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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver Preparing for Its World's Regatta—Cowan the Conservative Candidate at Yaletown.

The President of the G. T. R.—Lobsters and Oysters for Waters.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, June 11.—Attorney-General W. M. Goodman, of Hong Kong, said to a COLONIST representative at the Hotel Vancouver last evening that he had nothing to suggest of any importance that would improve the condition of passengers on the splendid steamers of the Canadian-Australian line. The service is excellent, and the passengers are treated very well indeed. He noticed that on the P. & O. lines, however, that they had a mail bag for passengers. This, he thought, might be done by the Canadian Co. It would be a small matter to have a letter box in the purser's office and a very great convenience to the passengers, who could quietly post perhaps very important letters with a Canadian stamp on them, instead of forgetting all about posting them on their arrival in port, owing to the hurry and scurry at landing. It becomes monotonous, continued Mr. Goodman, to listen to the stereotyped remarks on board the Canadian-Australian line (I have been across on it several times) about the Canadian steamships that so slowly cross the Atlantic, and I am very glad to hear that the Imperial and Canadian governments are contemplating the inauguration of a fast Atlantic line of steamers. The accommodation is so much better on the American lines and the steamers are so much faster that the traveller from the Orient does not hesitate at all in choosing which line to go by. Mr. Goodman says that the plague in Hongkong is being stamped out and is entirely confined to the Mongolian population. A sanitary board is impowered to visit any suspected house, clean it out, fumigate it effectively and whitewash the whole place. Mr. Goodman, who has been acting chief justice at Hongkong for some time is on his way to England for a brief rest from his labors.

The carnival celebration committee met last night and decided to go on with the world's regatta and carnival of sports. A committee was appointed to arrange a programme. A day will be set apart for a grand reunion of British Columbia Scotchmen. A championship race among some of the crack oarsmen of the world will be held on the inlet, and if possible a spare battle will take place in which Victoria, the Mainland and the Navy will be represented.

The city are to lease the right of way at the mouth of the Capilano river from the Indians for water works purposes.

Mr. Maxwell held a meeting at Cedar Cottage last night. He announced that he was not running as a Liberal candidate but as an opponent of the government. He put himself on record as opposed to remedial legislation.

Mr. Cowan spoke at Yaletown last night to a large and appreciative audience. He contrasted the policy of the two political parties and illustrated by numerous examples how much good the Conservative policy had been to British Columbia. Mr. Cowan said that the Liberal trade policy was one of theory, and it would never be put into practice. The way to get capital into Canada, said Mr. Cowan, was to convince capitalists that the tariff policy of the country would not be tampered with. If in power the Liberals would come down to direct taxation and the change would not be in favor of the poor. The Liberals of the East were complaining about the East being taxed to develop the West. Was Mr. Maxwell, a Liberal candidate, and if so, would he oppose the development of the West? Mr. Cowan said if sent to Ottawa he would endeavor to get something done in the matter of restrictions on the Chinese and also in regard to the alien law. He also referred at length to the Manitoba school question. Mr. McGeer spoke for thirty minutes after Mr. Cowan took his seat in favor of Mr. Maxwell, but his arguments were soon disposed of by Mr. Cowan.

Sir Charles Reeves Wilson, K.C.M.G., president of the Grand Trunk railway, arrived in Vancouver last night in his private car. Sir Charles is accompanied by Lady Wilson.

O. D. Ashley, president of the Wabash railroad, is at Hotel Vancouver.

Mr. Beaman, of New York, a partner of Senator Ewarts, and counsel for the Denver & Rio Grande and Northern Pacific, in conversation with a COLONIST representative, stated that both these roads were in much better shape than they had been for some time, and he looked for a great improvement in their passenger and freight departments this year.

VANCOUVER, June 12.—The government promptly responded to the application of the Board of Trade to have more officials appointed in the customs department, and E. White was added to the staff to-day.

