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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Budget Speech and Debate Shows Healthy Condition of Provincial Finances—Much Useful Legislation Enacted

The work of the session is well advanced and prorogation is coming in sight. Although the opposition aim to maintain a continuous fire, on every and all matters that come up the matter they have to present in the way of criticism is necessity attenuated and at times it becomes painfully so. So much of their energy has been expended on the miner's strike at Nanaimo that their attention to other affairs has been in a corresponding degree lacking.

The budget speech delivered by Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance, was tinged with the requisite amount of cheery optimism to make more palatable the presentation of the less acceptable fact that the existing world-wide money tightness had materially lessened the provincial revenues. The minister introduced the Loan Act by which it is proposed to borrow ten millions to take care of maturing loans and permit public works to go on at somewhat diminished pace to that which has been possible throughout the fat years, but nevertheless to go on, for it maintained that posterity will be all the better off to permit development of provincial resources go forward at the present time, even if posterity will have to finance a little on their own account to meet the loans when they come due. Debt he claimed was not an unmixed evil and in many cases a positive good when it incited to redoubled effort which must invariably go hand in hand with progress.

Parker Williams contributed to the debate but his contribution was more amusing than illuminating as he reasoned from the Minister's premise that if debt was a good thing bankruptcy was the ideal condition. Premier McBride spoke at length on both the budget debate and the Loan Bill and made very clear to the House the sound business merits of the measure.

The re-enactment of the Game Act which will undergo material changes is one of the many measures introduced by the Attorney-general. An underlying principle which tends to prevent some misunderstanding is to declare all game protected by the Act and nothing may be killed until authority to do so is given either by order-in-council or legislative enactment. A revision of the "Provincial Elections Act" looks to be the curtailment of some expense and cleaner lists.

WOULDN'T DISCUSS IT

British Lord of the Admiralty Refused to Express Opinion of Canada's Failure

London, Feb. 19.—Several members tried to draw Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons today regarding the comparative naval strength in view of the absence of any Canadian capital ships, but the minister declined to anticipate his statement on the naval estimates.

Mr. J. T. Middlemore, Unionist member for North Birmingham, declared that England, two years hence would be three ships short of the sixteen to ten standard, lacking the Canadian ships expected, but Mr. Churchill refused to confirm or deny this statement.

THE MOST CONVINCING PROOF

If we turn to the question of concrete results in cold hard cash from the year's operations, it will be seen from the table of dividend returns aggregating \$2,380,131 that an even more gratifying state of affairs exists. Briefly, the dividends paid by the principal operating mines in British Columbia aggregate a total for 1913 more than double that of 1912. This is the one great test of successful progress and development—that the man who put his money in judiciously-handled British Columbia mines should be assured of satisfactory returns on his investment—and it is doubly gratifying and doubly significant that such a year as that now closing should be the one in which this test has been so successfully borne by our mines.—B. C. Mining Exchange.

RANK JUDGMENT OVERRULED

Workman Injured on Sunday Not to be Deprived of Compensation

Vancouver, B. C. Feb. 18th.—Holding that Judge Grant was wrong in law in his decision that the dependents of Stephen Placas were not entitled to compensation because his death occurred while he was illegally employed on Sunday, Mr. Justice Gregory today directed that the case should go back to His Honor, to be disposed of on the merits.

As detailed in the press some weeks ago, Mr. Charles George Major, official administrator for the County of New Westminster, was the plaintiff in arbitration proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Act, wherein an award was sought because of the death of Placas, who was employed in construction work on the Great Northern Railway under Mr. J. W. Stewart, one of the contractors. Placas was killed on a Sunday, and Judge Grant held that, under the Lord's Day Act, his employment was an illegal one, as it did not come under the exceptions of the work of charity or necessity.

Mr. Douglas, on behalf of Mr. Major, made application in Supreme Court Chambers today to have the judgment set aside. The application was opposed by Mr. W. H. D. Ladner.

