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Austria Ceases Operations Against the Servians

Summary of News from Seat of War

Monday. The following statement is issued by the official press bureau: On Friday December 25, German warships lying off Cuxhaven were attacked by seven British naval sea-planes, escorted by light cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The attack was delivered in daylight from point near Heligoland. As the British ships were seen by the Germans from Heligoland, two Zeppelins and several sea-planes and submarines attacked them and a naval combat ensued. By clever manoeuvring the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the cruisers Undaunted and Aréthusa. The enemy's sea-planes succeeded in dropping bombs near our ships but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessels. Three out of the seven British airmen with their machines returned safely. Three others were picked up later by British submarines, their machines being sunk. The seventh pilot, flight commander Hewlett, is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition eight miles from Heligoland and his fate is unknown. The extent of damage done by the British airmen cannot be estimated but all their bombs were discharged at points of military significance.

On Thursday last squadron-commander Richard B. Davies of the British naval air service visited Brussels in a Farman by-plane for the purpose of dropping twelve bombs at the airship shed said to contain eight German airships. Eight bombs were discharged at first attack, of which six are believed to have hit. The remaining four were discharged on the return flight. Owing to clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished but it is almost certain to have been destroyed.

Tuesday. A despatch to the Daily Mail referring to a report that four British airmen dropped bombs on the German island of Langenes in the North Sea on Christmas Day, killing several civilians, says that investigation proves that it was not British but German aviators who dropped the bombs. They evidently believed that British torpedo boats were lurking off the island in the fog. A Paris despatch says, there is every evidence that the Germans are soon to begin another desperate attack on the French center in another attempt to cut their way through to Paris. For some time the enemy's forces at this point have been greatly strengthened while heavy French reinforcements are arriving daily.

The London Times declares there is excellent reason to believe, despite all German denials, that the Parseval shed and airships were destroyed by the British airship raid on Cuxhaven. It adds that serious damage was inflicted on the Zeppelin sheds. London Daily Sketch says Commander Francis Hewlett, who piloted one of the British sea-planes in the raid on Cuxhaven, is a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. Hewlett's machine was damaged by shell fire and came down in the sea. When Hewlett was last seen a German torpedo boat was approaching him.

Wednesday. Despatch from Sofia via Rome says, alleged details of a treaty between Germany and Turkey, was signed the middle of November. Germany agreed to supply necessary war material and money throughout the war, in addition to officers, expert artillerymen and engineers. In case of German victory, the nation agreed to pay Turkey one-fifth of the war indemnity which she receives from the Allies. In case of defeat, Germany pledged herself to defend territorial integrity of Turkey. In consideration of these promises, Turkey on her part agreed to declare war on England and Russia and proclaim a holy war, also to follow German plans and not conclude separate peace with an enemy of Germany.

Arrival heavy reinforcements of German infantry on the line from the sea to Ypres has been noted recently. Enemy is endeavoring by means of frequent sudden attacks to discover weak places in our lines. Official bulletin issued at Paris states that German troops were defeated today in two battles of great importance, one for possession of the village of St. George, Belgium, the other for the approaches to Steinbach in Alsace. At St. George, French and Belgian troops carried the town by storm, driving Germans out in definite defeat. French engineers have greatly strengthened this section of battle front. It is clearly evident that the Germans are unable to hold their lines at either the extreme right in Belgium or their extreme left in Alsace. The most advanced line of the Allies is on the sea coast near Mariakerke, about two miles west of Ostend.

Thursday. News reached Dover last night that a squadron of seven German aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday dropping several bombs. Two bombs were also dropped at Furnes. The latter Furnes was evidently an effort to destroy the Belgian headquarters where King Albert is at present. No damage was done. Dunkirk has for long been a target for German airmen. It is probable that this attack was made to discover British troops being transported across the English Channel.

Greetings!

We take this opportunity of expressing our hearty appreciation of the loyal support extended to us by our readers and advertising patrons during the past year.

The Courier looks forward with optimism to the future of Bella Coola, and trusts that each of you may be generously benefited by greater developments and further business activities during the present year.

