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STRIKE IS IMMINENT

Calgary Coal Conference Disrupts Over Open Shop Question

B'airmore Coal Company Reported to Have Run Foul of New Industrial Disputes Act—Men all Locked Out

(Special to The Daily News)

Calgary, April 1.—The first shot in the coming battle between operators and miners has already been fired. The Western Canada Coal & Coke company at Taber have locked out their men.

Today president Sherman received a wire from the board member at Taber saying the men were all idle. He saw Dixon, the general manager of the mine this morning who will not allow the men to work or the mine to operate unless the men work 10 hours, when Lethbridge works 10 hours, and asking for instructions and help. Sherman wired back for the men to stand by their contract and also wired Ottawa that they expect the protection of the new trades dispute bill right away. There will be trouble if it be not granted.

Sherman leaves for Taber tomorrow. In his opinion, under the new bill, the company is liable to a fine of not less than $100 or more than $100 a day, as Dixon had warned the men he was going to bust the union and would lock them out. This company has a contract with the men expiring November 1st, which says the eight hour day is to come into force the 1st of April. The company refuses to stand by the contract.

(Special to The Daily News)

Calgary, Alta., April 1.—The joint convention came to an end because the miners' representatives on the committee which had arrived at a settlement of all matters in dispute, withdrew from the position which they had agreed to on the question of non-discrimination, or the open shop. There was no other question left unsettled between the parties but this, and this had previously been agreed to and was to be put into a separate document. For some unexplained reason the miners representatives receded from the position agreed upon and moved to adjourn the convention sine die, which was done. The operators had conceded uniformly shorter hours of labor to contract miners and an increase in most kinds of inside day labor wages, to equalize the remuneration of thase who work full time, conceded, too, an advance to some inside laborers while outside labor was increased from five to 12 1-2 per cent. But after all questions and rates had been agreed to the miners chose to break up the convention rather than accept the open shop, that is they refused to undertake not to discriminate against men who do not care to belong to a union.

(Special to The Daily News)

Calgary, Alta., April 1.—G. G. S. Lindsey, president of the Western Coal Operators' Association, and chairman of the joint convention, asked his views on the situation said:

"I regret that after so much time has been devoted to this matter it should proved to have been thrown away. I regret, too, that the miners could not adhere to what they had agreed to. The miners agreed to leave the whole matter to a committee of four of their number, namely president Sherman, vice-presidents Galvin, and John McDonald, and international board member Paterson, undertaking to endorse all that they did. This committee, consisting of the officers of the district union, agreed with the operators, but went back to the miners' delegates and asked them to reject the agreement arrived at, but in many respects to my mind the result is desirable. In a competitive field, working under different laws in two provinces there has grown up necessarily many inequalities and the fair way to deal with such a situation is to endeavor to make conditions and wage scales uniform; this necessarily means some decreases and some adjustments. Mr. Sherman was very strongly of the opinion this was not the time when uniformity could be arrived at, because his men would not consider decreases. Personally I was guided by his statement asto that and was willing that some arrangement in the nature of a "modus vivendi" should be come to for a year. As we progressed the inequalities of the position became daily more pronounced, still an agreement was come to, but it is perhaps, after all, better things should be thoroughly harmonized now. To do this as Mr. Sherman said would be impossible on his side at the present time. Outsiders viewing the position dispassionately may do it.

"The dominion government has just passed an act constituting a board of conciliation before which such questions and difficulties as the present can be taken and disposed of and it is there that these matters will probably go. The decision of the board is not binding unless the parties agree but their quasi judicial determination would be hard to disregard and probably neither side would wish to. Pending such enquiry and decision things remain as they are, neither side can take the advantage and there is no reason to think either side will not abide by the

(Special to The Daily News)

Calgary, Alta., April 1.—The miners give out this statement:

"The joint convention adjourned today because the miners' delegates unanimously refused to instruct their officers to accept the final offer of the Western Coal Operators' Association, on the ground that the proposed contract sought to bind them to certain conditions, harsher in their nature than any agreements now in existence under the U. M. W. of A. The hours of labor in the Crow's Nest mines of Alberta were to be increased in some cases, the increase of wages offered only applied to drivers and others engaged in the transportation of coal underground in this province. We were refused an eight hour day, bank to bank, as in British Columbia. We were offered no increase in wages for contract miners and day men underground. The underground men who would benefit by the slight increase would be but ten per cent of the number employed.

"The wages of some men would be decreased under the proposed agreement. The general advance offered on all outside rates was 25 cents per day for men receiving at present $3 for ten hours, which would still leave them less than common laborers now receive in the Northwest. Five per cent was offered on all other outside rates excepting boys. Coke oven men were to get no increase on contract rates. The special committee did not agree to agree to everything the operators proposed, it being distinctly understood that the delegates had the right to reject any and every clause of the proposed agreement.

"With regard to the discrimination clause it never protected the miners and was seldom observed by the operators, many of our men being victimized and refused employment. The operators want this clause because they want to encourage and protect men who desire to fight our union while benefitting by the better conditions and higher wages obtained by organized labor."

President Sherman also stated that the operators were relying on the new trades dispute bill to put a stop to a strike but said they would soon see after the commission had looked into the matter, whether there would be a strike or not. Last night he reported the termination of the conference to headquarters at Indianapolis and said the men would work until the government commission sat.

Board member Patterson also reported and now awaits orders to proceed to Indianapolis.

WITH MASONIC HONORS.

Funeral of the Late C. W. McAnn, K.C. The Body Taken to Moncton, N. B.

Four years ago on Easter Monday, the late C. W. McAnn, K.C., of Kaslo, who died on Saturday evening, was married and it was the wish of his widow that the funeral in Kaslo should take place yesterday. Word was sent here on Sunday that the Kaslo Masons would take charge of the funeral service and a hurriedly called local delegation left for Kaslo on the Kokanee yesterday morning, consisting of Fred Irvine, Hamilton Byers, John Teague, J. H. Fox, D. G. Kurtz, and C. Maltby Several other Nelson people would have gone had due notice of the funeral been given

Upon the arrival of the steamer at Kaslo the funeral service was held at the family residence. Rev. Dr. Simpson, formerly pastor of the Park street Presbyterian church, Halifax, conducted the first part of the service and provincial past grand master E. E. Chipman, read the Masonic ritual.

The Kaslo Masons and the Eagles turned out almost to a man and a large delegation accompanied the remains on the Kokanee till the steamer was met by the International on her way north, when they returned home. The Nelson delegates then took charge of the remains and on arriving in port here conveyed them on board the Kuskanook. With the party was G. W. McAnn, brother of the deceased, who this morning leaves for Moncton, N.B., with the body, the interment taking place in that city. Neil Mackay, M.L.A., also came down with the funeral party.

COMING PEACE CONFERENCE.

Rome, April 1.—In an interview today on the approaching peace conference at The Hague, foreign minister Tittoni said:

"The agreement with Germany is complete. Italy, although in favor of discussing the question of disarmament at The Hague, never meant to give advance support to the idea. Germany also is in favor of discussing disarmament, but she is more skeptical than Italy.

AN INTERMINABLE SUIT.

New Orleans, April 1.—The case of Benjamin D. Green and John F. Gaynor, convicted of defrauding the government of over half a million dollars in the Savannah harbor improvement contracts came up today in the United States circuit court of appeals upon a writ of error from the federal court at Savannah. The case just enters its eighth year of legal contest.

DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

Constantinople, April 1—The report that a severe earthquake, accompanied by loss of life, has occurred at Bitlis appears to be confirmed but the number of deaths is unknown. A brief message from the missionaries at Bitlis, reports that the town is badly damaged, that they are homeless and that their people are encamped in the snow, which in places is 25 feet deep.

LEAD DEPOSITS DISCOVERED

Fort Saskatchewan, April 1.—Great excitement has been caused here by the discovery of large deposits of lead a few miles from the town. The discovery was made by a homesteader on an adjoining quarter section. A party of four, headed by Frank Walker, M.P.P., at once left for the spot and upon their return to the town confirmed the report of the homesteader. In the meantime other parties had stepped in and bought the quarter section on which the find was made and the adjoining quarter and they have refused numerous offer to resell at greatly enhanced prices.

