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POLICY OF NEW GOVERNMENT IS OUTLINED

COLONIAL SECRETARY WOULD HAVE BRITISH SPEND MONEY WITHIN EMPIRE

Trade Within Empire is Keynote of King's Speech at Opening of the British Parliament Today

LONDON, Dec. 9.—King George opened Parliament in state today and the speech from the throne was filled with important announcements. He declared that British relations with foreign countries continued friendly. Egypt had accepted Britain's demands for redress, following a campaign of hostility against British interests in Egypt and the Sudan, culminating in the assassination of the Sirdar.

The Government, he said, was unable to recommend Parliament consideration of the Soviet treaties but the desire was expressed that "normal intercourse between the two countries be not interrupted."

The Government proposed to proceed with the naval base at Singapore.

Invitations had been received for the Prince of Wales to visit Argentina next year when visiting South Africa.

The closest co-operation with the Dominions and India would be the guiding principle of the government, which also would adhere to the policy of encouraging Empire settlement and mutual trade. The Government was submitting to Parliament further Imperial preferences based on the proceedings of last

PLEBISCITE TO BE SUBMITTED

City Council Decides to Take Expression of Opinion on Matter of City Management.

A plebiscite on the matter of city management is to be put to the people at the civic election in January. This was decided by the city council last night on motion of Ald. Gasey seconded by Ald. Gollart. The request to this effect from the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association had been tabled by the council pending action being taken on the matter by the legislature. Nothing having been done as far as the council knew, the decision was taken to at least obtain the expression of opinion asked for. Whether city management is approved or not by the electorate it will be impossible to put it into effect unless it is authorized by provincial legislation. The plan has yet to be adopted by any city in British Columbia although Kamloops has a system which somewhat resembles it.

In moving that the plebiscite be submitted as requested, Ald. Gasey said that, while he might not favor the scheme, he saw no objection in obtaining an expression of opinion on it. If the matter was on the minds of the people, it would only be fair to take the feeling of the voters.

BUILDING BYLAW GETS ITS THIRD READING

No Restrictions on Position of Residences on the Lot or Number of Houses

The amended Building Bylaw was given its third reading at last night's council meeting. The matter of fire walls for buildings within the fire limits was laid over for more explicit specifications.

There was considerable discussion as to the advisability of introducing a building line setting the distance that residences might be built from the front of lots and, after several difficulties had been pointed out, it was decided to delete this matter and possibly have it dealt with in a separate bylaw.

Respecting the number of buildings that might be built on a single lot, the city solicitor pointed out that this was regulated per acre by statute.

It was decided to require chimneys to be built of brick or concrete at least four feet from the roof instead of two feet as at present required.

MCRAE PLANS IN MILLIONS

Dollar Added to Royalty Gives Seven Millions to Millionaire

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—Every dollar royalty added to licensed timber by the provincial government enhances the holdings of General McRae in crown granted and Dominion timber by seven million dollars, according to a memorandum handed to the Premier by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, answering General McRae's letter urging that royalties be increased.

CONCESSIONS FOR BUCKLEY

Council Does Not Seem Disposed to Agree to All Requests

It was indicated at last night's council meeting that the twenty-year agreement proposed by F. L. Buckley for taxes, water and power in connection with the Seal Cove sawmill which it is proposed to reopen is not going to be acceptable to the city. Feeling that Mr. Buckley should have some reply to his communication, Mayor Newton brought the matter up. Speaking for the utilities committee, Ald. Macdonald stated that 1 1/2¢ per kilowatt hour for power seemed to be the lowest rate that in fairness could be given. Mr. Buckley had asked for 3¢, the rate the mill formerly had. As far as water was concerned, the committee might feel disposed, Ald. Macdonald said, to recommend the flat rate of \$10 per month whether or not the mill was in operation. Ald. MacMordie was opposed to any 20 year agreement as far as assessment was concerned and questioned the fairness of a fixed assessment. As far as power was concerned, he did not see why the mill should get a lower rate than the 1 1/2¢ offered the elevator. General disapproval was expressed of any twenty-year agreement.

