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THE RAILWAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

There were a great many disappointed people yesterday when they read in the morning paper the indefinite announcement in regard to railway construction on Vancouver Island.

More than seven months ago a bill was adopted by the British Columbia Legislature ratifying a contract, which was supposed to have been made between the government of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, by the terms of which actual construction work was to have commenced on Vancouver Island between Victoria and Barkley Sound.

Although this was done more than seven months ago, and the people have been patiently waiting for some definite steps to be taken towards construction, although the mainland section of the line has been under construction for some time, and the Vancouver Island section was to have commenced simultaneously with it, and in spite of the fact that both Premier McBride and the other three members of the legislature gave solemn promises that, in the event of the contract not being carried out they would resign, all that the organ of the government had to offer yesterday was another promise that construction would begin as soon as the engineers were ready.

The Times does not wish to appear ungrateful for small mercies. It is a matter for some satisfaction that the route of the line between this city and Barkley Sound has been definitely decided upon. Although the route, as shown on the map, looks very crooked, we realize that it is important to have easy gradients, and also it is important that the line shall touch those places from which business is likely to accrue. The people of Metochic and Sooke, as well as the owners of property at Sooke Lake, will undoubtedly be glad to see the line being built through their districts. A part of the Cowichan district will be opened up which will benefit that section and Cowichan Lake will undoubtedly become a popular resort as a result of the line being built. Districts beyond that will also be opened up which will all lend of their wealth to the building up of Victoria. As the line goes farther north, if the promises of the company are carried out, the coal fields of the Comox District will be made available for shipping on the West Coast and may be brought to this city by rail as an alternative route.

A great many West Coast settlements will be brought into closer touch with Victoria, and there will follow an era of general development which will be unprecedented. The Liberal leaders recognized this when they made provision, in the case of their being elected for a railway such as this, although it was not expected that it would take exactly the route now proposed. As to the value of the railway when built, we take no exception, and as we said before we are glad to know that the engineers and surveyors have been so busy that they are able to give a general outline of the route, although there is a proviso in the announcement that it is still open to modification.

We have no wish to attack any railway scheme. We realize that the Barkley Sound route when built will assist materially in the development of the island, but we must again say that the announcement was most disappointing. Apparently Mr. Mackenzie has forgotten the fast ferry service between English Bluff and this city. He has nothing whatever to say on this subject, and when interviewed by the Times representative on Saturday did not seem to know any of the strategic points on the Saanich peninsula with which connection was likely to be made by a fast and commodious railway ferry.

When seen on Saturday Mr. Mackenzie seemed to be in a particularly good humor with himself. He was all smiles. He had just come from a long conference with Premier McBride, and apparently he had been able to hold the first minister down to everything he wanted. He did not think work would begin within a fortnight, as the Conservative organ tried to make its readers believe would be the case. He did not think the construction would be hurried through to completion. He laughed and smiled and said that they would build it where it would best serve the public. Mr. Mackenzie is one of those men in whose eyes self looks very large, and doubtless he saw himself when talking about the public. From the way in which the contract has been carried out so far it looks as if the public beyond did not loom very large.

Premier McBride has undoubtedly been recent to his trust so far. He seems to have placed himself in the hands of the railway builders and to be so that he can move neither hand nor foot. We hope he will make an effort to struggle free sufficiently to see that the railway on this island is commenced in the very near future. We must confess that after the experience of the past year we have no faith whatever in statements made in this regard by the morning Bower organ; and the pledges of the Premier and the other city members are apparently not worth any more. We want to see the dirt fly. We must acknowledge that our name will be "Thomas" until the first contract is let. Statements, pledges and announcements have been proved to be not worth the paper upon which they are written. Pledges of men who were at one time thought to be honorable are accounted as nothing. So far as we can see we are not much farther forward than we were when the first announcement was made before the last election a year ago. We have still nothing but promises, and these are quite indefinite.

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FERRY CONNECTION.

We would respectfully, although with fear and trembling, draw the attention of Premier McBride to the following clauses in the undertaking which he caused to be published in the government organ prior to the last election:

"To secure a first class freight and passenger ferry service from a point on the mainland, at or near English Bluff, to connect with the Island of Vancouver, thence by rail to Victoria; to continue the same to Barkley Sound. Such ferry service to be equal to any on this continent.

"Construction of the Barkley Sound section to commence simultaneously with construction upon the mainland of the Canadian Northern system in British Columbia.

