



SHOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN THE LANDS

COMMITTEE REPORT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Grants Outside Purview of Act - Company Should Not Complain of Cancellation.

(From Thursday's Daily). The special committee appointed to inquire into all matters connected with the granting or proposed granting of a land subsidy to the Columbia & Western Railway Company in its report to the House recited the facts in connection with the various proposed subsidies. After a history of the transactions, it recites that blocks 4,503 and 4,504 had "attracted the attention of persons interested in coal and petroleum deposits, and was believed by both the government and the company to be valuable in this respect."

been represented to him that the effect of the transaction would be a substantial gain of acreage to the province. The reason for the change is not apparent in these matters upon the section mentioned, and both would appear to be without merit—one that there was a considerable saving in acreage, and it would appear that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works had been misled by the general statement put forward on behalf of the Columbia & Western Railway Company, that the saving would be some 300,000 acres, but the amount was afterwards discovered to be incorrect. The other was this—that the British Columbia Southern Railway Company had been allotted these lands, it was only a matter of domestic economy after all, and it mattered not to make the change, as both companies, i.e., the British Columbia Southern Railway Company and the Columbia & Western Railway Company, were both controlled by the C. P. R. Co.

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The political affairs of British Columbia have been hovering on the verge of a crisis for more than two years.

As has already been noted in the Times, one result of the partial cessation of coal mining in British Columbia, owing to the strikes at Fernie, the disaster at Frank and the lock-out or strike in the Dunsuir mines at Extension and Cumberland, has been to cause the C. P. R. Co., which is an enormous consumer of coal, to look around for other sources of supply.

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In consequence of the repeated strikes and the everlasting political muddle in which British Columbia is involved its commercial and political reputation has suffered in eastern centres to an incalculable extent.

It is almost impossible to underrate the importance of sentiment in the world's affairs. But as Canada grows in population, gathered from divers sources, the thread of sentiment must be drawn out so fine as to become almost invisible.

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TO A CORRESPONDENT.

Yes, J. A. B., the Times is aware that the Shamrocks will be conveyed on their own bottoms, and not conveyed, across the Atlantic by the private yacht and the chartered steamer of Sir Thomas Lipton.

In some respects the Chinese are markedly conservative. They hold fast to much that is evil in their own "ethical" system and absorb a great deal that is bad in the Caucasian.

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We were about to say Colonel Prior would hardly plead with the Lieutenant-Governor for another opportunity, as it is manifestly out of the question for him to form a government.

It is noticeable that two of the Vancouver newspapers are very cautious in their comments on the revelations before the select committee. They are quite convinced of one thing—that the C. P. R. is entirely innocent of guile and that it would not think of asking the government to grant it a hill top or a valley to which it is not legally entitled.

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Mr. Dunsuir has the greatest contempt for mere politicians. Which is not to be wondered at considering his experience.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Wet Day For Celebration and Some Events Were Called Off.

"It was rather a mushy holiday," says the Ledger. "While Vancouver slept it began to rain, and it never stopped until Vancouver was almost ready to sleep again. Everything arranged for outdoors was interfered with by the weather."

The King Edward Handicap was the salient feature on the programme at Hastings. A summary of the races follows: First race—2:40 trot or pace, mile heats, 3 in five: The Primer, 1st; Chief Justice, 2nd; The Primer won in two straight heats, Time, 3:09 and 3:12.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. Professor Powell, of Washington, D. C., Recommends Pe-ru-na.



Prof. W. B. Powell, of Washington, D. C., is one of the best known educators in the country. For fifteen years he has been Superintendent of the Public Schools of Washington, which is considered the best school system in the United States.

"Persuaded by a friend I have used Pe-ru-na as a tonic, and I take pleasure in recommending your remedy. Pe-ru-na is indeed a good medicine and should be in every household."

carried with them any corresponding obligations. From the closing up of the mines the storekeeper might go broke, the inhabitants of cities suffer from want of fuel, general suffering might arise, all these things might happen and he would still think he was right in this view.

