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Westminister and Vancouver Are Nobly Represented in the Throng.

GRAND PIECE OF ENGINEERING

Everyone Agrees that the Bridge Will Immensely Aid Provincial Development.

Yesterday the Mission bridge crossing the Fraser River from St. Mary's Mission to Riverside was formally opened with all the imposing ceremonies due to the important occasion, and the full account of which is published exclusively in the columns of "The Ledger" this morning.

Upon invitation of Mr. D. McGillivray, the contractor of the construction, a large number of the prominent citizens and railway officials of Vancouver and Westminister assisted and witnessed the interesting proceedings, and in order to reach the grounds the Canadian Pacific Railway Company kindly placed a special train at the disposal of the gentlemen wishing to attend. The special left Vancouver immediately upon the arrival of the steamer Islander from Victoria, about 9:30 o'clock, having in the various coaches a large number of prominent among whom were, from Westminister, Messrs. Alex. Ewen, T. J. Trapp, H. Hoy, J. Leamy, S. P. Mackintosh, G. E. Corbould, M. P. C. A. Stoss and A. R. Green; and from Vancouver were Superintendent H. Abbott, H. J. Cambie, W. Downie, D. E. Brown, F. C. Cotton, M. P. P., J. Townley, C. D. Rand, C. Cannon, L. Johnson, Dr. Lefevre, Mr. Proulx, H. Walker, J. C. McLagan, C. R. Cepher, W. J. Pace, D. McGillivray, W. H. Armstrong, W. J. Gallacher, and John MacIure of Matsqui. At good speed the train passed along, stopping nowhere until the Mission was reached, about noon. Upon arrival Messrs. H. Abbott and H. J. Cambie and C. P. R. officials inspected the structure at considerable length, upon the completion of which it was pronounced to be perfectly sound and safe, and a train of five cars for the first time

crossed the bridge. And returned, going on very slowly and coming back at a rapid rate. Scarcely a vibration could be detected, and everyone was delighted and astonished at the splendid quality of the workmanship. The draw was then opened and observed to work so easily and evenly that all present were completely satisfied. The draw was then closed and the fact was then demonstrated that one man alone by manipulation of the capstan, worked by an ordinary lever, could lift any difficulty of the heaviest men, the exertion of enormous strength. Several of the gentlemen present took a turn at the lever, whereupon the immense draw was opened and returned with perfect ease. It is undoubtedly perfect in all particulars and a great undertaking.

The guests were then invited by Mr. McGillivray to take refreshments, and accordingly repaired to the spacious dining room on the Mission side near the river bank for the purpose. The two long tables never had a more brilliant assemblage of important and prominent personages surrounding them, and probably never will again. After some time was spent in an enthusiastic discussion of the many delicacies of the excellent menu, the speaking began. Mayor Oppenheimer of Vancouver was the first to speak, and upon rising was greeted with a hearty round of applause. He warmly congratulated the Canadian Pacific Railway Company upon the successful issue of this grand undertaking, and glowingly pointed in cheerful and appropriate terms the many benefits that must accrue to the Province thereby. Mr. Oppenheimer said he was not in favor of the Kootenay Railway unless it came right through to the coast. Unless it did that it would in his opinion be half its usefulness. The speaker was cordially applauded.

He was followed by Mr. D. McGillivray, who in a few well-chosen phrases thanked the assemblage for coupling his name so kindly with the toast.

Mr. A. Abbott next spoke and in a most interesting speech showed that at a great expense the railway company had been to accomplish this undertaking and also demonstrated with much clearness the immense benefit which it was bound to do the country.

Mr. Cambie of Vancouver followed Mr. Abbott and after graphically describing the many advantages to be derived from the opening of the Mission branch, he spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Donald McGillivray. In that gentleman he had the utmost confidence, and he could testify that anything that Mr. McGillivray undertook was invariably done well. It was not necessary to have an engineer to see that he carried out his contracts faithfully; his integrity, honesty and straightforwardness were well known. He (the speaker) always had much pleasure in dealing with Mr. McGillivray, and had always been thoroughly satisfied with the quality of his work. He is ever willing to do anything that might be suggested, and where there were difficulties to be encountered he was always faithfully at his post. He was a man in whom the speaker reposed the most perfect confidence and held in the highest esteem. Great applause greeted Mr. Cambie on resuming his seat.

