

DEBATE ON ADDRESS IS COMPARATIVELY MILD

John Oliver of Delta Makes First Speech for the Opposition

PREMIER MCBRIDE FOLLOWS HIM

Complicated Mover, Second and Speeches and Debat Exhilarating With Issues of the Day

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne occupied an hour and a half of the session of the provincial legislature. It was opened by John Oliver, representing Delta...

Mr. Oliver congratulated the hon. the premier on his selection of Hon. B. M. Eberts as speaker. He also congratulated the hon. members who had moved and seconded the reply to the speech from the throne...

Ottawa Interference

During the recent elections the government supporters had manufactured a story that the hon. the premier was to be elected in the riding of St. Paul's...

Better Terms

Better terms was a subject upon which the government laid special stress. He did not intend to enter into the details of that matter that he felt that when the premier had gone to Ottawa he had been well supported...

The Delta Riding

Speaking of the Delta riding, he reminded those who had listened to Mr. Oliver would believe that that riding had been "starved" by the government...

A Provincial University

In regard to the setting aside of a portion of the crown lands for the establishment of a provincial university, he said that members of the opposition would be prepared to deal with the matter in a way that would be satisfactory to the people...

Endorsed Irrigation Plan

In reply to the question it was not a new question. It had been brought up in previous years. But he was pleased to see the same action being taken...

the late campaign were absolutely without foundation. He had been glad to hear that the condition of the treasury enabled the government to promise that the expenditures would be commensurate with the public requirements...

Speaks of Municipalities

Dealing with the municipalities, Mr. Oliver suggested that they be given power to increase the amount of improvements necessary to exempt lands from the wild land tax...

Continuing upon the municipal question, Mr. Oliver stated that he did not know of a district in which taxes were not being increased...

Anxious For Development

Concluding Mr. Oliver asserted that the opposition were anxious to see the exploitation of the natural resources of the province for the benefit of the people...

Premier McBride

Hon. Richard McBride, rising to respond, was accorded spirited applause. He opened by congratulating the member for Saanich upon his attainment of the position of speaker...

Will Use Surplus

Premier McBride assured the members of the opposition and parliament generally that he was intending to use for every dollar of the surplus...

Situation in Kootenay

In regard to the situation in connection with the coal and oil licenses of Southeast Kootenay, the government had been framed an order...

The Fisheries Question

In 1907 British Columbia, in line with other provinces, has introduced legislation in connection with fisheries. This investigation it was found that the matter was not being overlooked...

Financial Policy

In 1903 the opposition had criticized the temporary loan then introduced. He outlined the conditions prevailing at that time. There was published an assurance from Byron E. Walker...

could hardly be deemed that there was any foundation for such a statement. Ottawa's Attitude

Referring to better terms the premier affirmed that the outcome of the elections could be interpreted in but one way—a resentment of Ottawa's interference. When he returned from the provincial premier's conference...

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Railway Construction

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General Prosperity

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In regard to the fish hatcheries, he reminded those who had listened to the speech from the throne that the province, unlike that under the management of the Dominion, was not a political question. He stated that the government was pleased to note that the workmen were satisfied with the results brought about by three years of good government...

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amounts. He was of the opinion that the banks should be dealt with upon the same basis as the ordinary individual. The Outlook. Concluding he stated that the clauses which he had referred to were the principal ones to be found in the bill. They provided for a material reduction—something which the government was pleased to do. He hoped that it would not be the final step in that direction...

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ORE BUYER VISITS QUEEN CHARLOTTE
W. M. Brewer Returns by Steamer Tees From Claims on Skincuttle Inlet

W. M. Brewer, ore buyer for the Tees smelter at Ladysmith, who has been looking over the mines on Skincuttle Inlet, Moreby Island; and Mr. Park, another mining expert who went to look over the Queen Charlotte mines, returned to Vancouver by the steamer Tees. Both, according to fellow passengers on the Tees, were much impressed with the northern mines.