"The whole work to be undertaken and completed within four years; to be begun three months after the ratification of the completed contract by the provincial legislature."

There is not a word in the latest announcement of the premier in regard to the ferry service by the railway to connect it with Victoria. This was part of the McBride undertaking. It was one of the most important features of that undertaking, and yet nothing is said about it in the announcement which has been heralded and made so much of. What are the people of Victoria to think of this? Are they to have it as an alibi with the summary to the infamous undertaking which won the last election, which says:

"Failing to carry out these promises, I shall offer my resignation to the Lieutenant-Governor."

"Is it also on a par with the promise of Henry W. Thompson, Henry P. Behrman and Fred Davey, which reads as follows: 'In order that the people of Victoria shall not be misled, we wish to state that if the above promises are not carried out, we will, if elected, to represent you in the next parliament of British Columbia, resign our seats.'"

If Mr. McBride has taken the advice of Mr. Mann and "forgotten" the ferry and the construction of the line of railway to connect it with Victoria, the people of Victoria have not forgotten, neither have they forgotten the breaking of the solemn pledges of the minister and his fellow representatives of Victoria.

We do not intend to let these pledges be forgotten, but will continue to haunt the Government until they are redeemed.

The Colonist stated that it would not make a final announcement until such time as all the details were ready. Now the announcement has been made, and there is not a word or suggestion in regard to the ferry connection.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

The questions of home rule, tariff reform, extension of the franchise to women and payment of members, are difficult questions for the British government to deal with, but they are as nothing compared with the problems which confront it in regard to the government of India. At the present time that country is governed by a bureaucracy, with the viceroy at its head but responsible to the Secretary of State for India. India is also partly governed by a number of petty princes with powers varying according to each individual case. The educated Indians also take some part in the general scheme of government. The natives are, speaking generally, an ignorant, superstitious people, hopelessly divided by the caste system.

The question would not perhaps be such a difficult one were it not for the attitude of the white population towards the natives. The members of the civil service all either belong to the military class or are nearly related to it. If on his arrival in that country a new official is determined to treat the Indian as an equal rather than as an inferior, he soon finds that anything of that sort is frowned down, and if he will keep his place as the social equal of his fellows he must adopt their attitude.

It is to break up this bureaucracy that Lord Morley, the present chief secretary for India, has set himself. He is of opinion that the only hope for the people of that country is to educate them in the methods of self-government. In this he is stoutly opposed by almost every white man in the country.

from Lord Minto downwards. Minto is a fairly moderate man, but he is in sympathy with the system at present in vogue, and sees no hope in any extension of self-government. He, however, is somewhat amenable to the counsel of the Chief Secretary, and carries out the orders of his chief. On account of this those in authority below him think he is weak and deplore the fact that Kitchener was not made viceroy instead. "If Kitchener had been here," they say, "we should have had no seditious disturbances."

All the arrivals from India tell this tale. They believe the only way to treat the Indian is to stand over him with a gun and to shoot him like a dog if he shows any opposition. It is this spirit that Lord Morley is trying to break up. That he will succeed, if anyone can, is certain, for he is one of the ablest statesmen the Old Country has. There was some surprise expressed at the time he was chosen for a position which in the past had been looked upon as of no particular importance. Premier Asquith, however, recognized the difficult task the government would have in inaugurating a system of better treatment of the Indian people and in putting them in a position to work out their own political salvation. The bureaucracy which governs the country has been somewhat of a family compact, which has to go. That the British government of India has been on the whole to the very great advantage of that country no one doubts, but that there must be evolution there as well as in the other parts of the empire is also true, and it is to the task of fostering this that Lord Morley, one of the best educated and brainiest men of the empire, has put his hand. As there is little chance of any change in the present government in Great Britain and Lord Morley is still a comparatively young man, he will have an opportunity of at any rate testing his methods of government.

THE GREAT IRISH ORATOR.

Victorians had heard a great deal of T. P. O'Connor, one of the leaders of the Irish Nationalist party; they had heard of his ready wit and humor and of his genial good nature. They had read his periodicals, but they were hardly prepared to enjoy so fine an address as that given before the Canadian Club Thursday afternoon. We suppose "Tay Pay" had heard of Victoria being an English city, and for that reason he decided to address us on "Home Rule for England." There was no necessity for diplomacy of this kind for Victorians are broad enough to welcome an Irishman with just as much heartiness as they would an Englishman. The number of English men and women at the luncheon yesterday was a clear indication of this. The attendance was probably the largest that has ever sat down to a Canadian Club luncheon, and the address was certainly the best ever delivered before that body.