Mr. Walker, engineer, then made a neat and interesting speech, being succeeded by Mr. Robert Green, who, among other remarks, said he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing all present with their wives and families at the grand opening of the Westminister Southern at the boundary when the line had been completed that distance.

The foreman of mechanics and workmen replied to the toast coupled with his name in a humorous and most witty speech, every word of which was admirably to the point. Occasionally the

merry guests would burst forth into "For they are jolly good fellows" in rousing style upon the termination of a speech. The dinner, at which was manifested the kindest good feeling among all present, closed to the strains of "God Save the Queen," which was heartily joined in by all.

The special train then started about 4 o'clock for the west, the Westminister contingent arriving home about 6 o'clock well pleased with their most enjoyable trip and the manner in which they had been entertained.

MAJESTIC TIMBER USED.

As instances of the magnificent timber which can be furnished in British Columbia, 50 of the sticks in the swing span are from 78 to 97 feet in length, and were cut by the Hastings sawmill at Vancouver, and many of the piles used were 85 feet in length, and under the management of Mr. W. H. Armstrong these immense pieces have been put together without any serious accident. The river at this point is no less than 60 feet deep during summer, now it is about 42 feet in depth, with a tide of about six feet.

At Mission, on the north bank, it is fully expected that quite a lively town will spring up, and being in the same latitude as Seattle the Mission branch forms the shortest possible route to the cities on Puget Sound. It is interesting to note that Mission Junction is also the southernmost point of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in British Columbia.

OUR CABLE LETTER.

The Triple Alliance Cancelled by Italy's Perceid Retrenchment.

The crisis in Italy is rather intensified than abated over the surrender of King Humbert to the only conditions on which Marquis Di Rudini would consent to form a cabinet. The King is personally in favor of alliance with Austria and Germany, and of maintaining the armament which that alliance necessitates. Although a constitutional monarch, King Humbert is not a dummy in affairs of his kingdom. He has always been a good deal his own premier. Between him and Crispi there never was cordial sentiment, but he did not show the highest respect for Crispi's ability and never had any reason to doubt his loyalty. Crispi never at home amid the surroundings of court, and the quiet throng of frequent private conferences.

The demand for reduction of expenditure cannot longer be ignored and King Humbert has reluctantly consented to permit his new Premier to enter upon the policy of curtailment.

A despatch from Vienna says the news has created no little gloom in Austrian political circles and from Berlin comes the news that the Kaiser and his Chancellor are far from satisfied with the change in Italy. The Russian press, on the other hand, is outspoken in expressing the hope that France and Italy will now come closer together.

ENGLISH OPINION.

The Spectator regards the dissolution of the Canadian Parliament as the most important event happening on the other side of the water for many years. If the proposed protective measures now pending are accepted, says the Spectator, the United States and Canada will be joined by a bond far stronger than that which unites either of them to any other nation. Englishmen, it continues, are unwilling to condemn the proposal, even though they point to the ultimate absorption of Canada by the States. Free trade with England will be the logical rule of the present government, which will make Canada the greatest power on the Western continent.

A ROYAL WITNESS.

The Star says the Prince of Wales will shortly appear as a witness in a court of law. During St. Ledger race week the Prince stayed at Arthur Wills's house in Grosvenor Gardens. During his stay the Prince seems to have played at bacarrat with a wealthy military baronet and others. During a certain evening the baronet referred to was accused of cheating. He flatly denied the charge. The Prince, dreading unpleasant notoriety and disagreeable comments by the Radical press, interposed and a settlement was made.

Lord Salisbury regards the prospects of proposed legislation in India in regard to native marriages with much anxiety. Native opinion in very influential quarters is already pronounced, and it is evident that the Indian Government will have grave difficulties to contend with, as is generally the case when matters closely touching native society are taken in hand by the Legislature.

One of the stipulations was that the accused baronet should give a written understanding not to play cards for money in future. On the other hand the baronet's accusers agreed not to mention the unfortunate dispute, but it appears that the charges were publicly discussed and commented upon in aristocratic London clubs. The baronet has served members of the company who watched his actions while playing with cards in a room at the Grosvenor. The baronet has retained Mr. Gill and the defendants Sir Charles Russell.

COMING TO VANCOUVER.

