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Dom. Liberals Prepare for Election

PROPOSAL TO SOLVE POWER PROBLEM BY LINKING UP WITH DRYDOCK PLANT

Federal Election Possible; Liberal Council is Called

In Anticipation of Appeal to Country before Next Spring, Mackenzie King has sent out Call for Meeting of Followers at Ottawa

VANCOUVER, June 1.—There may be an election before next spring. That is the opinion expressed by C. E. Campbell, provincial secretary of the Liberal organization for British Columbia. In anticipation of a possible federal election the National Liberal Council has been summoned to meet at Ottawa from June 8 to 16 in the rooms of the leader of the opposition, W. L. Mackenzie King.

There are seven representatives of the National Council in British Columbia, Premier John Oliver, Henry Hall, M. P. P. of Victoria, M. A. Macdonald, M. P. P., and G. E. Campbell of Vancouver; F. G. Dawson of Prince Rupert, Mr. McNab of Cranbrook, and Mr. McRae of Revelstoke. Of these Premier Oliver and Henry Hall are unable to go, but it is expected several of the others will be present.

The chief reason given for the impression that there is likely to be an election is the general dissatisfaction of the people with the budget, following the reckless extravagance which preceded it. There have been already a number of defections from the Unionist party and others are said to be getting restive.

Mr. Dawson was this morning asked if he intended to be at the meeting of the National Council, and he replied that he expected to leave tomorrow for the national capital to be at the gathering. Doubtless on his return he will be in a position to throw further light on the political situation.

Provincial Government May Back Fishing Plan For Returned Soldiers

VANCOUVER, June 1.—It is announced that if Colonel Peck's appeal to the Federal Government for assistance to returned soldier fishermen on this coast is refused, the Provincial Government, through the Industrial Advisory Council, will likely take the matter up and make a grant for the purpose.

The whole matter of assistance to returned soldier fishermen has been under discussion between the Provincial and Dominion Governments with a view to a settlement. The Provincial Government, it is understood, has moved in the matter from time to time, but so far the Borden Government has hung back and refused to take any definite action. Now Colonel Peck is bringing the matter before the committee on pensions and reconstruction with a view to a recommendation for aid.

FAIR MONTH FISH BUSINESS

Despite Handicap of Car Shortage Fish Arrivals Nearly Came Up to Last Year.

BIG SCHOONERS HAVE STOPPED COMING HERE

Considering the fact that the port has suffered from a car shortage that has prevailed throughout the month, halibut figures for May this year are not considered unsatisfactory. There were 1,963,000 pounds landed here this month as against 2,193,000 last year during the same month and 1,395,600 last month. The highest price for the month was 47.4c and 7c., while much fish sold for storage at 10c and 6c. Prices this year are much higher than last, the highest last year being 16c.

A noticeable feature of the arrivals this season and due no doubt to the car shortage, is the fact that the large schooners have deserted the port and are now taking their catches to Vancouver and Seattle. Among those that called a year ago but have not been seen since the car shortage commenced are the Pioneer, Heligoland, Seymour, Republic, Altan, Commonwealth, Alaska, Wash-

NEWSPAPER SUIT HERE

Change of Venue from Prince George to Prince Rupert; Well Known Case.

The Herbert J. Vanderhoof vs. W. J. Rimes Publishing Co. case has been transferred to the Prince Rupert assize civil list and will be before Chief Justice Hunter at the assizes in two weeks' time. The case is now well known in the north. The plaintiff claims that the defendant usurped the plant of the Vanderhoof Herald at Vanderhoof, changed the name of the paper to the Nechako Chronicle, and is now publishing illegally on a plant that does not belong to him.

There are many claims in connection with the case. The main ones are the claim of the plaintiff for a 51 per cent interest in the W. J. Rimes Co., damages for \$10,000 on account of fraud, \$5,000 breach of contract and an injunction against the publishing of the Nechako Chronicle.

The plaintiff is represented by the law firm of Ellis & Brown of Vancouver, and it is expected that Mr. Brown will be in Rupert to handle the case.

The defendant lawyers are Ogston & Young of Prince George. The assizes commence on June 16 and after the Duff criminal case it is expected this civil action will come up.

SHAKEN LIKE RAT BY BEAR

Nelson Hunter Had Leg Chewed by Grizzly and is Now in Hospital.

NELSON, June 1.—Thomas Powell, who is credited with having killed 44 grizzlies, had a close shave yesterday from being killed by one near Ymir. He was shaken by the bear, just as a terrier shakes a rat, and his leg was badly chewed before his companion, Harry Jones, shot the big animal.

Powell is in the hospital here getting treatment for his injuries.

GASTON WINS AUTO RACE

Driver of Chevrolet Came in First in 5 Hours and 40 Minutes in 500-Mile Spin.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1.—Gaston, driving a Chevrolet, won the 500-mile auto race yesterday here before a crowd of 125,000 people. De Palma, the favorite, was leading at 467 miles, when his car caught fire and he had to drop out. The official time for the 500 miles was 5 hours, 40 minutes, 15 seconds, and the total winnings amounted to \$30,000.

