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TWELVE YEARS OF LIBERAL RULE.

The Toronto News can be honest when it wants and under the above heading says:

"No sane person pretends that nothing of national value has been accomplished by the Laurier Administration. Only mad partizanship would deny the advantages of certain of its achievements. The British preference, the Railway Commission, the Lemieux Act, the extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal, the improvement of the St. Lawrence waterway, the activities of the Department of Immigration, all stands to its credit. The Department of Agriculture has been well administered. Good work has been done by the Labor Department. There has been some good results from the heavy expenditures on the militia."

Coming from a paper that is now a straight supporter of the Whitney Government one can only believe that the above is an honest expression. Only mad partizans attempt to deny the great work that the Laurier Government has been doing. Candid Conservatives admit that more has been done for Canada during the past ten years than during the eighteen years of Tory rule. Who, then, with any regard for the well-being of Canada, would seriously think of displacing a government that has done so much. To return to the discredited politicians leading the Conservative party, every Conservative knows that Mr. Borden is a a leader in name only. Mr. Charles Hibbert Tupper's name will come before the Conservative Convention in Vancouver, and in the opinion of some will likely be the nominee. In the event of a Conservative Government being formed he would certainly be one of its members, Geo. E. Foster would be another, Mr. Haggart another, and so on till most of the government beaten in 1896 would be found filling their old jobs. How would honest patriotic Conservatives like to see these men sitting on the government benches, the men whom they hoped to defeat in 1896 ? Can the Conservative press really think that the best men in the Conservative ranks are such fools as to refuse to see what has been done for Canada by the Laurier Administration and to wish for a return to power of the men they then discarded ? Can the Conservative papers believe that by continually reiterating slanders that some of them will be believed ? There is hardly a prominent Liberal in Dominion politics to-day that has not been slandered over and over again, in season and out of season. Has the Conservative press lost all sense of decency and fairplay ? The Winnipeg says that the public expenditure advanced from $38,000,000 in 1896 to $200,000,000 in 1908. The Edmonton Journal says Mr. Burrows had 800,000 square miles of timber limits and on it goes. How can honest-thinking men who have any regard for the reputation of Canada's public men tolerate snch a ceaseless stream of slander and abuse directed at our Canadian statesmen ? Notwithstanding this continual vilification, the Laurier administration has gone steadily forward, and to-day Canada occupies a most enviable position in the eyes of the whole world, and when the Laurier Government that has done these many things in twelve years comes again to the people, the real sound-hearted, right-thinking Conservatives, not the mad partizans, must surely give that government their careful support.

A BIG PURCHASE

OTTAWA, September 15.—The tender of the Royal Trust company of Montreal for the purchase of the Baie Des Chaleurs railway for $1,050,000 and the Atlantic & Lake Superior railway for $350,000 has been accepted by the exchequer court.

Synopsis of Canadian Homestead Regulations.

Any available Dominion Lands within the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased), of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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Another 100 miles east of the termination of the present construction work on the G. T. P. out of Prince Rupert, will be let shortly, according to a statement made by Collingwood Schreiber, general consulting engineer for the dominion government, at Vancouver.

Mr. Schreiber further added that an additional 100 miles will also soon be let west from the summit of the Yellowhead, which will give further impetus to the fight for a wagon road to the north by Kamloops, Revelstoke and Golden.

After letting these contracts there will be but a mere 400 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific not contracted for, the division east of Winnipeg to Battle river bridge. This bridge is nearly completed. The North Saskatchewan bridge, six miles east of Edmonton, is also nearly ready for use, and as soon as these structures are finished the track will be carried forward into Edmonton which city is expected to be reached early in November.

Grading west of Edmonton will be completed 65 miles to Pembina river within a month and if the weather permits, tracklaying will then be immediately proceeded with. The work for 120 miles west of Edmonton is under contract.

TWO TRANSCONTINENTAL DAILY TRAINS THIS WINTER.

The question of continuing the present double daily transcontinental train service throughout the winter months is now receiving the attention of the headquarters officials of the passenger traffic department of the C. P. R. If the service is continued during the winter the event will mark an epoch in C. P. R. transcontinental passenger service. In past years the double service has always been discontinued in the fall through to Van ouver but during the past two years two daily trains each way have been maintained as far west as Calgary, one running through to the coast and the other stopping at the Alberta city.

