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WESTERN FREIGHT RATES TO REMAIN LOW

HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN MOVES SECOND VOTE OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE

Appeal Against Freight Rates to Board of Railway Commissioners Fails and Present Tariff Remains

Another victory sustains efforts of Oliver to give province low export grain rate on grain and flour

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—British Columbia has won her case before the Board of Railway Commissioners. The order of the Board issued in September last reducing the rates on grain and flour to the Pacific coast for export stands. The rate is to be proportionally the same as the rates eastward.

The original order was issued by Chairman McKeown and Commissioner Frank Oliver and in refusing the appeal they were supported by Commissioner Vein, while commissioner McLean, Boyce and Lawrence favored the appeal.

The order which is now sustained by a tie, resulted from the application of British Columbia for equalization of westbound freight rates.

VICTORIA, Jan. 19.—There is great jubilation here over the failure of the appeal against the present westbound freight rates, which on export grain and flour were ordered to be made equal proportionately with those going eastward. This was brought about largely through the continued efforts of Premier Oliver and has already had good results. If the grain rates had been again increased, it would have seriously affected the grain shipments to the Pacific and would have interfered with the development of the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

HOUSE PASSES APPROPRIATION GENEVA PARLEY

United States Representatives Approve Proposal to Take Part in Conference

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Participation in the Geneva preliminary disarmament conference was approved today by the House of Representatives, which authorized the appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the delegation.

The resolution goes to the Senate and must be adopted by them before it becomes effective.

CHINESE FIRST THIS PROVINCE

Provincial Archivist Says Probably was Chinese Colony at Vancouver 1500 Years Ago

HOEY SING'S JOURNAL

Miss Russell of Archives Department Makes Very Interesting Discovery

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 19.—That a Chinese settlement existed approximately at the present location of Vancouver in the year 449 A.D. is the belief expressed here today by Miss Alma Russell of Victoria of the Provincial archives department in an address to the thirteenth annual conference of the B.C. Library Association on "Work of the international committee on intellectual co-operation" which met in Brussels last year. The international society is sponsored by the League of Nations.

Miss Russell said she will attempt to secure copies of the journal kept 1500 years ago by Hoey Sing, a Buddhist priest, which she thought would verify the existence of such a colony.

BODY FOUND AT POWELL RIVER IS STILL A MYSTERY

VANCOUVER, Jan. 19.—John Noble, who returned here from Powell River, set at rest reports that it was his body which was found floating off Powell River recently. The identity of the remains still is a mystery.

SWEETS OF OFFICE NOT TO BE ENVIED

(Ottawa Citizen)

Premier King is accused from time to time by Conservative critics of thinking only of the "sweets of office." Mr. Meighen made several references to this alleged appetite for imaginary sweets in the opening debate on Parliament Hill yesterday. He made mention also of the "sweets of power, the salaries, indemnities, and fruits of office."

Now Mr. Meighen has held office. He had eight years of experience, beginning as solicitor general and rising to be prime minister. He must apparently have found office-holding sweet. Or did he? Recollections of the time when he held as solicitor general, putting through the \$10,000,000 bond guarantee for Mackenzie and Mann—sometimes being painfully attacked from behind while he did it—may be sweet to Mr. Meighen. But to the ordinary man without that political complex it is hard to figure out where the sweetness of office comes in.

UNIQUE CASE AT ASSIZES

Jury at Prince George Refuses to Accept Confession of Witness

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 19.—At the trial here in the Assize Court of Arthur Bellos on a charge of aggravated assault, an incident occurred which is probably unique in the history of Canadian criminal courts. A duly sworn witness, Sam Limeratos, went into the box and confessed himself guilty of the offense with which Bellos was charged, but the jury refused to believe the confession and found Bellos guilty.

HAZELTON

John Pearson of the Canada Products sawmill at Usk is a patient in the Hazelton Hospital suffering from a broken shoulder bone.

Master Wilfrid Young, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Young of Terrace has passed the crisis and is now on the road to recovery at the Hazelton Hospital after a serious illness.

Mrs. James Turnbull was hostess on Wednesday evening last to the ladies of the Fellowship Club. Bridge prizes were won by Mrs. R. S. Sargent and Mrs. John Nowick.

Mrs. J. C. K. Sealy and Mrs. J. C. Hunt were point hostesses to a number of children at a party in the latter's residence in honor of Miss Helen Blackenden of Cherry Point.

A. D. Darlington, who has been under the doctor's care for some time, is now much improved.



IDEA A FARCE, SAY HEIRS—Central building of the Christian Workers' College at Bellevue, near Omaha, Neb., which the heirs of the Henry H. Clarke estate are seeking to regain. There is an enrollment of just two students (both girls) for a faculty of 12 and a trustee board of 39. The sponsor provided the land for "a college of liberal education"

Scores Government and Moves an Amendment to Address in Parliament

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The debate on the address opened yesterday in the House of Commons and Conservatives brought down the expected amendment. Hon. Arthur Meighen dealt with the speech from the throne in detail. He spoke of the "unsavory condition" of the Liberals in regard to Thursday's vote. Conservatives would welcome Progressive votes, he said, "but never have we suggested that the principles of our party were subject to valuation to secure their allegiance or the allegiance of anyone else."

Mr. Meighen closed with a reference to the Australian treaty, declaring that through Australian competition the Canadian farmer was being asked to pay in order that the paper manufacturer could enjoy the advantage in the Australian markets.

