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CONSERVATIVES CREEPING UP ON LIBERALS

SPEECH FROM THRONE SAYS LOW FREIGHT RATES WILL IMPROVE BUSINESS

Position of Government is More Precarious as Result of Returns Giving Conservatives 118 Seats

If all parties unite against Tories they will have majority of only seven or eight without speaker

TORONTO, Nov. 3.—The Conservatives have made two more gains with the result that they now have 118 members out of a total of 245 in the House and with Provencher still in doubt. Provencher goes Conservative, the united opposition to the Conservatives will muster a majority of only seven and with a speaker taken out it will drop to six.

It is not known yet whether the Progressive, Labor and Independent members will unite against the Conservatives, so the position of the government is most unstable just now. Possibly it will not be known what can be done until the House meets.

Queens, Prince Edward Island, has gone Conservative, the present line up being Liberals 100, Conservatives 118, Progressives 23, Labor 2, Independent 1, doubtful 4.

SURPLUS SHOWN FOR PROVINCE

Public Accounts Submitted to Legislature Indicate Healthy Condition of Finances

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—Public accounts presented to the Legislature yesterday show the government expenditures last fiscal year amounted to \$18,219,855 and the revenue \$18,823,357.

The report showed that the provincial assets had increased from \$25,935,110 in 1923 to \$28,40,027.

For the fiscal year 1924 the liquor sales for the six months ending September 30 were \$6,47,304 compared with \$5,634,899. The profits were \$1,151,855 compared with \$1,109,781 during the five months the beer parlors had been in operation. Hard liquor formed 51.9 per cent of the sales compared with 64.9 per cent in the same period of 1924.

DESTRUCTION SOUTH WALES

Seven Persons Drowned and Many Missing Result Bursting of Dam

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Nov. 3.—Seven persons were reported drowned and seventeen, including one woman and nine children, are missing as a result of the bursting of a dam which caused the destruction of the village of Dolzarrog. Houses and buildings were swept away and hundreds of cattle and sheep were drowned when 490,000 gallons of water rushed down from Eighau Lake through the Vale of Conway, Monday.

TRUE BILL AGAINST BERENSTEN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3.—Following the return of a true bill yesterday against H. Berensten, who is charged with the murder of a fellow seaman Evadosikoff, Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald announced that the trial would commence today.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Customs collection for the port of Prince Rupert during the month of October totalled \$25,771.27 as compared with \$32,004.19 during September.

POPULAR LOCAL COUPLE WEDDED

Miss Hazel Morency Becomes Bride of Howard Pringle at Pretty Ceremony in Annunciation Church

Two of Prince Rupert's best known and most popular young people were the principals in a pretty wedding which took place at 2.30 this afternoon in the Church of the Annunciation. His Lordship Bishop E. M. Buno officiating, when Miss Hazel Morency became the bride of J. Howard Pringle, son of Mrs. T. E. Pringle, Emmerson Place. The bride was attended by Miss Ethel Astle while the groom was supported by his brother, Norris Pringle.

After a reception which is being held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McGaffery, Fourth Avenue West, Mr. and Mrs. Pringle will sail by the Caradena for the south on a honeymoon. They will return north and take up their residence at Francois Lake where Mr. Pringle is connected with the staff of the Prince Rupert Logging Co.

CAPT. KETCHUM WAS BURNED ON HIS BOAT

Distillate Exploded as Launch Wigwag was Returning from Massett with Ballot Boxes

While coming back from Massett with the ballot boxes on Saturday, there was an explosion of distillate on the power boat Wigwag and Capt. Claude Ketchum sustained painful burns from which he was reported this morning to be making a satisfactory recovery. The sea was rough and the other member of the crew was sick but Capt. Ketchum, despite his injuries, gamely saw the boat safely into port. There was little if any damage to the Wigwag.

SUDDEN INCREASE PACIFIC MOVEMENT GRAIN IN OCTOBER

WINNIPEG, Nov. 3.—A striking feature in the October, 1925, grain movement figures is that covering the movement to Vancouver. At October 1, 317 cars had been delivered at the Pacific coast terminal by the Canadian National while on October 30 that number had increased to 3,566 cars.

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT IN MONTGOMERY CASE VANCOUVER YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3.—Montgomery, charged with murder following the death of Evelyn Campbell as a result of alleged illegal operation, last night was found guilty of manslaughter, to which the original charge had been reduced. He will be sentenced later.



John Hoag and Frank Wilton arrive at New York, completing a 5,280 mile inland motorboat trip from the Pacific coast.

Speech from Throne Comments on Reduced Freight Rates as Likely to Improve Business

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—As was expected, the speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature yesterday contained no announcement of extraordinary legislation for the fall session. It referred to improved business conditions expected to result from freight rate reduction secured since the last session together with the large crops produced on the prairies this year.

