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### B. C. BUILDINGS PROVIDED FOR

Items to Amount of \$300,000 Voted in the House of Commons

### EMERGENCY BANK NOTES

Debate on Mr. Fielding's Proposed Amendment to the Banking Act

Ottawa, June 19.—At last evening's session of the house \$286,000 was voted for public buildings in British Columbia. Mr. Bennett criticised the expenditure of \$30,000 for a new postoffice at Cumberland, which only had a postal revenue of \$100. Hon. Mr. Pughley explained that there was a large money order business at that point. The \$2,000 for the post office at Cranbrook was passed. Other items voted were \$8,000 for Dominion public buildings, repairs and improvements, and \$30,000 for a new post office at Fernie, which is to cost, including site, \$168,000. Lady Smith got \$10,000 for a new postoffice. On the item for \$150,000 for a public building in Vancouver, Hon. Mr. Pughley said that the site cost \$52,000 and that the contract price for construction was \$24,500, put up by Kelly Bros. of Winnipeg. The highest tender was \$68,000. The site was also carried for \$5,000 for the site of the Customs house and postoffice at Vernon, the total cost of the site being \$10,000. On the vote for \$40,000 for an immigration building at Victoria, Hon. Mr. Pughley said that the total cost of the building was \$118,000 and that the cost of the site was \$6,000. Mr. Fielding's bill to authorize the issue of government securities for the purpose was read a second time and considered in committee. Mr. Fielding said it merely gave the government the power that they desired an old age annuity. Mr. Aylesworth's bill respecting the court of appeal of British Columbia was passed. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth introduced the Juvenile Delinquency bill in the House this morning. The measure has already passed the Senate. Hon. Mr. Fielding moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Bank act so as to permit the issue of emergency bank notes during the coming season, from October to the end of the year, said that the banks of Canada, as they stand, are permitted to issue \$29,937,279 in bank notes. The present amendment to the Banking act, however, would allow them to issue emergency circulation to the extent of 15 per cent of their combined paid-up and reserve, which will add \$24,663,604 to the circulation of the Dominion. Some of the banks now had reserves actually exceeding the paid-up capital. All of the banks together had established a redemption fund, which was available for the redemption of the notes of each individual bank, and this would apply to the emergency issue. Mr. Fielding said, for a large circulation during the crop-moving season. Mr. Foster deprecated interference with the Bank act because of the uncertainty of the government should await the decisional revision of the Bank act before attempting to legislate. A sufficiently strong case had not been made out to justify the issue of emergency bank notes. Canadian banks had not reached their authorized note issue by millions of dollars, Mr. Foster thought the decision of the United States authorities to issue emergency currency was no precedent for Canada, because of the superior elasticity of the Canadian currency system. He claimed that the banking system of the United States as recently voted by Congress will make the American system superior to the Canadian, whereas Canada, heretofore has boasted the safest banking law in the world. Mr. Fielding, however, said the new American law was not so perfect as Mr. Foster seemed to think. The present bill, Mr. Fielding said, had been before the House and country for some considerable time, and there had been no adverse criticism passed upon it. A caucus of the opposition was held this morning, and it is understood Mr. Borden gave information regarding the progress of negotiations for the settlement of the contentious clauses of the election bill. It is said that an informal committee of Conservatives and Liberal members may be proposed to deal with all the remaining questions in dispute, so that legislation as early a settlement as possible.

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Injuries Prove Fatal. Montreal, June 20.—Edward Coffey, the stone cutter who had his legs cut off by a C.P.R. train on the wharf at noon yesterday died in the hospital last night.

Ontario Thunderstorm. London, Ont., June 20.—A terrific thunderstorm swept over this district yesterday afternoon, doing a great deal of damage to the crops and burning many barns.

London, June 20.—When Miss Jessie Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to England, goes to the altar of the Chap. Royal on the afternoon of June 23 to be married to the Hon. John Hubert Ward, it will be the first time for the daughter of an American ambassador to be married in London. Miss Reid is the first American girl to form an alliance with a member of King Edward's household. Mr. and Mrs. Ward spend the greater part of their honeymoon at Lord Dudley's Dartmoor Lodge, Galway.

King Leopold Dodged. Brussels, June 20.—A chaffeur in the employ of King Leopold was today fined \$10 for having upset and injured a bicyclist by driving his machine against the bicycle. King Leopold was cited to appear in the case, but he pleaded diplomatic immunity. The summons for him was subsequently withdrawn.

Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation declaring the admission of the United States government to the Paris convention of the white slave traffic. There are thirteen nations signatory to the convention, and three have declared their adhesion to it.

### NEW MEASURE TO BAR HINDUS

Order-in-Council Requires Asiatic Immigrants to Possess \$200

### FIGURES SHOW DEPRESSION

Trade and Bank Statistics Compared With Those of Last Year

Ottawa, June 20.—The Canada Gazette contains an order-in-council to the effect that all Asiatic immigrants, other than those whose countries the government of Canada has special arrangements, or those concerning whose countries special statutory regulations exist, on the part of Canada, must have \$200 each. In plain words, this will apply to Hindus, and not to Japanese with special privileges. The combined import and export trade of the Dominion for the month of May amounted to \$27,332,971, a decrease of \$11,468,330 compared with the same month last year. For April and May the combined foreign trade was \$68,933,645, a decrease of \$25,219,213. The import trade for May was \$22,424,684, a decrease of \$11,382,556. For April and May the imports of Canada were \$26,238, a decrease of \$19,516,234. The exports of Canadian produce for May were \$12,966,272, a decrease of \$2,398,583. The exports of Canadian produce for April and May totalled \$24,201,809, a decrease of \$3,456,606, and the exports of foreign produce show a decrease of \$3,237,372, of which \$2,363,028 was made up of coin and bullion. The note expansion of the chartered banks for May last, according to the bank statement as compared with April, was \$1,216,111, compared with May a year ago there was a contraction of \$2,917,095, which betrays an appreciable falling off in general deposits and transportation. Public deposits on current account show a decrease of \$654,202, as compared with April, and of \$1,344,729 as compared with May 1907. Deposits bearing interest show an increase of \$372,385 compared with April, but a decrease of \$17,229,123 compared with May a year ago. Current loans in Canada in the month of May, 1908, were \$710 compared with April, and of \$45,384,788 compared with May, 1907.

### ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP SCORES A SUCCESS

Manoeuvres Over Lake Constance With Party of Twelve

### UNIONISTS CAPTURE SEAT IN YORKSHIRE

Pudsey District Elects Opposition Candidate in Liberal's Place

London, June 20.—A bye-election was held today for member of the House of Commons for the Pudsey district of Yorkshire West riding, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. Whiteley, Liberal.

James Oddy, Unionist, was returned by a majority of 118. This election, the Liberal majority was 3,502, the vote standing: G. Whiteley, Liberal, 7,643; Lieut.-Col. C. Ford, Unionist, 3,544.

### BREAKS RECORD

Empress of Ireland Makes Voyage From Liverpool to Quebec in Fast Time

Montreal, June 20.—The steamer Empress of Ireland was today up at her dock at Quebec at 11 o'clock today has broken the westbound record from Liverpool to Quebec. The Empress left Liverpool at five o'clock last Friday afternoon, passed Cape Race on Wednesday and at midnight Wednesday steamed into Sydney and landed her mails, losing two hours in the operation. The total time of the passage was 13 days 13 hours from dock to dock. This record voyage forebodes a further clipping of time for the shorter route via Belle Isle during the summer.

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### THIRTY MEN ENDANGERED

Five Minutes Earlier Entire Force of Workers Would Have Been Caught

Monongahela, Pa., June 19.—Three miners are dead, two others perhaps fatally burned, and others injured, from an explosion at the Liberty colliery near here today. Of the victims taken from the mine John Beal is the only one identified. The others are foreigners whose features were too scorched to be recognized. The two burned men were hurried to the hospital, where it was said they would probably die. The explosion occurred when all but thirty miners working on the day shift had left the workings. Of this number fifteen were near the bottom of the shaft and rushed out before the force of the explosion reached them. Had the explosion occurred five minutes earlier the entire force of over 500 men would have been entrapped, with probably many fatalities. Later reports from Ellsworth, Pa., are to the effect that all the men are out of the mine, total number of victims being 10, three being dead. Little damage was done inside the mine. Owing to a storm of foreign produce show a decrease of \$3,237,372, of which \$2,363,028 was made up of coin and bullion.