PARENTS WANT DAMAGE

ENTER ACTION AGAINST HOCHELAGA SCHOOL BOARD.

ASK $800 EACH FOR THEIR BURNED CHILDREN.

Montreal, April 1.—One result of the disastrous fire in the Hochelaga Protestant school some weeks ago is an attempt on the part of the parents of the little victims to obtain from the Protestant school board some compensation for their deaths. The secretary has received notifications of claims for damages representing a total of some $12,800, or $800 for each of the sixteen children.

HUME SCHOOL.

Attendance For Last Month and List of Those Who Attended Perfectly

For the month of March, the Hume school, Miss E. B. Bate, teacher, had an enrolled attendance of 72, with an average attendance of 52.05. Now that the new school building has been completed and is in use, about 20 more pupils will be enrolled and a second teacher added.

The following pupils made perfect attendance:

Fifth Class—Edith Gilchrist, Leone Engel, Ruby Gilchrist, Edwin Graham, Thorwald Hansen, Nellie Balding, May Bate.

Fourth Reader—Lizzie Lynch, Frederick Hurrey.

Third Reader—Arthur Maurer, Gertrude Gaskell, Wm. Hodgan, Telesphore Marquis, Nelson Jackson.

Second Reader—John Marquis, Lillian Oliver, Freda Bullock.

First Reader—Vera Gilchrist, Bessie Hurry, Alonzo Engel, Monica Young, Jack Jerome, Frank Bridott.

Second Primer—Dayrell Bate, James Ringrose, Wm. Stewart, Earl Jackson, Richard Gaskell, Grace Maurer.

First Primer—Thomas Jerome, Farquar Hodgan, Frederick Hartwig.

HORSE RACERS IN COURT

New York, April 1—To recover from Elmer E. Smathers the famous gold cup won by his horse, Major Delmar, in a race with the trotting mare Lou Dillon, at Memphis, on Oct. 19, 1904, the Memphis Trotting association as plaintiff, began today to lay before justice Greenbaum and a jury in the supreme court, evidence relative to the alleged drugging of the mare and the alleged conspiracy planned by Smathers.

ON MOUNT OLIVET.

Jerusalem, April 1.—The foundation stone of the new German hospital on the Mount of Olivet was laid yesterday in the presence of the governor of Jerusalem, the other local officials and many spectators, to the accompaniment of cheers for emperor William and for the sultan of Turkey who gave the land and authorized the construction of the hospital.

GETS HIS REWARD

Glace Bay, N.S., April 1—The anti-Scott act city council has dismissed police officer Bert Lawson. Lawson enforced the Scott act by raiding bar rooms and destroying the goods found on the premises. Moreover, he "rushed" committments and enforced the law up to the hilt. But the men who backed him up were defeated at the polls and Lawson is now looking for a job.

NICOLA BRANCH OPENING

(Special to The Daily News)

Vancouver, April 1—On account of slides and washouts on that branch, the C.P.R. officials last night issued orders postponing the opening of the Nicola-Spence's Bridge extension, announced for this morning. The road will be opened on the first possible day, but possibly not until next Monday.

EXODUS FROM U. S.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 1.—Two trains with settlers and effects arrived in town yesterday and another came in this morning. The new arrivals are mostly Americans from Illinois and Iowa. This morning a train of 21 cars pulled in from Warman. They were all loaded with settlers effects.

NEW EXTRADITABLE OFFENSE

Ottawa, April 1.—To the list of offenses for which criminals may be extradited from the United States or Canada, are added bribery, if made criminal by the laws of both countries, and criminal offenses against the bankruptcy law.

WILL REPORT ON THAW

New York, April 1—It is probable that the Thaw lunacy commission will report on Thursday. The case was adjourned last week until this morning and when the jury was called before the court today justice Fitzgerald again adjourned the case until Thursday morning at 10:30.

CHAMPION WOLF TRAPPER

Dauphin, Man., April 1—Alex Bole, who lives a few miles southeast of this town, claims the record for trapping wolves. During the past year he has had 200 to his credit, Allowing $200 for the skins and $400 bounty, the catch nets him $600.

CARPENTERS ON STRIKE

Building Operations in Vancouver Come to a Standstill

Men Demanded Dollar a Day Extra—Painters Also Quit Work—No Strike of Railway Men

(Special to The Daily News)

Vancouver, April 1.—Seven hundred and fifty carpenters met in labor hall this morning and decided to go out on strike until the employers had acceded to the demanded advance from $3.50 to $4.50 per eight hour day. The master carpenters offered $4 but, though sentiment was said to be divided, the majority decided to stay out until every man promised the advance. This afternoon the men outlined their program and appointed pickets to prevent the employment of non-union men. The employers are firm in their refusal and a large amount of building is tied up pending settlement of the difficulty.

The painters are also out in considerable numbers on the question of an advance from $3.50 to $4, and the demand that all shops be strictly union. Some masters have given in, but the majority refuse to yield to the demands. Men are working for the masters who have acceded.

The demand of the sheet metal workers for an advance of from $3.50 to $4. has been granted by every shop in the city save one and this will accede in a few days.

Chicago, April 1.—The railroads announce a secret canvass just completed among their employes showing a strong sentiment against calling a big strike and in favor of accepting the wages offered by the roads. The announcement was made to the federal commission, who are attempting to bring about a settlement of the dispute.

Chicago, April 1.—Employes in the train service of the western railroads tonight reduced their demands for a nine hour day and signified their willingness to accept the wage increases offered by the railroads, if the managers would grant the nine hour day.

New York, April 1.—Ten thousand grooms employed in the riding academies and livery stables in this city went out on strike today in order to force their employers to recognize their new union and sign a contract with them. The employers, have, however, refused to sign the agreement.

Pittsburg, April 1.—The miners of the Pittsburg bituminous district are celebrating the eight hour day anniversary today and nearly all the mines are closed.

Ottawa, April 1.—J. G. O'Donoghue has ben advised by the trades congress to press prosecutions against C. Brunning who brought a number of printers from England to take the strikers places in Winnipeg, without informing them there was a strike on there.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

J. H. Schofield, M.L.A., Trail, left for Victoria yesterday morning.

The customs collections for March at the port of Nelson were $19,772.41 as against $15,845 a year ago.

The annual meeting of the Nelson cricket club will be held on Friday evening at 9:15 in St. Saviour's parish hall.

F. S. McDonald, C.P.R. station agent at Lardo, has been transferred to Sandon. He is succeeded at Lardo by J. McKinney.

Edgar Mason has left the service of the Hudson's Bay company and taken a position with Newitt and company, in the Tremont block.

H. L. Lindsay has just received a carload of Truscott launches and engines. Two of the boats go to Kalo and the others are for local owners.

The Young People's society of St. Paul's church will ho'd their regular week'y meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. All interested are cordialy welcome.

The regular meeting of Queen City Rebekah lodge, No. 16, I.O.O.F., will be held this evening in Fraternity hall at 8 o'clock sharp, and a full attendance is requested.

All the city churches were crowded to their utmost capacity on Easter Sunday and at the evening services many were unable to get into the buildings on account of the crowded attendance.

Col. O. T. Stone of Kaslo, who has been spending a month at the coast for his health and who is greatly benefitted by the change, passed through the city yesterday on his way home.

Cecil Ward, formerly of this city, has just concluded an important deal, whereby an English syndicate secures possession of the well known Douglas Lake Cattle company's holdings for the sum of $1,000,000. The English company is capitalized for £400,000 Cecil Ward is one of the directors.

W. Skinner of Poplar has sold his claims on Lake creek, on the north side of the Lardo river, to eastern capitalists for $40,000. He was in the city last night and leaves for Camborne this morning via Arrowhead.

A meeting of the directors of the Nelson Agricultural and Industrial association will be held in the city council chamber on Tuesday, April 9 at 8 p.m., to receive the committee's report on this year's prize list.

Neil F. Mackay, M.L.A., Kas'o, who has been at the bedside of his dying friend, the late C. W. McAnn, Kaslo, for the past fortnight, was at the Hume last night and leaves this morning for Victoria to take up his legislative duties again after the Easter vacation.

