

GOVERNOR GENERAL SEEKS INFORMATION

His Excellency Asks What British Columbia Proposes Doing to Celebrate Coronation—Victoria's Programme.

A complete programme of the Victoria festivities arranged for June 22nd, the date of the coronation of His Majesty King George V., was submitted by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, at a meeting of the committee of management yesterday afternoon. It was explained verbally and through the medium of some correspondence, that His Excellency, the Governor-General, through His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Acting Premier Hon. Dr. H. E. Young, had asked for information as to what British Columbia proposed doing to celebrate the coronation. Mr. Cuthbert and other members, thought Victoria was fortunate in being able to present a creditable list of celebration events at such an early date. It was an indication that the Daughters of the Empire, when they concluded some months ago that it was incumbent on the provincial capital to do something to mark the occasion of more than usually elaborate character, had the right idea. The correspondence, and the programme, all of which speaks for itself, follows:

Sir—I enclose a copy of a letter received from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, which is self-explanatory. I should be greatly obliged, if you will trouble you too much, if you will let me have an outline as near as possible, of the festivities planned for Coronation day, in order that I may reply as fully as possible to His Honor's letter.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. YOUNG.

To Hon. Dr. H. E. Young.

Sir—His Excellency the Governor-General, having requested to be informed as to what steps it is proposed to take in this province to celebrate the occasion of the coronation of His Majesty King George V., on the 22nd of June next, His Honor will be glad, if you will be so good as to furnish him with a programme of the proceedings planned for that date.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) H. J. B. SKEAT,
Private Secretary.

Hon. H. E. Young, Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge with thanks yours of the 15th inst., enclosing a letter from His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for particulars of the steps which it is proposed to take to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty, King George V., on the 22nd of June.

I have the honor to enclose a preliminary draft of the programme to be carried out in Victoria on the auspicious occasion, which on behalf of the management committee of the Imperial order of the Daughters of the Empire who initiated this movement, I hope will meet with the approval of His Honor, and also of yourself and the members of the government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HERBERT CUTHBERT,
Hon. Secy.

Coronation carnival and festival of empire to be held at Victoria, B. C., on June 22nd, in connection with the celebration of the coronation of His Majesty, King George V.

Morning
11 a. m.—All the school children of the city will be massed in front of the Parliament buildings, Parliament square, go through various exercises and render patriotic songs. During the exercises, a formal announcement will be made of the formation of Coronation Day Chapter of the Children of the Empire, and the charter signed by one child from each school.

12 Noon—Presentation to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor by the children of presentation boxes for the establishment of a children's home.

12:15—Official proclamation of the coronation will be read by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, who will be accompanied by his staff, the members of the provincial government, provincial legislature and representatives of all public bodies.

2:30—Coronation pageant will start from some point in the city and proceed through one of the principal streets past Parliament square to Beacon Hill park, where they will salute His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, at a given point, proceed once around the hill and disperse. The pageant will consist of the city police, fire brigade, detachments of the army and navy, representatives from all patriotic, friendly, arts and crafts and kindred societies; officials of the management committee prepared by the management committee, representing various incidents in the history of Great Britain, Canada and British Columbia; floats prepared by the various friendly, patriotic and other societies; detachments of university and high school cadets, Boy Scouts and British campaigners.

Evening

8:30—All the choirs of the city will be massed in front of Parliament buildings, and render selections from the official coronation music, and various other selections of opening number being the national anthem. The Arion club (male voices) will render several choruses from the harbor in front of Parliament square. 5th regiment band will also be in attendance. 9:30—Open air festival of empire along James bay embankment and in front of the Parliament buildings.

There was very little other business transacted. Several committees submitted reports which were of a satisfactory character, showing that the

preparations were as far advanced as could reasonably be expected. Mrs. H. Croft spoke of the organization of a parade, her statement regarding the number and the character of the floats which were to be contributed by different bodies being very gratifying. Her report was adopted and a number of details in connection therewith will be left in the hands of various sub-committees to receive the required attention.

May Try Commission

HAMILTON, Ont., May 16.—The people may be given a chance to vote here on a proposal to govern Hamilton by a commission. Two years' experimenting with a board of control has practically killed interest in the aldermanic game, and with the House reduction and the power question settled, it is feared that there will be not enough aldermanic candidates at the next election to furnish contests in half of the wards.

Probably Murdered

CHICAGO, May 15.—The body of a man whose arms had been plucked from his sides and his legs wrapped with a heavy wire, was taken from the river at the Madison street bridge last night. There is a single clue to his identity, the laundry mark "M. A. 44." The police opinion is this mystery is that the victim was murdered by "sluggers" that possibly he was slain as a result of labor troubles. The body was badly bruised and carried what appeared to be a bullet wound in the right leg below the knee.

