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GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION

Prominent Feature of Policy Laid Down by McBride

Reduction of Taxation and Land Endowment for University Two Other Planks.

(Special to The Daily News)

Victoria, March 7.—The opening of the first session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia this afternoon was prefaced by the formal announcement from premier McBride of his decision to sit for Victoria City, and the information that complete cabinet construction would be deferred until after the session's close.

Hon. F. J. Fulton, meanwhile, takes upon his shoulders the dual responsibility of the attorney generalship, and the department of lands and works, it being deemed expedient to asociate the latter with that of the finance ministry because of the constant demands for public works expenditures from all constituencies. The re-arrangement of the departments with the possible division of the lands and works portfolio, is cited as a probability of the session and as a further explanation of the delay in the permanent allottment of cabinet honors.

Preliminary to the sessional opening D. M. Eberts, K.C., member-elect for Saanich, was chosen as predecated, in succession to Mr. Pooley, to the speakership, the nomination being made by Ellison of Okanagan, and seconded by Munro of Chilliwack, both nominators, paying a tribute to the fitness of the chosen member for the position, in knowledge of parliamentary law and practice, in long experience, in dignity and courtesy, and in a disposition to do even justice to political friends or foe.

The opening ceremony seemed to derive its vital interest rather from the epoch making character of the occasion than from any especial brilliancy of the event itself, the pomp and circumstances of past days yearly becoming less seriously regarded by a public learning to look upon its parliaments as business directorates acting for the people. There was, however, the usual pagentry of the military guard, the customary gold lace, glitter and clank of symbolic sword as the staff took position in the chamber to define his honor's pathway to the throne; and all the customary flower-garden radiance of feminine fashion, despite the lenten season, and over all the clear March sun flooded in happy augury or, filtering through the stained glass and copybook mottoes, traced fantastic patterns on walls and floor. But the general interest was concentrated not on the animated and varicolored picture of parliament's opening, but rather on the changed composition of the house itself, and the foreshadowed business which, as wisely or ill-advised, is calculated to advance or retard the country's growth and progress. This was the evident keynote of the occasion.

The newly chosen statesmen, of course, claimed prior consideration, many unfamiliar faces being noted and many familiar figures being missed. The leader of the opposition was absent through aggravated illness; so was the whip of his party, Dr. King, who is delayed in transit. The president of the council foreswore the ceremonial day. On the whole the collected wisdom of the country did not appear to impress those present as showing marked improvement over the tenth parliament, for such forceful personalities as Paterson, Clifford and others of the retired, lent strength to any assembly: Somewhat to the surprise of many, Eagleson, of Lillooet, was found in his place, although it is quite possible that he may refrain from taking any active part in parliamentary affairs until all question of his status is decided.

Hon. H. E. Young, also had his official seat with his fellow ministers at the opening, although he will not take his place in the house deliberations pending formal ratification by his constituents on the 12th instant, this being the date set for nomination, with the probabilities strong for a unanimous return. The four ministers present each wore a distinguishing red rose, the others of the members sporting pink carnations, with the single exception of the socialist leader Hawthornthwaite, who had demanded and secured a cabinet-sanctified rose of red, emblematic in this instance not of ministerial distinction but of the advanced socialism, with which neither liberals nor conservatives will this session have aught in common.

His honor's entrance was at 3.30 p.m. prompt, and the reading of the speech was a ceremony of brief duration, the sessional program covering but a single short printed page, as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It affords be much pleasure to welcome you to this first session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia.

In view of the general prosperity which prevails throughout the province, I deem it my first duty to express a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness for the many blessings bestowed upon the people of British Columbia.

I am pleased to congratulate you on the saisfactory state of the provincial finances, which will show a substantial surplus, and on the steady and continuous expansion of the industries of the province as evidenced by the increased production of the mines, fisheries, forests, fields and orchards.

The question of the financial relations existing between the province and the dominion will be submitted for your consideration, together with a report of the proceedings of the inter-provincial conference held at Ottawa ,the most important point in which is the acknowledgement by the dominion government of the right of British Columbia to "better terms."

A bill will be submitted to you amending the assessment act, which will provide for the decreasing of the taxation on real and personal property.

The validity of coal and petroleum licenses granted in southeast Kootenay, under the terms of an order in council dated June 3rd, 1904, having been called in question, a bill will be brought down in order that the situation may be dealt with.

A measure will be placed before you for the purpose of making certain amends to the British Columbia Fisheries Act of 1901, which it is proposed to bring into force at an early date.

In order that the youth of the province may be enabled to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences without having to seek abroad the facilities for higher education a measure will be submitted for your consideration authorizing the setting apart of a sufficient portion of the crown lands to create a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a provincial university.

You will be asked to place a sum on the estimates for the purpose of obtaining a full report on the subject of irrigation and the available source of water supply in the "dry belt."

Steps have been taken by my government to assert the rights of the province in the lands set apart as Indian reserves. The correspondence and orders in council in connection with this matter will be laid before you.

I am pleased to inform you that negotiations are pending between the government and certain transportation agencies through which it is confidently hoped that a desirable class of immigrants will be secured from the United Kingdom.

The public accounts for the last year and the estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before you without delay.

I commit these matters, and all others which may be submitted to you, to your best consideration, relying upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the best interest of British Columbia.

It would seem a distinctly brief, practical and non-contentious program, indicating a short and harmonious session. Labor legislation of any sort is conspicuously ignored, a fact which promises to give Hawthornthwaite exceptional activity.

The withdrawal of his honor and his staff was followed by the presentation and passage of the usual pro forma resolutions, the introduction by attorney general Fulton, of the first bill of the session, to amend the legal interpretations act, and the tabling by the respective ministers of the public accounts and of the report on public schools, the distribution of both of which stands over until tomorrow.

