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Hon. T. A. Crerar Speaks On Policy KING ELECTED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY EAST KOOTENAY

Progressive Leader Outlines Position of His Party: Will Not Oppose Sake of Opposing

OTTAWA, March 15.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, the Progressive leader, said the farmers were not in the House of Commons to oppose for the sake of opposing. He promised Parliament that the farmers would support the government in all things possible but was prepared with criticism where the government policy seemed to them wrong.

Referring to ex-Premier Meighen's remarks regarding the Liberal-Progressive negotiations before the cabinet was announced, Mr. Crerar declared the farmers understood that the proposals of the Liberals to the Progressives concerned matters of policy rather than personnel of the cabinet, and for that reason the Progressives had given it close consideration.

Mr. Crerar said he thought the brief indications of the government's tariff policy revealed in the speech from the throne was as fine a protectionist policy as he had ever heard preached.

The Progressive leader urged the placing of all national railways under one central management and agreed with Mr. Meighen that articles appearing in the press appeared like deliberate propaganda against national ownership.

Premier King interposed that the government meant by co-ordination of the national railways and the appointment of one board of directors to manage the entire system economically and efficiently.

Mr. Crerar advocated the re-establishment of the wheat board, the investigation of freight rates and the downward revision of the tariff.

The debate on the address was resumed today in the House of Commons by Hon. J. B. Baxter. In the Senate the address was discussed by Senator J. G. Turfitt.

SOUTH AFRICAN RIOTS IN HAND

CAPETOWN, S.A., March 15.—The South African situation was well in hand last night when Fordsburg, a centre of the insurrection movement, surrendered to the Government forces after 75 minutes bombardment with artillery.

GETTING READY TO REOPEN CANNERIES

J. F. Strang, Sunnyside, Arrived from South Today.

Preparations are to commence at once for the reopening of the Skeena River canneries. J. F. Strang, manager of Sunnyside Cannery, arrived this morning from the south on the Prince Rupert with part of his crew and left again on the outbound train for the river. D. W. Wilson, accountant at Sunnyside, arrived from the cannery on last night's train and returned this morning to the plant.

ALLAN CUP

WINNIPEG, March 15.—Fast hockey is looked for tonight when Regina and Fort William meet to decide the Western Canada hockey championship in the Allan Cup play-off. Fort William is two goals behind Regina having won Monday night's game, three to one.

KING WINS IN KOOTENAY

Minister of Public Works Has
Large Majority Over His
Opponent.

FERNIE, Mar. 15.—With six small polls to hear from, Hon. Dr. King, federal minister of public works, has a majority over Brondson, the Labor-Progressive candidate, of about 1100 votes in the East Kootenay by-election.

FERNIE, Mar. 15.—(Later) The vote this morning in East Kootenay by-election, with 64 polls out of 69, gave King 3078 and Brondson 1909, a majority of 1169.

REORGANIZED BAND HOLDS FIRST PRACTISE

Officers Elected Last Night and
Rules and Regulations
Adopted.

A successful band practise and meeting was held last evening by the independent unit band. The following officers were elected: A. Beale, bandmaster; J. Ritchie, asst. bandmaster; W. H. Derry, secretary-treas; A. Duckworth, librarian; H. Snow, C. Emerton and H. Ward, committee.

The officers are all returned men. Bylaws, rules and constitution were adopted. The following were the players: Cornets, A. Duckworth, L. Starr; W. Rance; clarionets, A. Beale, H. Ward, W. Davis; horns, W. H. Derry, J. Galloway, C. Emerton; trombones, S. Steele and H. Snow; baritone, J. Ritchie; E-flat bass, W. N. Hoss; B-B bass, W. L. McIlroy.

All communications for the above band may be addressed to W. H. Derry, secretary-treasurer, postoffice box 465.

OCEAN FALLS SHUTS DOWN

VANCOUVER, March 15.—The local office of the Pacific Mills Ltd., announces that the Ocean Falls plant shut down on Monday owing to lack of water.

FOUND IN HOTEL WITH A FRACTURED SKULL

LONDON, March 15.—Lady Alice White, aged 60, was found in a hotel room with a fractured skull. She died shortly afterwards. The crime was believed to have been the work of burglars.