MURDER ON TRAIN

Bandits on G. N. R. Express Between Vancouver and Seattle Kill Three Passengers—Two Are Vancouver Men

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 20th.—Three passengers on the Great Northern express were murdered in the day coach in a fight with two bandits near Samish station to-night at 7:25. The murdered men are H. R. Adkinson, automobile salesman, of this city; Thomas F. Wadsworth, Canadian Pacific railway conductor, who was a passenger, residing on Twenty-Third avenue, South Vancouver; and R. L. Leo, of Bremerton.

After shooting the three men who resisted them, the bandits rifled the pockets of several terror-stricken passengers, securing \$50 before dropping off the train as it slowed down in response to an emergency signal.

According to the statement of passengers and members of the train crew, the two hold-up men boarded the train at Burlington, taking seats in the rear of the smoker. Shortly after leaving that place they entered the day coach, shooting twice into the roof of the car, commanding all to throw up their hands. Both were men of average height, but one was of slighter build, and were disguised by handkerchiefs covering the lower part of their faces. The heavier of the two went to the end of the coach where he was attacked by three men, who were sitting together there. They knocked him down and were securing him when his companion walked deliberately down the aisle and taking careful aim shot Adkinson through the heart. Conductor C. W. Waldron instantly cut off the car and the train slowed down coming to a halt near Samish station. The bodies were brought to Bellingham, where a train was immediately made up and was despatched to Samish loaded with a sheriff's posse.

Wadsworth was on a visit to his wife and family, who are visiting in California for the benefit of Mrs. Wadsworth's health. His aged mother resides in South Vancouver. When informed of the tragedy to-night she collapsed and is in a critical condition.

Adkinson, formerly a contractor, recently formed the Vancouver Rubber Tire company. He is married and has three children. His wife was waiting for his return at the station here. They live on Seventeenth avenue.

It is understood that the railway has offered \$5,000 reward.

On account of the wildness of the surrounding country little hope is held out for the capture of the outlaws. It is thought they have taken a boat and gone to the San Juan islands. The hold-up took place on the edge of Bellingham Bay.

Granby has declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. payable March 10th, 1914.

DAM SHAPING UP WELL

A Fine Week's Work—Piers for More than Half the Dam May Attain Full Height by End of Week

The favorable weather of the past week has been taken full advantage of in construction of the power dam and excellent progress has been made. All the foundation and aprons of the eastern half are completed with reinforced concrete; the forms of five of the nine piers are in place and the bottoms of all of them for several feet above the foundation have been filled with concrete. The track which served for the lower part of the piers has been raised so as to enable the cement cars to dump in at the top of the piers while some five or six feet below it another track is provided for delivery of the boulders and a good supply of these has been hauled to a convenient place for handling.

Effort will be made to get in at least one more pier and possibly a second between the end of the present works and the channel in which the stream now flows, and excavation for that purpose is already under way. A start has also been made at excavation on the west end, and by the time that is done and the west end abutment completed, everything will be in readiness to turn the stream over on the completed east half.

A STUPID BLUNDER

Grand Trunk Passenger Train Stopped in Close Proximity to Blast

Quebec, Que., Feb. 18th.—Through what appears to have been a blunder, passengers on the incoming Grand Trunk Railway express this morning narrowly escaped death by a dynamite explosion at St. Romuald, between eight and nine o'clock, and while no fatalities occurred, some of the passengers on the first-class car were severely cut about their faces and bodies and sustained nervous shocks through being struck by flying glass and rocks.

The express was two hours late. Construction work on a piece of double track for the I. C. R. is under way at St. Romuald, and it would appear that a fuse for a dynamite blast was lighted by the construction gang just at the time the G.T.P. express was near St. Romuald. The gang foreman sent a man up the line a short distance to flag the Grand Trunk train, but it had got too close to the scene of the proposed blast before it was flagged. The train was stopped in front of the scene of the operations and the blast went off. Every window in one side of the first-class car was shattered by flying rock, and some of the passengers were knocked down by the force of the explosion and cut about the face and body by flying rock and window glass.

Among the passengers injured were Mr. John Parker, inspector of schools, who was cut about the hands and face and Mr. Swallow, of St. Giles, who was cut on the face and arms.

There were twelve or fourteen passengers in the first-class cars, and that some were not killed was miraculous, as the cars got the full force of the explosion, and part of the side of one car was torn out and pieces hurled in all directions.

