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## SENATE REFORM SCHEME BEFORE COMMONS

### WHALE MEAT IS TO BE EXPORTED FROM NADEN HARBOR THIS SEASON

#### Fielding Introduces Plan for Reform of the Canadian Senate; Half Appointed by Provinces

OTTAWA, March 22.—Hon. W. S. Fielding yesterday submitted to the House of Commons his scheme for the reform of the Canadian Senate, suggesting that half the senators be appointed as at present by the Dominion government and to be known as Dominion senators, the other half to be appointed by the provincial governments and to be known as provincial senators. Other features are as follows:

Nominations to the Senate to be made for a period of ten years with eligibility for another ten years.  
All senators to be retired at the age of eighty.  
Existing senators to be given the option of retiring at 75 years of age on a pension amounting to two thirds their present indemnity.

Mr. Fielding said he was opposed to a popularly elected Upper House lest it become a rival for the House of Commons.

An amendment made by a Quebec member for a popular election of senators carried the debate beyond the time for adjournment and the question was not voted upon.

#### STEAMERS FOR LOCAL SERVICE

Believed That C.N.R. is Planning to Give New Service to Stewart and Islands

That the Canadian National Railway contemplates the putting into service of two local coastwise steamers between Prince Rupert and Stewart, and Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands, during the coming summer, is the opinion expressed today in local transportation circles.

It has been suggested that the C.N.R. put on two small fast steamers capable of carrying a complement of passengers and about 100 tons of freight, one of which would be able to leave here for Stewart one day and return the next, while the other steamer would ply regularly between this port and the Queen Charlotte Islands calling at any points where passengers or freight were.

It is also probable that the Canadian National railway authorities would in this event make Prince Rupert the home port of the coastwise fleet.

If the local business is taken care of in this way it is felt that great benefit would accrue to the Canadian National railway lines out of Prince Rupert. A regular passenger and freight service between this port and Stewart and the Queen Charlotte Islands would undoubtedly be the means of diverting considerable traffic of a remunerative nature to the C.N.R. out of here which would otherwise go to Vancouver and over the Canadian Pacific railroads or other lines. Any traffic diverted to Prince Rupert would naturally go to the Canadian National Railway.

#### EMPLOYEES FAIL TO REACH SETTLEMENT WITH CITY COUNCIL

The committee representing the civic employees interviewed the city council at a special committee meeting last night but a settlement of the wage dispute was not reached. A special meeting of the civic employees has been called for tonight to consider the situation.

The council refused to entertain a demand that common labor be paid 65c. an hour.

#### PROVINCE GIVEN LEAVE TO APPEAL DOMINION ORDER

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The judicial committee of the Privy Council has granted the province of British Columbia leave to appeal against the Dominion government's disallowance of the Provincial act validating orders in council with reference to the employment of Oriental labor in British Columbia.

#### LORD SANDERSON DIES

LONDON, Mar. 22.—Lord Sanderson, former under secretary for foreign affairs, is dead aged 82.



Miss Margaret Williams, of Cardiff, Wales, completing a portrait of President Harding.

#### LUMBER KING SHOT SELF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22.—John F. Gates, the millionaire lumberman who had been recently suffering from a nervous breakdown, was found dead with a pistol in his hands. It is presumed that he committed suicide.

#### DAM WORK AT OCEAN FALLS

Vancouver Contractors Resume Big Job of Adding 15 Feet to Height of Present Reservoir

OCEAN FALLS, March 22.—Robertson & Randall, Vancouver contractors, have resumed work on the enlarging of the dam here for the Pacific mills. Work on the project was started last year but a sudden stop was put to it when excessive quantities of water came raging down the river in the fall and swept out all the preparatory work that had been done.

Eighty men are now employed on the work and it is expected the dam will be finished in June. Fifteen feet is being added to the elevation of the present dam. This will give an additional several million acre feet of water storage and will preclude the possibility of closing down of the plant in future on account of water shortage. Several times during the past few years the mill has had to close down or curtail operations on account of scarcity of water.

