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## ROWELL MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

### WESTERN FREIGHT RATES CASE IS GOING ON AT OTTAWA

#### Drastic Action Proposed by Customs Commission Counsel at Vancouver Session Today

More interesting evidence comes out regarding campaign funds--"Billy McArthur" received \$7,000 and customs broker got \$40,000

VANCOUVER, December 17.—Punishment of those who violated the law in regard to in transit liquor shipments, protection of the public revenue in respect to these shipments, action by the crown to collect all unsurrendered bonds held for shipments of liquor in bond from Vancouver ex-warehouse and the cancellation of the license of one Vancouver customs broker were some of the recommendations which Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., customs commission counsel, made Thursday afternoon.

According to the evidence, companies engaged in transit and ex-warehouse shipment of liquor from Vancouver included the Manitoba Refiners of British Columbia, the Joseph Kennedy Co. and the Consolidated Exporters of British Columbia. Transit shipments of liquor made from Great Britain or some European port consigned to ports in Mexico or Central America via Vancouver it was brought out in the evidence generally found their way into the United States.

Recommendation that four witnesses who appeared before the commission in the Chris Moeller case be prosecuted for perjury will be made today. The name will not be revealed until the motion to this effect is submitted.

**CAMPAIGN FUNDS**  
"Billy McArthur" was mentioned by H. Reifel, president of the British Columbia Breweries, as the recipient of a \$7,000 check for campaign funds before the customs probe yesterday in reply to questions from N. W. Rowell, K.C., commission counsel, about certain checks issued by his company. Witness at first declined to answer the questions but the commission insisted that he should.

G. C. Hyatt, broker of Vancouver, informed the commission that he was handed \$40,400 in checks by Henry Reifel for Liberal campaign funds. The money, which was given him in three checks, was transferred by him immediately to the Liberal party. The name of the person to whom the money was transferred was not given.

Reifel's purpose in turning the money over to him and not giving it to the party direct, Hyatt said, was so the vouchers would not show it had been paid for political purposes.

After Hyatt had given his evidence, Rowell said that two others, who had received campaign money from Reifel, had been notified but had not yet appeared. One of these had received the same amount as Hyatt and the other, less.

**MOELLER CASE**  
At the opening of the probe this morning R. L. Calder, K.C., commission counsel, made the following recommendation in regard to the Chris Moeller case: "That the entry made at Vancouver by the Manitoba Refineries Ltd. of a cargo of liquor in transit by the Chris Moeller was false and fraudulent to the knowledge of the shippers, within the meaning of the Customs Act, and that the cargo is liable to forfeiture under section 253."

He also recommended that the finding be forwarded to the Minister of Justice and that a copy of the evidence be forwarded to Hon. A. M. Manson, K.C., attorney general, with a recommendation that prosecution for perjury be instituted against R. M. Morgan, J. L. Stewart, J. E. Nosentoff and T. J. Gay.

**NEW APPOINTMENT IN LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF CANADIAN NATIONAL**

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—The appointment is announced by C. M. Hair, regional counsel, Canadian National Railways, of J. K. Parkinson, as assistant general claims agent, western region, with headquarters at Winnipeg to take effect on December 15. He succeeds J. N. Brooks, deceased.

Mr. Parkinson first became attached to the Grand Trunk Pacific in 1906 when he entered the service in the right of way and claims department. He held various positions in this department until on November 19, 1920, he was appointed assistant to the general claims agent at Winnipeg which position he has held until the time of his new appointment. Mr. Parkinson served overseas with the Canadian forces in Siberia.

**OTTAWA LOSES ITS FIRST GAME**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Detroit blanked the Senators last night five to nothing in the first game which Ottawa has dropped this season. The Montreal Canadiens and Boston played a two all tie.

