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APPALLING DISASTER

SEVENTEEN BURNED TO DEATH IN A RELIEF TRAIN ACCIDENT AND HUNDREDS HAVE LIKELY PERISHED IN THE FOREST FIRES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 17.—The total loss of life in the great forest fire which, for the second time this year, broke out in the Michigan timber districts is unknown at the present time. The towns of Metz, with 200 inhabitants, Millersburg, with 800 inhabitants, and Posen and Pulaski have been wiped out. A relief train bringing out about 200 refugees from Metz and Millersburg ran into a burning culvert and seventeen lives were wiped out by the fire which totally destroyed the train.

The Detroit and Macinac railroad headquarters this afternoon issued the following statement.

"About 200 men, women and children were on the Metz relief train which was wrecked and burned. Seventeen bodies have been found. About twenty-five survivors have been heard from. The fate of the remaining 185 at this time is unknown. We hope many of them escaped, but it would be improper to hold out too much hope. We have three relief trains with doctors, medicines and caskets on the way to the scene.

Conductor Kinsville, after the wreck of his train, managed to pass the hot blast, but when he reached Millersburg was totally blind. The engineer of the doomed train broke through but was terribly burned. How many of the 200 persons escaped is unknown as they scattered through the forest and their bodies have not been recovered. In a house near the railroad track at the edge of the forest an aged couple were roasted to death.

ALPENA, Mich., Oct. 17.—The whole of Northwestern Michigan is burning. The flames already have swept four counties, and the loss of life is heavy. It is believed that if reports could be obtained the results of the fires would be the most appalling in the history of this part of the country. There is practically no hope for the 200 refugees who left Metz on the relief train that was wrecked in the burning forest. One refugee who arrived from Metz today says that very few escaped, and that he believes practically the whole population of the town, numbering more than 200, was lost.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Oct. 17.—The forest fires forced their way into this city early today in spite of the desperate work of the citizens, who battled all night to keep them outside the city limits.

COAST CONTROLS KOOTENAYS

(John Houston in Prince Rupert Empire)

Kootenay district has nine members in the legislature. Vancouver and Victoria combined have nine members. The voting strength in the legislature of Kootenay's nine should be equal to the voting strength of the nine from Vancouver and Victoria. But it is not so, for of the nine members from Vancouver and Victoria one is premier, a second is attorney-general, a third is minister of finance, and a fourth is president of the council. None of the members from Kootenay are higher up than party whips, whose duty it is to whip all the members into doing what the nine members from Vancouver and Victoria want them to do. Why is it that the nine members from Kootenay are mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for the nine members from Vancouver and Victoria? Is it because the 30,000 people of Kootenay want them to be mere political pawns? Or are they mere political pawns because they have not got brains enough to be anything else? The business interests of Kootenay are not controlled to any great extent by the business interests of either Vancouver or Victoria. Why then should the political interests of Kootenay be absolutely controlled by Vancouver and Victoria? Why should W. R. Ross, of Fernie and J. H. Schofield, of Trail, and William Hunter, of Silverton, and Thomas Taylor, of Revelstoke, and Neil Mackay, of Kaslo, and Harry Parsons, of Golden all of whom are Conservatives, be mere political followers of the nine Conservative members from Vancouver and Victoria? Ross imagines he is as brainy as the attorney-general; Shofield is as much of an aristocrat as is the premier and can do the smile-handshaking act to perfection; Hunter must be as good a financier as is the minister of finance or he could not have maintained himself as a merchant in Kootenay for 20 years, Mackay and Taylor and Parsons are the equal of the president of the council in speechless solemnity. It is all the fault of the people of Kootenay for neglecting their political duties, part of which is to insist that every voter shall have a right to be heard in selecting the candidates to be voted for on election day. Candidates are not selected by the men who do the voting, but by men who have special interests to serve; hence Kootenay is practically without representation in the legislature of British Columbia, although she has nine of the 42 members.

