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# JAPANESE ASK FOR SEPARATE POSTOFFICE

## Ottawa Said To Be Considering a Strange Request From Vancouver

# ORGANIZED LABOR IS AROUSED

## Reported in Terminal City That Post Office Department May Act on the Suggestion

Vancouver, July 25.—The Japanese of Vancouver have made a demand upon the postmaster-general for the establishment of an exclusively Japanese post office in this city—an office to be manned and served by Japanese, for the sole use of the Japanese population of Vancouver and vicinity.

Not only has this demand been made, but to the minds of the few people in Vancouver who are aware of the fact the most astonishing part of the whole business is that the post office department appears to be trying to act in full accordance with the Japanese demand.

"That the Japanese should seek to have the taxpayers of Canada pay for special privileges to them does not astonish me very much, as I have some knowledge of their aggressive character," said a man who has considered the business with the Japanese, "but it is rather a cause of wonder that the post office department should even consider such a preposterous request. Why, with her immense cosmopolitan population the United States never established separate post offices or gave special privileges to any of the various races which her borders harbor."

In the opinion of R. G. Macpherson, M. P., the federal government can peremptorily stop the Japanese invasion by merely invoking the authority of section 30 of the Dominion Immigration Act, which states that:

"The governor-in-council may, by proclamation or order, whenever he considers it necessary or expedient, prohibit the landing in Canada of any specified class of immigrants, of which due notice shall be given to the transportation companies."

The deputy minister of the Vancouver Trades and Labor council which yesterday afternoon waited upon Mr. Macpherson with this afternoon's question, will this afternoon have a conference with Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general for British Columbia, in regard to the same matter.

# Bush Fire Is Checked

## The Vancouver Province says, regarding the Island timber deal reported by wire in yesterday's Colonist.

Half a million dollars in refrigerated cash has just come from 26 Broadway, New York, to a Vancouver syndicate in exchange for between eleven and twelve thousand acres of timber lands at Ash and Dixon Lakes, on Vancouver Island, near Alberca. The timber is some of the finest in the E. & N. Railway belt.

Since Lawson broke into print about Rockefeller, Rogers and the System generally the public has come to look upon 26 Broadway as synonymous with Standard Oil, for there is located the home of the gigantic corporation. And it is from Standard Oil that the \$500,000 came for the purchase of this valuable timber holding on the island.

Deal Made by Brownell. The timber lands included in the deal just gone through are but a fifth of the timber holdings of Standard Oil interests on Vancouver Island. For several years these people have been quietly picking up timber in the E. & N. Railway belt, so that at present their ownership extends over fifty thousand acres of some of the finest and choicest fir and cedar. It would be possible to find in the world just what use is to be made of this timber is a matter of conjecture.

The eleven thousand odd acres around Ash and Dixon Lakes, now stands in the name of Mr. E. Brownell, secretary of the Everett Timber & Investment Company. Mr. Brownell is the representative of the Standard Oil People, and it is his subsidiary company which is dealing in British Columbia timber.

Clearing Much Land. New Westminster, July 25.—No stronger evidence of the large amount of land that is being cleared up in this district, at the present time, could be found than in the great pile of smoke which now hangs over this part of the Fraser valley and which at times almost hides the sun from view.

Although the smoke at the present time is almost as thick as it has ever been during any previous summer, the bush fires are few this season, and not of large proportions, and the great clouds of smoke are produced mainly by the hundreds of fires in all parts of the valley which have been lighted to burn off land that has been slashed or to destroy piles of logs and stumps.

# THE BYE-ELECTION.

## Some Additional Particulars of Buy By Standard Oil Company

Vancouver, July 25.—Great enthusiasm was displayed at a largely attended meeting of Conservative ward workers held in O'Brien Hall last evening. The reports respecting party organization were of the most favorable character, presaging a sweeping victory for the Conservatives if opposition is offered by the power in the forthcoming bye-election. The newly appointed Attorney-General, replying to a hearty vote of congratulations tendered him on his appointment, delivered an eloquent reply. He thanked the party for past support and assured those present that he would try to prove worthy of it in the future in discharging his new official duties. Ward meetings will be held without delay.