Chief of provincial police J. H. McMullan, Fernie, arrived on the Kuskanook last night with a former provincial official in charge, sentenced to three months in jail here for forging poll tax receipts. The friends of the prisoner made restitution of the amounts taken to the extent of $2000, and judge Wilson gave a light sentence. Much sympathy is expressed in Fernie for the wife and family of the prisoner.

A. Hansen is down from Poplar creek, where he has been working for the last three months on Jack Chism's claims, the Calumet and Hecla. Hansen says the lower tunnel is now in over 200 feet and crosscutting has disclosed a 20 foot vein of good values. Mr. Hansen will return north after a few days holiday here to work his own claims, which adjoin Chism's.

Standing room only, and very little of that, was the rule at Sherman's opera house last evening when "A Double Elopement" was produced by "My Wife's Family" company. The farce comedy presented abounded in funny situations that kept the crowded audience in roars of laughter all the evening. The vaudeville acts were new and well above the average productions.

The funeral of the late Hermann Butchmann, the young German, killed at the Hall Mines smelter on Saturday morning, took place yesterday afternoon from D. J. Robertson's undertaking parlors. Rev. E. H. Shanks officiated and there were present a good number of the smelter employees. R. R. Hedley and superintendent Waylock were in attendance, and the pall bearers were O. P. Schwartz, G. A. Fletcher, S. Bandula and J. Pattenson. M. Schuster of Spokane, brother-in-law of the deceased, was the chief mourner.

T. G. Procter was at his office yesterday for the first time since his return from the south. He says that a meeting of the 20,00 club will be called in a few days when treasurer Lay returns from the coast and the work of the club for the season will again be seriously taken up. "You may add," said Mr. Procter, "that the distressingly dirty and untidy condition of the streets struck me very unpleasantly on my return. I think the streets might be cleaned up for the school teachers' convention."

As the train for Slocan was pulling out near Granite yesterday morning, a passenger noticed a man in the water opposite Grohman creek. He notified the conductor and the train was backed to above the quarry, but by this time the men at work on the quarry had come to the rescue. Two young fellows, sons of well known city residents, had been fishing in a canoe, and on lifting their anchor, the rope broke, causing an upset. One lad swam ashore, but the other climbed up on the canoe and was nearly all in when rescued by the quarry men. Both boys were given a change of clothing at Granite and set out to find their canoe, which had floated on down the river. It was found by a passenger on the Slocan train and brought up to the station platform at Granite and then the fishermen came on to the city.

AMEND POSTAL CONVENTION

Outcome of Conference Between Canadian and U. S. Postmaster Generals

Washington, April 1—9t a conference between postmaster general Lemieux of Canada, and the postmaster general of the United States here today, an agreement was reached to amend the postal convention existing betwees the two countries in so far as it effects the transmission of newspapers and periodicals, known as second class matter, between the two countries. Canada accepts the tentative proposal of the United States that second class matter mailed in one country and addressed to the other, might be subject to a rate of one cent for each four ounces, or fraction thereof, on each bulk package.

CHICAGO CIVIC CONTEST

Chicago, April 1.—Chicago's street car question, which has been before the public for the last ten years, will be settled at the polls.

At the mayoralty election, the voters will adopt or reject by referendum vote the ordinance recently passed by the city council over mayor Dunne's veto granting 20 year franchises to the two street car companies. Mayor Dunne believes that the people want immediate municipal ownership and that they will reelect him and reject the ordinance. The mayor elected tomorrow will serve four years instead of two as heretofore.

MOWAT'S SISTER DYING.

Kingston, April 1.—Mrs. John Duff, the only surviving sister of the late sir Oliver Mowat, is seriously ill. Her children have been called to her bedside.

NEW SABBATH QUESTION.

Kingston, April 1.—The Lord's Day Alliance and church people here are protesting against the opening of the post office to boxholders on Sunday. They object to the innovation as a rude jolt to the fifty years of quiet and calm on Sabbath day in Kingston. The order for opening the post office to boxholders was made to accomodate readers of newspapers who can by this plan get late Saturday journals published in Toronto and Montreal.

WILL BUILD AT ONCE

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH TO ERECT CHANCEL

TWO MORE LOTS ADDED TO CHURCH PROPERTY

There was a large number of the members of the congregation of St. Saviour's church present last evening on the occasion of the annual vestry meeting of the church. A financial statement was presented at the meeting, showing that the finances of the church were in a flourishing condition, and in an address by the rector, Rev. F. H. Graham, an announcement was made as to prospective enlargements of the church.

After the address by the rector the peoples' warden, George Johnstone, presented the financial statement of the church, showing the expenditures for the year to have been upwards of $3470.37, which had all been met in various ways. The balance sheet of the church showed the church account to be $332.42. For the chancel fund a balance is in hand at the bank of $1690.65, with unpaid subscriptions amounting to $382.50, giving practically $2000 available for the enlargement of the church. The Sunday school showed receipts and expenditures amounting to $386.10. The senior Woman's auxiliary has a balance of $38.50 and the Altar guild $86.75. The other branches of church work, the junior auxiliary, the Girls' Friendly society and the Churchmen's club, all show progress.

It was explained that the increase in the seating capacity of the church by the addition of a chancel, would be about 150, the present capacity being 200. Plans had been drawn by George Curtis some years ago, which plans permitted of the building of transepts as well as a chancel. With all these additions the seating capacity would be about 500. The cost of the chancel alone would be $3000, of which more than two-thirds were in hand.

Mrs. Harris read an interesting account of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary during the year. Miss Clawson then related the work of the junior society, an offspring of the senior, during the past year. Mrs. Applewhaite presented the report of the Altar guild, which was in flourishing condition as to finances, but the secretary regretted a laxity in observance of rules.

R. J. Steel, president of the Churchmen's club, said little of the good effected by the society, which was expatiated upon at length by the rector, but said much of the delinquencies of some of the officers. Mrs. H. Harris read an admirable report of the work of the Girls' Friendly society during the year.

The following gentlemen were appointed lay delegates to the meeting of the diocesan synod which takes place this year at Vernon, during the second week in June: Messrs. F. Irvine, G. Johnstone and J. M. Lay, with Messrs. A. W. Dyer, J. L. Buchan, R. J. Clark and R. J. Steel, substitutes.

F. Irvine was appointed rector's warden, and G. Johnstone unanimously reappointed peoples' warden. On a ballot the following sydesmen were appointed: H. Bird, L. B. DeVeber, C. W. Busk, W. Irvine, J. M. Lay and E. A. Crease.

J. L. Buchan and E. K. Beeston were appointed auditors and A. W. Dyer correspondent.

An offer, made by certain members of the congregation to purchase the two lots east of the church for $1600 cash, for church purposes, the money advanced to be repaid within five years, was accepted.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the flat of the rector, as a building committee for the new chancel: Rev. F. H. Graham, F. Irvine, G. Johnstone, W. Irvine, L. B. DeVeber, C. W. Busk, V. Epperson, F. Starkey, E. A. Crease, W. F. Mawdsley, M. S. Parry, F. E. Morrison, E. K. Beeston, R. J. Steel and G. A. Hunter. The committee will meet at once as it is provosed to build this summer.

PETER MAHER KNOCKED OUT

Chicago, April 1.—Frank Gotch defeated "Farmer" Burns tonight at catch-as-catch-can wrestling in two straight falls. It took Gotch 20 minutes and 5 seconds to get the first fall and 17 minutes and 30 seconds for the second.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 1.—Peter Maher, one time aspirant to heavyweight championship honors, was knocked out tonight by Marvin Hart, of Louisville, in the second round of a twenty round bout.

THE IMMIGRANT RUSH.

Winnipeg, April 1.—Today's arrivals of immigrants will total up to 600 or more. A special train of night coaches came in this forenoon and a line of coaches carrying immigrants was attached to the transcontinental express from the east arriving this afternoon. Two more specials are en route from Montreal and will arrive tomorrow. They will carry 630 passengers of whom 600 are Britishers and the remainder are Scandinavians.

McINNES WON'T TALK

Vancouver, April 1—W. W. B. McInnes arrived here from the east this afternoon. Questioned as to the truth of the report that he had accepted the post of counsel to the Guggenheims at a salary of $25,000 yearly, he refused to either confirm or deny the report, though questioned closely.

