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Railway Costs the Dominion Millions

PETROGRAD IS REPORTED TO BE TAKEN BY REBELS; RUTHENIAN DEFECTION

Immense Deficit on National Railways for Year Just Fast
Costs of \$30,000,000 in Operating Expenses Alone in Addition to Interest and Sinking Funds and Other Liabilities

Estimates for Year Are Much Higher Than Last

Forty-five Million Dollars More to Be Spent by Dominion Government than was Absorbed in 1920

OTTAWA, March 9.—The operating deficit of the Canadian National Railways for the year just closed amounted to \$30,000,000. In addition to this there are current and overdue liabilities amounting to \$20,000,000 and payment of the sinking fund to be made.

According to the estimates brought down yesterday by Premier Meighen, the total railway obligations requiring cash are \$50,000,000 and to cover this and estimated further expenditure for the year the sum of \$170,000,000 has been placed in estimates for the year.

Finance Minister Drayton yesterday afternoon tabled the main estimates for the coming year, amounting in all to \$582,062,698. This is an increase over last year of nearly forty-five million dollars.

The sum of \$57,000,000 will be required for the Grand Trunk railway.

MODERATION BILL AGAIN

Sections laid Over; Others Approved—Ottawa Appeal Discussed.

OTTAWA, March 9.—The legislature spent two hours considering a number of sections of the Moderation Bill, several of which were laid over and others approved.

Discussing the motion of Premier Oliver that the Legislature suspend the operation of the Moderation Bill to make it conform with the Doherty Act, a provision that no one be licensed to sell liquor unless it is purchased from the Government store would achieve the end.

Farris' View.
Farris disagreed with that and claimed that the Doherty Act permitted the bar only to sell liquor for a purpose illegal under provincial legislation. As a province only could pass legislation within the scope of its jurisdiction and could not stop functions, therefore the Doherty Act did not meet the situation.

Rebellion Was German Move
Is Admitted by Sinn Féin in Speech at Boston.

STON, March 9.—Germany's participation in the Irish rebellion of Easter, 1916, is admitted by Devere, a Sinn Féin member, in a speech here.



GEORGE HANES
Member for North Vancouver, formerly a Liberal, but now against the Government on every possible occasion.

MUCH MONEY HARBOR WORK

Estimate Provides for Four Million for Purpose, Including Drydock at Esquimalt.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Harbor and river works provided under public works chargeable to capital in the estimates today aggregate \$34,000,000 including a revote of the sum of \$3,300,000 for the new graving dock at Esquimalt.

FAILED RUPERT BUT LANDED PILOT JOB

Lieut. W. H. Brown Received New Appointment Under Air Board.

VANCOUVER, March 9.—Lieut. W. H. Brown, M.C., who was marooned on an island near Bella Bella when on his way to Prince Rupert to fly at the fall fair, has been appointed pilot navigator to the Air Board here.

BEER CLAUSE NOT LIKELY

That Is Opinion Gathered From Discussions in Legislative Corridors.

VICTORIA, March 9.—Keen differences of opinion in regard to the beer clause were heard in the legislative corridors yesterday. Members have been lobbying among themselves and their opinions are modifying daily. It seems improbable that the liquor bill will contain a clause granting the right to sell beer other than through the government agency. The fate of the jitney bar hangs in the balance.

RAILWAYS ARE TOO COSTLY

Hon. J. D. Reid Says McAdoo Award Hindering Development.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Wide interest has been aroused by a statement in the House of Commons by Minister of Railways Hon. J. D. Reid that the "cost of railway operations is hindering or preventing the future development of Canada. The development of both Canada and the United States has been hindered by the McAdoo award and some action must be taken."

CASH PRIZE ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONTEST

Cash Prize \$25.00 to Merchant Making Best Window Display From Advertising Point of View.

MARCH 14 TO 17 IS WINDOW SHOW PERIOD

Rules of Entry.

All advertisers in St. Patrick's Day Concert program are eligible to enter this contest free, and to select their own goods for display. Every other merchant is eligible providing he displays any product advertised in St. Patrick's Day concert program.

Every competitor must display prominently in contest window a program of the St. Patrick's Day concert. Same can be secured by phoning Rose, Cowan & Latta, printers, phone 234, where all entries must be entered.

Judging will commence on Thursday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. Winner will be announced and presented with prize at St. Patrick's Day concert that evening.

The G. N. R. is announcing through the Vancouver papers a special \$60 circuit tour for the coming season through Prince Rupert, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

DECLARES GERMANY MUST PAY.



Premier Lloyd George, when made a freeman of Birmingham, received a great ovation when, during his speech, he declared "that Germany must pay." Next to the Lord Mayor on the right can be seen Mrs. Lloyd George, wife of the Prime Minister. Austin Chamberlain is sitting on the right side of the Premier.

PREMIER OF SPAIN SHOT IN STREET

Driver of Car Also Killed by Assassins Last Night.

MADRID, March 9.—Premier Dato of Spain was assassinated last evening while returning from the Chamber of Deputies in a motor car. The car was attacked on the street and several persons fired a number of shots, killing the driver as well as the Premier.