We thank you for the many evidences of your friendship and extend to you all our cordial wishes for

A Happy New Year

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Austria Compelled to Abandon Campaign

Servians Are Victorious

Rome, Jan. 1.—General Konrad Von Hotzendorf, Austrian chief of the general staff, and Arch Duke Frederick have declared that no further operations will be taken against the Servians, so as not to divert forces from operations against the Russians. This decision is exceedingly unpopular with the Austrian press which is demanding revenge on Servia. Up to the end of November, Austria-Hungary operated at first three and later eight army corps against Servia, comprising with cavalry at first 150,000 men, and afterwards 400,000 men. Servia has not been able to muster an army of more than 200,000 at any one time. About December 1st Austria was compelled to transfer five complete corps to aid in the campaign against the Russians in Poland and Galicia, and from that time the success of the Servians has been constant and overwhelming, until not an Austrian soldier remained at large in Servia, and on December 6th King Peter re-entered Belgrade in triumph, while a Servian army still remained in force in Bosnia.

18,500,000 Men Fighting

London, Jan. 1.—The belligerent armies in the fields of war today number, all told, nearly 18,500,000 men, or 28,000,000 with all reserves and "new" troops counted, according to a French statistician, M. Yves Guyot.

The expenditure required he estimates at an average of nearly \$2.50 daily a man, or about \$11,000,000,000 for one year of warfare. A single year of the present war, he thinks, will cost about the same amount of money as the total expenditure for all the wars of the former fifty years.

Austrian Dreadnaught Torpedoed by French Submarine

London, Jan. 1.—An official despatch to London Daily Mail from Vienna contains the report that a French submarine has torpedoed the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis at Pola in the Adriatic. It is said that the hull of the dreadnaught was pierced, but that she succeeded in reaching her dock.

The Viribus Unitis is a vessel of 20,000 tons displacement and has a complement of 1000 men. She is one of the four ships constituting the largest type in the Austrian navy.

Germany Notifies U. S.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The German Government has formally notified the American state department that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities, and that it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn for the present at least.

British Forces Approach Bagdad

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—A despatch from Constantinople says British forces are approaching Bagdad and that 5000 Turkish volunteers are marching from Damascus to meet them. The Holy Standard of Mohammed has been taken to Damascus to inspire the Ottoman troops.

Little Danger in Egypt

London, Jan. 1.—The situation in Egypt is now considered so settled that many officials are starting to bring their wives and families from England, a course which the authorities, in August, refused to permit.

Dardanelles Forced

Rome, Jan. 1.—It is reported here that the Anglo-French fleet which has been bombarding the Dardanelles forts, has forced the Straits.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The mail steamer Chelohsin arrived on time Wednesday morning with the usual large consignment of freight for this port, including a consignment of sheep for A. Hammer of Nootsatsum. Several local farmers have lately imported sheep all of which are reported as doing first rate. Mr. Hammer is secretary of the Bella Coola Farmers Institute and his ranch, situated some eighteen miles from salt water, is one of the best in the whole valley.

Among the arrivals by the last steamer from the south is Miss Kate Potts, late of Grand Forks, who comes to occupy the post of teacher at the Mackenzie School, which will re-open on Monday next.

Mr. Jos. Connors of Namu, has been spending the week in town as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sutherland.

Among the outgoing passengers by the last south bound steamer were Berger and Alger Brynildsen who left for New Westminster, where they will attend the Columbian college.

Those who attended the concert at the Indian Mission on Thursday evening were well rewarded by the excellency of the program rendered. Following on an interesting series of limelight views the Mission choir rendered several selections in a manner which showed the great care and perseverance exercised in their training. Two pleasing accordion solos were exceedingly well received while the singing of the school children brought forth unstinted applause. Mr. W. H. Gibson, the resident missionary, and his daughters assisted with solos and also in the choruses, Mrs. J. R. Morrison ably acting as accompanist.

At about ten forty-five the ringing of church bell announced the commencement of a watch-night service, which brought a large number of both Indians and white people who chose this way of bidding farewell to the old year with its joys and sorrows, and seeking Divine guidance during the New Year. Short appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. Gibson and Rev. T. C. Colwell, the service being brought to a close a few minutes after midnight.

One of the most enjoyable functions ever held in the town was the dinner and dance given by the bachelors of Bella Coola to their married friends on Friday evening. Over fifty guests sat down to a sumptuous and excellently served repast. The dining hall of the Grand View Hotel was tastefully decorated for the occasion and with the admirably arranged tables presented a most hospitable appearance. The arrangements, which were strictly in the hands of the bachelors, showed careful planning and the voluntary staff of waiters filled the bill like old

hands, except that they really did the waiting and not the guests, which is too often the case. After dinner, dancing was indulged in till the early hours. Excellent music by Mr. T. P. Saugstad's orchestra went far towards the success of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Landry have moved into their new residence. Mr. Landry expects to make the transfer of the post office and telegraph station into the newly constructed premises in the course of a few days.

