



VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1902.

No. 11.

THE CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET SPEECH

RE-STOCKING FARMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Important Announcement—Proposal to Tax Corn and Flour Adopted by the Commons.

London, April 14.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, rose in the House of Commons at 4.25 p.m. to-day to make the budget statement. More important, perhaps, than the curious forms of the new taxation is the statement made by Sir Michael that the government has acceded to the Boer demand concerning the re-stocking.

After touching on various details, the Chancellor turned to the prospects of the year. He estimated the expenditure for the coming year at £174,000,000. The revenue on the last basis of taxation was £175,785,000, leaving a deficit of £26,000,000. This would be increased by £8,500,000 by grants to the troops.

The cost of war for three years was £57,000,000, but in addition to the heavy outlay, there was the loss of the Transvaal, which was a very valuable asset, and would also probably be devoted to the reduction of the war debt.

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The ordinary expenditure of the country apart from the war, was £175,000,000, and in view of the great expenditure for armaments and other countries, he thought it desirable to frame some scheme of taxation which would reduce the deficit.

The Chancellor denied that the registration of duties on grain and flour violated the principles of free trade or the principle of protection. It was, he said, a duty on the grain and flour, and not on the land.

Of the balance of the deficit, the Chancellor proposed to borrow £32,000,000, and to find the rest by drafts on the Bank of England.

What was a thing of necessity, and was opposed to a return to the old duties on grain and flour, he declared, the most objectionable proposal by far made to the country in his years.

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DOMINION DISPATCHES.

Elections in Ontario Will Be Held on May 29th—Farmer's Suicide.

London, Ont., April 14.—It is learned on high authority that the Ontario government has decided to hold the general elections on May 29th.

Montreal, April 14.—Two hundred and fifty employees of the Montreal Heat, Light & Power Company went on strike this morning for an increase of wages, and a revised schedule of conditions.

Amalgamation. Montreal, April 14.—At a large attended meeting of the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., and Dominion Coal Company to-day, it was decided to bring the two companies together under the terms of an option which the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. has held for the past two or three years on the property of the Dominion Coal Company.

For London. Winnipeg, April 14.—The first car of Manitoba wheat sheaves for the big Coronation arch to be erected in London similar to the arches erected here in honor of the visit of the Duke of York has left for the East. Five more cars will be sent.

Hanged Himself. Vancouver, B. C., April 13.—At Jirig's Corners, on Sunday, Neil McGillivray, a wealthy bachelor farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself in the bush. He had been ailing for some time.

Another Death. Toronto, April 14.—The Attorney-General's department was advised to-day that a second fatality has followed the stabbing and shooting affray which occurred at Copper Cliff on Sunday, April 6th.

Principal Grant on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Proposals. Kingston, April 15.—Principal Grant, discussing the Imperial budget said: "I think the Chancellor has acted reasonably, whether anything comes of it or not, in the direction hereafter of the admission of colonial products without paying duty."

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Barries, Corn and Cotton Destroyed—Larves Set on Fire by Lightning. Houston, Tex., April 15.—Late reports from the section visited by the hail storm of Sunday night show that great damage was done to barries, cotton and corn. The loss at Alvin to strawberries alone is estimated at \$30,000, with as much more at Webster, Dickinson and Teague City.

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George Craig, Died Suddenly at His Home in Arnprior—Colored Centenarian Passes Away. Arnprior, April 15.—An old and respected resident in the person of Mr. Geo. Craig, police magistrate, died suddenly at his residence here this evening.

Rockville, April 15.—Alf. White, colored, aged 101 years, is dead. Quebec, April 15.—Arbor Day will be observed in the district of Quebec on April 27th and in Montreal district on April 27th.

London, April 15.—The new British loan of £32,000,000 is to be raised by an issue of 2½ per cent. consols.

A SPECIAL OFFER

Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them for from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecast by any other paper.

Twice-a-Week Times

This Edition for the Rest of the Year for 75 Cents.

