

## PARTY POLITICS CONTROL MILITIA DEPARTMENT

## NEW HAZELTON PROTESTS AGAINST INEFFICIENT POLICE FORCE—BOY'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

NEW HAZELTON MAKES PROTEST  
AGAINST PROVINCIAL POLICECITIZENS CARRYING ARMS FOR PROTECTION—PARTICULARS  
OF FIGHT TOLD BY T. D. PATTULLO

T. D. Pattullo returned Thursday from a trip up the line with Liberal leaders. Messrs. Fenton, Oliver and Pattullo were at New Hazelton the morning of the bank robbery. Mr. Pattullo describes most vividly the scene of the battle.

He could never fully appreciate how it was possible for a man to go through a hail of bullets and never get a scratch. There men, women and children stood around on the street in 200 or 300 feet of the bank, with bullets flying in all directions. It is astonishing and wonderful that not a man was hurt.

When the men entered the bank they put guns to the head of the cashier and ordered him to open the safe. The cashier, Bishop, only had the combination. He tried to explain, but the men could not understand and started shooting at his feet. Mr. Gaslin, who was in the bank, succeeded in making the men understand that the safe could not open the safe.

Thus it was that they only got the money in the cash drawer. Fenton, the other clerk, was shot in the chin and the side of the forehead with birdshot fired from some excited citizens through the window of the bank.

The wounded men will probably all recover.

"The whole country up there," continued Mr. Pattullo, "is almost in a state of open rebellion over the rotten police service. At New Hazelton on Wednesday a public meeting passed resolutions censuring the department of justice and provincial police and asked for a suspension of the law against carrying firearms. In fact many of the citizens are now carrying firearms."

The provincial police interfered during the fight and stopped some of the citizens in the chase. The constable insisted that the citizens should serve under him, which they refused to do. Rev. McLean headed one independent party in the search for the escaped man.

MUCH SATISFACTION  
OVER LOWER FREIGHTPractically a Reduction on All  
Classes of Traffic in  
Western Canada

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, April 9.—While expressing satisfaction at the decision on the freight rates, the members of the western boards of trade were surprised at the outcome as it affects Manitoba. The traffic officers of the board says it is difficult to understand why no provision was made for reductions between points in Manitoba, where railway revenues are greater and expenses less than on any other part of the railway systems. The board is gratified that that efforts on behalf of lower rates for Western Canada have resulted in a reduction on practically all classes of traffic.

GETTING READY FOR  
THE STIKINE SERVICEPort Simpson to Overhaul for  
Trade Which Another Com-  
pany Is Entering

According to reports in circulation in Victoria it is thought that the Hudson's Bay company will have opposition in its steamboat operations on the Stikine river this summer. It is said that a new sternwheeler is now being outfitted on the Fraser river to steam north in a short time. The name of the vessel has not been given out as yet.

About June 2 it is understood that the Port Simpson will depart on her first trip up the northern waterway. She is now at Port Simpson, where she has been wintering. One of the employees of the company is now in Simpson superintending the overhauling of the sternwheeler. Her decks will be recaulked and her hull thoroughly cleaned and painted while she is out on the ways.

The ice will no be out of the Stikine until late in the month of May. It remains in the river until late in the year, and the waterway is only fit for navigation during four months of the year. During that time, however, a great business is done on the river. In the past one ship has been able to handle the trade, and it is not thought that a second boat will be operated profitably.

The Port Simpson is a popular vessel in the north. For a number of years she operated on the Skeena river, but two years ago, with several other stern-wheelers, she was displaced by the appearance of the iron horse, placed in commission by the G. T. P. The Port Simpson is the last of the once famous fleet.

## Jolly Launch Party

A very enjoyable launch party was participated in on Good Friday afternoon by Mr. Jno. Munro and friends, including Rev. and Mrs. Dimmick and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts and family, Mr. D. Munro, Mr. Allister McRae, Mr. Sandy McRae, Mr. Cornish and Miss M. Sherman. The Dixie provided capital accommodation and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in taking in the sights of Metlakatlah. Ideal weather contributed to the success of the outing, which it is hoped will be followed during the summer months by similar gatherings.