A prolonged spell of mild weather with some rain has put an end to skating for the time being. The ice was very good while it lasted and local hockey enthusiasts made the most of it. A couple of excellent games were pulled off between teams representative of Bella Coola and Hagensborg, the honors going to the town boys on each occasion.

A special service was held on Christmas morning. Rev. T. C. Colwell officiating, assisted by Mr. W. H. Gibson.

The much needed work of repairing the wharf is fast nearing completion. Foreman McRostie is rushing the work in spite of unfavorable weather conditions and expects to be through in the course of a few days.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Bella Coola Farmers Institute will be held in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Tuesday, January 19th, 1915.

Election of officers and general business to be transacted.

A. Hammer, Sec.

Christmas Festivities.

MISSION CHURCH.

The past week has been one continual round of pleasure throughout the valley. As usual the various entertainments had been arranged with special care so as not to conflict one with another and to permit everyone who so desired to attend all. The first, and by no means least enjoyable, was the entertainment at the Indian Mission Church on Christmas Eve. Commencing with an interesting series of limelight views during which several hymns were heartily sung, the evening wound up with the illuminating of a prettily decorated tree and the distribution of presents. The most interesting and amusing feature of the evening was the spectacular arrival of Santa Claus and his son, who being pressed for time this year chose to travel by aeroplane. The entrance of the gorgeously attired pair was greeted with loud and prolonged

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SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 1915.

A Short Session.

Most people will feel greatly surprised to hear that Sir Richard McBride has stated that the approaching session of the legislature will be only a short one, about three weeks. Sir Richard explains that at this time of stress it would be only necessary to mark time and not introduce any new legislation, but to await with calm dignity the end of our victorious trial. It would seem that Sir Richard is obsessed of the idea that on him and his government rests the onus of responsibility in bringing the war to a successful termination. People are clamoring for remedial legislation. Not Liberals alone but people of all political hues are demanding the introduction of special measures in regard to land settlement, workman's compensation without litigation, and in regard to the serious condition of unemployment in the province. These things although actually promised are to be shelved while Sir Richard awaits with "calm dignity" the end of the war, which may not come for perhaps two years. Several royal commissions have roved almost over the whole world endeavoring to find out the needs of the province, (of which information sufficient for all intents and purposes was obtainable at home or could have been acquired at the expense of a few postage stamps) and the public has been hoodwinked into believing that legislation would be introduced to follow up these investigations, which, by the way, cost the province thousands of dollars and but for a special "enabling act" would have cost more than one member of the legislature his seat.

But we know Sir Richard. What is more, Sir Richard knows the electorate of British Columbia. He has fooled them before and he will do so again. There will be no new legislation introduced, and the session will be a short one, for the reason that if Sir Richard carried out his promises to the people by dealing with the reports of the commissions he would have nothing left by which to bribe the electors when he comes to the country in the spring.

If nothing is to be done by the legislature at the next session, it would show more "calm digni-

ty" to save the forty-two \$1600 salaries to members and distribute it for the benefit of the poor people of the province.

Is It A Confession?

It appears that the Federal government is advocating reciprocity with the Commonwealth of Australia. Is this not a virtual acknowledgment that the National Policy has been a mistake? There is also talk of legislation looking towards the curtailment of retail profits because of the high prices. Would it not be better to strike at the root; and is not that root the National Policy; which by national interference in the natural trade life of the country has brought about this condition of affairs? Is not the tendency of a restrictive tariff towards high prices and indirectly towards reduced production? This is well seen in the case of California where they have been obliged to enact legislation making it a criminal offence to destroy farm products in order to keep up prices.

Very inconsistent it seems then for a government whose chief plank is a National Policy to interfere in the business of the retailer who merely places the load on the back of Atlas.

Every indication then points to the fact that the National Policy was a mistake—a vital mistake—one whose results are only now becoming apparent; but that the government hopes to keep the old pirate afloat a little longer. It has done yeoman service to the party—sailing under the national flag. It has brought booty to the Tory henchmen far exceeding the dreams of Captain Kidd. But at whose expense? During thirty-seven years it has done nothing for the country. During the greater part of that time trade languished, population increased but slowly, and during one census decade (80-91) decreased in some provinces, and the cities became unduly overcrowded. It has left the common citizen a landless man—striving to eke out a bare existence in the urban centres. In our coast cities thousands of the bone and sinew of the country are living on 15 cent

meals—and very often not three of them—doled out by the Japanese or Chinese restaurateur. Oh, this is a glorious country this Canada of ours! Yes, it truly is if freed from the monstrous incubus of greed and self-seeking.