The matter will probably come up for final decision on the part of the council next week. The utilities committee will deal with its end at its meeting Friday night and the finance committee with its on Saturday.

MOTHER OF LOCAL LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. D. B. McDougall Receives Sad News of Her Mother's Death at Yakima, Washington

Mrs. D. B. McDougall, Palmer House, yesterday received the sad news that her mother Mrs. Palmer, had passed away at seven o'clock in the morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Armstrong, in Yakima, Washington. Mrs. Palmer's health had been very bad for the past few years. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters and four sons. The remains will be taken to Gurley, Washington, where they will be laid along-side those of her husband who died on September 16, 1916.

Mrs. Paler was in Prince Rupert last March and made many friends here who will regret her demise.

DOUKHOBORS CONVENTION

Delegates Gather at Brilliant to Choose Successor to Peter Veregin

NELSON, Dec. 9.—Doukhabor delegates from the prairies and points in British Columbia arrived for the ceremonies at Brilliant in conjunction with the choice of a spiritual successor to the late Peter Veregin and the election of the new president for the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood.

The program opens today with "Three Days of Remembrance" for the late leader. A visit will be made to the grave each forenoon when there will be prayers and exhortations and singing.

MEXICAN STEAMER IS AFIRE AND CREW HAS ABANDONED HER

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 9.—A radio message received early this morning stated that the Mexican steamer Oaxaca was reported afloat off the west coast of Mexico and that she had been abandoned and her crew of 27 landed forty miles south of Mazatlan.

SHORTAGE OF HOUSES IN CITY IS CLAIMED

Number of People Looking for Residences and Cannot Find Them

A number of people are looking for residences in the city and are unable to find them. Recent comers who are anxious to bring their families here have been trying to secure houses and have been looking at everything that offers, yet a number have been unable to secure anything that seems suitable. People who contemplate leaving have their houses spoken for months beforehand and it seems as if the shortage would become even more acute in the spring.

Just what steps will be taken to meet the demand does not seem apparent. It looks just now as if a little speculative house building would be a good thing here.

MR. WILLISROFT'S SALARY INCREASE

Council Accepts Recommendation From Finance Committee and Treasurer That He Receive \$145 Per Month

The city council last night, on recommendation of the finance committee, granted an increase in salary to W. E. Willisroft of the treasurer's department from \$135 to \$145 per month. The increase was also recommended by City Treasurer Matheson who reported that Mr. Willisroft's predecessor had received \$150 per month and had more help.

In this connection, a report was received from the city auditor approving the suggestion of a bylaw setting out City Hall salary schedules. The report deemed, however, that the time was not now opportune for the formulation of such a bylaw.

The Canadian Australian freighter Wairuna is due at Ocean Falls next week to load paper for Australia.

FLURRY OVER AN EXECUTION

People of Hull Wanted Murderer Set Free But He Was Hanged Today

HULL, England, Dec. 9.—William Smith, a young painter, whose condemnation to death for murdering a young woman, aroused intensive appeals for clemency, was hanged this morning.

The populace was greatly stirred over the case, filling the churches for hours. A meeting threatened violence if the reprieve was not granted. The appeal was made direct to King George.

One argument for the reprieve was that Smith was not shown the same impartiality as another man who was proved guilty of murdering his wife at the same time as Smith and who was condemned and sentenced for only ten years.

COLONIAL SECRETARY WOULD HELP BUILD UP NATIONS OF THE EMPIRE RATHER THAN AID FOREIGN NATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lieut. Col. Amery, colonial secretary, addressing the Australian Club here last night, said that Great Britain, in the past two generations had squandered millions of its finest people and thousand of millions of pounds of money largely in building up other nations which neither in war nor peace would ever be what an enlarged Australia, Canada, New Zealand or South Africa might have been.

Lieut. Col. Amery said he trusted that ever increasing pressure would be brought to bear on the government to carry out a policy of Imperial preference not only in tariffs but in every other direction to strengthen the Empire.