The customary adjournment until Monday is this session dispensed with, the legislature meeting tomorrow for consideration of the speech, which will be moved by Thomson, of Victoria, with Dr. McGuire, Vancouver City, as the seconder.

The balance sheet of the province of British Columbia, as contained in the public accounts for the last fiscal year, presented to the legislature at its opening today, shows a total of $5,027,540.72, as against liabilities under all headings of $13,133,693.71; or a balance of liabilities over assets of $8,106,152.99. The amount on deposit in the Bank of Commerce on current account was at the 30th June last $831,518.96, while the only item in the assets' statement, which at first glance, invites explanation, is that of $12,600 charged as having been advanced to the chief commissioner of lands and works. The comparative statements of revenue and expenditure show a total net revenue for the fiscal year of $3,044,442.49, as against $2,920,461.71 for the preceding twelve months, the net expenditure having grown in corresponding ratio from $2,302,417.84 in 1904-05 to $2,328,126.27 in 1905-06.

CONFERENCE CONTINUES

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, March 7.—The conference between the Canadian and United States postal officials on a reciprocal agreement re second class mail matter is still going on. The United States officials have expressed a desire for a new agreement when the present arrangement expires on May 7. It is thought the new terms will limit the classes of publications entitled to the low rate to those really entitled thereto.

In reply to a question from Macdonnell, of Toronto, in the house today, the minister of customs said an application for aid had been made to the government by the Imperial Export company, which proposes to operate a line of steamers between eastern Canada and Australia and New Zealand. No action had yet been taken.

GRANT FOR SMELTER

Parry Sound, Ont., March 7—At the town council meeting last night an agreement was ratified with the Dominion Smelters, Ltd., for the erection of a customs smelter plant to cost $1,500,000, and employ 400 men. The town grants $100,000.

FAVOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONES

Delegates of Local Board of Trade to the Associated Boards Convention Instructed on Many Important Matters--Will Oppose Certain Features of Sunday Law

The meeting of the Nelson Board of Trade last night was one of the most noteworthy in the annals of that public body. Many important resolutions were passed for reference to the Associated Boards of Trade meeting next week in Greenwood, and others, emanating from boards other than Nelson, were passed upon, some the delegates being instructed to support, some to oppose while in yet other matters the hands of the delegates were left free. The most interesting of all the subjects discussed was that of the enforcement of the Sunday law recently coming into force. Here a resolution coming from Rossland met with a vigorous opposition and the validity of the possible veto of enforcement by the attorney general of the province was called into question by an officer of the Lord's Day Alliance, G. O. Buchanan. However, after an animated discussion, the Nelson delegates were straightly instructed to support the Rossland resolution.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8.30 o'clock by the president F. J. Starkey who explained that only matters to be brought up before the Associated boards could be dealt with during the evening.

Among those present were F. Starkey, president; S. M. Brydges, secretary; S. S. Taylor, I. G. Nelson, G. Nunn, D. M. Macdonald, A. W. Dyer, J. M. Lay, D. C. McMorris, Leslie Hill, G. O. Buchanan, R. R. Hedley, W. Irvine, H. E. Douglas, leB. de Veber, E. C. Wragge, A. Lean, T. Morley, W. H. Jones, F. J. Deane and M. H. Farral.

With regard to the resolutions as to experimental farms and additional fruit inspectors, T. Morley withdrew them as the matter had already been taken up by the Kaslo board and will, therefore, come up before the Greenwood convention.

A motion was made by A. W. Dyer, seconded by George Nunn aiming at a better service of news to Canadian newspapers from London, eliminating the present feature of English news being more or less colored in its transmission through New York and asking that the dominion government should improve upon its present bureau which it has established in London. Carried.

Moved by D. C. McMorris, seconded by William Irvine:

Whereas the telephone is of such public utility that it should be owned and operated as a government and municipal undertaking in order that it may serve the people as a whole and give to every person an opportunity of enjoying its advantages at cost.

And whereas a considerable reduction could be made in the present charges for telephone service especially if the service were to be furnished at cost to the subscriber.

And whereas it is desirable that the government of British Columbia should construct long distance lines and have such lines duly operated.

And whereas the local systems of telephones should be owned preferably by the municipalities:

Therefore, resolved, that in the opinion of the Nelson Board of Trade it is in the interests of the people of the Province of British Columbia that the government should enact legislation providing for the construction, acquisition, maintenance and operation of a public telephone system or systems throughout the province so as to insure reasonable charges for the use of telephones and the more rapid extension of such telephone service throughout the province or in such districts as may be deemed advisable.

G. O. Buchanan thought the word "expropriation" should be added after "acquisition."

After a little discussion wherein it was pointed out that the Manitoba government had not provided for expropriation, deeming competition sufficient, the original motion was carried without alteration.

J. E. Annable had given a notice of motion dealing with the special reservations made by the Canadian Pacific in deeding land and a committe consisting of himself, F. M. Black and D. C. McMorris had been appointed to deal with the matter. On the question coming up last night it was found that Mr. Annable was out of town and Mr. Black absent. A further committee, made up of Capt. McMorris and S. S. Taylor, was therefore appointed to look into the matter at once, Mr. Taylor saying that no other reservations should be made by the Canadian Pacific than those made by the government.

Moved by D. C. McMorris, seconded by S. S. Talyor:

Whereas the special reservations inserted by the C. P. R. in all deeds issued by it respecting railway grants in Kootenay and Yale impose unfair and onerous restrictions on purchasers and whereas no indefeasible title can be obtained to such lands under such deeds, Resolved, that steps be taken to have all reservation eliminated in provincial land deeds issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway company, as shown in copy of deed attached hereto, except wherein they conform with reservations made by the crown when disposing of similar lands.

This was carried without further discussion.

F. M. Black's motion as to the investigation of coal shortage having been found to have been already dealt with by the Rossland Board of Trade, was dropped, the purport of the motion having already been filled.

