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CREDITORS VS. GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATIVES OF DOMINION ARE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE SHIPYARD

Official Receiver Refuses Admission of Capt. Saunders to Local Shipyard

Refuses to Allow Government to Seize Material and continue Work on Ships Being Built there, until Settlement is Made with Creditors

Hodges Claims He Cannot Be Removed but by Court

Arrangements Made for Work on Ship Repair Work to Proceed at Drydock by Wallace Company, but Men Paid Off from Construction

There is war on between the Dominion Government and the creditors of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Co. K. Hodges, the receiver in bankruptcy, has locked the Government officials out of the shipyard, put on a double shift of watchmen, and refuses to allow anyone in the yard except by his express permission.

This action has been taken by the receiver because the Dominion Government claims the right to seize the large quantities of goods shipped by the creditors to the company on the strength of a government order. This material the government proposes to use without their own consent, called for a special permission of the receiver, the Wallace Company is ordered to continue using the drydock for repair work but only on the condition that no work be done on the new ships which are under construction in the yard.

Mr. Hodges returned from Ottawa on Tuesday night, bearing the government's instructions to his representative here, Captain Saunders, by something like two orders, the instructions of the government to Capt. Saunders to keep Mr. Hodges out of the yard and to seize all the material in the yard.

Mr. Hodges is now in possession of the yard and says that nothing but an order from the court or superior court can dislodge him.

Receiver's Story. "This morning by a Daily News representative, Mr. Hodges made the following statement: As receiver for the ship construction company, I was called to Ottawa by the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the purpose of arranging an agreement whereby the two ships now on the stocks could be completed by the Wallace Shipyard. The department also requested the Wallace

prior to the bankruptcy proceedings.

"I hurried back to Prince Rupert and gave orders to the watchmen that no one be permitted to enter the yard except with a pass from myself or my assistant, C. Clark. Prior to this I had permitted the Dominion officials to enter as a matter of courtesy.

Government Looked Out.

"Shortly after these instructions had been issued, the agent of marine, Capt. Saunders, arrived at the works with instructions from the department to prevent me and all my representatives from entering the premises or taking any material or goods therefrom. As I was appointed receiver in bankruptcy under an order of the Supreme Court of B. C. on December 7 last, naturally I was in possession from the date of that order. The purpose of the court in making the order was to appoint a representative to protect the interests of the unsecured creditors and one of the first duties at all costs is to see that no one creditor gets an undue preference over another. For this reason I have decided not to allow a representative of the Dominion Government on the premises and from now on the only way any representative of the Government can obtain possession is by superior force or by getting an order from the same court through which the original appointment was made. This order would of necessity have to override the original order made in December last."

Reception at Ottawa. "I subsequently had an interview with the representatives of the marine department and the deputy minister of justice, the latter of whom gave it as his opinion that the Bankruptcy Act did not affect the Crown and that the Crown was entitled to enter the premises, seize all the plant and material they found in the yard, and complete the ships without payment either to me as receiver, or to the unfortunate creditors who shipped the goods

Men Laid Off. An arrangement has been made between T. Allen of the Wallace company and Mr. Hodges by which the latter has agreed to permit the Wallace men free access to the yard on Wallace's undertaking that they were to be used on repair work only and not to work on the completion of the contracts. This unfortunately necessitated the laying off of several men who cannot be taken back until the difficulties between the receiver and the Government are settled. Mr. Hodges is doing everything possible to allow the repair work to continue.

HOCKEY.

Seattle 6, Vancouver 2, at Seattle.
Toronto 5, Montreal 3, at Montreal.
Ottawa 7, Hamilton 5, at Ottawa.

CHINESE EGGS SHIPPED EAST

Over Two Million Good American Eggs Pass Through Vancouver, Rest Oriental.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.—More than ten million Puget Sound and Chinese eggs were brought here during the last two months for shipment to the eastern cities of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Of these 2,160,000 were the product of Puget Sound hens and the remainder were Chinese.

PROFESSOR OF MCGILL WILL COME TO ANYOX

J. A. Bancroft Succeeds E. E. Campbell as Assistant Manager Granby Company

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 (Special).—Professor J. A. Bancroft, of McGill University, succeeds E. E. Campbell as assistant manager of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. at Anyox. Professor Bancroft is head of the geology faculty at McGill and is a Dominion wide recognized mining authority. He assumes his new duties at the end of the university session.

FIRST STEP LIQUOR LAW

Motion Being Put to Legislature This Afternoon Prohibitory to Bill.

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—The initial step in putting before the Legislature the Government control of liquor bill is being taken this afternoon, when a motion is being presented in committee of the whole calling for presentation to the Lieut.-Governor of an address praying that he cause to be placed before the Legislature a bill providing for government control and sale in sealed packages of spirituous and malt liquors.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS MEET

Resolutions are Passed Regarding Roads and Hospitals and Other Subjects.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.—The Associated Boards of Trade, in convention here, passed a resolution recommending that the cost of maintaining public hospitals over and above the income from voluntary and other sources be borne jointly by the provincial government and the district served. This was carried by the casting vote of the chairman.

