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STAR STILL IN ASCENDANT

Sir Richard's Government Not Yet Ripe for Shaking

Contrary to predictions the bye-election for the Islands constituency in the B. C. Provincial Legislature did not result in demonstrating the province to be in the initial throes of a revolution against the rule of Sir Richard McBride. On the contrary Sir Richard's candidate W. W. Foster was returned with a majority of 202. The vacancy was caused by the elevation of the former member A. E. McPhillips to the bench.

Little would have been thought of the campaign were it not that the Liberal papers declared it to be the beginning of the end for the McBride government and the leading Liberals of the province went into the riding to take the platform against the government.

WORK OF INDIAN COMMISSION

Resignation of Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman, Not to Delay the Final Report

Hon. E. L. Wetmore, chairman of the Indian Commission, found the work of the Commission too strenuous for a man of his advanced years and has chosen the present off spell in the Commission's work as an opportune time to tender his resignation.

The work of the Indian Commission will not be in any way delayed by reason of the resignation of Chairman Wetmore, it was stated today. The commission has brought its labors for the present year to such a state that what remains to be done prior to the spring excursions into the north to meet the Indians there, can be handled through the office established under the charge of Secretary Gibbons.

The Indian commission since its formation early in the year has completed an extended programme of work, visiting reserves measuring in area over 380,000 acres, holding seventy-nine formal meetings with a great many more informal sessions, taking 18,000 pages of evidence and making eighteen interim reports.

The commission was formally constituted on May 19th last, and on that date proceeded to complete organization and hold daily meetings. The commissioners approached the work entrusted to them with full appreciation of the responsibilities entailed and with a determination that in this final adjustment of the long-vested Indian lands question of British Columbia such a basis of settlement might be arrived at as would assure not only development of independence and self-maintaining ability of the Indian people, and their adoption of higher standards of progressive civilization, but coincidentally the reflective promotion of improved conditions generally throughout this portion of the Dominion.

Eighteen interim reports have thus far been presented by the commission to the jointly interested governments, those covering nineteen applications by railway companies for rights-of-entry upon Indian reserves lands within British Columbia, one presented by the department of marine and fisheries of Canada in connection with light-house establishment, two in relation to projected public works of the Province of British Columbia, one incidental to desirable public services of municipal organization and two general.

Acting under the concluding paragraph of the order-in-council the commission has made exhaustive inquiries and examinations in the course of its meetings with the Indians, with the object of suggesting such changes in the future policy to be adopted by the Government of the Dominion in the conduct of the affairs of the Indian inhabitants of British Columbia as, in the opinion of the commission, should result in the more rapid development in civilization and in material prosperity of the Indians, the recommendations of the commission in which respect will be embodied in its final report.

The arsonettes have begun their work in Britain again, to get even with somebody for jailing Madam Pankhurst.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

Someone Tries To Enter The Hedley Branch of The Bank of B. N. A.

At four o'clock on Thursday morning last an attempt was made by some party or parties to enter the premises of the Bank of British North America. At present there is only one of the staff sleeping on the premises in a room in rear of the office, and this fact had evidently been known by the would-be till-tapper. W. K. Pollock, the teller, was awakened but does not know what particular thing it was that awakened him. Immediately he heard the lower sash of one of the side windows of the office open. The room in which he slept was in darkness but there was a light burning in the front office and the door was open from his bedroom into the office. The first thing he saw was a leg coming through the window and his first thought was to shout out "What do you want there?" when the leg was withdrawn and the burglar apparently made off. Then he saw that the big arc light on the street in front of the Bank had been turned off, so that he could not see how many were on the outside. Under the circumstances he did not deem it wise to venture out until daylight, and people going past to work in the early morning saw the ladder leaning up against the building alongside the window.

The best thing for him to have done of course would have been for him to take a shot at the leg. Of course it might have opened up hostilities and started up some shooting in return, but a maimed leg would have been convenient for tracking purposes.

