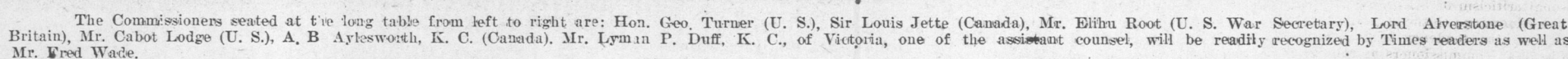


ALASKA BOUNDARY COMMISSION SITTING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

We expected that the responsibility for the Alaska boundary award would be, by some ingenious process of reasoning, placed upon the shoulders of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Any kind of stick will do to whack the backs of the present government, in the opinion of such unreasoning partisans as the *Colonist*. It is an offence that a Liberal government should ever have been placed in power by the people of Canada, and unfortunately readers of *Tory* newspapers must reconcile themselves to billions of criticisms and nonsensical blather for another decade or so. As to the constitution of the



The British Empire. But our readers will observe from the published statements that Sir Louis Jetté and Aylesworth claim that Lord Alvestone, while agreeing with them that the Canadians had made out a complete case as regards their title to four islands in the Portland Canal, yet after a conference with the American Commissioners His Lordship had agreed to a compromise, each country taking two of the islands. The same spirit is alleged to have governed the conduct of the president of the tribunal in regard to the course of the boundary line along the coast. He conceded that the Canadians had established their case and that the Ameri-

they were marked with a black pencil instead of a red. There were some more papers marked by voters whose intentions were perfectly apparent, but whose minds could not grasp the importance of strict compliance with the letter of foolish regulations. If those ballots had been allowed, as some similarly decorated have been known to be counted by "impartial jurists of repute," it would have been the duty of

It is urged against the new Liberal leader in British Columbia that he is a comparatively unknown man. The same objection was raised to the elevation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The federal chief is fairly well known by reputation to-day. A short time hence the provincial leader will be prominently enough in the public eye for the good of British Columbia and the ill of the Conservative party.

To those best able to judge, no doubt remains as to the result. Mr. Mc Bride will not reconcile them. He will have to make up his mind whether or not he will be dominated by Mr. Houston.

would have resulted seriously to the business section of the city. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an incendiary. The back half of the hotel was badly damaged, but the loss is fully covered by insurance.

that the Turkish government intends to follow Bulgaria's lead in the demobilization of troops. It is reported that Turkey intends to keep to the letter of her agreement to this end by disbanding troops in some distant part of Asia Minor.

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