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IRISH BILL HAS PASSED COMMONS AND IS SENT ON TO HOUSE OF LORDS

EDITORIAL

NEED OF A ROAD AT PRINCE RUPERT.

A few days ago the member for Fernie made a great play in the Legislature about the need of a road in his district. Probably he is correct about the need, but is he aware that there is a town of six thousand inhabitants, the distributing centre for Northern British Columbia and the centre of the British Columbia fishing interests as well as the mining centre for the north country that has never yet had a dollar spent on its roads by the provincial government and that is unable to drive a car one foot beyond the city limits? If Corbin needs a road, surely Prince Rupert needs one and needs it badly.

There never was a city the size of Prince Rupert treated so badly as it is in the matter of roads. The McBride Government commenced work on one just before the election on which it went down to defeat, but it commenced miles from nowhere and today it is almost impossible to find the place where a huge sum of money was spent. It was to be a scenic highway and was not designed for utility purposes, such as is the road now being asked.

Good Work Done

While recognizing the good work being done by the Oliver Government in opening up roads in the interior for the benefit of the farmers, part of which will be a section of the Skeena River highway and also recognizing the great need of the farmers and the settlers in the outlying parts of the district, there comes a time when Prince Rupert must look after her own interests and that time has now arrived. She must have a road. The owners of automobiles have been paying out large sums annually for auto tax yet there is not a foot of road over which they drive except that which is made and kept up by the city. It is an anomalous position and one which we feel sure will be rectified.

Prince Rupert has been very patient. There has never been any desire on the part of the citizens to embarrass the Government or to try to take precedence in public works when they saw the need of the settlers in the farming communities. Northern members are fully aware of the situation and will back Prince Rupert's request. Now that the Legislature is in session is a good time to draw attention to the need and to ask that work be commenced on the road this winter at a time unemployed are seeking work. Kaien Island is not held in the grip of the frost at this time of year as is the interior and men can work in the open quite well. The work being part of the main transcontinental highway may well be aided by the Dominion Government. It is badly needed and we look to see justice done in this regard.

THOSE WHO CARRY ARMS TO SUFFER PENALTY OF DEATH

DUBLIN, Nov. 30.—The Free State government is continuing its policy of carrying out the death sentence on rebels who are captured while bearing arms. Three men were executed today, one for the possession of a revolver and the other for carrying bombs.

Expected That Treaty Provision for Ireland will Proceed Smoothly

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Irish bills providing for the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty were given their third and final readings and passed unanimously by the House of Commons yesterday after a brief debate. Last night they were sent to the House of Lords where they received their first reading. No obstacles are expected in the higher chamber and it is expected they will pass next week without amendment.

Laborites took the stand in the discussion that this was the government's chance to atone to Ireland for wrongs done in the past.

DE VALERA ATTEMPTS AN ESCAPE

According to Despatch From Dublin in London Evening News

LONDON, Nov. 30.—It is reported that Eamonn de Valera is attempting to leave Ireland for America. A despatch to this effect from Belfast is contained in the Evening News. The leader of the Republicans is reported to be in hiding in the Carlingford mountains overlooking Greenore from which point there is a daily boat service to Holyhead. An attack by the Republicans was planned to attract the attention of the Free State authorities and allow De Valera to slip out of Greenore.

ESLING CHARGE IS SERIOUS ONE

Premier Oliver Says it Will be up to Legislature to Judge on Rossland Member

VICTORIA, Nov. 30.—Premier Oliver said in the legislature yesterday that the charges laid by W. K. Esling, member for Rossland, were very serious. He stated that he himself had been charged with collusion in robbing the people of the province in connection with the letting of contracts by the Northern Construction Co. on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. If the member for Rossland could not substantiate the charges it would be for the House to say whether he would remain a member.

SEATTLE WINS OVER VICTORIA

Metropolitans Won Last Night P.C.H.A. Game by 5 to 4 After Overtime

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—The Seattle Metropolitans defeated Victoria by a score of 5 to 4 in last night's hockey game. There was more than 16 minutes of overtime play.

Team	W.	L.	Pts.
Seattle	5	1	833
Victoria	2	3	400
Vancouver	1	4	200

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GASOLINE TAX MOOTED AGAIN

VICTORIA, Nov. 30.—A delegation is urging on the municipal committee of the legislature the adoption of the three-cent gasoline tax, one cent to go to the city. It is not likely, however, that the suggestion will be adopted. Such a tax would injure the Prince Rupert fishing business.

DEAD MAN FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Mutilated Remains Found on Track Near Rose Lake Believed Those of N. Tarvainen

SMITHERS, Nov. 30.—The engine crew of the east-bound passenger train last Sunday morning made a distressing discovery when they found the badly mutilated remains of a man on the track about four miles west of Rose Lake. There was nothing more to identify the deceased than a Prince Rupert club card found on the body bearing the name of N. Tarvainen.

An inquest was held at Smithers on Monday by Coroner S. H. Hoskins and, in the absence of witnesses to the accident, a verdict was returned to the effect that the unfortunate man had come to his death while stealing a ride on the west-bound train. The train crew was fully exonerated from all blame.

THREE MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

One Man Lost His Life in Power House Fire at Coleman, Alta., This Morning

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Nov. 30.—William March, who is missing, is believed to have lost his life in a \$3,000,000 fire which destroyed the power and pump houses of the Internal Coal Co. at Coleman this morning. The town is now without light or water.

