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CANADA'S PLACE IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE

BIG BAY LUMBER COMPANY PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH ERECTION OF MILL

Position of Canada in the Empire Is Being Discussed Today in the House of Commons on Resolution

OTTAWA, March 23.—There is a big fight on here in the House of Commons between the Imperialists and anti-imperialists over the question of participation in Empire wars. It was precipitated by a resolution introduced by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Winnipeg, which declares that Canada refuses to accept any responsibility for complications arising from the foreign policy of the United Kingdom.

The debate is proceeding this afternoon and is of a heated nature.

The whole question as set forth simmers down to whether if the Empire is at war Canada is at war. The Socialist view as set forth by the Winnipeg member is that Canada should withdraw from the position she has held which involves her directly or indirectly whether she wishes to take part in any dispute or not.

Woodsworth held that the time had come when Canada should exercise her free will with these matters. The Canadian constitution kept abreast without deciding question at issue herself.

W. H. Kennedy, Conservative, of Winnipeg asked the motive behind the resolution "It deserved short shrift," he said. I say the purpose is simply to gain kudos with a certain little group of agitators in this country of whom we as Canadians should be ashamed.

ALBERTA WILL FOLLOW OLIVER

Is Considering Hours of Labor Bill Similar to that B.C. Government

EDMONTON, Mar. 23. — The Alberta Government is passing a nine hour day bill with the proviso that it may by order in council be changed to an eight hour day measure any time after the beginning of next year. The bill is patterned somewhat after the bill passed by the British Columbia Legislature at the instance of Premier Oliver, which was studied by the framers of the Alberta measure before tackling the question.

Liberals opposed the measure here, not on the general question but on the matter of detail as being not in line with Liberal principles, it requiring an order in council to bring it into force. Nellie McClung, Liberal member for Edmonton, voted for the measure on the second reading and against her own party.

WILKINS WILL BE DELAYED

Is Awaiting Repairing of two Airplanes Which Were Injured Last Week

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 23.—The Wilkins' Arctic expedition will be delayed three weeks pending repairs being made to the planes both of which were put temporarily out of business last week, one on Thursday and the other Friday. The flight was to have commenced Sunday according to the original schedule, but it will now have to wait until all is in readiness.

GENEVA RECORD OF CHAMBERLAIN

Asks for Defeat of Lloyd George Motion and Threatens to Resign

LONDON, March 23. — Sir Austen Chamberlain, foreign secretary, defending his record at Geneva indicated in parliament today that if the vote tonight on Lloyd George's motion to reduce the foreign office estimates carried he would resign. The motion was introduced owing to the Locarno fiasco.

TRAPPER DROWNED

SEWARD, March 23.—A. Merrill and G. Shugar, trappers missing since October, are believed to have been drowned.

PRICES HIGHER HALIBUT TODAY

Number of Fishing Boats Overdue and Lenten Demand Forces Price Up

Most of the fish that are coming in from the halibut banks are being sold at Prince Rupert, according to advices received here. There has been no apparent slackening in the sales at this port consequent on efforts to change the routing of the fish by Alaskan interests. The fishermen take their products to the place where they think they get the best price and the best treatment.

Just now there are thirty to forty fishing boats overdue, the bad weather on the banks being responsible for the delay. This combined with the Lenten demand in the east has forced the price of halibut up until today it reached as high as 22 cents for American and nineteen for Canadian with 8 and 6 for seconds. The demand should hold good all this week and then the Easter season will probably put a temporary crimp in the market and prices are liable to drop considerably.

Only three boats sold their catches here today as follows:

American

Pioneer 32,000 to Booth Fisheries.

Grayling, 9,000 to Atlin Fisheries.

Canadian

Cape Beale 25,000 to Cold Storage.

CHALLENGE GIVEN TO H. H. STEVENS

OTTAWA, Mar. 23. — Hon. H. H. Stevens has been challenged by R. P. Clerk, customs inspector for the port of Montreal to repeat outside the House of Parliament the charges he made inside the privileged walls.

