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BELLA COOLA, B. C., SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1914.

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Liberal Association Holds Annual Meeting

Starts New Year With Greatly Increased Membership

Despite the inclemency of the weather, the large attendance at annual meeting of the Bella Coola Liberal Association held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Thursday evening last, offered unmistakable evidence that Liberalism is strictly alive in this section of the Skeena district.

Following the usual introductory remarks by the president, B. Brynildsen, and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the secretary submitted a report of the year's work. Much has been accomplished towards better organization and with an increasing membership the Association is stronger today than at any time since its organization.

The president gave a stirring address in which he touched on the profligacy of the McBride administration as regards their disposal of the timber and agricultural lands of the Province, showing the immediate need of retrenchment. The speaker clearly showed that the present administration had been fairly tried

and had proved itself unworthy to be longer entrusted with the reins of government.

The secretary, H. L. Harris, and B. F. Jacobsen also gave interesting addresses on the various matters with which the average taxpayer is today so much concerned, their remarks being received with the utmost approval.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, B. Brynildsen; Vice-President, B. F. Jacobsen; Sec.-Treasurer, H. L. Harris. Executive Committee, R. N. Levelton, M. B. Christensen, Capt. Thorson, T. E. Jacobsen, Karl W. Brink, A. Hammer.

The following persons were elected delegates to the convention to be held at Victoria on the 25th February. B. Brynildsen, H. L. Harris, B. F. Jacobsen, A. Hammer and M. B. Christensen.

Several new members were added to the membership roll of the association, and there is every evidence that the rising tide of Liberalism so manifest in other parts of the Province has reached Bella Coola.

To Fill Vacancy of High Commissioner

Sir Richard McBride Among Possibles

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Rumors of the prospective or possible selections for any post that becomes vacant always spread quickly, and there is no lack of names mentioned as Lord Strathcona's successor.

Among the names mentioned is that of Hon. Robert Rogers, who it is believed would not be averse to accepting the position. Other names mentioned are Hon. G. H. Perley, Sir Edmund Osler, Chief Justice Sir William Meredith, Sir Richard McBride, Herbert B. Ames, M. P., Hon. A. E. Kemp and Hon. G. E. Foster.

It is considered probable that the position of High Commissioner may be joined with that of permanent representative of the Canadian Government on the Imperial Defence Committee.

Laurier and B. C.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice that he proposes to ask the minister for some particulars in regard to the British Columbia better terms commission. He will ask who is the secretary and whether or not the commission has held any sittings or made any report. Sir Wilfrid will also enquire as to the detailed expenditure of the commission to date.

Duquesne, Pa., Jan. 28.—Physicians are dumfounded at case of a mill worker who has not slept for a whole year.

G.T.P. Nears Completion

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Department of Railways has received official information that only 142 miles of steel remain to be connected up on the Grand Trunk Pacific in British Columbia, so that the completion of the road is now plainly in sight.

It is expected that the last rail will be laid by June, when a through connection will be afforded from Prince Rupert to Moncton with the exception of the Quebec bridge.

Builds Aeroplane to Cross Atlantic

London, Jan. 28.—A special aeroplane capable of carrying six passengers is being built for a trans-Atlantic flight next year. Graham-White estimates forty to sixty hours for actual crossing, and intends that the trip shall be made without stopping for petrol supplies.

London Coal Porters Strike

London, Jan. 28.—Ten thousand coal porters are on strike for higher pay. The city is experiencing the longest and worst cold snap in many years, and there exists great misery in thousands of homes where coal is bought daily, only a bucketful at a time.

Mr. John W. White, of South-end-on-Sea, England, the smallest man in the world, died last week. He was only 21 inches high, and was 53 years of age.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The SS. Chelohsin made her usual call at this port on Saturday, among her passengers being Messrs. Chas. Mills and J. Millichamp.

Mr. Mills is well known on the coast as the representative of Kelly Douglas & Co., of Vancouver, and is spending the week on business with the local merchants.

Mr. Millichamp represents J. W. Peck Co., and is also busily engaged taking orders for the spring trade.

