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POLITICS AND
THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In connection with the questions asked by Ald. Bullock-Webster at the council meeting last night in regard to city printing, it came out that this gentleman, who is Secretary of the Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Society, had obtained tenders from some printing firms in the city on work required by that body, while others had not been given an opportunity of tendering. Ald. Bullock-Webster tried to mislead those present by saying that he had not asked the "Empire" or the "News" for tenders but had gone to W. G. Dennis, A. O. Franks and the Journal. Had he desired to convey the facts honestly he would have said that he did not ask the "News" or McRae Bros., Ltd., for tenders, for the reason that the Empire does not do job printing, its plant being rented to A. O. Franks. It is quite evident that the Secretary of the Agricultural Society ignored those who do not have the same political complexion as himself. Mr. Bullock-Webster, as Secretary of the Association can adopt no better tactics to wreck the Agricultural Society than by bringing politics into its affairs.

THE LITTLE CANADIAN
VIEW.

Those who say that there is no essential difference between the Borden naval resolution and the alternative Liberal policy should supply an interpretation, in keeping with this opinion, of the following passage from Mr. Borden's statement to the Commons on December 5:

"There have been proposals to which I shall no more than allude, that we should build up a great naval organization in Canada. In my humble opinion nothing of an efficient character could be built up in this country within a quarter or perhaps half a century. Even then it would be a poor

and weak substitute for that splendid organization which the Empire already possesses, and which has been evolved and built up through centuries of the most searching experience and of the highest endeavor. Is there really any need that we should undertake the hazardous and costly experiment of building up a naval organization especially restricted to this Dominion, when upon just and self-respecting terms we can take such part as we desire in naval defence through the existing naval organization of the Empire and in that way can fully and effectively avail ourselves of the men and the resources at the command of Canada?"

If Mr. Borden had not made these remarks it might be argued with a show of reason that the immediate building of three Dreadnoughts, the ownership of which is to be retained by Canada, would not prevent, but might even facilitate, the establishment at a somewhat later date of a Canadian navy.

Mr. Borden spoke with extreme deliberation in proposing his naval resolution to Parliament. He read his speech from a manuscript which he had carefully prepared. The words we have quoted certainly mean something; they were put in the speech for a purpose. What is their plain meaning? Are they not levelled directly against the proposition to have a Canadian navy embodied in the Liberal amendment?

Conservatives who support Mr. Borden's proposal and also declare themselves in favor of the Liberal proposition, as a later development of policy, can only do so by the repudiation of Mr. Borden's language. None of them have heard repudiating it yet. Until they do this, it is not unfair to charge them with trying to induce the people, by false pretences, to give their consent to a policy which precludes the establishment, for 25 or 50 years, of a Canadian navy.—Winnipeg Free Press.

LARGE INDUSTRIAL ARMY
EMPLOYED ON P. G. E. LINE

OVER A THOUSAND MEN ARE NOW AT WORK—FORCE WILL
SOON BE INCREASED TO OVER THREE
THOUSAND.

Vancouver, March 3.—As an indication of the active manner in which construction work on the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway is to be prosecuted this spring and summer comes the announcement that a force of between three and four thousand men will be employed on the branch now being built between Newport and Lillooet as soon as the spring sets in.

According to Mr. A. Kellett, superintendent of construction for Mr. Pat Welch, the railway contractor who has charge of the operations for the P. G. E., nearly 1100 men are at present engaged in grading and wagon road building operations between Howe Sound and Lillooet. Work is being vigorously proceeded with from both ends of the line and headquarters are to be established shortly near the summit of the line at Bear Mountain. "We are confining our efforts at present," said Mr. Kellett, "to

preparations for the heavy construction work. The grading operations are proceeding most satisfactorily, and we have a big force at work building wagon roads for transporting supplies and equipment. We expect to proceed shortly with the laying of steel for another five miles from the end of the present line from Newport to Pemberton Meadows. Some 30 carloads of rails, sufficient to lay track for about ten miles, are already on hand at Vancouver and will be transported to the scene of operations at an early date. The weather at the Lillooet end of the line has been fine, but heavy snow hampers the operations considerably at the Howe Sound end. As soon as the snow starts to melt we intend to augment our forces so that the work can be energetically proceeded with during the coming season. We are experiencing no difficulty in obtaining labor."

