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WESTERN MAN GIVEN TORY MANTLE

CHOICE MARKED WITH SCENES OF GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Hon. R. B. Bennett Chosen Leader of Dominion Conservatives at the Winnipeg Convention Last Night

WINNIPEG, October 13.—Amid scenes of excitement and enthusiasm, the mantle of the Conservative party of Canada for its Dominion leader fell upon Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., of Calgary, former minister of justice and later minister of finance in the regime of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen as Premier of Canada. Though six candidates were in the race—those besides Mr. Bennett being Hugh Guthrie, Hon. Robert Rogers, Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion and C. H. Cahan—it was soon apparent that Bennett was to be the logical choice. Finally, Bennett's support, which was practically unanimous from the prairies, British Columbia and the Maritimes with Ontario an even break, carried the day for the Calgary aspirant who thus received the highest honor in the power of his party to bestow—firstly, the leadership and eventually, perhaps, the premiership of Canada.

The choice and the enthusiasm attending apparently healed, for the time being at least, the discord that prevailed during the early hours of the big convention.

Richest of all the candidates for the position, Mr. Bennett's fortune is variously estimated at from one to five million. A powerful speaker, the new leader, it is said, will really lead. He is strong for everything British and for the National policy as set forth by his great predecessor, Sir John A. Macdonald.

He was just Dick Bennett when he left the old home in Hopewell, N.B. In that village he first saw the light of day some 57 years ago. Proceeding, after preliminary educational steps, to Dalhousie University, he came back to New Brunswick to study law with his preceptor, Hon. L. J. Tweedie, and was called to the bar in 1894. Before the bench of New Brunswick he practised with good effect; finding time meanwhile to take an interest in municipal politics, being for a year or so a member of the first town council of Chatham, N.B. But in 1897 he heard the call of the West and by 1898 he was found a member of the firm of Lougheed and Bennett in Calgary and a member of the legislature of the North-West Territories.

GIFT OF ELOQUENCE

To those who do not know the early history of the western provinces it may, perhaps, be surprising to learn that R. B Bennett in those days was in opposition to the administration of Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, then leader of the government. But already his gift of eloquence, for it may be called that, was with him and as the "boy orator" of Calgary he was soon known far and wide over the immense territory which the legislative assembly of the territories covered. The Regina Leader characterized his first speech to the assembly as "the most elegant speech ever delivered within the walls of the assembly chamber."

It was not all smooth sailing for young Bennett politically in those days; nor indeed has it been since; even if roses seem to have been strewn in the way of his professional and business fortunes. For R. B. Bennett has from time to time shown signs of an independence of thought and of speech which has not always endeared him to the powers that be.

HIS FAME SPREAD

Young Bennett, after a couple of years in the territorial legislature, yearned for wider fields to conquer and tilted lances with Frank Oliver in the Dominion general election of 1900 to the advantage of the Hon. Frank, then on his way to become minister of the interior. So he returned to his former territorial love, succeeding in a by-election and again at the general election of 1901. When the new province of Alberta was created we do not find R. B. Bennett in the roll of membership, but he entered it in 1909, resigning to become member for Calgary in the Dominion house in the reciprocity election of 1911. For the first time his fame began to spread beyond the confines of the territories. In the front rank of those who nailed the flag to every conceivable stick of standing timber was R. B. Bennett. Richard Bonfire Bennett some wag christened him in that campaign and others described his elec-

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GENERAL GOMEZ BADLY BEATEN BEING HUNTED

Military Revolt in Mexico is Crushed and President Calles Master of Situation

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 13.—With the same drastic swiftness with which it started, the military revolt in Mexico has been crushed, leaving the government of President Calles, absolute master of the situation in th ecountry and General Obregon as the only presidential candidate in the field to succeed Calles.

Disastrously defeated in a pitched battle in the hills of western Vera Cruz, Generals Gomez and Hector Almanda are being hunted by the victorious federal troops.

"This is the end," was Calles jubilant statement upon receiving news of the victory. The triumph, it was reported here, came after a six hour battle ending in the capture of 600 rebels, the killing of 50 and the wounding of 100.

TWO YEARS FOR ISSUING CHECK

Harry Saunders Convicted on Three Cases of Fraudulent Issuing

Harry Saunders, erstwhile pulpmill promoter, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge Young to two years in penitentiary in each of three cases, the sentences to run concurrently. Saunders admitted the fraud and also admitted that he had been charged with fraud in Vancouver in connection with a supposed safety device on the railways but the case there had been dismissed.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL TODAY ON CHARGE OF BREAKING, ENTERING

James Harris was committed for trial by Magistrate H. F. McLeod in city police court this morning on a charge of breaking and entering the premises of West's Butchertaria through the lane off Sixth Street last Thursday evening. Shortly he will be taken before Judge Young to elect for trial.

E. F. Jones acted for the crown in police court with Milton Gonzales appearing on behalf of the defence.

WOMAN IS FINED $300 FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Mrs. Frances Fromberg, Third Avenue, Admitted Charge in Police Court This Morning

Mrs. Frances Fromberg, 839 Third Avenue West, was fined $300, with the option of three months' imprisonment, by Magistrate McLeod in city police court this morning for selling liquor. The woman, who was apprehended yesterday, pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Alice will make her next call here next Wednesday when she will be northbound to Alaska.