It is always easy to be wise after the event, and many will dictate the course to be followed who might not have done a bit different themselves. Failing to shoot, Mr. Pollock did the next best thing, for reasons which will be better appreciated by those who saw the position of the ladder and the window through which an entrance was being effected. There was a flower box that ran nearly the full width of the window, balanced on the window sill on the outside and it was a ticklish piece of balancing to get in the window over it. The man who was balancing on one leg on the ladder outside while the other leg was trying to get a footing on the inside, was in no position to do any gun play just at that particular moment, and this doubtless accounts for the fact that there was no shooting in reply to Pollock's challenge. Any man who will attempt a job of that kind is certainly prepared to shoot and take the consequences. In addition to turning off the arc light on the outside he had the backdoor fastened with a rope to prevent escape of anyone by that means. This would give some ground for belief that there may only have been one man on the job, and it also would indicate that there was no intention to attempt drilling the safe but to work on the teller and compel him to give up the combination.

One result of it will be to increase the vigilance and also to strengthen the premises against entry by burglars.

QUIT ASKING EXTENSIONS

Railways Building in British Columbia at Last See That Work is Their Best Play

"No companies now building railway lines in this province under agreements with the government have yet asked for a day's extension of time," declared Sir Richard McBride today. "We have no reason to expect either that any company will approach us for an extension. The agreements and policies of the government covering railway matters are being carried out practically to the letter. I may say that it is the intention of the executive to close up all the points affecting railway matters by the end of the year. This decision will include everything connected with the Songhees reserve railway terminals."

The Premier expressed gratification at a statement made to him by Mr. D'Arcy Tate that it was the intention of the P. G. E., shortly, to employ a large force of men on terminal improvements at Newport.

MORE CONTRACTS LET

Twenty-four miles of Station Work Started on Joint Section of Hope Line

Mr. J. H. Kennedy, assistant chief engineer for the V. V. & E. Railway, returned last night from a five-weeks' trip to Eastern Canada and the Middle Western States. While in St. Paul he conferred with Mr. R. Budd, chief engineer for the Great Northern Railway with regard to construction work on the new sections of the V. V. & E. Although he did not have an opportunity on his recent tour to make a trip over the sections of the V. V. & E. line through the Hope Mountain district, Mr. Kennedy said that reports from the construction camps indicate that good progress is being made with the operations.

Two steam shovels are at work on the Otter Lake section and a force of 200 men is engaged in grading.

With reference to the portion of the Hope Mountain line being built by the Kettle Valley Railway for the joint use of the two lines, he said that he had received word of the awarding of contracts to stationmen for an eighteen-mile and a six-mile stretch. He intends to inspect the route next week.—Province.

CONSIDERING THE POWER SITE

As we go to press a conference is being held on the river to decide finally upon the site for the new power dam and the situation of the flume and head-gate. Mr. W. B. Dickson, vice-president of the Hedley Gold Mining Company, and T. Walter Beam arrived this forenoon for consultation with Mr. Jones and the engineers, and on Saturday last Mr. M. K. Rodgers also arrived to be present. The plans for the site upon which a start had been made were made by Mr. Mitchell, of the engineering firm of Canadian and Mitchell of Victoria, and it is to decide finally upon the acceptance or otherwise of those plans that the present conference is being held. Another engineer, Mr. Matheson, of Vancouver, has been called in for consultation and arrived on Tuesday. Mr. I. L. Merrill, president of the company is at the hot springs in Arkansas and was not in shape to make the trip or he too would be present at this time.

ACCIDENT IN MINE

After a long spell of providential immunity from mishap of any kind an accident occurred in the Nickel Plate on Thursday of last week. A mucker named David Lawley was clearing away muck in one of the stopes and working with a dull pick when he was unfortunate enough to strike a piece of powder which exploded. The most serious and painful injury attending the mishap was to his eyes, and it may require some time to tell whether the injury is likely to be permanent, but the doctor has good hopes of him pulling out all right. He was brought down here to the hospital where Dr. McEwen looked after him for a few days and got him in shape to be sent out to an eye specialist and he was taken out the beginning of this week. The doctor thinks it must have been a small piece of powder or the injury done would have been greater, for there was very little laceration from broken rock and only a few small pieces found about the eyes. In this case it is possible that he had been pretty near the blaze and some of the trouble may be from that source. Before he left the power to distinguish light had come back to one of the eyes and it is quite possible that both eyes may be saved.

EXPECTING ANOTHER

Fear Repetition of Rock Slide Disaster at Frank

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 7.—Passengers arriving from the west today say there is alarm felt at Frank, Alta., over the large crack in the top of the mountain, and a repetition of the disaster of some ten years ago is feared. They say the Dominion government has men watching the crevice to give warning should it widen. The town of Frank now has less than 40 population, the majority of the people having moved to Blairmore.