WON QUEEN'S PRIZE

London, April 1—At the Kempton Park meeting today lord Derby's Bridge of Canny, won the Queen's prize of 1000 sovereigns, in the mile and a half event.

TEACHERS IN CONVENTION

British Columbia Institute Opens Here Today

Pedagogues From all Over the Province are Arriving —Sessions Open to the Public

For the first time in its history, the Provincial Teachers' Institute will assemble here today and remain in session until Thursday afternoon. The proceedings will be appropriately wound up by the annual Kootenay Lake General Hospital ball, which while in no way connected with the convention, is to be held in the same building and immediately after the conclusion of the convention sessions. Those preparing for the two events have worked together, and the decorations are their joint production.

All the meetings will be held in the armory, with the exception of the high school section, which will held in Fraternity hall.

The visitors to the convention commenced to arrive on Saturday and Sunday and by late last evening there were nearly a hundred on hand. Amongst the arrivals are: J. S. Gordon, Vernon, president of the institute; C. J. Fulton, principal of the Vernon high school; J. C. Robson, principal of the Vernon public school; J. D. Buchanan, D. Blair and principal Burns, of the Normal school, and inspector David Wilson, formerly stationed here, but now of Victoria.

W. A. McIntyre, of Winnipeg, has been detained en route, and a slight change in the program has been made necessary, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. McIntyre changing places on the list.

The proceedings will open at 10 o'clock this morning in the armory and after the enrollment of members and the striking of committees, inspector J. S. Gordon, of Vernon, will deliver the president's annual address, followed by an address by J. D. Buchanan of the Vancouver Normal school.

The program for the rest of the day is as follows:

2 p.m.—Grading of city schools—A. E. Miller. Discussion led by A Sullivan. Drawing—L. Bruce. Discussion led by D. Blair.

7.30 p.m.—Reception by Nelson staff.

All the sessions, with the exception of the Tuesday evening reception, are open to the public.

LAURIER IN LONDON.

Will Be Guest of Eighty Club at Big Dinner.

Ottawa, April 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is booked to attend a social function on the day of his arrival in London. The dinner which the Eighty club proposed to give to the colonial premiers cannot be held on the date originally fixed, namely May 3. That day has been taken by the admiralty for a great naval display at Portsmouth in honor of the colonial visitors, and difficulties respecting the tide make it impossible for the party to return in London in time. Accordingly, the Eighty club dinner will be held on Saturday April 13, on which day the premiers are to assemble in London.

MORE CANDIDATES THAN HATS

Rome, April 1.—The disappointment of a large number of Americans because there is not an American among the prelates who are to be created cardinals at the consistory of April 15 has been brought to the atention of the pope who said:

"Let them have patience; they will be satisfied later. The number of red hats is limited while the candidates are many."

The pontiff also said he appreciated the situation in the United States and the progress that Catholicism has made there and he would soon give their circumstances due consideration.

HONOR IN POLITICS

Regina, April 1.—There is still honor in public life in Canada. This was proven in the legislature today when, after a debate on the Prince Albert election scandal, where Donaldson (conservative) was defeated through the action of the deputy returning officer in one of the far northern polls having stuffed the boxes, was given his seat by the unanimous consent of the house. Dr. Tyerman (liberal) who was declared elected, resigned immediately after he learned what the deputy returning officer had done.

ONTARIO MINISTER ILL

Toronto, April 1—Hon. J. W. St. Johns' condition is practically the same as this morning He is still unconscious and the doctors say he is in a very critical condition Injections of oxygen are still being made in order to sustain life. It has been discovered that the patient was affected with diabetes.

TRIAL DATE SET.

Boise, Idaho, April 1.—The trial of Haywood, one of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, for connection with the assassination of former governor Steunenberg, was today set for May 9.

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BETTER TERMS.

A careful perusal of the verbatim report, published in this issue, of the splendid speech delivered by J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, in the better terms debate held in the provincial legislature last week, will well repay every serious student of current public questions. The speech is authoritative. It lays down, definitely, lucidly and finally, the position the liberals of British Columbia are taking, and will continue to take, on one of the most important issues ever presented to the people of this province. It is not a "report", nor a "resume," nor an "impression" of what Mr. Macdonald said or might have said. It is the complete statement of the liberal leader himself.

Two of the most striking features of the speech, in which there are many striking and important features, are the introduction of an entirely new and very convincing argument in favor of British Columbia's claim for better financial terms from the dominion, and the careful, sustained and successful effort to deal with the question entirely on its merits, avoiding every appearance of using it as a weapon for party warfare. *Mr. Macdonald deserves congratulations* on the double point he thus scored.

The liberal leader pointed out that, whereas premier McBride and his predecessors had confined their attention to an attempt to prove that the men who represented British Columbia when the province entered the Canadian confederation had failed to see the development and altered conditions that time would bring, and that the arrangements they made should accordingly not be enduring, (thereby casting a slur on the service they had rendered the province), there was a more honorable and more convincing position to take. He showed that in 1871, when British Columbia became a province, the tariff maintained by the dominion on imported goods stood at a certain figure; but that, not many years after, this tariff was increased, practically doubled; and that this increase was in the interests of the eastern manufacturing provinces, but was detrimental to the province of British Columbia which was not a manufacturing province at all and which had to depend entirely on imported goods. He strongly emphasized the fact that the increase, which was not even thought of when British Columbia entered the dominion, was made in the interests of the other provinces and against the interests of British Columbia. And on this ground, he asserted, a sound and dignified argument could be built in support of British Columbia's constitutional right to demand better terms from the federal government.

The case as thus stated by Mr. Macdonald, is so much stronger than the one prepared by premier McBride that it is interesting to conjecture what might have been the result had the liberal leader, instead of the conservative premier, represented the province at last fall's conference. His contention, thus fortified by a constitutional claim as opposed to the "moral" one propounded by premier McBride, would have given the eastern premiers something to think about and might possibly have convinced them that British Columbia's entire position was sound and should be recognized.

It is a fortunate thing that the question is still open. As Mr. Macdonald says, British Columbia cannot accept the extra $100,000 for ten years offered by the dominion. The fight must go on. And it is probable that this new statement of the case presented by the liberal leader may yet prove a material factor in determining the final outcome.

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Apart from the salary question, which may or may not be raised, the convention will deal with a number of problems of peculiar interest to the teaching profession. Some of these may prove equally attractive to laymen, and, undoubtedly, all will be instructive. As the sessions are open, with the exception of that held on Tuesday evening, residents of Nelson will have an excellent opportunity to get into close touch with the men and women charged with the important duty of educating the youth of the province. If they take advantage of the opportunity, the officers and members of the convention will be pleased, and a more healthy interest may be aroused in questions affecting the welfare and efficiency of the public schools.

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BETTER TERMS DEBATE

(Continued from Fifth Page)

ly sincere in believing that the true and proper way of arriving at the rights of British Columbia is by means of a board of arbitration. But I would ask my honorable friend whether he has considered certain phases of that question, which I will now lay before the house? Because I do not believe, Mr. Speaker, when we are assembled here, dealing with the affairs of this province—I do not believe that we ought to conceal our opinions, but that we ought to state boldly and fairly what we believe to be the effect or what would be the effect of proceeding upon false lines—which I believe arbitration to be.

Now, what is there to arbitrate? What is there to arbitrate, Mr. Speaker? What are our claims based upon? First the geographical position of the province of British Columbia. Does it require a board of arbitration to come to British Columbia to find out that British Columbia is situated on the Pacific coast at the extreme westerly side of Canada? Is there anything to arbitrate there? Does it require a commission of arbitration of enquiry to come to British Columbia to prove to the people of the east that British Columbia is a mountainous country, that, as was stated by one of the statesmen of Canada 20 years ago at least, that British Columbia is a sea of mountains? Is there anything to arbitrate about that? Is it not known and admitted, and was it not admitted in the very resolution proposed by Mr. Whitney, that we are situated in a peculiar position geographically, and that the physical features of the country were such as we claim they are? There is nothing to arbitrate upon those subjects.