In order to still further extend the wide circulation of the twice-a-week Times, the publishers have decided to reduce the subscription price for new cash subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months to 75 cents.

The market reports will be improved and will be given particular prominence. Other features are contemplated which will further increase the attractiveness of the paper, to the editing of which special attention will be devoted.

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CHINESE TROOPS CAUGHT IN AMBUSH

TWO THOUSAND WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED

Reported Rebel Success—Situation in Southern China Becomes Worse—More Soldiers Wanted.

Hongkong, April 16.—A courier who arrived at Canton yesterday reported that over 2,000 Imperialist soldiers sent by Marshal Su against the rebels were ambushed in a narrow defile and were all killed or captured.

The situation in the rebellious districts of Southern China is increasingly alarming. The victory of Canton has telegraphed to Peking urging the immediate forwarding of reinforcements there.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—An official dispatch received from Peking on Saturday, April 12th, announces that serious fighting has occurred in the vicinity of the boundary of the provinces of Mukden and Kirin, Manchuria, between Russian frontier guards and Chinese robbers, who had been raiding railway stations.

NO INFORMATION.

Mr. Balfour Says Government Has No News to Give House of Commons.

London, April 15.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, announced that the ministers had no information to impart on the subject of South African re-arrangements, nor on the subject of the proposed re-formation of the government.

FLOUR ADVANCED.

Millers at Meeting in Liverpool Decide on An Increase.

London, April 15.—The North-western Association of Millers, at a meeting at the Liverpool, on exchange to-day, decided to advance the price of flour by a shilling a sack and to add the new duty of five pence per hundredweight on all flour which should have been delivered before to-day.

PRINCESS IN SAIL.

Bondsman Withdraws Bail and She Is Now Awaiting Trial in Prison.

Capetown, April 15.—The bondsman of Princess Raziwill, accused of forgery in connection with notes purporting to have been signed by the late Cecil Rhodes, having withdrawn from her bail, the Princess was committed to jail to-day, awaiting her trial, which is fixed to begin on Monday next.

A FAST RUN.

Stecher Princess May Make Round Trip in Five Days and Twenty Hours.

Vancouver, April 16.—Steamer Princess may arrive this morning at Union and be in Vancouver at 4 o'clock this afternoon, making the round trip from Skagway in five days, twenty hours, including coaling time at Etah. This is eight hours better than the fastest trip ever before made, that of the City of Seattle a fortnight ago, which made the run in six days four hours.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

Ottawa, April 16.—There was a very extended caucus to-day, Edwards, M. P., presided. Work for the balance of the session and party matters generally were discussed, but no important business transacted.

WORK TRAIN WRECKED.

Collided With a Cow—Canney Employee Drowned.

Vancouver, April 15.—A work train from Barnet, with 12 carloads of gravel, collided with a cow on the track in the east end this morning. The train was being backed at a good rate and when the caboose struck the cow the trucks were derailed and pounded along on the ties a distance of two hundred feet and fell in a ditch. Every car in the train was smashed, most of them beyond repair.

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QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Illness Has Caused Postponement of the Prince Consort's Birthday Festivities.

The Hague, April 15.—The indisposition of Queen Wilhelmina, which it was said yesterday was due to a simple cold, is developing complications and the Queen's mother to start this morning will be obliged to leave for the Netherlands. A noted gynecologist, Prof. Halberberg, has been called in for consultation. The festivities arranged for the birthday, April 19th, of the Prince Consort have been discontinued.

TIMBER REGULATIONS.

Amendments Providing for Cutting of Wood for Steamboats.

Ottawa, April 14.—An order in regulation has been passed amending the regulations governing the granting of yearly licenses and permits to cut timber on Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the railway belt in the province of British Columbia, so as to provide that owners of steamboats plying on waters within the jurisdiction of Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the railway belt in the province of British Columbia may be granted permits to cut wood for consumption on their boats without competition.

WAS NOT OPPOSED.

