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Indians to Become Citizens Instead of Wards of Nation

Indian Act to be Placed Before Parliament Giving Natives Right to Vote as Reward for Service Rendered During War.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, March 8.—Compulsory education and compulsory enfranchisement of the Indians are the principal features of a bill introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior. The object of the act is to remove the distinction which now exists between Canadian Indians and Canadian Indians and to change the latter from their present state as wards of the nation to citizens. Formerly an Indian could not be enfranchised until he had completed two probation periods of three years each, and then only with the consent of his fellow tribesmen. From the date of introduction to 1918 only 160 were enfranchised. The act is to be passed as a reward to the Indians for loyal service rendered in the war whereby they have earned that they deserve citizenship, 3,000 having enlisted in the Indian army.

WOMEN WOULD FIRE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE

Bring in Motion for Dismissal at Next Commission Meeting.

The police commission this morning, Commissioner Myhill presiding, was held in the manner in which the case had been handled and decided that there was too much competition between the men, at the expense of the collective work. Myhill-Jones gave notice of motion which he is to bring at the next meeting for the purpose of obtaining a higher efficiency. The motion is: "That the entire police force be given two months' notice from April 1, 1920, and the clerk be instructed to go through the proper channels for competent men to fill the positions of the retiring police on June 1, 1920." The men discharged will be allowed a square deal will be made in their applications.

VENCHY IN PORT

Protection Cruiser Was Formerly North Sea Trawler.

Fisheries Protection cruiser, arrived in port yesterday making her first appearance. The Givenchy, which was commanded by Captain Baird, of the Thiepval, which was here a few weeks ago, is one of the new trawlers which was converted into a mine sweeper in the sea during the war. She is now in the north for some time patrolling the herring and banks on the look out for poachers.

SALE POSTPONED

The fish arriving for yesterday's sale is to be held until tomorrow when six refrigerated cars are loaded with the following are the boats: Westford, 11,000; Vienne, 10,000; Marguerite, 5,000; Cayenne, 6,000; and 700 lbs.

Tonight & Tomorrow WEST HOLME THEATRE

Wm. S. Hart

"The Money Corral"
Special Christie Comedy
He Married His Wife
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STOOL PIGEON CASE FULLY EXPLAINED

Letters of protest from the Great War Veterans' Association and the One Big Union regarding the use of stool pigeons in police court cases were read at the meeting of the Police Commission this morning. The latter letter was ordered filed and a reply is to be sent to the former explaining the circumstances. The man referred to in their letter had volunteered his services and had complete control of his faculties and had been acting in the same capacity as a private detective.

STEWART

The Portland Canal News, in its last issue, has published a letter from E. C. Mayers, solicitor for the Taylor Engineering Co., asking that certain statements in regard to the Dolly Varden affair be retracted.

With the use of toboggans the supplies for the Big Missouri mine are being taken in over the snow from the end of the Premier road. The intention of William Noble, who is directing operations at the present time, is to take in enough supplies over the snow to last all next summer and avoid the inconvenience of a pack train.

Plans are already being advanced for the celebration of July 1 in Stewart. A ball game between Stewart and Hyder is mooted. The teams are to be drawn from the residents of the towns and no outsiders are to be imported.

Howard Campbell, formerly of the Prince Rupert Club, will open the Stewart Miners' Social Club this week. It will be found a comfortable retreat for the citizens in general. Mr. Campbell was recently in charge of the Omineca Hotel at Hazelton.

Martin and Harry Smith are in town remodelling the Big Store which is one of the early landmarks from pioneer boom days.

The Leap Year dance last Friday night was a huge success. A large attendance was present to enjoy the dancing to splendid music supplied by an augmented orchestra. The ladies did the proposing and the gentlemen supplied the refreshments and acted as perfect ladies.

The Citizens' Association has again raised the topic of the incorporation of the town. The matter is being taken up with the authorities as it will be quite difficult to launch street and sidewalk repairs and other public works without some special action.

BIRTH

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Aitchison of Sixth Avenue West.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

SCHEDULE OF BOAT SERVICES

Must Be Dock at Stewart Before Big Steamers Call.

