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Editorial Notes and Clippings

BROKEN PROMISE OF SIR RICHARD.

Probably there is only one man in the province (at least we hope so) who will defend McBride's action in regard to the striking miners of Extension and Cumberland, and that man is Sir Richard McBride, Premier of the Province of British Columbia and minister of mines, on whose breast was recently pinned the insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

As he admires the great jewels of the order in the mirror and whispers to himself, "Sir Richard," we wonder if the vision of those seven dead miners in the slopes of the Diamond Vale Colliery ever appear in the glass. Does he see them groping helplessly in the dark drifts of the colliery, stumbling on to their knees and with the sacred name of mother or wife on their lips, pitch forward as the great black wall of after damp advances? Three breaths and the miner is dead. Or does he see in the mirror the seared faces of those widows whose all went into the darkness never to return, or the little ones who cling to the mothers' skirts crying for the father who shall never return? Does he recollect, as he looks down at the King's fayer, the promise he made to those widows and orphans, and how, instead of staying here and carrying out those promises, he lied to them, to the people of Vancouver and to himself, and slunk away to the old land to dine and wine with the lords and gentry there while the fatherless and widows of that disaster, and also of the Extension disaster, feasted on crusts and huddled together around a cold stove?

The same issue of the government paper, the Colonist, that published Sir Richard's intention of sailing for England carried the following item:

"Mr. Thomas Graham, chief inspector of mines, and Mr. Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist, have just returned to the city from Nicola, where, under instructions of the minister, they have been specially investigating all the circumstances incidental to and indicative of the cause of the recent disastrous explosion in the mines of the Diamond Vale Coal Company, through which seven of the miners in the employ of that company lost their lives. As soon as the reports of the two officials can be prepared they will be presented to Hon. Mr. McBride as minister and it will be for him to determine whether the circumstances are such as to indicate criminal responsibility or to justify proceedings under the Coal Mines Regulation Act."

What has been done in the matter of the "criminal responsibility" or the infraction of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act"? We ask McBride, what has he done? What effort has been made to carry out the promise of proceedings?

In the event of such proceedings, it is Sir Richard McBride himself, as minister of mines, who would have to face the indictment, for the coroner's jury placed the responsibility of that explosion on the inspectors, and Sir Richard, as head of that department, is responsible.

Now do you understand why the miners at Extension and Cumberland did not receive the inquiry they asked for? The strike itself is a protest against the Department of Mines, for the men say that they have no protection against discrimination in the event of their doing their duty in an effort to save and protect life. Is it not obvious that an inquiry into those statements would have to bring to light the lack of protection afforded in the Diamond Vale disaster, and the thing that McBride—pardon, Sir Richard—fears would be dragged to the light? But it is useless for him to cover himself like an ostrich and think that time has buried all. Away up in the Nicola Valley and in Ladysmith are widows and fatherless children who can never forget and there are "blacklisted" men wandering about in search of employment who whisper curses to themselves as they think of the conditions they remember and which they protested against and as a result were "fired."

ULSTER WILL GET JUSTICE

Solicitor General Says Government Have Solved Difficulty of Home Rule as Regards Ulster.

London, Oct. 12—Speaking at Edinburgh, Sir John Simon (solicitor general, said that the government will be ready to treat the minority in Ireland very generously.

With regard to the home rule bill the people could depend upon the government to seek a solution to the Ulster situation, and in fact that solution had already been found, declared Sir John.

Concluding, the solicitor general said that he was convinced that it would not be Ulster that would be coerced as far as home rule was concerned.

POPULAR HAZELTON MAN AND FORMER RUPERT LADY MARRY

VERY PRETTY WEDDING TAKES PLACE AT PORT ESSINGTON WHEN MR. A. C. ALDOUS OF HAZELTON AND MISS MORRISON OF ESSINGTON ARE UNITED IN MARRIAGE.

A very pretty wedding took place at Port Essington on Saturday when Miss Victoria Morrison and Mr. A. C. Aldous were united in marriage at St. John's Episcopal Church by Rev. Fred Fied, a pioneer minister of the North.

Miss Reita Dean of Prince Rupert acted as maid of honor for the bride, while the groom was supported by his business partner, Mr. W. P. Murray.

The bride looked charming in her lovely wedding gown, and altogether the affair was an exceedingly pretty one.

Mrs. Aldous, while at present a resident of Port Essington, was for a long time a popular young lady of Hazelton. She is the daughter of Major C. F. Morrison, one of the pioneer residents of the district, having come to the North over thirty years ago, and is one of the few remaining early

pioneers to whom we owe so much.

The groom is a member of the brokerage firm of Aldous & Murray, the leading brokers of Hazelton, and is a son of Mr. Aldous of Winnipeg, who was commissioner of lands for the Hudson Bay Co. for many years.

A reception was held in the Hotel Essington after the ceremony, at which the happy couple were the recipients of the well wishes and congratulations of their many friends as well as of many valuable presents.

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