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## Editorial Notes and Clippings

### SIR RICHARD'S AMBIGUITY.

It is very difficult to discover just what is in the mind of Sir Richard McBride when he discusses the Canadian naval problem. At different times during the past year Sir Richard has been emphatic in declaring that the real Canadian peril is an Asiatic peril, and that the coast line vital to the security of Canada is left absolutely unprotected. Twice while in the east and twice lately in British Columbia Sir Richard has given expression to the unequivocal opinion that only provision for a Pacific fleet unit in the Borden naval policy would satisfy the reasonable demands of his party, his government and the people of British Columbia. This view has been quoted by newspapers of both political parties in the east, who have interpreted it as meaning that Sir Richard deems a Pacific fleet unit of paramount importance; a view which asserts, indeed, that a Borden naval policy without provision for Pacific coast protection will be repudiated by Sir Richard. This is also the interpretation

put upon the words of Sir Richard by his own local organs, by those who heard him at Golden and Revelstoke and by all those throughout the province on whose behalf he professed to speak.—Victoria Times.

### LOOKING FOR THE NAVAL PROPOSAL.

As the time approaches when Premier Borden is to announce his emergency naval policy the interest of the public becomes more and more manifest. Never, perhaps, in the history of Canadian politics has the curiosity of the country been strained to the extent that it has on this question. This is not only because Canadians are intensely in earnest in the matter of proffering assistance in Imperial naval defense, but because the intention of the government on a matter of vital importance to the Dominion and of undoubted concern to the British people everywhere has never been withheld over as long a period or has been subject to the same speculation as this naval question has.—Vancouver Sun.

## SMITH SAYS BOWSER IS MIXED IN REGARD TO NAVY QUESTION

IN INTERVIEW WITH VANCOUVER SUN, RALPH SMITH POINTS OUT BOWSER'S INCONSISTENCIES—SPECIAL PRIVILEGES ARE NOTHING NEW.

Flies in the amber of announcement made by the Hon. J. Bowser, attorney general, yesterday in an evening paper, simultaneously with his return to Ottawa, were pointed out to the Sun last evening in the course of an interview with Mr. Ralph Smith, ex-M.P.

Calling particular attention to the statement made by Mr. Bowser in regard to the naval question, on which he was quoted as being "anxious to speak," Mr. Smith said that he was glad the Attorney-General admitted "the people were hungry for the announcement of the naval policy."

"It is true the people are starving for thirteen months," declared Mr. Smith, "and during that period the Borden Government has done nothing, and said nothing in regard to the question."

### Serious Inconsistency

"In Mr. Bowser's reference to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, one must notice a serious inconsistency," he continued, "for if the people are hungry and thirsty for information which has not as yet been given, how can Mr. Bowser say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will oppose a policy not yet announced, and about which no one knows anything except perhaps Mr. Borden himself. Sir Wilfrid made his announcement of policy on the navy two years ago, and provided \$37,000,000 for the construction of warships. Mr. Borden has done nothing to carry that policy into operation."

Asked about the lists of privileges which Mr. Bowser stated he had received from the Dominion Government, Mr. Smith pointed out from actual newspaper cuttings that the list was just a rehash of things Premier McBride announced had been secured months ago.

"It does not matter," explained he, "to the people of British Columbia whether rights are given by the Dominion or Provincial authorities, but it matters a great deal to the McBride and Bowser party whether or not they can have their friends at Ottawa increase their privileges for patronage."

### Must Appeal to People

"If must appeal to the people by this time," said Mr. Smith, proceeding, "that the provincial resources have been distributed so largely among so many friends of the present government, that the supply must be getting a little scarce, and to have a supplemental supply of commissions and other Dominion and Imperial privileges will be very gratifying to Tory followers."

In referring to the appointment of a commission to investigate Indian affairs, Mr. Smith flatly stated that the only possible reason for such a commission was to provide positions for political friends. This or the fact that the investigations recently carried on by the commissioner had been unsatisfactory.

"There are a few things which Mr. Bowser might well have been expected to get from Ottawa," concluded Mr. Smith. "One of these is a system for the strict regulation of Oriental immigration into British Columbia. Twice the Conservative government of this province has been elected by the cry 'A White B.C.' Mr. Bowser has repeatedly passed a Natal Act to prohibit the

entrance of Orientals, putting the same before the Liberal Federal Government.

"People must take notice that since the act was passed at the last session, no attempt has been sentatives at Ottawa to change the position of the Oriental question in British Columbia. Mr. Bowser might have told us what special privilege he had received from the Dominion authorities in this regard."—Vancouver Sun.

### Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year for the Kaien Royal Arch Chapter, No. 78, G. R. C., on Wednesday evening last: D. M. Moore, first principal; Douglas Sutherland, second principal; C. W. Peck, S. E.; M. R. F. McLennan, S. N.; A. W. Edge, treasurer; A. M. Manson, P. S.; W. G. Barrie, janitor.

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