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THE MANITOBA TEMPERANCE PARTY

PROPOSAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN

Prohibition Candidates to Be Put in the Field—Farmers Have Had Two Prosperous Seasons.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—At the prohibition convention the following enumeration of the policy of the temperance party was reaffirmed with the addition of the words: "Wherever practicable." We are determined to see, through means of our local organizations, that in every constituency there shall be a candidate who can be definitely relied upon to give an independent support to prohibition. A report from the executive recommending the employment of two additional field secretaries, and the raising of a campaign fund of at least \$10,000 was adopted. Rev. Jos. Hogg, treasurer, reported receipts of \$368, a large portion of this consisting of sums subscribed at the last convention. He reported \$120 as due for expenses of the field secretary's work. Rev. E. J. Clegg, and B. H. Spence were appointed to assist this report. W. W. Buchanan in an address on the referendum vote in Ontario, dwelt at length on the efforts of the liquor men to win out at the polls. He declared that the sum of \$300,000 had been spent, or \$3 for every vote that was polled through their efforts. The fact that the total vote polled was only six thousand less than in the general election, he said, was an indication that the temperance sentiment was very strong in the country.

Manitoba Farmers.

The report of the department of agriculture, which was laid on the table of the legislature by Hon. Mr. Roblin yesterday, points out in its introduction that the province has had two seasons of unusual prosperity, and that the community of farmers is the rugged pillar around which every commercial enterprise turns. The foundations of this pillar rest upon 25,000,000 acres of arable land. The value of agricultural products raised during the year is estimated at \$200,000,000. This is a remarkable production for 41,000 farmers, says the report. Another feature is that lands through the province, as in the Territories, have largely increased in value during the last two or three years.

Grain Receipts.

Yesterday's grain receipts at C. P. R. points totalled 105,000 bushels and 90 cars of wheat were taken East for the lake elevators.

An Injunction.

An injunction was served on the Bell Telephone Company by the town of Port Williams to-day and all work on extension of the system has ceased. Members of the railway unions at a meeting decided to use none but municipal phones in their homes.

Died While Joking.

Hellfax, N. S., Feb. 13.—While joking this morning, C. W. Ryan, a legislature messenger, fell dead.

Ex-M. P. Dead.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 13.—James Yeo, ex-M. P., died this evening.

Old Resident Dead.

Listowel, Ont., Feb. 13.—Robert Martin, aged 64, a resident of Listowel for fifty years, and prominent in business circles and public affairs, died to-day.

Instantly Killed.

Bombay, Ont., Feb. 13.—Robert Brown, driver for J. Elliott, liver breaker, was struck and instantly killed by a Michigan Central railway fast express while crossing the track of that road last night.

Increased Five Per Cent.

Hull, N. S., Feb. 13.—The Maritime Foundry Association yesterday decided to increase the price of stoves and stoves five per cent.

Repaired at Sea.

Allan line steamer Mongolian, 14 days out from Liverpool, reached port this morning. Two days after leaving Liverpool she broke down and laid to for 17 days. The engineers repaired the break. The passage was a very stormy one.

Shot Himself.

Wilmington, Ont., Feb. 13.—Jno. Cross, who has been out on bail pending trial on a charge of firing a barn, and who has been ill for some time, shot himself in the head yesterday. He is still alive, but cannot recover.

DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Dr. Mullie, formerly of Fredericton, N. B., Passes Away at Pretoria.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 13.—News has been received from Johannesburg, South Africa, of the death of Dr. Elder. Mr. Elder, who a year ago resigned the principalship of the Normal school here to take a similar position at Pretoria at a salary of \$5,000.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

Mr. Rogers Says There Has Been No General Reduction in Wages.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Elias Rogers, managing director of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, was seen in reference to the miners' strike. He said the men did not go to work, although he was informed on Monday night that they would be in an overwhelming majority against the strike. About 2,000 men were thrown out of employment by the strike and hundreds of others would be affected. All the smelters in British Columbia were supplied with coke by the company, and these would be compelled to shut down. It would be hard, he said, to find a better paid lot of men on the continent. Mr. Rogers did not consider the use of "McGintys" unusually dangerous. They were used under similar conditions in all mines, and were required where it was too steep for a horse to go, but where it was not steep enough for a chute. There were no Chinese working in the mines, so far as he knew. One demand of the men was for an increase of 25 cents. That would be considered, but the smelters were very strongly protesting against the present price of coke, and the company were already losing money in supplying them. The company was anxious to work in harmony with its employees. No general reduction in wages had been made.

SIGNED AT LAST.

