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R. MARPOLE HERE

C. P. R. Official Visits Victoria After Returning From Great Britain

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Yesterday R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C.P.R., who has lately returned to British Columbia after a trip to the Old Country, arrived from Vancouver. While Mr. Marpole does not intend making a long stay here at present, he proposes returning in a few days to go into matters in connection with the E. & N. railway. He will make a trip over the island line for the purpose of ascertaining the progress being made on the extension of the road from Nanoose Bay to Alberni. The report that there are serious bush fires on the east and west coasts and in the interior are concerning Mr. Marpole to some extent as he points out that it is upon the timbered areas of these sections that the new line is depending to furnish it with freight for years. While in Great Britain Mr. Marpole states that he found much interest taken in western Canada.

NO BRITISH ELECTION FOR THREE YEARS

Hamar Greenwood, M. P., Makes an Important Statement

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"I have just come from England," remarked Mr. Hamor Greenwood, the parliamentary secretary of Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, and M. P. for York, at the Empress last evening, "fresh from a very successful year in law and in politics, and I may say that I have now been for some years a member of the English bar. It is my interest, as it is, moreover, to me the keenest pleasure, to make an annual visit to Canada, the land of my birth, and at the same time to make a trip across the continent, and in pursuance of this practice, which is for me both a means for relaxation, as well as of enjoyment, I have now come out here annually during the past several years. I also, of course, seize during these excursions every possible opportunity for informing myself from the most reliable sources in regard to all matters which in particular may concern the relations of the Dominion of Canada with the mother country.

"In respect to Prince Rupert, I strongly desire to see the youngest city on the whole Pacific coast, in its cradle, and, speaking now especially of England, I may say that in addition, the building of two transcontinental lines is a matter of the greatest possible interest to the whole country. While I also wish to get at first hand any further developments which have occurred on the Pacific coast in connection with the question of Oriental immigration, as it should be well known in this province and throughout this country, that the views of the White Dominions against the unrestricted immigration of Orientals, have the very hearty support of the present government in England. For the idea that a colony like Canada should be swamped by Orientals is absolutely unthinkable.

"I believe that the future of the British Empire imperatively depends upon keeping the white races in absolute control of their own destinnies and racially pure, combined with the supreme maintenance of the very highest economic standard.

"Mr. McKenzie King, C.M.G., the deputy minister of labor at Ottawa, made an exceedingly good impression upon the authorities in England in regard to this particular question during his recent visit. And in so far as India is concerned, the government of that country has already the right under the statute, and I may say that this right will be rigorously exercised to restrain the native Indians from emigrating. This is an old statute, of many years' standing, and it was originally enacted in the interest of the natives themselves in order to prevent them being sent abroad in large numbers under contracts, and this old act having been revived, will be used to restrain their emigration to this country.

"In my opinion, the surplus population of India might well be diverted into tropical and into sub-tropical colonies, like British East Africa, but they certainly will not be allowed to come out to self-governing colonies.

The Japanese.

The same regulation is at the present time in force in Japan, and is being used by the Japanese Government in order to prevent the emigration of the subjects of the Mikado. The outstanding fact in connection with this whole matter, however, is this, that the Japanese, who are a high spirited people, are not likely to submit for a long time to this treatment, which appears to stamp upon them the stigma of being an inferior race, and on this point it must further be remembered that British Columbia and Canada as a whole and indeed any British Colony, standing alone, is practically helpless against the militant Japanese, and my views on this question are further these: That in order to avoid war, and if war be ultimately unavoidable in order to ensure success it must be forced by the United Empire, acting in perfect harmony through the Home Government, and reinforced, as I think, it ought to be in such circumstances, by the whole American people.

"If therefore it becomes serious politicians to deal with this exceedingly difficult matter, not in any petty local way, but with full regard to all the issues concerned, being fully aware that whilst the smallest possession of the Crown may cause a war, the whole Empire would at once become involved in it. And I must repeat that the Home Government today is entirely sympathetic with the self-governing colonies upon these important problems.

"This old Indian statute has been utilized for this specific purpose, and as a matter of fact there is now practically no immigration either from India or from Japan to this country, and I, moreover, venture the opinion that whilst the present government is in power in England, there will not be any Oriental immigration into Canada, unless indeed certain specified members of these immigrants are desired by either the provincial or Dominion governments.