The people of the United States suffered as long as they could and then rose in their might, and said by their vote, "We have suffered long enough; too long have we permitted ourselves to be exploited for the benefit of a few, now we must do something for ourselves." They broke party lines and threw down the hateful tariff wall.

How much longer are we going to suffer in Canada? Is it not time to swap politics for statesmanship—expediency for statecraft?

Mr. Bowser and the Dominion Trust Company.

"To sum up the situation, the company seems to have done most things that a trust company should not do, and this company had no power to do, and few things that a trust company should do." This is the statement of Mr. C. E. Drayton, provisional liquidator of the Dominion Trust Company.

The hard earned savings of thousands of people of this province and elsewhere are gone perhaps forever. Even in Bella Coola there are people who are almost cursing the day they were tempted to place their money in the keeping of this company. To these people we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and trust that the trouble that has overtaken them through the culpable negligence, and perhaps worse, of those in whom they were tempted to put their trust may eventually prove to be less severe than at present anticipated.

It is well known that the Dominion Trust Company has been permitted since 1912 to receive deposits illegally. Mr. Bowser as attorney-general of the province and legal advisor to the company knows this to be true. Mr. Bowser has stated that to his knowledge the company had been bankrupt for years.



We have in British Columbia an inspector of trust companies, a government official whose duty it is to safeguard the interests of people dealing with such companies. Yet the Dominion Trust was bankrupt years ago.

It is not difficult to see that grave responsibility for the losses to the depositors in the defunct company rests with the provincial government. Attorney-general Bowser stands self-condemned. He knew that the company had been bankrupt for years. He knew that deposits were being taken illegally. Yet he as legal advisor to the company lent all his ingenuity towards the framing of a fake agreement; intended to get around the federal act under which the company was permitted to operate a legitimate business. This agreement is attached to the passbook of every depositor and was framed by Bowser's law company.

Wriggle and squirm as he may he cannot evade the responsibility for the loss of the people's money, and he knows it.

The provisional liquidator expresses the opinion that the provincial government, knowing that deposits should never have been taken by the Dominion Trust Company, should reimburse out of the public treasury all depositors with the exception of the directors of the company.

While sympathizing with the depositors, we do not quite see how the robbing of Peter to pay Paul would help the situation. Two wrongs cannot make a right even by Bowser's advanced method of reckoning. We do not require to be reminded that the government consists of two men, McBride and Bowser, but we in turn would respectfully remind them that the money in the keeping of the government is ours not theirs as they so often seem to suppose. Nor do we see why the public at large should be called upon to make good the defalcations of any private company, even though the negligence