FRENCH SCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVING CHOCOLATE FROM RED CROSS NURSE



With the date and day of the holiday soon at hand, it is not much, but to them it is the greatest treat of the day. This picture shows ME. Souterson, of the Secour Blessé Militaire, director of the relief station at Mars la Tour, serving chocolate to the children. The American Red Cross provides most of the supply of this French organization for distribution among the people of the devastated areas.

Relief for Power Problem in Sight

Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Company have Submitted Agreement to City—Laid Over Two Weeks

A draft of an agreement between the city of Prince Rupert and the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Co. prepared by the company was last night submitted to the city council and laid over for a couple of weeks so that the matter may be gone into carefully. In the meantime the local dry dock management is submitting the proposed agreement to Newman Erb and the other directors of the company for their approval.

Alderman Perry, in moving that the agreement be laid over, stated that the Utilities Committee had gone carefully into the question and negotiations had been pending a long time. At last a desirable basis of settlement has been nearly reached.

In answer to Alderman Rochester's queries as to the comparison of costs, the effectiveness of the three-year term, and the cost of installation, Alderman Perry stated that the connecting up and installation with the dry dock would cost \$14,000 and the rates would compare favorably with those existing now.

The mayor stated that the cost of installation would not be lost to the city as the same machinery could be used in connection with the dry dock when the city had its hydro-electric plant and the dry dock would be buying electricity from the city. The mayor was in favor of the connection in the meantime, for the city could not yet consider the installation of a hydro-electric plant. The connection with the dry dock would supply the needs of smaller industrial consumers and would clear the power problem for a few years at least.

The Proposed Agreement.
 The outline of the agreement is as follows:

1. The maximum supply from the dry dock will be 900 k. v. a.
2. Rates, up to 100 k. w. h. per month, 3.5c, 100-124 k. w. h. 3.5c, 124-151 k. w. h., 3c, 151-197 k. w. h. 2.5c, over 197 k. w. h. 2c.
3. The above rates shall apply

JAPAN WOULD RENEW TREATY

Decides to Open Negotiations with View to Continuing Integrity of Nations in Far East.

TOKYO, June 1.—The Japanese cabinet has decided to open negotiations for a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance with such modifications as to bring it in harmony with the provisions of the League of Nations.

Japan wishes to maintain the same principles which are to safeguard the peace of Eastern Asia and to preserve the integrity of China and India. In view of the special interests of Japan and Great Britain in the Far East it is considered very desirable here that the present relations should be continued.

FORMER PREMIER OF FRANCE ON WAY TO ORIENT VIA CANADA

VANCOUVER, June 1.—M. Paul Painlevé, former president of France, is due here on Wednesday on his way to the Orient.

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Refrigerator Cars Are Ordered by Railway for Use in Fish Business

The general superintendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway here has been notified that thirty additional express refrigerator cars have been ordered for immediate delivery. These will be used in the fish business out of Prince Rupert and will to some extent fill the immediate need.

The G. T. P. owns 62 cars in all and for a long time past these have been insufficient. Officials of the railway have been anxious to have the shortage filled but they have been unable to secure appropriations for the purpose. The Minister of Railways has been the receiver for the road and all special appropriations have had to pass him.

Recently the local Board of Trade has become very insistent that something be done and has taken the matter up with the local member and with the railway officials. The result seems to have been a happy one, if the cars are rushed, as promised.

ADVOCATES INSPECTION OF ALL FISH

President of Canadian Fisheries Association Arrives in Vancouver for Big Convention.

VANCOUVER, June 1.—A. H. Brittain, president of the Canadian Fisheries Association, is here from the east to attend the big convention, which commences on Thursday of this week and continues until Saturday.

Mr. Brittain advocates the government inspection of fish, and says that the temporary losses of fishermen would be more than replaced in ultimate gains, as happened in the fruit industry, where the inspection is very rigid in regard to apple grading.

WOMAN KEPT SOLDIERS BACK

Held Them at Bay at Point of Revolver.

WINDSOR, June 1.—Five hundred veterans raided the police station in order to force the liberation of a veteran arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The wife of the constable who made the arrest kept the crowd out of her home at the point of a revolver.

COLLISHAW RETURNING TO PROVINCE

After Holiday at Nanaimo and Victoria Will Leave for India With British Army.

MONTREAL, June 1.—Major Collishaw, the celebrated aviator, hero of many an air battle and ace of aces, arrived here from England yesterday on the Metagama. He is on his way to his home and friends at Nanaimo and Victoria, where he expects to spend a holiday before joining the British army to take part in the tribal wars of northern India.

Collishaw is a Nanaimo boy and during the big war was responsible for more German planes than any other Canadian ace, with the exception of Colonel Bishop. After the war he took part in the fight against the Bolsheviks in South Russia and, as in the previous fighting, seemed to bear a charmed life. He had many hair-breadth escapes but came through safely.

NOTICE

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