#### CHARLOTTE CITY FUND IS RISING

MRS. SHENTON'S TEA BRINGS TOTAL OF LOCAL FUND TO \$19—SOUTHERN CHURCH GIVES \$100

The King Edward High School of this city is sending 66 Christmas sacks of candies, nuts, etc., to Queen Charlotte City to aid in the Christmas cheer work there. The shipment will go over on the Prince Charles Saturday night.

At the tea held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Shenton in aid of the fund about \$16 was cleared.

In a letter received this morning from Rev. R. C. Scott, appreciation was expressed for all that had been done. Mr. Scott stated, however, that there still remains a good deal to be done for the families of married employees who will have to remain in Queen Charlotte until the men are able to find employment. Mr. Scott announced that a contribution of \$100 had been received from the Metropolitan Church, Victoria.

Including the proceeds of Mrs. Shenton's tea, the local subscription list now totals \$49.

#### LABOR FAVORS MAYOR NEWTON

AGREES TO SUPPORT HIM IN 1927 MAYORALTY CONTEST—DERRY, BLACK, W. J. GREER AND BROWN ENDORSED FOR COUNCIL

SHORTBRIDGE AS TRUSTEE CANDIDATES WILL BE ASKED AT LATER DATE TO STATE THEIR POSITIONS REGARDING LABOR MANIFESTO

The Trades and Labor Council, at a largely attended meeting to discuss municipal matters, last evening, passed a unanimous resolution in support of Mayor S. M. Newton, as mayor for 1927.

The following were endorsed as Labor candidates for aldermen: Frank Derry, Jas. Black, Alderman W. J. Greer and Alderman W. M. Brown. J. J. Gillis, Ben Delgarno, Capt. J. Morrison and S. D. Macdonald declined nomination to stand for election as aldermen.

The meeting endorsed Mr. W. H. Shortbridge as candidate for School Trustee, and it is expected that later, a second candidate will receive support. The meeting, in its discussion of local affairs, went pretty well over the ground of civic matters, including such questions as taxation, police, schools, and garbage tax.

#### BIG MOVEMENT TO OLD COUNTRY

PROSPERITY OF WESTERN CANADA REFLECTED IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING HOLIDAY

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—The prosperity of Western Canada during the current year is reflected by the particularly large number of people who have and are taking advantage of the reduced fares put into effect on the Canadian National Railways for the month of December to the Pacific coast, Eastern Canada and certain parts of the United States, according to figures issued by R. Creelman, passenger traffic manager of the western region of the National lines.

These fares, which also reply to the Atlantic seaboard, have been taken advantage of to such an extent that it has necessitated the operating of several special trains to take care of the excessive traffic. The most striking feature of the overseas traffic, said Mr. Creelman, is the number of return passengers booked and prepaid tickets sold this year. These people returning home after visiting the old land will no doubt bring a good number of their relatives and friends. This method of colonizing Canada through these successful farmers has proved itself in the years past and has always resulted in a large number of people coming to Canada from various countries in both Great Britain and the continent.

**TO OLD QUEBEC**  
On Saturday, the Canadian National Railways will operate out of Winnipeg the second annual special excursion to the province of Quebec on which there will be approximately two hundred and fifty French Canadians from all parts of Western Canada who are going back to "Old Quebec" for the Christmas and New Year's festivities. This will be one of the finest trains ever operated out of Western Canada according to Mr. Creelman. It will be comprised of both standard and tourist sleepers, diners and observation car. Provision is also being made whereby the celebration of Mass may be celebrated en route as desired. A special program of favorite French number will be broadcasted over the Canadian National broadcasting station at Winnipeg to the passengers on board this train.

Traffic to the Pacific coast and return, which takes in Vancouver, Victoria and California, shows an increase of almost double of that of last year.

#### GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM VANCOUVER

Seven Boats Loaded Wheat Cargoes at Southern Port This Week

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17.—The following vessels loaded grain here this week: Kinderyk, Hamburg with Antwerp option, 37,333 bushels. Axel Johnson, Gothenburg with Stockholm option, 107,519 bushels. Indian City, Colon for orders, 308,000 bushels.

