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Necessity of Getting Rid Of Bowser Is Realized By Conservatives; New Leader

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Members of the McBride Conservative Club at a meeting last night endorsed a proposal to convene the British Columbia Conservatives at an early date to prepare for an early provincial election and to decide their leadership. There was heated discussion on the lessons of the recent federal fight and speakers said the time had arrived for the deposing of W. J. Bowser, the present leader. The sentiment of the meeting was that the party needs the leadership of someone with a soul.

Dr. S. F. Tolmie and Colonel W. W. Foster of Vancouver were suggested for leadership.

Bowser Must Go.

When the proposed Conservative reorganization convention takes place a new school of Conservatives, who feel that the old Bowser machine can not return the party to power, will take a prominent part. Men of the W. A. Cantelon type, with no past records, are expected to be to the fore unless H. H. Stevens can be prevailed upon to lead the party. Many Conservatives wish Colonel Foster as the next best choice for leader.

NEW MINISTER MAKES APPEAL

Hon. James Murdock Says Canadian Employers and Employees Must Co-operate.

OTTAWA, January 7.—Hon. James Murdock, the new minister of labor in the Mackenzie King cabinet, has issued an appeal for employers and employees to get together and reduce the number of working days wasted in labor disputes. He urged them to signalize the New Year by settling their grievances early and asked co-operation to enable the Department of Labor to settle disputes in order to maintain Canadian industry.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

Four Candidates for Aldermen and One for Police Commissioner File Papers.

The following nominations for the municipal election to be held on Thursday, have been made:

Aldermen.
Roderick A. McLeod, moved by Geo. B. Gasey, and seconded by Geo. W. Kerr.

John Henry Kelly, moved by W. E. Denning and seconded by S. D. Macdonald.

Theophile Collier, moved by W. E. Denning and seconded by C. H. Orme, assenting, by Dr. W. T. Kergin, S. E. Parker, John Dybbavn, R. W. Cameron, Jas. McNulty, E. C. Gibbons and W. Gratton.

Police Commissioner.
Geo. Leek, moved by W. McRae and seconded by Steve King.

CELLULOID COLLAR AND CIGARETTE DO NOT AGREE BERLIN

Bearded Man Catches on Fire in Street Car—Lost Beard, Moustache and Eyebrows.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—A bearded passenger on a Berlin street car was severely burned yesterday when a man nearby accidentally touched his celluloid collar with a lighted cigarette. The beard, moustache and eyebrows of the unfortunate man were burned off and his clothing was set afire.

LEAGUE HOCKEY

Pacific Coast.
Victoria, 5; Vancouver, 2; at Victoria.
Western Canada.
Edmonton, 8; Saskatoon, 3; at Saskatoon.

DELEGATION TO OTTAWA PRESS NEEDS OF PORT

Special Committee Submits Report of Important Matters.

At the annual Board of Trade meeting last night the question of sending a delegation to Ottawa consisting of a representative of the city council and two representatives of the Board of Trade, together with the member for Skeena district, on January 14, to lay before the proper government officials important questions affecting this port, was thoroughly gone into. Now that the new Dominion Government is in office and is preparing estimates for the next sitting of the House of Commons, it was felt that it was a very opportune time to place local needs before parliament.

A special committee of the Board of Trade was appointed in December to consider matters of importance to Prince Rupert and the Skeena district which should thus be taken up. A summary of the report is set out below:

Oriental Shipping.
"That the government approach an already established steamship company, such as the Cunard Line, with a view to having a fast passenger and freight service inaugurated between here and the Orient, and that the government also establish a Government Merchant Marine freight service out of this port. The following facilities were already available:
"Dry dock and shipbuilding plant.
"Quarantine depot.
"Freight shed.
"The plans are prepared and the foundation excavated for the construction of a hotel to accommodate such passenger service.
"The steamship route from Prince Rupert to points in Japan or China is 183 miles shorter than from Vancouver, and steamship captains have estimated that this will result in the saving of about twenty-seven days per year, and when used in connection with the C. N. R. will mean a saving in time on valuable cargoes consigned from the Orient to New York, such

With Variety of Conflicting Statements De Valera's Real Intentions Seems Rather Vague

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—Eamonn de Valera declared in the Dail Eireann that he would postpone his final action in regard to resigning if the Anglo-Irish treaty was voted on within forty-eight hours. He followed this up by saying promptly afterwards that he would retire into private life in any case. Again he declares his intention of seeking a return to power with a new cabinet.

These conflicting statements are interpreted to mean that if the Dail Eireann approves the treaty he will resign and if it is rejected he will endeavor to form a new government and negotiate with England on his idea of the treaty.

Status of Relations.