WILL LIKELY SUBMIT ANOTHER PROPOSAL.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SETTLE TROUBLE.

Negotiations at Ladysmith Have Not Been Abandoned—Mr. Dunsuir Before Commission.

The royal labor commission will hold a two days' sitting at Cumberland this week. The commissioners spent the night on board the D. G. S. Quadra last night, and left at an early hour this morning for Comox.

The sittings of the commission at Ladysmith were concluded on Saturday with the examination of Mr. Dunsuir by Mr. Wilson, K. C., counsel for the miners. There was nothing controversial in any of the replies made by the president of the Wellington collieries to the questions put to him, so the examination was brief and to the point.

Men had, of course, the right to organize, just as he had an absolute right to handle his own property. He had an absolute right to deal with his own property just as he liked. From his standpoint it did not occur to him that wealth, the possession of large riches and lands,

Such straightforward evidence cannot be overlooked. What the common people carry weight, but when a man of national prominence says "Pe-ru-na" is a good medicine, it is a significant fact to the increasing prominence and undoubted efficacy of Pe-ru-na.

"For many years I have been a sufferer from catarrh, and have spent time and money with physicians and used many kinds of remedies which were 'guaranteed sure cures', but in every case it was all thrown away. I reaped no benefit whatever from them. In my seemingly vain search for relief I purchased a bottle of Pe-ru-na, having no confidence in it whatsoever at the time. This was about one year ago, and I began to improve and was able to attend to my business without being constantly hampered by every kind of ailment known to a human being. My hearing, which was almost entirely gone in one ear, got very much better. The medicine not only scams to cure, but to prevent disease."

"I am not a believer in 'patent medicines' having no confidence in them, but I do not hesitate to recommend Pe-ru-na as the best medicine for catarrh that the world has ever seen. I keep a bottle of it at home constantly on hand because I believe it to be the best medicine on earth. I never leave home that I don't put a bottle of it in my grip."

Concluding the sittings of the commission and in the presence of Mr. Dunsuir and the strikers Chief Justice Hunter said: "I understand that there are some conferences now pending, between the parties, looking towards a settlement. For the past hour since that a settlement will be reached very shortly, for I understand there is a great deal of sickness and misery caused by this strike. Not only that, but the general public are being seriously inconvenienced. Merchants are going into bankruptcy, and the general welfare of everybody being interfered with. I hope that both the parties to this controversy will keep in mind, that it is not in their own interest solely, but in the interests of the public generally. I think that the whole public of this Island would be very greatly rejoiced to hear that this settlement had been reached to-day. If there is anything this commission can do towards bringing this settlement to a more rapid conclusion we will be glad to do it."

A further conference with a committee of the men was held after the commission had adjourned, but the president of the colliery company being unwilling to make a further proposal without more time for consideration, it was not possible to bring matters to a final issue before the commissioners left.

Before the commission opened on Saturday it was made publicly known that the commissioners would be prepared to hear any witnesses in private if they had anything to report which they desired the commission to know, but which they did not care to state publicly. The Chief Justice also asked at the conclusion of the sittings if there were any persons desirous of giving evidence whom the commissioners had not already heard. No names were handed in.

The general feeling in Ladysmith at present is that the sittings of the commission there have been most opportune, and that the full and frank discussion of all sides of the situation publicly before the commissioners, as well as the many efforts of the latter to bring about a settling matter together, will probably more than anything else lead to a speedy settlement of the dispute. Strong hopes are entertained that the negotiations, constituting the commission as they have a very conciliatory board between the parties, will lead to a termination of this disastrous struggle in a week's time.

"THE PASTORS' PITY.—A prominent member of Durham, Ont., club writes: 'I suffered intensely from Inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of Serravallo's Tonic cured me. I feel happy that those who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like recommending your medicine to all.'" Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co., Ltd.

THE CELEBRATION OF VICTORY.