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Penned in By "Bump" and Smothered By Accumulated Gas

Fernie, B.C., June 20.—A serious accident occurred in the mine at Coal Creek last night, when three men lost their lives. The killed are Geo. Neath, 45, English, married; John S. Gosh, 40, German, married; and Steve Koly, 21.

The fatal bump was felt all over Coal creek, and people came flocking to the mouth of the mine. The bump occurred in section at the bottom and squeezed up to the top, stopping the air from going in, and the gas quickly accumulated. General Superintendent of the local Superintendents Strachan and the pit bosses were soon on hand with a rescue party, but were unable to get to the men owing to the large accumulation of gas.

The mine train bringing down the night shift has just arrived from the scene of the explosion at Coal creek, but has none of the bodies of the men who were killed, as it is impossible to get them owing to the gas in the mine.

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### MONEY ADVANCE FOR GRAIN CROP

Hon. Mr. Fielding Criticised for Ignoring Parliament's Authority

### INDEMNITY BILL PASSED

Revenue Returns Show Serious Falling Off For This Month

Ottawa, June 18.—In the House this morning Mr. Fielding introduced a bill to legalize what had been done by the government last fall to assist in the movement of the grain crop, owing to the money stringency. It was under these circumstances that an advance of \$3,815,000 in Dominion notes was made. The money was issued between November 19 and January 1, and was repaid before May. He recognized that a grave step had been taken in the matter, but the results to the grain interests of the west, he believed, would have been graver still had this step not been taken. The bill was passed by a majority of 150. The bill was introduced by Mr. Fielding, and was passed by a majority of 150. The bill was introduced by Mr. Fielding, and was passed by a majority of 150.

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### HOUSE AND BARN BURNED

Warwick, Que., June 20.—Three houses and a barn belonging to J. Genovese and W. Hamel were destroyed near here last night. The loss is probably about \$5,000.

### SIR GILBERT'S VIEWS

Montreal, June 20.—Sir Gilbert Parker, who left this morning for Belleville on a visit, expressed the opinion that the Liberal government would appeal to the country in the year, and there might be a change. "I think there is no doubt that the Socialist and Labor parties will be able to make any headway, and who can therefore foresee the result?"

### SYND SHUTS OUT PRESS

Toronto, June 20.—The Anglican Synod of Ontario has adopted a resolution which in effect will exclude the press from all future meetings to the synd, because of alleged misstatements in a press correspondent. He will hereafter furnish reports of proceedings. Hon. S. H. Blake, said that if it were in the effort to put out the fire the re-insert into their ten commandments the ninth, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," there would be a great improvement.

### C. P. R. CHANGE

Montreal, June 20.—George Hodges, superintendent of C. P. R. terminals at Montreal has been appointed superintendent of the Montreal-Quebec division of the road, in place of W. J. Singleton, superannuated. The change is effective on July 1st.

### NEW WESTMINSTER TUG AGROUND

Nanaimo, June 20.—Steamer Dauntless, of the C. P. R., was aground by Preston and Meyers, struck on Walker's reef, this side of Plummer Pass, on the coast of British Columbia, four fathoms of water at low tide, and is in grave danger of being a total loss. Capt. Geo. Merchand was in command of the steamer at the time of the accident. She had a boom of logs in tow for Anacortes, Wash. One of the largest tugs of the West-minster fleet, and is a fine vessel. News of the accident was brought to this port by the tug Edna Grace, of Victoria, which brought the chief engineer up on his way to Vancouver. It is believed that the machine was in command of the steamer at the time of the accident.

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### VILLAGES SWEPT BY FOREST FIRES

Many People Left Homeless by the Flames in Northern Michigan

### SEVERAL COUNTIES SUFFER

Much Greater Destruction is Threatened if Rain Does Not Come

Detroit, Mich., June 20.—Fires in northern Michigan forests, fanned to gigantic proportions by the gales of the last few days, have destroyed at least three villages, rendered hundreds homeless, swept over thousands of acres of timber land, and caused damage estimated at \$200,000. The heaviest loss has been sustained in Presque Isle and Sheboygan counties, although Leelanau, Charlevoix and Osego counties have also suffered considerably. The village of Chase, in Presque Isle county, was destroyed today. Leland, a little town in Sheboygan county, was burned tonight. The village of Kentucky, near Berne City, has been wiped out. Fire tonight threatens the entire south part of Sheboygan county. The fire extends a distance of twenty miles, and the flames are tonight the loss will be tremendous. The flames were driven all today by high winds. The village of Chase, in Presque Isle county, was destroyed today. Leland, a little town in Sheboygan county, was burned tonight. The village of Kentucky, near Berne City, has been wiped out. Fire tonight threatens the entire south part of Sheboygan county. The fire extends a distance of twenty miles, and the flames are tonight the loss will be tremendous. The flames were driven all today by high winds.

