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WHY AN ELECTION
IS NECESSARY

The question is being asked why has the Opposition the right to demand an appeal to the people on this question of a permanent policy of naval tribute as presented by Premier Borden. It is because the Government, if its supporters had voted according to their pledges to their constituents before the election of 1911, would have had but a majority of 6 instead of 30, while had Hon. Mr. Monk been in the House their majority would have only been 5. That is, while they have a House majority, they have not a popular majority. This also in a Parliament 13 members short of the constitutional requirements according to last census. It is therefore evident that the Government has not a popular majority behind it on this question.

On February 27th, when the second reading of the Naval Bill was carried the Government had a majority of 30—118 to 84.

In Parliament there are 20 Nationalists—that is members who were elected to Parliament pledged to their constituents to oppose any kind of taxation for a navy.

These twenty Nationalists are Messrs. Achim, Barette, Bellemare, Boulay, Blondin, Coderre, Forget, Gauthier (Gaspé), Girard (who ran as a supporter of a Canadian navy and suddenly at the end of the election turned against it), Guilbault, Lavallee, Lesperance, Lamarche, Mondou, Monk, Sevigny, Nantel, Pauquet, Pelletier and Rainville.

Twelve of these formed part

of the Government's majority for the Navy Bill—Messrs. Blondin, Nantel, Pauquet, Pelletier, Rainville, Coderre, Forget, Gauthier, Girard, Lavallee, Lesperance, Sevigny—voting directly contrary to the pledges under which they were elected.

Had they been true to their pledges and really represented their constituents they would have voted according to their pledges to their constituents before the election of 1911, would have had but a majority of 6 instead of 30, while had Hon. Mr. Monk been in the House their majority would have only been 5. That is, while they have a House majority, they have not a popular majority. This also in a Parliament 13 members short of the constitutional requirements according to last census. It is therefore evident that the Government has not a popular majority behind it on this question.

Therefore had the members of Parliament all been present and voted according to the dictates of their constituents the government's majority would have been but five—and the opposition would have represented a large majority of the popular vote. And this in a House 13 members short of what the Constitution calls for according to the last census.

The Opposition position is that a government so situated has no right to attempt to force through Parliament a measure making so great a change in the constitutional procedure of the country without appealing to the people. Therefore in the interests of the people, a majority of whom they really represent on this question, they are in duty bound to use every means in their power to see that the voice of the people is heard. It is because of the very force of these arguments that the Government is so determined to force the measure through, and even to invoke the closure to shut off the voice of the people.

Provincial Elections Act

NOTICE is hereby given that the List of Voters for the Skeena Electoral District has been cancelled, and that applications to be placed on the Voters' List will be received at my office at the Government Buildings, Prince Rupert, B. C., where printed forms of affidavit to be used in support of an application to vote will be supplied.

The list of persons claiming to vote will be suspended from and after the 7th day of April, 1913, and a Court of Revision will be held on the 19th day of May 1913, and notice of objections to the insertion of any name on the register of voters must be given to me thirty clear days before the holding of the Court of Revision.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1913.

J. H. McMULLIN.

Registrar of Voters for the Skeena Electoral District.

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PRINCE RUPERT PIONEER
DIED AT VANCOUVER

DUNCAN S. LOTHIAN, AT ONE TIME MANAGER FOR LIQUIDATOR OF B.C. TIE AND LUMBER CO., DIED AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, March 15—With the funeral of Duncan S. Lothian this afternoon there passed one of the best known pioneers of British Columbia, known to many thousands of miners and lumbermen, not only in British Columbia, but also in Alaska, Montana, Idaho and as far south as Mexico. In the course of an active and chequered career he had superintended the building of many of the largest mining plants on the continent, as well as having been active in the lumber business of the province.

Mr. Lothian, who was born in Breadabane, Glengarry County, Ontario, 59 years ago, came west in the seventies as a young man, one of his travelling companions being Mr. Geo. D. McKay, now chief timber inspector for the provincial government. Being an expert machinist and interested in mining work, Mr. Lothian became the representative of the firm of Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago, then the largest manufacturers of mining machinery in America. After travelling for them on the Pacific coast between Mexico and Alaska for many years, Mr. Lothian decided to enter the lumber business, and built a mill at Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma, he being the first mill owner in that district. After three years of success, a fire destroyed the entire plant. Coming west again to restore his fortune he started the lumber firm of D. S. Lothian & Co., at Buckley, Wash., but within a year fire again reduced his mill to ashes.

Returning to mining work under his old employers, Mr. Lothian installed a great deal of the machinery at Rossland, also the concentrating plant at the old Moneyspinner mine on Fire Mountain. At Alaska he built the quartz mill at Bernard Bay, and an addition to the plant at the Treadwell mines. In Montana he built the Blue Bird mill at Butte, the Bi-metallic mill at Granite Mountain and an addition to the plant of the Anacon-

do Co. In New Mexico he built the quartz mill at the White Oaks mine.

Having made a comfortable fortune at mining construction, Mr. Lothian returned again to the lumber business, being the pioneer lumberman on the Skeena river. He was manager of Cunningham's mill, near Port Essington, and later acted as manager for the liquidator of the B.C. Tie & Lumber Company at Seal Cove on Kaien Island, now a part of the townsite of Prince Rupert. Disaster by fire, which had dogged his career in lumbering, visited the latter property. After the destruction of the mill Mr. Lothian joined the Provincial timber service as official scaler for the Skeena river district. For the past two years he had been in failing health. A strong, firm man, remarkable for his quiet, courteous manners in dealing with large numbers of men, Mr. Lothian was well known and is well remembered by thousands who have worked under him in the various undertakings he was connected with.

The funeral this afternoon from the deceased's home on 8th Avenue, east to Mount Pleasant cemetery was attended by many old friends. A widow, three daughters and a son, are left to mourn their loss.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES

Amount this Year to \$141,100,100—Million for Aviation

London, March 18—The estimated amount which the House of Commons is to be asked to appropriate this year for expenditure on the British army is \$141,100,000, against \$139,300,000 last year. The sum of \$1,700,000 is to be devoted to aviation.

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Some that have already been put in have proved so effective that the construction of many others in various parts of the city was authorized at the last meeting of the council.

In addition to its use as a speed-checker the crossings are much appreciated by residents as protection from muddy streets.

The Japanese Budget

Tokio, March 18—The Japanese diet adopted the government budget by a vote of 186 to 181. The total ordinary revenue is estimated at \$265,800,825 and the extraordinary revenue \$27,000,000. Against these the ordinary expenditures are \$211,000,000 and the extraordinary expenditures are \$81,500,000.

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