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HAS PRINCE RUPERT BEEN ABANDONED

The Week Says That G. T. P. has Been Playing
Game of Bluff and has cut Place Cold

The Week, of Victoria and Vancouver, in discussing the G.T.P. situation since the B.C. elections says that the new transcontinental will not make Prince Rupert the Pacific terminus. The Week says in part: "It is not yet two months since the election was held, and what is the position today? The journalistic enterprise has subsided, even the Victoria Times has ceased to publish the Hon. Wm. Templeman's predictions, but what is very much more to the point, as evidencing the actual conditions of affairs and the policy of the G.T.P. is the fact that today Prince Rupert is practically deserted. The last steamship from the north brought down forty Japs, leaving only six on the island and practically all the white labor that was rushed up to Prince Rupert six months ago. Even the surveyors have been taken off the work, and their assistants, who were hired for the coming summer, have been discharged and are back in Victoria. The steamship Canopus, on her trip down carrying a messenger who had been instructed to and actually did, cancel every order which had been placed

ed by the G.T.P. for lumber, so that there is not even the pretence of continuing even the roughest kind of lumber building. As things stand at present the G.T.P. have pulled out of Prince Rupert, and The Week adheres to the opinion that it has held, and expressed all along, that they have not and never did have the slightest intention of making it their terminus. The whole thing has been a huge game of bluff. It is just possible that if Premier McBride had been found more complaisant in the matter of a land grant, this unselfish corporation might have been induced to stay at Prince Rupert, but his firm attitude on that question, coupled with the light that has recently been thrown upon the private relations existing between the federal government and the G.T.P., as evidenced by the negotiations for the Metlakatla Reserve, all tend to show that the game of attempted bluff is not yet finished. Whether the abandonment of Prince Rupert is only a bluff remains to be seen, but it is the duty of every paper published in British Columbia to make itself acquainted with the facts and to let the public know just what is being done and what is not being done by the Western Octopus.

SESSIONAL REVIEW

(Continued from page 4.)

a question respecting the big machine in Mr. Calder's constituency that the well at Wilcox has already cost the government \$3000 and while they have gone down 1400 feet there is no indication of water.

In answer to an inquiry respecting the proposed bridge at Prince Albert Mr. Lamont said that the matter is in abeyance for the present as they cannot come to a satisfactory arrangement with the C.N.R., which company must have a railway bridge and if they will make theirs to accommodate traffic as well, the government would pay them the sum in the estimates, viz. \$50,000, but if the company will not accept that amount the government will proceed to construct a bridge on their own account.

Regarding the extension of the C.N.R. west from Prince Albert, Mr. Lamont stated to the legislature that he had been negotiating with the railway company regarding this matter and has been assured that they will commence construction this spring and at least fifty miles will be built this season.

When the vote of \$12,000 for criminal prosecutions was reached, Mr. Haultain took up the delicate matter of the relationship between the Attorney General and his law partners who have shared so largely in the in the emoluments from crown work during the past year. This question had come to the notice of members of the law profession and Mr. Haultain warned Mr. Lamont that the policy of his department in this respect approaches a public scandal and he cannot afford not to put himself right with the people and the profession. The attorney general said in reply that his partners are capable men and as he does not share in the profits from this work he does not propose to take the crown work from them. He went further and said that since he entered the cabinet he has not received any share of the business from his two law firms. Mr. Haultain asked him whether he considered he was entitled to any share in the profits, but Mr. Lamont made no reply. The leader of the Opposition urged that while this is a delicate matter in one respect there is a principle underlying it which must be respected and the attorney general cannot ignore that principle with impunity.

The R.N.W.M.P. are in a peculiar position with respect to their relationship to the province. During the discussion of the estimates it was learned that the attorney general's department cannot tell to what extent the force has aided the administration of justice during the past year. The province pays out \$75,000 annually in a lump sum and yet it appears that is largely for the moral affect of the police. There is no reflection cast on the force, but this is considered expensive administration.

Mr. Motherwell got his bumps when his estimates were before committee. The appointment of a chief clerk has become necessary because of the dismissal of Mr. Honeyman, and the new deputy cannot supervise the office work through lack of knowledge and experience. Mr. Motherwell said he wanted a deputy who he can send out on the road to talk to farmers, and Mr. Haultain retorted that if the commissioner kept his deputy in the office and were to go out over the country himself he might be able to take a more creditable part as the head of his department when matters of importance came up in the house for consideration.

In committee of supply Mr. Haultain wormed out of the government important information concerning the preparation of the plans for the Regina land titles office and the replies to Mr. Haultain's questions show that Geo. H. Hutchinson the provincial architect was never given written instructions and several officials of the department butted into

his work in such a manner as to render his work useless. The fact is proven that the error in connection with these plans is not the fault of the architect. However, he will be let out when Mr. Scott arrives home as intimated by Mr. Calder.

The last act of the legislature was the passing of a bill empowering the Government to borrow two million dollars on the credit of the province in the money markets of the world at four per cent. interest.

