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Victory for John Oliver on Railway Rates.

John Oliver has gained a notable victory in the reduction of freight charges by having the rates from the prairies to British Columbia placed on the same basis, as those going eastward to Port William. He has fought the case persistently and systematically, and to him belongs the fruits of victory, the recognition of having performed a service for the people of the province.

Mr. Oliver, in his position as Premier and Minister of Railways in the province, has had the matter before him for some time. Early in the year he appointed G. G. McGeer, a clever Vancouver lawyer and former member of the Legislature, to prepare the case for presentation to the railway commissioners, and he also delved into the matter himself. He has on several occasions given expression to the opinion that British Columbia was handicapped by the freight rates and that unjustly, and in this he was backed up by the whole business community on the coast. Both Mr. Oliver and Mr. McGeer placed the case before the commissioners, and yesterday a ruling was made that we should have equal treatment with the eastbound lines.

Possibilities of Future Business.

Just what the effect of the change of rates will be is not yet clear except that it will be a considerable reduction over present rates and will tend to stimulate business. To what extent it will affect the lumber business is not yet known, but it will probably bring the rate down to some extent. General merchandise will affect the wholesalers and will tend to bring down the cost of living. It will also give local wholesalers an opportunity to compete with the prairies and with the East. The change will put this port on a better basis and should result in increased business, more employment, better prices in the interior and a general all round advantage.

As was explained this morning by one man who was shown the despatch, the present rates were set when all the business was done over the C. P. R., which has a heavy grade and an expensive haul. John Oliver and the members of the coast boards of trade objected to British Columbia being penalized because there was one railway with an expensive grade when the Canadian National Railway had as good a grade west as east.

Possibility of Grain Shipments.

The next question to be dealt with is that of making grain shipments from this port. Now that we have a rate as good as the eastbound rate, and that the demand for grain is growing in the Orient, there should be opportunities for making grain shipments from the Pacific Coast, and why not from Prince Rupert?

When Hon. T. D. Pattullo was here a few days ago he was very emphatic that the next thing for this port to go out after was transpacific shipping. While the loading of a few ships might not mean so very much to this port, it would put us on the map as nothing else possibly could.

The ruling of the Railway Board puts us that much nearer the realization of our ambitions in this respect. Shipping to the Orient will be one of the great features of the future and the sooner we can get started the better it will be for this port.

School Teachers Are the People.

The most valuable thing we have in this city is the commodity we entrust to the safe-keeping of our school teachers. We pay bank managers high salaries to look after our money and transportation officials high salaries to carry our food and other commodities. How does this compare with the pay of the men and women who care for our children?

Last night the teachers of the city were entertained at a banquet by the Rotary Club. This is the first recognition they have had in a semi-public way by any local body. They are mostly strangers who have given up their comfortable homes in the south to come here and transform the youth of this place into useful citizens. The work they do is the most important of any in the community, with the exception of the work of the mothers. On the basis of importance the teachers should be given the highest standing of any people in the community. Either they are the best people in the community or we are sadly lacking in appreciation of our duties to our children whom they educate.

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PATTULLO WAS HONORED GUEST

At Opening of New Canadian Club in London, England.

"The Canadian Gazette," a London publication, gives an account of the first dinner given at the new Canadian Club in London at which Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands for this province and member of the legislative assembly for Prince Rupert, was the guest of honor. F. C. Wade, K.C., agent general for B. C., was the host and he said in his speech that the affair served to celebrate three events of interest to the Canadian community in London—the send-off to Mr. Pattullo after his visit to Europe, a welcome to W. C. Noxon, the agent general for Ontario, and the inauguration of the Canadian Club.

Mr. Wade presided and the guests were: Sir George McLaren Brown, European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Hon. T. D. Pattullo, W. C. Noxon; W. Phillips, European manager of the Canadian National Railway; Sir Stuart Campbell; Major Hanington, president of the Canadian Club; G. C. Cassels, assistant general manager of the Bank of Montreal; Charles Camble, London manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Donald Armour; G. M. Moon, vice president of the Canadian Club; Captain Ward, honorary secretary; W. H. Rice, honorary treasurer; Lt. Col. Obed Smith, superintendent of Canadian emigration; W. Turnbull, timber commissioner of B. C., and Lt. Col. F. H. Cunningham, representing the salmon canning industry of the province.