The list of outgoing passengers was unusually heavy and included Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrison, the Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton, Mrs. M. Cavanagh, Messrs. F. E. Bean, Davenport Clayton, W. Sutherland, R. B. Bowdon and Dr. W. J. Quinlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Cavanagh are paying a short visit to Vancouver.

Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton go to renew their studies at St. Margaret's School, Victoria. They were escorted by their brother, Mr. Davenport Clayton.

F. E. Bean is making a business trip to Victoria and Vancouver and may be expected back in a couple of weeks.

R. B. Bowden returned to his headquarters at Prince Rupert after his first visit to Bella Coola as representative of the well known firm of Vancouver wholesalers, Mackay, Smith, Blair & Co.

Dr. Quinlan, of Prince Rupert, left after spending three weeks in the Valley practicing his profession of dentistry. The visits of the doctor to Bella Coola are always doubly welcome, on account of his skill in his profession and no less on account of his well known genial disposition.

F. A. Johnson, of Firvale, visited town the early part of the week, returning with a load of supplies.

Mr. Johnson reports all well at Firvale. The settlers are employed clearing land and otherwise improving their ranches, there being being no snow as yet sufficient to hinder such work proceeding.

Several teams are busily employed in hauling material for the new bridge across the Bella Coola River, which is to be completed this year. The approach which is a lengthy structure was erected last season, when on the appropriations being expended work was closed down.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Development League will be held at the MACKENZIE SCHOOL on Monday, February 2nd, at 8 p. m.

HUBERT L. HARRIS, Sec.

Who said snow? Three feet fell in one night. The local saw mills are busy getting in their logs and everybody else is just as busy breaking trails.

Talking about breaking trails. Any of our Conservative friends seeing the president and secretary of the Liberal Association returning home from Hagensborg on horseback at five o'clock in the morning, being forced to leave their sleigh on the road, might have remarked, "see what you get by being agin the government." However, knowing them as we do, we can promise that they will be found nothing daunted. If those same Conservative friends still persist in their present course, someday when they are called upon to pay their taxes, they will wish that they had been "agin the government" too.

Rev. T. C. Colwell paid his periodical visit to the Saloomt valley, The Crossing and Firvale last week, the service at Bella Coola last Sunday being conducted by Rev. W. H. Gibson.

Many communications are being received by the Development League from people far and wide, into whose hands have fallen the illustrated pamphlet of Bella Coola issued by the League, seeking information about this section of the province. These are being dealt with, and all possible information is being accorded to these enquirers, and there is every prospect of the advent of a large number of new settlers in the spring.

Final arrangements have been arrived at between the trustees of the Mackenzie School and the Development League for the installation of a system of gasoline lights in the town school.

The fixtures have been ordered and are expected to arrive at an early date when they will be at once installed. The lights and necessary fixtures and appliances are to remain the property of the League, the school trustees paying a nominal sum for use of same.

Mr. Frank Hagan intends giving a Masquerade Ball at the Grand View Hotel on the evening of St. Valentine's Day.

The last one was an unqualified success.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Bella Coola Telephone, Light & Power Company, Ltd., will take place at Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, at 1:30 p. m.

All shareholders in the above company are requested to attend. Dated at Bella Coola the 21st day of January, 1914.

I. L. JACOBSEN, Sec.

Several strong recommendations from various sources have been forwarded to the Department of Public Works urging the construction of a new bridge across the Nootsatsum River at the site of the old crossing, and it is confidently expected that this will also be built this year.

Miss Muriel Fonceca

Late pupil of the Royal Academy of Music, London, England, is open for engagements to give instruction in SINGING and PIANOFORTE PLAYING

For terms apply to Miss Fonceca, care of Mrs. B. F. Jacobsen.

The town, which has been unusually quiet of late, was somewhat startled on Tuesday last by a runaway team belonging to Mr. Walter Galliene, which came careering up the main street at a rattling pace, only being brought to a halt after having gone some three miles. Fortunately there happened to be no traffic on that section of the road at the time, or the results might have been serious.

Hardly had the town recovered from its shock before the occurrence was repeated by the same team, this time making for home at no slow pace. However, all is well that ends well, and in neither instance was any damage done.

