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GREAT THING FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Fishing is the one important industry upon which Prince Rupert could confidently rest her future, and one of the recent events that accentuates and gives force to this statement is the fact that the United States government has recently taken off the duty on Canadian fish, both fresh and frozen, and they are now going into the United States free of duty.

Its intent and object undoubtedly was to give cheaper fish to the citizens of the country south of us, and it may do that. But the customs duties were paid by the Canadians on this side, and as they are not called upon to pay these duties any longer it means a saving of one cent per pound upon every pound of fish imported.

The greatest rival the fisheries of this province have always had up to the present were those having their headquarters in the neighboring state of Washington. But there the Attorney-General of the state has just handed down a decision that every person and every corporation in the state engaged in the business of buying, selling, preserving or otherwise dealing in salmon, other than canning such salmon, must pay to the state a tax of ninety cents per ton.

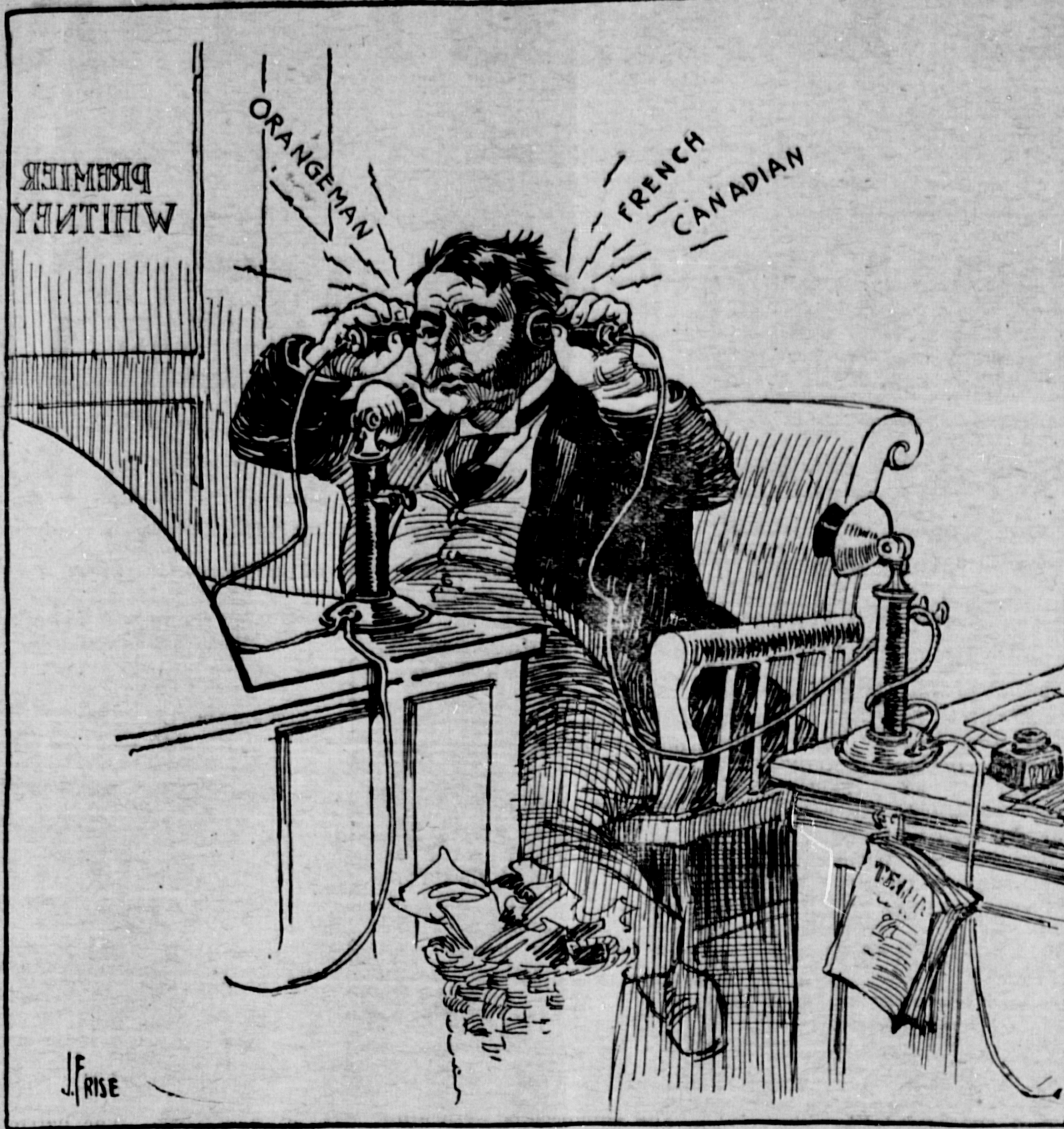
cannery will have to pay this ninety cents per ton on all fish caught in their traps other than the three per cent, allowed to the cannery itself, and that they must pay the license on all they sell. It also means that fish taken by every other kind of gear, when the same is not directly owned by the company which cans the fish must pay ninety cents a ton.