"One great result of Mr. Mackenzie King's visit is that there is at the present time an understanding between the Home Government and the Dominion government, while we also thoroughly understand the views upon this question of the people of British Columbia.

"We fought against the introduction of the Chinese coolies into the Transvaal, and have assisted Gen. Botha, the Prime Minister of that Colony in sending them back to China as rapidly as possible. And the Transvaal will soon see the last Chinaman employed in the mines upon the Witwatersrand.

"In regard to home and Imperial politics, I can speak with authority when I say that there will be no general election in England until 1911, and probably not until 1912. This Parliament does not, as a matter of fact, expire until January, 1913, as Parliament's term is for seven years, and the general election took place in January, 1906. The next general election will take place either in 1911 or in 1912, but you can state positively that it will not happen at any prior date.

"The issues at that general election no man can at this moment say. But in the meantime the government and its supporters are working only the harder in order to pass more legislation of a practical character than has been carried through both Houses of Parliament by any previous government in all the history of England.

"I know it is such a commonplace that it has almost become vulgar to say, that the government of Mr. Asquith is an anti-imperial government; but I note the fact that no one in the House of Commons, and no serious man outside of it, ever accuses either Mr. Asquith or Mr. Haldane, or Sir Edward Grey, or Mr. Lloyd-George, or indeed any of the ministers, with being anti-Imperialists. The plain fact is that never before were the relations of the home government and of the forty odd colonies of the empire more friendly than they are at this very moment.

Present Day Issues

"The great issues today in England are: The Licensing bill and the Education bill; besides various bills which deal with land law reform. Mr. Asquith and his government are, as a matter of fact, trying to democratize the institutions of England; and only those who know something of the church and class prejudices in England, and the power of the vested interests of liquor and of land can at all adequately realize the difficulties attendant upon the existence of a Liberal government in the old country; but supported as we are by a clear majority of 100 against all-comers, including the Irish members, the present government during its term of office will practically revolutionize old England for old England's good.

"Only one clause in the Licensing bill has yet passed in what is called the committee stage of the House of Commons, and the Education bill has only received its second reading, but negotiations are now going on among the parties interested with the view of finding a basis of settlement.

"His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Rev. Randall Davidson, in educational and in licensing matters may almost be said to be upon the side of the government, but on both these great issues the ordinary parish clergyman is a serious stumbling block. The real struggle, in which we are engaged, is to rescue the state schools from the parson, and from the priest, and this government will do it. But further, all signs point to an early settlement of this question and to the institution throughout all England and Wales of a system of schools, generally speaking, like the system which you have established here in the Province of British Columbia.

"The Right Rev. Dr. Ingram, the able and popular Bishop of London, was to have attended a mass meeting in Albert Hall in support of the government's licensing bill, but although he did not appear at that meeting he is a supporter of this proposed legislation.

The Army Scheme

"In spite of the many Jeremiahs of woe, Mr. Haldane's army scheme has turned out to be a success. It means harder work for the officers and for the men of all the forces; but it also means the establishment upon a firm footing of the most efficient fighting army that England has ever had. And the very same thing may be said of the navy.

"The Conservative opposition in the House of Commons has never opposed the government's army and navy and foreign policies, which furnishes the best possible evidence in regard to their general excellence as well as of the unquestionable patriotism, which has inspired them.

"I left England on the 7th of August, and just a week ago I took the train for the West at Toronto, coming directly through to the coast.

"From what I have heard and seen the wheat harvest upon the prairies will be a good one, while the money return, owing to the high price of grain, must be extra large. And the general results from every point of view must be both excellent and encouraging. I go up to Prince Rupert either tomorrow or on the day following, and returning in about ten days will cross the Continent again, leaving soon afterwards for the Old Country in order to be in ample time for the opening of Parliament and the opening of the law courts which takes place upon exactly the same day, the 12th of October.

"York is a splendid and ancient city, and I am indeed very proud of being the representative of a place which is said to be the birthplace of the first Christian Emperor of the Roman Empire, Constantine the Great."

RESENT CRITICISMS OF CITY'S METHODS

Chairman of Parks Board Has Tilt With City Representatives

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

G. E. Wilkerson's complaint against what he termed the disgraceful manner in which the weeds are allowed to grow upon the city highways, particularly on those streets which have been boulevarded and his declaration that it is about time that the city took steps to remedy the evil, led to an interesting half hour at last night's meeting of the parks board during which city methods in general were pretty roughly criticized by the chairman of the board, John Arbuthnot, while the mayor and Aldermen Cameron and Henderson, resenting the reflections made by Mr. Arbuthnot, stuck up for city methods.