The speech mentioned that the scenic highway systems were being extended and referred to the inter-provincial highway on which satisfactory progress was being made as establishing for all time a closer connection between the coast and inland cities.

Reference was made to the increasing number of inmates of the insane asylum as a matter for serious concern.

PRIESTS FLY MEXICAN LAW

Leave State Rather Than Comply With Decree and Marry

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 3.—Reports from the state of Tabasco say that Bishop Pascal Diaz and fourteen Catholic priests have fled from the state to escape the requirements of the decree that priests of all creeds must marry in order to exercise the duties of their office.

INFANT DIED

Eight Month Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blain Passed Away Last Night

The death occurred last night of Robert, eight months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blain, 621 Thompson Street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 from Hayner Bros. Chapel to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. Father P. J. McGrath officiating.

Alex. Clapperton is resting easily at the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he was admitted as a patient last week.

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Four Grizzlies Charged at Ed. Anderson up Khutze Inlet but were Shot from Vantage of Rock

To be attacked by four grizzly bears, to come off victorious, and to secure photographs of the game after the battle is an experience few people have or would wish to have. J. Ford, a hand logger of Swanson Bay, who is in town, brings word that such was the experience of Ed. Anderson, hand logger and trapper recently in Khutze Inlet.

According to the story Anderson was out with the object of locating a new trap line at the head of Khutze Inlet and was crossing a bare spot on the side of the mountain when he was suddenly charged by four grizzlies. He made a dash for a high boulder and managed to get on top of it before the bears reached him. The first made an effort to scale the boulder but Anderson had the advantage of location and pumped two bullets into him before he rolled over. The second bear then charged up the rock but it also was killed. The other two were smaller and were dispatched without difficulty.

On his arrival back in camp Anderson was covered with blood and, guided by him, Mr. Scully, a mining engineer, visited the spot next day and photographed the bears, thus securing evidence of the truth of the story.

Mr. Ford says those who know the grizzlies of that district declare that they are always ready to charge and are the fiercest animals of their kind.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND PHONE DEPARTMENTS PAID IN SEPTEMBER

The municipal electric light department showed a surplus of \$1,818.81 during the month of September and the telephone department a surplus of \$864.81, according to reports submitted to the city council last night by Ernest Love, superintendent of utilities.

Operating figures for the two departments were as follows:

Electric Light	
Revenue	\$6,954.30
Expenditure	5,135.81
Net surplus	\$1,818.81
Cap. expenditure	4,110.71
Telephone Department	
Revenue	\$3,580.00
Expenditure	2,715.19
Net surplus	\$ 864.81
Cap. expenditure	789.96

MANSON TO TESTIFY AT ABDUCTION TRIAL

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—Stuart Henderson, counsel for three of the six persons accused of illegal detention of Wong Foon Sing, announced today that Attorney General Manson and M. B. Jackson would be called as witnesses when the abduction hearing opens at the Vancouver assizes this week.

MILLION AND HALF PACK OF SALMON IN PROVINCE THIS YEAR

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3.—The Province says the present indications point to a pack this season of 1,500,000 cases of salmon in British Columbia waters compared with 1,715,313 last year.

A. J. McCullough, logging superintendent for the Sitka Spruce Co., arrived in the city from Queen Charlotte City on the M.F.3 this morning and is registered at the Prince Rupert Hotel.

MOOSE CHARGED C.N.R. ENGINE

Bull Saw Possible Rival in Headlight but Cow Tried to Escape; Both Killed

WINNIPEG, Nov. 3.—Engineer James Strouthois of the Canadian National train Number 403 made a record in moose hunting yesterday when he killed two with his engine about one mile west of Yolliffe station.

Yolliffe, which is in the heart of the big game country, is about 39 miles from Sioux Lookout and Strouthois was running west when suddenly he saw a bull and a cow moose step out into the middle of the track and stand facing the engine in the broad glare of the headlight. The cow seemed somewhat uneasy at the approach of the engine but the bull mistook it for a rival. He did a few war stamps, bellowed a challenge and then charged.

It was a short battle so far as the bull was concerned. He was eliminated by a ten foot throw and wound up in the ditch. The cow decided it was not the usual rutting season battle, but before she could jump to safety the engine struck her.

There is now plenty of moosemeat at Yolliffe.

LEGLESS MAN WALKING TRIP

Arrives at Victoria on World Tour to Win Wager for Sport Club at Paris

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—A legless man on a world walking tour arrived here yesterday from the Orient in the person of Jules Pernot, former French aviator.

Pernot is making the trip for the Sports Club of Paris to win a wager and has 20 years in which to finish it. He expects to do it in three. His legs were amputated in a German prison camp after Pernot had crashed and been taken prisoner in Belgian territory during the war.

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LAPOINTE DENIES

OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—Hon. Ernest Lapointe denied the Montreal report crediting him with the prediction that the government would not resign.