Signature Attached to Protocols for Raising Venezuela Blockade and Arbitration.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela representative in Washington, tonight signed, with each of the allies' representatives here, a protocol, providing for the immediate raising of the Venezuela blockade, and for the reference of the question of preferential treatment of the claims of the allies against Venezuela to The Hague arbitration tribunal.

It is expected that the commanders of the blockading fleet within the next 24 hours will receive their orders to withdraw their vessels at once. By the provisions of the preliminary protocols, which have required more than three weeks of constant negotiations, Venezuela gains the immediate raising of a blockade from which she had been suffering for some weeks, and the return of all vessels, war and merchant, which have been seized by the allied fleets.

Great Britain, Germany, and Italy receive advance payments of £5,500 each. Great Britain receiving her payment on the signature of the protocol, Germany and Italy within sixty days from date. Germany, in addition, will receive five monthly payments until the full amount paid her in advance aggregates \$340,000. As a guarantee for the satisfaction of her claims, Mr. Bowen pledges the allies a share with the other creditor nations in thirty per cent. of the customs receipts of the two ports of Guayra and Porto Cabello. This percentage will be set aside beginning March 1st, and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until The Hague tribunal shall decide whether it shall be distributed without preference among the claimant nations, or whether the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive preferential payments.

Italy, by her protocol, gains immediate payment of her first claim claims without further arbitration as soon as the joint commission at Caracas shall have passed on the remainder of her claims.

In round numbers the adjudicated claims amount to \$500,000. From this will be subtracted the \$27,500 to be paid her 60 days from the signature of her first protocol. The Italian ambassador also has secured for his government the insertion in his protocol of an agreement that Venezuela will insert in her treaty with Italy, the favored nation clause possessed by the other nations. Great Britain has left the protocol unchanged since it was approved by the London foreign office some days ago.

ORBATOD SOJNE.

Charges Made By French Deputy Caused Upwar and Sitting Was Suspended.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The sitting of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon was suspended and an uproar precipitated by charges brought by Maurice Binder, Nationalist, against the premier and other members in connection with the Humbert case.

HOME RULE RESOLUTION.

Hon. John Costigan's Motion May Be Slightly Altered This Session.

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Hon. John Costigan will likely change his Home Rule resolution next session so as to take in the Irish land question.

North Ontario Election.

The writ for North Ontario was issued to-day. The election takes place on March 10th.

Butcher Killed.

Bernard Simard, a butcher of Hull, was killed to-day by a block of ice falling on him in his ice house.

PROMISES TO BE LIVELY SESSION

OPENING OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Narrow Escape of Canadian Press Trains—Shaughnessy on Railway Extension.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The Manitoba legislature was opened to-day by Lieutenant-Governor McMillan. The speech from the throne referred to the coronation, His Majesty's illness, the close of the South African war, the prosperity of the past year in the province, and the tide of immigration flowing in the direction of Western Canada. Notice of intention to establish an agricultural college was given. Payment of the school land interest by the Dominion government was mentioned with gratification, and the intention expressed to press upon the federal parliament the transfer of administration of unsold school lands to the Manitoba government. One paragraph says: "It is with regret that I announce that the federal government refuses to rectify their retroactive legislation in the reduction of interest to five per cent. upon the unpaid purchase money secured under executed agreements for sale bearing six per cent. without consultation with the province, to our detriment and against our wishes. The federal government being trustees for this province in regard to this matter, my government have presented a claim for the loss caused by this reduction of interest, and you will be asked to endorse their action in that respect and convince the federal authorities that their action in refusing to grant our request does not meet with your approval." The session promises to be a lively one, as considerably extended railway legislation will be considered.

Asphalt.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—Asphalt works state that six miles of canal were laid in the city last year, at a cost of \$279,000.

Will Build Steamer.

The Rivier Navy Navigation Company has decided to build a \$125,000 steamer.

Boiler-Maker's Endurance.

James Guest, a boiler-maker from North Bay, while in the act of jumping between two freight cars in the C. P. R. yard at Port William last night, slipped, and had his left arm just below the elbow run over by a car. The arm was not completely severed, and Guest, holding the hanging arm up with the other hand, walked from the yard into the Queen's hotel, asked for a drink of water, and then told the men present that he had got his arm cut off. Dr. Birdall was summoned, and had the man removed to the Cottage hospital, where Dr. Hamilton, the C. P. R. surgeon, amputated it. The doctors say they never saw a man with so much nerve, for after the operation Guest jumped up and walked upstairs to his room.

Collision.

