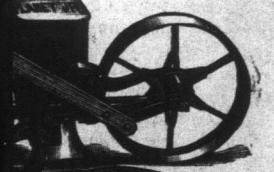


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ROBERTS MOVE NEAR AT HAND

Such Now the Impression But Boer Force Two Weeks' March Distant. Free State Towns Garrisoned and Civil Government Is Being Planned.

London, March 29.—(5:15 a. m.)—Lord Roberts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen...

Boer observation parties are hovering near Bloemfontein, but Lord Roberts has 130 miles to cover before reaching the great position which the Boers are preparing at Koonstad.

The reconstruction of the railway behind him may even delay an invasion of the Transvaal until May.

MAFEEKING'S ORDEAL. News Brought Up Few Days Ago Showing Heavy Bombardment in Progress.

London, March 29.—A Pretoria despatch to the Daily Mail, dated the 28th, says: "An official despatch reports heavy bombardment of Mafeking in progress on Monday, March 28, which was met with a spirited response."

INDIA'S STARVING MILLIONS. Colossal Expense of the Prolonged Bellet-A Great Scheme of Irrigation.

Calcutta, March 28.—The viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, addressing the council on the budget to-day, said that nearly 5,000,000 persons were in receipt of regular relief and that the cost for the ensuing year was estimated at Rs. 100,000,000.

LIBERAL LEADER'S VIEWS. Would Have Present Generation Pay for War—Union of the Colonies With the Empire.

London, March 28.—Sir Edward Grey, Liberal member of Parliament for the Berwick-on-Tweed division of Northumberland was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of five thousand Liberals held at Nottingham this evening.

GOLD COMMANDEERED. Pretoria, Monday, March 26.—The government has commandeered a portion of the gold reserves of the bank.

GEN. MOUNTAIN'S DEATH. Danville, Que., March 28.—Major-General Thomas E. Mountain is dead, aged 73.

THE KENTUCKY ASSASSIN. Frankfort, Ky., March 28.—There were no developments in the assassination to-day.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Imperial Liberty and Ottawa Parliament—Col. Steele's Good Luck—Gerrymander Rejected.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, March 28.—The Senate today threw out the gerrymander bill by 41 to 19.

Dr. Borden announced that Col. Steele, although junior to Col. Otter in Canada, will be senior in South Africa, on account of holding an Imperial commission.

The official report by Col. Otter on the Pretoria fight bears out the press statements of the great bravery of the Canadian troops.

The correspondence respecting the offer of British Columbia as a hundred men for Africa was presented to the house to-day.

Boers Mourn Their General. Brave and Chivalrous Joubert Succumbs at Pretoria to Peritonitis.

British Press Pays Tribute to His Memory—Kruger Named for Command.

Lorenzo Marques, March 28.—Gen. Joubert died last night at 11:20 o'clock. He had been suffering from stomach complaint.

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Pretoria and Johannesburg

Boers Spread Report That Mines Will Be Sacrificed on Siege.

Supply of Ammunition Running Short—The Young Men Deserting.

London, March 28.—According to trustworthy information from Pretoria the total stock of Mauser ammunition, five million rounds, was issued to the Free State burghers.

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VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Mr. Partridge and Atlin Copper-Building Contract—Trouble in the Band.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, March 28.—"Sailor Bill" Partridge, the discoverer of the big copper claims in Atlin, arrived from England to-day en route for Atlin to hand over his Lakeview claims, a mile and a half from the claims he sold to Lord Hamilton, to the Rothschild syndicate, of London, for a large sum.

Influenza is epidemic in Vancouver, a large number of citizens being confined to their beds with the ailment.

PETER WHITE ENDORESSED. Pembroke, Ont., March 28.—At a convention of Conservatives of North Kent, Hon. Peter White, ex-speaker, was nominated for the Commons.

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Mr. Macrum's Grievances.

Interesting Early Suggestion of Mediation Brought Out in Their Investigation.

Ex-Consul's Charge of Violation of Mail Based on Trifling Accident.

Washington, March 28.—Charles Macrum, the American ex-consul at Pretoria, appeared before the house foreign committee to-day to tell of the alleged indignities he suffered during his incumbency. There were many visitors in the committee room.

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to know if he can give him some information. "I replied by wire as follows: "Will reply by wire to your letter of 20th this afternoon."