NOTHING IN RUMOR
STATES MR. MANSON

Member for Dewdney Riding Denies that He is to be Appointed Auditor-General

The rumor current that Mr. W. J. Manson, M.P.P. for Dewdney was to be appointed auditor-general for British Columbia and which rumor was subsequently given publicity has no basis in fact. This was ascertained in a long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Manson at his home in Mission.

It has been common talk about Dewdney constituency and the city of New Westminster that a new election in this riding would be necessary because of the selection of Mr. Manson for the responsible office which has been created by the provincial government. "There is absolutely nothing to this story," was the curt manner of Mr. Manson's denial.—British Columbian.

LAWS TO CURE
NEW YORK GRAFT

High Officials and Former Officials Will Prescribe Remedies.

New York, March 3.—The mayor of New York, two former mayors and a host of other higher officials in and out of office will help a committee of state legislators to frame legislation to remedy the police situation in New York. Hearings begun today before this committee will continue until the members feel themselves able to diagnose the recent police graft scandals and prescribe laws to cure them.

Mayor Gaynor, former Mayor George B. McClelland and former District Attorney William A. Jerome are expected to give their views tomorrow.

UNION OF CHURCHES
IN NEW ZEALAND

London, March 3.—An important decision affecting the religious

life of New Zealand is reported this morning in a Wellington cable, which states the union of the Wesleyan and Methodist bodies has been unanimously agreed to.

The signatures of the agreement were witnessed by Lord Liverpool, governor, and Hon. F. W. Massey, prime minister, in the presence of 3,000 persons.

The Australian representative present said that the Commonwealth would speedily follow the example set by her sister dominion.

AUSTRALIA WILL HELP
THE SCOTT FUND

London, March 3.—A Melbourne cable says that Premier Fisher in conjunction with the states' premiers, has agreed to make adequate contribution to the fund to aid the dependents of the South Pole party victims.

The suggestion has also been made that since the Canadian parliament proposes to make a grant, the whole of the overseas dominions, which are particularly indebted to the courage and heroism of explorers, should co-operate in making a substantial gift.

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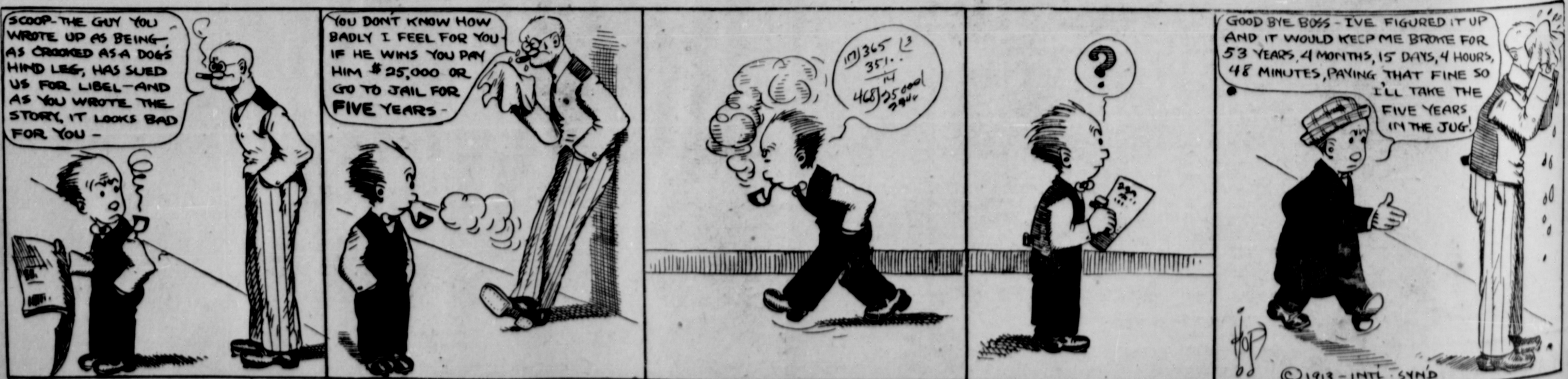
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