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—At the beginning of today's session of the Dail Eireann, the speaker, John McNeill, who supported the Anglo-Irish treaty, read a motion, prepared by himself calling upon the Dail Eireann to affirm that Ireland is a sovereign state deriving its authority from the will of the people. The motion would provide that all Ireland's relations must be guided by this status. It is expected the motion will be put through if the treaty is ratified. When the morning session ended today the Dail appeared to be within a few hours of the vote on the treaty.

Constabulary Stopped Irish Volunteers Seized Weapons and Marched Some to Jail.

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—After a review at Deonmore, where six hundred Irish volunteers were disbanded, a party consisting of Ulster constabulary and Royal Irish constabulary stopped them, seized their revolvers and equipment and marched twelve of them off to jail. The incident has caused a sensation in Dublin.

SANDS BEAR GOLD.
BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The sands in the River Oder have been found to be rich with gold.

A ROYAL TRIO OF THE KAISER'S OLD COURT.



This is the latest picture of Princesses August Wilhelm, beautiful daughter-in-law of the former emperor, flanked by Archduchess Adelaide of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha on the left and Princess Karoline Mathilde of Schleswig-Holstein-Glueckburg.

Coal Bunkers.

"Coal bunkers are required in this development of the port. These bunkers could supply coastwise ships also.

Grain Elevators.

"In connection with grain elevators, the C. N. R. has better grades and can handle grain from the prairie to Prince Rupert more cheaply than can the C. N. R. from the prairie to Vancouver. Prince Rupert is only 230 miles farther by steamship route to Panama than Vancouver.

"There is also a growing grain trade to the Orient. These elevators should be completed and in operation for the 1922 crop.

Assembly Wharf.

"In view of the fact that there are sawmills in the near vicinity to this port with a total daily capacity of 175,000 feet, an assembly wharf is very necessary where these mills could accumulate their timber into cargo shipments and supply a very substantial tonnage.

"With the establishment of a regular trans-Pacific steamship service a large tonnage would promptly develop, and the co-operation of the railway organization to have tonnage routed via Prince Rupert is most desirable. At the present time the Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills at Swanson Bay have to send their pulp to Vancouver, a distance of over 100 miles, in order to load on trans-Pacific ships. This tonnage could come to Prince Rupert, a distance of slightly over one hundred miles. This year B. C. alone shipped to Japan sixty million feet of timber, all from the south. Prince Rupert has the timber and is well fitted to participate in this business, as Japan is in the market for both lumber and logs.

Daily Trains.

"That the contemplated daily mail, passenger and express train out of Prince Rupert be inaugurated at once, as this is necessary to serve the requirements of the district tributary to the G. T. P. Railway.

"The necessity for proper coverings and shelter for small deep sea fishing boats, to be constructed at Seal Cove, where they will be safe from storm.

"That the dry dock and shipbuilding plant, which is now owned by the government, should be used at once to build cars and such other machinery as may be profitably constructed here. This would keep it manned and it would always be available for dry docking and repairing ships.

Experimental Farm.

"An experimental farm at a suitable location in the Bulkley Valley should be established at once. This was promised by the Hon. Dr. Tolmie, ex-minister of agriculture.

"The questions of branch lines to be taken up with the government to points in the interior."

After a lengthy discussion of all points contained in the above report it was decided to adjourn the meeting and hold a meeting on Monday night for the purpose of going into details and emphasizing the most important points on the government officials at Ottawa.

SANDS BEAR GOLD.
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C. H. Orme Will Head Board of Trade This Year: Annual Meeting

C. H. Orme was unanimously elected president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade at the annual meeting which was held last evening in the council chamber. He succeeds W. E. Williams, who has piloted the affairs of the board for the past year with signal success. Fred Stork, M.P., was chosen honorary president in succession to Colonel G. W. Peck, V.C., the late member. Election of other officers and the selecting of the executive also took place and splendid reports were submitted showing the success with which the work of the past year has been carried out.

Great enthusiasm prevailed in the large gathering of members and the determination that the good work would be carried on even more energetically in 1922 seemed to prevail.

The 1922 officers list is as follows:
Honorary President, Fred Stork, M.P.
President, C. H. Orme.
Vice President, E. G. Gibbons.
Executive Council—F. G. Dawson, S. E. Parker, N. B. Walton, D. G. Stewart, John Dybbavn, T. McMillan, G. W. Nickerson, G. A. Woodland, W. E. Williams, S. J. McLeod, J. H. Pillsbury, C. G. Mills, T. B. Johnson, H. F. Pullen and E. E. Dohy.

Charles V. E. Dohy was re-elected secretary.