MISS STEWART WILL ADDRESS A PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY

Miss Helen G. Stewart will address a public meeting at the Empress Theatre at 8 p.m. Thursday. Subject: "The Bylaw for a Public Library." Ratepayers, come and hear Miss Stewart explain what you are to vote for on March 22.

UNEMPLOYED RESOLUTION

Passed by Trades and Labor
Council After Conference
With Workers

A delegation from the unemployed association attended the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night and the following resolution was passed as an outcome of the visit:

"Whereas unemployment has become both acute and chronic thereby taking precedence over all other social ailments,

"And whereas many suggestions have been made to our governments relative to unemployment and steps taken to provide temporary relief,

"And whereas such relief work has not in many cases given the governments assisting reasonable returns of a permanent nature on their outlay nor met the necessities of the workers on the other hand,

"And whereas the future appears replete with signs of a continuation in an intensified form of the present unfortunate condition thereby threatening to entirely undermine the economic status of society,

"And whereas the experience of the last three winters has shown that concerted and co-ordinated action on a national scale must be taken to adequately deal with this serious question,

"Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Dominion Government to appoint a commission for the purpose of taking evidence relative to unemployment and to enquire into the feasibility of the greater utilization and development of our natural resources by the Government, thus reducing unemployment and to formulate a definite permanent policy of dealing with the question by insurance or otherwise,

"And further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. Jas. Murdock, Fred Stork, M.P., Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. Thos. Crerar and the other trades and labor councils in B.C. asking for their support."

Several committee reports were also received at the meeting and work was outlined for the future. President S. D. Macdonald was authorized to confer with President C. H. Orme, of the Board of Trade, with reference to the establishing of a joint committee to deal with labor problems which might arise.

CREW IN CHARGE ON ROMA'S LAST FLIGHT.



This picture shows the officers who were aboard the ill-fated air vessel Roma when it burst into flames and crashed to earth near Hampton Roads (Virginia) naval base. The Roma was placed into commission only several weeks ago after having been assembled at Langley Field. She was the largest dirigible owned by the United States Government and was purchased from Italy. Her mammoth gas bag had a capacity of more than a million cubic feet. From left to right: Front row—Lieut. W. J. Reed, survivor; Major John G. Thomell, dead; and Capt. Mabry, commander, dead. Second row—Sergeant J. M. Biedenbach, survivor; Sergeant W. C. Huffman, dead; Staff Sergeant M. J. Beale, dead; Master Sergeant H. A. Chapman, survivor, and Master Sergeant R. C. McNally, dead.

Canadian Government Merchant Marine Vessels May be Brought to Local Dry Dock For Repairs

"In answer to your telegram of March 9, the railway company is completing construction of the passenger station at Prince Rupert as well as the addition to the present dock and shed facilities at a total expenditure of approximately \$800,000. The company is also operating the dry dock and, while definite assurance of at least one hundred men being employed can not be given, everything will be done to secure repair work for the dry dock so that at least that number may be employed. In this connection, as far as possible, repairs to the company's own boats and to boats of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine will carry on at Prince Rupert."

CAME TO BLOWS AT ESQUIMALT

Reeve and Councillor Had to be
Separated by Chief
of Police.

VICTORIA, March 15.—Reeve Alex. Lockley and Councillor S. A. Pomeroy of Esquimalt came to blows following a stormy meeting of the municipal council. Chief of police Dawley had to separate the combatants when they quarrelled over the appointment of a solicitor for Esquimalt municipality.

NOVA SCOTIA MINE WORKERS OPPOSE THE PROPOSED REDUCTION

Tremendous Majority Against
Action of Leaders of
Union

SYDNEY, N.S., March 15.—The United Mine Workers voted against the new wage-scale negotiated by the executive with the British Empire Steel Corporation and supported the radical administration of the Union by J. B. McLachlan by a vote of 1622 to 829.

BRITISH EGYPTIAN POLICY IS APPROVED

Liberal and Labor Members Criticize but Large Majority for
Government.

LONDON, Mar. 15.—The government's Egyptian policy was approved in the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 202 to 70 after criticism by Liberal and Labor members.