The bill and resolution respecting the taxation of corporations was amended whereby the banks will pay a tax of \$400 for each head office, one hundred dollars for each of the first four branches, and \$25 for each one over eight branches. Private banks pay \$200 for their head office if located in a city or town and half that amount if located in a village.

Insurance companies with their head office in Saskatchewan will pay 1 per cent on premiums and 1 per cent on the funds invested in the province if the head office be elsewhere. The general provisions for insurance companies, a tax of one per cent of the gross premiums of life insurance companies and two per cent for other companies. Insurance companies that re-insure are provided for so that two companies will not pay a premium on the one sum of money.

CERTAINLY A SCANDAL

Important Document With-
Held From Legislature by
Mr. Motherwell—Up
to Department

In committee of supply in the legislature Mr. Haultain asked why certain returns had not been brought down respecting the Regina land titles office. Mr. Motherwell replied that he had been busy, but that the returns asked for would be laid on the table next morning. Thus on Wednesday morning (before prorogation) the returns were brought down, but there appeared to be an absence of any document respecting the ser-

ious matter about which the country has heard so much respecting the plans as drafted by Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Haultain asked Mr. Motherwell if he were sure that the returns as laid on the table contained all the correspondence and documents relating to the matter in question.

Mr. Motherwell said that was all the papers on the files. Mr. Haultain asked if he would state, as acting head of the public works department, that there were no documents or correspondence other than that presented to the House.

Mr. Motherwell said that the returns were complete. It now appears that on March 18th Mr. Hutchinson, provincial architect, wrote a lengthy letter to the department, addressed to Mr. Motherwell, protesting against them making a scape goat of him in connection with their blunders. This letter is a severe indictment of the department but it was kept back from the House and the purpose is obvious. Mr. Motherwell stands in a most unenviable position with respect to this matter and he will certainly have to explain.

NEW LIQUOR

LICENSE ACT

The new liquor license act changes entirely the administration of that department. Instead of having the province divided into districts, the new law provides for one board of three salaried commissioners for the province who shall cease to hold office on December 31st of each year. There will be seven license inspectors under a chief.

In cities and towns hotels must have at least twenty-five rooms and in villages not less than fifteen rooms and each house shall have two sitting rooms separate from the bar.

Fire Protection
For fire protection proper ropes and fastenings shall be kept in each room.

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In towns the sum of \$300.
In villages and rural localities the sum of \$250.

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For cities the sum of \$240.
In places other than cities, the sum of \$300.

The principal speakers during the debate on the second reading of this bill were Mr. Lamont, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Haultain. The leader of the opposition strongly urged upon the government the necessity for inspecting all liquor as at present there is a great deal of impure stuff put up to the public. The bacteriologist's department could do this work in connection with their present duties. The great evil surrounds the treating system but the country is gradually growing temperate and even if the process be slow education will have good results.

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We also humbly approach your majesty for the purpose of representing that it is desirable to amend the R.S.A. acts of 1867, all relevant orders of council made under the powers thereby conferred, and also the Alberta act and the Saskatchewan act being chapters 3 and 42 of acts of parliament of Canada, 4-5, Edward VII., so as to provide that all lands mines and minerals, all timber, water power, and all other public domain incident thereto, heretofore arising within the limits of the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia respectively, and now vested in the crown in the right of Canada, shall be placed in the crown in the right of the said provinces.

It shall be administered by the provincial governments of the said respective provinces subject to any trusts existing in respect thereof and to any interests other than that of the crown in the same, except those portions thereof now used, or occupied for public works, buildings and otherwise for the public of Canada and which shall continue to be the property of the crown in the right of Canada, and so as to provide that a reasonable adjustment shall, in consequence, be made of grants of money heretofore provided for compensations for said province in lieu of said public domain, and we pray that your majesty may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial House at its present session so amending said Imperial acts and orders in council and authorizing such amendments of said acts of the parliament.

This was ruled out of order by the speaker on the ground that it had no relevancy to the financial estimates mentioned in the resolutions.

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S. G. Seay, of Fort Valley.
K. Neynce McLeod, of Rudy.
C. H. Spicer, of Theodore.
G. H. Black, of Beaverdale.
W. A. Smith, of Goose Lake.
Hector McLennan, of Borden.
License Commissioners
J. P. Long, of Battleford.
J. A. C. Day, of Battleford.
Alex. Roderick Chisholm, of Bay City.
A. R. Chisholm, of Bay City.

AN EDMONTON MURDER

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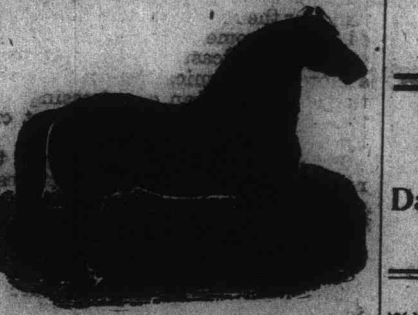
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