The secretary read the report of the activities of the Board during the past year under the retiring president, W. E. Williams. Twelve monthly meetings and fourteen council meetings were held during 1921. The report covered a wide field and among the most outstanding events noted was the launching of the first two steel steamships from the local yards, the "Canadian Scottish" and the "Canadian Britisher"; the building of the Provincial Government building at a cost of over \$400,000; the commencement of the building of the new railway station; the extra supply of express refrigerator cars for the fresh fish service; the completion of the new school at Hays Cove Circle, with accommodations for five hundred and fifty pupils; the building of the new Ocean dock, which when completed will be one of the most modern on the coast; the partial settlement of the Cow Bay question, and the building of a level crossing at that point, and the vast improvement in our city streets.

Month by Month.

In January last a special committee was appointed to take up with the government the need of a road out of Prince Rupert to up-river points. The Fishery Committee reported that vigorous action was still being taken in an attempt to force the Canadian National Railway authorities to provide sufficient express refrigerator cars for the fresh fish service. A memorandum had been forwarded to the Canadian National Railway urging them to proceed with the erection of coal bunkers at this point at the earliest possible date.

In February last the Board joined the Associated Boards of

Trade of B. C. and the city authorities were granted the right to appoint a representative on the council of the Board. The question of building roundhouse sheds and a station was taken up with the railway authorities, and the railway officials were asked to grant 15 parties' discounts of spending the week end in Terrace, the right to return on the Tuesday train on the week-end ticket.

Halibut Fishing.

In March last a pictorial postcard of the halibut fleet was sent to all members of the Federal Government, showing the amount of revenue lost to the country by shiploads of fish being diverted to Seattle for shipment east, on account of the lack of proper fish cars. A special committee had been appointed to look into the feasibility of coming to some decision for the improvement of Cow Bay.

In April last the feasibility of the erection of a smelter in this district was taken up by the Mining Committee.

In May the authorities were requested to "carry on" with the building of the superstructure of the Ocean Dock.

In June last, among other items the Provincial Government was requested to lift the reserve on coal lands in B. C.

In July the feasibility of providing sufficient cargo to induce an ocean going steamer to call at this port was taken up.

In August a committee was appointed to go into the matter

FARRIS PAID BY CHEQUE FOR BEAVER SKINS

Testified Before Commission Yesterday That Mrs. Farris' Xmas Present Cost \$210.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, attorney-general, gave evidence before the Game Board enquiry here yesterday. He testified that he had paid to Dr. A. R. Baker, ex-chairman of the board, by cheque, the sum of \$210 for the beaver skins which went into the making of the fur coat which he gave Mrs. Farris as a Christmas present.

The announcement was made by J. N. Ellis that Premier Oliver had decided that it was not within the scope of the enquiry to include investigation of the administration of the provincial moving picture department by Dr. Baker.

TIME SET FOR FINAL COUNT

Will Commence at 10 O'clock Monday Morning in Office of C. V. Evelt.

Official announcement as to the result of the federal election in Skeena constituency may be expected on Monday. The last of the outstanding ballot boxes, the one from Telegraph Creek, arrived last night from the north on the Princess Mary and R. W. Cameron, returning officer, has announced that the final count will commence on Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the office of C. V. Evelt, the election clerk. There are 32 boxes to be checked out this should not take more than two or three hours and announcement of the elected candidate will immediately follow it. The agents of Col. Peck and Fred Stork, the two candidates, will be present at the count.

PEOPLE MAY NOW GET MORE BEER ON ONE PERMIT

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—It is understood that the government will shortly cancel the order restricting the quantity of beer purchasable on one liquor permit to two dozen pints. The old regulation is to be restored.

BATTLING LEVINSKY WILL MEET SOLDIER

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Batling Levinsky, the former world's light heavyweight champion, will meet Gene Tunney, the light heavyweight titleholder of the American Expeditionary Forces, in a twelve round bout here next Friday.

ANGLICAN RECTOR, ROYAL OAK, DEAD

Rev. E. C. Littler Passes Away at Age of Sixty Years.

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Rev. E. C. Littler, aged 60, rector until recently of St. Michael's Anglican Church, Royal Oak, is dead.

GERMANY MAY SEND DELEGATE TO CANNES

CANNES, Jan. 7.—Germany may be asked to send a representative to Cannes for consultation with the Allied Supreme Council on the subject of German reparations.

HISTORIAN DEAD

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7.—Professor Harald Hjärne, the noted Swedish historian and suffragist is dead.

VICTORIA HEAD PACIFIC COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

Defeated Vancouver Last Night by Score of 5 to 2—Lineup Was Shuffled Up.

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—The Aris-tocrats shuffled their line-up for last night's Pacific Coast hockey game, and, lacking the services of Oatman and "Moose" Johnson, defeated Vancouver by a score of five to two. The Loughlin brothers got three goals between them and Frederickson made two. Showing wonderful combination at new positions, the Victoria team, through its win last night again goes to the head of the league.