

RAILWAY BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

Measures Revise Legislation
On Subject And Place Cor-
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partment

Proceedings of the House of Commons were unusually quiet today. The only business transacted was the reading of a bill to amend the act relating to the incorporation of corporations under the new department.

The bill was introduced by Mr. T. A. C. Brown, and was read a second time. It was then referred to the committee on railways.

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WORK OF BUREAU GREATLY INCREASED

Secretary Of Provincial Information Office Transmits Annual Report Of Department To Legislature

A concise and informative report as to the work of the Bureau of Provincial Information during the past year has just been transmitted to the Legislature, through the Finance Minister, by Secretary F. I. Clarke, who in his resume states that the publications of the Bureau during 1910 included 10,000 copies of a tenth edition of Bulletin No. 10 (Land and Agriculture), 10,000 copies of a tenth edition of No. 22 (New British Columbia), 30,000 copies of the fifth edition of the Handbook of British Columbia (No. 23), and 5,000 of a German edition of No. 25—Game Fishes. In addition to which there were issued and distributed 50,000 Game folders, 200,000 general folders, 20,000 circular letters, cards, notices, etc., 40,000 sketch maps of the Province, and 15,000 maps of Northern British Columbia. Besides the above, 100,000 Bulletins No. 10 and 23 and 100,000 sketch maps were reprinted in England for distribution from the Agent-General's office and at the various fruit exhibitions in the United Kingdom. On the press at the present time are 5,000 copies of No. 25 (Game Fishes), 10,000 of No. 26 (the Columbia-Kootenay Valley), 3,000 of an eleventh edition of No. 22 (New British Columbia), and 3,000 maps of the Northern Interior. The publication of a Bulletin on Timber and Pulp, compiled some time ago, has been deferred pending the report of the Timber and Forestry Commission recently presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and by him laid before the Legislature. In all, 364,000 Bulletins, folders, etc., and 50,000 maps have been handled by the Bureau during the year.

During the same period 368,250 Bulletins, folders, and maps were distributed as follows: To Boards of Trade, 3,750; railway companies, 2,000; Government agents, including several Dominion immigration agents in the United States, 14,500; Vancouver Tourist Association, 12,000; Agent-General at London, 28,500; fruit exhibitions in Canada, 47,500; Vienna and Brussels exhibitions, 49,000; Vancouver Island Development League and branches, 25,000; Settlers' Associations, Publicity Clubs, etc., 39,500; by mail to correspondents, 55,500; by mail to newspapers, magazines, libraries, clubs, hotels, transportation companies, etc., 4,000; and distributed to callers at the offices, 20,000.

In addition, many departmental reports, acts of the Legislature, reports of Boards of Trade, pamphlets issued by various Tourist associations, Publicity clubs and Municipalities, representing all parts of the Province, and other miscellaneous matter, were mailed to special applicants. Besides the above-mentioned Bulletins a pamphlet issued under the auspices of the Vancouver Island Development League was edited and published, the composition, presswork and binding being done by the King's Printer. The Bureau furnished a considerable number of special articles on British Columbia and its resources and opportunities, supplied material and photographs for papers in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, and concise descriptions of the Province, with statistical tables and other desired information, to publishers of encyclopedias, almanacs, year-books, etc.

A large and varied selection of lantern slides is kept in stock, and sets of these were loaned to responsible and accredited persons in Eastern Canada, the United States and Great Britain, as well as Australasia, who gave illustrated lectures on British Columbia. Thus much publicity was secured at a minimum of cost, for the only concession made to these lecturers was the use of the slides. There is also in stock a moving picture film showing some of the chief industries of the Province, which was used to good advantage by Mr. D. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne, Victoria. Mr. Ross delivered the winter months (our summer) to a series of lectures on Canada, and very generously included one on British Columbia, using this film, where practicable, or a set of lantern slides, to illustrate. That these lectures have served to arouse interest in British Columbia is manifested by the increased number of inquiries, the arrival of several immigrants, and a considerable augmentation of the volume of trade with the State of Victoria. Several moving picture films and sets of lantern slides were furnished to the Agent-General, and used to good advantage in Great Britain.

The bulk of the correspondence handled during the year related to land, but there were also numerous inquiries as to business opportunities from manufacturers, merchants, commercial men, lumbermen, miners, fishermen, contractors, builders and professional men. These were furnished with all available information, and many were put in communication with business firms in the Province, resulting in correspondence which led to the establishment of new industries and the opening of new avenues of trade.

Applications for employment were received from men in all lines of industry, the majority being for work on farms or orchards, but a large number also from office and shop assistants, mechanics, engineers, miners, etc. Most of these applica-

tions came from Great Britain, and nearly all of them asked the Bureau to secure them places in advance of their arrival in the Province, while quite a number wished to secure special steamship and railway rates or assisted passages. It was found impracticable to procure employment for these persons, as employers seemed disinclined to engage men or women without having seen and talked with them, and experience having taught them that such engagements often resulted in mutual disappointment. This was explained to the applicants and they were advised that if they possessed sufficient means to tide them over until they obtained employment, and were willing to accept such work as offered even if it was not in their particular line, they might as well come to British Columbia where there is room and opportunity for adaptable, industrious men and women. Many of these would-be students were possessed of means and they were advised to take a course in horticulture in one of the Canadian Agricultural Colleges, preliminary to seeking employment. A register of help wanted is kept for the benefit of farmers and other employers of labor, but comparatively few applications were made during the past year, although members of the Farmers' Institutes throughout the Province have been notified, through their secretaries, of the maintenance of this register. Employment was secured for a number of men and boys through this medium. The number of women applying for work as domestic servants was very small, but quite a number sought employment as "lady help" and governesses.