Smith Curtis and a Laurier Government.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A vote for Goodeve is a vote thrown away. Mr. Goodeve is a gentleman and an honest man, but unfortunately for himself he is on the wrong side of politics, and he has not the slightest chance of winning. Ever since Smith Curtis accepted the nomination it was conceded by even the most prejudiced Conservative that his election was sure. Of course they have to make a fight for the party's sake, but at the same time they acknowledge that Smith Curtis wins. A vote for Goodeve is a vote thrown away, because the Laurier Government will be returned to power and this constituency will be better served by have a supporter of the Government at Ottawa, than one in opposition.

Consequently the man who has any interest in this riding will vote for Smith Curtis.

Down on the Coast they are having a beautiful political "Donnybrook Fair." In Vancouver four candidates are in the field, and the result will be in doubt until after the counting of the ballots. At the present time it looks as if McInnis, the Liberal candidate has Cowan the Conservative down and out. Cowan entered the fight as the white-haired boy of purity and innocence, peculiarities only to be found in the ranks of the pure and unspotted Conservative party. But unfortunately for that pure and unspotted party he has been found with a few black stripes concealed under his fleece of white wool. Cowan has been poising as an advocate for a white B. C. but now it turns out that he is and has been an employer of Japanese. Cowan owns a ranch on Bowen Island, and at one of the meetings McInnis charged Cowan with the fact, that he, while standing for a white B. C., was actually himself employing "Japs." Cowan attempted to deny this, and made a feeble effort to laugh it off. But that wouldn't go down with the intelligent working population of Vancouver. And the "World" which had been giving Cowan its support has thrown him overboard, as being an entirely different man from their first supposition, and that his attempt to explain away his action as an employer of "Japs" was too flurisy to be thought worthy of notice. McInnis's charge was backed up by a number of affidavits of which we have only space for one:

I, James E. Teetzel of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, engineer, do solemnly declare:

That at landing at the said ranch I, and the members of my party accompanying me, encountered a Japanese coolie laborer working on said ranch, of whom I enquired whether that was the ranch owned and belonging to Mr. George H. Cowan, and I was imformed by the said Japanese coolie that it was Mr. Cowan's ranch. I further enquired of the said Japanese coolie for whom he was working, and he informed me he was working for Mr. Cowan; that seven of his fellow countrymen had been working for Mr. Cowan all the season of 1908 and five of them had only quit Mr. Cowan's employment on the Wednesday immediately preceding my said visit, namely, on the 16th day of September, 1908; and I am further informed by the said Japanese coolie that twenty Japanese had been working for Mr. Cowan at the first of this year; that the Japanese foreman and himself were at the present time, viz.; the 19th day of September, 1908, the only remaining Japanese laborer working for the said Mr. Cowan on his said ranch; that the name of Mr. Cowan's said Japanese foreman was Kinishi.

J. E. TEETZEL.

The other affidavits are equally strong if not a little more so, and Cowan's goose is cooked with Japanese sauce.

Some of the Conservative papers are making a great kick because Sir Wilfred Laurier is running for two constituences, This is quite a common practice in all Elections for the Premier to do. If it is such a crime in Sir Wilfred, how about Dicky McBride at the last Provincial Election running for Dewdney and Victoria at the same time. How beautifully consistent these immaculate Conservatives are.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS.

The Canadian South African Veterans' association organized at Ottawa on Tuesday had representatives of 7000 out of 9000 eligible present. The officers elected were: Hon. president, Earl Grey; hon. vice-president, Sir. Frederick Borden, minister of militia; president, Col. Steele; vice-presidents, Major Winter, Manitoba; Major Macdonnell, Saskatchewan; Major Christie, Alberta; Capt. Hart-McHarg, British Columbia; secretary-treasurer, A. Miller, Ottawa. These officers with two representatives from each affiliated association, constitute the council. The capital was selected as the meeting place and the annual meeting was set for Paardeburg day. Afiliation fees were set at $10 for associations of fifty members. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution, to report at the annual meeting.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 1908.