Now, is there anything to arbitrate about the cost of public works, the cost of government, the cost of education, the cost of the administration of justice in this province? Are those subjects not matters of statistics, which can be found right in the public accounts from year to year. They are to be found there and to be found there alone. And they were brought to the attention of the conference—the recent conference at Ottawa. This is purely a matter of statistics, purely a matter of going through the public accounts of this province and finding out to a cent, not approximately, but to a cent, the cost of civil government in British Columbia, and finding out to a cent the cost of public works in British Columbia, because the amount expended on public works, roads and bridges is a matter that is settled by the public accounts and public expenditures of this province. Therefore, so far as that portion of our contention is concerned, an arbitration would be entirely useless.

Then there is only one other branch of our contention, and that arises from the amount of money which we pay into the public treasury of the dominion. It is claimed that we have paid some nineteen million dollars since confederation into the dominion government more than we have received back. Now, is that a matter for arbitration? Isn't that a matter for statistics? Isn't it a question of finding out, as the government has already found out, or attempted to find out, just exactly what the customs duties paid by the people of British Columbia have been during the last 35 years, or during any particular year, and bringing that fact in a clear and concise manner before either the dominion government or before the conference. Is that a question for arbitration? And if it were a question for arbitration what would it involve? The whole question so far as the payment into the treasury is concerned, is one of comparison. Are we paying in customs duties in British Columbia more per capita than they in the other provinces? This is the question; and if we have got to arbitrate that question, then we have to arbitrate it in every province in the dominion. And see what that involves. Then, so far as this question of arbitration is concerned, while I am only expressing my own opinion that it is not a proper way to settle this question of better terms for British Columbia, I do think it my duty to point out to the members of this house the objections which occur to me to this method of settling the question.

Before passing away from that question, I want to refer to a statement which I think was made by the premier in his speech, that the opening up of new sections of the province casts upon the provincial treasury very heavy burdens, which were not foreseen in 1871. Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is the opening up of new sections of the province that is hurting the provincial treasury, because I had occasion two years ago to go very carefully into the public accounts for the purpose of ascertaining the amount which had been paid into the treasury I think for the year 1903 by the county of Kootenay, and by Vancouver island, and by the other portions of the province, and I found that a comparatively small section of the province comprised in the county of Kootenay, at the very southeast limit of the province, more or less a wilderness ten of fifteen years ago, was paying into the provincial treasury one-third of the revenue of the province outside of the subsidies and other fixed revenue.

Now, what does that mean? It was a new district, had been opened up within the past few years, was a wilderness ten or fifteen years ago, and yet we find that instead of being a burden on the treasury of British Columbia it was contributing very largely over and above the amount it had received back, because it was not receiving back one-third of the amount it was paying in. And what was true of the county of Kootenay was true also of the greater portion of the island. So that, if that be right, the opening up of new sections will be found to bring into the treasury a revenue more than sufficient to meet the expenses. Now, if a commission or board of arbitration came out to this province for the purpose of investigating matters of that kind, I fancy they would find that part of my honorable friend's case which asserts that the provincial treasury is being depleted by reason of the opening up of new sections of the country is not borne out by the facts.

And what do we find with regard to a number of the old sections of the country? My honorable friend's late constituency, Dewdney, was receiving from the public treasury some two or three times as much as it pays in. Does that show that the drain, that the burden which we are bearing, the drain on the public treasury, had been brought about by the opening up of new sections, or does it show that it has been brought about by the expenditures of money for the maintenance of schools and public works in some of the older portions that were in existence and opened up in 1871, when these terms of union were passed?

Now, let me speak, Mr. Speaker, to the question of the address which we are informed by the public press the premier of Canada proposes to move in parliament, asking his majesty to amend the British North America act in accordance with the findings of the conference. I think that if the principle of the conference dealing with the rearrangement of subsidies is admitted, then it must be admitted that the dominion government ought to pay some attention to the findings of that conference. If that be not admitted, then there is no sense in holding conferences at all. But there is particular objection taken to the words contained in that address, that this readjustment should be "final and unalterable." And I must affirm that we on this side of the house object to the inclusion of those words in that address, and in the act proposed to be passed. Not because the inclusion of those words have any legal effect, because no legislation, as you know, Mr. Speaker—no legislation is final and unalterable, even if it were declared to be so in the legislature itself. Our legislation is amended from day to day, and from year to year; what we pass one year, we amend and correct in another. And the same is true of the dominion parliament; the same is true of the imperial parliament. So that even if the act which it is proposed to pass, amending the British North America act, contains this clause, saying that this shall be final and unalterable, it cannot be binding in effect, because it would not bind any future parliament.

But I think it is objectionable, not from a legal standpoint, but from a moral one. Because it might be said, when any of the provinces apply for better terms again, conditions having changed perhaps—it might be said there is a declaration that these terms should be final, and you must show us very strong grounds indeed before we can interfere with legislation containing a provision of that kind.

And for that reason we on this side of the house have just as strong objections to the inclusion of those words in the address and in the proposed legislation, as have any members on the other side of the house. But while the dominion government is only adopting the words used by the conference in 1887, while they have simply repeated the words used by that conference, and while they are simply pursuing the course indicated as the correct one by Mr. Whitney in his memorandum last October, when he made use of similar words, yet, I think, that the strongest efforts should be made on the part of the government of British Columbia to have those objectionable words eliminated.

Now, let me refer to what was said upon this point by the conference of 1887, and what was said by Mr. Whitney at the recent conference in Ottawa.

The conference in 1887 unanimously came to this conclusion: "That this conference is of the opinion that a basis for a final settlement of the amounts to be yearly paid by the dominion to the several provinces for their local purposes and the support of their government and legislatures, is to be found in the following proposal"; so that those words were used for the first time by that conference and Mr. Whitney in his memorandum made use of those words; so that the dominion government in including words of that kind in their resolution are simply following the suggestions made by the conference, and the suggestions made by the conservative premier of Ontario.

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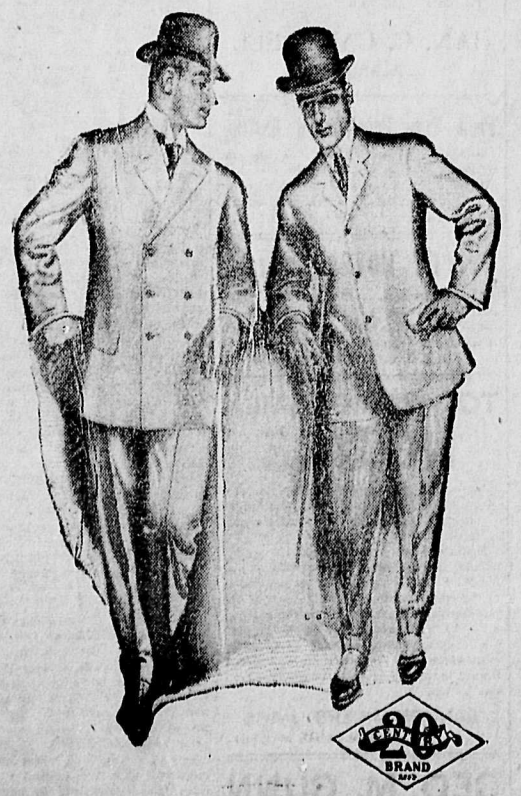

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Mr. Speaker, I think I have said all I can usefully say upon this resolution. The resolution is at best an academic one. It does not ask this legislature to approve a course proposed for the future; it simply asks the legislature to—what shall I say—pat my honorable friend on the back for what he did at Ottawa last October? It simply asks this house to confirm his actions and to say that he did the proper thing. Now, I have no particular objections to my honorable friend receiving all the commendation which the members of this house can accord to him for the effort which he made last October to obtain better terms for British Columbia. I am quite sure that when he went into that conference, when he presented his memorandum, he argued the case for British Columbia to the best of his ability, and when he has done that, he is entitled to the commendation of his fellows for having done his best.

But I do not think that the really strong point in British Columbia's case was presented at all—the point of the change in the fiscal laws since 1871. But that is no reason why we should not give my honorable friend credit for the fight which he made, based on the material he had compiled as it was largely from the memoranda of his predecessors in office.

