the question.

Mr. Brown of Souris doubted the wisdom of this action on the part of the government and said they should not shut Chinamen out of the franchise any more than they should shut out Doukhobors and other people brought into this country. The reason given by the government for shutting out Chinamen is that it is impossible to get Celestials to take an interest in public affairs, and if they have the franchise they are liable to vote because of personal feeling and not upon the issues.

Curiously enough, although a Chinaman is debarred from voting he is not debarred from being a candidate at any election.

A plea made by Mr. Langley for franchise for educated Indians did not meet with favor from the government.

BAD FOR SHAREHOLDERS

Affairs of Failed Bank of St. Johns, Que., Reported by Liquidator to Be in Bad Condition

St. Johns, Que., May 27.—A largely attended meeting of creditors of the Bank of St. Johns this morning decided to name liquidators and inspectors at a joint meeting of creditors and shareholders. Tancrede Bienvenue, general manager of the Provincial bank, interim liquidator, said today that the affairs of the bank are in bad condition, and it is likely that the shareholders will be called upon to pay forty per cent. to complete their holdings, besides being responsible for the double liability.

OPIUM PROFITS ARE ENORMOUS

Vancouver Chinese Firm Clears $20,000 a Year on the Manufacture

RESTAURANT GETS $10,000

Some Heavy Figures Quoted By Celestials to Commissioner King

Vancouver, May 27.—Twenty thousand dollars a year profit in the manufacture of opium by a single firm, was the effect of evidence given in the Chinese inquiry late this afternoon by Lee Yuen, who has made the dreamy drug in Vancouver for the past ten years.

"What? Clear profit?" again questioned the commissioner who is investigating the riot damages.

"Yep, clear profit," returned Yuen in good English.

"What was the extent of your business last year?"

"Our gross receipts were $180,000."

Mr. Ling, from the Chinese embassy in London, frowned upon his countryman and then revealed some of the mysteries of the trade conducted under a city license of $1,000 a year. His claim was for $700 for actual and consequential damages.

Wong Lung claimed $1,200 for loss of profits of the Chinese theatre, which was compelled to close for a week, and $700 for loss of profits of his adjoining restaurant, where he caters to the actors, patrons and public. Lung said he made $10,000 a year clear in his restaurant.

Astonishing profits were also made in the drug business, according to Man On Tong, who claimed $200 for loss of net profits for the six days during which Chinatown was closed, and San Yen asked $700, estimating his yearly net profit at $15,000. San told Commissioner King that he had purchased six rifles and 300 rounds of ammunition during the riot, but he was not asking the government to refund their cost.

Struck by Lightning.

Ottawa, May 26.—During the storm today lightning struck the barn of W. C. McKenty at Rockland, and the barn, with 200 tons of hay, was destroyed. Nothing could be done to suppress the flames. The insurance was $1,700 in the North British & Mercantile Co.

Calgary's Dominion Fair.

Calgary, May 27.—E. L. Richardson, manager of the Dominion fair, reports that everything in connection with the arrangements for the event is progressing satisfactorily, and will be in readiness for the opening day. He is receiving entries from all over the Dominion, especially from Ontario. Yesterday he received the entry for an exhibit of seeds from the P.E.I. government. Inquiries are also being received daily from parties in regard to accommodation, and there is now no doubt that in number of exhibits and visitors it will eclipse all former

FISHING SCHOONER SUNK BY COLLISION

Seventeen Out of Nineteen of Gloucester Crew Are Drowned

Halifax, May 27.—As the result of a collision last night off Yarmouth between the Dominion Atlantic steamer Boston and the fishing schooner Fame, of Gloucester, Mass., the schooner sank, and of nineteen souls on board only two were saved. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision.

Gloucester, Mass., May 27.—Word was received here today that the steamer Boston, bound from Boston to Yarmouth, N.S., ran down and sank the Boston fishing schooner Fame yesterday and seventeen of the Fame's crew of nineteen men were drowned.

The only survivors of the collision are Edward Bitt, a native of Halifax, but residing at 161 Bennington street, East Boston, and John Clark, a native of Newfoundland, but living at East Boston.

COTTON TRADE

Report of Dominion Textile Company Shows Foreign Competition Making Itself Felt

Montreal, May 27.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Textile company was held today at which reports for the year ending March 31 were presented. The earnings for the year were $900,850. There was written off during the year $218,136 for repairs and betterments and $235,340 for new plant and machinery. After payment of dividends there remains a surplus of $44,493 for the year.