W. R. Binns, better known as "Paddy" Binns, of the Dominion cannery, arrived in the city on Thursday with his bride, who recently came over from Ireland. They were married in Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Binns left for Dominion today.

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## SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Glasgow, April 11.—In the final of the Scottish cup played here this afternoon between Celtic and Hibernians, the game ended in a scoreless draw.

FELL INTO HAYS CREEK  
SWEEPED THROUGH TUNNELWillie Crosley Has Thrilling Ex-  
perience and Narrow Escape  
from Drowning

Willie Crosley, an eight-year-old boy with a companion was playing on the railway grade over Hays creek yesterday afternoon when Crosley fell into the creek. The tide was running out and the swift current carried the boy down stream and into the tunnel through which Hays creek discharges into the harbor.

The other boy gave the alarm and a man on the yacht club float got a boat out and picked up the unconscious boy as he was being swept out the mouth of the tunnel. The swift current prevented him from sinking. The boy was apparently dead when taken from the water. His pulse was gone. Dr. McNeill was phoned for and hurried down. In the meantime those who rescued the youth worked over him and by their good efforts started respiration. In a short time Willie was taken to the hospital and today is reported to be doing splendidly.

There is no question of the weight of public opinion behind the motion which was carried Thursday evening in favor of petitioning the minister of militia to reinstate Earl Grey's Own Rifles. There is not a man among the Conservatives who will assume responsibility for the disbandment. The best among them are ashamed of it. Why then not admit that the whole thing was a mistake and ask the minister to undo it? There is no future for militia in this town unless this affair is put right. No time should be lost in circulating this petition and it should be signed by every citizen who believes in integrity and patriotism.

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OPERA HOUSE  
TO-NIGHT  
CYMBELINEShakespeare's immortal classic in  
two reels, produced by the Than-  
house Company."A RIDE FOR A BRIDE"  
A ripping Keystone Comedy.

WEEKLY GAZETTE

"LOUIE THE LIFE-SAVER"  
Very Funny Comedy.

Admission - 10c and 15c

DAFFODIL BALL  
EASTER MONDAYDaughters of the Empire Will  
Make It the Event of  
the Season

The Daughters of the Empire propose holding their annual Daffodil ball on Easter Monday, April 13, in St. Andrew's society hall. It has been the aim of the chapter to make this ball the event of the season, and to this end no trouble has been spared. An excellent program has been prepared by Mr. Werner of the Westholme orchestra. The supper promises to be something extra in the way of good home cooking. A good time is promised to all those attending the ball.

SCREAMING CITIZENS  
FIGHT TO SEE MURDERERWere Disappointed When Chi-  
nese Murder Case Was  
Adjourned

Vancouver, April 9.—Long before the hour set for the opening of the court, hundreds of people, who have followed the details of the most dastardly and gruesome crime in the annals of the criminal history of Vancouver, and who were curious to catch a glimpse of the 17-year-old Chinese boy upon whom the police are seeking to fasten the crime, assembled in the halls and corridors of the police station on Railway street. The crowd pushed and jostled in the effort to gain access to the court room, some of the more hysterical even screaming in their excitement. So great was the interest that the people filled the street and even stood on the opposite side, craning their necks to catch a glimpse of the court proceedings through the windows.

Disappointment was plainly written on the faces of the crowd when they heard Mr. J. K. Kennedy, city prosecutor, ask Magistrate Shaw for an adjournment.

## Want Benefit Basketball Match

Efforts have been made to have a basketball match between the Ladies' Own team and the Tangos for the benefit of the city hospital. It was suggested that half of the match be played with the rules of one club and the other half under the rules played by the other club, but so far negotiations have failed to get the match on. Objections were raised on the score of rude remarks made by some of the spectators at the last match. However, a match between two picked ladies' teams will be played provided a satisfactory rate can be secured for the rink.

## Wedding Bells

Geo. B. Hull and his bride arrived on the Prince George this morning and took their friends by surprise. They were quietly married in Vancouver last Monday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. W. Orme.