The steamer Empress of India left Liverpool today on her trip around the world, for Vancouver. She carried a full list of passengers, many being Canadians.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH

Explains the Political Situation in Canada in a Powerful Letter.

STRONGLY ATTACKS MACDONALD

Literary Bostonians Run Mad Over the Chinese Theatrical Fad.

GENEROSITY OF BARON POTTS

A Father Believing His Daughter Not Dead Refuses to Allow Her Burial.

NEW YORK, February 7.—Prof. Goldwin Smith of Toronto, in a letter to the Times, explains the political situation in Canada. He says: "The immediate issue is that of trade with the United States, but beneath this lies a broader issue between continental and anti-continental policy.

"The Liberals of Canada, whether they look for an intimate entrance of Canada in the American union or not, are now men of the new world, and regard the inhabitants of the rest of it as partners and desire to cultivate the closest relations with them.

"The Conservatives are anti-continental. They desire to keep Canada in all things divided from the continental tendencies and attached to Great Britain, where the social centre of their party lies. Practically they seek to make Canada the engine of the Conservative aristocracy of Great Britain for averting the triumph of the democracy of the new world, and keeping part of the American continent under the aristocratic institutions or influence of their party.

"Sir John Macdonald is chief, and his whole policy has been directed against closer relations with the United States. The Canadian Pacific Railway was his destined instrument, though in the course of events his 'National' railway has been converted into half an American road, and seems to prove a helpless fight against nature. For the commercial question by itself he may be said to care comparatively little.

"Among the people, whatever may be said of their political bearing toward the United States, the desire for free trade in their own country grows apace. If the people are let alone there can be no doubt that the result will be in favor of reciprocity and against a protectionist government. But the people will not be let alone. The country has been governed for 25 years largely by corruption carried on by means of federal subsidies to the provinces, which, our constitution fortunately permits, federal grants to local public works, concessions to contractors and bribery of all kinds. These engines will all be piled on the people whose political tone has been sadly lowered by long subjection to their influences.

The Government's majority in the late Parliament was over 50 on a division in a House of 215 members, so that the Liberals have considerable leeway to make up. On the other hand many Government votes were won at the last election by small majorities which, if people were to vote freely according to their convictions, the commercial question would not be reversed."

CELEBRATE AND PAGANISM.

The Commercial Advertiser's Boston special says: Oriental paganism is a new fad with Bostonians. Next Thursday Holmes, Howell and Aldrich, well-known local society leaders, will sit in a dingy, opium-scented theatre down in the slums of Harrison Avenue to enjoy the presentation for the first time on the eastern coast of a drama in celebration of the birthday of the great Emperor.

The American Folklore Society is conducting this peculiar entertainment. The daughters of a well-known author, Rev. Dr. Alger, is at the head of the society, and through her efforts a hall for the Chinese theatricals has been hired and a troupe of California Chinese players engaged to present the play for the entertainment of Boston's 400.

EXTRA SESSION PROBABLE.

The Sun has the following editorial this morning: We are not speaking from mere probabilities when we inform the public that a proclamation from the President may be expected probably before the 20th or 25th of this month calling an extra session of the Senate to meet at Washington on March 4th, or immediately afterward. It may also be presumed that the business to be brought before this called session will be of more than ordinary importance.

PRACTICAL PHILANTHROPIST.

Baron Hirsch has called to Jesse Seligman, representing the trustees for the Hebrew immigrants to this country, that the trustees may draw on him for 12,000,000 francs, \$2,500,000 to be used in carrying out the work already undertaken. If the income is not sufficient to do all that is intended, the trustees are authorized to use part of the principal, and Baron Hirsch will make good the amount. For nearly a year Baron Hirsch has furnished \$100,000 a month for work among the poor Hebrews in the United States.

The body of Miss Marie Helen Potts of Ocean Grove, who died so suddenly at the Canstock boarding-school here last in the receiving vault at Mount Prospect cemetery, a wild and desolate tract of mountains land about two miles west of Ocean Grove. It was placed in the vault Wednesday afternoon and the sexton of the cemetery and his assistants have been watching the unusual spot night and day since that time. The watchers enter the vault every hour and a constant patrol is kept up on the outside. The watch was ordered by the father of the girl, who is loath to believe his daughter dead.