Skating is now the order in the Valley. On several days during the week, several of our most prominent citizens could be seen disporting themselves more or less gracefully on the Nectletsconny River, where in several places good skating is afforded.

The local Athletic Association are busily arranging hockey matches and getting their rinks in order. Some good games can be expected very shortly.

Church Notice

Public Worship of God.
Sunday School - 2:30 p. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.
All Are Welcome.
Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

Hagensborg Items

Augsburg Lutheran Church Holds Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Augsburg Lutheran Church drew a large attendance of members from the different parts of the valley.

The reports of the pastor and other officers of the church as submitted to the members, showed that the church had enjoyed an exceedingly prosperous year both as regards its spiritual work and also as to its finances. By funds raised by contributions from members and others, and with the assistance of the two Ladies Aid Societies which have

done such excellent work in connection with the church, the secretary-treasurer was able to report that salaries for pastor, janitor, and all other expenses had been fully met, with a substantial surplus remaining in the treasury.

The work of clearing and fencing the cemetery lot has lately been completed.

The reports showed that the church has, during the last year, made substantial contributions to its home and foreign missions, charitable institutions and denominational schools, the total sum being equivalent to that expended in connection with its own local work.

Mr. E. Gordon and family, Messrs. A. Stenvick and A. C. Nesvold were received into the membership of the church.

The church has now a membership of one hundred and fifty baptized and about eighty-five communicant members, in addition to which there are a considerable number that may be described as associate members, inasmuch as while having been baptized and brought up in the doctrines of the Lutheran church and still adhere to its teachings and faith, they have not yet become members of the local church.

The church, through its pastor and others, have in previous years held meetings for the public worship of God at Nootsatsum, the Hagensborg Church, Lower Bella Coola Schoolhouse, and up to the last year at the town of Bella Coola; but since the appointment of Rev. T. C. Colwell of the Methodist church, the meetings at the last named place have been discontinued.

Sunday school is conducted in the Norwegian language at the church and also at the Lower Bella Coola Schoolhouse, and during the summer months the pastor supplements the religious instruction by teaching parochial school for four weeks, which is open to, and well attended by, all the children of the congregation.

The services at the church have so far, principally been conducted in the Norwegian language, but of late efforts have been made to hold an English service once a month. In the young people's society meetings, both languages have been used alternately.

Peter Oveson is at present busily engaged in the construction of a log house on his preemption in the Saloomt valley, in which work he is assisted by his brothers Alf and Ole and his brother-in-law F. M. Brewster.

The owners of the saw mills and many others are still patiently waiting more snow, in order to commence logging operations.

Mr. Ole Indrevick, who has for the last two months been busily engaged on his preemption above Firvale, visited Hagensborg last week. Ole still has his faithful team of oxen.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, JAN. 31, 1914.

A New System of Road Building Is Required

Twenty years have been consumed in sorry attempts to construct a wagon road through the Bella Coola Valley and still we have only a few miles of road worthy the name.

If there is any truth in the adage that "misery likes sympathy," then we may possibly find some small consolation in knowing that there are other districts, albeit not so old, where there exists the same urgent need for better roads.

The complaint is that money has been spent with practically no results, as far as any benefit to the public is concerned.

True, in many instances the only result desired was to furnish employment to those supporters of the government whose allegiance can only be likened to that of the man who proudly proclaimed that for his part, he would take hold of the coat tails of his leader and follow him to hell if necessary.

The Government have employed men to take charge of road work who in the words of an old song "had better by far have been tailors."

Another reason for the present dissatisfaction is, that had the government adopted the policy of commencing a trail or road somewhere and completing it to somewhere, there would not have been the same opportunity for the government candidates at election time to tell the electors that unless they supported the government there would be no completion of that road or trail.

The Omineca Herald just to hand describes the condition correctly and in this matter reiterates the views of the Courier.

Of our many exchanges we appreciate perhaps most of all the Northern Interior weeklies. These several journals are doing much towards the advancement of their respective sections, and as every individual settler must share in the benefits accruing to his particular district, it should be his bounden duty to support the local paper to the fullest extent.

Each section of our vast Province has its own problems to solve, and the publication that does not voice the true sentiments and real requirements of

its own particular section shirks its duty and is not worthy of support.

