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Government Is Slashing Estimates

NEW COMPANY TO TAKE OVER ALICE ARM RAILWAY AND MINE

Unique Situation Arises In House of Commons as Members Debate Finances

OTTAWA, May 10.—The House of Commons today witnessed the unique spectacle of the government moving a reduction in its own estimates while the leader of the opposition insisted upon supporting the original estimates.

The militia vote which was originally for \$1,400,000 was reduced to \$1,000,000 on the government's own amendment to the motion by Major G. G. Power, Quebec South, a government supporter who called for a reduction to \$300,000 net.

Major Power refused to meet the government midway and stuck to his motion.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, said that adequate national defense required the support of the original estimate and refused to support the reduction but the government's amendment finally passed the house without division.

Hon. G. P. Graham informed the house that there would be a reduction of \$700,000 altogether in the militia estimates.

E. and N. Bill
A private bill authorizing an extension of time for the completion of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway was read for the third time. A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni, failed in his third attempt to amend the bill to compel the immediate completion of the road.

Failure Reported
LONDON, May 10.—It was reported this morning in a Central News dispatch from Dublin that the peace committee which was endeavoring to find a basis of settlement between north and south Ireland had failed in its purpose.

IRISH PEACE COMMITTEE IS READY REPORT

APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT

Ottawa Despatches Say D. A. McDonald, K.C., Vancouver, Succeeds Mr. Justice Clement

VANCOUVER, May 10.—Special dispatches from Ottawa state that D. A. McDonald, K.C., a well known local barrister, has been appointed to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Justice Clement.

Mr. McDonald was born 44 years ago. He was educated at Glenora High School, Toronto University and Osgoode Hall and served overseas with the 158th battalion.

STEAMER ABECO ON ROCKS; WILL BE TOTAL LOSS

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., May 10.—The steamer Abeco, bound from Liverpool to Quebec without cargo, is on the rocks twenty miles north of Cape Race. The crew has been landed but the vessel will be a total loss.

It's a lone person who doesn't like dogs.

MEETING.

A meeting of all supporters of the Liberal Party will be held in the Liberal Rooms, Pattullo Block, Second Avenue, at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the Liberal Convention being held in Nelson, B. C. in June. Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, will address the meeting.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER DIES

For Three Years "Bob" Smith and Wife Tended Lonely Beacon on Queen Charlottes.

VANCOUVER, May 10.—Coming here for medical attention after having been alone with his wife for three years as lighthouse keeper at Cape St. James, the southernmost light on the Queen Charlotte Islands, Robert James ("Bob") Smith died suddenly in St. Paul's Hospital here yesterday.

Mrs. Smith is still alone at Addenbrooke Light, 257 miles from here, tending the beacon. She had recently been moved there. Mrs. Smith worked for seven weeks at St. James light at a point from which a predecessor had fled on account of the dreariness a month after his appointment.

For three years Mr. and Mrs. Smith received mail only twice yearly at St. James. They found entertainment with Spitz dogs and goats and in a garden made on a ledge of rock at the light.

MINISTER OF LABOR WORKING ON PLANS RELIEVE UNEMPLOYED

Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general and minister of labor, is making a determined effort to relieve an immediate solution of the unemployment problem in the province according to reports published in the south. Mr. Manson has been in communication with Ottawa asking that unskilled arizon labor be held back from the province but pointing out that the province did want immigration of bona fide agriculturists and capitalists. He is also asking the Dominion Government to increase the crews of work in the province. Details of a scheme for the clearing of 200 acres of land in the possession of the government at Burnaby-Hastings are also being worked out to ascertain if it is possible. This would engage a number of unemployed married men.

SPRING SALMON RUN ALREADY VERY GOOD

J. T. C. Williams, Inspector, Back From Visit to Skeena—Naas River Fishing Satisfactory.

J. T. C. Williams, Dominion Fisheries inspector, returned yesterday after a visit of some days to the Skeena River canneries. Mr. Williams reports that all canneries on the Skeena and Naas River are to operate this season and the spring salmon run has already commenced. The first fishing of the season commenced yesterday on the Skeena. Speaking of the Naas River, Mr. Williams said that the spring salmon were running nicely there taking into consideration the late season and the few boats that were fishing. Naas Harbor is the only cannery which is running now but the remainder will commence in the course of a short time now.

Since his return to the city last week, Mr. Williams has been very busy getting his departmental affairs in shape preparatory to the opening of the salmon fishing and canning season which will soon be on in full swing.

THIS BOY MAY DISTURB PEACE OF EUROPE.



Cablegrams from Vienna say that young Otto eldest son of the former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, may yet be brought to the throne, now that his father has died in exile. He is called King by the Legationists.

C. N. CONSIDERING OPERATING TRAINS BY USE OF RADIO

Officials at Winnipeg Are Discussing Advisability of the Move.

WINNIPEG, May 10.—Winnipeg officials of the Canadian National Railways here are considering the plan of dispatching by radio. This plan, if adopted, will be in operation more at night than by day. Those considering the plan point out that it will obviate the necessity of keeping night operators at many obscure stations, thereby reducing costs. They claim that with trains equipped with radio running orders could be sent direct to the train-crews. This they also claim would have a tendency to prevent head-on collisions between stations.

INCONSISTENCY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA, May 10.—A member of Parliament can say in the House of Commons that Canada should not do such or such a thing, and Canada, including the House, just keeps on doing it. So it was on the first sitting of the House under daylight saving made effective by the city of Ottawa. The House came to further consideration of the motion by Fred Kay, that legislation be introduced during the present session to prohibit the adoption of daylight-saving time in any part of Canada. Cries of "Lost!" followed roars of laughter, and the Speaker, appreciating the situation, added the authoritative "Lost." Canadian municipalities may carry on without fear.

