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Will Increase Salary of High Commissioner

McBride's Arrival Seems Significant

Ottawa, March 12.—The Evening Free Press says:

"There is to be a salary increase for the Canadian high commissioner. Sir Charles Tupper drew \$10,000 a year while he represented Canada in London and the same salary was continued during the high commissioner-ship of Lord Strathcona, though Lord Strathcona, during the fourteen years he occupied the position, did not draw a dollar which parliament annually voted him.

"The cost of living has increased for high commissioners as well as for the ordinary citizen and whoever succeeds to the post will need more money.

"It is understood that the supplementary estimates will increase the salary of the high commissioner to \$30,000. That will make him the highest paid servant the Canadian people have.

"Sir Richard McBride will be in Ottawa shortly. After his arrival there may be something doing in the way of naming a successor to Lord Strathcona."

Serious Epidemic of Typhoid

St. Johns, Que., March 13.—The seriousness of the epidemic of typhoid which has taken hold of the towns of St. Johns and Iberville is seen in the fact that 2000 persons out of a population of 7000 are stricken with the disease.

Factories are all working short handed and business is being greatly interfered with.

Seek to Release 5000 Soldiers

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—Asserting that there is no warrant of international law or treaty under which the five thousand Mexicans who fled to the United States after the battle of Ojinaga and who are interned at Fort Bliss, can be held, representatives of the Huerta government here are preparing to institute habeas corpus proceedings to obtain their liberation.

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Six-Pound Limit Extended—System Working Smoothly

Ottawa, March 12.—The six pound limit imposed by the post-office department during the organization period of the parcels post has been withdrawn by the department, and in future the full limit of eleven pounds will be allowed. It was intended at first the six-pound limit should remain in force for three months, but the system has been found to work so easily that the restriction has been withdrawn before that time was up.

Firemen Called By Wireless

Victoria, March 12.—The calling of a fire brigade by wireless at Victoria is possibly one of the most unique features yet performed in navigation. The C. P. R. steamer Tees had just cleared for west coast run, when a fire broke out in her cargo. Captain Gillam immediately brought his ship about and ordered the wireless operator to notify shore. When his vessel reached the wharf the city fire brigade was in waiting and the blaze, which had already been got well under control, was extinguished. The damage to freight amounted to about \$1000.

Reduced Cable Rates to Old Country Points

Vancouver, March 12.—Advice has been received by Mr. J. F. Richardson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs in British Columbia, of a reduction in cable tolls to Great Britain. This applies to week-end letters and night letters. The rate on the former will be \$2.00 for 25 words, and on the latter \$1.60 for 13 words. Cable business to the Old country has been particularly good, despite business depression in general, and has shown a healthy increase of late.

Bourassa May Be Candidate

Ottawa, March 12.—It is reported here that Mr. Henri Bourassa is being asked to run as a Nationalist candidate in Jacques Cartier, the riding just thrown open through the resignation of Hon. F. D. Monk.

Avalanche Kills Soldiers

Vienna, Austria, March 12.—Seventeen soldiers of the Emperor's Rifle Regiment have been killed by an avalanche. They were engaged in manoeuvres on the Ortler mountain in the Tyrol.

Australia's Submarines

London, Mar. 12.—Australia's first two submarines have left England for Sydney, N. S. W., where they are due the middle of May. They will make the entire journey by their own power.

Canadian Northern Wants Loan of Forty Million

Need of Assistance Said to be Imperative

Ottawa, March 12.—Sir Wm. Mackenzie, Sir Donald Mann and Z. A. Lash, chief legal and financial adviser to the railway knights, are in the capital strongly pressing again the claims of the C. N. R. for a liberal measure of financial assistance this season.

The government proposal now is to grant a loan of forty millions to the C. N. R., which is what the company requires to complete and equip its transcontinental system.

In the present state of the London money market, with further tightened conditions reported from there, the situation is represented by Mackenzie and

Mann as very acute, and the need of assistance is imperative.

Some of the recalcitrants on the Conservative side, who had openly declared that they would oppose the granting of a loan, are said to be now wavering, and R. B. Bennett may be left alone in his determined and open opposition.

On the Liberal side the attitude will be taken that before anything at all is decided on, there must be a full and frank accounting by Mackenzie and Mann of what has been done with all public funds received by them, and as to the whole history of C. N. R. finances, including subsidiary undertakings.

