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THOUSANDS HOMELESS AT BERKELEY, CAL.

RAILWAY RATES CASE IS REFERRED BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSION

Will be Change in Law Respecting Distribution of Beer in this Province

VICTORIA, Sept. 18.—Views of provincial cabinet ministers and private members have not yet been officially canvassed in connection with proposed beer legislation but amendments to the present law designed to improve conditions surrounding the distribution of beer in British Columbia are certain to be introduced during the next session of the House, Premier Oliver intimated today.

"Judging from statements of church organizations and a lot of others there is already too much beer in the province," said the premier with a smile, when asked whether the government was considering action to lessen restrictions on the purchase of beer. "The conditions which church organizations complain of in Vancouver are the product of municipal machinery and not of the provincial government. My only conclusion respecting those who continue to criticize the government on the beer question is that their judgment has been warped by party prejudice," said Oliver.

NEW VERSION NATIONAL SONG

Canadian Club Will Try to Secure Standardized Version of Anthem

WOULD RETAIN IDEALS

VICTORIA, Sept. 18.— A new version of Canada's national anthem is to be found and standardized if the Canadian Clubs can carry out the plan formed at the convention of Canadian Clubs here yesterday. It was arranged to seek the co-operation of provincial bodies to decide on a version acceptable to all. A committee was appointed to consider the matter.

St. John, New Brunswick was chosen as next year's convention city.

In an address Bishop DePencier sounded a warning against undermining Canadian and British ideals through the growing Oriental menace in British Columbia and spoke of the danger which existed of commercial domination of Canada by the United States.

PREPARING FOR TERRACE BRIDGE

Contractors Hanson and Shockley Ask City for Permission to Rent Equipment

Olof Hanson and E. H. Shockley, having received the contract from the provincial government, for the building of sub-structure of the bridge across the Skeena River at Terrace including trestle approaches and concrete piers, asked permission of the city council last night to rent the city's concrete mixer, rock cars and rails. It was decided to leave the request in the hands of the board of works with power to act. Ald. Munro, chairman of the committee, felt that the concrete mixer might not be needed but that the city would probably require the cars and rails on street work and it would not be safe to let them go.

WORKMEN CLASHED FRIEBURG POLICE

BERLIN, Sept. 18. —Workmen demonstrating at Frieburg clashed with the police who fired on the workmen killing and wounding several.

SIKI-GODFREY MATCH

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18. — Battling Siki, the French Negro, is matched with George Godfrey, an American Negro, to box here on October 8.

THANKSGIVING DAY TO BE NOVEMBER 12

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—Thanksgiving Day is set this year for November 12. Armistice Day coming on Sunday it was necessary to choose some other date and the day following as been officially designated for the holiday.

LABOR PARTY VISITED CITY

Delegates from Trades Congress are Shown City by S. D. Macdonald

Delegates from the Trades Congress of Canada, recently held in Vancouver, arriving on the steamer Prince Rupeert yesterday afternoon returning to Montreal, included P. M. Draper, secretary-treasurer; and J. T. Foster, vice-president to the Congress. The party also included Gustav Frauceq, proprietor of the Labor World; J. A. Belland, representing the International Sheet Metal Worker's Union; A. Martell, vice-president of the Carpenter's Union; Zotique Lesperance, Canadian representative of the Boot and Shoe Maker's Union; Omar Fleury, Mrs. J. T. Foster and Miss Mahoney, secretary to Mr. Draper.

The party was taken on an an automobile sightseeing trip of the city by S. D. Macdonald, president of the Trades and Labor Council. The plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. was inspected which proved particularly interesting to the visitors. Mr. Draper expressed himself as delighted with what he had seen during his brief stay and expressed the wish that they had been able to stay in the city for a longer period. He also stated that the Congress held in Vancouver had been the most successful that had been held for a number of years.

Not Notified

The local council had previously sent out invitations to the different labor organizations in the east asking them to return home by way of Prince Rupert if possible. Mr. Macdonald had been expecting to receive some notification from the Vancouver labor authorities of the arrival of the party but was unaware of their presence in the city until he chanced to meet Mr. Draper on the street last evening. Owing to the shortness of notice it was impossible to carry out any form of particular entertainment as had been anticipated.

Mr. Draper and party left for the east on the train last night.