OROVILLE OUT OF LUCK

Just When They Thought the Town Clear of Small-pox Another Case is Imported

Oroville has certainly been up against a hard run of luck in connection with the small-pox outbreak. For much of the trouble they have of course themselves or their health officers to blame, but nevertheless it was hard luck for them to have had the pest dumped down on them in the first place. And now after the health authorities had been aroused to some effort to rid the town and they were congratulating themselves that the trouble was nearly over, another case is brought in. Exaggerated reports have been in circulation, but they are not believed by the public generally. The policy of concealment which was employed at first was a mistaken one altogether, and is in a measure responsible for much of the exaggeration. The disease has never been epidemic in the town nor anything approaching it, and if the truth and nothing but the truth had been given out there would have been much less chance for rumor. We believe the following paragraph from the Oroville Gazette regarding the latest outbreak is in every way reliable. In its last issue the Gazette says:

"Monday evening Joe Farran appeared on the streets broken out with smallpox. He arrived Monday evening on the train from the south, boarding the train at Omak. Health Officer Beale at once rushed Farran to the pest house, where he will remain until in a condition to be discharged. This is an exceedingly unfortunate revival of the smallpox bugbear, coming as it does at a time when the last victim of the disease had entirely recovered, with no new cases developed. Like the first case in town this one comes from a distance, and Oroville is compelled to bear the brunt of the patient's presence, not only for the expense of caring for the victim, but must suffer from the exaggerated reports that are sure to follow. Where Farran contracted the disease is not known. It is known that he boarded the passenger car at Omak, and considering his condition residents of that place must have been exposed. Others were exposed on the train and in town. The passenger car has been fumigated, and every precaution will be taken here to confine the disease to the single case. It will be a fortnight, however, before it can be known whether others have been effected by the germs."

PAT WELCH RECOVERING

Railway Builder in Serious Condition Following Operation

The firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart had a narrow escape of losing the most prominent member, when the noted railway contractor Patrick Welch was declared by the surgeons in Seattle to be in a very precarious condition. He was suddenly taken ill and after a time the doctors diagnosed his case to be that of ruptured appendix. An operation was regarded imperative and the weakening from the malady itself left his constitution in ill shape to stand the shock of the operation. So serious was the case regarded that members of his family were hurried from Spokane. Latest reports state a turn for the better and all chances in his favor for speedy recovery.

MINING NOTES

An item appearing in the Nelson Daily News Tuesday stated that the Standard mine would pay two \$50,000 dividends this month. When asked about the statement, Mr. Aylard, manager of the mine and one of the largest shareholders, said he had heard nothing about it, but would not object to receiving the extra dividend. With \$50,000 this month the Standard will have paid in dividends \$1,025,000 on a capitalization of \$2,000,000. Next year the mine should pay \$100,000 monthly in dividends, possibly more when the large ore body is reached in the No. 7 tunnel. As previously stated in the Record, it would not be unreasonable to expect the Standard to pay \$5,000,000 in dividends from ore above the No. 7 level.—Slocan Record.

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A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

Full Moon	13	New Moon	27			
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1913	DEC	1913				
SUB.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

THE TELL-TALE PAST

Since his defeat at the polls in 1911 Hon. W. S. Fielding has been practically out of Canadian politics. Whether it may form part of the plan of his party to provide for him a seat in the House that he may be heard again in the House of Commons at Ottawa where he was first brought by Laurier in 1893, we do not know, but the fact that he has accepted the position of editor of the new Liberal organ to be started in Montreal shows that he has made up his mind to take a hand in Canadian politics once more. The latest heard from him was his letter in the London paper in which he holds up to the people of Great Britain the Canadian constitution as the goal to which they should all incline as the panacea for Home Rule and the other Gordian knots into which legislation over there has been tied. He forgot, however, that in his younger mischief making days as a Canadian politician he did not always think as highly of the Canadian constitution as he now does. Of this fact he is very forcefully and effectively reminded by the editor of the News-Advertiser in an editorial headed "Belated Testimony" which we reproduce herewith, for it is of historical interest and should be carefully noted by the younger students of Canadian history and Canadian politics. The editorial states:

"Mr. Fielding's letter to the London 'Times' commending the Canadian system of federal home rule to the imitation of Great Britain will be read with special interest by one Canadian now residing in England. Sir Charles Tupper will recall the Confederation battle in Nova Scotia and the part taken against union by the Halifax 'Chronicle.' Mr. Fielding was then a member of the staff, but not the editor. In later years, as editor, Mr. Fielding denounced the Canadian Confederation and demanded its repeal. Twenty years after Union, Mr. Fielding, as premier of Nova Scotia, started a new repeal movement, going so far as to dissolve the legislature on that issue. He was sustained by the electors in this appeal, but as New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island refused to join in the movement, and as the Conservatives, led in Nova Scotia by Sir Charles Tupper, swept the province in the federal election of 1887, Mr. Fielding gave up the project. Though he gave the above reasons for abandoning the movement, a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Fielding did not admit that he was himself convinced. We rather think that his letter to the 'Times' is the first testimony of Mr. Fielding in favor of the union of the provinces of British North America."

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Wives of United States cabinet Ministers have joined the egg boycott and pledge themselves to use no eggs and thereby help to bring down the price. This is the latest plan of biting off the nose to spite the face. Woman's inhumanity to hen may make countless cocklers go short on their feed. Then, just think of William Jennings Bryan being driven off to his club for a dish of ham and eggs or an egg-nogg jolt.

THE HINDU PROBLEM

Plan to Plant Colonies in The Soudan

The development of the Hindu question in British Columbia is being carefully watched in official quarters at Ottawa. It is realized that the judgment of Chief Justice Hunter may tend to create new difficulty for the Indian and Imperial authorities in assuaging the opinions of natives of India who knowing nothing of Dominion self-government look to the King to secure them equal rights in all parts of the Dominions. A most hopeful solution for South Africa, and perhaps, also for British Columbia is now under consideration by Imperial and Indian executives. It is to initiate a colonization scheme in Soudan for Indians who refuse to submit to conditions which the Dominion Governments deem necessary.

South African journals suggest the immediate appointment of a small commission by the representative governments concerned, to inquire into the matter and submit a definite proposal for the removal and colonization elsewhere, of British Indians from the British Dominions.

What is especially noteworthy is the refusal of British ministers or responsible British press to countenance the Indian demand that the Imperial Government interfere with South Africa's management of its own affairs. All the Imperial Government is prepared to do is to make representations and assist in the finding of a solution agreeable to Imperial conditions. This is all the more striking because a blue book, just issued, gives prima facie reason to believe that British Indians in South Africa have been subjected to semi-serf conditions. The Times is most outspoken on the rights of self-governing Dominions. It says:

"We must disassociate ourselves completely from Sir M. M. Bhowmjee's attempt to revive the general controversy regarding the exclusion of Indians from the Dominions. Every community has the right to select the material upon which its future is to depend. Indians who claim free admission to all parts of the Empire in the name of British citizenship only, prove their total lack of understanding of the principles on which British citizenship is based. No Englishman can claim to enter a Dominion in which he is considered undesirable. Englishmen are actually rejected by hundreds by British governments every year. India cannot ask for privileges which even Englishmen are denied, and rightly denied. They can only ask that there be no discrimination shown against them which is offensive to their race. That is all that the South African Indians have claimed in this dispute. Those who reverse the order and claim that which they themselves have abandoned do their cause irreparable harm."

NO EXTINCTION HERE

Canada's Indians Increasing in Numbers and Prosperity

British Columbia's Indian population is 25,172. According to the annual report of the Indian Department there is a general improvement in the conditions of life among the natives. Their cattle industry is increasing, they are gradually becoming more self-supporting and the liquor traffic has been largely suppressed. In the West it is stated that those who hitherto have been charges upon the Government will, in a year or so, be wholly able to look after themselves. Their health is improving, due to an avoidance of overcrowding in houses. The log hut is being replaced by properly constructed dwellings. To these effects of an ameliorating civilization can doubtless be traced the fact that as contrasted with a number of previous years there is a slight increase in the total Indian population of Canada noted during 1912-1913.