No Beer Clause nor Plebiscite this Session but Many Changes in Liquor Act to be Introduced

VICTORIA, Nov. 30.—Premier Oliver has definitely announced that there will be no beer clause this session and neither will there be a plebiscite.

Amendments to the Liquor Act by the attorney general, it is expected, will lower the price of liquor permits from \$5 to \$2, and beer permits from \$2 to \$1. The government will also be given power to reduce the number of members on the Liquor Board.

Another amendment is designed to make warehouses illegal and increase the cost of export licenses to \$10,000.

Grants to hospitals will be made direct to the hospitals on the basis of number of patients treated.

Interdicted persons must also have no liquor in their possession.

IRISH PLOT FRUSTRATED

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A plot to capture Free State ministers and members of the Dail Eireann has been discovered and frustrated.

KING GEORGE IS PRISONER

Situation in Greece is Perilous—Allies Make Further Protests

PARIS, Nov. 30.—King George, of Greece, is practically a prisoner in the palace at Athens following his desperate efforts to prevent the execution of ex-ministers on Tuesday. The trial of Prince Andrew, the King's brother, on a charge of disobeying the orders of the General Staff, begins soon. The safety of the Royal Princess is insecure.

The British admiral in charge of the Greek situation and Italian diplomats, possessing decorations given by Greece, have returned these from Rome stating their abhorrence of the execution of the ex-ministers.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—An Athens despatch says that Generals Papoulas, Doumanis and Vailletas have been arrested.

LESS LIQUOR IS CONSUMED

Per Capita Figures in 1922 Were Lowest on Record in Canada, it is Announced

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—The consumption of spirits per head in Canada during the last fiscal year was the lowest on record. In 1869, the first year recorded the consumption was 1.24 gallons and the highest level was 1.91 gallons in 1871 according to figures issued by the Department of Customs. Last year the per capita consumption was .369 gallons as against .857 gallons in 1921.

VANCOUVER MAN IS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK CHARGE THEFT

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Victor Van Allen, of Vancouver, has been arrested for stealing jewels worth \$5,000.

Terrace was Visited with Two Fires on Tuesday Last; Three Houses Destroyed in Flames

TERRACE, Nov. 30.—The houses occupied by A. L. Yargeau and Robert Donald were destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock and the residence of W. F. Lindsay had a narrow escape. All three houses were owned by Mr. Yargeau.

The fire broke out in Mr. Yargeau's house and quickly spread to the one adjoining occupied by Mr. Donald and his family. From the first it was apparent that neither of the two houses could be saved and all the efforts of the fire fighters were concentrated on saving the house fifteen feet distant occupied by Mr. Lindsay. After an hour's fighting the blaze was brought under control.

Mr. Yargeau lost everything including all his cash and over \$200 worth of tools. The Donalds were able to save all their furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, who removed all their effects to safety, decided to move immediately to the house recently built by Mr. Gordon which they had already rented. Mr. and Mrs. Donald moved into the vacant house.

Kilmartin Fire
The fire, which destroyed Paddy Kilmartin's buildings, broke out about 3:30 Tuesday morning. The alarm was given a few minutes after the fire commenced and the town turned out to fight it. Owing to the efforts of the fighters, the blaze was prevented from spreading though the neighboring buildings had a very close call. A cabin owned by O. T. Sundal and occupied by Mr. Lawrence was also burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was unoccupied, Mr. and Mrs. Kilmartin having left for Prince Rupert on Monday's train.

DAWSON MATTER IN LEGISLATURE

Attorney General Tables Correspondence and Asks Mr. Stevens to Correct Injustice

VICTORIA, Nov. 30.—Attorney General Manson has tabled correspondence in the legislature between himself and Hon. H. H. Stevens relative to the Liquor Board and the Dawson beer charges. Mr. Manson, in a letter, states that Mr. Dawson's integrity is beyond reproach and that even Mr. Bowser is satisfied that Mr. Stevens was wrong. Mr. Manson further said that he had offered Mr. Stevens complete reports with a view to having him correct the injustice done Mr. Dawson.

ROUGH WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

Caused Decrease in Total of Halibut Landed Here—2,084,100 pounds

The total halibut catch landed at this port during the month of November was 2,084,100 pounds, a lower figure than November of last year which was 2,984,250 and October this year which was 2,161,000 pounds. The total is satisfactory however and is quite up to the average. Much stormy weather prevailing throughout the entire month was responsible for the decrease from the other months. Several large schooners are coming in very soon.

The highest price paid in the month was about the first when the bids reached 17c. There was a slump in price about the middle of the month but the market is stiffening again, 16c. having been paid this week.

RAILWAY WINS OVER LUMBER COMPANY IN LUMBER CASE APPEAL

The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed the appeal of the Premier Lumber Co. vs. the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The railway company successfully contested the claim of \$3,000 by the Premier Co. for damages in respect of five carloads of lumber. The lumber was shipped via the C.T.P. from Prince Rupert.

PATROLMAN IN SEATTLE, SHOT IN BACK, DYING

Bandits Sped Through City Streets For Two Hours This Morning

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—Shot in the back by automobile thieves who sped through the city streets for two hours this morning firing revolvers, Patrolman John F. Stevens is dying in hospital here. The bandits escaped.

TURKISH REVOLT WESTERN THRACE

Violent Fighting Occurs Between Regulars and Insurgents Assisted by Others

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A Turkish revolt is said to have broken out in Western Thrace with violent fighting between the regulars and a band of 5,000 insurgents who are marching on Dezagatch assisted by Bulgarians and Macedonians.