PRESENTATION

ALEX. McRAE NEW HEAD OF WHALEN PLANTS

Yachting Club Gives Token of Appreciation of Long and Good Service.

In token of the Prince Rupert Yacht Club's appreciation of his five years' service as secretary, Alex. McRae was the recipient of a handsome engraved gold watch at a meeting of the club held last evening in the court house. The watch is engraved artistically with the initials of Mr. McRae, the club's pennant and the text. The presentation was made by D. H. Morrison, president of the club, who spoke of the value that Mr. McRae's long service had been to the club. Mr. McRae replied suitably, telling of his surprise at the presentation and expressing his thanks.

Various affairs of the club were discussed at a meeting and the creditable financial condition of the organization was commented on. There are no liabilities and a substantial cash balance is on deposit in the bank. The club is trying to sell the Hazelton float where it now has its quarters and will build a new club house on a float when this is done. Whether or not the present club house is sold this season several minor repairs are to be made. J. Newman, a returned soldier, has been appointed the new caretaker.

Those Present.
Among those present at the

Petrograd in Hands Of Revolutionaries

White Ruthenians have Proclaimed Independence from Russia; Conflicting Reports Received

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 9.—Petrograd is reported to be in the hands of the revolutionary forces after a terrific bombardment of the city followed by machine gun battles in the streets.

News from Russia is conflicting. Belsing's despatches report partial successes of the Soviet, the B-Sheviki recapturing the suburbs of Petrograd.

WARSAW, March 9.—White Ruthenians have proclaimed their independence from Russia, says a Minsk despatch.

The Ruthenians inhabit White Russia, comprising southwestern Russian provinces centering upon Minsk.

NAVAL SQUADRON IS NOW AT ESQUIMALT FINE RECEPTION

Pulp Manufacturing to Resume About April 1.

VANCOUVER, March 9.—L. M. Glodell has been appointed superintendent of all the steam plants of the Whalen concern. C. W. Wright is to remain superintendent of Swanson Bay. The Swanson Bay and Port Alice wood fibre sawmills are expected to reopen about April 1 and will employ a considerable number of men. This announcement is made by S. H. Garrigan, who has just returned from Bangor, Maine, with his wife and family and has taken up his residence in Vancouver. Mr. Garrigan says that he expects Mr. McGarry to visit the coast soon for a conference respecting the further policy of the mill operations.

Leslie Grossmith will return here next month with a triple program, giving a concert, play and vaudeville. The play will be an abridged version of the "Private Secretary."

meeting last night were President J. H. Morrison, chairman, A. J. Rae, Canon Rix, A. T. Parkin, G. G. Minus, H. S. Wallace, G. W. Nickerson, M. M. Stephens, R. Robinson, George Hill, Sr., and George Bryant.

MORE MEN ARE BUSY AT DOCK

One Hundred Engaged in Ship Construction and Fifty-Nine Repair Work.

One hundred and fifty-nine men are now working at the local dry dock and shipyard for the Wallace Shipyards Co. One hundred of these, including three gangs of riveters, are actually engaged on the work of ship construction on the two government vessels under the Wallace contract. The remainder are engaged in repair work and general work about the yards.

The annual overhaul of the Prince John is going ahead.

BALLANTYNE REQUESTED TO WAIVE RIGHTS

Hardship on Shipyard Creditors if Government Refuses to Pay For Material.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon the following telegram to Hon. C. G. Ballantyne was ordered sent:

"The Government is exercising lien powers not available to private persons in taking over the ships, material and equipment of the Prince Rupert Drydock and Engineering Co. thus working a great hardship on merchants who furnished supplies without notice of the Government's extraordinary power, we request that the Government do not exercise its unusual powers to the serious hardship of bona fide creditors, but pay the creditors for materials and supplies furnished for these ships, as we believe such a course just and equitable."

A copy of the telegram was sent to Col. C. W. Peck with a request that he forward it to the representative of the creditors, M. P. McGaffery.

BUDGET ON MONDAY NEXT

Drugless Physicians Act Referred to Select Committee for Report.

VICTORIA, March 9.—Hon. John Hart has been working hard on the annual budget and this will be brought down on Monday next, it is announced here.

Night sessions of the Legislature will commence on Tuesday, an indication that the session of the Legislature is not likely to be a long one.

The "Drugless Physicians Act" was introduced on Tuesday, this being a measure to license chiropractors, osteopaths and others, who at present are not allowed to practise legally. It was referred to a select committee of the House.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR LOSS

Timber to the Value of \$485,000 Destroyed by Fire During Last Year.

VICTORIA, March 9.—Fire cost the province a lot of money last year, according to a report to the Legislature by the minister of lands. Standing timber on 390,000 acres of land was burned, the value of the timber destroyed being \$299,000. Range and young growth timber was lost to the province from the same cause, the destruction amounting to \$186,000. This makes a total loss to the province from fires during the year of \$485,000.

MEMBER DIRECTORS OF CORPORATIONS

OTTAWA, March 9.—By a majority of 51 the House of Commons yesterday declared in favor of cabinet ministers being allowed to sit as directors of private corporations.