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THE WEEK'S GOLF

What was possibly the last golf match of the present season (and it was played when December was a week old which speaks well for the Similkameen climate in the present year of grace) was a four ball foursome in which S. E. Hamilton and P. Murray played against W. C. Martin and A. Megraw. The former were the challengers, but victory went with the defenders on a score of four up and three to play. Of the 18 holes played the defenders won nine and the challengers two and the other seven holes were halved. The first round witnessed some rather ragged playing, each of the players in turn meeting his Waterloo in some particular hole or other among the many score-wrecking holes for which the Hedley course is noted. The second round was more snappy and although the challengers put up a much stronger game than in the first round they had a corresponding betterment on the part of the defenders to meet, and were put up against a hard score to overcome. The defenders' best ball on the first round showed an aggregate of 50 strokes while the challengers took 56. In the second round the defenders' best ball aggregate was brought down to 44, or just two above bogey, and the challengers' best ball was 50.

There is evidence of a split among the Doukhobouts and a breaking away from the domination of Peter Veregin who is the whole stumbling block in the way of allowing them to become normal citizens of the country. Many of the more level-headed among them are beginning to see this.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Nov. 29, 1913:

AT THE MINE.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Nov 30	32	22
Dec 1	30	26
2	44	23
3	43	28
4	35	25
5	35	24
6	27	17

Average maximum temperature 36.71
Average minimum do 23.57
Mean temperature 30.14
Rainfall for the week .00 inches.
Snowfall " 1.00 "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR
Highest maximum temperature 34
Average maximum do 27.28
Lowest minimum do 8.
Average minimum do 14.
Mean do 21.64

AT THE MILL.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Nov 30	42	30
Dec 1	40	22
2	35	20
3	32	22
4	30	28
5	34	30
6	30	20

Average maximum temperature 36.
Average minimum do 27.14
Mean do 31.57
Rainfall for the week .00 inches
Snowfall " .00 "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR
Highest maximum temperature 44
Average do do 27.28
Lowest minimum do 20.
Average do do 22.71
Mean do do 20.58



County Court of Yale

A sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at the Court House, Princeton, Tuesday, 6th day of January, 1914, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, by command,
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Town and District.

Dr. Lawrence, dentist, is here; make appointments early.

Game warden Schissler of Princeton was in town this week.

H. A. Turner, district supervisor of roads, was in town Monday on his way up the valley.

The Woodmen's ball will be held in the hall over the Hedley Trading Co.'s store on Tuesday night next, December 16th.

R. Wheeler, superintendent of the stamp mill and cyanide plant, left on Monday with his wife and family for a holiday trip to California.

Davie McBride over at Bridesville has pulled up the V. V. & E. and obtained judgement for \$541 for fire damages done by their engines.

Those who have seen the cattle brought by J. R. Edmonds from Alberta pronounce them a fine bunch. He brought over 45 head and will leave the rest of them over there to winter.

T.H. Rotherhan is having an extension put to his billiard hall. He is going to install a regulation English billiard table which will be a credit to the town. He expects the patrons of this noble game will be able to show their skill next week.

The moving pictures last week in the Star Theatre were several notches above the average. The animated weekly film series was of special interest and in the dramatized piece "A secret of the Sea" there was a new lot of artists taking the parts that were very good actors, and "good lookers" too.

On Thursday morning last Constable Sproule received word to look out for a couple of Indians, Johnny and Francis Quolterre, who had escaped from the pen in Kerameos where they were being held on a cattle killing case. They did not come this way however, and a day later they came back and gave themselves up.

Mr. I. L. Merrill, President of the Hedley Gold Mining Company had an attack of rheumatism which took him to the hot springs in Arkansas. This prevented him from venturing up here in the cold to join in the consultation in the matter of the dam this week. If there is any golf to be had down there at the hot springs the rheumatism will have to be pretty bad to keep him from having his share.

Passengers have remarked that the G. N. R. cars on this branch were smelling very strongly of formaldehyde. It is a very good fault. It shows at all events that the railway company is disposed to use what preventives they can to stop the spread of disease, and no passenger can reasonably object to that. Precautions of that kind should be a good aid in the removal of quarantines and there is no money in a quarantine for the railways.

Shortly before closing down this year's work on the Oregon mineral claim on Sixteen-Mile Creek they ran on some of the finest looking ore that has yet been discovered on the property. The specimen shown us was a large solid block of ore strongly mineralized with pyrite, chalcopyrite, borate and arsenopyrite and also showing cobalt bloom. The predominant mineral was chalcopyrite which appeared to be quite massive and solid through the block.