A Royal Divorce

Copenhagen, March 12.—It is learned in official circles that the divorce of Prince William of Sweden and Princess Marie, is now an accomplished fact. Only some small formalities have yet to be arranged, and these it is expected, will be settled within two weeks time.

Cook Island Devastated

Sydney, N. S. W., March 13.—The worst hurricane experienced in fifty years has devastated Cook Island and Aitutaki Island, in the Archipelago south of the Society Island.

A huge wave swept over Mauko Island, in the same group, destroying an entire village.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S.S. Camosun made her usual weekly call at this port on Sunday last. The list of passengers for this port included Messrs. G. F. Allen, W. Brydon, G. Dagg, and several bridge carpenters who are at present engaged on the construction of the new Bella Coola river bridge.

Mr. G. F. Allen, the representative of Messrs. Johnson Bros., of Vancouver, spent the last week in the valley with our merchants.

Mr. Brydon of Schooner Passage has been in town during the week in connection with the purchase of a piece of land on which he intends to make his home.

Mr. Geo. Dagg is back from Vancouver, and is awaiting an opportunity to get into the Interior where he is interested in some valuable mineral claims.

Among the outgoing passengers by the last south-bound steamer were, Messrs. Charles Hendricks, Olaf Fosbak, T. Levelton and Constable Broughton.

O. Fosback and T. Levelton left for Vancouver. They are expected to return in the course of a few weeks.

Charlie Hendricks, well known on the coast as a hunter and trapper, has left for Alaska where he will take up his former occupation of prospecting.

Constable Broughton is visiting the various points in his district.

Considerable anxiety is being felt by the residents of the town regarding the danger of another flood.

The extremely mild weather threatens high water, when it will be impossible for the necessary protection work to be done.

Surely it cannot be a matter of whether or not money can be procured for the work, when the town is threatened with a repetition of an occurrence which last fall made the streets look like abandoned placer diggings. It is high time that this matter was attended to. There has been enough talk about it.

The "Bertha D" in command of Chas. Draney, came up from Namu yesterday morning with three large scow loads of lumber for the bridge now under construction to span the Bella Coola river nearly at its mouth.

In the past all material shipped in here for construction work has been handled from two to four times before getting to where it was to be used. In this case, however, the lumber was placed on the scows at the Namu mills and delivered at the works without extra handling, which means a considerable saving to the public.

There seems to be an idea prevailing in the minds of certain people that the "Courier" and the local Liberal party are adverse to the importation of men to be employed on certain public works.

We wish to state that not be-

ing in the confidence of the Government we have nothing whatever to do with the matter of who shall be employed or who shall not.

Those who have kicks coming must lodge them elsewhere.

The local Conservative party is running the whole show in this valley and if they are not running it properly that is not the fault of the "Courier."

We have nothing to say in regard to anyone at present employed on public works, so long as the work is done properly and economically.

The person who infers that the Courier is agitating against the men who have come to work on the Bella Coola river bridge, or on any other public works, does so with the sole object of discrediting the Courier and its owners, and has without a doubt started the canard with the object of financially benefitting himself.

A fine specimen of a live wolverine was shipped to Vancouver on the last steamer by Mr. Hall of the Crossing.

The animal is to take its place among the great collection at the menagerie at Stanley Park, Vancouver.

The Development League is approaching the end of the first year of its existence and as the executive committee is desirous to show a substantial cash balance in the treasury, it has been decided to again appeal to the public for support.

The executive have never yet asked for something and offered nothing in return.

For some time past a number of local gentlemen have been practicing assiduously, and on Friday March 27th, will give a Negro Minstrel Entertainment at the Mackenzie School, commencing at 8 p. m. prompt. Tickets may be had from any member of the executive, price 50c; children half-price.

It is hoped the public will bear this date in mind and by their attendance assist the League in bringing the year to a successful close.

Indian Constable Tucker left last week for Bella Bella and other points in his district.

Karl Brink of Saloomt Valley visited town during the week.

A well attended meeting of the Farmers' Institute took place at Hagensborg on Thursday of last week.

Messrs. S. Le C. Grant and D. H. Hoage reported on the business of the Convention at Victoria.

Keen interest is being manifested by the members and a very successful year is being looked forward to.

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FIRST PACK-TRAIN ARRIVES.

One large pack-train, the first of the season, has already arrived from the Interior and others are expected shortly. Antoine Capoose, the well known Indian trader of Anaham Lake arrived in town the early part of the week for a pack-train load of supplies. He reports a very fine winter in his part of the Interior country, the snow-fall being exceptionally light. There is every prospect of a very early spring. Furs have been very plentiful throughout the Interior and it is certain that large catches will shortly be brought to this place for sale or shipment. Capoose further reports that cattle and horses have wintered extremely well, there being practically no losses.