VALUATION OF RAILWAY LAND

Both G. T. P. and Development
Company Get Considerable
Reductions Valuation
This Year

The Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company's property in this city will be assessed this year by the City of Prince Rupert on a valuation of \$681,659, a reduction of \$87,658.50 from last year's valuation which was \$769,317.50. As is known, this company is subsidiary to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. and its holdings are all within the city limits. The valuation has already been accepted by the company.

The valuation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's property, most of which is along the waterfront, is this year \$2,654,447, a reduction of \$310,832 from last year. In lieu of taxes on its property the railway company will pay a lump sum of \$45,000 if the agreement by-law which is to be presented to the people on March 22 passes. This sum, of course, does not include assessment on property already leased by the railway company. If the bylaw does not pass this valuation figure may be revised for it is understood the railway company would then appeal.

MISS STEWART IS IN PRINCE RUPERT

Arrived From Victoria on Prince
Rupert Today—Tea This
Afternoon.

Miss Helen Stewart, president of the British Columbia Library Commission, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this afternoon to spend a few days here in connection with the movement that is now on foot to establish a municipal free library in Prince Rupert.

Miss Stewart was met at the steamer by Mrs. H. Patinson and Rev. G. G. Hacker, representing the local library committee.

This afternoon Miss Stewart is having tea with several of the officers of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire at the Hotel Prince Rupert. Tonight she will address a meeting of the Daughters of the Empire in the city council chamber. Tomorrow she will be the guest of the Rotary Club and will address a mass meeting in the evening at the Empress Theatre.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED IN SOUTHERN STATES BY SERIES OF STORMS

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—Twenty-five people were killed and many injured by a series of storms throughout the southern states. Many homes were destroyed and much property damage resulted.

FIVE MILLION CHICAGO FIRE

CHICAGO, March 15.—A fire, which covered an entire city block including a 21 storey block and several factories, caused a financial loss estimated at \$5,000,000. Two firemen were injured, one fatally by falling walls. The fire raged all night.

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA IS DEFEATED

Will Resign Tomorrow and it is
Expected Dissolution and
Election Will Follow.

WINNIPEG, March 15.—The Norris Government will resign on Thursday when Lieut.-Governor Sir James Aikens returns from the East.

The Government was defeated in the Legislature on Tuesday on the Talbot motion of censure by a vote of 27 to 23. Dissolution of the legislature and a general election are inevitable.

RUSSIAN HELD AT VANCOUVER

General Semenov Refused Admis-
sion to United States, Where
He Seeks Loan.

VANCOUVER, Mar. 15.—United States immigration authorities are withholding permission to General Semenov, Russian anti-Bolshevik leader, to enter the United States. Semenov is held aboard the Empress of Russia, on which he arrived yesterday with the avowed intention of raising loans for the new Siberian government from American and European financiers.

George Vitkovsky, a Russian student from Berkeley University, California, met Semenov at Vancouver and urged him to talk to nobody about his mission.

Canadian immigration authorities are holding Vitkovsky, and if both or either are denied admission to the country they will be returned aboard the same liner.

HON. A. M. MANSON NOT EXPECTED HOME FOR SOME LITTLE TIME

Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, is not expected home before the end of the month from Ottawa. He is remaining in the capital until after Dr. King, minister of public works, returns from the West for he is to have an interview with him. It is not expected that F. G. Dawson or M. P. McCaffery, other members of the local delegation, will be back much sooner than Mr. Manson.

Fred Stork, M.P., is attending the parliamentary session and, in writing here, expresses himself as much pleased with the situation as regards Skeena district.

MAN KILLED WHEN WHARF COLLAPSED AT SWANSON BAY

SWANSON BAY, March 15.—Andrew Tyson, coroner and R. Bevan, provincial constable, both from Ocean Falls arrived here last night to hold an inquest regarding the death of Charles Cooper.

Cooper was on the coal pile at the wharf after the Prince Albert had discharged her cargo of coal and was levelling it off along with another man, when the wharf collapsed and both were precipitated into the water. The other man managed to get out but Cooper was drowned. His body will be taken to Port Simpson for burial.