"SI MONUMENTUM INQUIRIS"

A Forty Million Dollar Potlatch—The Tragedy of Commission's Report

The Vernon News in referring to the report of the Commission on the cost of the National Transcontinental says:

"What does the country get for this carnival of waste and crookedness? Well, we get a road which Sir Wilfred Laurier first said would cost \$13,000,000. Mr. Fielding afterwards increased this estimate by about \$50,000,000. Now we find that by 1922, when the G. T. P. is to assume payments of interest on cost of construction—provided it does not repudiate its obligations in this respect—the country will have paid out the enormous sum of \$234,651,521.

"Sir Wilfred Laurier once said that the Grand Trunk Pacific would be his best monument. We wonder if he would be so willing now to accept it as a memorial."

RAILWAY FIGHT IS WON

Federal Minister of Railways has Agreed to Amended Route Plans of Kettle Valley Ry.

The efforts made in this valley to secure the necessary assent of the Provincial and Dominion Houses have borne fruit. The resolution sent in from Hedley to Premier McBride and to L. W. Shatford, M. P. P. were promptly acknowledged by both and Mr. Shatford went to work on it with a will.

Good progress was made at Victoria where the Premier was sympathetic and Mr. Shatford went to Ottawa to push the matter there.

The following telegrams from his secretary in Vancouver, show the success and offers another instance of how fortunate the people in this part of the province are in their representatives for the Legislature and the Commons:

Vancouver, Feb. 20th, 1914.
G. P. Jones, Esq.
Hedley, B. C.

"Further reference to resolution; Mr. Shatford went east and won't be back for week, dealing with Kettle Valley matter at Ottawa. While there he feels satisfactory arrangements will be completed at Victoria and telegraphed to say that if you think advisable to do so, send delegation and I will arrange meeting with Premier. Answer."

J. D. Kearns, Secretary.

Vancouver, Feb. 20, 1914.
G. P. Jones, Esq.
Hedley, B. C.

"Have just received late wire tonight from Mr. L. W. Shatford, Toronto, in which he requests me to notify you that Minister of Railways, Ottawa, has approved route map Kettle Valley via Princeton.

J. D. Kearns, Secretary.

FITTING RECOGNITION

The members of the Keremeos Liberal-Conservative Association are to be congratulated on their resolve to tender a public banquet in the near future to L. W. Shatford, M.P.P. If there is any representative in the whole legislature of this province who deserves recognition at the hands of the electors for ceaseless effort in their behalf, it is Mr. Shatford. It made no difference to him whether the elector was a supporter or an opponent—if the thing asked for was within reason or in any way in the public interest, it had his immediate attention, and for that reason, if for no other, it would be a disappointment to many if the affair were to be given even the semblance of exclusiveness or any attempt made to confine it to one party; for we are sure that there are many in the riding on the opposite side of politics from Mr. Shatford who would nevertheless be glad of the opportunity to attend by way of showing their appreciation of the straightforward honorable course he has always pursued. This is now the twelfth session of the legislature in which he has sat as representative of the Similkameen riding, and so great has been the change wrought in the riding in that time in the way of public improvements that many of the bridge paths that then passed as public highways are today unrecognizable in the broad and smooth thoroughfares that have been given residents of the riding for public traffic. A good live committee of representative electors of the fruit town of the valley have the matter in hand, and they will doubtless soon have some announcement to make as to details. We bespeak for them the heartiest co-operation from residents of the valley generally, and again we congratulate the Liberal-Conservatives of Keremeos on taking the lead in a recognition which is long overdue in every part of the riding.

PEACE AND WAR

London, Feb. 18th.—A woman, supposedly a suffragette, attacked and knocked down Lord Weardale, head of the British Peace Centenary Commission, with a dog whip as he stood on the platform at Easton station today. Spectators overpowered her and she was arrested. It is believed she mistook Weardale for Premier Asquith.

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Full Moon	10	New Moon	21			
Last quarter	17	First quarter	3			
1914 FEB 1914						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

ANNOUNCEMENT

With this issue of the Gazette the writer severs his connection with the paper which he has conducted for the past nine years. In doing so he wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the readers and patrons for kind support accorded during that period and to assure them of his appreciation of the same.