Regarding the lack of roads and trails the Omineca Herald has this to say:

"The greatest of the difficulties, and possibly the only one of moment, is the lack of roads and trails. There is no doubt but that many thousands of dollars have been devoted to these things but the fact remains that the district is in sorry need of both. With the increased population, the increased revenue and the greater development of mines and lands, it now behooves the government to adopt a new system of building roads. The old system has proved an utter failure. A new system could not be worse. Trunk roads that can be travelled on; that start from some place and go some place, are required now. The same with the trails. They should start from some place and go some place and get there by the shortest route."

Cost of Elections

Elections are costly proceedings at best, and a glance at the itemised account of the expenses incurred by the Province in electing Mr. Wm. Manson to represent the Skeena riding in the provincial legislature, goes to show that when a government is determined that a certain man should be elected and that man a weak man, there can be no stinting in regard to funds. If he cannot win the seat for himself, then it must be won for him.

The cost of conducting the last election in the Skeena riding is shown in the public accounts to have been \$11,445.47.

The amount does not include the use of pack horses and teams taken away from the road and trail work which they were hired to perform, and used for election purposes.

Under present conditions, it is impossible to find out the actual cost of electing the member for Skeena, but taking all items into consideration, it must have cost close to \$15,000.

Cariboo is a large district, but there the election of two mem-

bers cost only \$1,227.80. This sounds very reasonable compared with the Skeena district.

The account for Skeena shows a big item for telegrams; sent by whom to whom we do not know. Probably from Mr. Manson to Victoria reporting progress and expenditure to date, but this is mere surmise.

For launch-hire, distributing and collecting ballot-boxes, and incidentally toting Mr. Manson and his election agents around the coast the tax-payer paid the sum of \$5,135. Might it not have been cheaper to have bought a boat for the purpose and afterwards presented it to Mr. Manson and his friends and so save further expense on the next occasion.

Posting proclamations cost \$1,054.20, evidently necessitating the sending of men to the uninhabited and unexplored districts to duly notify the denizens of the forests of the coming election.

\$11,445.47, truly a handsome total.

Mr. Manson has, since his last election, lost prestige in many parts of his district. He has so consistently disregarded the wishes of his constituents, and has persisted in his blind course of tolerating and even attempting to excuse the unsatisfactory conditions as regards public works and other matters, that the majority of his erstwhile supporters have had their fill of him and want no more.

What the cost of his next campaign will be, should he again offer himself for election, we will not presume to guess.

Our Railroad "Bargains"

Recent despatches from London, England, tell of a new issue of bonds to the extent of \$7,500,000 by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company. These bonds are guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the government of British Columbia.

Reading this, one's mind naturally reverts back to 1909, when the government came to the people with the Canadian Northern "bargain."

Many people in Bella Coola will remember how our present member explained at considerable

length and with his usual care, that all the government proposed to do for the Canadian Northern Railway Company was to guarantee the interest on bonds to the amount of \$21,000,000. Every precaution was taken by the speaker to prevent the electors from getting the idea that the government proposed to do anything more or other than guarantee the interest on that amount in bonds.

It will be remembered how one person in the audience, evidently hailing from Missouri, had the temerity to ask of the government candidate if it were not possible, in the event of the people accepting this "bargain", for the government to afterwards alter the terms in such a way as to increase the obligation on the part of the Province. Whether he was afterwards sorry he spoke we do not know, but certainly it was intended that he should be, for after being called everything but a good Conservative, he was asked what kind of men he thought sat in the provincial legislature, a question on which he is probably yet pondering.

Mr. Manson's indignation on that occasion was almost pathetic, as he attempted to make it appear that he was the victim of an aspersion of the gravest nature.

How many people in Bella Coola took the trouble to ascertain for themselves by a cursory examination of after-events to what extent Mr. Manson's indignation warranted?

Do the Conservatives of Bella Coola know that the provincial government is guaranteeing the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, not only as to the interest but also as to the principal, and not only to the extent of \$21,000,000, as explained by Mr. Manson, but to the amount of nearly \$43,000,000. If our Conservative friends have known this, why have they continued to support a man and a government whose word was worthless?