Mr. O'Connor was logical throughout. His argument in regard to the necessity of relieving the Imperial House of Commons from the details of sectional business would naturally appeal to Canadians who have been used to the fullest possible measure of self-government. That the Imperial Parliament should have to discuss such matters as the water supply for a small town in either England, Scotland, or Ireland, is ridiculous. It is only natural to suppose that every person who has lived long enough in this country to appreciate the value of local government must be in favor of such a measure of Home Rule as that suggested by the Irish speaker Thursday.

Of course it makes no difference what Canadians may think about this question, except in so far as it may influence some to contribute towards the funds for carrying on the campaign. At the same time Canadians must feel a great interest in the progress of events in Great Britain. The British Parliament is known throughout the world as the Mother of Parliaments, and people of every nation in the world are interested more or less in the workings of that great body. We in Canada, most of whom are descended from British parents, even if we were not born in the British Isles, should certainly have a double interest in this great institution. Mr. O'Connor's address, outside of its political significance, was an education to those who did not before understand the workings of the House of Commons, and it was certainly a lesson in tolerance, religious as well as political.

Victorians who attended the luncheon must be pleased that Mr. O'Connor found it possible to stop off in this city, even if it was a last moment arrangement. They will also be glad to welcome him again if ever he comes this way.

The arrogant Chicago Cubs have been taught a lesson. Everything is not slow that comes from Philadelphia.

Premier McBride may have waged a strong fight, with William Mackenzie for the redemption of pledges made during the last election campaign, but if he did the fact is quite apparent that poor Richard had to take an awful drubbing. Will made the terms to suit himself. No wonder he smiled at the mention of ferry connection between the Canadian Northern Pacific and the projected island road.

TIDAL WAVE IN BAY OF NAPLES

HUNDREDS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

Activity of Mount Vesuvius Was the Cause—Fishing Craft Overwhelmed

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rome, Oct. 24.—A tidal wave today swept the island of Ischia, off the Bay of Naples, leaving 100 dead when it receded.

Two hundred persons are reported seriously wounded in the collapse of buildings and dwellings, while the rate of fishing craft is unknown.

Scores of persons are reported to have perished at Casca Miciola, about twenty miles west of Naples, when the village was overwhelmed by a tidal wave following the renewed activity of Mount Vesuvius.

Communication with the south has been least and torpedo boats have been dispatched to investigate the reports.

CROFTON TERMINUS OF COWICHAN LAKE LINE

Big Mill Will Also Be Erected There by the American Securities Company

(From Monday's Daily.)

As was forecasted by the Times some months ago, Crofton, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, is to be made the terminus of the short line to Cowichan Lake from tidewater, to be constructed by the C. P. R. in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the company and the American Securities Company of New York.

The latter concern a year ago acquired some 52,000 acres of fine-timber lands in the Crofton district. A large mill, costing \$1,000,000, will be erected at Crofton. One hundred and fifty acres of land have recently been purchased on the north boundary of the township, adjoining the old smaller terminus on Osborne bay. Docks will be constructed along the long tidal flat which occurs at this point and a large area will be graded and used for yards and sidings. The mill will be the largest in the province and one of the largest in the world.

Construction of the twenty-five miles of railway to Cowichan Lake will be commenced from the Crofton end.

AMERICA II WAS SAILING NORTH

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The search. They planned when they left to continue their search in the Lake St. John district. Hawley declared his belief that his brother's balloon had not reached as far north as it was believed, but had dropped near Lake Huron. He feared both aeronauts were drowned.

Louis Spindler, who has also gone in search of the missing America II, will arrive in Toronto late today. He has been advised by telegraph the latest news of the balloon and probably will direct his search in the direction the balloon was last reported.

Rumors that the America II had landed near Kiskiskin could not be verified.

Passed Over Toronto. (Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Last night a balloon passed over Toronto, going east by south at about forty miles an hour. The balloon was several thousand feet up but in the clear atmosphere light could be seen issuing from the basket of the balloon. It is thought to be one of the balloons that left St. Louis. Its direction was straight for New York City.

Hunter's Story. (Special to the Times.)

