

STEDHAM GIVEN THE SEA WALL JOB

WINS OUT THROUGH MUCH OPPOSITION

Mayor Morley Declines to Accept Any Responsibility—Some Hard Talking

(From Saturday's Daily.) As foretold in the Times yesterday the contract for the construction of the Ross Bay sea wall was awarded last night to Thomas Stedham, who put in the lowest bid and the plans and specifications as drawn by Cecil E. Case, the English engineer. Stedham, who was formerly a member of the Pacific Coast Construction Company, which is constructing the Dallas Road sea wall, figured on the contract at the exceedingly low figure of \$69,201. The condition attaching to the ratification of the contract is that Stedham puts up \$20,000 bonds within five days, in default of which the contract will go to the next lowest bidder, J. Haggerty & Company.

Although the recommendation of the committee, consisting of Aldermen Langley and Peden, the city engineer and the city assessor, was finally adopted, it was not for a moment considered that it had been offered not only to the recommendation of the committee but of the plans of Mr. Case. In fact, it was moved and seconded. It was then called for on account of the fact that extras would have to be allowed, and the matter was taken to a division before Stedham could shake hands with himself on the award of the contract involving one of the most important works the city has yet undertaken.

In view of the prospect of the award being made last night, there was a large attendance of contractors and others interested in the transaction. Before the report of the committee was read a communication from one of the tendering companies was submitted. It attempted to show that its particular bid was the one and only bid worth considering, all of which advice was tendered gratuitously.

Ald. Langley did the only feasible thing under the circumstances. He moved that the communication be received and filed and that the writers be thanked for their advice as to how to conduct the city's business.

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SAYS COUNTRY FAVORS RECIPROCITY

RETURN OF LIBERAL GOVERNMENT PREDICTED

C. E. Brown of Vancouver Declares the Measure Will Be Passed

Minneapolis, Aug. 5.—That the reciprocity measure will pass the Canadian parliament is the opinion of Charles E. Brown of Vancouver, a guest at the Madison hotel.

"Because the Government has dissolved parliament and called a general election many people this side of the line jump to the conclusion that there is to be a hard fight in Canada on the measure," said Mr. Brown. "Some even think a new election is to be held because there was a doubt as to whether or not the measure would pass at Ottawa under present conditions. These are entirely incorrect. The Government realizes that the reciprocity agreement is one of the most important measures that has arisen in Canada in many years and does not wish to lay itself open to the charge of passing a measure which is not sanctioned by public opinion.

MEAT PRICES ADVANCE

Strike of Dockers Results in Shortage in London

London, Aug. 5.—Beef threatens to become a luxury in London if the strike on the docks continues. The shortage in both beef and mutton which the companies have been unable to unload has already inconvenienced the Smithfield market dealers. Prices in the retail markets have advanced four cents a pound.

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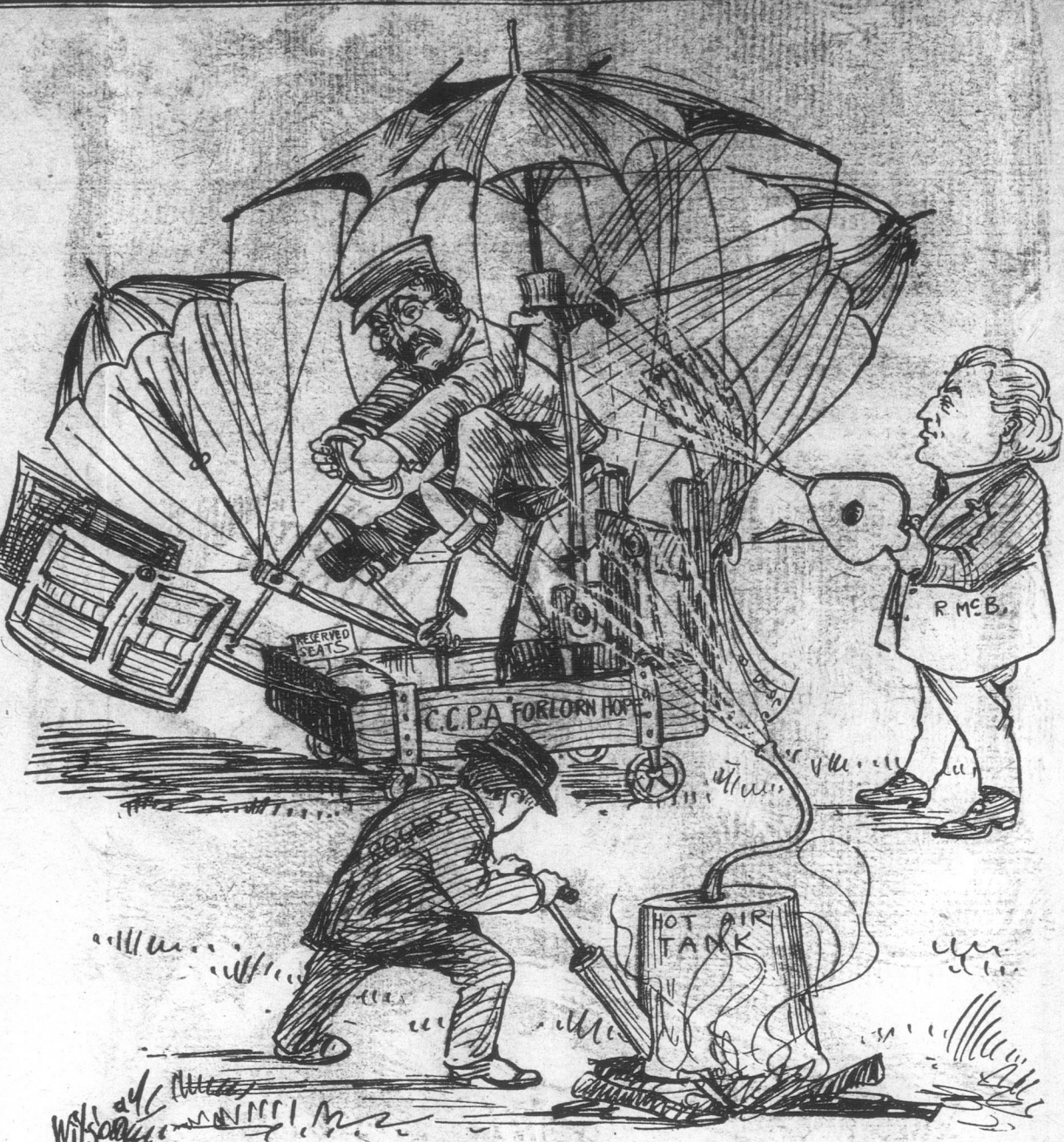
TORONTO MERCHANT DEAD

