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# PARLIAMENT OPENED TODAY IN OTTAWA

## INFORMAL SESSION HELD TO ELECT SPEAKER: DIVISION EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

## *Parliament Opened at Ottawa Today but Only Informal Session Held*

### *Much speculation as to what will happen but Government claims good majority*

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—The opening of Parliament this afternoon in the absence of the Governor General was of a very informal nature. Speaker Lemieux was re-elected and the oath was administered to a number of the members.

The formal opening takes place tomorrow afternoon when the Governor will be present and when all the most prominent people of the capital, including the wives and daughters of the senators and members of the House of Commons, will have seats on the floor of the House or in the galleries. Among those who have received invitations have been Mrs. Fred Stork and two daughters, all of whom are now here.

The somewhat unsettled condition is having no effect on the general arrangements, which are going forward as if the session was to be an ordinary one and the government firmly entrenched.

The air is alive with speculations as to what will happen. Government supporters claim they will have a normal majority of at least seven or eight and there is talk among them of a couple of sessions at least before another dissolution takes place.

No vote is likely to be taken this week as all the proceedings are of a formal nature. Monday should see the opening of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne and then a division may be sprung at any time.

## KETCHIKAN IS AGAINST PLAN FOR FISHERMEN

**Would Not Remove Inequalities at Present Existing Regard to Fishing and Marketing**

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 7. — The commercial club of Ketchikan has gone on record as being opposed to the elimination of inequalities in conditions existing between Canada and Alaska in regard to facilities for fishermen. A letter in regard to the matter was read at the last meeting of the club in the Blue Fox Cafe when a committee was appointed to present the views of the businessmen of the city to Senator Jones.

The club opposes the proposals made by Canada as being not in the best interests of Alaska and the committee was instructed to so state in their communication to the senator.

## RUBBER PRICES INVESTIGATION

**Secretary Hoover Says Control Threatens Progress of World and U.S.**

**MENACE TO TRADE**

**Danger to International Goodwill Declares U.S. Statesman in Evidence**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Testifying at the opening of the inquiry into British rubber prices by the House commerce committee yesterday, Secretary Hoover declared foreign control of rubber prices "threatens not only the sane progress of the world but contains in it great dangers to international good will."

Secretary Hoover further said the issue involved the whole policy the United States would pursue toward a comparatively new and growing menace in international trade.

## SPECIAL INSPECTION OF CUSTOMS SERVICE AT CANADIAN PORTS

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Special inspections will be made of the customs service at all the large ports of the Dominion, it was announced here today by Hon. G. H. Boivin, minister of customs and excise.

## HANCOCK MUST PAY $500 TO ALICE DAVIS

**Nurse to Have Money Instead of a Husband if She Can Collect it**

**MAN EN ROUTE FLORIDA**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.— David Hancock, mining operator, formerly of Alice Arm region and now reported en route to Florida, was yesterday assessed $500 by Mr. Justice Morrison in a supreme court judgment, for failure to keep a promise made by him to marry Alice Davis, a nurse.

The court also ordered Hancock to account to Miss Davis for money borrowed from her, which counsel estimated at about $3,000.

**BOILING SOUP KILLED CHILD**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.— The infant son of William Riley of Kitsilano died last night as a result of burns received early last evening when hot boiling soup fell on him.

## PRINCE OF WALES WILL STAY AT HOME

**Cancellatin of Foreign Tour Said to Presage His Engagement**

LONDON, Jan. 7. — Plans of the Prince of Wales for another foreign tour in 1926 have been abandoned. This is taken by many as confirmation of reports that the engagement of the heir to the throne will be accomplished within that time.

## WELL KNOWN WRITER DIES AT VICTORIA

VICTORIA, Jan. 7. — Walter Russell Donogh, a noted writer on legal and religious subjects, is dead here. He formerly lived at Calcutta, India, and was the author of many noted works.

## MURDER APPEAL RESULT TOMORROW

VICTORIA, Jan. 7. — The decision in the appeal of "Sonny" White, the Indian convicted to hang for the murder of Frank Rosso, a North Vancouver storekeeper will not be handed down until tomorrow.

## BOB ROGERS IN EAST IS BUSY

**Rumors of Conservative Change of Leadership Refuse to Down at Toronto**

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—The rumor that Hon. Arthur Meighen may be superseded as leader of the Conservative party will not down. It is just now being revived by the visit of Hon. Robert Rogers, member for Winnipeg South, who has had several long conferences with Premier Ferguson, ostensibly in connection with the federal situation.