The trails are in fairly good shape and no difficulty was experienced on the trip down, which speaks well for the Bella Coola route into the Interior.

The gang engaged on the construction of the new Bella Coola river bridge has now got properly settled down to work under the new foreman Mr. Ellison, and excellent progress is being made in the work of driving piles.

Excellent weather is facilitating the work.

Miss Muriel Fonceca gave a very enjoyable concert at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Thursday last week, the attendance being exceptionally large.

Miss Fonceca was ably assisted by Mr. B. C. Balfour, baritone, Miss W. Pecknold, elocutionist, and Mr. A. Crichton, violin-cello.

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A three piece parlor suite, good as new, for particulars apply to F. M. BREWSTER, Hagensborg, B. C.

Vincent Clayton, Geo. Dagg and Fred Hendricks left on Wednesday for Dean Channel.

Mark Smaby of the Ocean Falls Company called here on Tuesday. He was on one of his periodical visits to the various logging camps of the company.

Geo. K. Burnett and party are at present engaged in survey work some six miles down the mlet.

Mr. Herbert Sutherland has returned to town after a visit to Batchelor Bay.

Mrs. Reg. Walker is spending a few days in town as the guest of Mrs. Wm. Sutherland.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1914.

Honest and Unafraid.

"How happy is he, born or taught, that serveth not another will; Whose armour is his honest thought, and simple truth his utmost skill."

At the recent Liberal convention held at Victoria—the greatest Liberal convention ever held in the Province—the following strongly worded resolution was passed unanimously:

"That this convention has learned with grave alarm of the introduction into the legislature of a bill to further guarantee the bonds of the main line of the C. N. R. to the extent of \$10,000 a mile in addition to the enormous and overwhelming guarantees for which the province is already responsible and in utter violation and disregard of the pledges given by the government to the country from time to time. Such an action on the part of the government under the circumstances would constitute a monstrous betrayal of the public interests and an unprecedented act of treachery which every citizen in British Columbia should do everything in his power to prevent. Resolved, therefore, that this convention seize the first opportunity to condemn the proposed action of the government and calls upon all citizens of British Columbia, without distinction of party, to make every effort possible to save the province from the imposition of further burdens which have already grown so large as to most seriously threaten its financial position."

Not only Liberals are alarmed at this latest action of the Premier's in granting further aid to C. N. R.

Mr. C. M. Wordsworth, past president of the Vancouver Conservative Association is as much opposed to the measure as even the most ardent Liberal.

Mr. Wordsworth says, "I AM UNALTERABLY OPPOSED to the subsidies to the Pacific Great Eastern and the Canadian Northern railway companies being increased."

It will be remembered how the News-Advertiser dealing with the matter of the delegation of Vancouver Conservatives, who waited on Sir Richard McBride to protest against the proposal to further aid the C. N. R., reported that they (the members of the delegation) came away from Victoria perfectly satisfied with Sir Richard's explanation.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Wordsworth says that this report was four-fifths wrong.

We suspected as much.

Doubtless a few members of the delegation, men of the Dr. Patterson type, swallowed Sir Richard's smooth talk, and at least made belief they liked it, but Mr. Wordsworth is not a man of that stamp.

As a last recourse, Mr. Wordsworth suggests calling a monster mass meeting of both Liberals and Conservatives of the city of Vancouver, and passing a resolution condemning the deal, and to circulate a monster petition asking for the names of every voter in Vancouver and Richmond requesting the Lieutenant-Governor to refuse his assent to the bill. "If that is done there won't be 500 in the district that will not sign the petition," he says.

We would suggest to Mr. Wordsworth that some of those petitions be circulated in the Northern portion of the province. We could promise a few signatures amongst the better class Conservatives of this district. The people are face to face with a grave situation. Only the hide-bound, the woefully wicked or the wilfully blind, refuse to admit it.

It is the duty of every person regardless of his party affiliations to study the situation in which the province has been placed by the McBride administration.

The sooner the electorate of this province begin to show the true British spirit of independence of thought and action in regard to public affairs, the sooner will this period of reckless maladministration be brought to an end.

Over-Reached Itself.

The report of the National Transcontinental Investigation Commission has of itself defeated the ends of its political draughtsmen.

