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## GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO TAKE OVER GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY IN NEAR FUTURE

**SUGGESTED BY OTTAWA CORRESPONDENT THAT ACTION  
WILL BE TAKEN WITHIN FIVE OR SIX WEEKS—MUCH  
MONEY TO BE SPENT ON WESTERN SECTION  
WHEN SETTLEMENT IS REACHED**

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
Ottawa, May 23.—(By mail). The general impression prevails here in Government circles that the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific will be taken over by the Dominion Government within the next five or six weeks.

There is always the possibility that the Grand Trunk may make an offer to the Government that may be considered a better deal than for the Government to take over the whole system, but any such proposition will have to be very attractive or it will not be considered, as the Government seems bent on nationalizing the road.

Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways, has on several occasions expressed the determination of the Government to secure the road if it is possible to do so, and other ministers have been equally outspoken.

Government reports received here in connection with the G. T. P. are to the effect that a large sum of money must be spent on the western section of the road in renewing ties and generally improving the condition of the road and making other improvements. This cannot be commenced until the future of the road has been decided upon.

## LOUIS ROSS GETS FINE OF \$300

**Still Keeper Found Guilty Yesterday Afternoon.**

The trial of Louis Ross who was charged with keeping an illicit still on Comox Avenue was continued yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the police court before Magistrates T. McClymont and W. E. Collison, with W. E. Fisher for the prosecution and L. W. Patterson for the defence. The accused was found guilty and fined \$300 or six months in jail in case of default.

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## MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE VISITS CITY

**Hon. E. D. Barrow Pleased with Progress Being Made in Farming Communities of Central B. C.**

Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture in the Oliver Government, was here last night on his way to Victoria after having visited the farming communities along the line of the G. T. P. Arriving on the train he was met by Alex. Manson, M. P. P., and he took occasion to meet a number of Prince Rupert people at the ball last night at the Prince Rupert Club, where he remained until shortly before his boat left for the south.

**Settlement Areas.**  
Mr. Barrow expressed himself well pleased with the progress made in settling the country. He said that many people were already coming in and that steps were being taken to increase the number. Two new settlement areas would be declared within a short time, one near Prince George and the other at Vanderhoof, and what was more important still, the Government was about to put into force the provisions of the bill passed at the last session of the Legislature which gave them power of compulsory purchase within the settlement areas.

**Advanced Steps.**  
In the two areas already defined in which there was already considerable settlement they were about to take over the lands which they had been unable to secure by negotiation and to pay for them the value set by assessors. These lands would all be open for settlement, and he expected would be quickly taken up.

Mr. Barrow was very optimistic over the future of agriculture in the north, especially of the stock farms which have been aided by the Government in the matter of purchasing stock and selling to settlers on terms. He sees a great future ahead of the industry which is the most stable of any in the province.

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## LADY SHOT BY POLICEMAN AT POST OFFICE

**Miss Moffat of Quesnel Victim of Infatuated Man Who Wants Her to Elope.**

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

Quesnel, May 23.—A shooting assault, which narrowly escaped having a fatal termination, occurred here last Wednesday evening when Provincial Constable H. V. Harris, who has held that position here for more than two years, shot Miss Eveline Moffat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moffat, through the breast, the bullet lodging under the right shoulder blade.

**At P. O. Wicket.**

The affair occurred at the delivery wicket of the postoffice and after being shot the victim walked into the drug store with the statement that she was shot, and was immediately taken to the hospital where she was given treatment. In the meantime Harris, after the shooting, walked from the postoffice corridor into the drug store with the revolver in his hand, where he was disarmed, and then taken to the jail where he has since been confined under strict guard.

Chief Constable Aitken was immediately communicated with, at Clinton, and arrived here early next morning. He immediately took charge of the case, and after spending some time investigating laid a charge against Harris of attempted murder. The preliminary hearing will be before Magistrate Lunn and John Holt, P. J. The bullet which lodged in the shoulder of the victim has been removed and she is now said to be out of danger.

