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Railways And Politics.

A correspondent yesterday wanted to know "once and for all," if the railways were in politics. Once and for all we would reply "Yes." They always have been and they always will be. Naturally we know no more about this matter than does our correspondent. He has access to all the means of information that we have and possibly has more time to read than falls to the lot of a hard driven newspaperman. However, since he has brought up the question, this is the Daily News' opinion:

The Canadian National Railways, which are the ones to which it is presumed he refers, are the property of the people of Canada and the people of Canada have appointed Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King to do their business for them. He is to do all the public business and the railways is part of the public business, therefore the railways are in politics.

Position Of Sir Henry Thornton.

Possibly our correspondent is referring to the position of Sir Henry Thornton and the amount of freedom the head of the railways possesses working under the general direction in matters of policy of the Premier and his cabinet.

Sir Henry was appointed to manage the railways, just as the president of the C.P.R. is appointed by the shareholders, through their representatives. He is told to take charge and that he will be given a free hand. But, and there is the difficulty, but, the railways are not paying their way. Also they need money for development purposes and Sir Henry has to go to the shareholders for money, and when he goes he has to get the approval of the shareholders to make those expenditures.

If Sir Henry could speak out, he would probably tell us that he has wanted to do a great many things which the government would not stand for. He has wanted to spend money in order to increase the efficiency of the system, but it is for the government to say whether they can provide it or not. Also they must, as the most interested parties, have some say in the general policy to be followed. They have to answer to parliament for the operation of the line and the members of parliament have to answer to their constituents. So the line is bound to be in politics.

During the last election it was the opposition that continually attacked the railway policy of the government and even made personal attacks on Sir Henry Thornton, thus taking the railway into the political limelight. Yes, the railway was in politics during the election and always will be, whether it continues to be operated by the government or reverts to private ownership.

H. H. Stevens And The Government Ships.

In regard to the particular incident mentioned by our correspondent, the converting of the government ships into oil burners, Mr. Stevens made this a political question by bringing it up in the House of Commons and directly following his series of questions, which drew the attention of the government to the position of the coal industry on Vancouver Island, the contracts were withdrawn. We were quite justified in stating, when quoting the questions Mr. Stevens asked, that they caused the change of policy.

We are not saying that Mr. Stevens was wrong in what he did. Possibly he was right. We did not comment on it, but quoted from Hansard as an item of news. The importance of the coal industry on Vancouver Island is much more worthy of consideration than the giving of a few weeks' work to a few people at Prince Rupert in converting the ships. The probability is that until attention was drawn to the matter, the Vancouver Island situation never entered the minds of the people who ordered the change in the vessels. They had but one thing in view, and that was the cheap operation of the ships. The government had also to take into consideration the effect of the change on the coal industry of British Columbia where thousands of people are affected all the year round.

It is a good thing to discuss questions such as these and to get to the bottom of them. Hence we welcome the criticism of our correspondent.

BLACK WOLVES IN INTERIOR

Reports Come in from Trappers of Depredations of Band Prince George District

E. G. Miller who operates a trap line in the vicinity of Chief Lake, was in the city over the week-end, and brought in the story that a pack of black timber wolves have invaded the Chief Lake section, and are killing off the moose and other big game says the Prince George Citizen. While working over his trap line this winter he came across the tracks of a number of wolves, and some time later he saw a pack of six following a moose. When he got time he picked up the trail and came upon the death scene of a big bull moose.

From the manner in which the snow was trampled the moose had put up a great fight, but in the end the wolves brought him down, and the horns and a few bones were all that was left of him. Miller set a trap in the vicinity, and was rewarded by taking one of the pack, but the others apparently got wise and moved along. The skin of the animal taken in the trap measured eight feet from tip to tip, and Miller collected the government bounty of \$15 upon it. Ordinarily a skin of the size would have brought \$30, but the moose had reached this particular wolf a number of times, and injured it to such an extent that fifty per cent was knocked out of the value of the skin.

Mr. Miller says that since the wolves have moved out of his immediate vicinity they have been seen by a neighbor who is trapping on the Murch lake, about three miles to the south. This trapper was not able to catch up with the pack, as it was then following another moose. He asserts there were six or seven in the pack which he saw.

Comparative Stranger

Mr. Miller says the black timber wolf is a comparative stranger in this part of the country. They are fairly numerous in the vicinity of Maple Lake, but seldom work their way so far south. The chief damage they do is the killing of the moose and other big game, and if they cannot be done away with, even the half dozen which have been seen in the vicinity of Chief Lake will do a lot of damage before spring. The knowledge that the timber wolves are in the vicinity and that there are at least six or seven of them in the one pack which has been seen, should prove of interest to the hunters of Prince George. The wolves have been so long in the neighborhood they have apparently decided to stay while the game continues easy to kill, and it should not be difficult to come up on the pack. There is the government bounty of \$15 per head, they are all full grown animals, and if they could be shot before the moose cut their hides up too much their skins should bring another \$25 or \$30 each. There is an opportunity in the situation for the hunters to save their big game and be paid for doing so. If the wolves are not driven out, more may make their way down into the district from the north, and the big game which escapes them will seek new-feeding grounds.

NAAS RIVER PEOPLE ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected Headed by A. F. Priestly and With B. A. Spencer Vice-president

AIYANSH, Feb. 8.—A meeting was held here recently for the purpose of organizing the Naas Valley Citizen's Association and the following officers were elected:

Hon. president—Rev. Oliver Thorne.
President—A. F. Priestly.
Vice-president—B. A. Spencer.
Sec.-treasurer—Mrs. H. P. Phillips.

