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APPROVED BY THE HOUSE

Nicaragua Canal Bill Passed Almost Unanimously.

Members Turn Down the Panama Scheme Completely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill passed the house late this afternoon by practically an unanimous vote.

The debate which preceded the taking of the final vote was memorable by a clash between Mr. Hepburn, the author of the bill, and Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee.

Section two authorizes the president after securing control of the needed territory to direct the secretary of war to construct such canal from the Caribbean sea at a point near Greytown, in Nicaragua.

Section three and four authorizes the president to make such surveys as may be necessary to carry out the project in constructing the canal as may be deemed necessary.

Section five authorizes the president to grant warrants to the governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua the use of the canal and the harbors upon terms to be agreed upon for all vessels owned by said states and by citizens thereof.

The Westminster Gazette, a pillar of free trade, says: "If we could be certain that this was not the thin end of the protectionist wedge, we might agree."

THE MOUNTED RIFLES. A Large Number Discharged Because of Intoxication.

HALIFAX, Jan. 9.—The Mounted Rifles are receiving uniforms. Since concentration began 26 men have been discharged for intoxication.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE TAKEN INTO THE CABINET

Report That W. W. B. McInnes Has Been Made Minister.

Legislature Called to Meet Earlier Than Intended.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Official announcement was made today of the board of trustees of the Carnegie institute, which has been incorporated here under the \$10,000,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie.

"Among these aims are: (1) To increase the efficiency of the universities and other institutions of learning throughout the country by utilizing and adding to their existing facilities and by aiding teachers in the various institutions for experimental and other work in these institutions as far as may be advisable.

"(2) To discover the exceptional man in every department of study wherever and wherever found, and enable him by financial aid to make the work which he seems especially designed, his life work.

"(3) To promote original research, paying great attention thereto, as being one of the chief purposes of this institution.

"(4) To increase facilities for higher education.

"(5) To enable such students as may find Washington the best point for their special studies to avail themselves of such advantages as may be open to them in the museums, libraries, laboratories, observatories, meteorological and forestry, schools and kindred institutions of the several departments of the government.

"(6) To ensure the prompt publication and distribution of the results of scientific investigation, a field considered to be highly important.

"These and kindred objects may be attained by providing the necessary apparatus for experimental work, by employing able teachers from the various institutions in Washington or elsewhere, and by enabling men fitted for special work to devote themselves to it through salaried fellowships or scholarships, or through salaries with or without pensions in old age, or through aid in other forms to such men as continue their special work at seats of learning throughout the world."

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VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—It is understood that W. W. B. McInnes of Nanaimo is being taken into the Dunsmuir cabinet this evening.

The writ for the Dominion bye-election to fill the vacancy caused by the unsetting of Colonel Prior was issued yesterday at Ottawa. Nomination will take place January 21st and election on the 28th. John Bell is the returning officer.

The provincial legislature is called to meet on February 20th. This is much sooner than the government intended, as the ministers held out no hope of a session till March, or perhaps May. It is believed the earlier date was fixed on a hint from the governor.

The bark Santa Clara, which went on Trial Island during the storm of Christmas night, was floated this morning. After having been wrecked, she floated without any artificial aid.

In a letter to the press Mr. Daykin, the lighthouse keeper at Carmanah Point, says the schooner sighted off Bonilla Point bottom up on one of about 400 tons. He says: "At 3 p. m. (7th) I sighted a vessel bottom up off Bonilla Point. I immediately sent my boys up to see if she could be identified, but so far nothing has come ashore."

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—During the debate on the estimates in the reichstag, Herr Bassermann declared today that the National Liberal party would oppose any suggestion of a loan of 35,000,000 marks to cover the deficit.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the premier, will deliver an important speech at St. Etienne next Sunday, when he will define the entire policy of the government.

H. J. Pratt has returned from a serious trouble is not likely.

ANNOUNCED BY MARCONI

Inventor to Talk at Electrical Engineers' Meeting.