The funeral of the late James W. Stewart, C.P.R. conductor, took place yesterday and was very largely attended. A large number of members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, of the I.O.O.F. and the A.F. and A.M. were in the cortege, besides a long line of carriages. The late Mr. Stewart was one of the most popular trainmen in Vancouver.

The congregation of the Homer street Methodist church presented Rev. Coverdale Watson with an address and parting souvenir prior to the reverend gentleman's departure to permanently reside in Westminster.

J. P. Lawson, ex-city engineer, is reported very seriously ill, and is not expected to live twenty-four hours.

The local police think that they have discovered the gang of thieves who have been operating in Vancouver of late. Four "sporty" looking characters came to town some time ago and engaged rooms in a business block. From that date the petty robberies commenced. This week one of them was arrested for stealing a watch chain from Trory's store. Immediately after the arrest two of the thief's pals were run out of town. The picture of McLeod, one of the thieves, is among the rogues' gallery collection in New York.

The Fuy Company drew a large house night.

Mr. Maxwell has said that he is not the Liberal candidate for Burrard, but, as he ambiguously puts it, a representative of all parties opposed to the government. The straight dyed-in-the-wool Grits are much annoyed at Mr. Maxwell's announcement and do not know exactly "where they are at."

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, June 11.—The corner stone of the new church at Eburn will be made with masonic honors on Saturday.

Word has been received that a carload of live lobsters and oysters is on the way to British Columbia and will arrive about the 24th. They will be placed along the coast of the Island and Mainland. Several hundred thousand young black bass are in the shipment and will be placed in the rivers and lakes of British Columbia.

A side-track of the C.P.R. has been built into the new market building.

The library commissioners have received from Dr. Dawson 150 classified specimens of Canadian minerals.

Owing to the continued cool weather almost all danger from floods has passed.

WESTMINSTER, June 12—Mr. McBride, the Conservative candidate for Westminster district, is reported as meeting with gratifying receptions wherever his campaign work takes him. His supporters and those who are actively aiding him in the campaign claim that Mr. McBride's election is assured. Conservative meetings have been held at Cloverdale, Murray's Corners, Aldergrove, Abbottsford, Upper Sumas and Mission City. At Cloverdale Mr. McBride showed up the inconsistencies of the opposition policy. At Murray's Corners Mr. McBride announced that he was in favor of an alien labor bill, and at Mission City he urged his hearers to support the party that had made Canada what it is to-day—one of the greatest British colonies. Mr. McBride was ably assisted by Messrs. Thos. Boyd, W. H. Ladner, Cooksley, and Thompson. At Aldergrove he referred to the fatal effects free trade would have on the fishing industry. At Abbottsford Mr. McBride said even the people in England were tired of free trade, he also denounced the platform changes of the Liberals, and at Sumas he carefully enumerated the numerous general beneficent effects of the National Policy.

A letter from Cariboo reports a great deal of snow still in the mountains.

Justice Bole held a court of revision at the town hall, Langley, to-day.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, June 12.—Mrs. Ed. McNeill, of Wallace street, met with an accident this afternoon while riding her bicycle. It is feared that her leg is broken.

The Nanaimo Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society have begun work on Gilbert and Sullivan's well known "Pirates of Penzance."

The annual meeting of the Mineral Creek Mining Company was held on Wednesday night at the head offices of the company. The following were elected trustees for the ensuing year: Thos. Dunn, David Oppenheimer, A. H. McNeill, J. H. Simpson, Walter Jones. At a subsequent meeting Thos. Dunn was elected president and J. Campbell treasurer. Arrangements were made to have the other claims of the company surveyed at once, and to acquire by purchase the surface rights from the E. & N. railway; also for the purchase of the other half of the American Boy. As soon as this is completed active development work will be commenced, as the road now being built by the Consolidated Alberni ends at the Halifax, which is one of the claims of the Mineral Creek Company. This company is composed of twelve of the leading business men of Victoria, including the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Thos. Kitchen was recently notified by his agents in Alberni that they had discovered a new ledge on the Maid of the Hill and Two-to-One claims near China creek. The ledge is at least 300 feet, and more correctly speaking, almost 400 feet wide, and extends over 6,000 feet. Experts who have examined the ledge for Mr. Kitchen, are of the opinion that this is the mother lead of the district. There seems to be very little doubt but that this discovery will turn out to be of the greatest importance, In addition to the above, two claims have been staked in the immediate vicinity possessing a 15 foot ledge traceable 3,000 feet, and the surface rock of which assays $15.50 to the ton.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Miner.)