A HEAVY BURDEN

Mr. Borden has accepted the bonus of carrying George Eulas Foster and by so doing has assumed a burden which he will find a grievously heavy load. The certificate of character given Mr. Foster by his quondam leader has no value, simply because the facts are dismetrically opposite to it. As one of the notorious nest of traitors, Foster will forever remain branded as Judas was branded and it is a matter of marvel that the Conservative party bear with the burden thrust upon them. That the infliction is not viewed with equanimity or satisfaction by many adherents of that party has been made pretty clear in several important quarters, but now that Mr. Borden has taken upon his shoulders this old man of the sea, they can but face the inevitable.

To counteract the intense feeling against Foster, and the effect upon the party fortunes in the present campaign, an effort is being made to pose him as a martyr to the attacks of the Liberals. But it is not from Liberals alone that these attacks come; some of the most scathing criticisms emanate from his own side. No one will accuse the Toronto News, for example, of being anything but most strenuously opposed to the Laurier Government and most friendly to the opposition, but this is what that journal says of the attitude of the Conservative party towards Mr. Foster.

"The result, however, has been to impose an added burden on the Conservative party—a burden which we believe the party will refuse to carry. It has left a too well grounded suspicion that however censorious the opposition may be of wrong-doing or scandal on the government side, it is not only content to harbor a political Achan in its own camp, but too ready to bluster that he is without blemish. Even less than a government can an opposition afford to be lax in these things. If an opposition denounces wrong-doing amongst its opponents, and condones wrong-doing amongst its own members, the public grows more and more deaf to its arraigment of government inefficiency and dishonesty, and more and more cynical as to its sincerity and honesty and strength of purpose.

"Imagine what a commotion would have arisen had George E. Foster been a member of the government. Would the opposition have come to his defence, or would the opposition orators have toured the country denouncing the cynical immorality of a government which harbored a minister whose notions of commercial honor were so beclouded?

"In the last analysis it would have been sound policy and good politics to have recognized frankly that as an opposition lieutenant Mr. Foster's usefulness was over. It would ultimately have strengthened Mr. Borden's hand, and made him free to deal ruthlessly with government wrong-doing. As it is, the opposition weakened in the country, and there are signs that his own party in Mr. Foster's present constituency will will reverse the policy adopted byth e government.

HINDUS LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 20.—J. B. Harken, of the department of the interior announced last evening that the government had solved the Hindu question, so far as the province of British Columbia is concerned. The entire Hindu colony, consisting of over 2,000 is to be moved from British Columbia to British Honduras.

The plan is being carried out as a result of negotiations which have been carried out between Sir Wilfred Laurier, Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in London, and the governor of Honduras. The latter was in London recently and personally talked over the details of the scheme with Lord Strathcona.

Mr. Harken was sent from Ottawa by Sir Wilfred and left today with two Hindu delegates for Honduras to arrange details of colony at that end of the line.

Hindus are anxious to move, and the imperial government will assist in cost of transportation to their new home. Scores of members of the Hindu colony here are not only out of work but actually starving. Much suffering will result this winter if they are not moved.

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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 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.

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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.

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J. W. GREENWAY,
Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Ottawa.

28th September, 1908.

TENDERS FOR DREDGING.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Dredging Coal Harbour, will be received until Friday, 30th October, 1908, at 4.30 P. M., for dredging required at Coal Harbour, Vancouver, Province of British Columbia:—

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

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The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order.
NAP. TESSIER,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, October 7, 1908.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department. 26-3

CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD ABANDON TRANSCONTINENTAL ROUTE

