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LORDS' VETO BILL PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS

WILL RECOMMEND THAT DRILL HALL BE BUILT

Col. Wadmore, Commanding Military District of British Columbia Makes Welcome Announcement—Congratulates Earl Grey's Rifles on Their Efficiency and Showing

"It goes without saying that as commanding officer of this district I shall do all in my power to persuade the Dominion Government to build a good armory and drill hall in Prince Rupert. Such a building is badly needed here and must come quickly if any degree of military efficiency is to be attained by Earl Grey's Rifles," said Colonel Wadmore, district officer commanding Military district No. 11, which covers the whole of British Columbia, who arrived here yesterday for the purpose of making an official inspection of Earl Grey's Rifles.

Colonel Wadmore inspected the regiment last night in the drill hall, saw the men put through all the various drills and then gave them a talk on military matters.

He urged particularly the necessity of discipline and the value to a soldier of a knowledge of skirmishing. Realizing the conditions under which the regiment is working the colonel considered there is not much room for complaint. He congratulated Captain Stork on having a body of men of such fine physique under his command.

At the conclusion of the parade Captain Stork addressed his men advising them to heed what the colonel had said and pointing out that to attain the efficiency rested with the rank and file not with the officers alone. He expressed, on behalf of himself and the regiment, the pleasure felt through the visit of the officer of the district. Last night's parade closes the drills for the season.

This morning Colonel Wadmore inspected the arms and equipment of the regiment and also of the Rifle Association in company with Captain Stork and Lieutenant McMorris and Agnew.

The colonel was much interested in Color Sergeant George Leek

and they spent a little time together talking military matters.

This afternoon the visitor inspected the rifle ranges across the harbor in company with the officers of Earl Grey's Rifles.

AUSTRALIA IS ALARMED

Danger of Oriental Invasion Seriously Feared

NAVY NONE TOO SOON

Hon. Frank Wilson, Premier of Western Australia, Makes a Statement at Vancouver on His Way to Coronation.

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Vancouver, May 4.—Australia certainly fears the possibility of an Oriental invasion. The fact was clearly expressed by Hon. Frank Wilson, Premier of Western Australia, who arrived here last night on the S. S. Zealandia on his way to the Coronation.

"Unless we people Australia, we shall lose it," he remarked. "The defence movement towards the construction of an Australian Navy has not begun a day too soon. It is a very necessary movement. So also, is the movement on foot now to have compulsory military service in Australia."

"HANDS OFF"

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Baltimore, May 4.—The United States is adopting a policy of "Hands off" and will not seek to extend its domains or acquire foreign territory. This statement was made by President Taft in his speech today on the opening of the Third National Peace Congress.

FOR BENEFIT OF SETTLERS WILL EXPLORE INTERIOR

Messrs. Weir and White, Two Agricultural and Horticultural Experts, Engaged by B. C. Government to Gather Valuable Information—A Long Journey

By boat to Hazelton from here, then from there on horse back loaded down with provisions, tents, traps and charts to ride through hundreds of square miles of the interior country as representatives of the Provincial Government of British Columbia for the purpose of acquiring every particle of reliable information on the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the country through which they will travel. E. A. Weir and E. W. White, two young experts from the Ontario Agricultural College, at Guelph, will leave here early next week. They arrived here yesterday.

On arrival at Hazelton, Government Agent Ellison will have horses ready for the experts to start on their journey that will not be completed until next fall, when they will emerge from the wilderness with several months' growth of beard, hearts longing to get back to civilization and

conventionality but with information that will be published by the government and be of priceless worth to intending settlers in the interior country.

Where They Will Go

Their itinerary will take them up to the Kispiox Valley into the districts of several lakes in the vast hinterland, down through the Bulkley Valley and up and down and across the stretch of rich country each side of the G. T. P. main line. Soils and subsoils will be tested, wild flowers and trees will be noted, plants and undergrowth will be examined, settlers will be interviewed to learn of the climatic conditions of the district. What crops can be grown on the soil will be found out from the Indians who have lived here for years in log huts in the wild uncultivated hinterland. In short, everything that

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TO VETO THE PEER'S POWER

Bill Passes Committee of the British House

OPPOSITION VANISHED

Even Mr. Balfour Offered no Opposition to the Preamble—Its Adoption by the House is Almost Certainty.

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
London, May 4.—The Parliament Bill—the bill to veto the power of the House of Lords—was passed by a committee of the whole of the House of Commons today. The refusal of Mr. Balfour to vote against the preamble removed any danger that might have been apprehended from a revolt of the Laborites against the preamble. Unionist opposition seems to have faded away completely. The adoption of the Bill by the House is practically certain.

Glad Tidings

Alderman Hilditch was strong enough to sit up in bed yesterday. He will be placed on the convalescent list in a few days.