Representations have now been made to the C. P. R. that winter traffic in the west has grown to such proportions that it is necessary that two daily trains each way should be run between the coast and Montreal. The matter has been taken up and investigated by passenger traffic officials and their report is now before the executive for consideration.

"STOP MY PAPER."

Some people, as soon as they observe anything in the columns of the paper that does not exactly meet their approval, immediately proceed to ruin the publisher by sending the above quoted message "Stop my paper." It is said that once upon a time horace Greeley met an irate subscriber on the street who said to him, "I have stopped the Tribune Mr. Greeley. Oh! I mean," said the i. s. "I have stopped my subscription to the Tribune, ordered it discontinued." Well, my friend, replied Mr. Greeley. My advice is that you go home and stick your finger in a bucket of water and when you withdraw it just look for the hole.

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For our part we would say, "Let him have it when he's ten; or if he has developed ahead of his age, perhaps a a little earlier.

There are countless men to-day who began to shoot about as soon as they had strength enough to raise a gun to their shoulders. Almost without exception such are men of quick decision, action and assurance. The gun has a great deal to do with fostering these three qualities, and we say begin it early.

This is no new theory; the readers of this paper have had it very ably presented in the announcements of the J. Stevens Arms & Tool Company, Chicopee Falls, Mass. The company is conducting a very laudable campainn in introducing a light, practical rifle to our young lads all over the country Young eyes are being trained, young arms strengthened, and young nerves steadied, which should be the better able to frame the destiny of our country a few years hence.

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Trade Commissioner Preston in a report to the trade and commerce department says that Japan is now developing a large import trade in lumber, last year's reports totalling over $6,000,000. Of this Canada gets only 9 per cent. Mr. Preston says there is a splendid opportunity for a much larger trade, especially in view of the shrinkage in the American supply.

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WHISKY AND INDIANS

The homicide at Shuswap last week serves once more to call attention to the urgent need for amending the law in such a way as to provide adequate punishment of those vile wretches who supply liquor to Indians. As the law stands, the maxium penalty is six months imprisonment, and no matter now often the offence may be repeated there is no further penalty that may be inflicted. The Shuswap affair should suffice to bring about a much needed change i t is regard. To a man of blunted moral perceptions, six month in goal is a mere bagaselle. and even the knowledge that his misconduct has resulted in the shedding of man's blood will not deter him from again supplying the patent spirit when he is so minded and opportunity offers.

Several tragedies that have taken place in this district of recent years in which the slayers have been Indians, have all followed a bout of drinking, and the law has exacted the utmost penalty for that crime, but those who provided the liquor escaped with little or no punishment. Those cases did not result in any change in the law. It is not difficult for an Indian to get all the whiskey or gin he is willing to pay for; there are always ready go-betweens.

Here we have another tragedys, the direct outcome of a spree and the liquor that inflamed Andrew's mind so that he was seized with the blood-lust, was provided by two men who have already been given their punishment.

WILL INVOLVE OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

Half a million dollars for warves and tracks along Burrard Inlet, and $100,000 for yardage facilities on the south and east sides of False Creek, is the programme of the Great Northern Railway for work on termina's in this city in the near future. Mr. Alex. Stewart Assistant Chief Engineer of the Great Northern system, and Mr. John S. Snapp, the Right-of Way Agent, are now in the city in connection with these proposed preliminary expenditures. All the plans have been drafted and approved by the company, and the work on the False Creek yards will be proceeded with forthwith.

It is also announced that when the Cloverdale-Sumas cut, south of the Fraser River, is completed, in about two months' time, the trains of the Northern Pacific Railway will run into this city over the Great Northern tracks. In the past the Northern Pacific has come into Vancouver over the Canadian Pacific Railway, but that agreement will soon be terminated.

The reduction of the grade on the Great Northern where the track rises from the east end of False Creek is now almost completed, and when done the work of filling in the east end and the south side of False Creek for yardage purposes will be proceeded with. Room will be made for a series of tracks to accommodate standing cars, also for the erection of warehouses and shops.