Sales for the year amounted to $8,945,497, a decrease of $461,516 in value under the previous year. The annual report adds that the company has enjoyed several prosperous years since its organization without feeling the effect of foreign competition, owing to the good times prevailing abroad, which kept all foreign mills busy supplying their home trade.

At the present time, however, owing to the business depression which set in last fall and the very low tariff on Canadian cotton importations from Great Britain, foreign competition is making itself felt, and it has necessitated the mills being operated on short time and also a reduction in wages.

Fire Ranger Killed.

Cobalt, Ont., May 27.—Charles Hennessy, fire ranger was killed in South Lorraine by a tree falling on him.

Ontario Medical Association.

Hamilton, Ont., May 26.—The 28th annual session of the Ontario Medical Association opened here today.

To Get the Lash.

Hamilton, Ont., May 26.—John Swallow, convicted of committing assault on a young girl on the mountain, was today sentenced to a year in penitentiary and thirty lashes.

Quebec Tercentenary.

Quebec, May 26.—Lord Strathcona has accepted an invitation to the tercentenary celebration. The latest information from Ottawa is that at least 10,000 troops will be mobilized here for the celebration.

Carrie Nation Arrested Again.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 26.—Alleged to have scolded four men and embarrassed them in public, Mrs. Carrie Nation was arrested this afternoon, charged with disorderly conduct. She will be given a hearing tomorrow. Mrs. Nation was released on $30 bail this morning for her appearance at the central station in the morning. Referring to her arrest, she said: "I have been arrested thirty-three times, and I have paid my last fine. I will spend the time in jail before I will pay any more fines."

May Find More Victims.

Laporte, Ind., May 27.—Several hogs, wallowing in the pond at the edge of a lot on the Guinness farm, today brought up the bone of a human arm. This convinced Sheriff Smutzer that other bodies have been buried beneath the mud at the bottom of the pond. The entire stream will be gone over with long rakes in an effort to bring any bodies the water may secrete to the surface.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN ROSSLAND MINE

Experiment With New Powder Proves Fatal to Maurice Powers

Rossland, May 25.—Maurice Powers was instantly killed yesterday afternoon while loading some holes in a stope on the 11th level of the Centre Star mine with a new powder called nitrochlite. John J. Jones, timberman, was handing him the powder while he loaded the holes, three of which had been loaded, and the fourth was being loaded, when the explosion occurred.

Powers had his head partially blown off, his body was filled with small pieces of stone and he had a large cut on the neck, severing the jugular vein. Jones was thrown several feet and landed on the floor below the stope on which the explosion occurred, but was not severely hurt.

The powder had been experimented with for about two weeks by the mine management, and stood many tests.

It had been found so that it would pass through a 40 mesh screen and had been thrown against an iron radiator without exploding.

The coroner's jury today found that the cause of the explosion was the friction of jagged rocks in the hole, which had been fired by a shift which worked on Saturday night.

Powers was an old miner, has been shift boss and foreman in the Rossland camp for about ten years, and was one of the most expert and careful miners in the camp. He was very popular and had many friends. He was a native of Ireland, aged 48 years. He leaves a widow and a daughter of ten years.

Degrees Conferred.

Fredricton, N. B., May 27.—At the annual encoenia exercises of the university of New Brunswick this afternoon the honorary degrees of L.L.D., was conferred upon Chief Justice Wetmore, of Saskatchewan, Lieutenant Governor Bulyea of Alberta and premier Hazen, New Brunswick.

Mr. Lavergne's Change.

Ottawa, May 27.—In the Commons this afternoon the speaker read the resignation of Armand Lavergne, who is contesting Montmagny against the Gouin government candidate.

HOP FLEA RAVAGES

Agassiz Growers Much Alarmed Over Depredations Committed By Insects

Vancouver, May 27.—Advices today from Agassiz are to the effect that the ravages of the hop flea beetle have been greater this year than ever before in that district, and it is feared that the loss consequent upon the attacks of this destructive pest will be very large on the hop ranches. Mr. Thomas Cunningham, provincial inspector of fruit pests, will leave for Agassiz tomorrow or Thursday armed with a new variety of "dope" for the spraying of the hop vines. In past years every known kind of poison has been tried on the hop flea beetle at Agassiz without success. Arsenical poisons have no effect upon the digestive organs of these fleas, in fact they seem to like them.

The hop flea beetle is by no means a new agent of destruction, and it is believed that it was imported to British Columbia from England. The prescriptions of all the learned "bug" destroyers of the world have been tried on this dangerous little insect, but it survives them all, and it is now believed that the only way to kill the pest off is to make the ground uninhabitable for it by generous applications of chemical fertilizers.