Mr. Rogers is now at the capital where Parliament opened today but he has left behind him a trail of speculation as to what his visit meant.

Hon. Robert Rogers is the star organizer of the Conservative party but he is headstrong and of late years has not carried so great influence as formerly. Yet no Conservative Government can well be formed without him.

## LARGE LOAN IS ANNOUNCED

**Tenders Will be Called for Six Million Dollars of B.C. Bonds at Once**

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.— Hon. Dr. J. D. Maclean, minister of finance, announced today that the finance department will call for tenders returnable on January 11 on bonds totalling $6,000,000, the proceeds to be used, $4,000,000 for refunding purposes and $2,000,000 for financing the construction of roads and buildings for the University of British Columbia.

## VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

| | Bid. | Asked. |
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| Wheat | 1.65¼ | |
| C. P. R. | 146.50 | |
| B.C. Silver | 1.71 | 1.75 |
| Dunwell | 1.49 | 1.50 |
| L. & L. | .13½ | .15 |
| Porter Idaho | .09⅝ | .10 |
| Silver Crest | .12 | .13½ |
| Hazelton | .00¾ | .01½ |
| Howe Sound | 27.50 | |
| Premier | 2.28 | 2.35 |
| Gladstone | .33 | .34½ |
| Marmot | | .10 |
| Surf Inlet | .09 | .11 |
| Ruth Hope | .34 | .36 |

## *What McMordie Stands For---*

1—Careful and economical handling of the city's finances.
2—The completion of the present policy of the city in regard to the construction of semi-permanent roads in place of the old wooden plank roads.
3—The further completion of the semi-permanent roads, now built or to be built, by putting a tarvia finish to them—as now constructed, they cannot last.
4—The maintenance of the present rate of pay for common labor, viz., 57½ cents.
5—The provision for accommodation of the mosquito fleet at Cow Bay.
6—Making every possible effort to have grain move through our elevator.
7—The extension of our Utilities as required and as permitted by the city's finances.
8—Carrying on the city's affairs in a proper business-like way, with a fair deal to all and no favorites and no influences.
9—A bigger, better and cleaner Prince Rupert.
10—Observance of the law.

## *Two Stewart Women Sent Up for Trial for Killing of Jas. Donald*

Word was received by the provincial police headquarters here that Gladys Gale and Ruby Dolan were committed for trial yesterday by Stipendiary Magistrate J. P. Scarlett at Stewart on charges of killing James Donald in a road house at the mining town early on the morning of January 1. The women will arrive here tomorrow morning in custody of Acting Inspector Spiller and Chief McNeil and will be taken on by Chief and Mrs. McNeill to Okalla prison where they will await trial for their lives at the spring session of the Supreme Court Assizes in this city.

This is the third case set down so far for the assizes here and will be the second murder trial. The other murder trial will be that of three Prince George half-breeds who are charged with the killing of an Indian at Hazelton over a year ago.

## TWO HOCKEY GAMES PLAYED LAST NIGHT

**Vancouver Beat Portland and Calgary Won Victory Over Saskatoon**

PORTLAND, Jan. 7—The home team came off second best in the hockey match here last night, when Vancouver carried off the honors by a score of 3 to 2.

CALGARY, Jan. 7.—Saskatoon failed to score in the hockey match played here against the local professional team last night. Calgary got one goal.

**BIRTH.**

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on January 6 to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Breen, 625 Fifth Avenue East.

## RAILWAY TO TAKE COAL

**Sir Henry Thornton Places Order to Relieve Unemployment Cape Breton**

**HALIFAX, Jan. 7.—In order to relieve Cape Breton unemployment, Sir Henry Thornton today informed Premier Rhodes that the Canadian National Railways would take approximately 120,000 tons of coal from the mines there for use on their lines.**

## FIRE IN CHINA

**Town of Kuling Wiped Out and Many Lives Lost Says Report to Shanghai**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 7.— Reports received here state that the entire Chinese portion of Kuling, a town in the northern part of Kaingai province, has been wiped out by fire and many lives have been lost.

## *First Direct Contract for Immigrants to Canada During Year Which Has Just Opened*

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—The first direct contract entered into between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Overseas Settlement Committee of the Imperial Government has been effected with a view to establishing a colony in Northern Alberta to be known as the "Clan Donald" settlement.