#### DR. PLASKETT GIVEN THE HIGHEST HONORS

VICTORIA, Mar. 22.—Dr. J. S. Plaskett, director of the Dominion astro-physical laboratory here has been appointed a fellow of the Royal Society, the highest distinction in the British Empire.

#### IRELAND MAY APPLY LEAGUE OF NATIONS

DUBLIN, Mar. 22.—James Douglas moved a resolution in the Dail requesting the executive council to apply for membership for the Free State in the League of Nations.

#### No Friction Over Signing of Halibut Treaty but Situation is Delicate, Times Declares

LONDON, March 22.—The delicate position in connection with the signing of the halibut fisheries treaty at Washington by a member of the Canadian government and not by the British ambassador is the subject of a leading editorial in the Times this morning. The Times points out, however, that there is fortunately no evidence of friction over the matter between the Dominion and Imperial governments. Despite Premier Mackenzie King's reply to questions in the Canadian House regarding the signing of the treaty, and the statement that no slight has been cast upon Sir Eric Geddes in connection therewith, the Times considers that a certain amount of doubt still veils the sequence of events leading up to the signing of the treaty. It says that in justice to the people of the United Kingdom, and of Dominions other than Canada, who are vitally interested and also to the people of the United States, it believes it essential that the whole situation should be cleared up as soon as possible.

The matter needs delicate handling and clear thinking, says the Times, and above all sympathetic understanding of the Canadian standpoint. "Canadians have been misled into thinking that the treaty was a separate and virtually independent act on the part of the Canadian government," says the Times, which calls upon the British government to clear the air by a full official statement in connection with the signing thereof.

#### Whaling Company to Ship Frozen Whale Meat to Japan from Naden Harbor This Year; Five Steamers

VICTORIA, March 22.—The entire whaling fleet will go into commission this year and will leave for the various stations in about a month from now, after being overhauled here. Two whalers, the William Grant and the Blue will hunt out of Naden Harbor and it is expected a big business will be done this year in export of frozen whale meat to Japan. The cold storage plant at Naden Harbor will be utilized to handle the meat. At the Kyuquot station off Vancouver Island, whale meat will be canned and shipped to England for distribution.

Three steam whalers, the Orion, Brown, and White will make their headquarters at Rose Harbor so that Queen Charlotte Islands will be headquarters for five steamers in all, commencing about May 1.

Capt. Le Marquant, head of the Consolidated Whaling Corporation Ltd., says the demand for whale meat in Japan is on the increase and it is proposed to make shipments to that country from the Queen Charlotte Islands station. This will be all handled from Naden Harbor at the north of Graham Island.

#### MCCAFFERY IS AN OPTIMIST

Says Thinks No Lot on Townsite Will be Less Than \$1,000 in Six Years

VALUE SECTION 4 \$250

Court of Revision Appeal is Proceeding Today and Closes by Tonight

That lots in Section 4 were worth \$250 each was the expert opinion given at the Taxation appeal before Judge Young yesterday by M. P. McCaffery. He justified this statement from the developments he felt were about to take place here as a result of the benign political situation and because of the cheap lumber rates offering by way of the Panama Canal. In six years from now he prophesied that no lots in the townsite would be offering for less than \$1,000. The city then would have a population of 40,000.

Alderman Stephens this morning said he thought the assessment was a fair one. He explained the methods used in making the assessment. The Alder Block was taken as the base and all other lots assessed in relation to it. Recent sales were used as a guide in determining values.

John Dybhavn also claimed that the assessment was fair. He related experiences with other courts of revision.

W. McLarnon, assistant tax commissioner for the company, was on the stand yesterday and was called again this morning. E. S. Allistone, city tax clerk, gave technical evidence this morning.