RATES CASE TO RAILWAY BOARD

Early Decision is Expected and Commission is Already Dealing With Matter

ACTION NECESSARY

On Account of Condition in West Caused by Extent of Movement and Lateness of Season

OTTAWA, Sept. 18. —The appeal of the province of British Columbia against the mountain scale of freight rates which was heard last month by the Privy Council has been referred, insofar as it is applicable to export freight rates on grain moving from the prairie provinces to Vancouver and other British Columbia ports, back to the Board of Railway Commissioners.

According to an order-in-council made public today, the railway commissioners have been asked to consider and act on the specific question of export grain rates and for this purpose arguments submitted at the hearing before the Privy Council have been sent to the commission which is now in session here. It will receive immediate consideration and an early decision is expected.

The action of the government in regard to the specific question of grain rates is due it is said to the importance of reaching a quick decision in view of the existing situation in the West caused by the extent of the crop movement and the lateness of the season.

It is thought that if any relief is granted in the way of reducing rates on the grain haul to the Pacific it should be done at once.

The cabinet has not given any ruling in regard to the whole case which was appealed to it and it will probably not be dealt with finally until the return of the premier and his colleagues from the Imperial Conference.

A report from the finance committee recommending that money be held by the city for the building of the Nurses' Home be paid over with accrued interest at once to the hospital board was adopted by the council last night.

FIRE DESTROYS S. WELLINGTON

Number of Buildings go up in Flames at Mining Town Vancouver Island

NANAIMO, Sept. 18.—The mining town of South Wellington was threatened with destruction by fire yesterday when flames originating in Patterson's warehouse destroyed Patterson's and Taylor's stores, the residences of Mrs. Blaskett and Mr. Mead, the post office, theatre and candy store. No estimate of the amount of damage is given.

THE MAN YOU KNOW

R. E. Benson, the local photographer, has been caught by the cartoonist in happy manner

Hundreds of Homes Destroyed by Fire at Berkeley and Two Students of University Dead

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 18.—Two unidentified students of the University of California are dead, hundreds of homes are ruined and millions of dollars worth of property consumed in a fire which started as a grass fire and ran out of control in a heavy wind into the residential district and threatened the whole business district. It sent thousands of residents fugitive from their homes before the desperate efforts of fire fighters and a fortunate change of wind brought the fire under control last night.

BERKELEY, Sept. 18.—(noon). —A search for bodies among the charred ruins of the Cragmont section of this city laid waste by yesterday's fire is being conducted today without success. More than 600 houses have been destroyed and upwards of forty persons injured. There are unconfirmed reports of others killed. Forty-five blocks in the city's most beautiful home district is devastated and there are 2,500 persons homeless. The latest estimate of the property loss is between three and five million dollars. The fire began in a small bush fire and was swept into the residential district.

CARPENTIER WILL BOX WITH GIBBONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 18—Georges Carpentier, French light heavyheavyweight, has asked Tex Rickard to arrange a bout between him and Gibbons.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18.—Gibbons expresses his readiness to meet Carpentier at any time.

C. J. SOUTH DIED AT VANCOUVER YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18.—C. J. South, former deputy police magistrate and active worker in the interests of the Children's Aid Society died yesterday aged 73 years.

SCHOONER REVIEW GIVEN UP AS LOST

HALIFAX, Sept. 18. — The schooner Review which sailed out of Halifax June 10 with lumber is reported given up as lost. Capt. Beattie of Pictou and crew of six were aboard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Silversides left by last night's train for Edmonton.

EARTHQUAKE MALTA TODAY

MALTA, Sept. 18. — A severe earthquake shock of several seconds duration occurred this morning. Many buildings were badly shaken and the churches were filled with worshippers attending mass when the shock came. Large numbers were seized with panic and rushed into the streets. There are large cracks in many buildings and the people are in danger of falling stones.

C.P.R. President and Party Visit in the City Remain Several Hours

Availing themselves of the opportunity to take a week off in the course of their annual inspection of the system and visit Alaska with which the company through its steamers does a heavy tourist and freight business, E. W. Beatty, K.C., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and party of directors spent several hours this morning in the city en route north. The crack coast steamer Princess Louise, Capt. Arthur Slater, which is making a special trip with the officials and their staff and guests, arrived at 7.45 and pulled out at 11 o'clock.