The work of settlement will commence in spring on prepared farms with 40 immigrant families already in the country and with the addition of 60 other families chosen by the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society, which will continue its efforts until the complete colony is satisfactorily settled.

## *Prince Rupert Gets Same Rate for Grain to United Kingdom as Vancouver, it is Announced*

Efforts are being made to create the impression that the rates from Prince Rupert to the United Kingdom on grain are higher than from Vancouver, according to competent authorities, says H. F. Pullen, who has returned from Vancouver after a brief holiday in the south. An interview with B. C. Keeley, superintendent of the Dominion Government Merchant Marine, made it quite clear that the government ships would all give the same rate to Prince Rupert as to other Pacific ports and it is understood that three other options have been offered grain shippers at similar rates. This indicates that there will be no differential against this port either by rail or water and that the port will have an equal chance with Vancouver to secure the business.

Great interest is shown everywhere in Vancouver business circles in regard to Prince Rupert prospects and the general impressions seem to be that this port is about to come into its own. Mr. Pullen says he interviewed a number of brokers and others in regard to the possibility of making shipments this way. All evinced the greatest interest and several said they were working with a view to getting business by the northern route for their firms. One man, who is a reliable grain broker, was surprised when told that the freight rates to Prince Rupert were the same as to Vancouver. He made notes of information given him and said he expected Prince Rupert would hear something to its advantage before very long.

**Man is Needed**

It seems to be a general opinion among those who wish Prince Rupert well, that an effort should be made to arrange with some experienced grain man to go out and solicit business for the port. A few dollars spent in that way would be a good investment from a civic point of view. Whether the money should be raised by public subscription or be provided from the city taxes is wholly a matter for Prince Rupert people to decide.

Vancouver is not doing anything like the amount of business that could be handled at the present elevators. Apparently an insidious propaganda has been carried on against the western route and an effort has been made to show that shippers do not get as good treatment in the west as in the east. The result has been that with a bumper crop and with increased facilities, little more business has been done so far than was done by the one elevator in the 1923-24 season. Against this effort to retain the business in the east, western ports will have to unite. There is apparently plenty of business for all, once it flows through its natural channels, but the monied interests in the east are uniting in their efforts to retain the trade and to keep the Pacific coast from getting what is rightfully hers. There should be no real competition between Prince Rupert and Vancouver for the grain business but between Pacific ports and the old established lake ports.

**Canadian for Canadians**

Another sentiment that seems to be freely expressed in the south is that, so far as possible, Canadian grain should be exported through Canadian ports. At present the bulk of it is going through the United States and is building up the ports of that country. Now that Canadian ports are able to handle the business they should get it. Just what measures should be taken to bring about the building up of Canadian ports and the diversion of the traffic from American ports does not seem clear. Public opinion is divided as to the action that is necessary to bring it about. What is desired is that efforts should be made by governmental authorities to retain Canadian business for Canada.

What Prince Rupert has to do, according to Mr. Pullen is to be on the job all the time, meeting every conflicting current which would tend to divert trade from here and letting the world know that we are here and ready to do the business. Business people never let up in their efforts to succeed and so Prince Rupert must be on the job all the time. Eternal vigilence is the price of success.

## McMORDIE'S CAMPAIGN ON

**Forty People Attended Enthusiastic Organization Meeting Last Night**

Ex-Ald. McMordie's mayoralty campaign opened with an enthusiastic organization meeting in the committee rooms at the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street last night. There were about forty persons present and plans were laid for an energetic campaign throughout the city during the week between now and election. Ex-Ald. McMordie addressed the gathering briefly Ald. John McKechnie has been appointed campaign manager.

Alderman Casey and others addressed the meeting.

## JACK SCHAEFER IS CHAMPION

**Wins at Billiards from Edouard Horemanns, the Belgian Title Holder**

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. — Young Jake Schaefer, twice former champion, yesterday regained the world's title at 18.2 balk line billiards to United States, when he defeated Edouard Horemanns, the Belgian title holder 1500 to 890 after three 500 point blocks of play.

## SHARP SHOCKS SAN FRANCISCO

**No Damage Reported as Result of Earthquake in Bay City of California**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—A sharp earthquake was felt in the San Francisco Bay region at 9.54 last night. Two distinct shocks of five seconds each were felt at Oakland while in the city and at points along the peninsula sharp shocks were recorded. No damage is reported.