"After giving the above request careful consideration I called upon the High Commissioner same date, and in the course of conversation said: "When I dined with you the other day you stated your government would consent to arbitration by any outside powers or representatives, and your published despatches so state. Are you of the same opinion?"

"He replied: "What I might do I cannot do now, as my hands are tied." "Then I told him in substance what had been asked by the President of the Orange Free State, and the High Commissioner said: "Please state the date and which appears in the following copy of my telegraphic despatch to Bloemfontein: "Cannot ask government myself. Saw party requested. Though personally favorable to further negotiations, thinks he cannot move on the line proposed."

"Believing it a courtesy due to United States Consul Macrum at Pretoria, I sent the following despatch same date: "Was asked by the Free State to ask if you would consent to arbitration, and to see the High Commissioner and replied—here follows the above despatch sent in code. The High Commissioner seemed to be pleased with the manner in which I had acted, and Macrum as above, not only for the reason that the Orange Free State is in a position to arbitrate, but for the further reason that he had said in a communication to me of the same date: "Nothing done must be quickly done. The High Commissioner should do something for peace."

"The next day he called again: "I have a question in my mind if I ought to take any action at all on the request of the Orange Free State President. But the High Commissioner after a long time said to me that I had acted rightly, and that he was grateful for my action. Secretary Hay then proceeded: "As you also inquired what there was on foot in regard to the departure of Macrum from his post at Pretoria, I have the honor to inform you that on the 7th of November Mr. Macrum telegraphed requesting permission to visit America absolutely imperative, private and official business. Atlinbury, American, takes charge. Cable quickly." "To this I replied: "Your presence Pretoria utmost importance to public interest." He then (11th of November) enabled. "No reply. Department will approve leave on explanation. Imperative. Cable immediately." "The next day he called again: "Cable received. Everything quiet. Atlinbury capable, experienced. My presence home absolutely necessary." "On the 18th he called once more: "Three cables requesting leave unabated. Substitute sufficient here but not at home. Please cable acquiescence. Ship sailing soon." In reply to this on the 20th of November I answered: "Your presence Pretoria important to public interests." On the 1st December Mr. Macrum once more called: "No reply. Department will approve leave on explanation. Imperative. Cable immediately." And again same day: "Cannot leave without permission will forfeit position if department don't approve on explanation. Please reply." "Upon inferring from these despatches that Mr. Macrum was in a state of mind which would make his services in Pretoria useless, I answered

on the 2nd of December: "You may come home. Put Atlinbury temporarily in charge. Department will send a man from here."

"Soon after this I received several newspaper articles and letters from responsible persons asserting that Atlinbury, whom Macrum wished to place temporarily in charge of the consulate, was a person of disreputable character and fugitive from justice. I therefore directed Mr. Hollis, consul at Lorenzo Marques, to proceed to Pretoria and take temporary charge of the consulate until the arrival of Mr. A. S. Hay, who would be appointed consul."

CANADIANS IN HOSPITAL. Winnipeg, March 28.—A London cable says: In a Netley hospital at Southampton the following Canadian who were wounded or sick while in South Africa are now quartered, having arrived recently from Capetown: Private F. E. Weir, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto; Pte. E. S. Bingham, 35th Simcoe Foresters, Bram. junior; I therefore directed Mr. Hollis, consul at Lorenzo Marques, to proceed to Pretoria and take temporary charge of the consulate until the arrival of Mr. A. S. Hay, who would be appointed consul."

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE. Winnipeg, March 28.—The Manitoba legislature opened to-day at afternoon. An unusually large number of invitations have been issued. Mr. Hespeler, Speaker, for Rosenfeldt, will be elected.

GOSSIP OF ATLIN. Newsy Letter from the Colonist's Correspondent in the Northern Mining Town. Atlin, March 17.—The seventeenth day of March, Patrick's day, was celebrated here by a concert and dance, held at Rice and Hastie's hall. The hall was very prettily decorated in honor of the event by the ladies of the town, among them being Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Brownlee. About twenty-five couples enjoyed themselves until the early hours of dancing, while others found other amusement. Upwards of \$120 was added to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Remarkably fine weather has been enjoyed during the past week and the snow is rapidly going.

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Britishers In Alaska.

Proposal to Allow Them Same Rights as Accorded Aliens in Canada.

An Amendment Substituted For Proposition For Their Absolute Exclusion

Important Features of Civil Code Bill Now Before the Senate.