Mr. Potts was in Philadelphia when he received intimation of the sad bereavement. He hastened home and was surprised to find a flush on the cheeks of his dead child. During the funeral ceremonies on Wednesday Mr. Potts sat near the coffin and eagerly watched the face of his daughter. He became so worked up over the strange look on the girl's face that he thought he perceived signs of life. The family tried to convince

him that the girl was dead, but he clung to his belief that she was living and was in a trance. Acting on this belief Mr. Potts ordered the coffin placed in a receiving vault, although the grave had been prepared. He also ordered the undertaker not to fasten the coffin lid and leave the glass plate covering the face open about two inches, so that in case she is living and should regain consciousness death by suffocation will not ensue.

Preferred Death to Widowhood.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., February 7.—Mrs. Susan, widow of the late Eli Hawkins, is missing and circumstances lead to the belief that she committed suicide by drowning. She was traced to the beach. She was worth \$20,000 and leaves two children.

Terrible Tragedy.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 7.—News of a terrible tragedy reached here from Kiev today. A young man and his sweetheart were attacked by wolves. The man vainly tried to beat them off and took refuge in a tree, where he saw his affianced devoted. The sickening sight caused him to fall. He fell to the earth and was likewise eaten by the brutes.

Bad Bandits Busted.

HAVANA, February 7.—The police recently received information that several bandits had taken passage on a Spanish steamer intending to escape to Aspinwall. Several officers were sent to where the steamer was lying. The bandits opened fire and a battle ensued. Panic and wild excitement prevailed among the passengers. The police finally gained possession of the steamer. Three of the bandits, including the famous Montano, were killed and two policemen wounded.

Treaties in Calorie.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Secretary Blaine proposes to carry out his policy of reciprocity with all American nations to the fullest possible extent before Congress adjourns. The Senate will probably have an opportunity of ratifying seven treaties before many days. One of these, that of Brazil, has been made public and the other six are promised without delay.

It is announced authoritatively tonight that three of the new treaties are with Mexico, Venezuela and Spain, and the three others are supposed to be with Chili, Peru and the Argentine Republic.

Hawaii affairs are to be considered in both houses of Congress, and the McKinley Bill will be amended so that the treaty with those islands will not be abrogated.

Mr. McKinley, from Committee of Rules, will report a rule in the House permitting the matter to be taken up, and Senator Sherman will look after the subject in the Senate.

CALIFORNIA TO BE HONORED.

News that President Harrison has decided upon a California man for Secretary of the Treasury would no doubt be a very happy surprise to the people of the Pacific Coast, and would perhaps be received with some doubt, nevertheless there are reasons for believing that the President is seriously considering a Pacific Coast man for the place. The information comes from Senator Stanford, who says he believes the President will appoint John F. Swift, who is our present Minister to Japan.

The President, in his recent message to Congress asking for an extension of time in which to name Secretary Winwood's successor, gave as one reason for his request that it was deemed advisable to appoint one residing a considerable distance from Washington, there should be time allowed for him to reach Washington to qualify, etc.

It is well known that Harrison and Swift are warm personal friends, and that when the Harrison administration was organized the President seriously considered the name of John F. Swift for a Cabinet position.

CANADIAN NEWS.

MILITARY CHANGES. TORONTO, February 7.—It is said that Colonel Otter will succeed Herriman as Commissioner of the Mounted Police. Several other changes in the military service are expected.

The Ontario Legislature will adjourn till after the Dominion elections.

EATEN BY WOLVES.

WINNIPEG, February 7.—A report has reached here that a young Englishman near Poplar Point has been eaten by wolves. Name unknown.

Horror of War.

The battle raged fiercely on Front Street last night under the LEONORA's windows, and our foreman had to use a speaking trumpet to issue orders, but his voice sounded like wind in a gas pipe even then. Horse, foot and artillery of the Chinese battered and cracked away, and the air was as full of smoke as a German student's study. It fairly stunk of saltpetre; and who with the smoke, the smell, the horrible uproar and confusion, the whole LEONORA staff painfully realized that the Chinese glad New Year had come.

Growing Buries.