Y. & E. Railway Bill Passed the Committee To-Day.

Ottawa, April 15.—The big fight which was expected to take place over the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, at the railway committee to-day did not take place. The bill asked an extension of time for three years for the completion of this road. It passed the committee to-day without any opposition.

LABOR CONVENTION.

The Platform Adopted—Will Probably Adjourn To-Night.

Kamloops, April 16.—The convention will adjourn to-night. The sessions have been well attended, and perfect harmony prevailed. The platform considered yesterday was adopted to-day, which, while essentially labor yet is broad enough to meet the requirements of all sections.

COACHES BURNED.

Glendive, Mont., April 15.—A Northern Pacific bound passenger train broke through a bridge west of this place yesterday afternoon. The mail and express car and three coaches were wrecked and burned. With the exception of the mail clerk, who sustained a scalp wound, no one was injured.

HOW FILIPINOS WERE TORTURED

IN ORDER TO FORCE STATEMENTS FROM THEM

Chaffee Ordered to Investigate and Hold Court-Martial if Reports Are Correct.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Secretary Root has called General Chaffee at Manila to investigate the newspaper reports of the Weller trial, and if they are correct to court-martial General Smith. Also if the facts are established as testified before the Senate committee by Charles S. Riley, formerly sergeant in Co. M, 26th Volunteer Infantry was that the "water cure" was administered to the prisoners at Ighar, in the province of Iloilo, on November 27th, 1900. It was administered to the president or chief Filipino official of the town. He said that on the arrival of his command at Ighar the president was asked whether runners had been sent out notifying the insurgents of their presence, and that upon his refusal to give the information he was taken to the convent, where the witness was stationed, and the "water cure" was administered to him. This official, he said, was a man about 40 years of age.

When he (the witness) first saw him he was standing in the corridor of the convent, stripped to the waist, and his hands tied behind him, with Capt. Glenn and Lieut. Conner of the regular army, and Dr. Lyons, a contract surgeon, standing near, while many soldiers stood about. The man, he said, was then thrown under a tank which held about 100 gallons of water, and his mouth opened so as to compel him to swallow the water which was allowed to escape from the tank. General Smith stood at the repeating and firing which the witness believed to be a more effective "water cure" than the "water cure" which he had seen administered to the prisoners at Ighar. When it was over the president agreed to tell what he knew, he was released and allowed to start away. He was not, however, permitted to escape, and upon refusing to give further information, he was again taken as he was about to mount his horse and the "cure" administered for the second time. This time the man was not stripped, nor was he taken into the building. Dr. Lyons said the water cure is a most effective spot and given there, and when it was brought in a five-gallon can, one end of the can was placed in it, and the other in the man's mouth, which the witness believed to be a more effective "water cure" than the "water cure" which he had seen administered to the prisoners at Ighar.

Another witness, William L. Smith, of Athol, Mass., who was a private in company M, 26th Volunteer Infantry, corroborated Riley's testimony, saying he had also witnessed the torture of two of the town of Ighar. Smith said the details of the "water cure" were in the hands of a squad of the Sixteenth regular infantry, known as the "water cure" detail. He also said that he had assisted in the burning of the town of Ighar, and that the natives generally escaped from their houses only with the clothes they wore. Mr. Smith expressed the opinion that Ighar had a population of 10,000. So far as he knew, no lives were lost. All these acts were done under the command of Capt. Glenn, who was, he said, judge advocate of the department of the Visayas.

MINISTER MURDERED.

Member of Russian Cabinet Killed by a Student.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The minister of the interior, M. Spinguliev, was shot and fatally wounded at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the lobby of the ministerial offices by a man who held a pistol close to the minister's person. The wounded man died at 2 p.m.

The assassin is a student who gained access to the building disguised in the uniform of an aide-de-camp. He met the minister on the main stairs and brand a revolver into his body at close quarters. The assassin was immediately arrested.