A direct connection with Wednesday's boat from the south will be given Stewart and Masset on alternate weeks. Next Wednesday afternoon the Prince John will leave for Masset and on her return make the trip to Stewart. On the week following, the Prince Albert will connect direct with the south steamer for Stewart and make the trip to Masset on her return. The Prince John will maintain her regular fortnightly service to Vancouver and Southern Queen Charlotte Island points and the Albert will be run as emergency arises in the time intervening between the runs to Stewart and Masset.

In the summer one of the large steamers will be placed on the Stewart run, giving a twice a week service to both Stewart and Anyox by running the Prince George or the Prince Rupert and one of the smaller boats as a subsidiary. The trips of the big boats to Stewart cannot be made until the new wharf is completed there.

Interviewed by the Daily News Saturday morning, Capt. Nicholson, manager of the coast steamship service, had nothing definite to say in regard to the summer service. The Prince George will remain in the local shipyard for three weeks and will then go to Yagrows Yards, Victoria, this company having made the lowest bid on some repair work.

Captain Nicholson left for Vancouver on the Princess Beatrice last night.

JONES AFTER SCOTTISH TEAM

Fails to Get Newcastle United and Now in Scotland for Football Eleven.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

MONTREAL, March 8.—The Dominion Football Association has received a cable from Con Jones that the Newcastle United had declined the invitation to tour Canada this summer. Jones stated that he would be in Glasgow, Scotland, at the week end and would endeavor to have the Glasgow Rangers or Celtic make the trip.

Failing to secure a Scottish League club, Jones will go back to England and approach the following clubs in the order given: Everton, Chelsea, and Aston Villa. These are all first division clubs and would be big drawing cards on a tour across Canada.

A cable is expected from Jones this week announcing the team that will come to Canada.

MORE STEWART ORE BEING SHIPPED OUT

Albert Will Get 200 Tons on Her Next Call at Stewart—Fertilizer and Salmon.

The Prince Albert arrived from Masset Inlet late last night, having called at Port Clements and Naden Harbor, at the last mentioned place picking up 83 cases of canned crabs. The Albert will go to the drydock and unload coal which was taken on at Ladysmith during her last trip south. She will go to Masset Inlet and Stewart in the middle week and leave for the south about next Sunday with a cargo made up of 200 tons of gold ore from the Premier mine, 500 cases of salmon from Lagoon Bay and fertilizer from the local plant.

CANNOT INFLUENCE POLICE MAGISTRATE

In Letter Replying to Police Commission Regarding Drug Cases, Magistrate Points out His Duty.

The following letter from the police magistrate in reply to the request that offenders under the Drug Act be imprisoned instead of fined was read and filed at the Police Commission meeting this morning:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of February 10 and note its contents.

"I will call your attention to the oath of office that every judge and police magistrate has to take, under which we are bound to do right in all cases that are brought before us according to our best lights.

"This practice is observed by all judicial bodies from the Privy Council down and it is the pride of all British institutions that our judges are removed from all influences which might affect their deliberations.

"I, therefore, respectfully submit that I have no alternative while acting as police magistrate but to do my duty without fear or favor as each case may impress me from the evidence adduced, and I cannot permit myself to be influenced as to punishment to be imposed except by laws covering the matters, the evidence adduced and the arguments advanced in the open court.

"Respectfully submitted,
(signed) S. P. McMORDIE,
Police Magistrate."

TWO SMUGGLERS GOT AWAY FROM CUSTOMS OFFICERS BUT LIQUOR WAS CAPTURED

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, March 8.—A bloodless battle between revenue officers and liquor smugglers occurred at Sumas on the international boundary. Guns were drawn but no shot fired. The officers captured an auto and \$2,000 worth of booze.

Since the inter-provincial trade in liquor has resumed a large proportion of the imports into Vancouver have been smuggled into the States. Officers got wind of a big load coming through. They barricaded the road and when the car approached the blue-coats rushed forward with drawn guns only to be met by two determined men, also armed, in an auto.

In the excitement a second car approached and turned in the roadway. The smugglers leaped from the first car into the second and all escaped.

Large seizures have been made during the last few days on the Great Northern train from Vancouver to Seattle.