Main, Liverpool, London or Avonmouth, 33,033 bushels; for Liverpool, 37,333 bushels; for London, 72,576 bushels. China Maru, United Kingdom or continent, 263,576 bushels. Queenswood, London, 235,247 bushels. Isis, Hamburg, 26,133 bushels; Antwerp, 52,267 bushels.

#### TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

CAUSE OF UNPRECEDENTED "BULL" MOVEMENT IN WALL STREET—U.S. STEEL "MELON"

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wall Street's joy at an unexpected distribution of a \$500,000,000 "melon" to common stock holders of the United States Steel Corporation was reflected today in one of the greatest "bull" movements in recent Stock Exchange history. Steel common, Atchafalaya Common, and several other high-grade industrial and railway issues soared to the highest prices ever recorded while dozens of others mounted to peak prices for the year on gains ranging from one to twenty-five points. During the first two hours, the sales were approximately half a million shares.

#### ROGERS CASE IS REVERSED

CONVICTION AND FINE IMPOSED BY MAGISTRATE QUASHED IN COUNTY COURT

Conviction and fine of \$300 imposed on Victor Rogers, colored, by Magistrate McClymont for keeping liquor for sale was quashed by Judge Robertson in the County Court this morning. The judge decided that, from the testimony presented in the new trial, there was not sufficient evidence to convict. E. F. James appeared for the crown and L. W. Patmore for the defence.

#### VANCOUVER MAN PLEADS GUILTY CHECK FRAUDS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17.—James Young pleaded guilty in police court here yesterday to eleven charges of false pretences laid in connection with the victimizing of Vancouver merchants with worthless check frauds totalling nearly \$1,800. He was remanded until Monday for sentence.

#### WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert.—Cloudy, light north wind, temperature, 35.  
Terrace.—Clear, calm, temp. 12.  
Rosswood.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 12.  
Alyansh.—Part cloudy, calm, temp. 11.  
Hazelton.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 8.  
Telegraph Creek.—Cloudy, calm, temp. zero.  
Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 19.  
Burns Lake.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 21.  
Whitehorse.—Cloudy, south wind, temperature 10.  
Dawson.—Snowing, calm, temp. 15 below.  
Stewart River.—25 below.

Capt. J. B. Gillat of Sandspit, who has been in the city for the past two weeks while his son, Jack, has been a patient in the local hospital, will return home accompanied by his son on the Prince Charles tomorrow.

#### Brief Ceremony Marked Opening of Legislative Assembly at Victoria

VICTORIA, December 17.—With a ceremony occupying less than an hour, Hon. Randolph R. Bruce, Lieutenant Governor, yesterday afternoon opened the third session of British Columbia's sixteenth legislature. The only important legislation which was forecasted in the speech for consideration from the throne when the session resumes after Christmas was that "designed for the assistance and protection of the agricultural industry and the protection of public collection and loan companies."

Hon. J. D. McLean, minister of finance, presented the public accounts for the year ending March, 1926, showing a public debt of approximately \$79,900,000 as compared with \$79,000,000 the year previous.

Liquor Board figures showed sales for the six months ending last September 30 amounting to nearly \$7,000,000 as compared with about \$6,600,000 in the previous six months. Profits of the last period were, however, approximately \$235,000 less than that ending March 31 as beer license funds were included in those figures.

The House intends to adjourn immediately until January. This was merely a statutory opening with only about half of the members present.

#### RAILWAY MAN KNOWN HERE DIES IN SOUTH

Harry Wright, C.N.R. Travelling Passenger Agent, Expires Following Few Months' Illness

Word has been received in the city of the death in Vancouver on Wednesday of Harry Wright, C.N.R. travelling passenger agent with headquarters in the southern city. Having been here several times on relief work in the local ticket offices, the late Mr. Wright had a number of friends and acquaintances locally. His death followed an illness of three or four months.

