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WASTING ROAD MONEY ON THE ISLANDS

There is an agitation now on Graham Island to form in municipalities in order to get control of the government appropriations for roads. The settlers think they can make a better job of it than the government. The Queen Charlotte Islander says:
 "It is very well known that Messrs. Leary and Walsh are disgusted at the manner in which the appropriations are spent on the roads on the East coast. Not only there, but all over the island, where roads are being built, the same dissatisfaction is heard from the settlers. Thousands of dollars are being spent each year and still the same old cry goes forth that the money has been practically wasted. Everyone knows quite well that it is a hard proposition to build roads on this island, but there is no reason why the money should not be spent to the best of ability. Digging out stumps and filling the holes up with rotten wood is not road-building. That wouldn't pass inspection in any municipality and why it does here we are at a loss to know. Take for instance the Mayer Lake road, on which we understand nearly \$12,000 has been spent, a more rotten piece of work has never been seen. Unless proper road-building machinery is installed we never will have good roads, and if it is impossible to provide the machinery, why not introduce a system of plank roads, which we are certain would be much cheaper and at the same time give better satisfaction all round.

WILL KEEP OUT IMMIGRANTS

The order-in-council issued by the Dominion cabinet prohibiting the entry into British Columbia of all artisans and

laborers is a drastic measure which will probably have an unlooked-for effect. No citizen or laborer can come into this province before the first of next April. As British Columbia is over supplied with labor just now she will not feel any immediate effect. But what of the future? Rival immigration agents in the Old World will seize upon this government order and advertise it broadcast. British Columbia will be pronounced by these agents as a place impossible to get into. Though the embargo may be lifted next April it is certain that the immigrant agents of other provinces and states will not forget to play it up for months and years to come.

This order-in-council seems to be a hasty decision made to please some coast politicians who are making a play for the labor vote.

Today the editor "killed" two communications on municipal affairs because personal abuse was sandwiched in with the argument. The fact that the writer may be in sympathy with the News' point of view does not insure the publication of his communication. The letter must be free from personalities. No one person has a monopoly of seeing the mental defects and dishonest motives in their opponents. These deficiencies if they exist usually advertise themselves so that the average man can see them. The News is satisfied to let the public do their own detective work in cases of personal character.

One would think from the way the McBride organ rushes to the defence of the Bella Coola road expenditure with its ready explanations that the work there is under the control of the Tory executive in Prince Rupert, instead of the Public Works Department at Victoria.



BOURASSA AND BISHOP FALLON CROSS SWORDS

At London, Henri Bourassa and Bishop Fallon debated Imperial Federation and the destiny of Canada. In the circle is shown the French-Canadian orator and beside him the Roman Catholic prelate who declared strongly for an Empire Federation.

JOE MARTIN'S CONCLUSIONS ON A PARLIAMENT OF THE EMPIRE

BELIEVES ANY ATTEMPT TO CREATE A PARLIAMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL DOMINION WOULD CREATE HARMFUL DISCORD

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—Vigorous questions would not be settled from the Canadian standpoint, but from that of the majority in the parliament. That this would be pernicious and productive of real unrest, he said, was certain, citing the dissatisfaction in the Dominion at the time of the settlement of the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia. The commission was governed in its action not by the relations between Canada and the United States, as it should have been, but by matters at issue between Great Britain and the United States.

Mr. Martin declared that the form of government under which Canada was controlled, was democratic, and any attempt to create a parliament or council with representatives from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the other colonies, would create an extremely harmful discord between the powers at Ottawa and the powers at London.

An Imperial parliament, he argued, would have no reason for existence unless its authority was contained in the majority, in which case purely Canadian

questions would not be settled from the Canadian standpoint, but from that of the majority in the parliament. That this would be pernicious and productive of real unrest, he said, was certain, citing the dissatisfaction in the Dominion at the time of the settlement of the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia. The commission was governed in its action not by the relations between Canada and the United States, as it should have been, but by matters at issue between Great Britain and the United States.

"Canada," he said, "is governed on a democratic principle. The people control the government. Why do we want to change it. I consider an Imperial parliament or council would be a most dangerous experiment. "Great Canadians come over to London, and make a lot of talk about 'Empire,'" he continued. "We generally find that they have two co-related objects in view. One is to express their loyalty to the Mother Country, and the second to induce wage-earners to part with their hard-earn-

ed cash to help in developing a province over the seas. Will anyone tell me how many of the companies floated by these great imperialists in the past ten years have paid a cent of dividends except out of capital?"

AN ARMY OF 2,000 MEN AND WOMEN ASSEMBLED AT CAPITOL

Petitions Presented Asking for National Move by Constitutional Course.

[Special by Dominion Wireless.] Washington, Dec. 10.—Under the dome of the capitol here today there were 2,000 men and women representing the Anti-saloon League of America and the W. C. T. U. assembled. The move was made as a demonstration against the liquor traffic. Each of the assembled masses bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment.

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