The probability is that Mr. Manson was sincere in his belief that the terms of the "bargain" would not be altered, but then he like many other members of the legislature, are only allowed to know so much, and no more.

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A glance at the public accounts show that the Province is guaranteeing the interest and principal of the bonds of the Canadian Northern and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Companies to the sum of nearly \$59,000,000.

Is it not probable that the financial condition of the Province on account of these guarantees is responsible for the fact that the Premier, instead of arranging a loan in the ordinary way, should be forced to procure it by issuing treasury notes, chargeable against the ordinary revenue?

After you have accomplished a really good thing get busy again.

Lord Strathcona's Death.

By the death of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canada has not only lost a great citizen, but a true friend whose whole life has been earnestly devoted to the advancement of her interests.

Now that his work is done, many tributes will be paid to his work and worth, but mere words can never fully describe the grandeur of his services to Canada, nor the depth of gratitude we Canadians owe to him, now that his name will be only a memory in the land; but when shall we look upon his like again?



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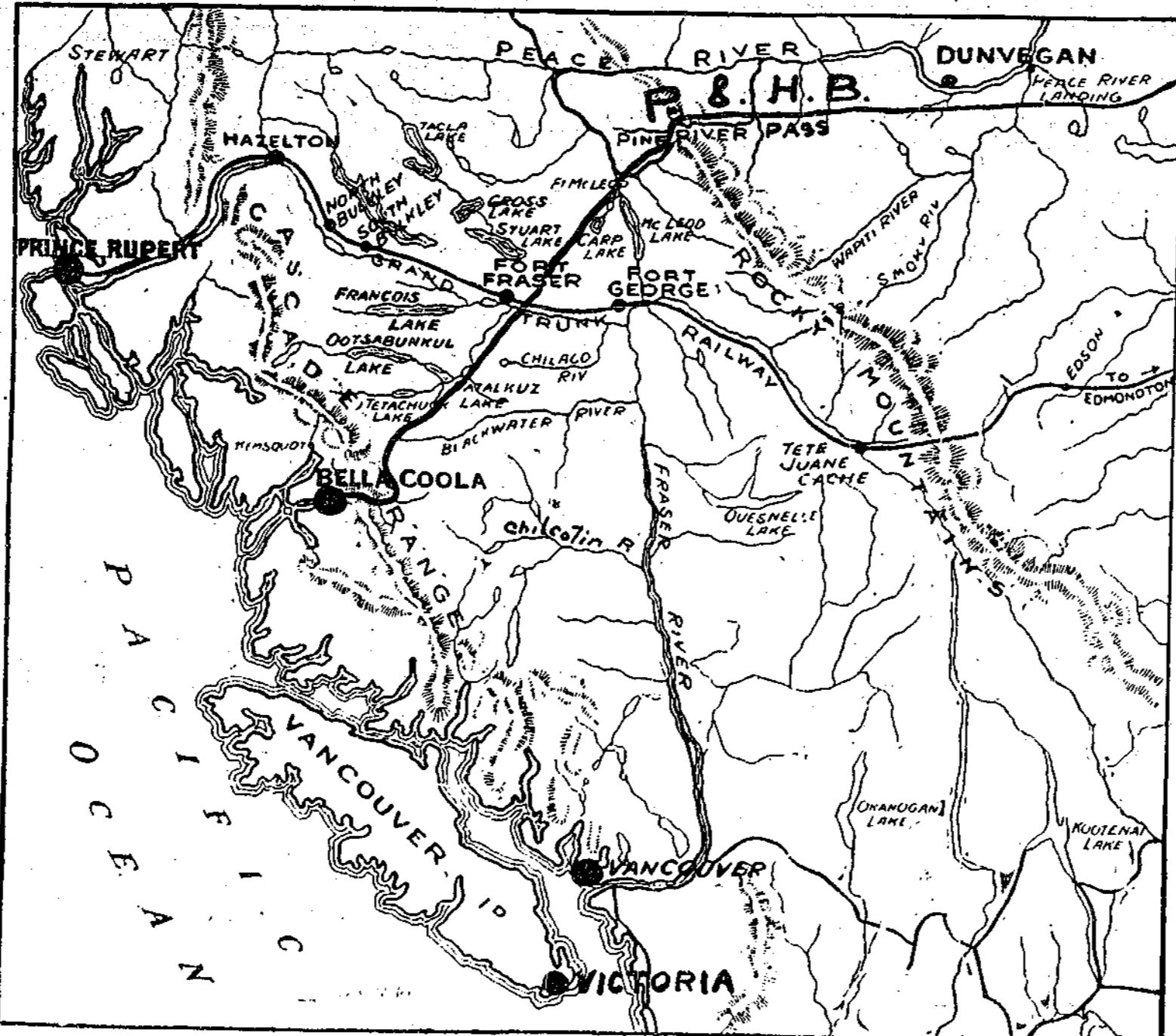
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ABUSING AUTHORITY.