The business has been taken over by W. C. Martin who has been practically all his life in the printing trade and has been for over five years in the Gazette office. He thoroughly understands the business and is now conversant with the field covered by the Gazette and therefore well qualified to serve the interests of patrons. He has at hand a plant capable of serving the wants of a community ten times the population that Hedley has, and when the output of Camp Hedley has increased to a figure five or ten times what it is at present and many more mines are producing, the plant he now has will still be capable of doing the work promptly and efficiently, which is a reputation the office has always enjoyed and will ever maintain.

For the new proprietor the writer bespeaks the hearty support and patronage of the people of Hedley and district, because in their support of the paper they are advancing their own interests. No connection or interest whatever is being retained by the writer who is leaving Hedley and whose new duties will absorb his entire time and energies.

Wishing good luck and abundant prosperity to the paper, its new manager and its patrons, as well as to Camp Hedley and the whole rich beautiful Similkameen valley, I remain their sincere friend

A. MEGRAW
A TACTFUL LEADER

Premier Borden's tact and good sense as a government leader is every day becoming more apparent. It was further shown the other day in his management of details in connection with the Redistribution Bill now before the House. Before an announcement of any kind had been made by the Premier as to the lines upon which redistribution was to be made, Sir Wilfrid Laurier interposed with the suggestion that the carving should be done by a committee of seven, as he had done himself on the occasion of the last Redistribution Bill, the committee being made up of four government supporters and three opposition. The suggestion seemed to commend itself to Mr. Borden who in all probability would have adopted that course

in any event. It was also unnecessary to have drawn attention as there was the precedent for it without any suggestion, and governments generally like to follow precedents, for they are convenient. The committee was agreed to by Mr. Borden who was ever ready to placate and humor, and no attempt was made to change it in the slightest iota, so the number seven was left unchanged. But that still did not suit Sir Wilfrid who thought that the number should now be nine because two other provinces had since been added. Now Saskatchewan and Alberta were there in the same place and exactly the same size in 1902 that they are today, and Sir Wilfrid did not enter into any subtle explanations to show why a "seven men" committee was ample for them under their territorial status, but curiously inadequate in provincial rank. However, the matter appeared immaterial to the Premier whether it was seven or nine and he again acceded to Sir Wilfrid's wish and made the committee consist of nine. By this he gained time, and he again demonstrated the wisdom of choosing the line of least resistance when it can be done without sacrifice of principle.

GOOD SHOWING IN COMPARISON

Unemployment Conditions in Canada Not Nearly So Bad as Across the Border

Canada is to be congratulated on the business stability displayed during the world-wide financial depression now passing away. While there has been a number of unemployed, yet in comparison with the United States this country has escaped this evil to a great extent. The Employment Bureau Society for improving the condition of the Poor, in New York, says that a conservative estimate of the unemployed in that city is 381,000. The conditions are the worst since 1907-1908.

Of the total unemployed, 140,000 were unskilled labourers. The building trades came next, with 80,000. Then followed: Longshoremen, 18,000; cloak and suit makers, 19,000; waiters, 6,500; tailors and pressers, 6,000; clerks, bookkeepers and accountants, 5,000; mechanics, 4,500; boatmen, bargemen and sailors, 4,200; barbers, 3,500; drivers, 3,000; engineers and firemen, 3,000, and other trades in smaller proportion.

FIVE AND A HALF PER CENT

Thus in New York the unemployed is 5½ per cent of the total population. Liberals in drawing their picture of gloomy conditions in Canada did not dare make comparisons with the United States or their argument would have been at once disproved. They pointed particularly to Vancouver and Toronto as scenes of armies of unemployed. Statistics show 2,500 unemployed in Vancouver and 8,000 in Toronto, or 1.66 per cent of the total population in the former city and two per cent in the latter. Compare this with New York's 5½ per cent, and in spite of Sir Wilfrid and his followers' knocks at this country Canadians should feel proud at the present state of affairs when compared with the United States under similar conditions.