Reports from the Kettle River mining division show that there is considerable activity in all the camps of that district. A great many sales of mining property have been closed lately, among which are the Skylark and Denver, to the Lexington Mining Company of Butte; the Copper and No. 7, to the American Exploration Company, as well as interests in the Gem in Deadwood camp and the Jewel and Gold Drop in Long Lake camp, to Messrs. T. A. Garland and John Hay. A contract has been let to sink 100 feet on the Big Copper and two shafts are being sunk on the Gold Drop, one of which is down 55 feet. The Boundary district will be heard from before the end of the season.

The War Eagle is preparing to sink on the big ore chute from No. 2 tunnel.

The trail from the Dewdney trail to the Consol has been completed, as well as all the buildings at the mine.

The compressor plant at the Cliff is ready to start up as soon as more air pipe arrives.

Clarence Teasdale reports that a claim called the Oregon in the Waterloo camp shows 6 feet of galena, from which assays of 28 ounces in silver and 30 per cent. lead have been obtained.

The Silverine is now down about 15 feet.

Captain Gore, of the steamer Nakusp, has sold his quarter interest in the C. & C. for $5,000 cash.

The 40-drill compressor plant for the Trail Mining Co. is at Northport.

At Deer Park, Van Houten creek and Cariboo creek new strikes are being made daily. Some good strong ledges of free milling gold ore have been located on Van Houten creek.

Charles Sweeney has started work on the Red Mountain. He will push development of the property as fast as possible.

The Evening Star is driving a crosscut tunnel from Georgia gulch.

The tunnel on the south vein on the Mayflower is in about 50 feet and shows 2½ feet of clean ore in the face. The galena is fast being displaced by iron sulphide as depth is being gained, but the gold and silver values are being retained. The latest samples run from 45 to 200 ounces in silver and about $8 in gold.

The Cornish hand-jig at the Cliff, which is concentrating the iron oxide, has proved a great success. Some 10 tons of concentrates have now been obtained, which average about $40 in gold per ton.

The Minnehaha Co. has a force of eight men at work on its claim, on the north fork of Murphy creek. Henry Brook, president of the company, reports a good showing of ore and thinks the crosscut tunnel they are now driving will open up a mine.

Charlie Robbins and L. H. Long have bonded for $5,000 the Frankie H. and Freddie B. claims, south of Columbia mountain, about half way between the Columbia and the Commander.

On the St. Elmo a new ore body has been found 150 feet from the north sideline. The ore looks very well and assays satisfactorily. About 60 feet from the face of the tunnel a crosscut has been started towards the hanging wall. This shows four feet of ore which averages $18 to the ton; a marked improvement over any yet encountered in the tunnel.

The amount of revenue collected by the Dominion government in the form of customs duties in the three outports in the Trail Creek mining division for the first five months of the year amounts to $50,716.10, as follows: Trail, $17,300; Waneta, $5,764.84; Rossland, $27,651.26.

COULD STAND IT NO LONGER.

Hon. Daniel McNeill, formerly a member of the Grit Fielding government of Nova Scotia, says: "I have hitherto supported the policy Mr. Laurier had at one time on the trade question. To-day, in reading the reports of the speeches made by the leaders of the Liberal party, I cannot come to any conclusion as to what is their policy. Some are really advocating the policy of the Conservative party, while others are urging the adoption of a different policy altogether. They really have no policy, My reason for supporting Sir Charles and his government to-day is on account of the vacillating, the shilly-shallying policy of the Liberals in regard to the trade question."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, June 11.—(Special)—At the Masonic Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest here to-day, Judge Locke, of Morden, was elected grand master, and John Leslie, deputy grand master.