A NEW MODERATOR

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Vancouver, May 4.—At the opening of the synod of the Presbyterian church here last night Rev. J. S. Henderson of New Westminster was unanimously chosen as moderator of British Columbia

BASEBALL SCORES

All Games Off on Account of Rain

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
All baseball games were postponed yesterday on account of rain.—North Western League Special.

- National League**
Boston 4, Philadelphia 3.
Chicago 8, Cincinnati 2.
New York 3, Brooklyn 0.
Pittsburg 8, St. Louis 4.
- American League**
Cleveland 8, Chicago 7.
Philadelphia 13, New York 4.
Detroit 5, St. Louis 2.
Washington 3, Boston 6.
- Pacific Coast League**
Sacramento 1, Oakland 9.
Los Angeles 9, Frisco 4.

BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Population of Coast Cities Keeps Increasing

VANCOUVER 145,000 NOW

Twenty Thousand Better Than Last Year's Increase According to Directory Co.'s Enumerators. Good Omen for Prince Rupert.

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Vancouver, May 4.—According to the directory companies' enumerators the population of Vancouver is now 145,000 an increase of twenty thousand over last year's figures. Indications are in favor of a still greater increase this season, which will be partly shown by the census figures when they are published.

UNIONIST RETURNED

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
London, May 4.—L. O. Amery, Unionist, was returned unopposed for South Birmingham today. The seat previously was held by Viscount Morpeth, a Unionist.

SEATTLE FOLK ARE SORE WITH ENGINEER THOMSON

It is All Over His Prince Rupert Trip—Sunday Times Accuses Him of Going to "Foreign Countries" to Pick "Easy Money"—Came Without Leave of Absence

There appears to be some sore feeling down in Seattle about the visit to Prince Rupert of Mr. R. H. Thomson, city engineer of Seattle, to consult with Colonel Davis on the waterworks plans. The Seattle Times of last Sunday has two big seven column headlines across the top of the front page which read: "Thomson Again Picks Easy Money" and "City Engineer Doing Work For Other Cities."

The apparent vitriolic article in the Times reads as follows:

Reginald H. Thomson, city engineer, drawing a salary of \$7,000 a year, will return to Seattle next Wednesday with \$2,500 paid to him by the city of Prince Rupert for three days' work in reviewing plans already prepared by the local engineer for a new water system in that city. For a period of nearly two weeks Seattle has been without the services of an engineer other than can be provided by assistants, and not in many instances satisfactory for the reason that Thomson holds the master key in many districts where people insist that there should be immediate action on improvements where delays have been frequent and of long standing.

Thomson is supposed to have gone to British Columbia on a leave-of-absence granted by Mayor George W. Dilling and authorized by the street committee of the city council, of which Councilman J. A. Goddard is chairman. Yesterday afternoon Goddard denied all knowledge of the alleged leave-of-absence; declared that his committee had not authorized it, and that if Thomson has remained away from Seattle for ten days it was without any authority coming from any member of the council or from any committee.

This leaves Mayor Dilling responsible for the leave, and Goddard

insists that he should bear the burden rather than the committee of which he is the head.

Denying the report that Thomson had been given authority or even sanction for a leave by the street and sewer committee, Goddard said:

"Ten days ago when members of the council went to the Cedar River watershed on a tour of inspection, Thomson talked to me on the way up on the train. He explained to me that he had been invited to go to Prince Rupert to pass on plans for the installation of a water system, including a new dam, and that he would be paid \$2,500 for the trip. He explained that he needed the money for the reason that he had been required of late to pay heavy grade and other assessments.

"Following this explanation he told me that Prince Rupert officials had proposed an entirely new dam construction that might give him an opportunity to learn details of value to Seattle. Along these lines he explained that he would take enough Seattle work along to keep him busy on the four days required to reach Prince Rupert and the four days on the return, with the suggestion that he would, while in that city, obtain copies of the proposed plans for the waterworks system which might be of value to the city of Seattle in its plan for extensions. I did not agree to the plan; just listened, and when Mayor Dilling makes the statement that the street committee agreed to the leave for the engineer he is making an assertion that is not true.

"I did listen to Thomson, gave no indication of what attitude the committee would take in granting a leave to go to a foreign country, and the statement that my committee had agreed to it was entirely wrong."

WILL BUILD BIG SMELTER AND EMPLOY A THOUSAND

President J. P. Graves of Granby Smelting Co., With Party of Officials Arrived in the City Yesterday to Look Over the Ground—Interested in Hidden Creek Mine and Want a Location

To look for a site for a two thousand ton smelter to employ a thousand men, and have a weekly payroll of \$42,000—that is one of the things that a party of prominent mining men are now looking for in this district. It is quite possible, that Prince Rupert itself may be selected as the site, if coking facilities can be arranged. The party is headed by Mr. J. P. Graves, president of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Power Company of Phoenix and Grand Forks, B. C., and is visiting the Hidden Creek Mine on Goose Bay. The Granby Company holds an option on this valuable low-grade copper-gold property covering about 80 per cent of the property and representing nearly half a million dollars. The present visit is one of investigation with a view to regarding the taking over of the property and its extensive development to handle a large out-put.

