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# STATEMENT BY DAWSON ON GRAIN TRAFFIC

## POSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING WHEAT FROM RUPERT IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

### Half of Prairie Grain Will Soon be Shipped by Pacific; Rupert Will Share Business

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—"In five years fifty per cent of the grain grown on the prairie provinces will be shipped through the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert," stated F. G. Dawson, of Prince Rupert, B.C., who was a visitor in Montreal yesterday.

Mr. Dawson, who is one of the directors of the Canadian National Railways, is in Montreal on business. Qualifying his prediction, which is of considerable significance to eastern as well as to western Canada, Mr. Dawson pointed out that the present freight rates from certain portions of the prairie province to the Pacific coast are equal to the rates to the head of the Great Lakes.

Navigation on the Great Lakes is closed from about December 1 to April 1 or four months, where-as the Pacific coast ports are open the year round. This close-up of the Great Lakes ports, Mr. Dawson stated, causes a rush period in the movement of grain to meet this rush the railway companies have to maintain a large equipment which is more or less idle during the remainder of the year. At the same time congestion frequently results at the head of the lakes and, as has been the case this winter, the declaration of an embargo has been necessary. To meet the conditions which are bound to come, Mr. Dawson declares that the Pacific coast ports are making preparations to improve their harbor facilities, and to seek the erection of elevators and add to their equipment for the quick despatch of grain.

No Failures in Rupert

Touching upon present conditions on the Pacific coast, Mr. Dawson was genuinely optimistic. He pointed out that the best indication of the prosperity of the Pacific coast was to be found in the record of the business men of Prince Rupert among whom no failures had been recorded for more than two and one half years. This record, Mr. Dawson asserts, is one without equal by any city of the proportionate population of Prince Rupert.

The mining, the lumbering, and fishing industries in British Columbia are developing rapidly, stated Mr. Dawson. The fishing industry last year enjoyed the most successful season in its history, particularly in the vicinity of Prince Rupert where the catch of halibut and salmon was particularly large. The run of salmon on the Skeena River was very heavy and they packed more than all other canneries of British Columbia combined.

Through Central British Columbia much energy is being shown in mining development, considerable capital being interested in the development of silver, gold and lead mines in that section of the province. A few days ago a rich strike of tungsten was reported and, if the investigations substantiate the report, it will be of very great importance to British Columbia. The find of tungsten is reported from the district just east of Prince George on the main line of the Canadian National Railways.

The lumbering industry is making good progress. During the past year approximately two and a half million feet of timber were cut and all winter camps have been busy lumbering and sawmills have been kept employed getting out ties for the railways and on similar work.

Edmonton Interview

In a special despatch from Edmonton to the Vancouver Province Mr. Dawson is quoted as saying he is going to Ottawa to try to get grain elevators for Prince Rupert. The despatch reads in part:

Mr. Dawson arrived on the Prince Rupert train in the afternoon and left again on Sunday morning to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors in Montreal. Prince Rupert, says Mr. Dawson, expects to share in the western coast grain business with Vancouver and energetic efforts are being made to secure the establishment of grain elevators at that city. On his visit East this week he will take up the matter with the Federal government.

Mr. Dawson is a strong booster for Prince Rupert as a western grain export port.

### RUSSIA CROWS OVER EUROPE

Minister of Foreign Affairs Jubilant at Position in Which Recognition Places Them

MOSCOW, Feb. 14.—The recent action of Great Britain and Italy in recognizing the Soviet government and the announcement that Norway has also accorded full recognition to the republic is causing jubilation in official circles here. According to the statement of Maxim Litvinoff, minister of foreign affairs, the Soviet feel it now holds the trump cards so far as Europe is concerned. "The countries must first recognize us de jure. Then we will discuss matters with them," he said. "We now have ample field for our economic activities."

### MOUNTED POLICE ARE EXONERATED

Report of Royal Commissioner to Investigate Charges Published in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—J. P. Smith, K.C., royal commissioner to investigate charges that Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in British Columbia had trafficked in drugs, finds the evidence insufficient to support the charges. He finds that, in the case of alleged intimidation, there was abusive language but no actual intimidation. The report observes that a member of the force had admitted giving a dollar to an addict to buy drugs but he said that he did it as the only means of catching the man. Subject to the above, Commissioner Smith finds that the investigation completely exonerated the Mounted Police.