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LEADER BORDEN AND HIS "FLYING MACHINE"
Hon. R. McBride and Hon. R. Rogers do not dare to risk a trip in this "aerodrome" of wondrous construction, but they have contracted to supply something they guarantee to be just as good a fuel as gasoline.

PROSPECTORS BUSY IN KOOTENAY

RECENT DISCOVERY CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Many Claims Staked as Result of Finding of Rare Metals

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 5.—Not for many years has there been so much excitement in the Kootenays over a mining discovery, as that which has followed the announcement by A. Gordon French that platinum and other almost priceless metals of the same group had been found in paying quantities at the Granite Point mine. For the past month a few local men who had heard of the discovery have been staking all the available ground lying in the vicinity of the dyke in which the chief values were found and which extends for many miles in the direction of Eagle and Forty-Nine creeks, and many scores of claims have been recorded at the government offices.

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NO BLACK RUST IN MANITOBA WHEAT

Western Traffic Manager of C. P. R. Denies Reports Published in East

Montreal, Aug. 5.—G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R., to-day wired W. B. Lanigan, assistant freight traffic manager of the western lines, Winnipeg, as follows:

"Any truth in newspaper reports this morning regarding black rust in Manitoba?"

To which Mr. Lanigan replied: "No truth in newspaper reports regarding black rust in Manitoba."

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HEAT CAUSES OVER THOUSAND DEATHS

NO RELIEF FROM HOT WAVE IN GERMANY

Water Famine in Many Cities—Warmer Weather Predicted

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Over 1,000 deaths have occurred here from sunstroke during the past ten days of the heat wave, as well as many more from heart failure during bathing, and some others from gastritis and typhus, caused by lack of water.

An epidemic has broken out in Mossell Valley, caused by decaying fish, netted in shoals. Vast quantities have been handed to the public authorities for destruction. The fish were suffering from a kind of scrofula, owing to overheated water.

In many German cities the water-works supply water for only two hours daily. The police have had to issue orders that no water from the ordinary city supply pipes can be used except for drinking. Even in Berlin the authorities have suspended street watering except in the main avenues, as fears are entertained that the supply may run short.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATED

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 5.—Gordon C. Wilson, M. P. for North Wentworth, has consented to accept the nomination to oppose Mr. Stacey in a provincial election shortly after the Dominion elections.

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MINISTERS ARE LEAVING OTTAWA

PREPARING TO TAKE PART IN CAMPAIGN

Conventions for Nomination of Candidates Will Start Shortly

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—A general scattering of ministers has commenced. Today Sir Wilfrid Laurier goes to Montreal. Hon. Mackenzie King left last night for Berlin, and Hon. W. Templeman for Victoria; Hon. F. Oliver expects to leave for Edmonton, and Hon. W. Pugsley for New Brunswick. There will be a quorum of the cabinet in the Capital all next week, after which the full meeting will start after the elections.

Hon. Mr. Templeman was accompanied by his private secretary, B. P. Nicholas, and Ralph Smith. Mr. Nicholas had been in England in connection with a mission in that country and will take part in British Columbia elections.

MEETING ON AUGUST 14

London, Ont., Aug. 5.—A convention of London Liberals to nominate their candidate has been called for August 14.

WILL RUN AGAIN

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 5.—A. H. Clarke, who since 1904 has represented South Essex, last night accepted nomination for re-election to the House of Commons. The Conservative candidate.

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