It was arranged that meetings were to be held once a month.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

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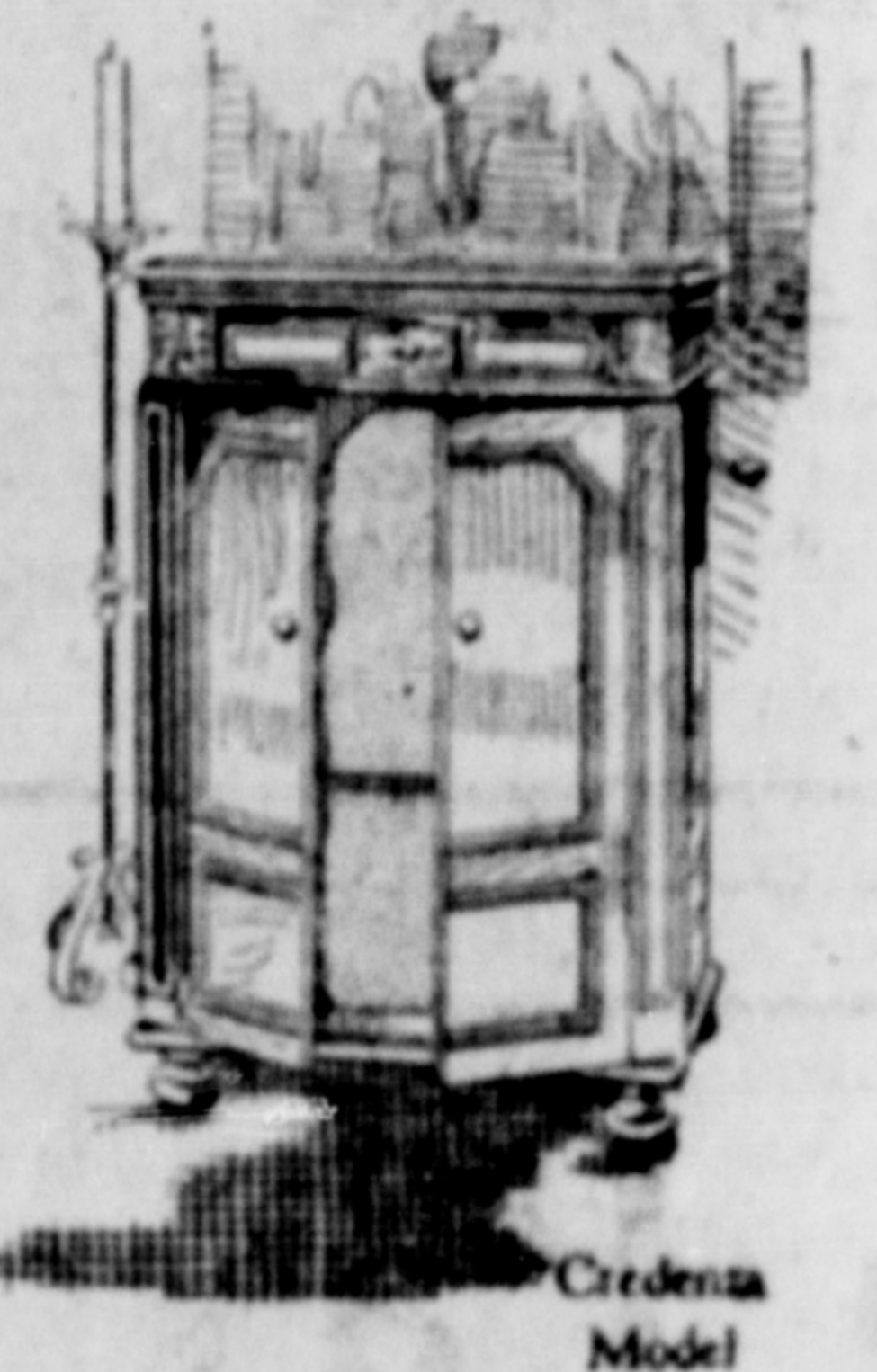
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It was decided to hold an informal dance in the skating rink, Mayor McCaffery being named chairman of a large committee of citizens that will be in charge.

City Solicitor Fred Peters is in receipt of advice indicating that his son Jack, who was believed killed in action, may still be alive in a German prison camp in Belgium.

W. F. Thompson of Stanford University is at present working out of this port on board the trawler Andrew Kelly. One of the objects of Mr. Thompson's mission is to ascertain if a close season for halibut fishing is advisable.

Dyspepsia Caused Her Agony After Every Meal

Mrs. M. Caldwell, 2335 Hemlock St., Vancouver, B.C., writes:—"After suffering for years with agony, from dyspepsia and indigestion, after every meal, I started taking



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THE MAN IN THE MOON

NOBODY minds what an enemy says, it is when repeated by your friends that the lashes hurt.

A SCORE of women met at tea. Their tongues went little fattle. And when the afternoon had gone Twenty had won the battle.

THE very latest thing is to make salaries out of rubber so they'll stretch for a least thirty days.

THE position at Ottawa has been "clarified." Now get out the dictionary and you will know just what the present position there is.

I WAS reading the other day that there was no finality in religion. That's just like my day's work.

I AM kept so busy these days, I don't have time to pay my bills and the result is my friends the store keepers get kind of cranky with me.

I WONDER if paying bills is in politics, Mr. Waddell. I find I just can't do it and I should like to know once for all if it's so.

THE other day I was reading about Midas who, when he wanted some gold, just went out and touched a piece of rock and then went off to the beer parlor. Midas for mine, every time. Here's to Midas!

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