

DECISION OF RAILWAY BOARD ON THE QUESTION OF FREIGHT RATES

Reasons Why Part of Complaint Was Dismissed--Mr. Mill's Dissenting Judgment.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The railway commission has given judgment sustaining in part the complaint and dismissing another part of the complaint of the boards of trade of British Columbia and Pacific Coast cities, that the railway rates levied on all classes of goods from Vancouver eastward were discriminatory as compared with the rates on westbound traffic from Winnipeg.

The judgment is signed by Commissioners Killam and Bernier, and a dissenting judgment is given by Commissioner Mills.

Commissioner Killam says: "No inference can be drawn from a mere comparison of the distances from different portions of the railways, and that it does not constitute discrimination, much less unjust discrimination for the railway to charge higher rates for shorter distances over the line having small business or expensive in construction, maintenance or operation."

Commissioner Killam says as a result of the Crow's Nest Railway act the tariffs on certain westbound merchandise are reduced by the C. P. R. from Fort William and points east from there to the Crow's Nest.

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Commissioner Mills says: "When the statute passed, the law provided unjust discrimination between localities, and when Parliament did not stipulate for similar reductions over the western portion of the company's railway, it should not be considered as having authority to what would, if done otherwise, have produced unjust discrimination. We are justified in inferring that in respect to the classes of merchandise to which these tariff reductions did result in such discrimination, and that the rates from Vancouver eastward upon similar traffic, carried under similar circumstances, should be proportionately reduced."

Commissioner Mills, in his dissent from some portions of the judgment of the majority, emphasized the fact that under the Crow's Nest Railway act the C. P. R. reduced the rates on the prairie section without any corresponding reduction on the British Columbia section. The balance was thus disturbed and has remained so, although no evidence was given to prove that the traffic on the British Columbia section had then become or now is relatively less than it was under the old schedule.

DECISION DELAYED. Magistrate Hall Will Give Judgment in Application of J. A. Aikman on Monday.

The Hansen case continues to occupy the attention of the courts. To-day Magistrate Hall said that he was prepared to give his decision on J. A. Aikman's application for a new trial of Hansen, but Mr. Aikman said that he would prefer to have another day in which to look up authorities regarding the interpretation of the word "may" in the section of the code under which he made his application. He believed that in some cases on record the word in question had been interpreted as meaning "must," and, as his case might rest upon that point, he would prefer to have an adjournment until Monday, when he could cite authorities. In the meantime he would serve notice on counsel for the crown to appear in court.

GOLD IN YUKON NOT EXHAUSTED

MILLIONS STILL REMAIN IN GRAVELS

May Be Recovered By Hydraulic Mining and Dredging--Estimate of Future Output.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—There is still a golden harvest to be gathered from the gravels of the Klondike valleys. The government has completed an exploration and survey of gold-bearing gravels of both high and low levels. It is estimated that in the neighborhoods where gold is known to exist and from gold to the value of \$94,750,000 has been taken by crude placer methods, there remains \$53,847,620 which may be recovered at a profit by hydraulic mining and dredging and other advanced methods of gold recovery.

The examination was made by Mr. McConnell, of geological survey, assisted by Joseph Keefe, geologist; F. H. McLaren and F. O'Farrell, topographers.

The estimate does not cover creeks, river and sloughs, which have produced gold to the value of \$24,250,000, making the total output in the Yukon district \$119,000,000 to date. It is estimated that there can be from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 of gold recovered from these gravels, making the certain future output of gravel gold from the Yukon over \$63,000,000.

HARDIE ROASTS HAWTHORNTWHAITE

Socialist Denounced by Leader for His Attack on R. G. Macpherson.

Vancouver, Aug. 3.—The feature of Keir Hardie's meeting last night was an attack made by J. H. Hawthornthwaite on R. G. Macpherson, M. P., who had spoken early in the evening. Mr. Hawthornthwaite declared that the only reason Mr. Macpherson had appeared was to save his political hide. He was trying to get the workmen's vote for the next election.