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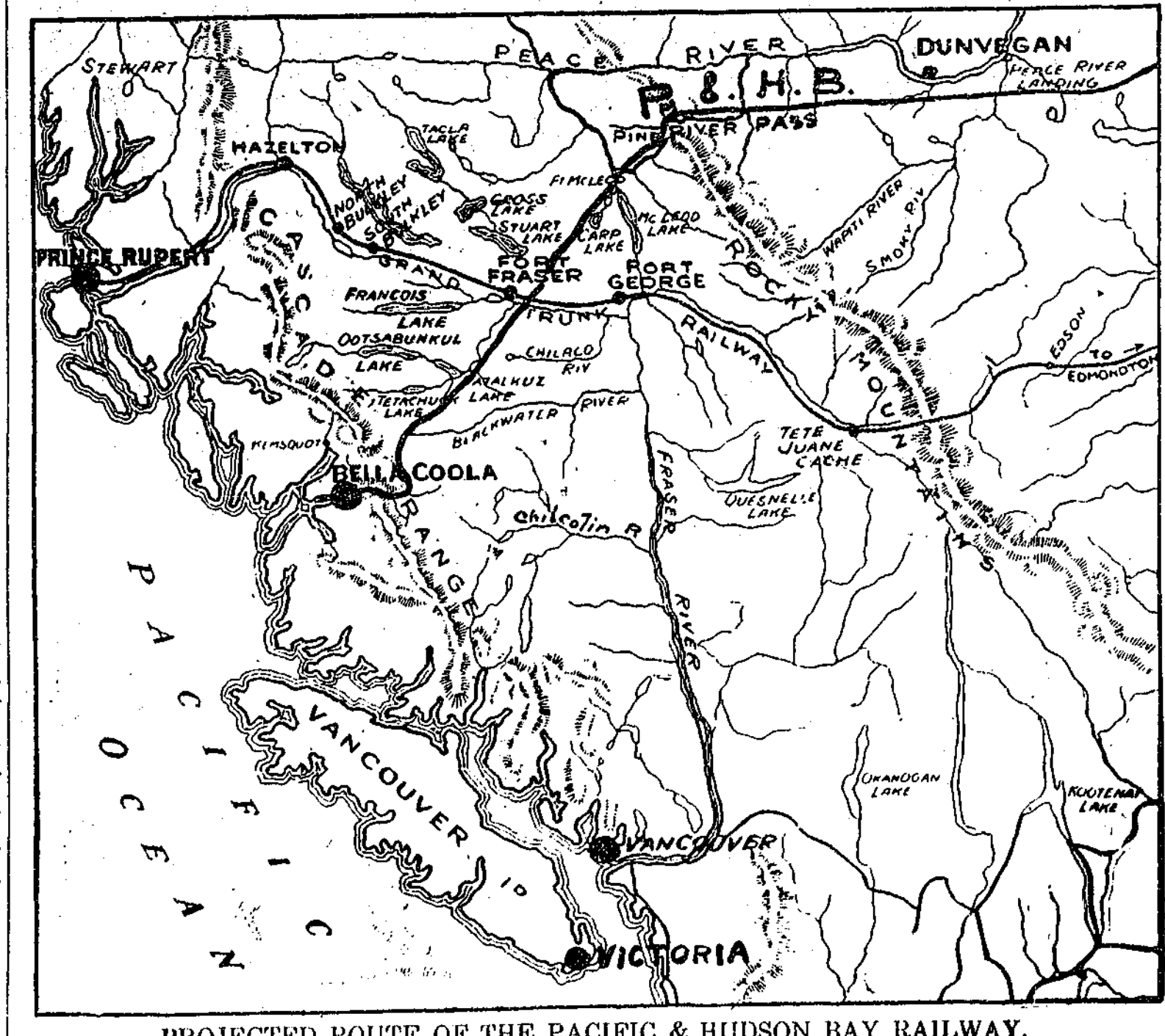
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of the government and the shuffling of Bowser between his duty as attorney-general of the province and as legal advisor to the company appear to be primary factors in the debacle.

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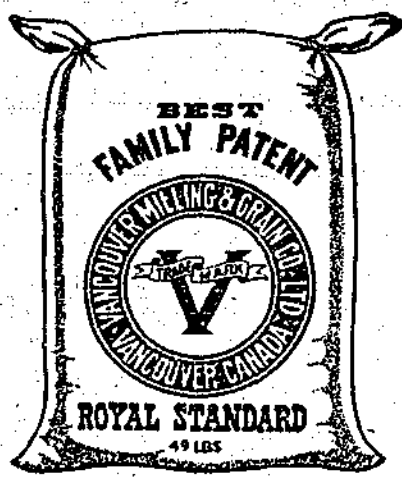
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BELLA BELLA INDIANS.
By IVER FOUNGNER, Agent.

Mr. Bowser and the Dominion Trust Company.

Nelson, and other parts of the province might object. Isn't that enough to bring a smile to the face of a graven' image? Fancy Mr. Bowser showing signs of possessing a conscience. Don't worry, Mr. Bowser! The people are easy, "particularly in the North." You have quite recently met them and ascertained their requirements and you know that they are a pampered, spoilt crowd who do not, and never did, appreciate all you and Sir Richard have accomplished on their behalf. Did you not even demand in the face of all opposition that the speculator should be given his chance? And did you not see that legislation was passed to make the task easy for him? Certainly you did and thereby assisted in what has been pronounced as a colossal fraud on your own land act. But never mind, Sir, your intentions were good (for yourself and your speculator friends).

Mr. Bowser by his success (not yet recorded) in upholding the interests of the province in cases before Privy Council; by his untiring zeal in attempting to beat a handful of natives out of their rightful heritage; by potlatching the public money to his friends for services of very questionable value; and by indulging in abusive and vulgar language in speaking of the Liberal leaders, (to whom he would cut a sorry figure in comparison,) has endeared himself with the people of the province "particularly in the North." So our advice to Mr. Bowser is to "go to it." If the only way he can get out of the present mess is by appropriating a few hundred thousands of the public money to reimburse the Dominion Trust depositors, then we say "go to it." People who will stand for what Bowser has already put over on the electors of B. C. will stand for any thing. Perhaps someday they will wake up "to see the bear," but that day is not yet.

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