Clerk says both he and his family resent his being called a thief, an incompetent officer and a tool in the hands of politicians. Unfortunately he is helpless unless the charges are repeated outside.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS WILL AID EACH OTHER

Arrangements Made for Mutual Help in Case of Need in Far North

NEW YORK, March 23. — An entente for mutual aid in case of mishap has been established between three rival expeditions, which will attempt to reach the North Pole and claim polar lands, this spring and summer.

Captain Raold Amundsen, leader of the party that will attempt to fly to the Pole in the dirigible Norge, and Robert A. Pope, organizer of the expedition to be led by Lieut. Leigh Wade, round-the-world flier, conferred before Capt. Amundsen sailed for Europe recently.

They agreed that if either party found itself in need of assistance wireless calls would be sent to the other, and if it were possible an attempt to bring aid would be made. A similar understanding has been reached with Lieut.-Commander Richard E. Byrd, who will head another polar flying expedition to leave Spitzbergen late this month, Mr. Pope said.

ANOTHER BOAT COMES TO DOCK

Canadian Observer Will be Here at End of Week for Annual Overhaul and Tank Conversion

With work on the Canadian Coaster to be completed by that time, C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Observer, Capt. McKay, of the Ocean Falls-California paper carrying service, will arrive at the local dry dock on Saturday or Sunday next. The vessel will be here two or three weeks and will undergo annual overhaul as well as conversion of her ballast tanks to carry oil instead of water.

The conversion, which is now being carried out on the Canadian Coaster, will permit of the vessels carrying some 400 tons of fuel oil from California on the return trips north to Vancouver. Having been converted entirely to an oil burner, the Canadian Farmer during the winter also had similar tanks installed.

The handling of the Canadian Observer here will mean the fourth of the Ocean Falls-California boats that have come to the local dry dock during the winter for considerable work.

B. C. Keeley, Pacific Coast manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine; P. W. Baldwin, chief auditor, and Thomas Louden, superintendent engineer, are expected in the city on Saturday by the steamer Prince Charles on a trip of general inspection.

CRAVENS IN BERMUDA—Above photo shows the Earl of Craven and his wife, shortly after they reached Bermuda from Halifax, N.S. There is still a warrant out for the earl's arrest in the United States. On the voyage down he broke his leg. But as it was the wooden leg, replacing the one he lost in the war, it was quickly repairde by the ship's carpenter

PRINCE RUPERT GIRLS WINNERS AT BASKETBALL

Word was received from Anyox today that the Maple Leaf girls basketball team beat the Anyox Mine girls last night in their own hall by a score of 22 to 12.

REPAIRS TO BOXER AT DOCK FINISHED

American Government Schooner Reloading Cargo and Will Continue Her Voyage to Seward

Having spent a week in the local dry dock having repairs made following her recent stranding on White Cliff Island, the American Government auxiliary schooner Boxer was taken off the pontoons this morning and is now reloading the railway ties that were lightered from her before she was released from the docks. The vessel will then proceed on her interrupted voyage from Everett to Seward.

Mrs. R. F. McNaughton sailed last evening on the Prince Rupert for the south accompanying Mr McNaughton who, in his official capacity as C.N.R. district passenger agent, is going to Victoria with the Great West Life Assurance party.

COUGARS ARE CHAMPIONS

Victoria Hockey Team Goes East to Contest For World Honors

VANCOUVER, March 23. — Victoria won the western championship in professional hockey by making a draw of the game with Edmonton here last night in the final game of the series when the score stood two all. As the first game was won by Victoria three goals to one the final total is five goals to three in favor of the Cougars.

This victory gives the Victoria team the right to compete for the Stanley Cup with the champions of the East for the world championship. The series will be played in the East.

MANY IMMIGRANTS NORTHERN ALBERTA

Advance Guard of About Five Hundred Arrive in Edmonton District and All Are Placed

EDMONTON, March 23.—Very close to five hundred immigrants have arrived here and already all are either working on farms or looking for locations to start farming for themselves. A good many of them had money but those who had not much were quickly found positions. This is the advance guard of the immigrant host that is expected in the district this year.