### STEAMER EXPLOSION KILLS STEVEDORES

Three Men Dead and Many Injured on Hamburg-Freighter

Philadelphia, June 20.—As the result of an explosion, the cause of which is not definitely known, on board the Hamburg-American line freight steamer Arcadia, as she lay in her berth at the Washington avenue wharf, Delaware river, today three stevedores are dead and a score of other workmen are injured.

The explosion occurred in the after hold, while 125 stevedores were in the hold unloading the cargo, which was of a general character. Fire followed the explosion, and the steamer was seriously damaged before the flames were extinguished.

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### TRANSIT UNABLE TO REACH NOME

Believed That Steamer is Imprisoned in Northern Ice Floes

### OTHER SHIPS ARE DELAYED

Failure of Steamers to Reach Arctic Port Will Cut Into Profits

The steamer Transit, which left here twenty days ago for the Cape Nome steamer company, bound for Cape Nome with 280 passengers, has not yet been reported at the Arctic port. Capt. S. F. Mackenzie, who was in the city yesterday, is eagerly awaiting word of the arrival of the vessel. The steamer Hyades, which left Seattle 22 days ago, is also not reported, and the steamer Umadilla, which left Seattle 17 days ago, is still out. The steamer Northwestern, which reached Cape Nome on Friday, reports that the steamer Ohio and Yucatan are held in the ice off Cape Romanzoff, north of the Kuskoowim river and south of the entrance to Norton sound, about 180 miles from Cape Nome. The Ohio left Seattle at the same time as the Transit left Victoria and the Norwegian steamer, which the big crowd of passengers are closely packed in bunks in the 'tween decks, arranged like those of a troop ship, is also believed to be fast in the ice. No danger to life from collision with the ice is feared, but the fact that the steamer is so long unreported, and the delay in reaching Cape Nome, is a serious matter. The fact that they are imprisoned in the ice drifting helplessly with the movement of the ice, considering that the steamer carries 289 passengers, took the travellers at a fare of \$15, and the expenses of the steamer, is a serious matter. The steamer was chartered at the rate of \$4,000 per month, will leave scant profit.

### PARLIAMENT MAKES A LITTLE HEADWAY

Sir Frederick Gets More Criticism—Bank Note Measure Passed

Ottawa, June 20.—Despite the hot weather the House of Commons put in a good day's work yesterday. At the afternoon session Mr. Fielding's bill concerning increased circulation of the banks was considered in committee, read a third time and passed without amendments.

W. F. McLean considered that the bill would not do what it was intended to do, and predicted a money famine within the next three months. The resolutions respecting lead bounties were passed, and the bill founded thereon was introduced and read a third time.

The House then went into committee of supply. Sir Frederick Borden asked to explain why a constituency which returned a Liberal member given an expensive drill hall. Brandon was the constituency referred to. Another constituency in which a Liberal member was elected, returned a Conservative, and in consequence the local regiment had no place to store its arms.

Dr. Barr said the Minister of Militia was a mere figurehead, who had no grip on his department, but allowed it to be run by underlings. When the house adjourned at 11:15 p.m. the work incidentally for a million had been passed.

The conviction grows that the election bill dispute is close at hand. In the Senate the bill to amend the inspection act was read a second time, but not before Senator Loughheed asked the question if any amendments were likely to have the effect of improving the enforcement of the act. He said there were constant complaints in the English press that Canadian fruit did not agree with the markets on the packages. This was a thing which should be remedied if possible.

Hon. W. Scott said that the object of the act was to improve inspection. He regretted that all those who produced Canadian food for export did not appreciate that it would be to their own advantage to place proper marks on their packages, and that the government should be made more reliable that no inspection would be necessary.

The following bills were read a second time. To incorporate the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway company, respecting the Belleville and Prince Edward Bridge company, and the Yukon Flacier Mining Act. The Senate adjourned until Tuesday.

### MARINE DEPARTMENT INQUIRY