I. G. Nelson moved and A. W. Dyer seconded, that the provincial government be asked to see that an exhibit be made for the province at the coming Alaska-Yukon fair and that special attention be given to the Kootenay. This carried unanimously.

S. S. Taylor then moved the following resolution which was seconded by Leslie Hill:

Whereas the West Arm of Kootenay lake is, from scenic and commercial standpoints, one of the greatest assets of the city of Nelson; and

Whereas, it is a matter of vital importance to the ranchers and owners of summer homes along said West Arm that the danger from floods be not increased in flood times or that the water in the said West Arm during the fall, winter and early spring be not lowered to the slightest degree below the present low water limit; and

Whereas, in the opinion of many competent men the channel at Procter cannot be deepened or widened without lowering the present low water mark in the West Arm at low water seasons:

Resolved, that the government be requested to refuse all requests for legislation in any manner directed to the assistance or authorization of any interference with the channel of the West Arm at or near Procter or at or near Grohman creek or elsewhere in said West Arm.

In support of his motion Mr. Taylor said that Leslie Hill was present and could therefore speak to the question having an early knowledge of the matter since the time of its first promotion by Mr. Grohman years ago. The benefit of the reclamation would be confined to Idaho. The deepening of the channel at Procter would flood the lands below that point and if the outlet at Grohman creek were lowered then the low water level would be seriously brought down. He thought that no work should be allowed to be undertaken unless the fullest guarantee were made that it would not interfere to the prejudice of Nelson.

Leslie Hill said he had made the original examination in 1884 for Mr. Grohman. He had come to the conclusion that little good could be done to the lands in British Columbia without materially lowering the lake and that if this were done the value of the West Arm of the lake would be greatly lessened for Nelson.

S. S. Taylor pointed out that the Kaslo Board of Trade had a resolution favoring the reclamation scheme, but he was of the opinion that if the Kaslo board became aware of the manner it would disadvantageously affect Nelson they would not press the matter.

F. Starkey reminded the board that a resolution favoring the scheme had already been passed by the Nelson board.

A. Lean opposed the scheme saying that the lowering of the high water mark would inevitably lead to the lowing of the low-water mark.

G. O. Buchanan remarked that the original charter to Mr. Grohman by the provincial government gave him power to do all these things with the exception of lowering the low water level, which he was expressly forbidden to do by the charter. He sought information as to whether this charter was still in force. This information did not seem to be in the possession of anyone present and the motion was then put and carried.

Notice of motion of a resolution had been given by G. P. Wells as to labor shortage in the province, but as Mr. Wells was not present the matter was dropped.

The secretary the read a list of resolutions, emanating from various boards, which had been forwarded to him by the secretary of the Associated Boards. These were then dealt with seriatim.

The first dealt with aid to the Kootenay Central railroad, asked by the Fort Steele board. As this had already been before the Associated Boards and passed at a previous convention the matter was at once endorsed.

The next came from Greenwood and asked that sub-section A of section 118 of the Municipal Clauses act of 1906 be repealed so that the roadbeds of railways should be attachable by the municipalities through which they ran.

F. J. Deane supported.

G. O. Buchanan asked that the matter be left open for discussion and accordingly the delegates were left uninstructed on this matter.

The next resolution considered was one from Kaslo asking for the providing of a wagon road to connect the Lardeau towns with the railroad or that the C.P.R. should be compelled to complete its railway in this district according to its charter. This was left open for the delegates.

The second Kaslo resolution asked that the provincial government report on the fisheries of the interior, to pass statutes conserving the supply and to provide hatcheries.

F. J. Deane pointed out that it was an open quest on whether the dominion or the provincial government controlled this matter. The delegates were therefore left uninstructed on this point also.

A third resolution from Kaslo favored a game preserve in East Kootenay.

S. S. Taylor said that there was a strong opposition to this in East Kootenay.

F. A. Starkey said that at the last convention, sitting in East Kootenay, this very motion had been carried.

E. C. Wragge and J. M. Lay thought that the resolution ought to be strongly supported.

G. O. Buchanan said that in his address to the Greenwood convention he would strongly urge that a national reserve should be made in East Kootenay along the Rocky monutains, above an elevation of 4000 feet. This would help the preservation of game and also of forests, while there would be no objection to mining operations. Further, the preservation of the forests would equalize the flow of the rivers. This reserve would form a great attraction to tourists. "It would be a shame," said Mr. Buchanan, "if this generation should allow the big horn, the goat and the wild animals of the forest to be exterminated."

After some further discussion the board instructed its delegates to support the resolution.

The fourth Kaslo resolution dealt with several matters which have already come up in the past and which have received the endorsation of the Associated Boards. These were the establishment of an experimental farm in the Kootenays, the appointment of additional fruit inspectors and the expiry of mineral claims reserves at noon. They were endorsed.

The fifth resolution provoked considerable discussion. It reads: "That the prevention of floods along the Kootenay valleys is a condition which would be of immense commercial benefit and whereas the legislature of the state of Idaho has approved of the expenditure of public moneys within the province of B.C. in order to assist the settlers living within the state of Idaho (in the Kootenay valley); therefore the Associated Boards memorialize the dominion government to assist in every way the successful exploitation of this enterprise."

S. S. Taylor moved and W. Irvine seconded, that the Nelson delegates be instructed to oppose this resolution and the secretary be instructed to write the Kaslo board asking that body to withdraw the same. This was carried unanimously.

The first Rossland resolution dealt with the act to aid in the prevention of strikes and lockouts petitioning that it be passed as soon as possible.

F. J. Deane moved that the delegates be instructed in support.

S. S. Taylor opined that the question was a broad one and was open to discussion.

On a vote being taken the result was a tie and there were no instructions issued.

The second resolution, dealing with the coal shortage, was then read. This was left open, it being pointed out that the delegates while governed to a very large extent by the expression of opinion, yet should have as a free hand as possible; F. J. Deane declaring that there had been no shortage shown, the trouble being rather with the railways, who were unable to move the traffic.