Washington, March 28.—The Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration during a great part of the senate session.

Mr. Hansborough proposed this amendment as a substitute for section 7 of the Alaskan bill: "Aliens shall not be permitted to locate, hold or convey mining claims in said district of Alaska, nor shall any title to a mining claim acquired by location or purchase through an alien be legal."

Mr. Stewart opposed the amendment. Mr. Carter, in charge of the bill supported the amendment. As a substitute for the pending amendment, Mr. Morgan offered the following, which he thought would meet any objections likely to be raised against the amendment.

The rights and privileges of mining for gold in Alaska shall be extended to the subjects of Great Britain and conditions that are granted by said governments, respectively, to the citizens of the United States in providing for the same.

They Pressed for the Hazardous Service Which Brought Glory on Majuba Day.

Toronto, March 27.—The Evening Telegram's London correspondent cables that the London Times correspondent, in writing of the battle of Paardeberg, which resulted in the surrender of Cronje, says Gen. Hector Macdonald and Gen. Colville, who commanded the division in which the Canadians were killed, reminded Lord Roberts that February 27 was the anniversary of the battle of Majuba.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Foster and Cartwright Continue Budget Debate—Salute Due to Sergeant-Major Mulcahey.

Ottawa, March 27.—Mr. Foster delivered a magnificent speech to-day in reply to Mr. Fielding. He showed how disingenuous the Minister of Finance had been in handling figures of revenue, expenditure and trade.

CHAPLAINS IN PHILIPPINES. Maintained There by the Generosity of Miss Helen Gould.

Washington, March 26.—The Star to-day says: "A visitor at the White House to-day, referring to the lack of chaplains with the volunteer regiments in the Philippines and elsewhere, says that Miss Helen Gould, of New York, is maintaining nine or ten chaplains in the army, at her own expense. Miss Gould, it is stated, pays each of these \$200 a month, their expenses in the Philippines. It is thought Miss Gould's monthly payment is something like \$2,000."

THE BANK WRECKERS. Guilty Officials of Ville Marie Will Not Be Sentenced for a Week.

Montreal, March 26.—(Special)—Baxter and Lemieux, found guilty on the charge of conspiring to wreck the Ville Marie bank, will not be sentenced until next Saturday. The motion to have Ernest L. and Walter J. Pollock, the brokers who handled business for Baxter and Lemieux, tried separately, was dismissed.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

No Progress With Rifle Range Matter—Nursery Stock Importations—Railway Regulation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 26.—Mr. Fisher proposes an amendment to the San Jose scale act, so that American nursery stock may be imported at given points in Canada and fumigated before the importer may be given possession.

The house was engaged all day discussing the railway question. Maclean, Richardson and others endeavoring to secure the abolition of the Canadian Pacific's 10 per cent. clause on condition of granting charters for branches in Manitoba.

Col. Prior has visited the militia department and the committee on the construction of the new Clover Point rifle range at Victoria, but could get no satisfaction. The matter is at a standstill.

Canadians at Paardeberg.

Detailed Story of Their Brave Part Told in the Mails Now Arriving.

Twenty-Three Miles of Heavy Marching Just Before Fighting Began.

Special to the Colonist. Toronto, March 26.—Various accounts of the action at Paardeberg, in which the Canadians figured, are to hand in the South African mail to-day.

Private T. W. Banton, formerly of the Toronto Star staff, who, writing to his father, describes the events which led up to the capture of Cronje and the part the Canadians took in it.

The march from Magerfontein was an extremely trying one. The Canadians were in the vanguard of their division and marched by night and by day; their transports were deficient and they had to carry their packs when other regiments marched light.

By a forced march they overtook Roberts at Jacobsdal. If the regiment stopped five minutes the whole outfit fell asleep.

On February 8, after marching 25 miles from Magerfontein, the Canadians were in contact with the enemy, who fired upon them, when they went to the river for water. The engagement soon became a hand-to-hand struggle with the Canadians were ordered on the left of the river which they crossed by a ford in rear of the other side of the Shropshire.

SENATOR PLATT ILL. But His Secretary Should Not Seriously and Rest Restores Him.

New York, March 26.—A report that Senator Platt is seriously ill and in danger of collapse, and that his friends are trying to prevail upon him to drop out of politics for a time, is emphatically denied by Leonard E. Quigg, Mr. Platt's deputy. The word "seriously" is quite out of place, said Mr. Quigg.