Constable Martin of the provincial police, returned from the south this morning. He escorted Harry Lathrop, recently sentenced for breaking and entering, Musiano Carmello, sentenced at the assizes to 18 months hard labor for attempted murder at Seaton, to the Okalla prison farm, and Mark Spence, an Indian of Massett, to the Insane asylum at Westminister.

MAN AND WIFE FOUGHT DUEL

Mr. and Mrs. Lobert, of Michigan, Both Die As Result.

SARNIA, May 10.—Joseph Lobert, aged 33, and his wife, aged 29, of Elkton, a few miles from Port Huron, Michigan, fought a duel to death at their farm yesterday in the presence of their three children. Slaughter knives and axes were used in the battle which resulted in the death of both.

Investigation by the police and a coroner's jury has practically established the fact that the man and woman fought until both were mortally wounded.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF ASKED

Attorney General Manson Has Appealed to Manufacturers' Association and Railways.

VICTORIA, May 10.—Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general and minister of labor, has appealed to the manufacturers to help meet the unemployment situation by stimulating industries. Today he is to address the Manufacturers' Association along these lines.

Mr. Manson had also asked the management of the Canadian National Railways to reconsider their decision not to build further terminal facilities pointing out that the province is paying interest on money raised for the purpose of building terminal facilities on provincially guaranteed bonds.

The minister has further asked the Canadian Pacific Railway to employ white section bands instead of colored.

YUKON RIVER OPENS.

DAWSON, May 10.—Navigation on the Yukon River will open this week.

George Wingfield, Colorado Creditor, Plans To Start New Company Out Of Dolly Varden

George Wingfield, of Cripple Creek, Colorado, who it was announced a couple of weeks ago is taking proceedings to foreclose on the overdue mortgage for \$200,000 which he holds on the Dolly Varden and Wolf mines and railway to Alice Arm, plans to form a new company to acquire title to the mining properties involved, according to advices which have been received in the city.

Mr. Wingfield has consented to take all the current creditors of the Taylor Engineering Co. in with him on equal basis; the process of making the arrangement being by means of individual agreement. Upon this being done the company will be formed with a capitalization equal to the total amount of Mr. Wingfield's claim and those of the creditors. Each creditor will be allotted his proportionate number of shares equal to his claim. It is the purpose of the new company to dispose of the properties on the basis that will give each of the shareholders their money in full. Whether the properties are to be sold or developed is not definitely indicated. From the appearance of the latest development it appears as if the former course is to be taken.

RUSSIAN REPLY BEING ALTERED

Delivery is Delayed Following Consultation Between Foreign Ministers at Genoa

GENOA, May 10.—The Russian reply to the Allied memorandum, which was ready for presentation this forenoon, was not delivered to the Allies as had been expected. At the last moment, after a conversation between Foreign Ministers Tschitcherin, of Russia, and Scanzoni of Italy, it was decided that the reply would have to undergo some alterations.

Latest reports are that Russia is preparing to make broad concessions in its reply to the Allies' memorandum.

The German and Polish delegations are said to have arrived at an understanding on the vexed question of the territorial division of Upper Silesia.

The Havas agency telegraphs that plans for a treaty between Britain and Italy is going forward which will guarantee Italy a position in the Mediterranean.

MR. PATTULLO REACHES CITY

In Course of Trip East, Was in Consultation with Pulp and Paper Interests.

FINANCES FOR LOCAL PROJECT IN CHICAGO

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, provincial minister of lands and member of the legislature for Prince Rupert, arrived on last night's train from the East and will sail tomorrow night on the Prince George for Victoria.

Speaking this morning of pulp and paper projects in the north, Mr. Pattullo was inclined to look with hope on the local proposition but indicated that the government and the principals of the Fraser Timber Syndicate, which plans the putting in of a mill at Prince George, had come to a deadlock over concessions.

Mr. Pattullo explained in regard to the interior project that after having been granted other large concessions by the government, the Fraser Timber syndicate was now asking for a 30 year royalty. This had never before been granted in the province and would create a precedent which Mr. Pattullo had clearly told the principals in a conference at Montreal the provincial government would not consider undertaking.

Local Project.
Mr. Pattullo went to Chicago while in the East to interview interests there that are considering the financing of the local project. He assured them that the proposition would receive sympathetic consideration of the government. Circumstances are such, however, that considerable time will be necessary to work out arrangements and it is hardly likely that construction will start this year.

FISH ARRIVALS.

There was marketed at the Fish Exchange this morning 21,000 pounds of halibut. The arrivals were:

Brothers 10,000 pounds, Gedrie, 1000 pounds, Inez H., 5000 pounds, Emma D., 2000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage at 15.20 and 4c.

DOMINIONS NOT BEARING SHARE

Lord Lee Deplores Tardiness in Coming Forward With Naval Assistance

LONDON, May 10.—Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, in discussing the British naval program today deplored the tardiness of the Dominions in coming forward with assistance to the naval defence of the Empire. The British Navy and the British taxpayers shouldered the entire responsibility of the protection of the Empire and its trade while the Dominions benefited, he said.

QUEBEC-VANCOUVER HIGHWAY PROPOSED AS FEDERAL WORK

B. C. Progressive Member Sees Way to Relieve Unemployment.

OTTAWA, May 10.—A transcontinental highway from Quebec to Vancouver is being mooted by T. McBride, Progressive for Cariboo. Mr. McBride is asking the Commons to concur in the idea in the following resolution.

"That in the opinion of this house, the government of Canada should as soon as practicable, give its most careful and favorable consideration to the project of building a transcontinental highway from Quebec to Vancouver, as the building of this road would go a long way toward providing work for the unemployed."