Highly Qualified Men

Accompanying Mr. Graves are Mr. F. M. Silvester, assistant manager, Mr. W. A. Williams, smelter superintendent, Mr. W. I. Williams, consulting engineer, and Mr. O. B. Smith, Jr., mining superintendent of the Granby Co., also Mr. B. Lawrence, mining engineer, New York, and Mr. M. K. Rogers the well-known mining man of this coast, who retains his interest in the Hidden Creek property which he purchased along with Mr. Hodgins from the original locators of the mine-prospect. Mr. Rogers has a vast experience of mining matters in these districts, having operated on the Alaska Coast for years, and his advice regarding this property is valuable.

Thorough Investigation

The party of experts will thor-

oughly investigate the mine and the whole conditions of the district with a view to large development. Already development on a less extensive scale is being carried on, but the intention is to prepare for the getting out of enough ore to keep a smelting plant going, handling at least two thousand tons per day.

A most important question to be settled is the location of the smelter. For this purpose Mr. W. A. Williams accompanies the party. He will consider the merits of various places along the coast with a view to the establishment of the plant, and also the merits of the mine with the other members of the party.

Prince Rupert's Position

Possibly Prince Rupert may have the smelter. In an interview specially granted to the Daily News, Mr. J. P. Graves stated definitely that Prince Rupert was being considered with this in view. In establishing a smelter much depends upon the supply of coke, and the coal prospects about Prince Rupert are being therefore considered.

"In the event of our deciding to establish our plant in Prince Rupert," remarked Mr. Graves, "we should aim at handling not only the output of ore from our own Hidden Creek mine, but also copper, gold, and silver ores from other properties throughout the district. We should handle probably four thousand tons a day at least. On this basis the smelting of low-grade ore pays best as we have found at Grand Forks.

Two Thousand Employees

"About a thousand men are required to handle a two thousand ton smelter, and correspondingly more for a plant of double that

capacity. At an average wage rate of \$3.50 per man per day, the payroll would come to \$7000 per day or \$42,000 per week.

"You must understand of course, that the present visit is one of investigation for the purpose of reporting to the Granby Company's offices at New York. A scheme of development involving such a large outlay must of course be well considered.

Prince Rupert Looks Good

"But I may say that I am immensely impressed with the wonderful waterways leading to Prince Rupert, and am seriously considering the advantages of Prince Rupert as a terminus of the Grand Trunk Transcontinental line, with a view to the shipping of ore and smelter-product right through to Boston and New York. I understand that by the Grand Trunk Pacific it will take only five days to transfer the consignment from sea to sea. This is exactly what it takes via Seattle, therefore the time taken in shipping to Seattle is saved by the Prince Rupert route. This in view of economies in insurance, etc., is an important consideration, and one which very materially affects all plans for the development on a large scale of this Hidden Creek property."

Party Now at Mine

Mr. Graves and his party arrived by the Prince Rupert yesterday, and left last night by steamer for Naas Harbor to proceed thence by launch or tug boat to Goose Bay and the Hidden Creek. Mr. Graves will remain there for three or four days, and the others of the party for longer periods. Their reports when prepared will be forwarded to New York, and development work will speedily follow their approval by the principals of the Granby Co.

HOUSE MAY ADJOURN TILL AFTER THE CORONATION

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Borden in Close Conference All This Morning—Rumored That An Arrangement to Adjourn Till Fall Will be Made

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Ottawa, May 4.—The air is thick with rumors this morning, about prorogation being arranged for the 18th of May, with an extra session to be called in September to complete the work of the House.

It is learned that no such agreement has been made, though only such an agreement can break the present dead-lock. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Borden were in conference all the morning, and will submit the results of their labors to their respective caucuses later in the day. The proposition it is understood relates to a proposed adjournment, not to a prorogation. The feeling of the rank and file on both sides is against an adjournment, though both favor prorogation.

It is stated that the Premier

intends to sail on May 12th to attend the Coronation, even at the risk of postponing the reciprocity agreement for another session.

LOST WITH ALL HANDS

No Survivors Traced of Steamer Yungala

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
Vancouver, May 4.—No trace has been found of any survivor of the steamer Yungala which went down in a gale off the Queen'sland coast recently. There were 141 passengers and crew on board. Wreckage was found indicating that a disaster had taken place, but advices brought by the S. S. Zealandia last night state that not a single survivor has been found though search has been made.