CAIRO TO THE CAPE. Cecil Rhodes Supplies Guarantee For the Road Through German Territory.

Berlin, March 26.—From a memorial on the subject now before the reichstag it appears that the Central railway through German East Africa, to which the reichstag refused to grant an appropriation, has been offered to Cecil Rhodes by Mr. Cecil Rhodes against a low interest. The guarantee provides that the road shall connect with the line and south which Mr. Rhodes is projecting.

THE BANK WRECKERS. Man Engages Cashier in Conversation While Four Others Rife the Safe.

New York, March 26.—A bold robbery occurred to-day in a restaurant at the corner of 90th street and Columbia avenue. Five well-dressed men entered the place and while one of them engaged the cashier in conversation one of his companions went to the safe and got away with \$3,100. The other men then quickly withdrew and the robbery was not discovered for fully five minutes afterwards.

Something In the Wind.

Hint That Expedition Westward from Kimberley Is Worth Watching.

Operations for the Relief of Mafeking Still Puzzling the Critics.

French Not Able to Turn Boer Flight—Buller's Patrols Engaged.

London, March 27.—(4:25 a. m.)—Military observers here, and even those in close affiliation with the war office are considerably confused as to what is being done for the relief of Mafeking.

Lord Roberts' infantry have been sent to about leaving Kimberley, if it has not already started, for Griquatown, 106 miles westward. Its ostensible purpose is to drive out the Boers. The force is described as "a strong one" and the expedition as "likely to attract much attention."

Gen. French is reported from Bloemfontein Sunday as returning from Thaba Nchu, without apparently having headed off the Boers.

Paris, March 27.—Count Adalbert Sterberg, an Austrian officer who fought under Gen. Cronje, and who was among the prisoners taken at Paardeberg, was interviewed on his arrival here yesterday from London regarding his South African experience.

Another Postponement of Expected Delivery, and Hint of Devious Proceedings to Come.

London, March 26.—It is learned that Portugal quite prepared to meet the Delagoa Bay award without borrowing money. The current report that Great Britain intended lending the Portuguese government money, in exchange for privileges in the Delagoa Bay, is declared to be absolutely incorrect.

Washington, March 26.—The United States government has not yet been notified of the postponement of the award in the Delagoa Bay arbitration.

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Settlement of Rebel Districts

A Call for Award of Penalty for Treason and Compensation to Loyalists.

Difficulties of March on Pretoria—An Austrian Officer on British Valor.

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Skirmishing By Cavalry

Lancers and Hussars' Engage the Enemy With Slight Losses.

Pilcher Enters Ladybrand After Stiff Opposition—Retiring From Biggarsberg.

London, March 27.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office as follows: "Bloemfontein, March 26.—Captain Sloane-Stanley, of the Sixteenth Lancers, was slightly wounded in an affair of outposts north of the Modder river, on March 25."

A despatch from Bloemfontein, published in the second edition of the Times, amplifies Lord Roberts' despatch as follows: "A cavalry reconnaissance was made yesterday towards Brandfort. The Sixteenth Lancers, by skirmishing, drew the Boers from their position into the open."

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WHOLE NAVY LIST.

Republic of Liberia Overwhelmed by a Double Misfortune.

London, March 27.—Mail advices received here from Monrovia, the capital of the African republic of Liberia, announce the extinction of the Liberian navy, consisting of two gunboats. It is stated that the Rocktown was sunk in the harbor of Monrovia March 20, while the Goronomah was capsized in the N. Paul river, where she was going to be overhauled.

MAFEEKING HEARD FROM. Advices Two Weeks Old Grimly Relate That Walking Is Bad.

Mafeking, March 14.—The Boers recommenced the bombardment of this place March 12, a six-inch gun, which had been comparatively silenced for a week firing shrapnel used against troops in the open. The projectiles were ineffectual against cover, but were dangerous to pedestrians.

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Only Slight Changes to Be Noted... Local Conditions.

Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bh... Lake of the Wrangell...

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Mrs. Hitchcock Home Again

Atlin's Author and Mine Owner Returns to Her Favorite Quarters.

That Automobile Experiment—London Opinion as to Canadian Camp.