So that now the Prince Rupert fish men have the advantage over their rivals of the state of Washington of the one cent, per pound formerly paid in duty, and of the 90c per ton the Washingtonians have to pay as a state tax.

What will be the result of this is easy enough for anyone to grasp. It means that the much more favorable conditions offered on this side of the line for much more profitable investment in the fishing industry will be eagerly grasped by American capitalists; that as Prince Rupert is the centre of the best fishing grounds on this coast and as the Washingtonians will have to pay a tax of 90c per ton on all fish taken in adjoining waters, they will hasten here to enter the business and boom up our fishing industry as it has never been boomed before.

Congress in its wisdom, no doubt had an eye on Prince Rupert as a coming source from which to secure cheaper fish food for America's teeming millions and hence the remission of the duty. Anyway, it is, as Mr. Collins says, the greatest thing that ever happened for this port, and soon after the railway is in complete operation Prince Rupert will be world-wide famous for something else beside being its terminus.

WHO'S SPEAKING?



GILBERT PARKER SAYS CANADA MUST HAVE WESTERN PREMIER

"THE NATIONAL HERITAGE OF CONFEDERATION WILL NEVER BE COMPLETE UNTIL THE GREAT WEST ADDS A WESTERN PRIME MINISTER"

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 2.—An ovation was accorded Sir Gilbert Parker, British parliamentarian and novelist, in this city, his home town, when he delivered an address to a public meeting in the armory tonight.

Hundreds were unable to gain admission and Sir Gilbert delivered a second address to an overflow meeting. Mayor Willis extended the city's welcome.

Sir Gilbert's address was on "Canada, Twenty Years After."

This country, he said, always had been happy in her premiers, who have represented her at the imperial conferences. He praised the French-Canadian element of the population.

"The national heritage of confederation will never be complete until the Great West had added another seal by a Western prime minister," he declared.

Turning to the naval question he said that whatever form the bearing of part of the empire's burden might take he felt sure that when it stood complete it would be the expression of Canada's duty and her own recognition of responsibility for crown security.

If a navy was needed in Australia, it was needed as much here. A French-Canadian premier had taken the first step on the navy question; there would be no step backward when Canada adopted either form of naval policy.

Then war mania and armament will begin to decline, for no nation could stand against an

empire of nations banded together for the maintenance of peace.

EMPERATOR'S PASSENGERS

Record Number Sailed on Largest Ship Afloat

New York, Oct. 4.—The Hamburg - American liner Imperator which sailed from Cherbourg yesterday has aboard the largest number of persons, including crew, that has embarked on a liner bound for this port. There are 800 first cabin passengers and 631 second cabin passengers. Including the third class passengers and crew there are 4637 people on board.

John J. Foot, representing the McClary Mfg. Co., is in the city in the interests of his firm.

Specimens of Grain

Specimen of grain in stalk and vegetables grown along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Prince Rupert and Hazelton have been placed on exhibition in the windows of the local ticket offices on Granville Street.—Vancouver Province.

Route Map Hearing

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, will hold a railway route map hearing at Ottawa on October 10. A number of general routes will come before him for approval including lines both in eastern and western Canada.

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Asking for Salary Increases

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—The employees of the public works department who are seeking an increase of 25 per cent. in their wages and an eight-hour day, laid the matter before Dr. Chabot yesterday. Mr. Chabot will take the matter up as soon as possible with Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works.

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