The third Rossland resolution, which dealt with the enforcement of the Lord's day act, provoked the liveliest discussion of the evening. This resolution read that while there was a desire to minimize Sunday work, yet there should be no action taken by the provincial government to enforce its provision for one year, so as to permit all parties concerned to look fully into the question.

Leslie Hill pointed out that his men at the Arlington positively refused to stay up on a hill for a whole day idle and if the law were enforced they would quit work altogether. The men were in the habit of taking a holiday every week or ten days which gave them their needed rest. His men had petitioned him on their own initiative that they should work on Sundays and said that if they could not they would quit his employ. It was impossible for them to get into Nelson for the Sunday without a heavy expenditure and without cutting in upon the time of work on both Saturday and Monday. There was absolutely nothing for them to do.

Mr. Hill went on to recount an experience at the North Star mine in the early days. He had left it open to the men whether they should or should not work on Sundays. They had decided that they would not. The first Sunday was thoroughly enjoyed by the miners, the second appeared to be thought a doubtful luxury, the third was celebrated by a general drunk with three or four fights and on the Monday next following, the miners of their own accord came to him and asked that Sunday work be established.

R. R. Hedley spoke strongly endorsing Mr. Hill's views. He said that he had recently visited several mines, including the Hunter V., and just such conditions existed as obtained at the Arlington as shown by the preceding speaker. There was nothing to do for the men if they did lay off on Sunday. On the other hand they could get all the rest they wanted by taking a longer holiday than that of one day at intervals. If the act were enforced he had no doubt there would be trouble with the men.

G. O. Buchanan wanted to know what ground there was for thinking that the provincial government had any option in enforcing the act.

S. S. Taylor said there was a clause in the act to that effect and moreover the attorney general had to give his consent to a prosecution.

G. O. Buchanan said he was speaking as a member of the Lord's Day alliance, an honor of which he was very proud. He declared that the optional clause only dealt with provincial railways. The dominion government had been held by the privy council to be a paramount authority on Sunday legislation. As to the discretionary power of the attorney geneal, it did not exist, that official merely having a discretion to discriminate between malicious and bona fide prosecutions. Every attorney general in the dominion had taken this view with the exception of the attorney general of B.C. If miners were to be driven out of the country by the enforcing of the act the officers of the Lord's Day alliance would not prosecute.

F. J. Deane instanced Quebec as being in line with this province.

S. S. Taylor declared that the privy council had not interfered with the power of a province to pass Sunday legislation. Further that the discretionary power of the attorney general being admitted to some extent there was nohing in the act to show how far that discretionary power should be limited.

On a vote being taken the delegates were instructed to support the resolution, one member alone voting against that course.

The first of the Trail resolutions dealt with the establishment of an assay office by the dominion ogvernment at Trail. As this matter had already passed the Associated Boards the delegates were instructed to support it.

The second asked for the extension of the lead bounties for another term of five years after the expiry of the present and that the bounty should be paid up to £18 10s. instead of £16 10s. as at present. The delegates were left uninstructed.

The last asked that the duty on pig lead be increased one cent per pound and that all manufactured leads be increased proportionately. Mr. Deane said that the tariff had already been settled upon as far as the present session of the dominion parliament was concerned. No instructions were issued to the delegates on this resolution.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of delegates to the Greenwood convention, resulting in the following choice: R. R. Hedley and T. Morley, with George Nunn, Capt. McMorris and A. W. Dyer as alternates. President Starkey is a delegate ex-officio. An adjournment was then taken after a session of over two hours.

COMES TO SUDDEN END

THAW'S COUNSEL DECIDE TO REST THEIR CASE.

NOTIFY ATTORNEY JEROME THAT THE DEFENCE IS ALL IN.

New York, March 7.—There was another turn in the trial of Harry K. Thaw late today when the defence announced that it had concluded to rest its case. It was nearly 6 o'clock when Delphin M. Delmas, chief of Thaw's counsel, called district attorney Jerome on the telephone and made the announcement.

The district attorney was the most surprised man in New York, for it had been understood that when justice Fitzgerald resumed the bench Friday morning, Thaw's attorneys would call one or two alienists. Court will be held tomorrow as announced, but what will be done is a question much discussed tonight. Mr. Delmas will make the simple announcement, "The defence rests," and it will then devolve on district attorney Jerome to take up the rebuttal. But it was generally rumored tonight that after a brief session, adjournement until Monday would be asked and it will be granted so that Mr. Jerome may lay his plans.

The sudden decision of the defendant followed closely a conference of Thaw's lawyers in Mr. Delmas' office late this afternoon. It is known that Mr. Delmas is busily at work on a hypothetical question which will be put to the experts for the state.

Mr. Jerome's action in the morning is awaited with interest. There are numerous witnesses who can be called in rebuttal, including alienists for the state, who have been in court daily since the trial opened, studying Thaw; Howard Nesbit, a brother of Mrs. Evelyn Thaw; May Mackenzie, and others have been at call constantly and may be summoned in the morning. The general supposition is, however, that adjournment will be taken.

The case may close with this rebuttal although the defence has an opportunity of sur-rebuttal. On good authority it is said that Mr. Delmas will sum up for Thaw. This, too, has been a question under discussion.

The defence closed with the testimony of Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, and it is said that at the attorney's conference it was decided that no better climax could have been reached by the defence.

Several of Thaw's attorneys visited him in the Tombs and he was notified of their discussion and concurred in their decision. The question of a lunacy commission looms up prominently. Mr. Jerome may ask for the appointment of such a commission at any time and this may halt the proceedings. Thaw's lawyers and the defendant himself, it is said, have more fear of a suspension of the trial in favor of a commission than a verdict from the present jury. The defence is prepared to fight such an appointment, however.