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BOERS AND UITLANDERS

The Reform Leaders Fined—Trial of the Prisoners in Bow Street, London.

Press Opinions on the Outcome—The Times Praises Kruger for Moderation.

LONDON, June 11.—The colonial secretary, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, received a private telegram saying that the leaders of the Johannesburg reform committee had already been released, subject to a fine of £25,000 each or in default fifteen years banishment. The dispatch adds that the conditions of their release were the same as those imposed upon other reformers. The reformers having paid their fines have gone to the Rand. Col. Francis Rhodes declined to sign the conditions required and the sentence of banishment will be enforced against him.

All of the London newspapers this morning dwell on the commercial instinct of the Boers in fining the reformers. The Times says: "It will be a considerable addition to the flourishing revenues of the Transvaal, but, after all, persons engaging in the perilous business of revolution making must expect to pay when they lose. It might have been more prudent to fix the penalty at a lower sum, and to attach greater consideration to the pecuniary circumstances of some of the offenders. On the whole, however, President Kruger has let off the "little dogs" cheaply. The punishment is substantial, but it cannot be pronounced vindictive, or even excessive. The release of the reformers ought to mark a distinct step forward in the reconciliation of two nations. Time will be needed to assuage the passions and prejudices aroused, but unless they are kept alive by continued provocations they will subside ere long. We are too busy and practical a race to nurse a grudge unless the wrongs which caused it remain unredressed." The article concludes with a tribute to President Kruger for acting up to the spirit of the friendly assurances he gave to the British authorities and urges the redress of the grievances of the Uitlanders.

A despatch to the Times from Pretoria says: "The feeling of unrest in government circles continues and the movements of British troops are watched with the greatest suspicion. Several commandants have been notified that their men are not to leave their districts, which means to prepare for active service. This is probably due to an unfounded rumor of conflict between the Boer border guard and British troops in the north."

Dr. Jameson and his fellow conspiratory, who took part in the raid on the Transvaal, were again arraigned, on remand, at Bow Street police court, London, to-day, fresh witnesses having arrived from South Africa to testify. Public interest in the case, however, has fallen off almost entirely. The evidence presented was mainly upon the same lines as that previously given. Lieutenant Eloff, grandson of President Kruger, who arrived here last week, was called to the stand. He testified that letters found in Jameson's baggage which was seized after the battle of Krugerdorp showed that the saddles and ammunition used by the raiders had been forwarded to them from the Capetown office of the British South Africa Company.

Sydney Elvington, who fought with Dr. Jameson against the Boers, is visiting friends in this city and will return shortly to South Africa to engage in gold mining. He said that the raid was ill-advised and that Jameson's men were overpowered by sheer force of numbers.

The St. James Gazette enthusiastically concurs with Mr. Chamberlain in the proposale in his speech welcoming the colonial delegates to the Congress of Chambers of Commerce yesterday, but thinks the movement suggested by Mr. Chamberlain of the formation of a commercial union of the various portions of the British empire ought to be initiated by the United Kingdom instead of the colonies as proposed by Mr. Chamberloin. The Globe, while concurring in the proposal, expresses belief that it should emanate from the colonies.

The Times has a dispatch from Canea, Island of Crete, which says: "Yesterday the Turkish troops invaded Acrotiri and Kydonia and desecrated their churches." In consequence of the destruction of the villages in the western district, five thousand refueges have fled to the mountains, where they are suffering extreme privations. The burning of the villages about Retimo continues, and also the villages around Canea.

A Madrid despatch to the Times says that the trans-Atlantic steamers Alfonzo and Maria Christiana, equipped for war, were delivered to the government yesterday.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., June 11.—The campaign in the island is becoming very lively. A startling incident occurred at a meeting a night or two ago at Hunter's River. It was a joint meeting addressed by Hon. Mr. Davies and Dr. Jenkins. One speaker, after a few minutes of earnest but moderate talk, ceased speaking and started for home. Before he reached the door he dropped dead from heart failure.