INVESTIGATION OF A BOTTLE MESSAGE

Provincial Constable Lumley Makes Fruitless Search for Supposed Marooned Man

"Come for me. I am on an island in the Gulf of Georgia, Northwest of Salt Spring Island. I think my boat broke away from its rope. I have a little to eat. Come and get me soon. I am nearly dead." L. Lawson.

The above note, written in boyish handwriting on a small piece of paper, evidently torn from a notebook, was picked up in a floating bottle at English Bay, and forwarded to Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police. It was seemingly a hoax, but the police officer was unwilling to give the chance to its being a genuine distress message, and Constable W. Lumley of Salt Spring was ordered to investigate.

Constable Lumley has reported to the superintendent of provincial police to the effect that he made a search of all the uninhabited islands in the district going by a small launch. On Passer Island, Narrows, announcing that he had made a close search, but on all he failed to find any mark to show that anyone had landed or been on the island. Fishermen he found are constantly engaged in near-by waters and would not permit him to hunt for anyone left on any of the isles under the predicament of the supposed marooned man, but his presence known to them within a short time.

Moreover, Constable Lumley says it is highly improbable that a bottle message floated from islands near Salt Spring would drift in a northerly direction to English Bay. The prevailing Fraser river current, particularly when it is considered that all other floating matter drifts southward toward California.

DEATH OF GEORGE MACDONALD, General Auditor of P. Burns and Company Dies After Operation

P. Burns, who arrived in the city last night, received a telegram from Calgary this morning announcing the death of George Macdonald, general auditor of the company, says the Nelson Canadian of Saturday. The news came as a shock as, although Mr. Macdonald had undergone an operation for appendicitis, his condition was considered quite satisfactory when Mr. Burns left Calgary.

George Macdonald was born in Nova Scotia 24 years ago. In the early 90's he was in the employ of Porter Bros., railway contractor and agent at Greenough, of Spokane. In 1896 he went to the Yukon and became manager of the Yukon Hotel and Casino. Two and a half years ago he became general auditor for P. Burns & Co.

The deceased was well known throughout the West and universally liked and respected. He was most popular with all who came in contact with him. He was a member of the company, all of whom have heard of his sudden death with sincere sorrow.

Mr. Burns said he knows how he would like to replace him. His death is a great loss to the company, as well as to the West, as he was a member of the company, all of whom have heard of his sudden death with sincere sorrow.

The late George Macdonald was well known in Victoria, where he had many friends who will regret to learn of his demise.

AN EXCITING TIME.

Experienced by Two Timber Cruisers With a She-bear and Her Cubs.

Messrs. G. Young and E. T. Barnum, two timber cruisers, went out in Lake Quatlam last Saturday, had a hand-to-hand fight with a full-grown she-bear and two cubs, and the men were the victors.

The men unexpectedly all but fell over the young family while breaking through the forest. The mother bear began hostility by rearing on her hind legs and making a savage growl. Mr. Barnum, who was slightly in the lead, and armed only with a short stick, Mr. Young had his axe and came to the assistance of his companion, but the she-bear was too quick for him and she sprang in which they had to fight was so small that they were unable to defend themselves very effectively, as the old bear was aided by the cubs.

Finally a well-directed blow from Mr. Young's axe finished the battle, and the two cubs were mangled.

The three fine skins are mementoes of the fight, and the victors are showing them proudly to their friends before having them dressed.

Messrs. Young and Barnum report numerous tracks of bears, and they gave them a wide berth, having had quite enough bear hunting for one season.

Mr. Young also reports that trout are very plentiful in Lake Quatlam, just at this time, and that an Indian made a haul of upwards of 80 pounds.

G. T. P. ACCOUNTS

Strange Revelations Before Committee at Ottawa

Ottawa, March 8.—There were some extraordinary revelations before the public accounts committee in connection with the preliminary expenses for the Grand Trunk Pacific. The company put in accounts for \$26,294 for construction work on the prairie and mountain sections up to June 30, 1905. On these sections 75 per cent of the cost is guaranteed by the Government, hence the necessity for economy and careful scrutiny of the railway department. Mr. Shannon in October of the same year carefully audited these accounts, and found an item of \$123,000 for preliminary expenses, and of this amount vouchers for \$195,000 were forthcoming.