The leader of the opposition then moved an amendment regretting that the speech from the throne gave no indication of a policy designed to enlarge the volume of employment in Canada and particularly to give to farm products, coal and primary products the advantage they are under present world conditions entitled to enjoy in the markets of the country.

Sir Henry Thornton Says Since Railway has been Paying Many Would Provide Remedies for Ills

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—"Since the Canadian National Railways began to earn substantial sums annually, that is during the past three years, we have seen a spectacle which was absent when the property was producing operating deficits year after year," said Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the National system when addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club here last night. "When the system earned nothing but deficits it was regarded with tranquility, even complacency, but once it began to make an effort to improve its service, to execute the enthusiasm of its workers and to bear fruit in the form of operating profits, people suddenly began to rush around with life preservers looking for means to save the wreck. Now that the people of Canada are faced with the staggering fact that the Canadian National Railways made an operating profit in excess of \$30,000,000 in 1925, as compared with \$3,000,000 in 1922, this frantic rushing about to save the ship wrecked has taken on new zest."

All Against Railway

"None of this alarm, mind you," continued Sir Henry, "became evident until the C.N.R. began to perform a useful service for the people of Canada. Remedy after remedy has been offered to bring about our salvation. All eventuate in the same solution, the disappearance

Large Increase in Telephone and Light Consumers in 1925 Says Utilities Superintendent

According to a summary made by J. J. Little, superintendent of utilities, there has been a steady increase in electric light, telephone and water accounts during the past year. Electric light consumers at the end of the year 1925 totaled 1797 as compared with approximately 1620 at the end of 1924. The total number of telephones in use on December 31, 1925, were 1470 as compared with 1337 at the end of the preceding year.

Paid water services at the end of the year totalled 1070 but the actual number of consumers is considerably larger than this because some services carry as many as 2 or 3 consumers.

The total of 1797 light consumers includes 1206 residences and 375 places of business, the balance being accounted for in power and flat rates, some of which are very large consumers.

The total of 1470 instruments is represented by 1270 telephone subscribers. The phones in use on December 31 were classified as follows:

Main business	322
Main residence	130
Party business	92
Party residence	727
Extension phones	499

During the year 1925, 344 new phones were installed, 241 were taken out and there were 241 removals.

A steady increase year by year from 1910 is to be noted in the utilities consumers. On December 31, 1910, there were 317 telephone subscribers as compared with 1470 today.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR OBTAINING MONEY ON WORTHLESS CHECKS

W. H. Bourne was committed for trial by Magistrate McLynch this morning on a charge of having obtained \$100 by false pretences through cashing a worthless cheque with U. Suga. It was alleged that accused had obtained \$50 from H. L. Landrey, \$20 from Joe Rowatt and \$50 from the Maple Leaf Cafe through similar methods but these charges were not pressed.

According to evidence given by City Police Sergeant McLinchy, who made the arrest, accused admitted having signed the name of Mark Smaby to the checks which were drawn on the Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal, and Bank of Commerce.

Witnesses in the case, besides the officer, were S. Suga, S. K. Campbell, D. C. Patterson and J. R. Stevens.

CHURCH PROPERTY NANAIMO GIVEN TO UNITED ORGANIZATION

NANAIMO, June 19.—Mr. Justice Murphy of the Supreme Court of British Columbia has handed down judgment making it clear that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is now a part of the United Church of Canada, the vote taken by the congregation being illegal. The officers of the church are ordered to hand over all church property which now becomes the property of the United Church.

JAPANESE SEAPLANE FELL INTO HARBOR

NAGASAKI, Jan. 19.—A large seaplane fell into the harbor today. One body was recovered and five others missing are believed to have been drowned.

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JURY LIST IS EXHAUSTED IN COMBINE TRIAL

Trial Postponed For Week in Order to Summon Thousand More Talesmen

VANCOUVER, Jan. 19.—Failure to secure more than four jurors from the just list of 376 names caused postponement for a week of the trial of eleven individuals and 42 firms charged with being members of an alleged trust combine. The trial opened yesterday morning before Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald, who ordered another thousand talesmen summoned.

It costs four dollars a day for each juror called.

CORNER CLUB HEARS INTERESTING LECTURE

Miss Jessie Rothwell Spoke Last Night Before Church Organization on Honolulu Trip

The Corner Club of the Baptist Church heard an interesting illustrated lecture last night by Miss Jessie Rothwell on her trip last summer to Honolulu. There was a large attendance and the lecture was much appreciated. Mrs. Algie Hunter sang two solos, being accompanied by Mrs. Rolf Walker. P. H. Linzey presided and refreshments were served.

PREPARING WAY FOR ELECTION OF PREMIER

Charles MacDona Resigns in Constituency of Prince Albert

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The resignation of Charles Macdonald, M.P. for Prince Albert, which constituency will be contested by Premier Mackenzie King, was read in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Speaker Lemieux.

PROPOSING BUNKERS AT VICTORIA DOCKS

VICTORIA, Jan. 19.—The announced intention of the Blue Funnel Line to transfer its coaling terminals on this coast from Union Bay to Seattle is but another strong argument in favor of the establishment of coal bunkers at this port, according to advocates of the bunker plan at Ozden Point.

The establishment of coal bunkers at Victoria, it is pointed out, would obviate the necessity of Blue Funnel ships proceeding to Union Bay to replenish fuel supplies before setting out on the return voyage to the Far East.