**Created Stir.**

The sad affair has created a great stir among the citizens, both of the principals being well known. The causes leading to the tragedy are veiled in mystery, although there are various rumors current. Principal of these rumors is that Harris had for some time been troubling Miss Moffat with his attentions and had at various times proposed that she elope with him. These proposals were treated as a jest by Miss Moffat, and on the evening of the tragedy it is stated Harris approached her at the post office, where she was employed, and demanded a reply to his importunities. Miss Moffat refused to listen to his proposals, whereupon he drew his revolver and fired.

Harris is a married man and has an invalid wife and little son.

## HALIBUT STILL GOING HIGHER

**Best Fish Changes Hands Today At Close to Sixteen Cents a Pound.**

Nine halibut and three salmon boats sold their catches this morning at the Fish Exchange at the following prices:

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The Washington, 40,000, to the Royal Fish Co., Ltd., at 13.4c. and 6c.; Sadie, 900 lbs. and Muirenae, 6,000, at 14.5c. and 6c. and 14.6c. and 6c. per lb. to Royal Fish Co., Ltd., and Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., respectively.

**Salmon.**  
The Half Moon with 4,600 lbs.; Silver Spray, 400, and the First Place, 255 lbs., to the Pacific Fisheries, Ltd., at 12.6c. for reds and 3c. per lb. for the whites.

The oldest Canadian Life Co.—The Canada, J. F. Maguire, Agent.

## MANHEIM CITIZENS BECOME PANIC STRIKEN AT IDEA OF OCCUPATION BY ALLIES

**STORM MUNICIPAL SAVINGS BANK AND HOLD MEETING OF PROTEST AND OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS; ALLIES READY TO ADVANCE EVERYWHERE**

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

Cologne, May 23.—It is said that the Allied troops everywhere are ready for an immediate advance into Germany should it become necessary.

Manheim, May 23.—Alarmed by the belief that Germany will not sign the peace treaty and that the Allies will occupy Manheim, citizens became panic stricken today and stormed the municipal savings bank. Many persons have fled. Large crowds later gathered and held protest meetings and other demonstrations which added to the general confusion in the town.

An official expression of regret has been published in Berlin that the people of Manheim appear to have lost their heads.

## GAY SCENE AT PRINCE RUPERT CLUB ROOMS

**Grand Ball for Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Peck Was Brilliant Affair.**

Seldom has there been such a delightful social gathering as that which took place at the Prince Rupert Club last night when the members, their wives and daughters and lady friends gathered to greet Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Peck and to spend a few hours in social intercourse.

Dancing commenced shortly before ten and was kept up until the first glimmerings of dawn were seen in the sky. The ladies were beautifully gowned and there has seldom been such a scene of gaiety in this city as that of last night.

**Arrangements Complete.**

The arrangements for the whole affair were in the capable hands of J. D. McAuley and with the help of Capt. Pete Rorvik, Joe Scott and Joe Roerig everything was so well ordered that there was not the slightest hitch in the program. The billiard tables had been removed and the room beautifully decorated with flags from the S. S. Prince Rupert loaned through the courtesy of Captain Mackenzie who was present until shortly before midnight. In this room the guests danced, the floor having been thoroughly prepared by the committee.

Many encomiums were passed on the excellent music which was provided by the Westholme orchestra, Will Edmunds playing the cornet. The piano, a Heintzman, was loaned by Mr. Pitman of the Prince Rupert Music Store.

**Sumptuous Supper.**

About midnight a sumptuous supper was served upstairs by Self's Cafe under the personal supervision of Mr. Self, which was declared by everyone to be excellent. The tables were gay with spring flowers.

In order to aid the entertainment of the ladies the committee in charge appointed a group of lady patronesses and assistants who helped George Frizzell, the master of ceremonies, to keep things moving and saw that the ladies lacked nothing. The patronesses were Mesdames G. A. McNicholl, J. H. McMullin, J. F. Ritchie, D. G. Stewart and P. I. Palmer and the assistants Misses Genevieve McDonald, May Pringle, Pearl Allen, Margarete Young, Beatrice Killin, Grace Killin and Grace Curtin.

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## WAR CONTINUES AT WINNIPEG

**Acting Premier Says Conditions Are More Favorable for a Settlement.**

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

Ottawa, May 23.—Just before midnight last night Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux asked the acting premier if he had any news of the Winnipeg strike. Sir Thomas White replied: "The situation remains unchanged; there is no disturbance, the reports we have are that it is more favorable for settlement."

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