Mrs. Roswell P. Hitchcock—author, investor, mining operator, explorer, and latterly missionary from the new gold fields of the mid-north to the world's centers of capital—returned to her old quarters at the Hotel Driard last evening, where she will remain until the latest product of her literary labors, dealing with her life in the Atlin camp, is ready for the London publishers. Its predecessor, "Two Women in the Klondike," was received with enthusiastic commendation everywhere, and its success is naturally looked for with most pleasurable anticipation. The completion will probably engage Mrs. Hitchcock's close attention during the greater part of the ensuing month.

Atlin is at the present time far from being terra incognita to the people of London. The papers and the public are eager for news of its conditions and its richness, and Mrs. Hitchcock was able during her stay in the Metropolis to say many a kind word for the camp in whose future she has such unbounded confidence. The Ladies' Field was one of the prominent journals giving special attention to the new Canadian camp, and its interview with Mrs. Hitchcock, and its complimentary as one of the most comprehensive and best illustrated short articles yet given to the public with Atlin as the text.

Report had it a few weeks ago that Mrs. Hitchcock would add to her unique travelling experience by making her next entry into Atlin as one of the party on the DeLamar automobile. There was indeed some foundation for the gossip in this connection, for she had been minded to join Mr. DeLamar on his interesting trip. Her plans have been somewhat altered, however, and she will remain with Victorians while the trio of adventure-loving, science-serving Frenchmen, make their dash from Bennett to the new city of northern British Columbia in day if all goes well. The distance is in the neighborhood of 100 miles and air holes and other dangers make the way, so that the introduction of the auto in the north is likely to contain all the thrill and excitement that even an adventure-loving Frenchman would desire. New York mixed matters considerably nevertheless when it sent the news broadcast that the joint venture commenced on the Atlantic seaboard, and include a spin across the continent as a preliminary chapter to the real work of the trip.

Speaking of London's interest in the Atlin field, Mrs. Hitchcock says that it has been intelligently evidenced in many ways, but capitalists from the world's monetary centre will not invest in Atlin properties until British Columbia's mining laws are so amended as to assure improved security of titles. On this subject Mrs. Hitchcock had a long chat last evening with His Honor the Mayor, the Governor, and during the course of the next few days will interview Premier Martin—the topic being one of equal and joint concern to labor and to capital, and as such, demanding immediate and careful attention by those who make the laws.

It is possible that during her present stay in Victoria Mrs. Hitchcock will be induced to lecture here on Atlin, it will be illustrated with many of the superb pictures from her photographic store. Needless to predict, such a lecture would command a large and most appreciative audience.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Only Slight Changes to Be Noted in Local Conditions.

Table with market quotations for various goods like wheat, corn, and potatoes.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, March 21 to 28, 1900.

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THE HALIBUT FLEET. Big Catches Made by the Vessels Operating on Wrangell Narrows Banks.

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The halibut catch of the Wrangell narrows banks fishing fleet for the season which closes April 1 is estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 tons by E. T. Pope of the South-eastern Alaska Fish Company, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Of this amount 1,300 tons were taken by the steamer New England, Edith and Angles, the first named having made a catch of fully 700 tons. The Angeles, which is operated by Mr. Pope's company, took 200 tons, and the Edith 400. The sailing fleet of about twenty vessels owned in Seattle took the remainder.

The entire catch of the New England, which is operated from Vancouver, and the Edith, from Tacoma, has been shipped East, mainly to Boston, as has also much of that of the Angeles, Seattle's representative in the fleet. The bulk of the catch is disposed of mainly west of the Mississippi and on the Pacific Coast.

The Wrangell Narrows' catch has been much lighter than we had reason to expect at the beginning of the season," Mr. Pope said. Conditions were most unfavorable all winter. For a week at a time the weather was so rough that no fishing could be done. These bad weeks were entirely too frequent, and the result has been a light catch.

The Wrangell Narrows banks extend from Kilisnoo to Dixon's entrance. They are already famous as fishing grounds, and give every indication of being productive for many years to come.

The Wrangell Narrows' fleet being assembled on the Cape Flattery banks two weeks ago. Two-thirds of the vessels are now there and the remainder will arrive from the North within the next ten days, and begin what is known as the spring and summer cruise, which lasts until September 15.

Indicates A Shipwreck

New Bowspit Comes Ashore Near Kyquoot—Hansen's Body Recovered.