### ELEVATORS FOR WESTMINSTER

President of Board of Trade Says Two Are to be Erected There Within Few Months

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 14.—Two big terminal grain elevators are to be erected on the Fraser River here by private interests within a few months according to E. A. Riddell, president of the Board of Trade. The sawmills have been kept employed getting out ties for the railways and on similar work.

HOCKEY SCORES  
Calgary 4, Vancouver 0.

### DOLES BEFORE BRITISH HOUSE

Opposition Opposes Policy But Does Not Want Appeal to Country Now

LONDON, Feb. 14.—At the very outset of its career the Labor Government finds itself confronted with a serious dilemma through H. H. Asquith's declaration in the House of Commons demanding administration reconsideration towards "Populism."

The theory that all citizens have a right to work or maintenance at the public expense has gained the sobriquet of "Populism."

Had the incident arisen at a later stage of the Government's existence its continuance in office would have been threatened, since the Liberals and Conservatives opposed the Government policy. Such an outcome is not expected, however, as neither opposition party wants to oust the ministry, as such action would involve another election. The position nevertheless is one of extreme difficulty. Disavowal of the Poplar doles would bring the wrath of the extremists on the heads of the Government.

Poplar is one of the poorer parts of London where many of the people have been receiving doles from the Government when out of work.

### WANTS RETURN OF WHEAT ADVANCES

Minister of Finance Refuses to Meet With Request of Grain Growing Organizations

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—"However much I would like to help you, I am going to hold on to that \$500,000 until at least a considerable part of the amount owed to the Federal government for grain advances is received," was the reply of Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, to representatives of three provincial wheat growing organizations which requested that a portion of the money be turned over to them.

All her passenger accommodation taken up and her holds loaded with freight, C.N.R. steamer Prince John, Capt. Neil McLean, cleared this morning at 1:45 for Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands.



Mrs. Nina Wilcox Putnam, popular writer, and her business manager, Ellsworth Bassett, recently mentioned in the voiding of Mrs. Putnam's divorce at Providence, photographed on the sands at Miami before the storm broke.

### Expert Is Being Sent Here to Report on Feasibility of Local Sites for an Elevator

C. D. Howe, an elevator expert, is to come here to report on the feasibility of erecting an elevator at this port on behalf of the Canadian National Railways. He is being sent here on the request of S. J. McLeod, president of the local board of trade who wired Sir Henry Thornton as follows:

"Increased western grain shipments have caused numerous inquiries regarding this port as an outlet. No expert report available. Could the Canadian National secure C. D. Howe, who made the report to you on the Fraser River sites, or other expert to render similar service this port. Understand Mr. Howe is now on Pacific Coast."

The following answer was received last night.

"Will be glad to comply with your request to have C. D. Howe make a report on the elevator position at Prince Rupert and an arranging accordingly."

### COMMITTEE REFUSES TO PLACE JAPAN ON EQUAL WITH EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Members of the House Immigration Committee appeared disinclined today to comply with the suggestion made by Secretary of State Hughes that Japan be placed on the same quota basis as other nations in the new immigration bill. The bill as drafted provides for exclusion of Japanese.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY TO REGIMENT FORMED

Mrs. J. W. Nicholls, President; Mrs. H. E. Tremayne, Vice-President; Mrs. W. Davies, Secretary

At a meeting of 19 or 20 ladies in the armory yesterday, a Ladies' Auxiliary to the First North B.C. Regiment was organized. Its immediate work will be to assist the officers and men of the regiment in their social activities.

Officers as follows were elected: President, Mrs. J. W. Nicholls. Vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Tremayne. Secretary, Mrs. Wright Davies.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR RUSH OF BUSINESS

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—Extensive preparations are being made by the Canadian National Railway to meet the heavy traffic which is expected in the spring, when immigrants begin to arrive in large numbers. All colonist car equipment that can be spared from the service is being brought into the shops and thoroughly overhauled and in some cases remodelled. At the Moncton shops four cars are being converted into lunch counter cars.

### PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FORMED

Mrs. Arnott Heads New Organization Which Will Consider Out of School Activities of Pupils

About one hundred people last night attended the organization meeting of parents and teachers for the purpose of forming a Prince Rupert Parent-Teachers' Association. J. G. Brady presided and outlined the purpose of the organization which was to bring about co-operation between parents and teachers, especially in regard to matters in which both were interested as being for the benefit of the children under their care. In this city one of the pressing needs was providing facilities for games and sports and other amusements. It was the most important question with which they would have to deal. It was then decided to organize and officers were elected as follows:

Hon. Presidents J. G. Brady and H. S. Hurn.