# EDMONTON NOTES

Edmonton, July 26.—Part of the material for the Lormier automatic telephone system that is being installed in this city will be shipped by the

# UNITED SUPPLY CO. QUITS VANCOUVER

## Are to Close Their Offices at the End of the Present Month.

# HEADQUARTERS AT PRINCE RUPERT

## Dangerous Bush Fires Raging on Mainland—Expect Good Run of Sockeyes on Fraser

Vancouver, July 24.—The United Supply & Contracting company, which has been identified in the capacity of purchasing agent with the Grand Trunk Pacific operations at Prince Rupert since the start of operations at that point, will close its office in Vancouver at the end of this month. From August 1 the United Supply company will carry on all its work from Prince Rupert, where Thomas Dunn will have charge of affairs. Mr. Dunn is now at the northern railway terminus. J. B. Campbell, secretary of the company, will leave early in August for Winnipeg, where he will be identified with the grain firm of James Carruthers & Co.

Mr. Carruthers just returned to Vancouver from a trip to Prince Rupert, and it is reported that he has disposed of some of his interests in that section, although he retains interests in the terminus itself. He is a partner of the firm of Kelly-Carruthers, carrying on a retail business at Prince Rupert in food staples. It is reported that the closing of the Vancouver office of the United Supply company is largely due to the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific, through its own officials, is now doing all the purchasing in connection with its work in the north.

# EXPECT BUMPER CROPS.

## Summer Hay-cutting Now in Full Swing in Fraser Valley.

New Westminster, July 24.—Hay cutting is now in full swing in all parts of the Fraser Valley, and according to reports from various sections indicate that the crop is heavier than it was anticipated a few weeks ago that it would be.

According to information from special correspondents in different parts of the valley, the grain crop is doing well and should be the favorite weather conditions continue, the finest crop in the history of the district will be gathered, although it will not be quite as heavy as was the case during several previous seasons.

# MADE \$40,000 DEAL.

## Western Oil & Coal Consolidated Secures Oil Field Consistently

Vancouver, July 24.—The sum of \$25,000 in cash has just been paid by the Western Oil & Coal Consolidated by the Cobalt Mines & Exploration Syndicate, Ltd., of London, England, by virtue of an agreement between the two companies. This represents the first instalment of a \$40,000 deal whereby the Cobalt Syndicate buys 80,000 shares of preferred oil stock at \$10 a share and \$20,000 of common stock at par.

The agreement was ratified by yesterday's annual meeting of the Western Oil & Coal Consolidated, when the proxies of over sixteen hundred shareholders were represented. The board of directors elected is as follows: Messrs. J. B. Ferguson, J. R. Seymour, John Hendry, A. E. Woods, J. N. Lake, J. E. Miller, J. H. Senkler, G. T. Gleghorn and A. St. George Hamersley.

The meeting also adopted resolutions authorizing the board of directors to authorize the raising of money for the issue of bonds or debentures, not to exceed \$500,000; and authorizing an increase of capital not to exceed fifty thousand shares.

# Pirates Steal River Nets.

## Vancouver, July 24.—Net stealing on the Fraser river and Gulf of Georgia has become a profitable pastime in the absence of either Dominion or provincial police patrol this season.

The pirates are daily becoming bolder, and according to reports received from several canneries at least a dozen nets were cut and stolen last night. Some of the thefts were committed on the river and some on the Gulf. Although appeals to the coast two months ago, the provincial authorities have as yet taken no steps to establish a police patrol on the river. As has been maintained in past years, in answer to complaints about this inaction the provincial police authorities declare that they have no jurisdiction. Attorney General Fulton goes to Victoria and it is thought by some of the canners that he may not get there till after the close of the fishing season. In the meantime the canners are paying taxes and claim they are not receiving the benefits to which they are entitled.

# The Cariboo Ditches.

## Vancouver, July 24.—It is learned to-day that while the Guggenheims have ceased work on the Bullion, in the Cariboo district, they have not closed down all their work in that camp. A large force of men is still at work on the mine at Bullion, and explorations are still being carried on at a number of places on the placer properties of the company.

It was the original intention of the Guggenheims to build sixty miles of large ditches, and a contract for that work was let. About six miles of the ditches were built when orders were received to stop construction for the time being. The ditches built are now in use and from them plenty of water for present operations is being secured.

# ANOTHER LOGGING RAILWAY

Vancouver, July 24.—A logging railroad to bring down to Burrard Inlet the harvest of the forest from the vicinity of Coalition Lake, is the project of the Burrard Inlet Logging & Trading Company. A large shipment of rails for this railway arrived on the Blue-funnel liner Ning Chow, and yesterday the tug Clara Young finished towing the last scow-load