In their eagerness to meet the wishes of the government and to make political capital the commissioners have dared too much and failed. They disregarded facts entirely.

Liberals in caucus demand a thorough investigation of every charge of alleged waste by the two commissioners. The chances are that the investigating commissioners will find themselves on trial before long, rather than the former commissions of

the National Transcontinental Railway.

It is worthy of note that one of the contractors who, according to the investigating commission, got a "rake-off" in connection with the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, has been allotted the contract (by the present government) for the whole of the Hudson Bay Railway, over 400 miles.

Hon. Robert Rogers was forced to admit that the Welland Canal contracts, amounting to over \$20,000,000, have been given to men, some of whom, the investigating commissioners allege to be grafters and boodlers.

It will be seen that what was wrong under the Laurier government is apparently right under the Borden government. The investigating commissioners endeavored to make a point of the fact that there had been great waste through letting the contracts to a few large contractors and allowing them to sub-let to smaller contractors. This is exactly what the present government are doing with the Hudson Bay Railway and the Welland Canal and with several of the same large contractors.

Hon. S. M. Parent, ex-chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway says: "You may announce that the former commission has absolutely nothing to fear and is ready to meet its detractors on any ground. More than that, so far as I am concerned, I intend to carry the war into Africa; that is to say, when we have shown the complete inanity of the accusations brought against the former commission, we will in our turn bring accusations which will be more serious."

The charges alleged by the investigating commission remind one of the charges of Major Hodgins which were investigated by a committee of the Commons, with the result that they were found to be a base fabrication, and both the Major and the Victoria Colonist, which printed the charges, were forced to take them back in quick order.

Mr. Parent positively affirms that the accusations of wastefulness brought against the former commission in regard to the contracts have no foundation in fact.

They are as false as were the Major Hodgins charges and are only brought forward with a view to "gulling" the public.

It is worthy of mention that one man who is accused with having divided money with Mr. Parent, states on oath that the only person with whom he had any financial dealings was a man

from whom he bought an ice-house; and he was and is a prominent Conservative.

In the meantime this investigating commission, consisting of two men, whose sole purpose was to obtain data which could be used to advantage at election time, regardless of truth or honesty, has cost the country over \$83,000.

Where the slightest doubt exists in the public mind that public money has not been expended in the public interest it is only right and proper that a thorough investigation be made.

Such investigation should be made, however, in the public interest and not in the interest of any one political party. The men appointed to investigate should have experience in the work they are to investigate and should take evidence only on oath and in public.

A commission which does not take evidence on oath and which holds its sessions behind closed doors, is not looking for straight facts.

Such a commission is the biggest kind of a graft. We have had too many of them.

Mr. Wm. Manson has asked the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. How many tenders were received last May for the building of Bella Coola gaol?
2. What were the amounts of the tenders?
3. Has work since been done by day labor; and, if so, what was the cost of same?

The Hon. Mr. Taylor replied as follows: [1] One. [2] \$4,550. [3] Yes. Cost \$3,157.20.

Mr. Manson is no doubt satisfied.

We would have been greatly surprised if the cost of the work had been allowed to approach the amount of the one and only tender. But how the actual cost was arrived at is a mystery to us. When one gang of men are engaged on two jobs at the same time, it is hard to estimate the cost of either.

The site for the gaol was cleared by men engaged in building a bridge. The same foreman had charge of both works. Men were sent on to the gaol ground for a few hours and brought back to the bridge when their help was needed. This was a precaution necessary in order to make it possible to state that the gaol was built for less than the tender price. Mr. Manson asked nothing about the clearing of the site which was included

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in the tender price.

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Mr. Manson might also have asked the Minister how long it took the party who tendered to get his certified check back and how often he had to write requesting its return.

The replies here would have been interesting. We can tell Mr. Manson something about the building of this same gaol.

With the appropriation for this district reduced to about half we wonder what Mr. Manson will have left to talk about. He's coming soon.

"Insurgency" is becoming general throughout Canada. It is all directed against a deprecatory organization whose operations are directed by a firm class as freebooters.