At times the discussion, which had drifted far from the business before the board, became almost acrimonious, Mayor Hall declaring that Mr. Arbuthnot had no right to criticize the city or its officials, while Alderman Cameron averred that the present council had been subject to such unfair criticisms and had received so little real support either from the people or legislature in its efforts to perform its duties that he for one would not care how soon his term of office as an alderman expired.

Mr. Wilkerson, in calling the attention of the board to the fact that on streets where time and money is being spent in keeping the boulevards in proper condition, stated there will often be found a mass of weeds on the roadway which apparently are never attended to. These weeds are allowed to grow and seed and except in the centre of the roadway where the traffic moves the street is in a disgraceful condition.

Dirty All Over

"But it's dirty all over the city," Mr. Wilkerson declared and he expressed his surprise that those owners who had contributed towards the cost of the street improvements did not vigorously object to the city's failure to do its share in maintaining the roadway in proper shape.

Alderman Cameron claimed that the proper thing is to get the people to take a little pride in their streets. They might very well cut down the weeds on their own side of the street. He had done this and others had too, but apparently many owners prefer to spend their time going around criticising the aldermen and city staff when they know that the city is without the necessary funds to do the work. There was no use criticising though he was well aware that there were a great many things which the city ought to do but could not. The trouble is that the city is hampered by laws, hampered by the people and hampered by conditions.

Criticizes System

"The system is wrong," declared Mr. Arbuthnot, who averred that if Victoria was ever to become an up-to-date city the people would simply have to make up their minds that money must be spent. He went on to criticize the method of road making here and claimed that on his own street, Rockland avenue, the work was not being done properly and that the city would soon hear of it. What was wanted were good heads of departments in the civic administration, and he was about to point out in what particular he considered the city engineers department was not adequately carrying out its work when Mayor Hall intervened with considerable heat.

"You have no right to criticize the heads of the city departments. This is, the parks board and should stick to business," a remark which drew forth the retort from the chairman of the board that that body was interested in the way things were being conducted and had a right to consider such matters.

"You talk about system," interjected Alderman Cameron, "why there are some streets where cement walks and boulevards are laid and nothing done to improve the roadway, but this is because there is simpy no funds."

Finally on the mayor's protest the chairman reverted to the original matter of the weeds and the subject was allowed to drop with no decision as to what will be done in answer to Mr. Wilkerson's protest.

The destruction of shrubs and flowers in the park by those who apparently work this havoc out of pure love of mischief, and also the depredations of dogs which have resulted in ducks and rabbits in the enclosures being killed and other damage wrought, also came in for lengthy consideration. A communication from C. C. Pemberton, secretary of the Natural History Society, pointed out that the damage which had been done to flowers and shrubs which the board allowed the society to plant last year had been extensive and some steps should be taken to prevent such wanton destruction if the efforts of the society were to result in any good. Mr. Pemberton also referred to the strict measures adopted by the Vancouver parks board to prevent such destruction of park plants and shrubbery there.

The Probable Reason.

"What do they do it for? What satisfaction can they get out of this petty behavior?" queried Mr. Arbuthnot.

"Just cussedness," commented Mr. Wilkerson.

Park Superintendent D. D. England declared that a gang of roughs, not all of them of the male sex, were accustomed to frequent the park after dark and it was to them that the destruction was due. Every effort had been made to capture them and make examples of them, but it is a very difficult matter to catch them as there is no light in the park and the malefactors easily get away. On one occasion all the seats from the band stand had been thrown into the lake.

"We have put up with this sort of thing long enough," declared John Nelson. "What with animals being killed, plants and shrubs destroyed and other losses sustained through acts of vandalism, it is about time an example is made of the guilty ones."

The trespassing of dogs was also a live topic for the meeting. The parks bylaw prohibits dogs in the park unless held in leash, but this rule is being nightly violated though a watch is kept for the animals. So savage have some of the canines become that they have literally torn away the base boards on the rabbit pens, and, getting within, have killed nearly a dozen of the bunnies. The city poundkeeper has called the attention of the board to the fact that where dogs with tags have been caught within the park limits and handed over to him he was forced under the new dog bylaw to allow the owners to take them away from the pound as he could not proceed against them, but the parks board can do so under its own regulations. The board therefore decided that hereafter owners of such dogs will be prosecuted by the board. The park regulations prescribe a penalty of not more than $50 or in default of payment, a term of one month in jail. Mr. Wilkerson suggested that a dose of shot for the dogs which attack the pens might be a good thing.