A resolution was unanimously adopted taking the stand against freight rates discrimination in favor of the east against the west. A permanent day for Thanksgiving was favored and also the linking up of all appropriate east and west roads with a view to bringing about an all-Canadian highway from Vancouver to Nova Scotia.

BALLOT BOX FOUND MEMBER TAKES SEAT

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—The missing Fort Langley ballot box from the Delta by-election has been located, the ballots counted and Peterson has been found to have a majority of 676.

RUTH AND GEORGE NOTT, JR.



Eleven-year-old son and thirteen-year-old daughter of slain Coumberland man, for whose murder Elwood B. Wade is on trial at Bridgeport Court. According to testimony at the trial, these children played the piano while their father's body was being placed in a trunk.

Beatrice Is Ashore on Lasqueti Island

Passengers Put Ashore and Princess Patricia is taking them Back to Vancouver; Algerine Ready to Proceed

VICTORIA, February 10.—A call to the salvage steamer Algerine was received early this morning which said the Canadian Pacific Coast steamer Princess Beatrice, bound for Prince Rupert, was ashore at Tucker Bay, Lasqueti Island, in Sabine Channel, Gulf of Georgia.

A statement was issued later by J. H. Taylor, superintendent, to the effect that the passengers had been put off on Jedidiah Island under circumstances yet unknown and the ship was making water.

The master of the steamer ran her for Jedidiah Island and thence to Tucker Bay, Lasqueti Island, where a settlement exists. An investigation is being held to determine the extent of the damage. The Algerine is ready to proceed north.

Urges Development of Deep Sea Fisheries

Thomas McClymont Speaks of Possibilities of Herring Industry, Quoting What was Being Done in Scotland as an Example

"The fishing industry is indeed the lifeblood of this community," said Thomas McClymont in an address yesterday at the fish luncheon in the Hotel Central. "It is the centre around which everything else rotates. Five years ago there was no fishing done here to speak of. The railway created a new economic condition and the trade came here of its own volition."

In building up a place it was sometimes difficult to divine what industries should be developed, said the speaker. While fishing was not the only industry in Prince Rupert it was the most important. The salmon industry was pretty well developed. While there was a setback in regard to sales, it may be said that on the whole the most was being made of this branch of the industry.

Speaking of halibut, Mr. McClymont said it was in everybody's mind. The halibut industry was operated, he thought, to its fullest extent. It had grown from nothing to a fleet of 400 boats and was of great aid to the community. **Living Example.** The ex-mayor said he would advocate going after other species of fish. He referred to his experience in Scotland where a branch

CHINA OBJECTS TO OFFENSIVE LEGISLATION

Takes Particular Exception to Law Against White Girls Being Employed by Chinese.

MATTER CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—A diplomatic protest has been made by China against the British Columbia regulations prohibiting the employment of white girls in Chinese establishments, as a measure offensive to the Chinese. Complaint was made by the British secretary of state for foreign affairs and forwarded to Ottawa and by the Ottawa government brought to the attention of the B. C. executive council.

Premier Oliver and his cabinet will have the whole question under consideration.

AUDIT OFFICE TO VANCOUVER

P. W. Baldwin Has Received Order Removing Thirteen Employees Away From Here.

The Canadian National Railways audit office, which has been located here since April, 1918, will be moved next Thursday to Vancouver where the future head office will be located for this department. The moving of this office has been rumored for some time and P. W. Baldwin, local auditor, has recently received his instructions to this effect. The move will take a staff of thirteen, including Mr. Baldwin and T. C. Chalmers, his chief clerk, from here to Vancouver. The bank account is not being moved at the present time but all payments will be made through Vancouver and forwarded to the various departments for distribution.

Mr. Baldwin will be in charge of the new consolidated office. Mr. White and Miss E. L. Edmonds will leave for Vancouver one week later.

By this fresh fish all the year round.

Good Market. There was a great market for herring, not only among the Slavonic races and Italians of Europe, but also among the Orientals, especially in China. He believed there were plenty of fish and there would be no difficulty in selling them. He suggested that the Fisheries Association and the Board of Trade should gather data in regard to this matter. It would be a good investment to spend some public money on it.

Mr. McClymont referred to the formation of a local company which was being partially financed by the Provincial Government. He wished them every success. If the concern was well managed he thought it was likely to succeed. Mention was also made of the cod fisheries of which nothing was made at present.

World Record Ski Jumps Are Made at Revelstoke

Annual Tournament Gives Railway Town International Reputation for Winter Sport; Immense Distance Covered by Athletes

REVELSTOKE, February 10.—Four world's ski jumping records were broken here yesterday afternoon at the annual ski jumping tournament.

Nels Nelson of Revelstoke broke his own record of 185 feet as an amateur, clearing 201 feet.

Harry Hall, of Detroit, broke the professional record by jumping 229 feet, an increase of 15 feet over that made by Anderson at Dillon, Colorado, last year.

Henry Hansen broke the world's professional record by jumping 221 1/2 feet and in going after the record just made by Hall jumped 225 feet but fell and injured his arm.

Haughen was unable to compete owing to a broken collarbone sustained two weeks ago at his home town in Minnesota. Hall received an extra purse for his achievement, presented by the local Club.

Arvid Nelsen, the world's boy champion, jumped 122 feet and 133 feet today, breaking the record made Tuesday of 120 feet.