Mr. Hull is the resident engineer of the Dominion public works department and one of the most popular young men in the city. His bride was Miss L. D. Orme, a sister of Mr. C. H. Orme of this city. She has visited in Prince Rupert and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull will be generally welcomed in the city. At present they are residing with Mr. C. H. Orme and later will occupy the Agnew residence.

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EARL GREY'S RIFLES AND  
POLITICAL MACHINATIONSSOLDIER BOYS TOLD THEIR STORY AND WERE HECKLED BY  
POLITICIANS AND THE HOODLUM ELEMENT AT BIG  
PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT—EVERYONE  
SATISFIED POLITICAL HATRED RESPONS-  
IBLE FOR DISBANDMENT OF CORPS

A noisy public meeting crowded St. Andrew's hall to the doors on Thursday evening. It was a bedlam, which everybody admitted was the result of too much politics in the militia. There were less than a dozen speakers, nearly all of them Conservative, and there was a lot of dirty Tory linen thrown into the suds. Tory bossism stuck out prominently in every phase of the meeting's proceedings. The meeting at least gave the casual observer plenty of evidence of the influence of the Tory boss in the disbandment of Earl Grey's Rifles. In fact the charge was made by several of the speakers and contradicted by none.

The meeting was called by a committee of prominent citizens, for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity of hearing the facts concerning the disbandment of the organization, and for the purpose of discussing the justification of the action if there is any justification.

On one side were the boys of the militia corps, boys not accustomed to public speaking or the wiles and pitfalls of politics. They had a story to tell in their own way of how politics had disbanding an organization they they had spent years in bringing to a state of efficiency. Against them were arrayed the hecklers who delight in interrupting public speakers, the Tory boss and his following, the element which is opposed to all organized society and several apologists who took the platform and endeavored to belittle the charge of a serious political crime. It was noticeable that all of the speak-

ers who claimed to be satisfied with the disbandment are members or ex-members of the Conservative executive.

At the conclusion of the meeting an effort was made to pass a resolution to circulate a petition protesting against the disbandment of Earl Grey's Rifles and asking for the appointment of Capt. Stork and Lieut. McMordie to the command of the new regiment. An amendment was offered and on a show of hands it was declared to be lost. The counting was not satisfactory and one had to size up the personnel of the two factions represented to get a conception of the real feeling of the citizens on the question.

The chairman of the meeting was Mr. W. S. Fisher, an officer on the reserve list of the Canadian militia and a prominent Conservative. He protested against the disbandment of the Earl Grey's Rifles, alleging party politics to be the cause of it. Such action was detrimental to the militia of Canada and it was a disgraceful and deplorable proceeding to strip officers and men of the uniform of the King without cause. At the last inspection this company was pronounced most efficient. The department of militia had forwarded official documents stating that Earl Grey's Rifles were to be formed into a four-company battalion. Then a movement was launched by some of the local Conservatives which resulted in the disbandment of the company. The men behind this had

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## Dan Was Not Beaten

Officials of the Grand Trunk declare that Dan Dempsey, the champion track layer, was not fairly beaten in the race at the final linking up. The original arrangements could not be carried out and the conditions did not justify a race.

Phil Egan on the east end was laying down grade on a dry road bed, while Dan Dempsey on the west end was laying up grade with his men working in deep mud. For the first quarter of a mile Dempsey's crew were greatly in the lead. An accident then put them out of the running. Dempsey's crew finished up their work while the other crew did not.

Dempsey made a quarter mile in 15 minutes and the Egan crew took 42 minutes to make the half mile.

## Popular Preacher Here

Rev. Donald McLeod of North Vancouver came in on today's boat and will have charge of the Presbyterian services here tomorrow. Mr. McLeod is a fine sample of the young Scotsmen who have come to this country and made good. He is a graduate of Dalhousie university and of Westminster hall, Vancouver, and one of the best preachers on the coast. He is accompanied by Mrs. McLeod and their little child and they will remain for about ten days in the city.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a violet tea Saturday, April 11, from 3 to 6. Gentlemen as well as ladies are invited. 80tf

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April 10th, 1914.

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April 10th, 1914.

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