It is hoped that the foregoing work will be completed this fall and winter, and then the construction of a line to the company's water frontage on Burrard Inlet will be proceeded with. The company owns 2,000 feet of waterfront along the old Van ouver Engineering Works site, between the Hastings Sawmill and the B. C. Sugar Refinery. It is hoped that this work will be got under way this season, and as it means the establishment of another great marine terminal in Vancouver, it is certainly a matter of great importance to the city.

Conservatives Decline to Nominate.

PRINCE RUPERT, Sept. 15.—The Conservative convention for Comox-Atlin district met in [illegible] on Monday, August 31, there being delegates in attendance from Alberni, Skeena and Atlin districts; Comox and Richmond, with 17 delegates, not being represented. After an interchange of views, the delegates present decided not to make a nomination, but to adjourn with the understanding that a candidate could be placed in the field later on if the party deemed it advisable.

Acquire Cariboo Mines.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Canadian Alluvials, Limited, has been formed with a capital of $385,000, to acquire the mining property at Little Valley, Cariboo, B. C.

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Local & General

O. D. Hoar of Field, is in town.

M. B. Carlin of Victoria, is in the city on business.

Miss. L. Conner left Saturday on a visit to friends in Field.

Cam. Fisher, fire warden, was in town Friday, on business.

W. L. Houston, jr., who has been at Republic, Wash. for the past three years is in town visiting his parents.

Mrs. J.F. Nattrass, who has been visiting Mrs. H. Keays at Revelstoke, returned home, Thursday.

Miss. M. McCormack, accompanied by her father, left Friday for Calgary on a short visit.

C. B. Foster, former district passenger agent of the C. P. R. at St. John, N. B., will succeed E. J. Coyle as assistant-general passenger agent at Vancouver.

Hugh McDonald, the prominent Wilmer lawyer, was transacting business in town this week. It is stated that Mr. McDonald intends making Golden his home in the future.

It is illegal to kill in one season more than 5 caribou (bull), 5 deer, 2 elk or wapiti (bull), 2 moose (bull), 5 mountain goat, 3 mountain sheep (ram), 250 duck, 50 snipe.

The C. R. L. Co's mill will close down on November the first for the winter. They intend spending a nice little sum in filling up the slough by the mill with gravel.

During the first five months of the present fiscal year 2,095 Chinese have entered Canada for the first time, each paying $500, or a total sum of $547,500. During the year 1907-8 1,489 Chinese entered, paying head tax to the amoudt of $214,835.

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Grace Methodist Church—Rev. F. L. Carpenter Pastor. Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

St. Andrews Presbyterion—Rev. W. L. MacRae, Pastor. Services every Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 2:30 p.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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DESPERATE ENCOUNTER

J. A. Macdonnell Fought Bear for Possession of Child.

James A. Macdonnell, head of the engineering firm of Macdonnell, Gzowshi & Company. is the hero of the hour in the Rocky Mountain regions today. Like David of old he fought single-handed with a bear, and though he did not kill the beast he saved the life of a child.

Last Friday evening Mr. Macdonnell was standing on the platform at Field, where he is superintending the regrade of the Big Hill. On the C. P. R. hotel grounds near by, a black pet bear was moving out to the end of its tether and then back towards the dug-out in which it lived. Near the bear the eight-year-old son of William Lynes, a C. P. R. conductor on the "Big Hill", was playing. Suddenly the bear pounced on the lad, and ran back with him into his d c.

Mr. Macdonnell ran to the opening and, grasping the bear's chain, began to pull the bear out. He is a big athletic man, and, in spite of the bear's resistance, drew it steadily towards the opening, Finally the enraged beast shot through the hole and attacks Mr. Macdonnell. The latter in his turn, fought for possession of the child and having secured it, got clear of the bear.

The animal was subsequently shot, but Mr. Macdonnell will carry the mark of the beast's claws on his arm and hands for many a long day.