I take the stand that in future this fight must be kept up for better terms for British Columbia. We have no hesitation in agreeing with our honorable friends on the other side of the house that the paltry sum of one hundred thousand dollars a year for ten years, is inadequate, and ought not to be accepted as a final settlement. (Applause.) But I say from this time on it should be the business and the duty of my honorable friend, to see that a case is prepared which will appeal to the members of the conference; or if he can get past the members of that conference—because I believe that conference is now to be held yearly—then to the members of the dominion parliament—because legislation of this kind cannot be enacted by the government, it must come from parliament as a whole.

I say I hope my honorable friend will prepare a case that will appeal to the conference and the dominion parliament, not simply upon moral grounds, but upon the sound constitutional ground, that after the terms of union had been agreed to the dominion of Canada changed it fiscal laws, so as to double the burden imposed by customs duties upon the people of British Columbia to the prejudice of the people of British Columbia, and in favor of the people of the manufacturin gprovinces of the east.

Now, I cannot support in its entirety, the resolution proposed by my honorable friend. It contains, as I have pointed out statements which are not in accordance with the fact, statements which should not emanate from this house. I do not think this house should go on record for a statement that is not entirely fair. And who can say that the statement that sir Wilfrid Laurier had refused the request of British Columbia for arbitration is entirely fair when the record shows that he asked the conference to consider it, and stated in plain terms, should the conference come to the conclusion that arbitration is the proper thing, that would place it in a new light before him and his colleagues, and that they would give it their further consideration. I may say that this resolution emanating from a legislative body such as this, to be read, as it will be, by the premiers, by the confrers of my honorable friend at that conference, and by the members of the dominion parliament—I say it ought to be entirely fair, and free from the criticism which undoubtedly will be levelled against it.

And let me say, there is another recital in that resolution which is not in accordance with facts. My honorable friend recites that in despite of his protest the conference proceeded to consider the claims of British Columbia—in despite, Mr .Speaker, of his protest. Well, his own report to the lieutenant governor shows that he himself brought the matter before the conference, argued it, as he tells us today, for two or three days, and fought the battles of British Columbia for better terms for two or three days; and yet he says in his resolution that despite of his objection to dealing with the conference at all, the conference proceeded to deal with the question. The very first sentence almost in my honorable friend's report to the lieutenant governor, says: "I took every opportunity to place."

And yet in his resolution today he says they proceeded to consider that in spite of his protest.

Now, I think my honorable friend in his statement in the course of his speech says that he always impressed upon his confrers of the conference that he was not, as I take it, to be bound by the proceedings of the conference. Now, had my honorable friend really considered that statement before he made it? He goes into the conference, submits his case and then says: "I am doing this without prejudice. I am asking you to decide it, but I am withholding my assent from the decision you come to."

If that was the position my honorable friend took, then instead of protesting after the resolution to submit to arbitration had been lost—instead of protesting then by a written declaration, he should at the very moment he went into the conference, have said: "Gentlemen, I am here without prejudice to the claims of British Columbia; I have come here, but I am not going to submit to the rulings of the conference, I reserve to myself the right to say whether I will accept your decisions or not." If he had taken that position, his position would be clearly understood, and he doubtless would not think for a moment of undertaking the serious effort which he pursued for two or three days.

My honorable friend only takes that position when he fails in the conference, and when it is too late to make a protest of that kind.

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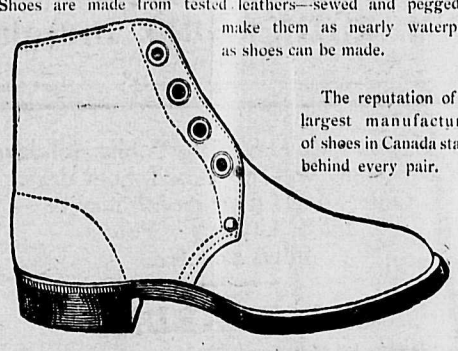

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POSITION OF LIBERAL PARTY AUTHORITATIVELY DEFINED

Below will be found a verbatim report of the speech delivered by J. A. Macdonald, leader of the liberal opposition, in the "better terms" debate which took place in the provincial legislature on Monday, March 25. It authoritatively states the position the liberals of this province assume on this most important questions.

I was glad to note Mr. Speaker, that my honorable friend disclaimed any intention of making the subject of better terms for British Columbia a party question. I could not help noting that towards the close of his very able address he did make reference to the political aspect of the case, and did claim that certain liberal newspapers in this province made reference to his mission and to his conduct at Ottawa, which he considered objectionable. Now if I remember aright, Mr. Speaker, before any references were made to his conduct there by the liberal press, his own press correspondent, whom he had taken to Ottawa with him had sent out reports reflecting on the liberal members of the inter-provincial conference, and it was but natural that the liberal newspapers should have taken occasion to comment on what was said by that correspondent, and should have taken occasion to comment on my honorable friend's withdrawal from the conference.

The very nature of our demands, Mr. Speaker, makes it absolutely essential that we should even overlook the mistakes which our friends either in the house or out of the house may make in reference to a question of this kind. When I say mistakes I mean that I regard it as a mistake that either one party or the other should make reference to this question in a partizan spirit, and I can call upon my honorable friend the premier to bear me out when I say that by our actions as well as by our words the liberal party in this house, and the liberal party in the province has shown a spirit above the spirit of partizanship, have adopted with better terms an attitude which is purely provincial and purely in the interest of the province, and which excludes altogether any party interest. We did that two years ago when the resolution, which has been referred to by my honorable friend, was before the house, a resolution which was prepared by members on this side of the house, accepted by my honorable friend and received the unanimous assent of every liberal member. If any better evidence were required of the non-partizan attitude of the members on this side of the house I do not know where it could be found, and so far as what took place during the time my honorable friend was at the conference and after the close of that conference, and during the recent campaign which took place in this province is concerned, I think liberals can claim that we did not make this a party issue.

But I think that it can hardly be claimed that the speech which my honorable friend made on his return from Ottawa in this city of Victoria was free from taint of that kind. I think it is only necessary, Mr. Speaker, to read that speech to see from beginning to end a studied effort to make it appear that the treatment which the people of British Columbia had received at Ottawa was unfair, and that that unfair treatment came not from the conference, but from the dominion government.

I say that that was the unfortunate feature of that speech, and I believe that same attitude—which was not always a frank and sincere attitude—was assumed by my honorable friend, and that frankness and sincereity were not always shown by him in dealing with this question, because we found that on every platform on which he spoke during the campaign, while he took care to point out that the amount which had been suggested by the conference as sufficient to meet British Columbia's special claims was the paltry sum of $100,000 a year for a period of ten years, he said nothing about the fact that the subsidy for which we had agreed at the time of the union—the subsidy of $35,000 a year for government and legislation, had been increased by seven hundred per cent—that is to say increased from $35,000 to the sum of $150,000 a year.

He said nothing of that, and I believe at all events the effect, I will not say his intention, but the effect of what was said by him and other conservative speakers during the campaign was sufficient to lead the people of this province to believe that all the other provinces of the dominion government were prepared to give to the province of British Columbia was this sum of $100,000 for ten years, ignoring altogether the fact that the additional sum above mentioned was granted with the unanimous consent of all the other provinces and with the concurrence of my honorable friend the premier. He was in the conference when this additional grant of $115,000 a year was made to British Columbia, to be paid forever.

But as I said in prosecuting the claims of British Columbia for better terms at Ottawa, let us put aside all these matters—let us forget, and I am prepared to forget—the attitude which was assumed by my honorable friend on his return from Ottawa, the attitude which he assumed during the campaign, and the fact that he appealed to the people of this province on this question of better terms—appealed to the people of this province to assist him, to sustain him and his government against those on this side of the house, who had loyally stood by him when the resolution was introduced and passed in this house, and who had placed in his hands by us the very resolution upon which he went to Ottawa to deal with the question of better terms. I say I am even prepared to forget that in the recent campaign he had forgotten how we had loyally stood by the province and stood by him when the matter was up two years ago. He had forgotten that we had put aside party politics and had given him a clean sheet when he went to Ottawa. We enabled him to say, "I am representing the whole province of British Columbia, and not the government merely of the province or the conservative party; I am here representing the liberal party, and every other party, and all the people of Bitish Columbia."