Health Proposed.

Mr. Wade, in proposing the health of Mr. Pattullo, said that Mr. Pattullo had felt the need to study for himself European questions in so far as they affected British Columbia. The Pacific was waking up. It was not generally known that two-thirds of the human race lived in countries bordering the Pacific, and that eight-tenths of the population of the British Empire were to be found on the Pacific coasts. Mr. Pattullo had come abroad to study questions such as emigration, trade, &c., and had visited Sweden, Norway, Germany and France. Emigration was in future the serious Imperial factor. We had won the war, and now we had to win the peace. The great need today was the redistribution of population. There could be no greater folly than to allow population to become congested in one part instead of distributing it evenly. Mr. Pattullo was greatly impressed with the necessity of redistributing the population, and he himself felt sure great results would follow from the Minister's study of conditions. The gathering that evening had a triple significance. They were there to meet Mr. Pattullo and to wish him God-speed in his journey home, and also to welcome Mr. Noxon, the new Agent-General for Ontario, who was an old friend. The occasion was besides the first night of the Canadian Club of Great Britain. Canadians in London had been going ahead lately. They had launched a Chamber of Commerce, which was an assured success, and also the Canadian Club, upon the foundation of which Maj. Hanington deserved hearty congratulations.

Minister Replies.

Mr. Pattullo, in reply, said that it was only right and fitting that there should be a Canadian Club in London, and that evening's gathering augured its success. Canada had made great progress, and it was good to be a Canadian. He remembered the time when a Canadian was considered to be a mossback or hayseed. Some years ago he remembered seeing a picture of Indians hunting for bears in Toronto. That was the kind of idea people had then of Canada.

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Arthur Meighen

THE Election to be held on December 6th will be the most momentous in Canadian history; for as men and women vote will depend the economic stability, the political stability and, indeed, the national stability of this country.

Today we find group striving against group, class against class, the industrial and financial structure of the country assailed by false and unsound doctrines and theories, while our great neighbour to the south has adopted a trade "exclusion policy" directed against Canada's vast agricultural interests.

The currencies of nearly every country in the world are depreciated. The Canadian dollar in the United States is subject to a heavy discount causing a loss of over one hundred million dollars in exchange annually.

Europe is overwhelmed with war debts—unemployment is acute—and the restoration to pre-war conditions is slow.

While Canada is in a much more favorable condition than many countries, yet there is evidence of stagnation, instability, unemployment and lack of confidence.

Taxes are heavy because of the country's efforts in the Great War, but have become burdensome on account of the misconceived policies and blunders of Governments that directed Canada's affairs prior to 1911.

These conditions are largely the direct aftermath of the war, but they must be dealt with fearlessly and constructively. This is no time to consider experimental changes, or the theories of visionaries.

This is no time for Crerar and his Free Trade Policy.

This is no time for King and his wobbling "charted" policies, varying with each provincial boundary.

It is the time to cling to orderly, stable Government in the interest of all the people; to be guided by the experience of the past proceeding upon lines that have been proven sound.

It is the time to place the destinies of Canada again in the hands of a Government led by a sane, courageous Canadian who has safely brought the country through the trying years of reconstruction, and upon whom we can rely to retain and initiate policies in the interest, not of a group or class but of all the people.

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all clean whites. Those from Great Britain should leave the rest. People in this country should seriously consider what part they intended to play in the development of Canada. Mr. Pattullo went on to say that Mr. Wade had for three years been Agent-General and had done credit to himself and the Province. Mr. Noxon, whose career he had followed with interest would, he felt sure, be a success as Agent-General for Ontario.

Miss May Pringle, who has been on a three week's holiday to the south, returned home on the Princess Alice this morning.

NOTICE.
PRINCE RUPERT LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE FIVE.

Take notice that I, W. BRASS, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation civil engineer, intend to apply for a license to prospect for coal, natural gas and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted one mile from Cedar River on the north bank of Little Cedar River, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.
Located August 21st, 1921.
W. BRASS, Applicant.
G. F. Schaub, Agent.