A HAPPY PROGRAMME MANY THOUSANDS. Locals Lost at Lacrosse. Baseball - Regatta, and Fireworks.

Victoria Day was celebrated in this city Monday afternoon. The programme had been of a happy arrangement of the popular verdict was ties had been a gratifying variety of arrangements made it possible for even a busy day. There were lacrosse and cricket regatta, while later attractions presented the joyment of the people.

The regatta as usual gathered in this city and poured down on the water. The day opened under a weather standpoint, but it proved to be nothing shower, and soon the sun came out and a freedom of inconvenience.

The baseball match, of which the reserve witnessed the game, was won by the tories eleven wickets to the visitors. The tories themselves to be a strong but they could not surpass ball exhibited by the local prestige is now high indeed. The tories evincing a spirit of favor, while in the cricket Sound team was defeated the Cumberland eleven won.

The lacrosse match at the park, good prize money was given in this contest. Savory later on Mickey George Baker fought a rounds before a fair-sized decision being awarded to E. J. Dunsuir. The tories more fully into the program the exception of a few prizes of the main array was altogether bereft of the national interest in the national spirit of establishments contributed ination.

A large number of visitors spent the day in the city. THE LACROSSE MATCH Won by Vancouver by Four Goals to Three.

Victoria lost the lacrosse a hard fight, the score at the being Vancouver 4, Victoria 3. The game was a struggle throughout was by the enthusiastic clamor of the spectators. The tories were indispensible to an exhibition of the game. The tories were so many people at the initiation of the campaign in the tories well for the future. Yesterday was an especial of a fair proportion of the tories this match present the gates on other scheduled dates people will have no just kick. But they must remember the tories were in the tories and to do this they must good lacrosse. If their team are to win the confidence of the tories can well reckon on a large at their games.

Had Monday's game been under favorable climatic conditions the tories would have had a hard start to finish. Unfortunately the drizzling rain made the slippery as a skating rink, and the tories were fraught with difficulties in the connection of the tories were not of the order of the other several of the players to the closeness of the connection between the tories and their tories were two or three who brilliantly illuminated objects faces after the game.



WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 20th to 26th May, 1903. The weather during this week has been... It has been decided to discontinue the weekly visit of school children to local factories...

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ROWLAND MACHIN, Can. Agent, Yates St., Victoria, B. C. Sold by Hickman-Tye Hardware Co., W. S. Fraser & Co., Nicholles & Renouf.

No Matter How Critical Your taste or capacious your appetite, we are sure to be able to please you with our pure groceries. Our aim is to make them the finest, and we seem to be successful judging from their great popularity.

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Don't Become An Object OF AVERSION AND PEPE, CURE YOUR COLD AND CATARRH, PURIFY YOUR BREATH AND STOP THE OFFENSIVE DISCHARGE.

BORN. DUCHEBURN-At 22 Michigan street, on Thursday, 28th, the wife of W. E. Ditchburn, of a son.

WANTED. Everyone to enjoy the abundance of the sea, fresh from the boats, at wholesale prices. Highest cash prices paid for fresh mackerel, eggs, People's Market, foot of Yates street, near Fish Slip.

MINERAL ACT. NOTICE. "Little Bantam" Fractional Mineral Claim, situated in the Victoria Mining Division of Chehalis District, located on Mount Sicker.

MANY WOMEN ARE NOT ATTRACTIVE. Because of repulsive looking Warts on the hands. They can be painlessly removed in one day by Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND CONDENSED FORM. Tim Kee, accredited as being the oldest Chinese merchant in this city, will no longer be found at his old stand. The building, which was situated just below Government, on Cormorant street, has been removed...

The United States government has taken definite steps towards an extension of the Alaska military cable north and westward from Sitka to Valdez. It means an addition of about 500 miles to the Alaska cable. The line from Seattle to Skagway by way of Sitka and Juneau and thence back down the Lynn canal to Haines Mission, the site of the new military post, was decided upon some months ago...

