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OPPOSITION AMENDMENT

Subsidy Opposed Because of Non-Fulfillment of Contract

Fight Over Columbia & Western Bill is Still on Bi-Monthly Pay Days—Budget Speech Today

(Special to The Daily News)

Press Gallery, Legislative Assembly, Victoria, March 2.—In the legislative today the debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896, was continued by Henderson (Yale) and Bowser (Vancouver). Paterson (Island) moved the adjournment.

This afternoon's debate elicited no new points of special importance on either side. Henderson, however, clearly showed by reference to the legislation of 1901, that the Columbia & Western company were re-established in their original status created by acts of 1896, and that consequently the several negotiations of 1898-99 and 1900, including the Mackenzie & Mann bargain, had no bearing upon the present state of the case.

"That, whereas, the Columbia and Western Railway company was incorporated by chapter 54, of the statutes of 1896;

"And whereas, by section 16 of the said chapter 54, it is enacted that the contract was as it originally stood in 1896, save that an extension of time was granted in which to make surveys. In concluding his review of the history of the Columbia & Western transactions, Henderson moved, in amendment to the resolution "that the bill be read a second time now," the following: "That all the words of the resolution after the first word, 'that' be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"That, whereas, the Columbia and Western Railway company was incorporated by chapter 54, of the statutes of 1896;

"And whereas, it is conditional to the granting of said aid as provided by chapter 8, of the statutes of 1896, that the company construct the said Columbia & Western railway within the time and according to the terms of their act of incorporation;

tionary to the Shuswap and Okanagan railway, would be developed and made profitable in an earlier period than if no such subsidy was granted; and further, that the coast cities would be very materially benefited by securing a direct route into the mining and smelting camps of the Boundary district, via Pentelton; and it was further contemplated that the annual loss to the province of British Columbia, on account of its guarantee of interest on the bonds of the Shuswap and Okanagan railway would, by the construction of the Columbia & Western railway to, or near Pentelton, be very materially reduced, if not altogether eliminated.

"And whereas, to secure the construction of the Columbia and Western railway at the earliest possible date, it was enacted that the railway company should deposit security to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, which said amount was to be forfeited if the railway was not built to or near Pentelton within four years from the 17th day of April, 1896;

"And whereas, the railway has not yet been built to Pentelton;

"And whereas, the security before mentioned has not been estrated;

"And whereas, the failure of the Columbia and Western Railway company to construct their lines of railway to Pentelton has resulted in incalculable loss to the province of British Columbia, and made it necessary to provide a subsidy of \$750,000 in aid of a line of railway from Midway to Vernon;

"Therefore, this house is of the opinion that the Columbia & Western Railway company is not entitled to any further aid.

"A copy of the original bill to which the above amendment applies, will be found on page 5 of this issue of 'The Daily News.'

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Williams' (socialist) bill to amend the master and servant act, which provides in part, for bi-monthly pay days, was then resumed by Hawthornthwaite, who made a strong appeal for support. He pointed out that in Great Britain it was almost invariably the rule to have weekly pay days or at the most only to allow two weeks to elapse between.

The leader of the opposition expressed his hearty approval of the principle of the bill and said he would vote for it. He pointed out that it would be necessary to amend the bill in committee, but so far as the measure and believed it would work beneficially to all classes of the community. In particular, twice-a-month pay days would strike a serious blow at the baneful credit system. Workmen would be largely freed from the disabilities of the present system, as frequently imposed. A measure of this kind would inure to the interests of merchants as well as to wage earners. He could not conceive of circumstances wherein a strict enforcement of this measure would be inserted that would meet these cases.

"And whereas, it was contemplated that by the granting of the subsidy as set forth in the Columbia and Western Act, being chapter 8, statutes of 1896, that portion of British Columbia extending from the Columbia river to Pentelton, as well as the country bordering upon and tributary to Okanagan lake, and also the Okanagan and Spallumcheen valleys, and the country tribu-

Camera, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, McBride, Cotton, Fraser, Ross, Taylor, Wright, Young, Gifford, Manson.—19. Against—Drury, Tanner, Paterson, Wells, Hall, Tatlow, Ellison, Clifford, Bowser, A. McDonald, Fulton, Macgowan, Grant, Dowling.

On the third reading of bill No. 13, An Act respecting the use and manufacture, within British Columbia, of timber cut on lands of the Crown, Hon. S. F. Green proposed the following amendment to section 4: "Whenever a seizure is made of timber under the provisions of this Act the onus of showing that the timber seized is not subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be upon the owners, holders, or person in possession thereof.

This elicited from the leader of the opposition an unusually vigorous speech Macdonald denouncing the proposal as an absolutely vicious one. So forcible were his remarks that Green quickly withdrew the amendment.

Several bills were advanced a stage, and the budget speech was set for tomorrow.

The house will sit on Saturday and prorogation is now looked for by Thursday next.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905.

Table with columns for Revenue and Expenditure. Revenue items include Dominion of Canada, Half-yearly interest, Half-yearly grant per cap, etc. Expenditure items include Public Debt, Civil Gov't salaries, Admin. Justice, etc.

INTERIOR LUMBERMEN.

Scaling Question Will Be Carefully Considered Before Action Taken. (Special to The Daily News) Victoria, March 1.—In consequence of the Associated Press dispatch from Nelson regarding the city papers here today, stating that the Mountain Lumbermen's Association had requested the government to legalize the Doyle scale in the district of the Fraser Canyon mountains, in preference to the British Columbia scale, which works unsatisfactorily for logs of small diameter, the following dispatch was received from the Interior Lumbermen's Association, leader of the opposition, raised the question in the house this afternoon.

Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner, in replying to Mr. Macdonald, gave assurance that the pending measure for the measurement of timber would not affect the district east of the Cascade mountains, until such time as the scale question was gone thoroughly into, and legislation dealing with the same was enacted.

WILL HAVE A BANQUET

Sons of England, Society Determine to Celebrate St. George's Day. At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Sons of England held last night it was determined that St. George's day, Monday, April 16, should be celebrated in the most fitting manner possible. A banquet and a special committee was appointed to take charge of the arrangements. A report at the next meeting of the society.

KAIEN ISLAND ENQUIRY.

Evidence All In—Further Admissions by Green and Bodwell. (Special to The Daily News) Victoria, March 1.—The Kaien Island land grant investigation by a select committee of the house, closed this morning, so far as the taking of evidence is concerned. The members of the committee met this evening to consider their findings. This morning's session of the enquiry



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of Clark & Son, of this city, left this morning for an extended trip to his parental home at Port Hope, Ont. Contractor George Taylor, has completed his million foot log contract with B. Lequime and is preparing to do some extensive grading for the Kettle Valley Lines railway.

Eight foot boiler, compressor plant complete and other mining machinery were yesterday hauled to the Minnehaha mine, and work will immediately start on running the 3000 foot tunnel to tap the ore body.

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TO JUNE 30, 1907.

Table showing Provincial Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure. Revenue items include Dominion of Canada, Interest at 5 per cent, Subsidy to Government, etc. Expenditure items include Public Debt, Civil Gov't salaries, Administration, etc.

Winnipeg, who are anxious to get in on the ground floor.

Word reached here yesterday from Victoria that satisfactory arrangement had been made with the department of lands and works for the necessary funds to complete the wagon road to the McKinley mine in Franklin camp. Work will be commenced on the balance of the road when the weather permits.

Quite a number of Grand Forks people went to Spokane this week for the purpose of attending the grand opera season, among them Mrs. E. G. Dahl, Miss Pauline Dahl, and Miss Norma Manley.

Mrs. John Morrell, accompanied by her three daughters and one son arrived here yesterday from Italy. They were 21 days on the trip.

The Rev. A. H. Cameron of Midway, will officiate in the Presbyterian church here tomorrow.

W. Spier, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank here, has gone to Winnipeg on official business. It is said he will leave here shortly to accept another position in Eastern Canada.

KETTLE VALLEY LINE

Running Rights in Grand Forks Agreed. (Special to The Daily News) Grand Forks, Feb. 27.—At last evening's session of the city council, running rights through the city of Grand Forks were granted to the Kettle Valley railway, subject to an agreement which will be drawn up and signed by the city and railway officials. It has been learned that the terms of this agreement, actual construction work on the railway will commence by April and that the road will be completed to Franklin camp by Aug. 1, 1907.

The passenger depot to be built in Grand Forks will be a fine structure. The action of the city council in this matter being strongly commended on all sides. It has been finally decided to locate the proposed new government bridge at 4th street, and it is expected that work on this bridge will start at once.

Work on the big government bridge at Carson is being pushed to completion. Robert McIntosh of this city has been appointed government inspector for this bridge, while Robert Gow has the contract for this health officer Kingston's official report shows that during the past year there have been 22 cases of typhoid fever, with only two deaths; 23 cases of measles, with no deaths, and six cases of tuberculosis.

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DESPERATE ESCALADE

Storming of a Moro Fort by Troops of the United States

Manila, March 3.—An important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifteen enlisted men were killed, four officers and 32 enlisted men were wounded. The Moros lost 600 men killed.

Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the division on the Philippines reports as follows: "A severe action between troops and a naval detachment and constabulary, and hostile Moros has taken place at Mount Dajo, near Jolo. The engagement opened during the afternoon of March 6 and ended in the morning of March 8. The action involved the capture of Mount Dajo, a lava cone 2100 feet high, with a crater at its summit and extremely steep. The last four hundred feet were at an angle of 30 degrees and there were fifty perpendicular ridges, covered with a growth of timber and strongly fortified and defended by an invincible force of Moros.

"The attack was lifted by block and tackle a distance of 300 feet into a position on the top of the crater. Brigadier General Bliss and myself were present. The attacking column consisted of 1500 men, including the constabulary, by Major Omar Buldy, captain K. P. Lawton, captain Rivers, captain Koehler, captain McLaughlin and Lieutenant Johnson. The officers and men engaged highly distinguished themselves, their casualties numbering 17 out of the force of 44 engaged. It is impossible to conceive a stronger natural position than that attacked.

Another account of the fight states that 900 outlaw Moros were killed in the crater of the volcano. The American force, including the constabulary, numbered 1500 men, including captain Rivers of the Fourth Cavalry, Lieutenant Agnew of the Sixth Infantry, Lieutenant Gordon Johnson of the signal corps, captain Cook, commander of the constabulary, and captain White of the immediate command of Colonel Bunsen of the Sixth Infantry. The attack was made on the morning of March 6, and the Moros, who had been strongly fortified by means of ropes up the last 500 feet of the mountain, were completely routed and fled to the mountains. The work of the troops.

The action resulted in the extinction of a band of outlaws who, occupying the mountain, had been raiding friendly Moros, and who, owing to this defiance of the American authorities, had stirred up a dangerous condition of affairs.

Washington, March 3.—Not because of the casualties among the American forces engaged, though they were more numerous than in any battle in the Philippines for several years past, but rather because of the extraordinary number of natives killed, the news of the battle of Mount Dajo was received with interest here. The first official news of the battle came in a long report which had come direct from Manila by cable. This message was from Colonel Andrews, the military secretary at Manila, who had received the report from the cable. This message was from Colonel Andrews, the military secretary at Manila, who had received the report from the cable.

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