A railway accident which had very insignificant results, compared with what might have occurred, was the result of a misunderstanding regarding sidings near Portage la Prairie on Wednesday night. Trains No. 1 and No. 2 of the C. P. R. expresses, collided at that point. The train from the coast was behind time a whole day owing to a snowslide in the mountains, and was due to reach Portage just when the train going West should pass. The train from the East was ordered to take the siding and allow No. 2 to cross. The siding was taken, but through some mistake, it was not the right one, and half of the train was on the main line when No. 2, pulling out of Portage and going at the scheduled speed, reached No. 1. The West bound train was started before the main going East reached No. 1. The trains brushed past, the engine of No. 2 sweeping off the steps of one of the cars and smashing the rear platform of another.

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IMPERIAL SUBJECTS

Dealt With By Premier Balfour at Liverpool—The Venezuelan and Balkan Questions.

Liverpool, Feb. 13.—Premier Balfour, in the course of a speech at a luncheon given by the Conservative club here to-day, declared the British government had no choice but to take action against Venezuela. The ministers had shown no undue haste, no greed for money and no inhumanity. The United States government had been taken into the confidence of His Majesty's government at every stage of proceedings. The Monroe doctrine had no enemies in this country. It would be a great gain to civilization if the United States should more actively concern itself with arrangements to prevent the constantly recurring difficulties between the European powers and South American governments by getting the latter to observe the principles of international courtesy.

Continuing, the premier said there was no ground for Lord Rosebery's criticism with respect to British relations with either the United States or Germany. Some arrangement with the latter for joint operations was the most reasonable step possible for enforcing their several claims. Mr. Balfour ridiculed the suggestion that the alliance with Germany over Venezuela was settled at the time of Emperor William's visit to King Edward at Sandringham. He declared that the who's story was a mare's nest. International animosities, said the premier, were a great source of international weakness. Great Britain was supposed to be greatly disliked on the continent, but no country was stronger for disliking Great Britain or showing animosity.

If the peace of Europe were to be preserved and the cause of civilization go forward without fatal obstacles, it would be by the increasing use of co-operation between the European powers. The Balkan states are now giving anxiety, and the question can only be solved by common action upon the part of the great civilized powers. The European concert is clumsy, he said, but it is better than isolated action. Mr. Balfour implied all that he has any command over the sources of public opinion to refrain from indulging in the easy task of embittering the relation between nations and creating jealousies, so easily formed and so difficult to allay.

MINERS' MEETING.

Large Gathering in Nanaimo Opera House—Prospect of Settlement of Difficulty.

Nanaimo, Feb. 13.—A meeting of miners employed by the Western Fuel Company was held in the opera house this morning and was attended by upwards of six hundred men. The mines are idle to-day, and the Nanaimo city, which is taking on cargo at the company's wharf, is unable to obtain coal to-day. As the meeting was secret it is not known what decision was reached. James Baker, of Nelson, representing the Western Federation of Miners, is here, and it is thought his presence will assist in a satisfactory settlement of the present difficulty.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Physician Says He Will Live a Hundred Years or Longer.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Tagblatt publishes a most remarkable interview with which its Rome correspondent, Prof. Mazzoni, regarding His Holiness's health, says the Herald's Berlin correspondent: "What? the Pope, ill?" laughed the professor, "he is so well we might envy him except for a slight hoarseness which was easily cured. Nothing has ailed Leo XIII. these last two years. He is truly a phenomenon. He grows in years, but he appears to gain in vigor each year. Mark my words, the Pope will live to be a hundred years old and longer, and even then he will enjoy life as he does today. Really one can hardly believe that Leo XIII. should ever die."

COLD IN DAWSON.

Thermometer Registers 66 Degrees Below Zero—Fuel Scarce in the City.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—The weather has been extremely cold at Dawson for the past 15 days, the thermometer going as low as 66 degrees below zero. The lamps were to be introduced which, making it almost impossible to see even in the middle of the day. A fuel famine adds to the discomforts of the situation. There is plenty of cordwood near Dawson, but teamsters will not haul it during the hard weather.

MISSION WORK.

The Proposed Co-Operation Between Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The second meeting of the joint committee of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, appointed some time ago to arrange co-operation between the two churches in the home mission field, was held yesterday afternoon. Another meeting is to be held at which superintendents of missions of both churches for Ontario and the Northwest Territories will be present with a view to further discussion, and to ascertain in what direction co-operation be practicable.

FIELD MARSIAL DEAD.

Sir John Simmons, a Former Governor of Malta, Passes Away.

London, Feb. 14.—Field Marshal Sir Jno. Simmons died to-day at his residence at Blackwater, Hampshire. He was born in 1821. He entered the Royal Engineers 63 years ago, and was at one time Governor of Malta and Envoy Extraordinary to the Pope.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC SCHEME

NO TRUTH IN RUMORS OF ITS ABANDONMENT

Position of Company Regarding Proposal Remains Unchanged—Le Roi Companies and Amalgamation.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—C. M. Hayes announced to-day that there is no truth in the current rumors that the Grand Trunk will abandon the Pacific scheme, and states that the position of the company with respect to the project remains unchanged. Le Roi Company. A special cable from London to-day says: "Yesterday's meeting of Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company has had, as an outcome, a movement for amalgamation with Le Roi Company." Lord Shaftesbury Hamilton has made it clear that his company would not stand in the way, and also declared that though the property was being sold, the company would be good management."