LITTLE NAVY PARTY OUT OF FAVOR

Public Men of Both Parties are not Backward in Condemning Them

London, Feb. 11.—Ellis Griffith, under-secretary for the home office, speaking in Liverpool, said the navy was now the subject of one of these periodical scares to which they had become accustomed. "I think," he went on, "I am perfectly safe in saying that as far as our navy is concerned, the government will see that an adequately strong navy to protect the shores and commerce of this country will be provided. Although there has been a great discussion going on the last few days I do not believe that anyone really thinks that the 16 to 10 standard in the great ships is going to be departed from."

In a speech at Nliverton, West Somerset, Lord St. Audries said everybody must know that there had been a division in the cabinet over the navy. The radical press was unanimous in backing the chancellor of the exchequer against the first lord of the admiralty, and crying for a reduction in the number of the ships which were about to be built. The "little navy" was a pestilential party,

MINING NOTES

Shortness of water is blamed for delay in starting of the new smelter at Granby Bay.

The Union mine in Franklin camp on the North Fork of Kettle River is declared a whole mountain of ore that will go \$70 to \$100 per ton.

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METEOROLOGICAL

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Feb. 21, 1914:

AT THE MINE.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Feb 12	48	22
16	45	15
17	35	21
18	37	21
19	42	21
20	44	22
21	45	24
Average maximum temperature	42.28	
Average minimum	do	20.85
Mean temperature	do	31.56
Rainfall for the week	.00 inches.	
Snowfall	2.00	
CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR		
Highest maximum temperature	40.	
Average maximum	do	31.
Lowest minimum	do	8.
Average minimum	do	19.11
Mean	do	26.55

AT THE MILL.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Feb 15	48	22
16	45	15
17	35	21
18	37	21
19	42	21
20	44	22
21	45	24
Average maximum temperature	42.28	
Average minimum	do	20.85
Mean	do	31.56
Rainfall for the week	.00 inches	
Snowfall	1.8	
CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR		
Highest maximum temperature	37	
Average	do	29.42
Lowest minimum	do	2.
Average	do	13.71
Mean	do	21.49

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HEDLEY DRUGGIST DESERVES PRAISE

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Town and District.

There are movies four nights in the week, with music Wednesday and Saturdays.

J. A. Brown of Kerriwood was a visitor to Hedley between trains on Wednesday.

Finlay Fraser has gone on a visit to his old home at Ailsa Craig, Ontario, which he has not visited for some years.

L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., went east in connection with the Kettle Valley route map and his mission was successful. He has probably arrived back in Victoria by this time.

Waddell whose foot was injured in at pump at the dam a while ago was released from the hospital the middle of last week. His foot has come around all right and the accident is not expected to cause any permanent injury.

PRIVATE SALE—Mrs. E. H. Williams has for sale a typewriter, expensive fishing rod and tackle, mirror, small table, two easy chairs, and a number of kitchen utensils. Also some books. All these will be sold at great reduction. Prospective buyers will please call from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday 27th.

Jack Raitor was in town the beginning of the week renewing old acquaintances and acting in his official capacity as Great Northern auditor. He is in fine fettle and his Hedley friends never saw him looking as well. His headquarters are at Marcus which is head office for the division.

John Lodge was lucky enough to find in one of his traps the other morning a fine silver fox which is the first of the species we have known to be seen in this locality. Fox farming is becoming a profitable industry and it is to be hoped that this was not the only representative of its kind in the neighborhood.

The basket-ball challenge in last issue was not long in bearing fruit and to-morrow evening the challengers will have to make good in Oroville where there are husky players who savvy the game. When the challenge was made the make were not looking so far afield, but they are game to follow their stump and we have no doubt they will endeavor to give a good account of themselves.

The Hedley hockey team intended going to Princeton on Monday to play a game between trains with the Princeton team, but a phone message received a few minutes before they were to start explained that the ice was not in shape and the condition it was in made it certain that any attempt to play a hockey match on it, would in all probability destroy it for the balance of the season.

Much concern is felt in town this week owing to the illness of E. E. Burr, blacksmith, from blood poisoning in his left arm. The trouble came from a mere scratch received at his work in the shop. Dr. McEwen found it necessary to open the arm in several places. The case is aggravated by a weak heart which has been giving him trouble at intervals for some time. A slight improvement has been noticed.