Strike in Ottawa

OTTAWA, May 15.—Four hundred builders' laborers went on strike on Saturday demanding 25 cents an hour, which the contractors refuse to pay. The men have been getting 25 cents an hour. The agreement at the latter figure expired May 1, and negotiations have been in progress since. All building operations are tied up. So great is the number of men on strike that the labor hall was unable to accommodate them and some of them had open-air meetings on Carleton square.

WELCOME RAIN

VISITS PRAIRIES

All Provinces Enjoy Copious

Showers, Improving Crop

Prospects—Heavy in Mani-

toba and Saskatchewan.

WINNIPEG, May 16.—Further rain-

falls are reported today throughout

west, Manitoba and Saskatchewan

being visited by copious showers that

improved the crop prospects throughout

both provinces, while precipitation also

occurred in Alberta.

Between one and two inches fell at

Regina, while at Moose Lake it was

showing for fully twelve hours, so

that crops in that district are reported

to be in better condition than known

previously. At Moose Jaw a twelve-hour

rain also prevailed.

Seeding in that district is well ad-

vanced, wheat being practically all in,

and oats well advanced, while many

farmers are now busy putting in flax.

Warm rains are falling tonight, all

over the west and conditions could not

be more ideal for a record crop. From

Neepawa comes the report that the

wheat is growing so rapidly "that we

can see it grow." In places wheat is

reaching from six to eight inches high and

of very strong growth.

CLASH BETWEEN

POLICE AND MOB

Many Injured in Strikers' Riot

at Grand Rapids, Mich.—

Rioters Are Dispersed by

Streams of Water.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 15.—At

least a score of policemen were injured

and many members of a mob of two

thousand striking furniture workers and

sympathizers were hurt in a riot at

the plant of the Widdicombs Furniture

company tonight. Several of the injured

may die.

After a fight with revolvers, clubs

and stones, in which the police were

badly beaten, a fire engine company at-

tacked the mob with streams of water

and succeeded in quelling the distur-

bance. The trouble started when a mob

of about 300 men, women and boys at-

tacked an automobile driver employed

by Ralph Widdicombs, of the furniture

company, who was taking strike break-

ers from the factory.

Policemen were hurried to the scene

and soon began firing, and the fire was

returned by rioters. Several policemen

were knocked senseless by missiles

hurled by women.

Drowned in Canal

MONTREAL, May 15.—While taking

his daily morning walk, William Henry

fell into the canal between Colborne

street and the foot of Murray street,

when pulled out not five minutes after-

wards he was dead. He was 71 years

old.

The Dominion Express Company

charges \$1.40 for a ten-pound package

from Chicago to Rosland, and \$2.85

for a similar package to Trail—ten

miles away.

ORGANIZING FORESTRY PROTECTION BRANCH

Systematic Work of Conserva-
tion and Bush Fire Fighting
is Undertaken by Provincial
Government.

By the close of the present week the systematic organization for the present season of the Forestry Department Branch of the Provincial Department of Lands will have been virtually completed, and its administration under the new and practical commission method will have been inaugurated.

The work of forest conservation and bush fire fighting, as anyone in touch with the related conditions must have long since discovered, and as the investigations and report of the Forestry Commission plainly attested, has in British Columbia attained such proportions that its administration by any one man effectively has become out of the question. The Minister responsible has therefore acted the part of wisdom in placing forest protection matters in the hands of an expert commission, which will include Mr. W. C. Gladwin, last year's chief forest ranger, Mr. M. A. Grainger, who acted as secretary to the recent Royal Commission, and Mr. W. H. McGregor, who has just arrived here from Toronto, where he has for some years past been attached to the Ontario Department of Forestry.

During the past few weeks Commissioners Gladwin and Grainger have been busy employed in the selection and assignment of the forest protective staffs for the present season, the province for fire fighting purposes being divided into eight districts or divisions, each of which will be presided over by a divisional warden and district inspector, with a sufficiently numerous staff of selected men to successfully cope with any fire as they may, and doubtless will, arise.

This detailed work being now virtually completed, Commissioners McGregor and Grainger are on the eve of leaving on a tour of all parts of the province, the purpose of which is to enable them to secure personal and first-hand information as to all threatening conditions and to acquaint themselves with all details of the situation as to be able to take all natural precautions for dealing with any and all emergencies as they may arise.

Growth of Work

As indicative of the rapid growth of the forest protection work in British Columbia, it may be noted that while five years ago the appropriation for the service by the Provincial Legislature was limited to \$7,000, this allotment had last year risen to \$180,000, and while but five years ago a mere handful of men were engaged in the protection of the standing timber of British Columbia against the enemy of fire, this season no fewer than 1,000 men and twenty trained woodmen will be employed directly by the Government, this force including the officers and men operating from the department's special fleet of launches.

It will be remembered that during the late session of the local House, an announcement was made that comprehensive laws dealing with the conservation and protection of the forests would next year be enacted, and in this connection the present year's operations will therefore be chiefly directed towards the purpose of which is to enable them to secure personal and first-hand information as to all threatening conditions and to acquaint themselves with all details of the situation as to be able to take all natural precautions for dealing with any and all emergencies as they may arise.