ELEVEN KILLED ON BRITISH BATTLESHIP

ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING GUN PRACTICE

Breach of Gun Blew Out, Killing Two Lieutenants and Nine Bluejackets—Several Injured.

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NEW BRITISH LOAN.

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NEWS

35th Regiment

Conductor... Placed on Duty of Alberta.

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WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office, 9th to 15th April, 1902.

The weather during this week has been mostly fair, with occasional showers, the latter being more pronounced on Vancouver Island than on the Lower Mainland.

On the 9th and morning of the 10th, an extensive high barometer area spread over the Coast to this province, where it caused a clear night and sharp frosts, particularly on the Lower Mainland.

On the 11th, another high barometer area moved up the Coast accompanied by frosts on the Lower Mainland and the Lower Malinala.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday were fair spring-like days, with a moderate south-west gale prevailing on the Pacific slope.

On Tuesday, 15th, the winds became light and variable throughout the western portion of the coast, and the temperature rose, abnormally high, reaching 66 on the Lower Mainland and Kootenay district, 50 in Cariboo and over 70 in the states of Washington and Oregon.

During this week, the weather has been comparatively mild, and practically no precipitation has occurred throughout the Territories and Manitoba.

Victoria—Brightest, 77; rain, 24 inch; highest temperature, 50.3 on 15th; and lowest, 34.0 on 11th.

New Westminster—Rain, 22 inch; highest temperature, 65 on 15th; lowest, 34 on 10th.

Kamloops—Only a trace of rain; highest temperature, 66 on 15th; lowest, 26 on 10th.

Barkerville—No precipitation; highest temperature, 59 on 15th; lowest, 19 on 10th.

The following is a summary of the weather for March, 1902:

Precipitation in Inches.

Victoria, V. I. 2.08 1.90 2.27 Beaver Lake, V. I. 3.43 3.43 Goldstream Lake, V. I. 3.40 3.00 Alberni, V. I. 3.04 2.75 4.02 French Creek, V. I. 5.86 5.86 Nanaimo, V. I. 3.38 1.50 3.33 Tuckan, V. I. 3.89 3.00 3.86 Kippis Island, V. I. 3.04 3.00 2.10 Vancouver, B. C. 7.45 7.45 7.45 Atkinson (Castfield) 7.47 1.00 7.57 New Westminster 6.12 2.00 6.32 Garry Point 4.87 4.87 4.87 Chilliwack 5.28 5.00 5.38 Rivers Inlet 11.24 7.12 11.06 Port Simpson 8.27 7.18 8.49 Sitka 3.70 3.70 3.70 Nade Harbor 5.04 2.39 5.07

At Victoria 116 hours and 18 minutes of bright sunshine were recorded; highest temperature, 58.9 on 31st; lowest, 30.2 on 10th; mean temperature for month, 45.41.

The total number of miles registered on the automobile was 1,124, and the direction as follows: North, 638; northeast, 478; east, 1,121; southeast, 877; south, 244; southwest, 1,873; west, 1,839; northwest, 220.

Albert—Mean temperature for month, 41.58; highest, 58.0 on 30th; lowest, 23.9 on 15th.

French Creek—Highest, 57.0 on 31st; lowest, 28.0 on 28th and 29th.

Nanaimo—Highest, 60.0 on 31st; lowest, 25.5 on 29th; bright sunshine, 116 hours and 36 minutes.

Kuper Island—Highest, 69.0 on 31st; lowest, 26.8, 26.8, mean for month, 42.10; frosty nights, 21.

Vancouver—Highest, 59.9 on 31st; lowest, 25.2 on 29th.

New Westminster—Mean for month, 41.55; highest, 63.0 on 31st; lowest, 25.5 on 20th.

Garry Point—Mean for month, 42.15; highest, 55.0 on 31st; lowest, 30.0 on 10th.

Chilliwack—Highest, 54.4 on 31st; lowest, 27.0 on 20th.

Rivers Inlet—Highest, 54.4 on 30th; lowest, 25.0 on 15th.