Ask For Walk.

The application of a number of property owners that a walk be laid through the park from Simcoe to Niagara streets in order that access to the car line could be had was referred to the superintendent to look into. The matter had come before the streets, bridges and sewers committee, but as the section in which the walk is wanted is park property and not a thoroughfare, the application will have to be dealt with by the board.

The request of the B.C. Telephone Company that permission be granted to allow of the trimming of trees on Rockland avenue to allow of the wires being strung was also referred to the superintendant. The majority of the trees are on private grounds but overhang the street, and Mr. Arbuthnot thought that the company by raising the cross bars on the poles could string its wires without the necessity of cutting the trees. It was a matter more of arrangement with the owners of the trees.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B.C. Electric Company, also called attention to the fact that the growth of trees on some of the city streets was interfering with the company's wires. The park superintendent will also take this matter into consideration.

It was decided that the totem pole recently donated to the board by F. Kermode, provincial curator, will be erected in the park grounds somewhere in the neighborhood of the Chinese bell.

Again After Swans.

The request of the secretary of the Vancouver parks board that it be given a pair of swans will be granted as soon as possible. The Vancouver board offered a number of birds of various species in return for the swans. Superintendant England stated that one of the young swans had been recently killed by flying against an electric light wire and another had flown away and was now somewhere along the water front between the park and Esquimalt.

The regulations for the conduct of the board's business recently drafted by the secretary were adopted in principle by the board and will be forwarded to the city solicitor who will draft the necessary bylaw.

Tenders were called for about twenty-five tons of hay which has been cropped from the park grounds.

Work Accomplished.

The report of the superintendent was adopted.

Public Health Association

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Two hundred members of the American Public Health association convened in Winnipeg. They are representative medical men of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. The object of the association is to promote public health. The most interesting discussion will deal with the water and typhoid fever problems of the middle west.

Lake Winnipeg Drownings

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Another drowning accident is reported from Fort Alexander, on Lake Winnipeg, in which provincial constable Joe Houston, Jr., and Bruce Burll of J. D. McArthur's drive, lost their lives. Houston and Burll were out sailing when the boat upset in a whirlpool. Two other men were in the boat at the time, but they were unable to render any assistance.

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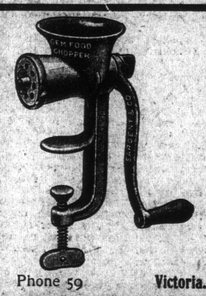

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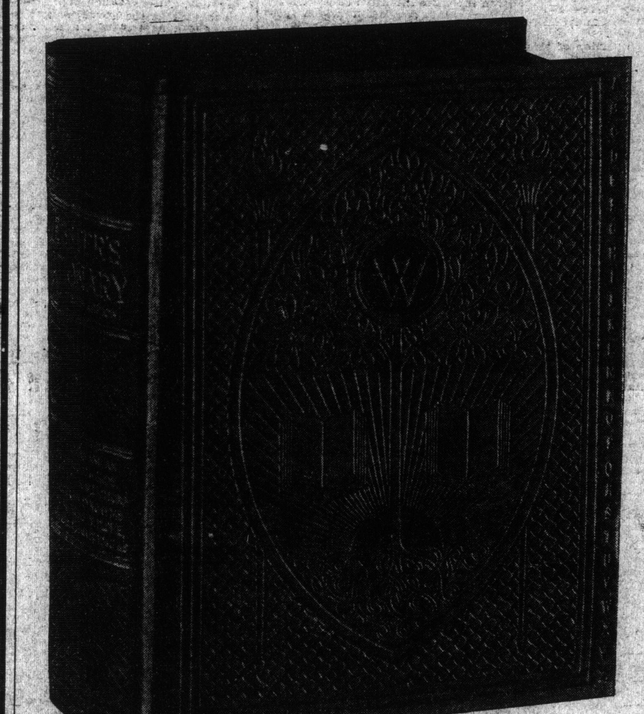

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