Mrs. Harry K. Thaw visited her husband early today and remained a long while. She seemed very bright and cheerful. Mrs. William Thaw and her daughters, the countess of Yarmouth and Mrs. Carnegie, also visited Thaw during the afternoon.

FOR STANLEY CUP.

Kenora, Ont., March 7.—No games for the Stanley Cup will be played until after March 16. The western Canadian Hockey league series will be concluded by that time, and the cup will be defended by the champions. The Wanderers of Montreal, champions of the eastern Canada league, will be here ready to play as soon as the league season is over.

ADAMS JURY DISAGREES

Unable to Reach a Verdict, it is Discharged

Six Voted for Conviction and Six For Acquittal—New Trial Will be Necessary

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—A Wallace, Idaho, special to the Spokesman-Review, says the jury in the trial of Steve Adams for the murder of Fred Tyler, after being in deliberation since 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, this evening at 7.10 announced, through foreman George Eilers, that it was impossible to agree upon a verdict. It was accordingly discharged by judge Woods.

The jury for many hours stood at 7 for conviction and 5 for acquittal, and it was only upon the last ballot that the jurymen stood evenly divided, six for conviction and six for acquittal. Judge Woods thanked the jury for their patience and diligence in service after the foreman declared positively that it was impossible to reach a verdict and declared them discharged. This means that the case must be tried over again.

KILLED IN HOCKEY GAME

OWEN McCOURT OF THE CORNWALLS DIED THIS MORNING

WAS STRUCK VIOLENTLY OVER THE HEAD BY OTTAWA PLAYER

Cornwall, March 7—Owen McCourt, better known as "Bud," died this morning from the result of injuries received last night at a hockey match played here between the Ottawa Victorias and the Cornwalls. Just before McCourt passed away Charles Masson of the Ottawa team, was arrested at an hotel by chief Smyth, on a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Now that McCourt is dead, the charge will be amended.

Coroner Hamilton had a jury empanelled for the inquest today.

McCourt received his injuries early in the second half of the match, which was steadily growing in roughness up till this incident occurred. McCourt and Thorp had a little mix up and this was followed by several slashes with sticks. It is claimed that Thorp struck McCourt, who started to retaliate when he was struck over the head by Masson and fell on the ice unconscious. Thorp about this time received a very ugly cut over the head from a Cornwall player and was unable to continue. McCourt came on again for a short time, but he had to quit, and becoming unconscious was taken to an hotel, then to the hospital. At the hospital an operation was performed in an attempt to relieve the pressure on his brain, but the brain was bleeding and he passed away without regaining consciousness.

Masson took his arrest very calmly and asked if he could not be released on bail, but as McCourt died about that very time, this was out of the question. He was escorted by chief Smyth to the police station where he remains in custody. There is also some talk of arresting Thorp but so far nothing has been done in the matter.

Owen McCourt, the deceased player, was the eldest son of the late Patrick McCourt who died here last spring. He was 24 years of age and a young man of fine physique. He has been playing hockey for four or five years and in 1905 he figured with some four other Cornwall boys in the Woodstock team of the O.H.A. He was a very fast player and clever stick handler and while quick tempered he was not a rough player by any means and always played for the puck. He also played on the Cornwall lacrosse team part of last season.

SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES

Butte Miners May be Paid a Scale Based upon the Price of Copper

Butte, March 7—At a special meeting of the miners' union last night the report of the committee which met with John D. Ryan, managing director of the Amalgamated Copper company, several days ago, was accepted, and the committee was given extended power toward bringing about an agreement between the miners ad the employing companies concerning the new scale of wages. It is understood that Mr. Ryan had offered a sliding scale dependent upon the price of copper for the next five years, with $4 a day as a maximum wage for miners under ground, as long as copper remains above 18 cents per pound, and $3.50 as the minimum if the red metal shall fall below 18 cents per pound.

There was some discussion at the meeting relative to the demands of the smeltermen for a higher wage scale and the committee was instructed to meet with a committee from the mill and smeltermen's union at an early date to agree upon some plan of adjustment which may be on a basis acceptable to the big companies.

LADY TEACHER SUICIDES

Brockville, Ont., March 7.—Miss Sadie Bishop, a teacher in the Prescott public school, committed suicide yesterday morning by drowning herself in the St. Lawrence river.

Two Cars of the Celebrated

A.B.C. LAGER

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THE SESSIONAL PROGRAM.

The provincial legislature is again in session, the formal opening taking place yesterday afternoon. The speech from the throne, published elsewhere in this issue, is of greater interest than any similar production of the McBride government in past years, inasmuch as it contains certain definite declarations of policy.

The opposition will not be inclined to criticise too severely the government's proposed amendments to the Assessment Act, which will provide for the decreasing of taxation on real and personal property. In the late campaign the opposition candidates severely arraigned the government for their policy of excessive taxation and this promise of legislation to decrease the burdens of the people is the best evidence the opposition could desire of the efficacy of their arguments.

Another matter forcibly dealt with by opposition speakers in the late campaign was the government's trifling with the Southeast Kootenay coal and oil licences and it is satisfactory to note that legislation is promised to straighten out the existing unsatisfactory state of affairs.

But in some respects the most important pronouncement contained in the speech, in our opinion, is that which commits the government to an irrigation policy. This is a subject The Daily News has harped upon, in season and out of season, since its first issue. It was a prominent plank in the platform of the liberal party in the late campaign and formed a principal topic of discussion in many of the constituencies.

We believe that no greater service can be rendered this province than the inauguration of an intelligent and systematic scheme of irrigation throughout the "dry belt." Literally thousands of acres of unsurpassed fruit lands can be brought under cultivation, once the problem of irrigation is solved. And this will not prove a difficult problem to solve. There is abundant water supply in British Columbia, if properly conserved and distributed, to meet all requirements. The work will entail large expenditure, but the money will be well invested and the house should be prepared to approve a very large appropriation for the purposes set forth in the government's program.