Big Bay Lumber Company's Mill Will Operate at Least Ten Months of Every Year

It is the intention of the Big Bay Lumber Co. to establish at Seal Cove in this city a good sized sawmill which will operate at least ten months a year and, just as soon as satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co. Ltd. with regard to the lease and with the city of Prince Rupert with respect to the matter of taxes, preparations for the erection of the plant will start, states George McAfee, manager of the Georgetown mill, and one of the principals in Big Bay Lumber Co., who is a visitor in the city today. The company expects to be doing business at the new site, at least in handling lumber, during the coming season and construction work on the new mill will probably start this summer. Considerable time will be required to clear up the debris of the fire that wiped out the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills but an early start will likely be made on this work.

Dock Included

In moving into Prince Rupert, the Big Bay Lumber Co. has in mind the future of the lumber industry of this district. Located at Prince Rupert, there will be the advantage of being on the railway but waterborne shipping is also to be developed and, with that in view, the building of a dock is also included in the company's plans.

The entry of the company into Prince Rupert, Mr. McAfee states, will mean the ultimate adandonment of the mill at Georgetown. The company has operated there steadily for the past several years and has a well-equipped plant. Much of the machinery now used there will be moved to Prince Rupert but new machinery will also be required as the mill to be established here will be larger than that at Georgetown. The arrangement of such matters as these will take time but, judging from Mr. McAfee's remarks, the Big Bay Lumber Co. may be expected to be fully established and in operation here within a year's time. For a time, both the Prince Rupert and Georgetown plants may be operating.

Knows Possibilities

As a result of their past experience in the business in this district, the Big Bay Lumber Co is in a position to know the possibilities and requirements of local lumber production here and any developments that they embark upon here will be based on that knowledge. The establishment of a healthy and steady industry, one that will be of benefit to the city, will no doubt be the result.

CANADIAN PIONEER SAILS FOR MONTREAL

Expects to be First Ship to Enter St. Lawrence River Following Spring Thaw

VANCOUVER, March 23.— The C.G.M.M. steamship Canadian Pioneer with B.C. products sailed for Montreal and is expecting to be the first ship to enter the St. Lawrence River on the reopening of navigation there.

CHINESE MERCHANT WAS HANGED TODAY

Look Attam Murdered His Welsh Wife and Two Daughters—Pays Penalty at Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, March 23.—Look Attam, benevolent Chinese merchant, was hanged today for the murder of his Welsh wife and their two handsome daughters, aged 20 and 17.

PASQUALE IS BEING TRIED

Collapsed Twice in Court and Said he Did Not Know What He Did

VANCOUVER, Mar. 23.—Benito Pasquale collapsed twice on Monday morning session which has been adjourned until this afternoon. The doctors stated that the collapse is due to nervousness and fright.

When asked to plead he stated "I don't know what I did." A plea of not guilty was entered. The trial is being prolonged owing to translation of the evidence into Spanish and it is likely it will close tonight.

FAIR BOARD OPENS WORK

Prize Book, Publicity, Finances and Building Repairs to be Given Early Attention

Arrangements for the printing of the 1926 prize book, publicity and finances were discussed at the meeting of the Fair Board last night and it was decided to have work on these matters started at once. The board was also advised that the building had recently been inspected by the city engineer and that a report would be shortly forthcoming.

The new managing secretary of the board, David Thomson, took his place at the meeting. First and third Mondays were set as regular monthly meeting nights.

ALBERNI WANTS FISH BUSINESS

Would Take Steps to Wrest it From City of Seattle Board of Trade Says

VICTORIA, March 23. — The Alberni Board of Trade advocates the establishment of cold storage facilities and lower express rates and more facilities for the fisheries of Vancouver Island in an effort to recover ten million dollars worth of fresh fish business which the west coast has lost to Seattle in recent years.

CHILDREN LOST LIVES IN FIRE

MONTREAL, March 23—Seven children of Emile St. Germain of Sorel ranging from thirteen years of age down to two were burned last night when their home was destroyed in the absence of the parents.