Mr. Coldwell, the minister of education, should present a school geography to his colleague, Colin H. Campbell, the attorney-general, and beg the latter gentlemen to study the map of Canada before he makes his next public speech attacking the National Transcontinental. In his speech on Saturday last in support of the machine candidate of Selkirk, Mr. Campbell made statements in regard to the new national ocean-to-ocean highway which any school boy who was not the veriest dunce could refute. Mr. Campbell paid a poor compliment to the knowledge and intelligence of his hearers in Selkirk when he declared before them, as reported in the Winnipeg Conservative organ that "Prince Rupert is three hundred miles further away from the wheat fields of Alberta than Vancouver." A glance at the map shows that Prince Rupert is much nearer the fertile region of northern Alberta extending to the Peace river, than Vancouver is; and this says nothing of the immense difference between the easy grades on the Grand Trunk Pacific route and the grades on the C. P. R. through the mountains. From the wheat fields of southern Alberta. Vancouver is, as a mere matter of mileage, less distant than Prince Rupert; but speaking of the wheat fields of western Canada as a whole, the new national highway is most advantageously located and with grades easier than those of any other railway across the continent, and with the superior character of its road-bed, it will prove a traffic route of incalculably great value to the west and to the dominion as a whole.

What Mr. Campbell says of this great and necessary national undertaking, like what that other great

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LOCALS

Five inches of snow fell in Golden Monday.

The east-bound train was delayed last Thursday, and did not arrive in Golden till nearly 9 p. m., owing to a passenger coach leaving the rails.

The engine shed at Field, B. C., was dynamited last week, and the rear end of the shop was blown up.

Five detectives are now investigating, and no doubt the guilty party or parties will be brought to justice.

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Ed. McAbee, who has been touring Alberta and the Northern States with his race horses, returned Monday.

The Concert given in aid of Grace Methodist Church last Monday evening was a decided success in every way.

ROUND THE WORLD.

Items of Interest Gathered During the Week.

Wisconsin capitalists have purchased 700,000,000 feet of white pine timber in the Kootenay country, the consideration being in the neighborhood of $250,000. The vendors of the property were Messrs. John Murray, of Vancouver, and J. S. Deschamps, of Rossland, and associates. The parcel contains 28,000 acres, and is situated at the forks of the junction of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers.

The property is Crown granted, the land going with the timber.

CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD ABANDON TRANSCONTINENTAL ROUTE

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statesman, Mr. Rogers, says of it, and what Mr. Borden, the dominion Conservative leader, says of it, and what Mr. Haggart, the Conservative ex-minister of railways, and other leading Conservatives say of it, discloses the Conservative policy as a policy of hostility to transcontinental competition with the C. P. R That was the policy with which the Conservative party, with the same leader, went before the country in the general elections of 1904. Does Winnipeg and western Canada want to have further construction of the national transcontinental abandoned, and the mileage already constructed made use of, as it could be, merely as links in the Borden alternative scheme of not providing transcontinental competition with the C. P. R.?

Following the line laid down by Mr. Borden and recklessly carried farther by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Campbell declared that the new national highway will not pay. "It will take the Grand Trunk Pacific twenty-five years to earn $3,000 a mile gross, and a century to make its fixed charges," predicted Mr. Campbell at Selkirk. The whole line from Lake Superior to Prince Rupert is not needed," announces Mr. Campbell. "Did anyone ever outside a lunatic asylum build 300 miles of additional railroad in order to get a short sea haul?" he asks. The idea of oriental traffic he declares to be idiotic nonsense. he says: "The oriental trade will come and go from Vancouver, as it has always come and gone." As a route between western Canada and eastern Canada he can see no future for the new transcontinental line. This is his summing up: "There is no hope of the Grand Trunk Pacific ever being anything but a dead loss to the people whose money built it."

If this Jeremiah-like, blue-ruin outlook were true, it would mean that the producing capacity of this country has already reached its limit. and the existing transcontinental mileage is amply sufficient for all its needs, present and future, and that the work of building the new ocean-to-ocean highway should be abandoned. This is what Mr. Borden and his colleagues would do, if they got into. Their policy is that the Canadian Pacific railway should, as in the days of the Conservative party's power hold a position of unchallenged supremacy throughout the whole of Canada. That is why the Conservative leaders are piling up monstrously fictitious figures of the cost of the National Transcontinental and predicting that it will never earn anything but will be nothing more than two idle strips of steel across the continent.

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