In the first place, to affording all possible systematic protection against fire, and secondarily to the devising of a comprehensive and workable permanent system, which scientific methods may be provided to minimize the annual and regrettable loss through fire devastation.

An Excellent Move

The tour upon which Messrs. Grainger and McGregor are now leaving is essential facts bearing upon these co-ordinated objects.

Incidentally an excellent and practical move has been made this season in starting out a number of the forest rangers early for the purpose of having the bare places cleared up and at the same time pursuing private enterprise on the ground to co-operate with the Government in the protection of the forests by similar rational action. And it is pleasant to note that loggers and others directly in touch with the situation have shown a commendable willingness to assist in this direction.

The appointments of the divisional rangers and inspectors, as well as their subordinates in the service, will be made public in the near future. Meanwhile the work of forest protection for the season, which may now be said to be opening, has already been inaugurated upon a more comprehensive and scientific basis than ever before.

While the weather has been favorable on the whole, it is at the same time but fair to state that the precautionary measures adopted are no doubt substantially to be held responsible for the fact that up to date the 1911 forest loss by fire is very considerably lower than in any recent or previous year.

At New Westminster, Vesta Victoria, during her visit was the guest of honor at an informal luncheon over which Mayor Lee presided.

Albert Whale, a commercial traveller formerly employed by the Vancouver Furniture Manufacturing Co., is on trial before Judge McInnes at Vancouver on a charge of fraudulently endorsing the company's name to a cheque for \$116, which he then proceeded to cash.

DEATH MEANS LOSS TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

Late Mr. C. H. Wilkinson Actively Interested in Development of Province Since 1896—Had Many Projects.

Thayer in Trouble
HOQUIAM, May 16.—The schooner C. A. Thayer, which has arrived from San Francisco, narrowly escaped going into the breakers off Westport Saturday night. The schooner sailed in close to shore about dark and the wind died down. As she was drifting, ashore anchors were dropped and fortunately held, the small sea that was running at the time doing no damage, although the Thayer was in the outer break.

CONFERENCE PROTESTS

Se Tenere Devere Gets Attention of Provincial Methodist Body Assembled at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, May 16.—The Methodist conference this morning passed a strong resolution affirming that passed by the general conference of the church against the se tenere decree. It was decided that the provincial government should be approached on the question and the conference further concluded to appoint a delegate to join a denominational conference to go to Ottawa in protest against the se tenere decree.

The report of the social and moral reform department was brought in this morning. It contained a large number of recommendations covering all practical phases of temperance and social work. Among the recommendations was one that the provincial government should allow cities and municipalities to elect their license and police commissioners and also that they should be allowed to vote at municipal elections on reductions in the number of licenses and local option entirely.

CRUISER SHORT

OF BUNKER COAL

U. S. Vessel Buffalo, Engaged

in Establishing Wireless

Stations, Unable to Replenish

at Alaska Ports.

CORODOVA, Alaska, May 16.—Another

dramatic incident has been added to

the urgent need of opening the Alaska

coal fields took place here today. The

United States cruiser Buffalo, which left

San Francisco several weeks ago to es-

tablish wireless telegraph stations in

Alaska, encountered "negotiations" storms

and when she arrived here today after

fulfilling her mission her coal bunkers,

which have a capacity of 1875 tons, were

almost empty. Commander Stone, com-

mander of the cruiser, made application

for part of the cargo of the steamer

Edith, which is discharging 3,000 tons

of Canadian coal for the Copper River

and Northwestern railway, but General

Agent Barry, of the railroad refused to

sell any coal to the Buffalo, giving as a

reason the fact that the railroad had

just completed negotiations for the pur-

chase of the coal to steam to that port. Com-

mander Stone has reported his plight to

the navy department. It is expected

that the government will send a collier

from the Puget Sound navy yard to Cor-

ordova with fuel for the Buffalo.

The nearest largest coal pile is at

Sitka, 1,000 miles distant, and the

cruiser, it is said, has not coal enough

for power to steam to that port. Com-

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The great Bering river coal fields are

situated only thirty miles from where

the cruiser lies, but the coal cannot be

touched until the supreme court renders

a decision next fall concerning the title

to these fields, which are claimed by

private individuals.

KING'S RULING

ON ADDRESSES

Those from Dominion to be Re-

ceived Only Through Gover-

nor-General and Colonial

Secretary.

OTTAWA, May 16.—Earl Grey has

received intimation from the secretary

of state for the colonies that it is the

king's pleasure with regard to the pre-

sentation of addresses from civil and

other bodies in the Dominion, on the

occasion of His Majesty's coronation

that such addresses shall be presented

in the ordinary way through the gov-

ernor-general and the secretary of

state for the colonies, as it will not be

possible for His Majesty to receive

them from delegations.

Joe Payne and his band of cowboys

are driving 2,000 head of cattle to

Quebec, Fort George and Hazelton, top

Pat Burns. The demand for beef is

very heavy in the North.

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