Court adjourned at 11:50 this morning until 2 this afternoon. To comply with the law judgment must be delivered today, or within one month of the final sitting of the Court of Revision. The hearing will continue this afternoon and on into this evening, it is expected.

#### L. R. STEEL DIED TODAY

Head of Bankrupt Corporation Passes Away on Eve of Investigations

BUFFALO, March 22.—Leonard R. Steel, founder of the L. R. Steel corporation, which went into receivership March 8, died early today on the train en route to Chicago. Steel's death came on the eve of investigations into stock selling and other financial methods and his promotions by county and state authorities. It is not believed, however, that his death will affect the status of the Canadian shareholders. The question of the disposition of the Canadian assets did not rest with Steel but with the recently appointed receivers.

John W. Bruce, international organizer of Plumbers, will address a public meeting in the Emptress Theatre tonight at 8 p.m. Subject "Latest News on European and American Labor Movements." Seals reserved for Ladies.

#### FINISH BRIDGE ON BEAR RIVER

Provincial Government Lets Contract With View to Immediately Completing Facility

VICTORIA, Mar. 22.—Plans are being made by the provincial government to proceed this year with the building of the Bear River bridge at Stewart.

Yesterday the contract for completing the rock fill was awarded to G. A. Elstron at a cost of \$14,000. Mr. Elstron was given a contract for half of the total rock fill last year and this year will complete the work. The filling is being done in order to shorten the span of the bridge. The former bridge was washed out by high water.

Cyril Jackson, also of Stewart, has been given the contract for supplying piling for the trestle work.

The government will probably do the actual bridge work itself.

#### LOW SALARIES OF OFFICIALS

No Increases Were Made When Wages Went up Nor Reduction When Wages Came Down

OTTAWA, March 22.—No reduction was made in the salaries of officials of the Canadian National Railways at the time of the reduction of wages in July last, stated George P. Graham, acting minister of railways, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon in reply to a question. "The employee's wages," said Mr. Graham, "were increased from time to time in accordance with the McAdoo and Chicago awards and supplements thereto, but salaries of officers were not increased proportionately nor have they ever been paid at rates comparable with those enjoyed by officers of competing lines or in other branches of industry."

W. H. Snell, C.P.R. general passenger agent, Vancouver, and J. G. McNab, divisional freight agent, are expected from the south on the Princess Mary tomorrow morning. They will spend a day here returning to Vancouver on the Princess Beatrice Saturday afternoon. Mr. McNab was formerly general agent here.

#### BRITAIN HAS KEPT TREATY

Scrapped Two Million Tons Since Washington Conference Says Amery

LONDON, March 22.—Col. L. C. Amery, first lord of the admiralty, in a public speech here, said Britain had scrapped warships totalling 1,600,000 tons since the Washington conference or with ships in construction and auxiliary vessels she had scrapped 2,000,000 tons including 35 battleships, 83 cruisers, 283 destroyers, 95 torpedo boats, and 101 submarines.

#### BISHOP BACK FROM UP LINE

Confirmation Services Were Held at Various Points—War Memorial Unveiled at Forestdale

Archbishop F. H. Du Vernet returned to the city on last night's train after having spent the past fortnight visiting various points in the interior.

The bishop held confirmation services at Endako, Forestdale, Hazelton and Kitwanga and preached at Telkwa and Smithers as well as visiting other places. At Endako he gave a lecture on psychology.

At St. Paul's Church, Forestdale, Bishop Du Vernet unveiled a war memorial tablet in the new chancel. This chancel was just recently built and was given by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Tunbridge Wells, England, the entire structure being as a war memorial. Rev. J. H. Kerr, formerly of Police Group, is clergyman in charge at Forestdale with headquarters at Burns Lake.

Bishop Du Vernet stated that plans were being made to move the present church at Hubert to Quick across the Bulkley River. With the decision of the government not to build a bridge across the river at this point, the agricultural population finds itself on the opposite side of the river with no communication with the former railway station at Hubert.

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