The personnel of the party was as follows:

E. W. Beatty, K.C., president, Montreal.

Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada. and director, Montreal.

Sir Augustus Nanton, Winnipeg financier and director.

J. K. L. Ross, millionaire sportsman and director, Montreal

W. N. Tilley, K.C., consulting counsel and director, Toronto.

F. W. Molson, president of the Molson's Bank and director, Montreal.

J. W. Hobbs, Toronto, personal friend of Mr. Beatty's, Mrs. Hobbs and daughter.

D. C. Coleman, vice-president of Western lines, Winnipeg.

Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the B.C. Coast Steamship Service, Vancouver.

E. F. McKee, secretary to Mr. Beatty.

A. C. Manson, secretary to Mr. Coleman.

J. H. Smith, C.P.R. press bureau, Montreal.

G. M. Cummings, valet.

The prominent party was met here by Mayor Newton; E. C. Gibbons, president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade; L. W. Patmore, president of the Canadian Club; S. J. McLeod, vice-president of the Board of Trade; Wallace C. Orchard, general C.P.R. agent, and H. St. G. Lee, manager of the Bank of Montreal. This committee took the visitors by cars on a trip of inspection to the plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., and the Canadian National dry dock and also a drive about the city.

Mr. Beatty, whose first visit it was to Prince Rupert, evinced a keen interest in what was to be seen here. He expressed regret that the dry dock could not be operated more extensively than it was. He also regretted that time prevented his accepting the invitation of the Canadian Club to attend a luncheon here.

On the return of the party to the steamer after spending about two hours on its tour about the city, a number of other prominent citizens were on hand to extend a welcome. Among these was Col. S. P. McMordie, who went to Toronto University with Mr. Beatty and played soccer on the same team. Having many friends and acquaintances in common, Col. McMordie and Mr. Beatty enjoyed a real old time chat. Others who met the visitors were Fred Stork, M.P.; Reginald Beaumont, C.G.M.M. local superintendent; G. A. Woodland, manager of the Imperial Oil Co.; George Frizzell, Jarvis McLeod and T. W. Herne. Mrs. W. C. Orchard entertained Mrs. Hobbs and her daughter during their brief stay in the city.

Mr. Beatty and his party arrived in Vancouver from the East on Saturday night last and sailed on Sunday at noon for the north. On the way up the coast, the Princess Louise made stops of one hour at Powell River and Ocean Falls. Calls will be made at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway and the party will possibly take a run up to Lake Bennett from the latter place. It is the intention to clear Alaska at Ketchikan coming south and proceed direct to Vancouver although a stop may be made here to pick up mail, this not being definitely decided as yet. The party is due back in Vancouver next Sunday. Seattle and Victoria will also be visited.

OLIVER COMING SPEAKING TOUR

Will Follow W. J. Bowser and Answer Attacks Made on His Government

HOLD MEETING HERE

Says He Will Show People That he has a Definite Policy to Follow

VICTORIA, Sept. 18.—Premier John Oliver starts early next week on a two week's tour of northern British Columbia to follow up W. J. Bowser's present speaking tour and answer his attacks on the provincial government. The premier has been planning to visit the northern and central portions of the province some time before the autumn session and the present time he thinks will be opportune. He will visit Anyox, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Smithers, Vanderhoof and Prince George, following closely the itinerary of Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Bowser before leaving said he went north to find a policy. Premier Oliver says he will endeavor to show the northern settlers that the present government already has a policy and he will explain that policy to them.

SKIRMISHER STARTS LOADING OF LUMBER

C.G.M.M. Freighter Arrived From South at 10 O'clock Last Night—Will Sail for Yokohama

C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Skirmisher, Capt. Hilton, arrived in port from the south at 10 o'clock last night to complete a cargo of lumber for the Orient. It is expected 350,000 feet of hemlock baby squares will be loaded here as well as 1,000 cases or so of canned salmon for Japanese relief. The steamer will sail direct from here Thursday night or possibly late rfor Yokohama. The vessel went to the Imperial Oil dock last night to take on fuel and dropped down to the lumber assembly wharf this morning at 6, starting loading at 8 o'clock.

Capt. Duncan McKenzie piloted the Canadian Skirmisher up the coast.