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Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, of the British navy, who preceded Admiral Bickford in command of the Australian squadron, passed through San Francisco on his way to England this week. Referring to his arrival in that city the San Francisco Call has the following: "Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, of the British navy, calls the Venezuelans 'bumptious beggars,' and says they need a big, strong guard. He suggests Uncle Sam for the position. The admiral arrived here yesterday on the Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Sierra. He has been for two years commander-in-chief of the British fleet in Australian waters, and is on his way home to London for assignment to a new and more important command. Lady Beaumont, who accompanies the admiral, was a Miss Perkins of Boston.

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"The admiral is a well-built Briton with clean-cut features, kindly eyes and a well-disciplined beard of that snowy whiteness which brightens the gold and deepens the blue of the uniform his high rank entitles him to wear, and adds distinction to the appearance of the wearer. In the quiet civilian garb in which he arrived, the admiral looked the well-groomed man of the world, and when the monocle was fitted into place, every step of one of the cars and smashing the rear platform of another.

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DELEGATES ARE BACK FROM OTTAWA

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR SESSION

The Government is Now Engaged on the Subject of Deadman's Island.

Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts returned on Friday from their trip to Ottawa, where they had conferences with members of the Dominion cabinet upon various points at issue between the two governments. The premier has little to add to what has already appeared respecting their mission. The government are now busy engaged getting matters in shape for the assembling of the House. On the question of the legislation to be introduced by the government at the coming session he is unable to give an outline at the present time. The legislation will undoubtedly be affected by the result of the visit to Ottawa. With the House assembling in less than a month the government will, therefore, be kept busy getting in shape for it.

Upon some of the subjects discussed Eberts have not been given by the Premier. The question of trap fishing and of a larger return for the province from the collections for fishing licenses, has not been definitely settled by the Dominion cabinet. The throwing open of land now held as Indian reserves in cases where they were not required for the latter purpose was urged upon Ottawa authorities. The deputations also asked that the minerals under the Indian reserves might be opened to the public. These matters are also under consideration at Ottawa. It was also urged upon the Premier cabinet that the salaries of the British Columbia judges should be placed on the same basis as those of other provinces.

The answer of the Dominion government to the question of Oriental legislation has already appeared. The provincial delegates to any legislation which they may introduce upon the question must be made to apply to Chinese only, and the Japanese. They have asked that at least 75 per cent. of the amount collected as head tax should go to the provincial exchequer.

CAUGHT IN ICE.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Will Attempt to Rescue Five Imprisoned Fishing Schooners.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 14.—The United States revenue cutter Seminole returned to Channel harbor this afternoon. She was unable to go around Cape Bay owing to ice. Local navigators believe the schooner will never succeed in her attempt to rescue the five American fishing schooners, laden with cargoes of herring, which have been frozen in the ice in the Bay islands since the latter part of January.

OXFORD WON.

Defeated Cambridge in the Annual Football Match.

London, Feb. 14.—The Oxford-Cambridge annual football match was played at the Queen's Club grounds to-day. During the first half Cambridge did most of the forcing. At the interval the score was a goal to nothing in favor of Oxford. At the change of ends the Cambridge men continued their forcing tactics, but the defence was good, and the game ended with a score of one to nothing in favor of Oxford.

SAANICH NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of The Times.) The pupils of the South Saanich school presented their teacher, H. C. Shelton, with an address worked in affectionate terms and a handsome shawing set on his celebrating his fortieth birthday. Under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute, an entertainment was held in the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Thursday. A special train ran from Victoria, and the large hall was crowded. Among the numbers on the programme were: Piano solos by Mrs. Butler and Master Willie Shelton, songs by E. R. Hopkins, Miss Ada Martin, H. L. H. Miss Dora Butler, J. Reid and Mr. Dunn; also a quartette. A musical and dramatic entertainment, the programme to include "Our Boys," will be given at Temperance hall, South Saanich, on Wednesday next.

FIRE AT KAMLOOPS.

Kamloop, B. C., Feb. 14.—Fire broke out in the roof of the Standard Publishing Company's office last night about 9 o'clock, destroying the roof of the building and doing damage to their plant to the extent of about six hundred dollars. The building is not insured. The cause of the fire is supposed to be from Chinese fireworks, which were being set off in Chinatown.