Shannon says in his report, the details were insufficient to enable me to state whether there were a charge against the prairie section or not for some \$55,000. There were absolutely no vouchers.

Notwithstanding this report Colingwood Schreiber, chief consulting engineer of government railways, certified to the full amount of \$26,294 on November 3. By reason of the finance department withholding payment Walker, chief auditor of the Grand Trunk Pacific, withdrew theoretical claim, and towards the end of that month he was ordered to make good, reducing the amount of the questionable accounts by \$74,926 and over.

The company had dropped \$88,000 which was asked for in the first instance. The last accounts submitted showed some extraordinary charges. Among them are the following: Office trip to the Pacific coast, \$3,000; Mr. How's trip to England, \$1,137; Be-

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BANK OF B. N. A.

Prosperity of Dominion Made Possible a Large Increase in Profits Last Year

London, March 6.—At the annual meeting today of the Bank of British North America the chairman said the increased profits had arisen from the prosperity of the Dominion of Canada which had continued with the steady and irresistible impulse of a great growing nation. It would be necessary, he added, to improve and enlarge some of the existing premises as they could not keep step with the wonderful progress of the country.

The report for the year was adopted. For the half year a dividend of 30s. and a bonus of 10s. per share has been declared, representing a 4 per cent dividend for the half year, and a 7 per cent dividend for the entire fiscal year of 1905, as shown in these columns early last month, amounted to approximately \$78,970, or 18 1/2 per cent earned on the capital stock. In the year 1905 the earnings totaled only \$469,455, the increase, therefore, being over 70 per cent.

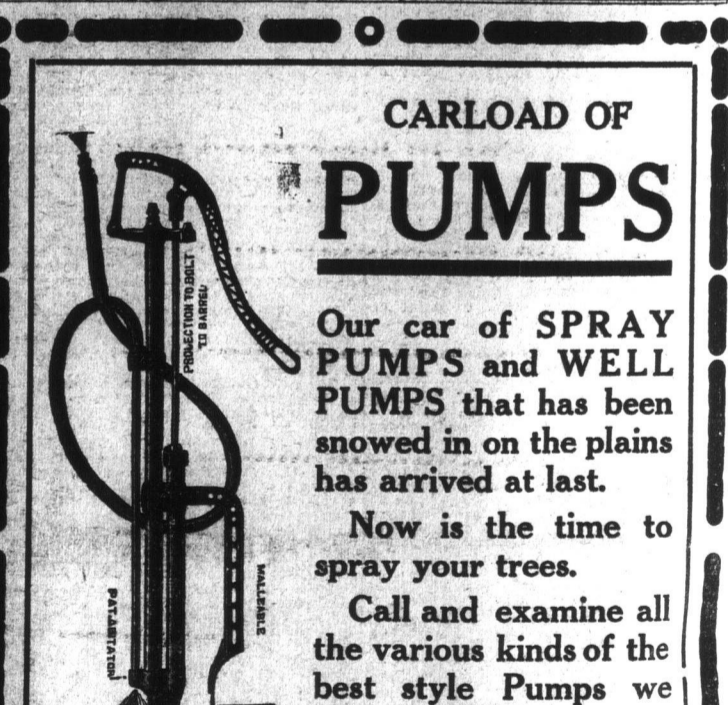
For the first six months of 1906, the second period \$685,000, the smaller sum (although a matter of \$125,000 in excess of the corresponding period of 1904), being accounted for by the losses entailed at San Francisco during the terrible earthquake of the spring last year.

For the fiscal year of 1906 dividends at the rate of 7 per cent were distributed. The reserve fund will now amount to \$2,241,839, or 44.50 per cent of the paid up capital stock.

BIG MIL PROJECT.