Two members of the British Columbia Steamship Navigation Company are said to have left the steamer Amur shortly before she sailed for the north last night. It is further stated that the C. P. R. Company will take the men back to the mainland on the next steamer. The information, however, could not be verified by the press.

A farrow dance will be given Friday evening, May 29th, in the O. U. of L. hall, at 11:30 o'clock. Miss L. Milne, who leaves for Seattle on Saturday to take up a permanent residence in that city, will be the guest of honor. All those who have attended Mrs. Lester's socials and dances are invited to participate in the farrow dance. A large number attended the concert given at the Centennial Methodist church, on the west side of Templeton Channel, eastern entrance to Clayoquot Sound; Coffin inlet, entrance to Oyster Bay, Stuart Channel, and Duck Islet, Little group, Inner Haro Channel, are reserved and set apart for use of the Dominion government for lighthouse purposes.

The altered memorandum of association of the Laurie Lumber Company, Ltd., has also been registered. Notice of the assignment of Cory S. Ryder, of Ladysmith, to E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, is also gazetted. Notice is given that Lenard Island, lying on the west side of Templeton Channel, eastern entrance to Clayoquot Sound; Coffin inlet, entrance to Oyster Bay, Stuart Channel, and Duck Islet, Little group, Inner Haro Channel, are reserved and set apart for use of the Dominion government for lighthouse purposes.

Tenders are invited by the Deputy Provincial Secretary for supplies (groceries, clothing, vegetables, funeral furnishings, etc.) for the New Westminster Insane Asylum, and the Provincial Home, Kamloops, from July 1st to June 30th, 1904. Tenders will be received until June 15th. Frank McCabe, of Wardner, has been appointed a justice of the peace.

RAILWAY MATTERS. The Transportation Commission-Question of Aid to Roads. Ottawa, May 26.-R. L. Borden brought up the transportation question in the House to-day. He wanted the government to declare its policy on a transcontinental line, and also asked for information about the transportation commission.

INDIAN BALL PLAYERS. Songhees Have a Strong Team Which Has Been Doing Good Work. Victoria has an Indian baseball club from the Songhees reserve who have been establishing an enviable record as well as their white contemporaries. The natives have played several matches during the last few weeks, and only once have met defeat. This was their initial game of the season. It was played with one of the two teams which have been formed at North and South Saanich, and resulted in the Songhees being vanquished by a score of 18 to 15.

Page Metal Ornamental Fence. Handsome, durable and low priced. Specially suitable for fronts and division fences in lots, cemeteries, orchards, etc. Retail for 25 CENTS PER RUNNING FOOT. Just about the cheapest fence you can put up. Write for full particulars. Use the Farm Fence. The Page Wire Fence Co., Limited, Walker-ville, Ontario, Montreal, P. Q., and St. John, N. B.

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THE COUNCIL TAKE ACTION ON DRAFT BILL TO BE SUBMITTED

Water Commissioner Present of Water Metre Rates-ness Before Alderm

When members of the council convened in regular session they had laid before them a copy of the instruction of Mayor...

A boy, named McEellan, living out near the exhibition grounds, had his arm broken and received a severe shaking up in a runaway Wednesday. He was about to get into a delivery wagon when the animal attached to it started dragging him along Cadboro Bay road, a considerable distance. Dr. Hark, being summoned, attended to the injury.

Lokoja, the Sultan of Sokoto, who fled eastward when the British, captained Sokoto, Northern Nigeria, has stirred up a good following and started guerrilla attacks on the British. In the most recent fight the British had two men killed and a large number wounded. The British finally drove off the Sultan's forces.

Secondly, also all those pieces of land of the city of Victoria, lying to the west of Belleville street, and now in the possession of the city of Victoria, and that other portion of Section VI, Victoria city, particularly situated as follows: Commencing at the corner of the street, two inches from the southeast corner of Lot 1, thence southerly twenty feet to the said southeast corner, thence along the southern boundary of a seventy-eight feet five inches, easterly twenty-seven feet to the commencement...

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