President, Mrs. Arnott.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Candow.

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. M. M. Stephens.

Recording secretary, D. H. Harless.

Corresponding secretary, Jas. Mitchell.

Treasurer, Mrs. T. M. Spender.

Press Correspondent, C. Woodworth.

Convenors of committees: Membership, Mrs. E. W. Tucker; social, Mrs. J. Bulger; program, T. Ross McKay.

Delegates to schoolboard: J. G. Johnston and T. Ross McKay. Messrs. Mackay and Johnston both spoke of the need of some such body as that formed taking an interest in providing suitable amusements for the young people. Nearly half of the people present were men.

### STEAMER AMUR ON ROCKS YET

Refuses to Move at High Tide This Morning Although Lightened

The first attempt to float the stranded steamer Amur off the rocks on White Cliff Island was made at the high tide at 8:45 this morning but the vessel failed to move and it will be necessary to further lighten her of cargo preparatory to making another try tomorrow morning.

Yesterday considerable of the Amur's cargo which consists of steel rails, machinery, coal and lumber for Anyox was removed to scows alongside the vessel while the steamers Tees and Marmion were standing by. This work will continue today.

If the Amur floats without leaking she will proceed to Anyox to discharge. If she does not she will probably be brought here for docking.

The salvage claim on the Amur's coal barge will be settled today, it is expected, and the Marmion will proceed to Anyox with the barge.

Yesterday, Capt. E. McCoskie, harbor master, Jarvis McLeod, collector of customs, P. Dorreen and Capt. Alfred Swanson made a trip to the scene of the stranding on the tug Marmion.

R. Blance, chief engineer for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., returned home yesterday afternoon by the Prince Rupert from a trip to Vancouver.

### FISH ARRIVALS

Five American Boats Landed 66,500 Pounds of Halibut Today

Five American fishing boats landed 66,500 pounds of halibut today as follows:

Gladstone, 21,000 pounds, at 14.9c and 8c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Antler, 15,500 pounds, at 14c and 8c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Woodrow, 5,000 pounds, at 15.9c and 8c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Katalla, 5,000 pounds, at 15.9c and 8c, and Seymour, 20,000 pounds, at 14.8c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

### AUSTRALIA AND CANADA LIKELY MAKE A TREATY

Conference Ends Its Work and Will Report to Governments Interested

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—A series of conferences begun with Australia two years ago aiming at reciprocal tariff agreement between Canada and Australia ended here last night. The extent to which each government is willing to make concessions, in the tariff has been made clear to each delegation, which will submit the results of the conference to its respective government for approval.

Nothing will be made public until the nature of the proposals is published simultaneously in both countries.

The Australian delegates were Senator Wilson, minister of health in the Commonwealth government, and Major Oakley, controller of customs.

### ASSETS OF HOME BANK FAR SHORT

Even Imposition of Double Liability on Shareholders Will Not Meet Liabilities

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—The assets of the Home Bank including amount recoverable under the double liability of the shareholders will fall very far short of the amount necessary to meet the liabilities of the bank in the opinion of Liquidator G. T. Clarkson, in an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court. The purpose of the affidavit was to show the necessity of resorting to the double liability of shareholders to meet the losses.

Losses expected to be incurred in realizing upon loans is estimated at \$4,400,000 which will more than wipe out the reserves of \$2,595,734, leaving a deficit of \$1,800,000. Additional losses of \$700,000 are expected from minor agricultural and commercial loans.

### TWO BOYS DIE ON MOUNTAIN

Body of Arthur Willis Found Near His Companion on Grouse Mountain

WAS BADLY INJURED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—The lifeless body of Arthur Willis, 21 years of age, companion to David Spencer, whose dead body was found late Tuesday afternoon in a hole on the side of Grouse Mountain near here, was found late yesterday by searchers. It was in a gully 300 feet away from where Spencer's body had been found. His leg had been broken and his head crushed, presumably by a fall of several hundred feet into the gully. He had evidently gone to the aid of his friend Spencer and had fallen 300 feet into the place where the body was found.

BIRTH  
A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on February 12, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ellins.