Port Simpson—Highest, 54.7 on 20th; lowest, 22.6 on 15th.

Remains of the late Margaret McDonald, whose death occurred on Saturday last, were laid to rest this afternoon.

The funeral took place at the residence, North Saanich at 2 p.m. and was a large attendance.

Geo. Mellor, of Mellor brothers, was united in marriage at Rossmore Saturday to Miss J. M. Stewart.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. A. N. Sanford officiating.

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Spring Ridge-Beacon Hill run, was the result of a painful accident. While chopping wood at his residence the axe slipped over a knot and striking his hand almost severed one finger and cut very deeply into two others.

The police have received a circular from three lodges of Snrohish, Washington, asking for information concerning the whereabouts of John Pupplet, locally known as "The Ripper."

The infant child of Sergt. Major Malcalny was seriously burned yesterday. A can of lye was accidentally overturned and part of the contents poured over the child's face, burning it severely and seriously injuring its eyes.

Should English capital be secured for the development of the Nicola Valley coal lands, the credit of the Greenock estate are hopeful of securing a large dividend.

The funeral of the late James Marvin Applewhite, the young lineman who was killed last Saturday by a fall from a telegraph pole, takes place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from St. James' undertaking apartments.

The funeral of the late James King will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Roman Catholic church.

As was expected, a very large congregation followed the remains of Maggie McDonald to her last resting place in the North Saanich cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Many floral emblems of sympathy were presented. The Rev. Dr. Reid conducted services at the residence and the Rev. Mr. Wimberly and Dr. Reid at the cemetery.

The general meeting of the Greenock estate, which was held at the residence of Mr. W. H. Brethour, A. R. Gyle and M. A. Thomas.

A vestry meeting was held at Christ Church cathedral yesterday, when the following officers were elected.

Wardens: A. J. Dallan, people's warden. Church committee—Messrs. E. H. Hiscocks, H. Kent, J. A. Hall, J. W. Laing, M. A. G. Taylor, Alex. Martin, J. S. Cormack, J. S. Campbell, Capt. Clarke and Capt. Richardson.

Silence—Messrs. H. Kent, E. H. Hiscocks, H. P. Hewitt, W. B. Gooch, J. Russell, R. Wallaston, J. B. Taylor, C. A. Taylor, C. Elkington and Capt. Clarke.

Delegates to synod—Messrs. P. Wallaston, J. A. J. Dallan, Alex. Martin, G. A. Taylor, E. H. Hiscocks and Hon. Justice Martin.

The church yarden, Messrs. J. W. Laing, M. A. G. A. Taylor and A. H. Ridgman.

It was reported on the streets to-day that in view of the present scarcity of houses in the city, an English syndicate had decided erecting 125 cottages for rental purposes.

On investigating, the rumors a Times representative learned that a company of buildings, but not a large number mentioned, there is at present a great demand for houses in the city and the reports were regarded as good news by agents, who have been at their wits end during the last few months to find dwellings for all applicants.

One agent says that he has a demand for houses, while another states that he could rent 15 houses if he had the agency for them.

A company has been incorporated in Seattle, with a capitalization of \$30,000, to build a line of railway from Resurrection bay, on the coast of Alaska, to the Heceta creek or short distance over Rampart on the Yukon, a distance of 500 or 600 miles.

The road is intended to open up a valuable mining and timber country. The articles of incorporation have been prepared by John Bray, president and general manager of the company; John H. McGraw, vice-president; J. W. Godwin, treasurer; J. E. Bellhine, secretary and auditor; Senator George Turner, general counsel; Chas. F. Peck, of Omaha, chief locating engineer, and C. M. Anderson, of Seattle, chief engineer. Officers are to be named in Seattle.

The two delegates, Walter Lorimer and H. Shandley, who attended the meeting of the B. C. Association Football League, held recently in Nanaimo, state that they made a hard fight to have some points of the constitution altered, but owing to the casting vote being in favor of the Goul City, they were unsuccessful in any material change.