The substantial increase in the number of communications received, and the world-wide sources of their origin, as well as the diversity of subjects upon which information was desired, indicates that the utility of this Bureau is becoming universally recognized abroad; and it is gratifying to report that numerous expressions of thanks come from correspondents who have profited by the advice and assistance furnished.

The number of letters received and answered during the year was 47,309, an increase of 9,230 over 1909. The number of letters sent was 47,309, an increase of 9,230 over 1909. The number of letters sent was 47,309, an increase of 9,230 over 1909.

SAN FRANCISCO WINS IN HOUSE

Beats New Orleans On Vote For Site Of Canal Celebration Fair—Senate Likely To Agree With Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House of Representatives today by a vote of 188 to 159 decided in favor of San Francisco and against New Orleans as the site in which an exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 shall be held.

This vote was taken on a roll call to determine whether the San Francisco naval parade from New Orleans bill should have consideration in the House. On a final vote, the San Francisco resolution was adopted by a vote of 253 to 42.

The advocates of San Francisco are claiming tonight that their fight is won and that the senate will ratify the action of the house.

San Francisco won by capturing the Republican vote in the House; New Orleans was supported by the Democrats. Only thirty Republicans voted for New Orleans. Thirty-six Democrats voted for San Francisco.

The San Francisco resolution does not ask for government aid in any form. It simply authorizes the president of the United States to invite foreign nations to participate in the fair. An effort to amend the resolution to include provisions for an international naval parade from Hampton Roads, through the Panama Canal and up the west coast to San Francisco was defeated on a point of order.

The New Orleans bill called for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for a government exhibition and the creation of a government commission. The proceedings in the House, marking the culmination of the exposition fight, were unique. The galleries held the greatest throngs of the present session, and there was no attempt to restrain the applause that came from the spectators as the fight progressed.

The claims of the two cities recently were put up to the rules committee of the House. That committee would not undertake to say which exposition measure should have the right-of-way, but gave a Solomon-like decision that there should be a call of the House, and a member was to rise in his place and vote "San Francisco" or "New Orleans" instead of "aye" or "nay" as is usual on rollcalls.

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laughter by responding "Milwaukee" when his name was called.

San Francisco Wins in House
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—With a gala spirit that created any of the far-famed festivals ever held in this city, San Francisco today and tonight celebrated the adoption of the House of Representatives in Washington of the resolution naming the metropolis of the Pacific as the site for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in 1915, to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal.

The receipt of the news was greeted with a burst of enthusiasm seldom witnessed even in the spontaneous west. The firing of bombs from the newspaper buildings announced the victory to the expectant city, and was the signal for the sirens and steam whistles of every craft in the harbor and of factories and power plants on land.

"The fair is ours," was the cry everywhere, and it was fully an hour before the downtown section of the city settled down to routine business again, while in the clubs, cafes, theatres and on the streets, impromptu celebrations continued during the afternoon and tonight. The downtown streets and cafes rival the scenes of New Year's Eve tonight.

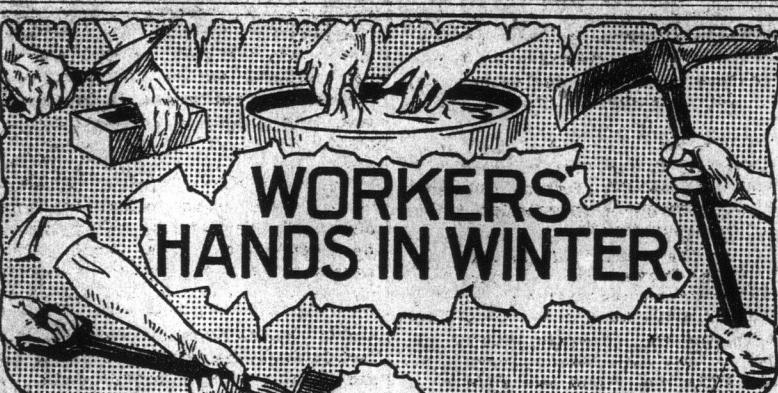
Fuel Famine in Alberta.
WINNIPEG, Jan. 31.—The fuel famine in southern Alberta is acute, some towns out of fuel.

Western U. S. Cities
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Populations on April 15, 1910: Seattle, 331,194; Tacoma, 33,748; Spokane, 104,402; Portland, 207,214; San Francisco, 416,913; Los Angeles, 218,198.

Blocked by Floods
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Hopes that the Salt Lake railroad would be able to resume traffic within a few days were dashed late today, when R. E. Wells, general manager, received word that the flood conditions in the Meadow Valley of Nevada, instead of diminishing, were growing more serious. It is impossible now to predict when passenger and freight traffic will be resumed.

Cottage City May Be Floated
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Captain E. C. Genereux, representing the owners and underwriters interested in the wreck of the Cottage City, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, returned today on the Canadian steamer Salvor, bringing word that it may be possible to float the wreck.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Jan. 31.—Although the actual position of the revolutionists under General Bonilla is not known, there is a feeling that they are gathering their forces for an attack upon Puerto Cortez. It is also believed that Bonilla will take the town without bloodshed, as the government has already asked the commanders of the international forces for forty-eight hours to evacuate the town. This request has been granted, and if the government troops decide to withdraw, they will do so under the protection of the international forces.



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