Presbytery of Manitoba.

TORONTO, June 10.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church opened here to-night with a large attendance of delegates. Rev. Dr. Robertson, the retiring moderator, in his address said separate schools were a hindrance to missions in the Northwest. Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Halifax, was elected moderator.

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Dr. Montague Not to Retire From the Ministry as the "Globe" Stated.

Trouble Expected on the Island of Anticosti—Menier's Preposterous Claims.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 11.—The rumor to which the Globe gives currency about Dr. Montague's retirement from the ministry, is entirely erroneous. It is well known that the minister has overworked himself during the election campaign and needs a few days rest, but the report that he has resigned is wholly without foundation.

Hon. Mr. Haggart was seen by your correspondent to-night and asked what truth, if any, there was in the Globe's statement. He replied that it seemed to him almost too silly to require a contradiction. However, the facts were that not only did he and Dr. Montague fully endorse Sir Charles Tupper's platform, but that both would be found fighting for it until polling day. The idea of Mr. Haggart being opposed to the school policy of the government was extremely absurd, he added, in view of the fact that he was just bound for Mississippi lake to meet both Messrs. Wallace and McCarthy in a public discussion on that issue to-morrow afternoon. As for the Minister of Agriculture, he was already on his way to the West and would address two or three meetings in his own constituency, after which he would join the Premier and take part with him in several of big gatherings in the West.

There is a prospect of trouble in connection with the administration of the affairs of Anticosti. The new proprietor, Mr. Menier, the chocolate king and his locum tenens, M. Commettant, seem to think that because the island has been purchased by the former that Canadian fishermen have no right there. Reports have reached the government that our fishermen, who have been accustomed to drying their nets on the island, have been driven off by M. Commettant's men and forbidden to go there in future. Although the island has passed into the possession of a subject of France it is still British territory, and the authority of the Canadian government is still supreme over it. The foreshores are within the jurisdiction of the Dominion, and the opinion is held that our fishermen have every right to land on them. It is reported that M. Menier intends forbidding fishermen to fish within the three miles limit, but if this be so it will be the duty of the government to bring him to time quickly.

Goldwin Smith has decided to decline the degree of Doctor of Laws from the Toronto University in view of the opposition to the Senate's action.

The first copy of the year book for 1895 was issued from the printing bureau to-day, several months ahead of last years' volume, and is as usual, replete with a vast amount of information relating to Canada.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHNS, June 11.—(Special)—The Governor's speech at the opening of the legislature to-day announces the complete recovery of the colony from the disastrous results of the financial catastrophe of last year. The revenue for the current year ending June 30 is estimated at $1,550,000, and the expenditure at $1,350,000, the expenditure including $270,000 of half yearly interest on the public debt due at the end of June. The speech speaks of the favorable progress of railway construction, seventy miles having been built during the last year, there being 120 miles to complete the line across the island. It will be finished this summer. There has also been a great boom in the mining industry and several valuable iron mines are now being actively worked. Owing to an injunction having been secured first by the railway company, the coal areas cannot be worked.

The session is to be a short one, lasting not over a month, and the programme of the new measures shows that the government is making ready to hold a general election this fall. The programme includes the question of confederation with Canada.

RICH TEXADA.

The Malaspina Copper Co.'s property on Texado Island, now known as the Van Anda mine, bids fair to become one of the richest mines in British Columbia. The shaft is now down over sixty feet, with the ore containing a rich peacock copper carrying heavily in gold and silver. There are 170 sacks of ore on the Joan due on Saturday, which will be shipped on the Rosalie to the Everett smelter.