Whilst The Daily News has never been able to enthuse over the proposed establishment of a provincial university, believing that for many years to come this province will be unable to adequately support a university, capable of giving the thorough instruction obtainable at older institutions, still it heartily commends the government's proposal to set aside portions of the crown lands for the creation of a fund to provide for the higher education of the youth of British Columbia.

The announcement contained in the speech as to the financial condition of the province is entirely satisfactory and is borne out by the statement presented to the legislature yesterday, a summary of which will be found in the report of the proceedings. The figures show that there was a balance of receipts over expenditures of upwards of $700,000. A very creditable showing, and one upon which we cordially congratulate finance minister Tatlow.

On the whole the program outlined by the government in the speech from the throne is one that will meet with very little adverse criticism. It may be taken for granted that the government has other measures in store. During the campaign we were promised amendments to the School Act and premier McBride expressly undertook to introduce legislation to define clearly the status of the B. C. Southern railway lands with regard to taxation. Later on in the session we may expect additional measures to be brought down, including one to provide assistance for the extension of the E. & N. railway from Nanaimo to Alberni.

The selection of D. M. Eberts as Mr. Pooley's successor in the speakership, will be very generally approved of. Mr. Eberts is eminently well fitted for the office. He will fill it with dignity and fairness. Moreover, many people will be pleased that he is to be removed from active participation in the business of the legislature. His past parliamentary record is such as to justify anxiety as to the nature of the influence he would exert in regard to legislation affecting the railway corporations. He is now placed in a position where he can do very little mischief and where his really great abilities can be exercised to a useful purpose.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Manitoba provincial elections have resulted much as was anticipated by those conversant with the situation. Premier Roblin was strongly entrenched in power, holding 33 out of 40 seats.

The province was prosperous and the elections were brought on hurriedly. In face of these adverse circumstances, the new liberal leader, Mr. E. Brown, has the satisfaction of having captured eight seats heretofore held by the conservatives, thus doubling the liberal representation in the legislature.

At the board of trade meeting last evening a phase of the new dominion Sunday law was discussed that demands the very serious attention of the local legislature and of the Lord's Day Alliance. Mr. Leslie Hill, manager of the Arlington mine, stated that in the event of the law being enforced, his mine would be colsed down, for the simple reason that none of his men would remain, if compelled to be idle all day Sunday. This statement was endorsed by Mr. R. Hedley, who told of the effect the enforcement of the law would assuredly have upon the mining industry, in driving out of the province the best and most skilled miners, who would migrate to some country where they would not be forced into idleness one day a week, without opportunity of amusing themselves or of doing anything save loafing around a bunk house away up in the mountains. During the discussion that ensued it was contended that the provincial government had no power to enact legislation affecting in anyway the operation of the Lord's Day Act. This contention is clearly at variance with section 2 of the Lord's Day Act, which reads as follows: "It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's day, except as provided herein or in any provincial act or law, NOW OR HEREAFTER IN FORCE, to sell or offer for sale or purchase any goods, chatels, or other personal property, or any real estate, or to carry on or transact any business of his ordinary calling, or in connection with such calling, or for gain to do, or employ any other person to do, on that day any work, business or labor." Section 5 contains similar language respecting games and performances and section 6 contains similar language respecting excursions on Sunday. Section 15 deals with the limitations of actions by the attorney general of the province in which the offence is alleged to have been committed. The attorney general's discretion is in no way restricted or limited. It is quite clear that the provincial legislature can at its present session enact legislation modifying, or in effect nullifying, the dominion Lord's Day Act entirely and if wise counsel prevail at Victoria a measure will be speedily introduced considerably modifying the dominion law, which was enacted without due regard being paid to the conditions prevailing in this province.

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CHINAMAN DISAPPEARS

Supposed that he Fell off Tug Sandon in Slocan Lake

(Special to The Daily News)

Slocan, March 7—A Chinaman employed as a cook on the tug Sandon, has mysteriously disappeared. The missing man has not been seen since Tuesday evening and it is thought that he has fallen overboard and was drowned. He had been on the tug only a few days.

Kennedy and Cameron, packers, recently went up to 12-Mile to rawhide down a shipment of ore from the Midnight. Owing to the condition of the trail, however, they were unable to use the rawhide and the ore will now have to remain until it can be packed out.

About 27 men are now employed at the Ottawa mine.

Angus McVair and William Pinchbeck are taking over the grocery department of David Arnot's store.

H. R. Jorand left this week for a trip to the coast.

Mrs. Edwards of Nakusp, is visiting Mrs. Jorand here.

A. E. Teeter who has been ill at the Nelson hospital, returned to Slocan yesterday.

Mr. Perkins of Manitoba is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clough.

STARTLED THE KAISER

Berlin, March 7—Eugene Kupke, a chorus singer of the Royal opera, became suddenly demented at a concert given in the palace last night at which all the ambassadors and most distinguished persons in official life were present. During a pause, while refreshments were being served, a drum was beaten, giving the military signal to assemble. The guests hurried to their seats and the emperor who was most astonished, asked the conductor, Rihard Strauss, why the signal was given. Strauss explained that it was the act of an insane person, who was forcibly removed.

INNOCENT FRANCE

Paris, March 7—The foreign office has authorized a denial of the report that France is trying to prevent the vatican from being represented at the Hague peace conference and says that the question solely concerns the Italian government.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

The university committee will meet in Dr. Arthur's office this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of St. Paul's missionary society will be held at 3:30 this afternoon in the church hall.

There will be a meeting of the Nelson Encampment No. 7, I.O.G.F, this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendane is requested as matters of importance will be dealt with.

A letter was received at this office yesterday dated Kirkcaldy, Scotland, from J. Laing Stocks announcing that Mr. and Mrs. Stocks would sail from the old country today en route to Nelson.

At the mining recorder's office on March 7, J. P. Swedberg recorded the locations of the J.P. and View, and E. O. Nelson recorded the Lookout, all situate about nine miles west of Nelson.

