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PREMIER OLIVER URGES WORK AND THRIFT

EQUALIZATION OF FREIGHT RATES DEMANDED BY REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Premier Oliver Makes Fighting Speech of Three Hours in Reply to Criticism of the Government

Urges Thrift, Industry and Courage in Order to Make the Province Prosperous and Charges Extravagance.

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—"Thrift, industry and courage will make British Columbia prosperous. If her people do not possess these virtues better abandon the province to the yellow races who find no difficulty in making a living." These words concluded a three hour fighting speech in defence of the government by Hon. John Oliver, a trenchant reply to the opposition criticisms. The Premier called for confidence in the future of the province, for economy and hard work. He challenged the opposition to lay definite charges of election irregularities instead of insinuations. He declared that the government had no desire to hold office as a result of any wrong doing. Anyone guilty would be exposed regardless of consequences.

"If the province has the natural wealth and resources boasted of and if we are worthy of the race from which we sprung," declared Mr. Oliver, "there is no need of pessimism. The present burdens of the government are due to past lax administration and the war and will be overcome. The people are living beyond their powers of production. Extravagance is seen everywhere. Only industry, thrift, and courage, similar to that shown by our forebears will bring prosperity."

Mr. Oliver congratulated the new opposition on its debating ability but deplored their mishandling of the facts. He claimed that the freight rates was the government's fight if it was anybody's. Feed for stock cost over 40c a hundred pounds to bring from the prairies whereas export grain paid only 22½ cents a hundred. It cost twice as much to ship lumber to the prairies as to bring wheat here. He scored Cochrane's claim for grants to aid fruit growers. Equal freight rates was what was wanted, not grants.

In reply to the charge of patronage, the Premier claimed that the civil service was still full of Conservative appointees. He described Rev. Joshua Hinchcliffe as an oily-unctuous sanctimonious adept, spreading suspicion.

Dealing with the Pacific Great Eastern charges in which Esling and Hanes had taken a leading part, Oliver said that after thirteen hours gruelling not a charge had been proven.

Turning then to the criticisms made of the absentee voting, the Premier said that in 1920 the absentee voters had been 10 per cent of the total. This year it was five. Conservatives had supported the principle of the absentee vote in the House.

Discussing the request for grants from fruit growers, the Premier said he reclaimed his own farm from the sea without assistance and he refused to mortgage it to help the fruit growers. Since 1916 the industrial payroll had increased. Six hundred and thirty-three industries had been added.

Concluding, Mr. Oliver said it was the intention of the government to carry on during this and succeeding sessions but there were prices they would not pay to stay.

RENT WAR ON IN GLASGOW

Inhabitants of Clydesdale Division Refusing to Pay While Seven Prosecuted

SCOUTS TAKING PART

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A rent war in the Clydesdale division of Glasgow is increasing in intensity, thousands refusing to pay rent for their homes. The trouble is accentuated by the threatened prosecution of seven tenants who were evicted Wednesday but with the aid of sympathizers got back into their homes. They now will be prosecuted on a charge of house-breaking.

The tenants in Clydesdale state that if these seven are prosecuted, they will retalitate with a general rent strike.

A body of boy scouts is watching day and night to warn the tenantry of the appearance of agents or landlords.

BRANDY NEWELL QUITTING SEA

Master of Well Known Local Boat Atli Intends to Keep Promise to His Wife

B. M. (Brandy) Newell, one of the best known and most successful of the local halibut fishing boat owners, has made his last voyage and is quitting the sea. His boat Atli, which has made so many profitable voyages to the fishing banks, is up for sale. Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Newell are leaving for Vancouver on an extended holiday trip.

Brandy promised his wife some time ago that when he turned forty-five he would cease his wanderings on the deep and would seek to engage in some business that would keep him nearer and more often at the family hearth. He is now figuring on making good that promise.

Mr. Newell hopes, however, that he may return to Prince Rupert to make his home. This is where he has made a good living for many years and he thinks that in some other line he may continue to do so, especially since an era of renewed prosperity seems to be immediately in store. His and Mrs. Newell's host of friends will also hope that they will return to locate permanently.

SUGGESTIONS BY DR. PUTMAN

School Board Hears from Head of Educational Survey Commission

Several very interesting suggestions as to measures that might be taken to improve the local school system obtaining a greater degree of efficiency at probably a lower cost, were made by Dr. Putman of the educatioal survey commission which was here last week. These were reported to the board last night by Chairman Parker who had been in conversation with the commission.

One of Dr. Putmas's suggestions was that the Booth School be converted to High School purposes, being better equipped for that than any of the other buildings. The more advanced public school classes could also continue there under one principal and the Borden Street and King Edward schools could be used for Intermediate and Junior grades.