A fair sample of the ore was taken over to Seattle the other day by Mr. Blewett. Mr. H. Saunders received a telegram last evening stating that this had been treated by J. M. Dawley, assayer, of Seattle, with the following result: Gold, $600; silver, 24 ounces; copper, 26 per cent.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, June 11.—The congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire attended a banquet in the King's hall of Holborn restaurant last night. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain occupied the chair, and the agents general of the colonies, the colonial governors and delegates to the congress, the guests in all numbering four hundred and fifty sat down. The galleries were crowded with ladies. During the banquet Mr. Chamberlain conversed at great length with Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Donald A. Smith agent-general for Canada in London, and Lord Knutsford, who was secretary of state for the colonies in the last Salisbury ministry.

The chairman in proposing the loyal toasts was greeted with immense cheering. In proposing the principal toast, "Commerce and the Empire," Mr. Chamberlain said: "The empire could not exist one day without commerce. If I were to be asked whether Great Britain would follow the older empires, and like them, perish and sink like some of our rivals into a condition of obscurity, I confess that the answer would not depend upon what will be done by the people of these islands, but rather by the eventual determination of Great Britain, and upon the arrangements which they may make to bind us together. A closer union is something more material than sentiment."

"Am I wrong in thinking that the colonies share our feelings to the full, that they have no idea of setting adrift from the Mother Country. We ask you from the colonies to attach yourselves closer to us. It is not to a decrepit ruin that you are asked to cling. I think you will agree that there are no signs here of waning life or decaying power. The continuous growth of this country is almost as remarkable as the growth of those sister nations which we call colonies. It is better for your commerce and our commerce that we should all alike share in the free interchange of commodities between 300,000,000 people than that we should be engaged in the erection of barriers and exciting competition from which all shall be sufferers. The forces of cohesion are greater than the forces of disruption."

Mr. Chamberlain, in conclusion, begged the colonial visitors to carry back to all quarters of the globe the assurance of the affection, pride and confidence with which the great mother country regards her children.

Sir Donald A. Smith, replying to Mr. Chamberlain, said that there was no one in the whole length of Canada who did not regard England as home. He eulogized Mr. Chamberlain for trying to cement the empire. Canada, he said, was only too glad to knit more closely the great empire of which it was so proud.

The third sitting of the congress opened at 10 o'clock this morning, under the paesidency of Sir Andrew Kaye Rollitt.

The resolution of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce regarding codification of the commercial law of the Empire, as moved by Prof. Dove Wilson, was adopted.

The resolution of the London Chamber of Commerce regarding the copyright question, was moved by Mr. F. R. Day. It is to the effect that the copyright law be uniform throughout the Empire. Sir Samuel Montague, M.P., on behalf of the London Chamber of Commerce, then presented a motion in favor of uniform procedure in bills of exchange, as follows: "That in the opinion of this congress the laws relating to bills of exchange should be made uniform in the British empire, also that uniformity with the laws of continental powers should, whenever practiceable, be established internationally." The matter was adopted.

Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., in behalf of the London chamber of commerce, moved the following resolution in regard to arbitration of international disputes: "That in the opinion of this congress the present gigantic expenditure on military preparations imposes an intolerable burden on the national revenues; that the settlement of international differences by force of arms is barbarous and unworthy of civilized nations; and that differences or disputes arising between different governments, which can be adjusted by diplomatic agency, should as far as possible be referred to arbitration." This resolution called forth an animated discussion and was finally amended and adopted.

The congress adopted the imperial postal union resolution of the Montreal board of trode, moved by Mr. J. A. Perrault.

ALBERNI MINES.

Late mail advices from Alberni contain the following news of the mines:

A ledge has been discovered on the south side of China Creek, which is reported to be 300 feet in width. It is also reported that another ledge has been located on the western slope of Mineral Hill, which shows free gold in the ledge matter.

At the Last Chance claim of the Quadra Co.'s group the shaft is down over thirty feet with fine solid quartz coming in, similar to the Consolidated Alberni. The ledge is four feet six inches in width.

On the Constance placer claim the shaft is now down forty feet. Water is becoming troublesome, and a steam pump will be placed in.

The Cataract claim are busy washing, but will not clean up for six weeks. A large piece of ground has already been piped off.