Lovers of the Emerald Isle are reminded that the St. Patrick's concert will be held in the opera house on Saturday evening, March 16 and that the tickets issued for the 18th will be good for the former date.

A subscriber points out that during the last unprecedented winter, the lowest point reached by the official thermometer in Nelson was two below zero. He thinks that as the weather statistics published in these columns are widely read, people may think last winter's temperatures those of an average season, whereas Nelson probably holds the record, with the exception of Victoria, of being the least cold city in Canada. What city, he asks, from Atlantic to Pacific, can equal Nelson with only two below on the coldest day. The point should be taken up by the 20,000 club.

Gust. Erickson, the proprietor of the long established Grand Central hote is about to contribute his share towards furnishing this city with the much needed additional accommodation. "I have been turning away on the average about 20 intending guests a night," said Mr. Erickson last night, "and I am simply driven to getting a larger house. Mr. Shackleton has charge of the stone foundations and he will commence hauling stone tomorrow morning. Messs. Thomas and Spoat have the contract for the building. Very little excavation will be necessary. The new wing will be an extension, the size and make up of the present building, going north along Ward street some 23 feet and extending to the east 50 feet. It will give me about 30 additional bedrooms besides store rooms and baggage rooms. The addition will be frame, as the Grand Central is not within the fire limits. The contractors promise to rush construction and I hope to be able to accommodate my share of the influx this spring, which I think will be unusually large. At present many of my guests have to double up and even then as I have said, I have to turn many away every night."

COMMAND BISLEY TEAM.

Ottawa, March 7—Col. J. M. Gibson of Hamilton, has been appointed to command this year's Bisley team. The adjutant is captain Duff Stuart of the 6th D.C.O. rifles, Vancouver.

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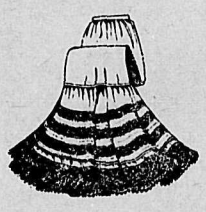

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A Meeting of the Employers of Labor in the Mines and Smelters and in the Lumber Industry of East and West Kootenay and Southern Yale, and of the Representatives of the men employed in these industries in these Districts, will be held in Nelson on Thursday, 14th March, at 9 p. m., in the Board of Trade Rooms, for the purpose of considering the effect of the Lord's Day Act upon these industries.

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MEETING OF DOMINION COAL COMPANY.

FIGHT WITH STEEL MEN ENDED SATISFACTORILY.

Montreal, March 7.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Coal company today was transformed into a love feast instead of the rumpus which was expected as a result of the trouble between it and the Dominion Steel company.

The preliminaries were cleared in a few minutes and the annual report adopted. In seconding the adoption R. B. Angus, coal director, took the floor and delivered a harmony oration. Previous to this F. L. Wanklyn, vice-president, had announced the declaration of a four per cent per annum dividend on common stock, the first quarterly payment to be made on April 2. He stated that the company had reached such a stage in its development and improvement, that there was every reason to feel that the dividend would be permanent. He concluded with the remark that the shareholders had every reason to be well pleased with their property.

Mr. Angus then took up the question of the dispute with the Dominion Steel company. He regretted the absence of James Ross, president, and proceeded to discuss the steel troubles. He mentioned that it had been referred to the courts but he assured his hearers that it would be settled long before the courts had reached a conclusion on it. During the past few days negotiations had been in progress looking to an amicable settlement of the affair, and success had met their efforts. Senator Cox, who had contemplated retiring from the board, had reconsidered his decision. Overtures looking to an amicable settlement of troubles of the two companies had reached a basis which was of an earnest and serious character and the settlement would be of a permanent character. Mr. Angus deprecated the personal feeling which had arisen over this matter and was glad to say that it was all over and now all was harmony.

Messrs. J. K. Osborne and James Gathier were elected to the board, Messrs. Fergie and Duggan retiring to make room for them.

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LIBERALS DOUBLE THEIR REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, March 7.—At a late hour, the results indicate that the government has carried the following seats:

Vondale, Brandon City, Carillon, Cypress, Dufferin, Hamiota, Kildonan, Killarney, Lake Side, Lavandyre, Manitou, Minnedosa, Norfolk, Portage la Prairie, St. Boniface, Turtle Mountain, Virden, Winnipeg Centre, Winnipeg North, Winnipeg South.—20.

The opposition have probably carried: Arthur, Birtle, Deloraine, Emerson, Gladstone, Lansdowne, Morden, Mountain, Rhineland, Russel, West Winnipeg.—11.

In doubt: Assiniboia, Dauphin, Morris, Rockwood, South Brandon, Springfield and Swan River.

Of the seats still in doubt the opposition will probably carry four. With Gilbert Plains and Gimli election later on the government appear to have carried the province by about ten majority.

OPPOSED TO SUNDAY LAW

Victoria Trades and Labor Council Go On Record.

Victoria, March 7.—The Victoria Trades and Labor council last night declined to join the local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance in a proposed attempt to secure the enforcement of the dominion Sunday law. A committee consisting of clergymen and laymen will wait on premier McBride tomorrow, but the local laborers went on record as bitterly opposed to the new law.

The body of Nels Mosse, master of the tug Hope, was found floating in the harbor this morning. Although life was extinct when the body was found it was evident that it had not been in the water any length of time. Captain Mosse was a British Columbia pioneer, having arrived here in 1869.

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Calgary, March 7.—The new seed testing station established by the dominion department of agriculture at Calgary for the convenience of the farmers and seed merchants of Alberta and British Columbia is now fully equipped and in operation.

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After the Sackville goal keeper had been knocked down in a mixup, he struck a Moncton player over the head with his hockey stick inflicting a terrible gash. The two men then fought, rolling around on the ice until parted. The game lasted two hours and a half and blood ran freely.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

London, March 7.—At today's session of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, which are holding their meetings here, a resolution was adopted asking the government to conduct negotiations at the forthcoming colonial conference with the object of promoting reciprocal trading within the British empire.