Constantinople Is Occupied by Allies

Note sent to Turkish Government Threatening Drastic Action Should Necessity Arise; No more Massacres.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, March 8.—The Allies despatched a note to the Turkish Government, the terms of which were not disclosed, but it is understood they were drastic and will be followed by drastic action should necessity arise.

The idea of a conference is to impress upon the Turkish world will not tolerate massacres, such as the Armenians in Cilicia last month.

The Allies plan to make some sort of a military operation at Constantinople. Just what form this will take stood not to have been decided upon, but a speech expected as Great Britain, France and Italy are all agreed action is necessary to save hundreds of lives.

The Allies have enough troops in Turkey to occupy Constantinople if it is necessary to resort to force.

PARIS, March 8.—The Turkish Government has asked the French authorities that Marsh should be re-occupied. French troops. Calm seems to have been re-established in Cilicia. Constantinople is occupied by Allied troops.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JACK JOHNS

G. S. Fitzmaurice, "Fitz," Back in the Tobacconists Business.

It did not take "Fitz" long to get re-established into civil life after he "blew in" once more to Prince Rupert.

Returning little more than a week ago, after an absence of nearly five years from the city, he was warmly greeted by his many old friends. He has been fortunate enough to get associated with J. Johns (Jack's Cigar Store) in the well-known pioneer tobacconists' shop in the Alder Block next to Orme's Drug Store. Here, doubtless, he will receive the patronage of his host of old customers.

The remark that they generally make, as they drop in and say "Hello! Fitz, back again on the old job," is, "Why, you don't look a bit different from when you went away, better if possible."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Estimates for the police department of the city this month have been passed by the commission, providing for a figure in the vicinity of \$20,000. The chief of police states that there is going to be a lot of action by the police this year. Last year the estimates were exceeded by \$4,000 owing to the high cost of legal assistance and fares.

The Princess Mary arrived at 4:15 from the south with a good list of passengers, some for this port and many going north. After loading some machinery which came here over the railroad for Ketchikan the steamer pulled out again at 2:30. The Princess Ena is at McCaffery & Albert's wharf unloading a cargo of Vancouver Island coal.

It was learned at the Police Commission meeting this morning that it cost the city about \$800 to obtain convictions in the recent liquor cases and send the convicts south. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Salvation Army for their care of women prisoners. The lawyers' fees were \$400. "Easy money," remarked Commissioner Hill. "I am going to have my boy take up law."

The Police Commission was informed by Chief Vickers at their meeting this morning that there is very little gambling in the city and the clubs are being conducted in an orderly manner. Lately some "tin-horns" have been forced out of town and it is reported that it is hard to get a game. Weights of coal and bread were also reported right during the month from examinations made by the police.

ALVENSLEBEN IS AGAIN FREE

Said to be on His Way to Vancouver, But May Not be Allowed.

REPORTS TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, March 8.—Alvo von Alvensleben, who would probably have been made governor of the German province of British Columbia if the Kaiser had won the war, has been freed from Fort Douglas prison on Saturday afternoon and left Salt Lake City for Vancouver. He will reach Seattle Tuesday and whether he will be allowed to cross the international boundary into Canada will then develop. In any event he will have to report regularly to the United States department of justice.

ORGANIZING ELKS IN PRINCE RUPERT

Fifty Candidates Already Lined Up for Local Branch.

E. Fred Simmons, organizer for the Elks brotherhood, is in the city, forming a local branch of the organization and already, he says, he has fifty members, some of whom are already members of other branches.

The Order of Elks in Canada obtained its charter in 1913. It has 44 lodges and the Grand Lodge will hold its next meeting in New Westminster. It is purely a benevolent organization. It has neither insurance nor other benefit except that members and their families are aided in time of need. It is neither sectarian nor political. It is interested in building up and advancing the interests of the city, district, province and Dominion.

BIRTH

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hale, of Eighth Ave., at the general hospital on March 6, a son.

After an absence of several years overseas, Captain Percy M. Miller returned to town yesterday on the Princess Beatrice and is being given an enthusiastic welcome home by his many friends. Before going overseas Mr. Miller was a partner of H. O. Crewe in the Prince Rupert Securities Co.

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