THE LAST FIELD

Timber Men all Look to B. C. For Timber.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18.—"Within two years every New York capitalist interested in timber will have a fieger in the British Columbia pie, and will, as many wideawake American capitalists are doing now, wrest from the loose gasp of British Columbians the multifold opportunities with which this province abounds,

"Why do not British Columbians wake up and realize the value of their own timber before American capitalists reap benefits in advance of those who have lived the major portion of their lives in this province?"—Haywood Brown, New York capitalist.

"British Columbia is the American continent's last resort for timber. Michigan, of course, is a back number so far as timber is concerned, and the timber of Washington, California and Oregon is practically gone. Now the eyes of American capitalists are looking towards British Columbia and should this province in time be unable to yield more, then Americans must build themselves mud houses or invent some substitute for lumber."—W. A. Kappler, Cleveland, Ohio, promoter of interurban railroads, now retired.

May Postpone Thanksgiving Day

OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—The selection of October 19 as the date of nomination for the general elections, will involve a change in the date of Thanksgiving Day., which the government had intended to proclaim for that date.

It is now probable that Thanksgiving Day will be postponed until Monday, November 9.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Laborer has Both Legs Severed by Train---Dies Shortly Afterwards.

Charlie Francian, foreman of a working gang at the 12th crossing bridge on the C. P. R., was run over by No. 2 early this week, while walking on the track. It appears that Francian was on his way to the cars of the construction train, when the passenger train overtook him, and before he could get clear of the metals the engine struck him, knocking him down and crushing him beneath the wheels, both his legs being cut off. The engineer, when the was imminent, put on the emergency brakes and brought his train to a standstill in a few feet.

The injured man was conveyed as quickly as possible to Illecillewaet, where an engine was procured and he was taken to the Revelstoke hospital where he died later from the severe shock and loss of blood.

An inquest was held by Coroner Hamilton, of Revelstoke and a verdict returned of accidental death, blame being attached to no one. It is suppose that the man, who at the time of the accident was on the outside edge of the ties, was under the influence of liquor and failed to note the trains approach.

Fruit for England

R. M. Palmer, deputy minister of agriculture, leaves for England in a few days to take charge of the British Columbia fruit exhibit which will be sent again this year to the principal autumn shows in the old country. The exhibit will consist of different varieties of apples and pears. If it arrives in time it is hoped to exhibit at the Franco-British exhibition and also at the Royal Horticultural shows at London, Edinburg, Liverpool and other important centres.

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He Wins in a Walk

Charles King, who is making a continental walking tour of Canada and who passed through Golden two weeks ago for Vancouver, reached that city on Monday, covering the distance between Montreal and Vancouver in 137 days. He has still 13 days to spare, and has earned $120 en route out of the $150 demanded by the wager. He feels confident of securing the balance in ample time by selling souvenirs. If successful he will win a wager of $1000.

SIR WILFRED WOULD FINISH HIS WORK.

Not many years now remain to me. The snows of winter have taken the place of spring; but however I may show the ravages of time, my heart still remains young, and I feel that I have as much strength as ever for the service of my country. In spite of my sixty years, of which so much has been spent in the service of the dominion, I am sure that some time remains for me yet to oppose those sinister combinations and especially have I a tooth for the unholy alliance between the Castors and the Conservatives. Our greatest work for the advancement of Canada is the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which means so much for our country's future, and with which I hope my name will be chiefly associated. The more we know of this line the more we see its advantages to Canada. In fact, its advantages are already being felt as even now it is taking its part in the transportation of the western wheat crop. Within two years we shall see this line running from Moncton to Winnipeg, opening up new traffic to new empires of the north, where generations yet to come will be able to settle and make their livelihood in order to finish this great work and when it is completed I shall be content to say with the prophet of old —"Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace."—The premier at Sorel.

B. C. Returning Officers

OTTAWA, September 22.—The following have been appointed returning officers for British Columbia constituencies for the approaching Dominion elections:

Vancouver—Thomas H. MacKay.

Comox-Atl'n—James Lipscombe, of Nanaimo.

Kootenay—John McKeen, of Kaslo.

Nanaimo—C. H. Birker, of Nanaimo.

New Westminster—Thomas J. Armstrong, Victoria and Thomas J. W. Hick.

Yale-Cariboo—Dr. K. C. McDonald, Vernon.