Robert H. Reade, of Belfast, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, who moved the resolution contended that the colonies were denied preferential treatment and that if this was further refused they would look elsewhere for better treatment. Canada in particular would seek a reciprocity treaty with the United States thus leading to the disintegration of the empire.

YMIR NEWS NOTES

(Special to The Daily News)

Ymir, March 7.—A. H. Stiles, of Seattle, who with his brother, has a bond on the Yukon Fraction and Yankee and Canadian Girl, came in last evening. Arrangements are being made to do considerable work on the property which is looking exceedingly well, all workings being in ore.

As a result of the miners' union election the following officers for the coming six months were elected;

President, J. T. Price; financial secretary, W. B. McIsaac; vice-president, J. Ruddy; recording secretary, W. J. Murphy; hospital directors, Price, Ruddy, McIsaac and Leahy; hospital trustees, Burgess, McIsaac and Leahy.

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FIERCE FIRE AT THE SOO.

Sault Ste Marie, March 7.—After the absence of serious fires for a considerable time, the Soo was visited last night by the most disastrous fire in its existence, the Carnegie library, the municipal and fire halls were completely destroyed, leaving only blackened walls. The buildings were erected about four years ago at a cost of $36,000. They were insured for $20,000, divided among several companies.

The fire originated in an attic over the Carnegie library from a defective electric wire and spread with such rapidity that the local fire brigade could not cope with it and secured aid from the Michigan Soo. All the municipal papers and records were preserved in the valuts.

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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

Norfolk, Va., March 7.—President Tucker, of the Jamestown exposition, received a cablegram from sir Thomas Lipton yesterday, which announced that he had been authorized by king Edward to inform the exposition authorities that the king would offer a silver trophy cup for 22 footers, to be contested for in the international yachting regatta to be held here during the exposition.

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PRICE OF METALS

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London, March 7 — Lead, £20; silver, 31 11-16.

COPPER STOCKS

(Reported by McDermid & McHardy)

New York, March 7—The following are today's quotations for the stocks mentioned:

Stock	Asked	Bid
Granby	149¼	149¾
Dominion Copper	6⅝	6⅝
B. C. Copper	8¾	8¼

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

Archie McK. Brown head clerk at the Queen's hotel, returned last evening from a fortnight's holiday spent at the coast cities.

The club room in St. Paul's church hall will be open this evening to members of the 1st Nelson company, Boys' Brigade. Proficiency examination for non-coms. will be held next Wednesday after drill parade.

Local Irishmen will celebrate St. Patrick's day by a smoking concert in the K. of P. hall on the evening of Monday, March 18. Refreshments, cigars and liquors will be provided and an orchestra will be in attendance.

F. J. Deane leaves this morning for Victoria to represent The Daily News in the legislative press gallery. During his absence Mr. V. W. Odlum, who is now associated with Mr. Deane in the conduct of The Daily News printing and publishing business, will be in charge of the paper.

At a meeting of the local bar association last night, W. A. Macdonald, K.C., who has been president of the association for the past ten years, ever since its inception, resigned the position and R. M. Macdonald was elected to fill the vacancy. It was unanimously resolved to nominate R. S. Lennie as a bencher to the B. C. law society from this district, the election taking place on March 26. At present the position is held by John Elliot.

A Sikh arrived at The Daily News office last night in quest of some one who could give him certain information. The visitor could not talk English and the other fellow was shy on Hindustan. The telephone was called in and A. W. Dyer called to the rescue. At first the Sikh promptly declined to use the instrument but with a little urging he took hold of the receiver and following instructions, proceeded to tell his troubles through the transmitter. When he heard Mr. Dyer's voice at the other end chatting away in Hindustan, a look of intense relief came over the dark skinned face and he gabled away at a great rate. Finally, when with many thanks and bows the visitor left, it was ascertained that he wanted to know when and where from the Kaslo boat left.

His honor judge Forin left for Rossland last evening where he will hold court today. All yesterday from 10:30 until 6 p.m. the learned judge wrestled with the complications arising out of two joint actions, Gabrielle vs. Jackson Mines, Ltd., and Power vs. Cortiana et al. W. A. Macdonald, K.C., appeared for the Jackson Mines, S. S. Taylor, K.C. for sundry lien holders and R. W. Hannington and R. M. Macdonald for judgment creditors. Three applications were made but no final decision was arrived at in any one of them and the hearing was adjourned until 10:30 Monday morning.

FIT SUBJECT FOR GALLOWS

Brutal Montreal Father Escapes With a Light Sentence

Montreal, March 7—James Allen, who was recently arrested in St. John, where he was endeavoring to take steamer for England, and brought back to this city on a charge of brutally beating his children, was today sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. The story of how he abused his children is one of the most shocking in the annals of the Montreal courts. The little ones were covered with bruises as a result of his brutality and the shock made one of them blind. The judge expressed his regret that he could not give him a longer term.

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SHERBROOKE—B. Bourgeois, Slocan; T. J. Robinson, Kaslo; Mrs. J. L. Wodburn, Coleman; R. Cumberland, Rossland; J. Hull, J. Wafe, Bonner's Ferry; D. Brill, Revelstoke.

ROYAL—M. Barry, Kimberley, H. A. Ladd, Winlaw; B. S. Frotopp, Arrowhead; G. Bennett, Seattle; J. F. Adams, Wycliffe.

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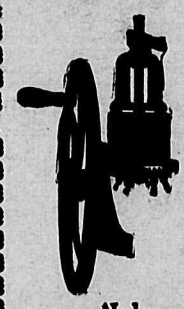

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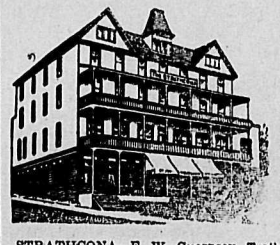

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