It appears that the legislature is omnipotent. It can seat members who have disqualified themselves by accepting pay from the Crown in violation of the "Constitution Act"; or exempt them from penalties in the event of such violations.

We are greatly mistaken however, if the public will not look upon the passage of the "enabling bill," which confirms the right of Messrs. W. H. Heywood (Cowichan), A. Lucas (Yale), and J. P. Shaw (Kamloops), to retain their seats in the House notwithstanding that they had received payments in connection with the commissions of which they are members, as an abuse of power for which no self-respecting administration would make itself responsible.

Last session, the Attorney-General purposed extending the term of service of the members of the legislature to five years, although they had been elected by the people for four years, in accordance with the constitution; and only when the Liberal press had drawn attention to the barefaced iniquity of the proposal was it withdrawn.

In Mr. Bowser, we have a dictator who considers such matters as the constitution and the rights of the people as beneath the dignity of his office, but we do not hesitate to predict that, given the opportunity, the people of the Province will bring these things home to him in no uncertain manner.

WHERE IS PROVIDENCE NOW?

ITS BENEFICENCE CEASED WITH DEFEAT OF LAURIER GOVERNMENT.

The Speech from the Throne made reference to several conditions in Canada, but with a certain political cunning Premier Borden avoided mentioning that

the government was facing decreased revenues and declining trade, while the people as a whole were enduring the most acute period of hard times that has afflicted Canada since the Liberal government came to power in 1896. Whether or no there is any truth in the Conservative argument that there was prosperity under the Laurier government merely because Providence was on his side, there is grim reality in the replies of many Canadians out of work and depending upon charity for warmth of food, that they are having a very bad time because Providence is not on Borden's side. Canada is learning that it is unwise to fly in the face of Providence.

Unfriendly Canada.

Having won his victory over reciprocity and good neighborhood by the most outrageous attacks upon the United States and their people, Mr. Borden, Tory leader in Canada and chief imperial hypocrite of the day, says: The verdict was in no wise dictated by any spirit of unfriendliness to the great republic. No such spirit exists."

We venture to say that more influential than the expostulations and money of Canada's protected interests, more powerful than the pleas of its east-and-west railroad corporations, and more important than the cash sent into the Dominion by our tariff idolaters was the cockney and hoodigan jingoism which represented reciprocity as merely the advance agent of annexation.

No; there is no unfriendliness toward Americans in Canada. It is only suspicion, hatred, fear, jealousy and rancor. British born in the year of our Lord, 1776.

Friendly neighbors do not accuse each other of annexation or abduction. Unfriendly neighbors sometimes provoke one or both of them.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

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VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III. TAKE NOTICE that William Wright Copeland of Chezacut, B.C., occupation stock raiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 329, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence north twenty chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less. WILLIAM WRIGHT COPELAND. Dated, October 11, 1913. Nov. 29—Jan. 21.

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III. TAKE NOTICE that Samuel Copeland, of Okanagan Center, occupation fruit raiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 733, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence north twenty chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less. SAMUEL COPELAND. Dated, October 11, 1913. W. W. COPELAND, Agent. Nov. 29—Jan. 21.

Salesman: Now, here, madam, is a piece of goods that speak for itself: I— Customer (interrupting): Then suppose you keep quiet a moment and give it a chance.

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