Great discontent is felt among the city dogs because the city cats are not included in the pound bylaw. A wall-eyed pointer remarked to a Sea-agitated Bedlington yesterday afternoon: "See here, this ain't giving us fellows a fair shake; we lie around and don't do nothing, and don't make no racket at night, but them blamed cats kick up scandals every night, all the time. What's the measly old Council got agin us anyway?" "Dunno," replied Bedlington, "guess they all keep cats, and hate us dogs; so that settles it."

"Well, it's a dog-gone shame, anyway," rejoined the pointer. "You bet," replied the terrier, "blowed if I don't go over and stop with Uncle Sam when the warm weather comes."

"'N right wid yo," said the hunting dog, "we can make a livin' there easy."

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BRIGHOUSE ESTATE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Samuel Brighthouse, of Vancouver, has no legal authority to dispose of any lands by sale, mortgage, rent or otherwise.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

CHAPTER I. EARLY EXPLOITS. Chase left home at an early age, and being that he would have to earn his living, started in by licking every inch of his own side in the alley.

CHAPTER II. HE GOES ON HIS TRAVELS. As he grew to years of discretion a desire to travel took possession of him.

CHAPTER III. HIS FIRST DEFEAT. He came to himself to eat no meat and he had trained off a pound and a half of his superfluous weight.

CHAPTER IV. FOURTH TO BATTLE. Therefore, he arose and shook his slippers from his coat and ears, and stood up to the back of the Dragoon and tried a splendid lunge from a black and silver rider which was lugging the prostrator home.

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The following properties and mortgages are offered for sale by order of the Auctioneer.

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Agents will be appointed in Westminister in a few days.

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A MODEL FLIRTATION. A RAILROAD EPISODE THAT ENDED PLEASANTLY FOR ALL.

A Writer Tells of One of the Happiest Traveling Experiences of His Life—A Demure Little Miss Captivates Him with Her Ingenuities.

I believe some flirtations do a man positive good. The same may possibly be said of a woman, but being a man myself I am not so sure about it.

I was recently returning to Kansas City from an eastern trip. I had traveled two nights and a day, and my journey had been uneventful and tedious enough.

It was at Roodhouse, Ills., I think, that a young lady of striking beauty entered our car.

As she sat down I had a good opportunity to note her appearance. She was rather small and evidently quite young.

She was exceedingly attractive. She had an open, ingenuous manner, an innocent smile that spoke unmistakably through her dreamy blue eyes.

I cannot remember now how we became acquainted. I do not even remember the first words spoken.

On my part, at least, it was one of those rare meetings where the stranger seemed more like an old friend than a new acquaintance.

We became better acquainted and more interested in each other. As the young lady grew enthusiastic over a scene we were passing she laid her hand, which I saw was lily white and dainty.

Some time afterward, in an animated conversation, she leaned toward me until her face was near to mine, and after a moment I discovered that her arm was lying on my shoulder.

There are some people who can express more mischief in a look than others could possibly put into a verse.

I thought no less of this young lady on account of her conduct, which I saw was the outgrowth of innocence.

I learned with much pleasure that my new acquaintance did not leave the car until we reached Oloosa.

Incidentally I learned that her Christian name was Mabel, though I remember now having heard her speak of herself as Mame.

That this unexpected meeting made a great impression on us both you will better understand when I describe our parting.

On reaching Oloosa I accompanied her to the platform, where I assured her of my feeling of obligation for such a happy day.

She seemed equally grateful to me. As the bell rang for the train to start I turned to say good-by, when to my surprise she put her arms about my neck and kissed me.

The action was so innocent and, despite its irregularity, as modest as if I had been a brother. There was not a sign of a blush, and not a word was spoken.

Somehow I felt no embarrassment on account of what had happened. As I stepped on the moving train I felt that while we should probably never meet again our acquaintance had been a great pleasure and a refining benefit to me.

I do not think that flirtation in general should be encouraged. I am sure of it. Just what effect such a meeting and such a proceeding as I have described might have on girls of different ages and temperaments I will not attempt to say.

But in this instance I am sure I did no harm. There is not the slightest tinge of conscience as I remember the trustful, innocent expression in those dreamy blue eyes as she fairly melted into me.

What is there about the figure 3 feet 6 inches that is so attractive to policemen? Did you ever notice a description of a drowned man who was not just that tall? Maybe you have, but just notice and see if the vast majority of them do not conform to that rule, and also are reported as wearing congress gaiters.