Deceased, who had been with the C.N.R. for ten years or more, was about 35 years of age and is survived by a widow and daughter residing in Vancouver. He had considerable talent as a vocalist and, while here, was heard in the Baptist Church.

#### ANTON LANG'S SLANG

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 16.—American slang has become a part of everyday speech of Anton Lang, the "Christus" of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, said Prof. C. H. Cooley, of Wesley University.

The professor visited Lang while in Germany last summer and noticed that while he spoke excellent English he frequently used with evident delight many colloquial phrases which he had garnered while in this country.

#### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	135 1/2	
B. C. Telephone	210.00	220.00
B.C. Silver	1.70	1.74
Consolidated	258.00	
Dunwell	1.02	1.04
Glacier	.05	.07
Gladstone	29 1/2	.31
Granby	35.00	37.00
Howe Sound	40.00	42.00
Independence	.08	.08 1/2
Marmot	.07 1/2	
Premier	1.99	2.05
Porter Idaho	1.04	1.11 1/2
Silver Crest	.05	.05 1/2
Richmond		.08

Miss Camille M. Peters, who teaches school at Terrace, arrived in the city last night and will proceed to Georgetown, where she formerly taught, to spend the Christmas and New Year season visiting with friends.

#### TAIYO MARU NEXT WHEAT VESSEL HERE

IS DUE ON DECEMBER 23—LOADINGS FOR PORT CONTINUE ON LARGE SCALE

YPRES MARU SAILS

The next ship to load grain at this port will be the Ocean Transport Co.'s tramp freighter Taiyo Maru which is due on December 23 from the Orient. The Taiyo, which is expected will load full here with grain for the United Kingdom or continent, will be the first vessel of her line to call at this port. She is a new boat and is understood to be a little smaller than the average grain boat coming here such as the Kifuku Maru which is now in port.

The big Suzuki Line freighter Ypres Maru, Capt. Suzuki, will finish loading this afternoon or evening and should get away for the United Kingdom or continent tonight or tomorrow morning.

The "K" Line boat Kifuku Maru it is expected will move down from the dry dock to the elevator this afternoon to start loading.

#### MARX CABINET RESIGNS TODAY

IS DEFEATED ON NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION PRESENTED BY SOCIALISTS

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The Marx cabinet resigned today after being defeated in the Reichstag on a non-confidence motion introduced by the Social Democrats. The motion included charges by Scheidemann that the Monarchist clique was secretly raising funds in Germany to create an armed force and was hoarding airplanes and munitions in Germany and Russia. The charges created violent scenes yesterday and were denied by Marx.

#### CAPTAIN OF CURLEW WRITES XMAS LETTER

Wishes to be Remembered to Friends Made During Visit This Year—Vessel was in Big Storm

Capt. Bridges, D.S.O., commander of the cruiser Curlew, which visited Prince Rupert during the summer, has not forgotten the pleasure of his stay here. In a letter written to Lieut. R. P. Fonder, officer commanding the local detachment of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Capt. Bridges extends the compliments of the season and asks to be remembered to his local friends.

#### With Sigh of Relief, British Columbia Expert Leaves Stand After Fifty Hour Examination

OTTAWA, December 17.—After nine days and a half or fifty hours of continuous examination in the rates investigation being held by the Board of Railway Commissioners, D. A. Lewis of Vancouver, who appeared in an expert capacity for the province of British Columbia, was excused yesterday from further attendance. He left the witness box with an audible sigh of satisfaction. Seldom if ever has a witness been called upon to undergo such an ordeal in a Canadian civil court.

The next witness was W. M. Scott, traffic manager of the Associated Fruit Growers of British Columbia, who was previously satisfied with conditions attending the fruit shipping business out of Okanagan Valley.

The board refused the application of the provinces of Alberta and Ontario to set an early date for the hearing of the coal rates case wherein the two provinces are asking early consideration on the rate applying to Alberta coal coming East. If later developments indicate great urgency in the matter, the board may reconsider its ruling.

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