Dr. Putman criticized the manual training syllabus and felt that personal initiative was being lost sight of in the carrying out of a stereotyped course. It was pointed out that the course was set by the education department and could only be changed by it.

The matter of abolishing the school board and having its duties included with that of the city council was also discussed.

Another suggestion made by Dr. Putman was that the school boards of Anyox and Ocean Falls be approached with a view to putting an inspector over the schools at those points and in Prince Rupert in a supervising capacity. Another suggestion was that a supervising teacher be engaged in Prince Rupert with a stenographer who could also act as a substitute teacher.

Mr. Parker stated that Dr. Putman had explained that it did not come within the commission's province to make recommendations to school boards individually but he had merely thrown these suggestions out to be taken for what they were worth.

A thorough inspection of the local schools had been made by the commission, Mr. Parker reported. They had taken charge of classes and had expressed themselves as well satisfied with the personel of the teaching staffs and the conditions of the schools as a whole. It had been intended to have a conference with the school board but this had been impossible.

BARS GRAIN EXPORTS

WARSAW.— The government has fixed a charge of the equivalent of $3 on each 222-pounds of grain exported because of the limited crops in Poland this year. This charge amounts to a prohibition of grain exports.

Mrs. T. R. Tannock is sailing tonight on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver.

FISHING ENDS HALIBUT BANKS

Close Season Commences at Midnight: Number of Boats Yet to Bring Catches

This is the last day for fishing on the halibut banks as the close season commences at midnight. There will be a number of boats yet to bring in their catches, a good many of which will come here. The Scandia with 90,000 pounds and Pioneer with 60,000 left Ketchikan yesterday for Seattle where they will sell prior to lying up for the winter. The Resolute with 40,000 pounds is reported due at Ketchikan this afternoon. Following are the today's sales

American

Vansee, 58,000, to Cold Storage at 13.90c and 6c.

Imperial, 12,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 15.80c and 6c.

Groth, 9,500, to Royal Fish Co. at 16.40c and 6c.

Baltic, 9,000, to Cold Storage at 15.90c and 6c.

Middleton, 28,000 to Cold Storage at 14.40c and 6c.

Canadian

Cape Swain, 1,000, to Cold Storage at 14.50c and 6c.

MORE SOUNDING ELEVATOR SITE

W. N. Chater, Engineer in Charge, Returns From Edmonton and Will be Here a Week

W. N. Chater of Port Arthur, engineer for C. D. Howe & Co., designers of the terminal grain elevator, which is to be erected here by the department of trade and commerce, arrived from Edmonton on last night's train. The object of Mr. Chater's present visit is to take further soundings at the site off the mouth of Morse Creek. Certain revisions have become necessary in the original plans following Mr. Chater's first report. They are of a minor nature, however, and will have little effect on the project as a whole. This work being done, all will be in readiness for the calling of tenders for the foundation. Mr. Chater expects to be here about a week this time.

A. E. O'Meara of Victoria, engaged as counsel by the Naas River Indians in their land matters, arrived in the city from the north on the Venture.

Committed for Trial on Charge of Murdering Child at Nanaimo; Religious Frenzy was Responsible

NANAIMO, Nov. 15.—Leslie Dickie, 54 years of age, was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of having murdered his two year old grandson on Sunday. His two sons, William and David, were bound over to appear as witnesses and Mrs. Mary Dickie, mother of the murdered child, was bound over in order to insure her appearance.

The accused had always been a religious man and recently joined the Pentecostal assembly. Last Saturday he announced that he had Divine power. He said there was a demon in the house which must be driven out.

At sunrise, after an all night session of prayer, the family was told by him to go to the kitchen window and see the glory of God. Mary, the mother of the child, carried it to the window, but it began to cry. She swore in court that she knew her father placed his hand over its mouth, but said she never dreamed he meant to kill it. The boy was suffocated.

After the baby's death the father persuaded them he had the power to raise it from the dead. The entire Sunday was spent in prayer and fasting. Eventually the neighbors suspected that something was wrong and summoned the police.

CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IS NOW RECOGNIZED

LONDON, Nov. 15.— New ground has been broken by the High Commissioner, who on Tuesday next will be received by Premier Baldwin. This will be the first time for the High Commissioner of any of the Dominions to be officially received by the Premier of Britain on accepting office.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Willett left on last night's train for New York on a vacation trip. Enroute east they will visit in Toronto and Welland, Ontario, and will return by way of Chicago and Seattle. They expect to be away about a month.