What Victoria players want is the annual meeting of the association to be held in this city, Vancouver and Nanaimo alternately. The football rules, which were adopted by the association, will affect quite a change in Association football playing the coming season.

Although the up-to-date English rules have been thrown in of the ball, the penalty kick, which has been resorted to, is already known that there is considerable difference between them and the Scotch rules, those under which the British Columbian League has played hitherto. This will make it rather awkward for old players who cannot adapt themselves readily to new circumstances.

Among the changes will be the dimension of the field, the throwing in of the ball, the penalty kick, and five or six others. Some of those mentioned were adopted by the league this year, so that the change will not be so radical as would otherwise have been the case.



SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY—A CAMP ON THE VELDT.

CHARGE AGAINST MR. J. D. GRAHAM

GOLD COMMISSIONER FOR ATLIN DISTRICT

He is Accused of Selling Buildings to Government at Exorbitant Price.

The investigation by a select committee of the legislature in reference to the charges against J. D. Graham, gold commissioner at Atlin, was continued this morning. The committee is composed of S. A. Rogers, chairman; L. Mouncey, secretary; and Messrs. McPherson, Gardner and Dickie. C. W. Sowers, who makes the charges, outlined his case at yesterday's sittings.

The buildings in question are known as the Isolation hospital at Atlin, and were purchased from Mr. Vickers by the government for \$750. Mr. Sowers, who is conducting his own case, is attempting to prove that the buildings were sold to the government at an inflated price.

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NEW CHARTER FOR TREADGOLD SYNDICATE

All Objectionable Provisions Will Be Removed—Allen Liner Chartered as Transport.

Ottawa, April 17.—Commissioner Ross, of the Yukon, was interviewed to-day regarding the results of the consideration given to the terms of the Treadgold concessions. Mr. Ross arranged an interview with Sir William Laurier and Hon. Clifford Sifton for the Dawson delegates immediately upon their arrival. The subject was pretty thoroughly discussed at the time and since then the objections have been under consideration. The Treadgold people have been here, and it is understood that from the first they were anxious to meet the views of Mr. Ross and to remove any ground of criticism from their franchise. The latter has now been settled to the satisfaction of all parties, the monopolistic rights respecting the furnishing of water and the closing up of abandoned claims are done away with. The charter is to be rescinded and a new charter is to be granted from which the objections raised have been eliminated. Mr. Ross informed the reporter that the Dawson delegates expressed themselves as quite satisfied.

The Allen liner Corinthian has been chartered as one of the transports for the fourth contingent.

The public committee to-day J. Y. Rochester was further examined in regard to the payments made to him in connection with the Yukon telegraph line. The chief point discussed was as to what he paid the sub-contractor for the telegraph line, and what profit he made thereon. He stated that the committee up-held him. Altogether Mr. Rochester received from the government, for poles and wire, \$10,000.

Leave of Absence. Judge Irving has not three months leave of absence.

The New Judge. It is understood that Mr. Justice McArthur, of Dawson, will be the third judge of the Yukon territory which, when appointed, will form a court of appeals for the mining cases. Police Magistrate McAulley went to the Yukon from Belleville, Ontario.

Trans-Continental Road. The Trans-Canada Railway Company, which is for a road from Quebec to Port Simpson on the Pacific Coast, applied to the railway committee in New York to complete the road, which was proposed by Mr. Talbot, M. P. It is said that 70 miles were located and 400 miles surveyed. The company asks for the right to use the Lake St. John railway, and also to enter into an agreement for leasing its road to that company, or to the Canadian Northern.

Bill Thrown Out. The Red Deer

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WITHDRAWAL FROM ROYAL COMMISSION

SEVERAL TELEGRAMS WERE NOT PRODUCED

Mr. Curtis Denies Colonel Report—Reasons For Withdrawal—The Code Cipher.

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SOME REMARKABLE MARINE PERFORMANCES

Fast Work Done on the Queen Mary by Local Stevedores—Pueblo in Collision.

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