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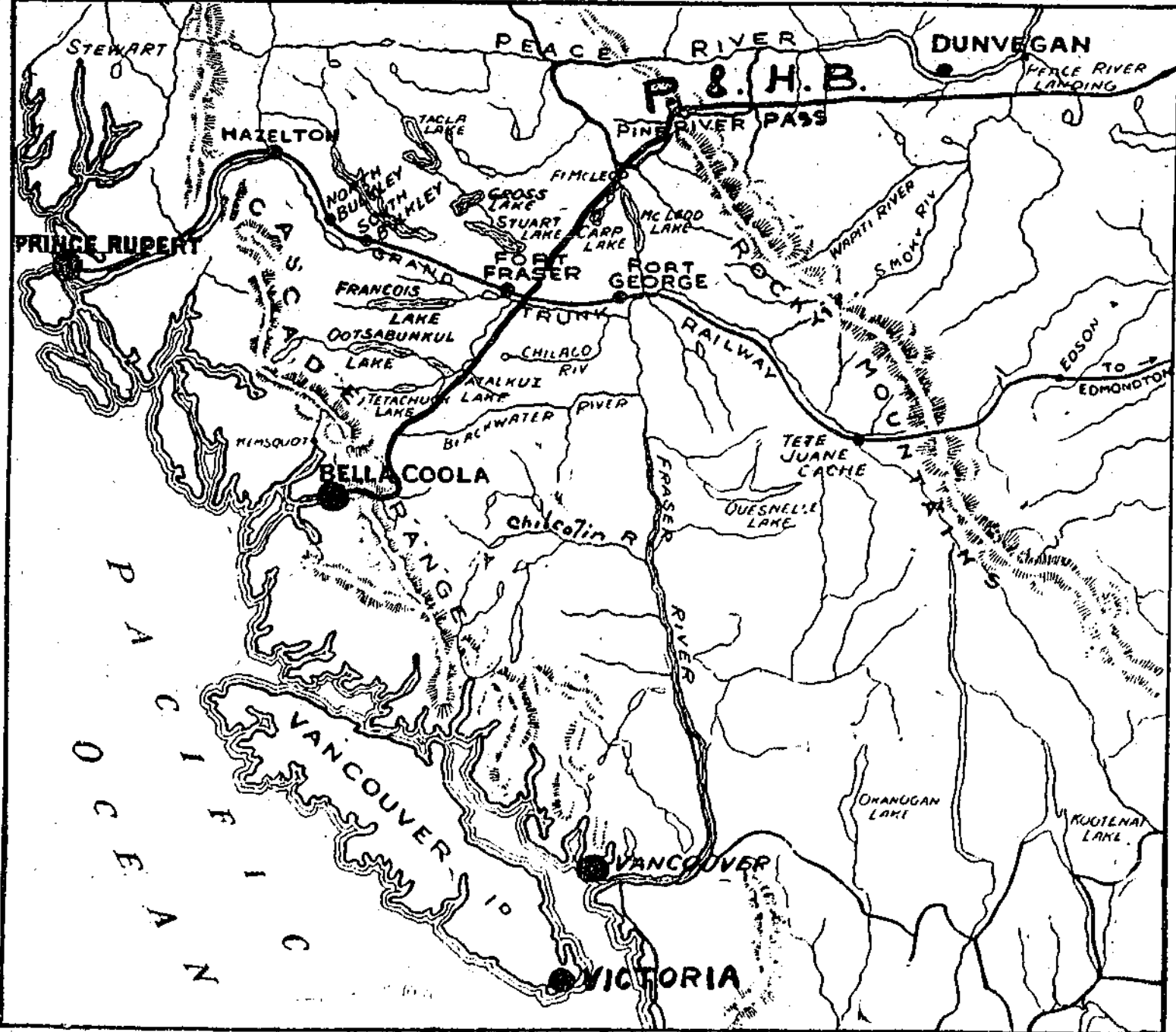
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A "Kick" from Kitsumkalum

WANTS TO SHAKE HANDS WITH MAN FROM BELLA COOLA.

A correspondent, signing himself "Fair-play," writing to the Prince Rupert Daily News, says: "I want to shake hands with the man from Bella Coola and assure him that his district is not the only one where large amounts of money are expended with no results."

The writer explains that the system of moving the road either to right or left each year (what we here call "kink locating") is in vogue in his district also. At Kitsumkalum, as here, there seems to be little attention paid to the wishes of the settlers by Wm. Manson, the so-called representative of this district in the provincial legislature. There as here the settlers are not credited, by Mr. Manson, with being possessed of sufficient intelligence to know what is good for them. Of course Mr. Manson does.

The writer concludes with these significant remarks: "We like the Bella Coola man, think we have a kick coming, and surely Mr. Manson and his government can expect no support from a district whose wants have been so persistently ignored. We only ask a fair deal, but it does not seem to come our way."

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