GREY SUGGESTS ARBITRATION

Former Foreign Secretary Would Have League of Nations Act in Empire Affairs

LONDON, Nov. 15. — Viscount Grey of Falloden, in a speech here today which was widely broadcasted, suggested the employment of the League of Nations as a safety valve in connection with empire nations in foreign affairs. In order to guard against perplexity on the part of the Dominions on any occasion of unforseen crisis, Earl Grey suggested that Britain might promise the Dominions to refer a dispute with a foreign power to an international court of justice of the League of Nations or some other arbitration board as a guarantee that the Dominions should not be suddenly called on to take a hand in a dispute, the merits of which they had not had time to consider.

BOILER EXPLOSION

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 15. — Twenty-five persons are missing and believed to have been drowned as a consequence of a boiler explosion aboard the steamer on which 60 passengers were returning to their homes. Twenty-two others were severely injured.

Rate Equalization on Railuays Would Bring Prosperity to Province

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—Charles Woodward, senior member for Vancouver, stated yesterday in the Legislature that removal of the freight rates discrimination would restore prosperity to the province. He said the ten per cent handling charges on five hundred million bushels of Canadian grain exported through United States ports would mean $50,000,000 circulated in Canadian channels when the establishment of the western route kept that business in Canada.

The debate on the speech from the throne ended yesterday afternoon and the budget will be brought down Monday. The address in reply to the speech from the throne was adopted without amendment or division and the minister of finance, Hon. J. D. Maclean, moved the first of the resolutions for the granting of supply.

J. W. Jones, Conservative, of South Okanagan, charged the government with contemptible spite work because of its failure to implement the promises of Dr. K. C. MacDonald, late provincial secretary, to advance a $43,000 loan for irrigation in the interior districts.

ELECTION COST WAS $175,496

Prince Rupert Constituency Cost a Little Over Three Thousand Dollars

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—The total cost of the general election last June amounted to $175,496, according to information given in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. William Sloan in answer to a question. The expenses of the returning officers, including the costs in the Vancouver electoral districts was $125,892 while printing the voters' lists, forms, etc., cost $49,604. The expenses included the taking of the beer vote.

Vancouver city cost $26,546; Victoria, $7,491; Prince Rupert, $3,393; Nelson, $875. Outside of the cities of Vancouver and Victoria the average cost per riding was $2,000.

BOAT THELMA ABANDONED

A report having been received that the local halibut boat Thelma, Capt. Dahl, had been abandoned at sea and the crew of four landed at Massett in a dory, a boat was despatched from here last night to bring them into port.

While no information of a definite nature has been received, it is believed that the Thelma was on her way in from the Cape Addington banks and that she must have got into difficulties off the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Thelma was in trouble last year on November 15 in a storm on the Yakutat banks, Spence Allen and William Wilson having been washed overboard and drowned from her.

ALICE ARM MAN GETS 12 MONTHS

George Graham Found Guilty by Magistrate Conway of Second Offence Under Liquor Act

George Graham of Alice Arm was found guilty before Stipendiary Magistrate John Conway at Anyox yesterday of selling liquor and was sentenced to twelve months at Okalla Prison Farm. It was his second offence.

At Stewart yesterday Magistrate Scarlett found Ollie Russell and Wm. Dann guilty of selling liquor. Each got six months. Mrs. Yohn similarly charged es treated bail.

EQUAL RATES ARE DEMANDED

Associated Boards of Trade at Kamloops Convention Endorses Fight

OFFICERS ELECTED

KAMLOOPS, Nov. 15—The Associated Board of Trade yesterday passed a resolution endorsing the demand for equalization of freight rates to and from this province with those to and from the east from prairie points. It was one of a number of important resolutions passed by the convention here.

Other resolutions included one asking the government to legislate for town planning at the option of the municipalities; equal school taxation, and abolition of the personal property tax.

P. E. Wilson of Prince George pressed for a recommendation that the P.G.E. be completed to Prince George and that an extension into the Peace River country via Pine or Peace River Pass be actively investigated by the government. With slight amendments this was endorsed. Officers were chosen as follows:

President—C. H. Dunbar.

Vice-president— Melville Dollar, Vancouver.

Secretary-treasurer — Harold Beattie of Vernon.

Executive — Messrs. Macken, Schwengers, P. E. Wilson and George Buchanan.

THIRD FUR WAS NEVER STOLEN

Cape Supposed to Have Been Removed in Thursday Morning's Robbery Found in Store

All the furs supposed to have been stolen when a thief broke William Goldbloom's show window Thursday morning have been accounted for. The third cape was found in a trunk in the store. It had not been removed as was at first stated. The would-be thief is still at large.