Government agent Hugh Hunter of Princeton was in town this week on official business and paid the Gazette office a call. On provincial matters his views are sound enough, but when it comes to Imperial politics his heresy is most deplorable. Fancy a north of Ireland man like himself declaring himself in favor of Asquith's bill for Home Rule in Ireland which would give the Irish parliament control of the customs and place loyal Ulster under the thumb of the Fenian element in Dublin which refused to allow Dublin to tender a civic reception to King George.

W. K. Pollock received a parcel by express the other day that appeared mysterious to him and coming on the heels of the attempted hold up was a little trying on his nerves for he thought of infernal machines and like devices to trap the unwary. When the parcel was opened up it was found to contain two paws and tail of the Canadian beaver sent to him from a friend in Saskatoon. Not being sufficiently conversant with the Canadian flora and fauna he was still at a loss to know what it was. The paws and tail gave evidence that the animal to which they belonged was a patriarch in the beaver family.

Mrs. Dickson accompanied her husband on the trip here from New York and on this her first visit to the Similkameen valley she will see what Hedley looks like in winter. It would hardly be fair, though to try to make her believe that this is Hedley's usual winter garb. In summer the dress is green and in winter it is often white. This time, although in the middle of December, the winter habit is lacking.

Mr. M. K. Rodgers who is in Hedley for a few days is looking in the very pink of condition. His family are living in Los Angeles at present, but he is likely to be found anywhere that there is mining carried on or a likely prospect to be examined. He has recently been up at Hidden Creek and is immensely pleased with the enormous showings up there, although he does not place much confidence in the reports that the smelter will be in full blast at the beginning of January.

Mrs. E. H. Williams returned on Monday from Princeton where she had been visiting a few days with Mrs. McCaffery. She has been very anxious since her husband left, to learn of his safe arrival in England. The condition of his eyes for which he had gone to undergo treatment from a specialist had become more alarming on the eve of his departure and she was anxious to accompany him if his plans had permitted of it. Word has since been received that he reached New York safely, but his sight is gradually going.

A so-called "hard times" dance was given in Fraternity Hall on Friday evening last and was largely attended. It was alleged to have been given by the basket-ball club and the proceeds were to be devoted to the hockey club. That it was proceeds they were after and that the social element of the affair was to be a subordinate consideration was evident from the way in which the affair was carried out. Good music was provided and the dance went on until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Game warden C. Schissler had E. Burr pulled for killing a goat while holding only an ordinary firearms licence. The informer appears to have been the Hedley Gazette when we published the item about the killing of the goat some weeks ago. In view of the vagueness in the wording of the ordinary firearms licence itself and also in the vagueness and contradiction in the regulation issued under authority of the Provincial Game Warden the fine was made a nominal one of \$1.00; for if the killing of the goat was a violation, the compiler of the regulations was as much to blame as the defendant. In reporting the conviction the Attorney General's department has been asked for a ruling in the matter. Taking the Game Act and the regulations as they stand, magistrates would be justified in refusing to take any more cases under the Act.

Robert Stevenson the veteran and pioneer was in Hedley last week and visited his properties on the mountain northeast of the Nickel Plate. While not quite as spry as he was a few years ago he is nevertheless quite hearty and has lost nothing of the cheery optimism which has always characterized him. It is always interesting to get Mr. Stevenson started on the theme of old times and many an instructive yarn he can spin of stirring events connected with the early settlement of the country and of the men who were the trail blazers. Some have accused him of drawing a long bow in these narrations, and while he can tell of actual occurrences that took place nearby that make the most exciting pages in Owen Winstar's books appear common-place in comparison, the Gazette is not one of the doubting Thomases and is prepared to accept all of these old-time tales to be just as he has told them. Furthermore we feel pleased to be honored with the confidence. Many of these tales concern men who have long since passed off the scene but whose descendants are still with us or within hail, and for that reason they are for the fireside and not to be spread abroad in the public prints.

The Great Western Railway strike in England has been settled, and traffic is uninterrupted.

Ireland wants to grow British Columbia fir and spruce and has sent here for seeds.

The Dominion Parliament will assemble on January 15th.

As long as they last on December 15th Louis C. Rolls & Co. will give to any little girl or boy accompanied by an older person making a purchase amounting to 50c or more, a box of Teddy Bears.

Seasonable Suggestions

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