The time to harvest ice is when you can get it, and that rule is being followed at the present time in Hedley. A little has been cut and put up during the past week and those who need it are making the most of their time. The only place it is procurable is a little here and there along the shore which rarely exceeds six inches in thickness and not of the best quality, but it is at least cool and may answer the purpose. Those who may think of getting better, are taking a big risk of getting none at all.

A lot of the "hard times" reports have to be taken with a grain of salt and appear to be largely the result of habit. Often circumstances arise that don't jibe very well with the hard times idea and one of these was seen in Hedley lately when a representative of an electric manufacturing concern stated that his company were two years behind in their orders and were doing their best to catch up. It is to be hoped that this may not delay unduly the time for completing the electrical installations of the new power plant at Hedley.

The hockey teams of the Boundary have for two or three years past been edging towards professionalism, but this year they went the whole hog and gave the district such a dose of professionalism as it is hoped will cure them from this particular brand of fatuity for many moons to come. Grand Forks and Phoenix are said to have struck the liveliest gait at it, with Greenwood a lusty tail-end; and curious to relate that although

Greenwood's pro. pay-roll was the smallest of the three their team was putting up the best brand of hockey at the end of the season. Some Phoenix players were said to be in receipt of a weekly stipend of \$100.

SOUNDS FAMILIAR

Under the heading "Persistent Persecution" the Oroville Gazette tells of the trials of a mining man in that camp. The thing sounds familiar and reminds Hedleyites of a somewhat similar case. It would seem they have a funny way of administering their laws over the border. If there is not enough ground to work on in the case of suspects they should be left alone, and if there is occasion to arrest a man, those responsible for it should be in a position to go ahead with it or else keep quiet. The Oroville Gazette thus refers to the present instance:

"J. L. Harper, so well known throughout the state as a mine operator; who is now developing a property on Kruger mountain, near Oroville, arrived in town from Spokane Tuesday, and he hardly had time to register before he was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff Curvel, on a warrant and instructions from Spokane. Mr. Harper and the officer started for Concouilly Wednesday morning, but only went as far as Riverside, when word was received to hold Mr. Harper at Oroville. This arresting of Mr. Harper every few days has degenerated into a system of petty persecution by some personal enemy. On the same charge, not of personally using money belonging to others but of transferring a sum of money from one mining company to another, the gentleman has been hauled into court twice before, and in both cases, as soon as the judges heard the testimony, the case has been dismissed. The charge is revamped for the purpose of harassing and nullifying any efforts that Mr. Harper may make to engage in the mining business in the west. So far no criminal act has been established against him, and if he is permitted to carry out his plans it would not be long before he would be in a position to meet every financial obligation.

GASOLINE FROM NATURAL GAS IN ALBERTA?

A few months ago a "white oil" was struck in an oil well at Black Diamond near Okotoks, Alberta. It consisted largely of gasoline of such purity that it has been successfully used in its raw state for driving an automobile. At a higher horizon in this well, a flow of 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day was obtained.

There are two hundred plants in the United States making gasoline from natural gas. The yield is determined largely by the quantity of liquid paraffin vapours in the permanent gases, and is further affected by the temperature conditions in the well, the gasoline content of the oil, and the intimacy of contact between the oil and gas. Such rapid expansion of gas from a casing head has been known to occur as to cause a heavy condensation of vapours at the point of egress.

The above consideration suggest that the possibility of manufacturing gasoline from the natural gas, which occurs in such enormous quantities in Alberta is a matter well worthy of investigation. There would undoubtedly be a large market for the gasoline produced, and after extraction the residual gas would be rich in methane and ethane and have a high heating value.

MINING NOTES

The name of the British Columbia Copper Company has been changed to Canada Copper Corporation, Limited. For short it will doubtless be known as the three C's.

On the Standard stock exchange in Toronto recently 160 share of Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Limited, stock changed hands at from \$105 to \$100. Predictions that this stock would reach par, made some time ago, have been verified.

GENERAL NEWS

By-elections in Britain have not been going to the government's liking of late. Occasionally they lose a seat and always the majority of former election is largely reduced.

President Wilson's views on the Panama Canal tolls are steadily gaining and there is every prospect that he may be able to save his country the humiliation and reproach of treaty-breaking which his predecessors were responsible for.

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