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According to the printed reports sent out by the provincial government, it has been known for the past forty years that the district surrounding Francois and Ootsa lakes was a country of great promise.

In the sensation of the new railway guarantees undertaken by the McBride government, a bill greatly increasing the direct taxation of the province is escaping notice.

will after July 1 have to pay a tax to the province of \$50 every six months. Retailers will have to contribute \$5 every six months.

What do the business men of Prince Rupert think of the silence of Wm. Manson while this tax is going through for the expenses of a government which has to abandon the construction of roads, particularly in the north?

CANADA'S FRONT DOOR IS ON THE PACIFIC

Minister of Trade and Commerce Predicts Big Things for Pacific Trade

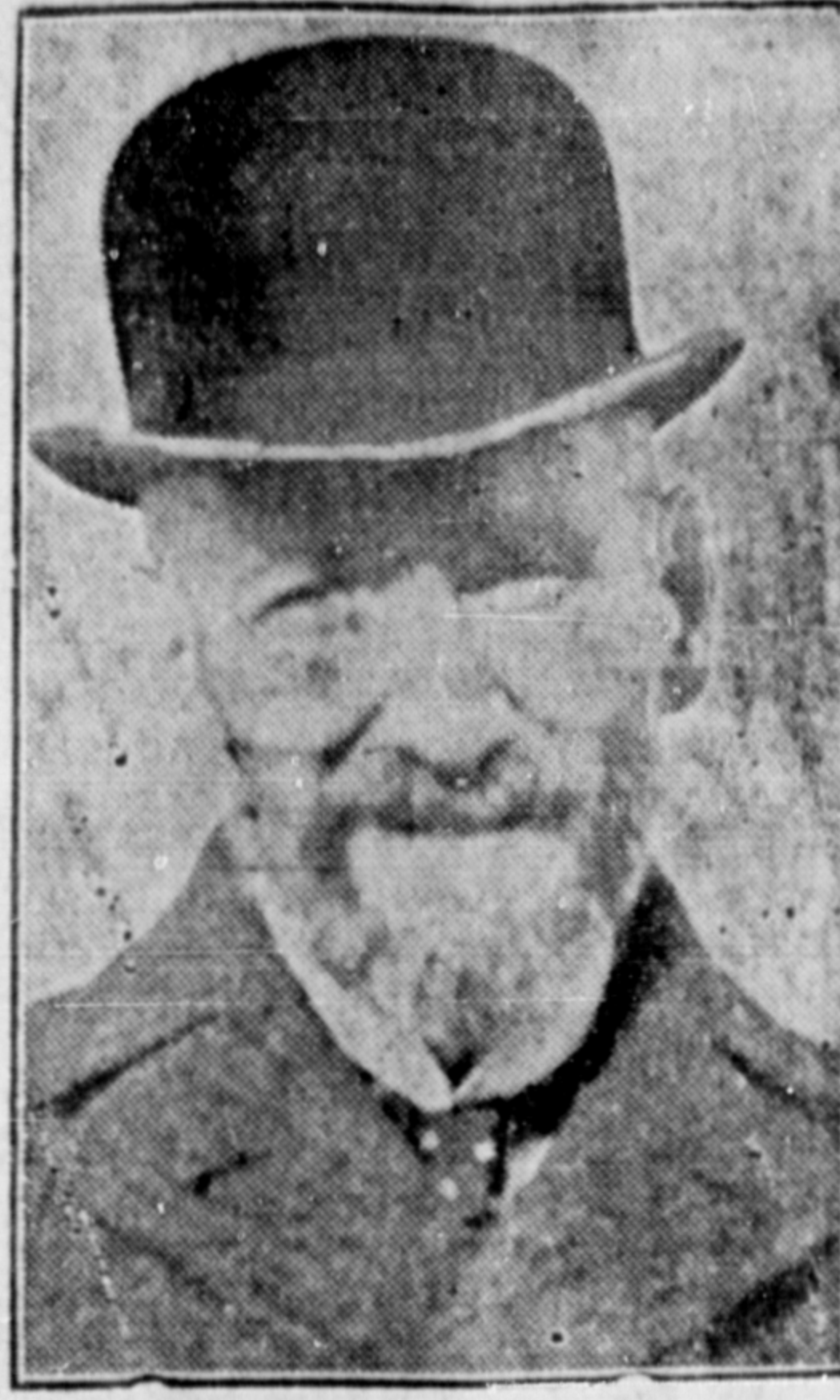
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In reply to a question in the House from Hon. Frank Oliver as to Canada's trade in the Orient, the Minister of Trade and Commerce said that the feature of this year was the very marked growth in the Canadian flour trade over last year.

China was naturally one of the richest countries in the world, and yet was one of the least developed, this being principally due to the lack of transportation.

It would create a great market for machinery and tools, and far beyond this in importance would be the food supplies of the four hundred million of Chinese and the sixty-five million of Japanese.

This was because all the better quality of rice was exported. All that was left was inferior grades. They were now getting the idea of eating flour products and even though the increase might be but fractional it amounted to a tremendous volume when it was among a population of more than four hundred millions.

"We have a great front door on the Pacific," said Mr. Foster, "and we must keep our eyes open and every string attached that will hold this trade. No country has a better chance to take advantage of that trade than Canada.



SIR HORACE PLUNKETT

Who is noted for his advocacy of agricultural co-operation, and whose opinion on Irish matters carries great weight with all parties. In the Daily Mail he outlines a plan for settling the Ulster problem.

inces and federal government were to take over the road tomorrow in default of the payment of interest, the two would still be enormously wealthy in the possession of millions of millions of dollars' worth of private holdings.

The increase of the provincial guarantee to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway company brings the total amount of the guarantee on the main line to \$15,000 per mile for 511 miles.

Public opinion is the common sense of all the people, and in this matter of railway promoting public opinion is straining the bonds and affiliations of party to the breaking point.

The government should come to the country and seek endorsement of its policy of reckless aiding of railway promoters. As it is, the feeling is strong, alike among party supporters and opponents, that the policy must be

abandoned. On a railway policy, as we have said, the present administration rode into power. The present railway policy, we are convinced, will end in disaster for the government, in spite of the most complete party organization that may be devised.

The forcing of this latest bill on the house, without so much as the preliminary of discussing it by the party in caucus, is the beginning of the end.

It remains to be seen whether the house will tamely submit to this railroading of railroad measures. The voters in the province will not stand for it.

Oakland to Double Its Saloons

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 26.—Oakland citizens voted by a substantial majority to almost double the number of saloons proposed for the city, and to reduce by one half the license fee proposed to be charged each proprietor.

Kaiser's Hirsute Edict

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The wearing of the "toothbrush mustache" has been forbidden to the soldiers of Emperor William's body guard by an order issued recently.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON NEW C. N. R. DEAL

ther attempt would be made to add to our responsibilities for C. N. R. and that the railway would be constructed within the contract time.

Not one cent of subsidy or guarantee should be given until parliament and legislatures are fully informed as to the financial operations of Mackenzie & Mann. What is their personal relationship with the Canadian Northern railway enterprises?

Must Feel Nice to be a Cup Winner—Eh, Scoop?

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