Sir William McDonald's Scheme for Rural Education.

MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—Signor Marconi, who left for New York tonight en route for England, made the interesting announcement at a luncheon tendered him by the Canadian Society of Electrical Engineers today that at the annual convention of the society to be held at Quebec in June next he would make a report of the work done and his future plans.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Jan. 10.—The trades and labor council has decided to put the election of all the aldermen recently elected on the ground that some voters had voted in several divisions, whereas they only have a right to vote in one.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The Iron Age in its current issue says: "Hardly have the first signs appeared that there may be an improvement in the supply of coke when the news comes of a possible labor trouble in the Wall-stone coal district which would seriously embarrass a majority of blast furnaces built in the West Virginia districts."

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 10.—A gold nugget that weighed \$2.18 ounces, troy weight, was melted at the United States assay office yesterday. It was the largest piece of virgin gold ever received at the local assay office of the government.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 10.—Governor Van Sant this afternoon announced that he would call an extra session of the legislature for the middle of February, probably about the 18th.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 11.—Percy Godenrath, a Greenwood press correspondent, left today for Eastern Canada for the purpose of promoting a colonization scheme in the Kettle River valley near Grand Forks.

A Poor Millionaire. Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food.

John Brooks was ticketed to Green Bay, Wis., over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday.

LEGISLATURE CALLED FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Another Wreck Reported From the Vancouver Island Coast.

NOT YET CALLED IN

MR. McINNES HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN MADE MINISTER OF MINES.

FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE BRITISH SLOOP OF WAR CONDOR.

PRODUCTION OF IRON. Labor Troubles and Higher Price of Ore in Prospect.

FROM ALDER GULCH. A Big Nugget Taken to the Helena Assay Office.

AN EXTRA SESSION. The Minnesota Legislature to Meet in February.

COLONIZATION SCHEME. Plan for Agricultural Development of Kettle Valley.

FOREIGN SETTLEMENT. LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch to the Central News from Hongkong says the foreign consuls and Chinese authorities there today signed a draft for the provisions for the administration of the new international settlement on Kilauea island, opposite Amoy.

THE NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

An Exceptionally Strong Ticket Placed in the Field.

The headquarters of the Citizens' Committee was crowded to the doors last night with an enthusiastic gathering of citizens. The feature of the evening's proceedings was the selection of a ticket for the school board.

It was pointed out that as the corporation was taking over the public schools and would in future be responsible not only for the conduct of the local education system along the lines calculated to obtain the best results for the pupils, but for a considerable portion of the funds necessary to operate the schools, it was essential that the new school board should be composed of men in whom citizens would have implicit confidence both as to their special ability for the positions and with respect to their business acumen.

The card as given above carries with it an assurance of the best possible school system in Rossland with the least possible burden on the ratepayers. The gentlemen named are all men of standing in the community beyond the shadow of criticism, and the municipality is extremely fortunate in having in its midst men of this calibre who will devote the time to the management of the school system.

Mr. McCraney, who heads the list given above, is a citizen and ratepayer whose services will be invaluable on the school board. He has been identified for years with the Rossland school board, and has every detail of the schools at his finger tips, backed up with an extensive experience of the systems of other cities in the west.

Mr. Galt is an honored son of the Dominion as a whole. Mr. Galt is especially fitted mentally to assist in maintaining the local school system at its proper pitch of efficiency, and the trained legal mind which he will bring to the deliberations of the school board will make him an invaluable member of that body.

Mr. Grigor is so well and favorably known to the electors of Rossland that it seems almost superfluous to point out his special qualifications for the office to which he has consented to become a candidate.

Mr. Agnew's sterling traits of character, unwavering devotion to principle and business acumen are more or less common knowledge in a community where he has resided for some years and made hosts of friends and few critics.

Mr. Grigor will bring to the school board a measure of earnestness that will constitute him one of the best trustees that could be obtained were the city to be gone over with a fine-tooth comb.