Indian Agent Feker, of Kyquoot, on the upper West Coast of this Island, has recently come into possession of what appears to be meagre evidence of a recent wreck, the trophy, which was picked up on the inside of the rocky archipelago fronting Kyquoot a few days ago, being in the form of a white spout bowspit, seemingly new and detached from some sailing craft of considerable proportions. Shipping men are of course utterly unable to guess the identity of the vessel to which the bowspit has belonged, but they are of the opinion that she must have come to grief in order that this piece of her equipment should have been wrecked away.

Mr. Feker has given instructions to the Indians to make careful inquiries along the coast and learn if possible whether any other wreckage has been washed up, and if so whether or not it contained a clue to the identity of the hapless vessel. The news comes from Kyquoot also, by the return of the Willapa—that the body of the "Flying Dutchman," Capt. Hansen, had been found by Indians washed ashore, and given burial on one of the islands near which it had lain by Messrs. Feker and Ellis. Hansen, it will be remembered, was drowned some two months ago in company with his partner, Moir, while returning to their mining claim with supplies, their original stores having been given to a shipwrecked crew. Mining men constituted the crew of the Willapa's return. In returning passengers, the list including J. E. Doyen, the "black sand" expert who has been investigating the deposits at Cape Cormorant and at Wreck Bay for outside capitalists; C. W. Rasmussen and family, from Cape Scott; T. Childs; R. W. Leeson; B. D. Pearson; T. Keeling; D. L. Clouse; W. J. Trethewey; P. Brunsen; P. Hubner; A. J. Eaton; W. E. Auld; A. Hansen; J. Clarke; R. Nelson; W. T. Dawler; H. G. Newton; J. Parr; F. Nicholles; J. Watson; S. Warren; J. Carmichael; and G. R. Talbot, the owner of the Castle mine at Bear River, who was killed by the explosion of dynamite which occurred on the 13th instant, an injured victim of which, A. Benson, was brought to town for hospital attention.

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Present Premier's Supremacy Regarded as a Grave Danger.

Hon. Robert Beaven is back from an extended visit to Eastern Canada, having attended at Toronto the first annual meeting of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada, which in the East Beaven had exceptional opportunities of meeting with representative business men and capitalists; and naturally he was questioned very closely in regard to the political situation in British Columbia. As a result of such conversations Mr. Beaven has arrived at the conclusion that the triumph of Mr. Martin in the approaching contest in the provincial arena would result in the almost complete withdrawal of Eastern Canadian capital from investment in this province, so great is the distrust everywhere manifested at the present Premier and his methods.

Mr. Beaven says those with whom he came in contact all evinced a very lively interest in political happenings in British Columbia. They all stated that supremacy would work incalculable injury to the country. Mr. Beaven regards this as a very important feature, inasmuch as the opinions expressed worth him on this subject were not those of incompetent observers, but the opinions of men who may fairly be said to represent the business brains of Canada. That being so, the people can see how great is the danger which lies in the hands of the Premier of British Columbia.

He visited Toronto to attend the first annual meeting of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada. The company is young, but is one of the strongest in the Dominion. It includes among its stockholders many of the wealthiest business men of Canada, all the provinces being represented on the long list. The president, Mr. S. C. Standen, is also the president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, the vice-president, Mr. Elias Rogers, is a director of the Toronto Bank and a very wealthy man. Mr. W. D. Long, of the firm of Long, Bissell, & Co., of Hamilton, is second vice-president of the National Life Assurance Company, and a half million. Dr. Montague, M. P., of Hamilton, Mr. John Burns, vice-president of the Dominion Bank, Mr. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and vice-president of the St. Stephen Bank, Mr. A. S. Irving, president of the New company and Mr. J. J. Foy, C. C. M. P. E., director of the Toronto General Trusts and a member of the Ontario legislature, are among the many of the wealthy fact the gathering was national in every sense of the word and was composed of the men of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The business of the company has been extremely successful, very much so in this province. I am a director and the chairman of the provincial board, and especially wished to bring before the meeting several matters connected with the extension of the business of the company. I was most cordially met after a somewhat lengthy discussion of my propositions and we are now authorized to employ additional agents and to extend the business of the company. Every opportunity was afforded to fully understand the affairs of the company, its investments, and its business methods; and I feel convinced it has a managing director in Mr. E. H. Mason, who cannot be excelled.

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