Huntsville, Ont., Oct. 24.—Richard Cole, returned from remote regions of New Ontario, brings a story of the missing balloon America II. While crossing a small lake on Thursday he saw a balloon alighting, about a mile away, and a man in a white coat and a visitor as if struck the bush, but was unable to locate the place. Cole thinks there is slight prospect of rescue, as they apparently landed in an impenetrable forest.

PHILADELPHIAS WON CHAMPIONSHIP

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golden idols had feet of clay or other gold material and are fallen. From a baseball viewpoint the city is "in hock," and the mourners speak in whispers of a team that was. The reason for the chunks and splashes and blobs of gloom is the reluctant admission that the Philadelphia Athletics, under the guidance of the wily Connie Mack, now known as Cornelius McGillicuddy, is, in its own right, and has been better than the Chicago Cubs, who in their time were some baseball players.

Yesterday's game, which clinched the world's championship for the Athletics, was like the first three—easy wins for the Mackmen. Everyone says so, including the defeated heroes, and they should know.

"We did our best, but our best did not begin to compare with the Athletics' best," said Joe Tinker, the star of the Cub team during the series. "They beat us fairly and squarely, hit their pitchers," chimed in Artie Hoffman.

"Look at the figures," said Charlie Omsky. "They tell the story. Why,

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Montreal Honors Premier. Reception in Metropolis To-night to Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier arrived at noon today from Ottawa to attend the reception to be given this evening in their honor by Major and Mrs. G. W. Stevens.

A letter was received at the offices of the Vancouver Development League this morning from Alfred S. Gibson, Du Duc, Saskatchewan, with whom the league has been in communication for some time, stating that he intends selling his farm and coming to the coast to reside.

P. Burns, the millionaire meat vendor of the Canadian West, head of the great company which bears his name, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city. Mr. Burns is greatly impressed with the evidences of progress which he notes on every hand, and says that the business of his firm in Victoria is increasing to such an extent that a policy of expansion will shortly be embarked upon.

TWO WRESTLERS COME TO GOTA

HACKENSCHMIDT AND GANA WANT MATCH

Russian Arrives Next Month Hindu Coming During Winter—Must Meet Each Other

New York, Oct. 24.—In some of the heavyweight wrestling pits resembles the pugilistic field. mat champion Gotch, is not being challenged from every town in the country, as is Johnson, but the two men now active who claim they are justified in asking for a match regard to the wrestling title.

Kaufman and Langford in theistic field. Perhaps Hackenschmidt and the Hindu wrestler Gama more enthusiastic backers than two boxers.

At any rate both the Russian and the Hindu will reach Montreal next month. The Hindu, who has signified his intention of coming to this country to winter and seeking a match with Gotch, a regular report creeps in dull times that the champion is retired. Sometimes it goes ignored, frequently the monotony is still varied by an immediate denial.

If Gama and Hackenschmidt meet here this winter some city about them draws Gotch into an end they will probably be matched each other. Hackenschmidt is an Australian last winter. A report to the Russian saying that he had cured Gotch's consent to a match with Hackenschmidt to come at the latter part of November has been mentioned as a possible date.

Gama was a sensation for a London. He had defeated every man in India, and went to seeking new worlds to sit on. He was unable to get a match until Dr. Roller, of Seattle, appeared. He had defeated 30 in short order. He had two ribs broken and was trying to throw Zyzsco, but could not destroy the bridge in which the toe's refuge.

Gama is a big man, weight pounds. He measures 18 inches around the neck, 48 inches around the waist and has a 27-inch thigh. He is to meet Gotch.

Hackenschmidt is said to believe he can defeat the champion. He has a match two years ago in Chicago, but was dissatisfied since. He has been appearing here as well as should be some good wrestling country this winter.

LANGFORD CLAIMS KETCHEL'S PLACE

(Times Leased Wire.) Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24.—The lightweight championship of the world made vacant by the death of Sam Ketchel, was usurped by Sam Woodman, acting for Langford, who has challenged to all a middleweights to come and take title away.

Woodman and Langford visit office of a local newspaper and insist that Langford can make middleweight limit, he stepped scales and tipped the beam at 135 pounds, and under a fight he declared it would be easy to get the excess pounds as he has trained for several months.

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The committee having in charge the management of St. George's made ball have reported that interest is being displayed by the time supporters of their annual musical festival. The latest music for the season will be by Miss Thain's orchestra, which will be augmented by the best talent in the city. A long list of prizes will be offered for original characters presented. They are now in the hands of the manager, and can also be obtained through Messrs. Douglas and Pandora, Greenhalgh, Government and Y.