And I say, notwithstanding that, and notwithstanding this, he used this question of better terms as a weapon to strike those who had loyally stood by him, I am prepared to leave it out of the question and discuss this question on its merits. I was criticized for a statement made in Vancouver during the election that British Columbia had no legal claim against the dominion of Canada. I made the statement that the terms agreed upon by the people of this province through their representatives had been substantially carried out—that so far as that contract was concerned, a contract which we have embodied in a statute of the United Kingdom—there is no assertion that there has been any failure on the part of the dominion in carrying out its legal obligation. It has never been maintained that we have a tenable legal claim against the dominion for better terms.

If we have such a legal claim, Mr. Speaker, then it was the duty of this government to bring that claim into the courts of the country and the empire, and obtain justice for the province of British Columbia.

I only mention this question of the legal aspect of the case, so as to clear the ground and let us come to a clear understanding, Mr. Speaker, of the nature of the demands which we are making upon the dominion of Canada.

I take it, therefore, that there is no dispute between the gentlemen on the other side of the house and the gentlemen on this side of the house with regard to the nature of those claims. We have no legal claim based upon a breach of the terms of union. Therefore, our claim, as it has been put in the memorandum submitted to the dominion government by the recent Prior government, and adopted by my honorable friend, in the case for British Columbia, which he submitted two years ago—the basis of our claim is this, that we have a moral and sound constitutional claim for better treatment from the dominion of Canada. (Hear, hear.)

And I agree, Mr. Speaker, with that declaration. I agree that we have a moral, and I believe we have a sound constitutional claim for increased subsidies arising out of our peculiar geographical position, our topographical position, and the great costs of public works in this province. And not only that, but we have a claim upon the ground which I believe has never been pressed either upon the conference or upon the dominion government, I believe we have an unanswerable constitutional claim against the dominion, and a claim, too, Mr. Speaker, which is not based upon cirticisms of our public men of 1871.

What is our claim at the present time, as set forth in the memorandum submitted by my honorable friend? It practically amounts to this, that in 1871 we had a set of public men in office in this province who could not foresee what has happened since that time with regard to the opening up of the resources of this province, who could not see the great cost of construction of public works, the cost of administration, and the cost of civil government, and the cost of carrying on the system of education of this province. That is the charge, practically, which is made against our representatives in 1871.

We go down there asking for better terms on the plea that our own public men in 1871 did not know what they were about, and made a very bad bargain.

But there is a far stronger plea to make on behalf of the province of British Columbia. In 1871 when we entered the union, the average customs duties exacted from the people was some seventeen and a half per cent. There was no reason to suppose—and was not, in fact, in the minds of the framers of the terms of union—that a change would be made in the fiscal laws of Canada, which would double the amount that we were at that time paying into the dominion treasury. Any yet this came about. It came about within seven or eight years after the union—we find that while we were paying seventeen and a half per cent into the dominion treasury on the goods which were imported from abroad at that time—and certainly that might reasonably have been expected to continue, because there was no agitation on at that time to increase the duties—we find that in seven years those duties were increased, doubly increased, to an average of at least 35 per cent and remain so up to the present time.

Now, is that not a good constitutional ground? Is that not a dignified and fair ground upon which to appeal to the dominion for better terms for British Columbia, I submit, Mr. Speaker, that had that been pressed upon members of the conference, had it been shown that while protection and high duties was a good thing for the province of Ontario and the province of Quebec, which are manufacturing provinces, that they are getting all the benefit practically from protection, that their goods are manufactured in their own province, and that they are, therefore, not paying the duty on imported goods; that we, on the other hand, are not a manufacturing province, up to the present time at all events, and perhaps shall not for some time, had it been shown that we must either import our supplies from foreign markets or must bring them from the eastern provinces over a railway haul of three thousand miles a different result would have been obtained.

Now, the effect of the fiscal legislation of the dominion government, to which we are appealing, of the dominion parliament to which we are appealing, has been that whereas, we were paying, say, three millions a year in 1871, or under the tariff of 1871, we would be paying three million dollars a year in customs duties to the dominion treasury, as the matter rests now, we are paying six million a year, surely that is a ground we can appeal on, on moral and constitutional lines to the dominion government and to the dominion parliament, to give us back some fair proportion of the customs duties we are paying into the dominion treasury.

But that appeal has never been made; that was not made in the conference, there is not a word in the proceedings of conference, there is not a word of argument along that line in the special case which my honorable friend submitted to this house two years ago, there is not a word along that line in the special memoranda which my honorable friend submitted on the 9th of October last to the conference, nor is there a line in the letter which he wrote on the 13th reiterating the claim which was the claim of British Columbia and the grounds upon which these claims were based.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I was glad to note in my honorable friend's address that he did not take the position that he had the right to ignore the conference; that is to say, if I understood him aright, he did not take the position that he ought to have appealed to the dominion for this special treatment, that he was not quite right in submitting it to the conference. That attitude taken in his speech seems highly inconsistent with the resolution we are asked to adopt, because in that resolution the attitude which my honorable friend takes is that this question of better terms for British Columbia, based upon exceptional circumstances, ought to have been dealt with by the dominion government, and ought not in any way to come before the conference. If I understand him aright, he is not taking that position today. Because we find that by his own words in his own report to the lieutenant-governor, laid on the table of this house only a few days ago, he precluded himself from taking that position.

It is quite clear, Mr. Speaker, that he took occasion on the very first meeting, I believe, of the conference on the 9th of October, to submit to the conference, and left with the conference his memorandum setting forth not only the just terms that British Columbia asked for in the Quebec resolution, but the special terms which we ask for owing to our exceptional position and circumstances. In that resolution he sets all these forth. He also sets forth a request for arbitration. And that question of arbitration, Mr. Speaker, I propose to deal with a little later.

Therefore, I take this to be true, and in looking at the history of the applications for better terms, by the different provinces since confederation, I find that up to 1887 applications were made by nearly every province in the dominion for better terms, of one kind or another. Those applications were always made directly to the dominion government, and always dealt with by the dominion government without reference to a conference. But in 1887, there seems to have been a change; there seems to have been a change in the manner in which these questions were to be dealt with, and from that time on to the present time we find that the general readjustment and the treatment to be accorded to each province has been a matter which our public men in the dominion and the provinces thought proper to refer to a conference.

Now, the conference which was held in Quebec in 1887, confirmed the principle distinctly that there should be a general rearrangement, including all the provinces, and that that general rearrangement should be final and unalterable.

It seems that nothing was done upon the recommendations which were made by that conference. And if I were desirous, Mr. Speaker, of bringing politics into this matter I could point out that the government which was in power in 1887 when those resolutions were adopted, and when they ought to either have been acted upon or rejected, was the conservative, and of the premiers that were in that conference, I think three out of four of them were conservatives. I could point this out in passing—although it has nothing really to do with the merits of the matter—but it shows that as far as dealing with provincial subsidies by a conference is concerned, and so far as the suggestion that those arrangements should be permanent and final, that idea emanated not from the liberals but from conservatives, both in the dominion and in the provinces.

My honorable friend had some precedent in his favor when he submitted the special claims of British Columbia to the conference for their approval and for their support. Because we find in 1903, colonel Prior, then premier of the province of British Columbia, writing to the chairman of the conference held in 1902 made use of these words. He said:

"I fully realize that without the co-operation and good will of the other provinces it would be difficult to impress upon the dominion authorities the justice of what we seek."

Now, he was referring there to special conditions, not to the general redistribution.

To show that the position was distinctly taken by the premier of British Columbia, when you, sir, were attorney general four years ago, the position was distinctly taken then that British Columbia could only hope to secure this special recognition which she was asking for, through the co-operation of the other provinces. So that I have no criticism to offer the course pursued by my honorable friend when on the very first day—I believe the very first sitting— of the provincial conference last October, he submitted the case of British Columbia to the conference, and thereby invited them to deal with it as they should think fit. Now, surely, my honorable friend could hardly take this position, that he would submit his case to the conference and ask their recommendations, and if those recommendations were favorable, he would accept them, he would go to the dominion authorities and say, "I have submitted my case to the conference, I have come here with their verdict in my favor, and I want you to carry that out—to carry out those recommendations." That is the position I presume that my honorable friend would take. That is certainly the position that he would be entitled to take.