J. D. Sullivan, for the past four years chief cruiser and manager of camps for Hoops & Co., has resigned his position with that company to take one with eastern syndicate that has acquired a large timber acreage along the coast and which will erect a large mill not far from Vancouver, on the mainland, at a point that has not yet been given out, says the Vancouver World. The mill is to be more or less somewhat after the one at Port Blackley, with such improvements as experience has suggested. The Port

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DOMINION COAL LANDS

Government Makes Important Changes in Regulations

Ottawa, March 12.—The government has made an important change in the matter of the regulations governing the acquisition of coal-bearing lands in the west still under government control with a view to preventing any further alienation of the western coal areas to the absolute control of private parties and also with a view to securing a prompt development of all the further areas opened to private enterprise instead of having them held merely for speculative purposes by purchasers who have no intention of making actual developments. Hereafter, according to an order-in-council passed on Saturday last, the government will only lease the rights to mine coal on all lands still comprising crown domain in the west.

It is believed that as much coal-bearing land remains still under government control in Alberta, Saskatchewan and in the Peace River district as has been already alienated. It is proposed that heretofore a twenty-year lease be granted to private individuals wishing to get control of the coal-bearing lands and that an annual rental cannot be less than \$2.50. This will insure prompt development and meet the objections as to operators holding coal lands for a raise in price without doing anything to develop them. It will also pave the way to future government ownership and operation of coal mines if it should be deemed advisable.

Toronto, March 12.—Frequent accidents on the railways recently has had a noticeable effect on the amount of accident insurance carried. The increase reported here in one week amounts to over 75 per cent.

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION OTTAWA

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Notice to Her Majesty

PITANCE TO BRITISH PREMIER McBRIDE

Ottawa, March 14.—Laurier tonight gave an address to His Majesty's Government to amend the scale of the bounty for the support of provinces of the Dominion and legislatures to support of legislatures. The proposals are as follows:

1. That the sum hereof be paid to the provinces yearly by Canada to the extent of the scale of the bounty for the support of provinces and legislatures to population, and as follows:
2. Where the population of a province is under 150,000, the bounty to be \$150,000 but not to exceed \$150,000.
3. Where the population of a province is 150,000 but not to exceed \$200,000, the bounty to be \$200,000.
4. Where the population of a province is 200,000 but not to exceed \$250,000, the bounty to be \$250,000.
5. Where the population of a province is 250,000 but not to exceed \$300,000, the bounty to be \$300,000.
6. Where the population of a province is 300,000 but not to exceed \$350,000, the bounty to be \$350,000.
7. Instead of an annual grant of population, now made by the Government, a grant of 50 cents per head of population, now made by the Government, to be substituted for the present bounty to be paid to the provinces.

"We shall certainly deprecate the allowance of \$350,000 for a term of ten years in lieu of our claim for the said Premier McBride and discuss the above proposals to the British North America Act. He went on to state that he had been at an interprovincial conference held in the House of Commons on Monday's sessions of the House of Commons, in which the various provinces of the Dominion had their local purposes and of their governments and of the Government of Canada. Such grants shall be paid in advance, to each province, to be used for the improvement of the Dominion from such grants as the province all sum charges of the amount paid to the provinces above set forth to be a final and unalterable settlement of the bounty stipulated in the said Act, and which was the duty of His Majesty to take into your able and gracious consideration.

TROUEN DISAS

Trouen, France, March 13.—Eight bodies have been found in or about the town of Trouen, in the department of the Eure, since the funeral will be attended by President Fallieres. All the bodies were found by their survivors will report the results.

LORD CURZON EL

Defeated Lord Rosebery Chancery Lord

London, March 14.—Lord Kesteven, ex-Viceroy of India, today was appointed as the successor of Lord Rosebery. Hitherto the office of the Viceroy of India has been considered the most important and the most desirable in the British Empire. Lord Rosebery was expected to be the first of the new series of Viceroy of India to be appointed. There will be some advantage of his acceptance in the