FIVE FOOT VEIN AT TERMINUS MINE

H. A. Heywood, manager of the Terminus Mine at Stewart, is a passenger going through on the Cardena today bound for Victoria where he will spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Heywood reports that recent developments in the Terminus mine uncovered a five-foot vein of high grade ore containing a considerable amount of native silver.

SPECIAL RATE FOR WINDOW LIGHTING

Merchants Will be Charged \$1.00 Per Month For 150 Watt Lamps So Used

The city council last night adopted a report from the utilities committee giving a flat rate of \$1.00 per month to merchants for 150 watt lamps used for window lighting purposes. An amendment calling for this rate to be included in the bylaw governing rates was also passed.

Ald. Macdonald explained that the utilities committee had been in conference with a delegation of merchants on the matter. It had been felt that the city would be benefitted to a certain extent through better shop window lighting. The suggestion that the rate proposed be embodied in the bylaw by formal amendment was made by Ald. Gollart after the city solicitor had stated that such action would be necessary.

LIGHT AND PHONES PAID IN NOVEMBER

Surpluses Aggregating Nearly \$5,000 Reported by Superintendent of Utilities to Council

During the month of November, the municipal electric light department showed a surplus of \$3,577.99 according to report of the superintendent of utilities submitted to the city council last night. Revenue is estimated at \$9,200 and expenditures was \$5,622.01. Capital expenditure during the month amounted to \$242.36.

The telephone department report for the month showed a surplus of \$1,271.35, revenue being estimated at \$3,850 and expenditure being \$2,578.65. Capital expenditure for the month totalled \$345.36.

BLATCHFORD AGAIN EDMONTON'S MAYOR

EDMONTON, Dec. 9.—Mayor Kenneth Blatchford was returned to office for a second term with a majority of about 2,000 at the civic election held here yesterday.

LAST NIGHT'S GALE SEVERE

But No Serious Damage Was Reported This Morning—Old Timers Reminiscent

Last night's gale, the highest in velocity and the most continuous yet this fall, recalled to old-timers' memories blows of 1910 and 1911 when such buildings as the Alder Block, the Catholic Church and other structures then in course of construction were bowled over. Many pioneers were this morning discussing experiences of those days.

As far as could be ascertained this morning, little damage of a serious nature was occasioned by last night's hurricane, although many citizens lay awake in their beds momentarily waiting for their roofs to blow away or their homes to leave their foundations. Some roofs did sustain damage and in one or two cases it is reported that the shaking of houses caused interior damage.

All telegraph lines out of the city were out of commission this morning as was also the telephone line to the wireless station at Digby Island.

THREE YEARS FOR BURGLARY

William Duke Who Stole Revolvers and Ammunition Convicted and Sentenced

William Duke, who stole guns and ammunition from the store of Wilfrid Gratton, and who later was arrested by Police Sergeant Bailey who secured a confession of guilt, was this morning convicted by Judge Young and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at New Westminster.

Accused was committed for trial by Magistrate McGlymont on Thursday morning. This morning he decided to take speedy trial before the county court judge, pleaded guilty and was sentenced. He will be taken to New Westminster on the next boat.

SMITHERS MAN WANTED HERE

City Police Had Warrant Out for Man Who is Charged With Hold up Over Gambling Table

It was disclosed at the city police station this morning that there was a warrant out here for the arrest of Mike Sennick, who was apprehended by the provincial police at Smithers on Sunday following a hold-up over a gambling table there. Sennick was wanted for fraudulently obtaining food and lodging from David Gibb of this city. It is also believed that Sennick had taken a gun from Mr. Gibb's house and probably this was the weapon he used at Smithers. The local police are today in communication with the Smithers police on the matter.

HANGS IN HEN COOP

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Bessie Venning, aged 47, was found dead hanging from a beam in the chicken run at her home in Burnaby.

KILLED SLIDE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—John McDonald, employee at the Gallies quarries at Port Coquitlan, was instantly killed when his head was crushed between two rocks in a rock slide.