But if that be true, is the converse not also true, that if the recision of the conference were against him, if they refused to make recommendations as favorable to the province of British Columbia as we could hope, then he would reject that verdict, and go to the dominion authorities and say, "I have the whole of the other premiers against me, they have decided only to give the province of British Columbia one hundred thousand dollars for ten years. I claim that I am entitled to a great deal more. I refuse to recognize that they have any authority to deal with this question at all, and I now come to you and ask you to act in the face of the resolution, which my own action has succeeded in extracting from that conference." Surely my honorable friend cannot take that position. Surely, for the honor and dignity of British Columbia he will not take that position.

Having submitted his claims to the conference, he was bound to take notice of the findings of that conference, and the dominion government were bound to take notice of the finding of that conference. Therefore, when he submitted, as he undoubtedly did submit, the case to the conference, we have no criticism to offer.

And I must confess that, speaking for myself only, I think it eminently proper that readjustments of provincial subsidies should first be discussed by provincial conferences of this kind. All the provinces are interested. All the provinces are members of that family which constitute this great dominion, they are partners in this young nation of ours; and it is only reasonable and natural that they should be consulted in matters that affect the mutual interests of all members. And that seems to have been the idea in the mind of our public men ever since 1887.

Now, I am not quite sure what my honorable friend wants us to do when he asks us to vote for this resolution. Does he want us to affirm that he was right in submitting the claims of British Columbia to the conference? If he wants us to affirm that he did submit the claims of British Columbia, we are prepared to do so, because the records show that that was the position he assumed. He says, and he says very truly, that on the 12th of October, when the conference was in joint session, when sir Wilfrid Laurier and some of the other federal ministers were present, he took the position that the claims of British Columbia for special treatment should be referred to arbitration. And in his resolution he makes the statement which I am quite sure on reconsideration he will modify—this is the statement that he makes: "And whereas, in pursuance of the said resolution the said Hon. Richard McBride submitted such memorandum to the dominion government setting forth the claims of British Columbia for special recognition."

Now, the proceedings of the conference three days before this show that he submitted these special claims to the conference. That will be found, Mr. Speaker, on page 19, I think, of the report, which was placed before this house the other day. I am now reading from the official record, and this is what was said: "The Hon. Mr. McBride submitted the following memorandum, embodying the claims of British Columbia to special and distinctive treatment."

So that before, long before, this animated discussion which my honorable friend speaks of, lasting three or four days, took place, and at the time that Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the province of Ontario, did the same thing, my hon. friend clearly submits his memoranda to the conference and asks the conference to consider this question of special terms to British Columbia. Then, two or three days after that, the matter having been considered by the conference in the meantime, sir Wilfrid Laurier makes the following statement with regard to the attitude upon this question of reference to arbitration.

And I want to call the attention of this house to another statement contained in the preamble to this resolution, and which I believe my honorable friend will modify when his attention is called to it—he says: "And whereas, that said request for such competent tribunal was refused by the Rt. Hon. sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Now, there is a distinct statement that sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to consider the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—then the letter is set out, which shows that no such refusal took place.

This is what the premier of Canada says: "The British Columbia proposal comes entirely within the chief purpose of this conference. If this conference, after hearing Mr. McBride's arguments in support of his contention, reached the conclusion that an arbitration should take place, through a commission for the purpose of dealing with the claim of British Columbia, that would present the matter to the dominion government in a new light, and, while I am not prepared to express any final opinion, I can say at once that such a recommendation from the conference would have great weight with us, and we should feel bound to give it further consideration."

And yet my honorable friend puts in this recital that his request for arbitration was refused by sir Wilfrid Laurier. I say that he surely will consent to strike that recital out.

Now, what was the attitude of my honorable friend on this question of arbitration? I see his chief organ, the Colonist, the other day said that he submitted the question of British Columbia's terms to the conference on the suggestion of sir Wilfrid Laurier; and that it was reasonable to expect that the premier of British Columbia would not disregard the advice tendered by the premier of Canada. I would not expect that either, unless the premier thought that by submitting the case of British Columbia to the conference he was jeopardizing his case.

If he really contended, and if he really thought at that time that the proper tribunal to deal with British Columbia's claim for better terms was the dominion parliament, and the dominion parliament alone, then he should not have taken the advice of sir Wilfrid Laurier, or any person else, and given up a point of vantage for his province. He was bound at that stage to take either one stand or the other; he was bound to elect; he had two courses open to him, either to go before the dominion government and insist that so far as these special terms were concerned, the dominion government alone and the dominion parliament alone should deal with these, or, he could take the other course. I do not care whether it was at the suggestion of the premier or Canada or not, or at the suggestion of any other person, he was there to press the rights of British Columbia, and if he choose to take that advice, if he thought that advice good then, and took his chances before the conference, then I say that he cannot in justice to himself, in justice to his manhood, and in justice to the honor and dignity of the province of British Columbia, when he finds the conference against him, say this conference had no business to deal with this question at all. (Opposition applause.)

And he took part in the discussion before the conference on the question of the submission to arbitration. He voted upon that question. In other words, if his position is that he should not have gone before the conference at all, and is not bound by the position taken there, then why did he go before the conference at all? Was he playing a part in a farce? Was it a farce that he was acting there, saying, "if your decision is against us, I am not going to accept it?"

Now, every gentleman of the legal profession in this house will know that in a court of justice such an attitude would never be tolerated for a moment. And every lay member of this house, Mr. Speaker, will know that in the ordinary business of life the man who has two courses open to him and is brought face to face with an election between one course and the other, when the interests of other people are concerned, and accepts thee one course, he is bound by that election, and cannot afterwards, when he receives what he considers to be the worst of it, turn round and say, "No, the conference had no right to deal with this question at all, I repudiate its action, notwithstanding that I argued the case before it, took part myself in the proceedings, and voted upon the resolution." I do not apprehend that my honorable friend will have the assurance to stand before the people of British Columbia and assume a position of that kind.

Now, as to the question of arbitration. When he found that the conference was unanimous that the question of British Columbia's claims should not be submitted to an arbitration by way of commission, my honorable friend then proceeded to lay the claims of British Columbia—that is to lay the materials and arguments and all the data which he had collected—before the conference and asked them to recommend some substantial grant in British Columbia's favor. He took two or three days arguing the case before the conference. Does he wish to take the position now, that having submitted all his data, having submitted all his arguments, and having taken part himself in the conference, he has not bound himself by the decision that conference came to? Bound in this way, that he could not honestly ignore their conclusions. The other premiers were against him; the other premiers were in favor of accepting only the resolution proposed by Mr. Whitney, and voted upon and carried it by a vote of eight against no dissenting voices, because my honorable friend at that time had withdrawn from the conference. As far as arbitration is concerned, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to say anything upon this subject which might appear, or which could possibly at some future time be used against the province of British Columbia in its contest for better terms.

My honorable friend is doubtless perfect-

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F. J. Deane returned from Victoria on Sunday evening.

The new C.P.R. steamer Okanagan, will be launched at Okanagan landing on April 11.

The local aerie of the Eagles will give an At Home tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Card playing will commence at 8:15 sharp.

The local butchers raised the price of meat 2 cents a pound yesterday, as Patrick Burns promised would happend, a fortnight ago.

H. E. Verrender, formerly of the C.P.R. freight offices, Rossland, joined the local fire brigade yesterday, as a paid member, taking the place of E. Lanchester, who has resigned.

C. A. Gigot, manager of the Union bank at Clarkson, Alberta, and A. W. Gigot of the Cascade Power and Light company, spent the Easter holidays at the paternal home here.

F. F. Busteed, general superintendent of the C.P.R. Pacific division, Vancouver, and master mechanic Phipps, Revelstoke, are expected here on the Crow boat this evening on their way from Winnipeg.

Yesterday at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. E. H. Shanks united in marriage, Albert King of Seattle and Miss Nina May York of Spokane. The newly married couple leave for the south this morning.

The curfew bell rang at 8:45 in place of 7:45 last night for the first time this season, causing many persons to imagine a fire was in progress. The new hour will remain for the spring and summer months.

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