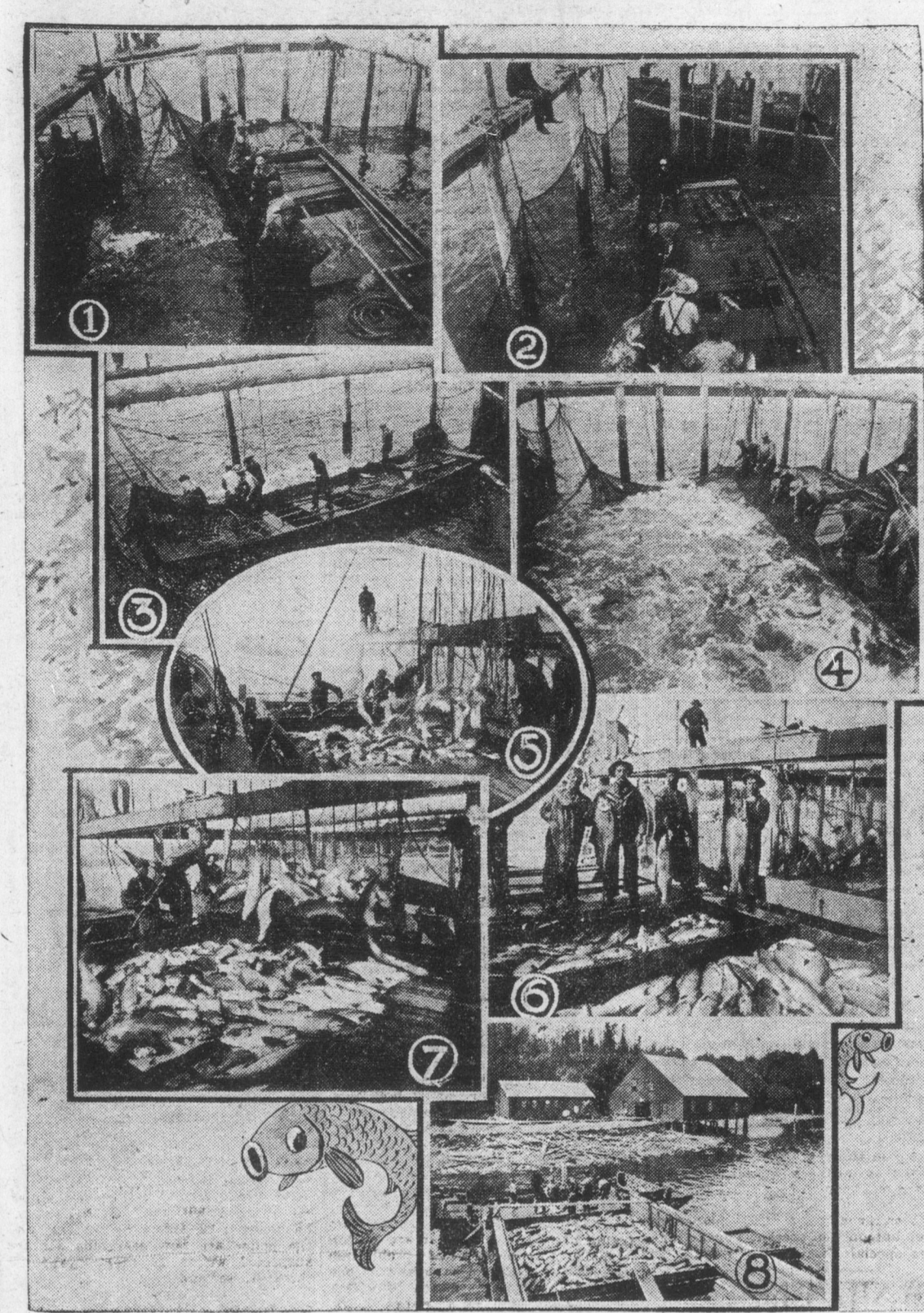
SEEKS INJUNCTION. Telephone Company's Application to the Montana Court.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 3.—The Rocky Mountain Telephone Company yesterday filed a suit in the Federal court against the Montana Federation of Labor and the Livingstone Trade and Labor Council, to secure an injunction restraining respondents from interfering or molesting in any way the business of the company, and to shut off the boycott which the complainant alleges has been in force since March 14th last, which has damaged the company to the extent of \$5,000. No temporary injunction was issued. An order to show cause why the application for an injunction should not be granted was made by Judge Hunt, returnable September 16th.

STEAMER WRECKED. Sixteen of Crew Left Vessel in Boats and Are Believed to Have Perished.

Muscat, Arabia, Aug. 3.—The German steamship Aetonia, from Bussorah, Asiatic Turkey, from Hamburg, was totally wrecked on July 29th near Ras-durrah, on the southeast coast of Arabia.

An Island Industry



AT THE FISHING TRAPS 1, 2 and 3—Preparing to lift. 4—Lifting the brailer, showing fish in motion. 5 and 7—Spilling the brailer. 6—Specimens of fish. 8—The scows loaded.

At this season of the year considerable attention is directed to the taking of salmon by means of traps. The only traps used in British Columbia are situated over a small area in the neighborhood of Otter Point, on the south end of Vancouver Island.

Some half a dozen different kinds of salmon are captured in the traps at Otter Point. They are sockeyes, spring (red and white), humpbacks, cohoes, steelheads and dog salmon. The latter kind are to all intents and purposes useless. All the other kinds are canned on the Fraser river with the exception of the spring salmon, which are either sold in the city or are dried and cured and shipped to the eastern states and to Germany.

The first firm which carried out operations from Vancouver Island was Findlay, Durham & Brodie, who several years ago experimented by means of a seine. After several experiments the industry proper started in 1904, and since that year has been carried out with varying success. It cannot as yet be said to have proved remunerative in every sense of the word, but even allowing for the lean years the success may be said to be increasing proportionately with each succeeding season.

During recent years there has never been a shortage of fish in the traps. These valuable fish are sold in the city. In the year of the big run, which by the way, refers chiefly to sockeyes, the traps are so laid as to catch as many as possible of this species.

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Case Dismissed.

Fight in Bakery Dissolves Partnership and Results in Assault Charge.

The case brought by Edouard Le Toqueux against Joseph Matura, charging the defendant with assault, was dismissed in police court Saturday. The evidence of L. J. Quagliotti, the only independent witness called, showed that the charge of assault arose from a little bout of fistfights, in which both men were equally blameable. Toqueux and Matura had been quarrelling at their place of business, the French bakery on Pandora street, for several days before the fight took place. There was some dispute between them over a money transaction, and the prosecutor, Toqueux, wanted to settle it by a duel. On Wednesday the two men were discovered by Mr. Quagliotti struggling upon the sidewalk in front of the bakery. Witnesses and another man separated them before either got hurt. Each claimed that the other struck the first blow.

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