At some of the hop ranches at Agassiz one plan used last year to destroy the fleas was the adoption of the "tanglefoot" idea on a large scale. Tarred cloth, supported in frames was carried along the rows of vines and the fleas shaken from the vines to the tarry trap. Of course this method is only of benefit after the vines have attained fair growth and is of no use whatever in preventing the fleas from killing off the tender shoots of the vines as they sprung up from the earth.

WELL RECEIVED IN KOOTENAYS

Premier and Minister of Education Visit Rossland and Trail

UNION PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Advises Workers to Support Conservative Party as Their Best Friend

Rossland, May 27.—Hon Richard McBride and Hon. Dr. Young arrived here on Tuesday from Nelson and left for the same place today. While here they were entertained at a dinner on Tuesday evening at the hotel Allan. On the same evening they addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering in the rooms of the Rossland Conservative association, which was presided over by Graham Cruickshank.

Mr. McBride criticized the Laurier Government caustically for its attitude on the Chinese question. He told what the present provincial administration has done in the way of discouraging and preventing Oriental immigration, and said it was more determined than ever to make this a white man's country. He said that he was certain he could demonstrate to the employers of Oriental labor that it was hurtful to their interests and the interests of the country to favor Chinese instead of Caucasian labor. There was no differences between the Conservative and Liberal parties on protection, as both were practically of one mind on this question. He held that the only radical difference between the two parties was as to labor, and the acts of the Conservative party fully showed that it was the true and consistent friend of the toiler and was determined to give him a square and fair chance. Mr. McBride's speech was well received.

Dr. Young made a speech in which he told how the province was soon to give the school children of the province free books, and said the McBride government had and would always have plenty of money for education. He also told of the provincial government's intention shortly to found a university which would be equal to anything in the Dominion. Dr. Young was frequently applauded.

J. C. Scott president of the Miners Union made a short address in which he stated that after looking into the records and actions and platforms of the several parties he was fully satisfied that the Conservative party was the best for the working classes and he advised all workers to support it.

Nelson, May 27.—Premier McBride and Hon. Dr. Young returned this evening from a trip to Rossland. Today the party were driven from Rossland to Trail, and were met by J. H. Schofield, M.P.P. and shown around the smelter. Here it was evident also that the feeling was strongly Conservative. This evening they were joined by Hon. W. J. Bowser and the three cabinet ministers will be here tomorrow for a public reception and a non-political public meeting, after which the party will be tendered a banquet by the Conservative Association at the Strathcona hotel. On Friday morning they leave for East Kootenay.

C. P. R. AND EMPLOYEES

Company Still Refuses to Consider Inclusion of Eastern Division in Arbitration

Montreal, May 27.—Mr. Acland, secretary of the labor department at Ottawa, who was in Montreal in an effort to reach an arrangement by which the C. P. R. management would agree to the arbitration board at Winnipeg having jurisdiction over the eastern part of the system as well as the west, has returned to Ottawa, not having been able to accomplish anything. The C. P. R. management is unshaken in its determination that the east shall not, if possible to prevent it, be dragged into the dispute in the west.

Regarding the closing down of the shops at McAdam Junction, the officials of the company say that these shops will be reopened at the beginning of next month, and the temporary closing down was simply because of the big drop in receipts, which necessitates very rigid economy. They pointed out this morning that the cutting down of expenses is not confined to the Canadian Pacific railway, the Grand Trunk railway, owing to the continued dropping in traffic earnings, having continued short time all winter and spring in all their shops. Men at the Montreal shops averaging only forty hours a week. In addition to shopmen the company has also dispensed with the services of all extra clerks.

To Visit Molokai

Honolulu, May 27.—It was announced today that Professor Root Koch, the famous German bacteriologist, will soon pay a visit to the leper settlement on the island of Molokai.

Tacoma Shipping.

Tacoma, May 27.—The Norwegian bark Glitter will finish her cargo of lumber tomorrow at the Tacoma mill, and will probably leave port Saturday night for Callao. She will have 1,500,000 feet. The steamer President, of the Pacific Coast fleet, is loading 1,700 tons of general cargo, including a large wheat shipment.

Mr. Greer's Change

Vancouver, May 27.—B. W. Greer, who for seven years has been general freight agent of the C. P. R. in this city, is about to leave the service of the company to engage in private business. He will assume the position of manager for the Johnson Wharf company, which is building a large dock on the waterfront. Mr. Greer has been 22 years with the C. P. R., his service being principally in the coast cities.