GIANT METEOR FELL SIBERIA

Estimated to Have Weighed Nearly Half Million Tons

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct 13.—Scientists have at last found the resting place of the giant meteor which fell 19 years ago in a remote region of Yenisei Province, Siberia, and, breaking into pieces like an exploding rocket, levelled a forest fifteen miles in circumference.

The Soviet Union Information Bureau here said that the site of the fallen meteor, estimated to have weighed nearly half a million tons, stretches a mile in diameter in an almost inaccessible section of a marshy forest. Falling in pieces, the heavenly body pitted the ground with deep funnels from 50 to 100 feet wide and scorched tree trunks all over the area.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences, which made the discovery, is planning to extract the metoric fragments, believed to consist of iron, nickle and platinum, and to photograph the terrain from airplanes.

BIG COHOE CATCH MADE IN ONE DAY BY SKIDEGATE MAN

SKIDEGATE, Oct. 13.—The record catch of cohoes taken by a trolling boat on Skidegate bar this year was that made by Captain Russ who caught 99 fish in one day which he sold at 85c each. The proceeds of the day amounted to $84.15.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY SAWMILL MAY REOPEN

Negotiations Under Way For Purchase of Plant Which is in Hands of Receivers

The rumored possibility that the sawmill at Queen Charlotte City, formerly operated by the Sitka Spruce Mills Ltd., may be reopened, is confirmed by H. R. Sereth, one of the principals of the old Southern Alberta Lumber Co. Mr. Sereth stated this morning that, while the mill was still in the hands of the receivers, negotiations were under way for a sale which would result in the plant resuming operations.

Mr. Sereth, who arrived from Queen Charlotte City yesterday afternoon, will sail tonight on the Prince George for Seattle.

MORGAN LOGGING BOAT WAS REPAIRED IN DOCK

In Order Again Following Stranidng in Rivers Bight, Mary Roberta Returns South

John R. Morgan, well known Princess Royal Island logging operator and pioneer resident of Prince Rupert, returned down the coast at noon today after having spent a couple of days in the city having his big power tug Mary Roberta repaired following an accident at Rivers Bight when the vessel struck a rock and practically shattered her propeller. The boat limped into port yesterday morning and was repaired at the dry dock. With Mr. Morgan were his brother, B. E. Morgan of Minneapolis, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer.

This afternoon's train from the East, carrying mail, will arrive on time at 3:30. At Kwinitsa, the first point at which it could be communicated with from here on account of wire trouble a little further East, the train was sharp on time at 1:30.

"SEA FLEA" IS TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC : It is the queerest craft that has been seen in British waters in a long time; half sea plane and half boat it makes a speed of seventy-five miles an hour

Fishing on Queen Charlottes Improved Toward End of Season and Pack Better Than Expected

Queen Charlotte Island canneries made good on the last week of fishing according to reports reaching the city on the steamer Prince John yesterday afternoon.

During the last week, the Langara Fishing & Packing Co.'s cannery at Massett almost recouped itself from the first of the season shortage and brought its pack for the year up to 25,000 cases.

Just before the end, the B.C. Fishing & Packing Co.'s cannery at South Bay also did well, its season's pack being now placed at 36,000 cases. Aliford Bay was lower with 14,000 cases.

Fishing on the Queen Charlotte Islands, like all points on the coast, is now closed down for the season.

YUKONERS WHO PROBABLY LOST

Newspaperman in City Tells of People Who Are Reported Week Overdue

Old-time Yukoners of Prince Rupert and vicinty are much interested in the telegraphic report appearing in the News last evening to the effect that three well-known people of that territory are a week overdue in a trip from Stewart City to Dawson and are feared lost in the Yukon River. They are Dr. J. O. Lachapelle, of Dawson; John Timken, of Stewart City; and Misss Bessie Ray, of Keno City. C. R. Settlemier, old-time Dawson newspaper man, now mining at Keno City, who arrived at Rupert recently from the north and is leaving tonight for Vancouver on a trip to the south for the winter, referring to the report, says:

"Ice had started to run in the Yukon River about the time that Dr. Lachapelle and party left Stewart City for Dawson, and it is feared they found difficulty travelling in a small boat because of drifting ice or ran on a shoal in some blind slough or riffle and were drowned. No doubt the mounted police, who are very diligent in looking up lost parties in the Yukon, are making a search for the missing parties, and if any trace is obtainable of them the police surely will find same.

"Dr. Lachapelle is an experienced hunter and boat man, and was on his annual fall hunt up the river and returning home. The doctor is a pioneer of Yukon of the vintage of 1898, for many years prominent in the life of the country both as a physician and member of the local legislature, known as the Yukon Council, and physician to the various branches of the government service. He is past grand president of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, past president of the Dawson Aerie of Eagles, No. 50; and member of other organizations in Dawson, and one of the leading factors in the Conservative party of the Yukon. He is survived by a widow and a little daughter, Joy, seven years of age, now in Victoria, B.C. Dr. Lachapelle came originally from Quebec.

"Mr. Timken is an old-time Yukoner, long resident at Stewart City and vicinity. Miss Ray has made her home in Keno City, the new quartz camp of the Yukon, for several years, and hails originally from Oregon, where her family resides. She was attempting to return from a visit to Dawson, and had reached Stewart City too late to catch the last steamer up the Stewart River for her home, and was forced to turn back, and took the small boat for Dawson, no doubt planning to later make the trip by stage over the winter road to Keno."

INJURED BOYS DOING NICELY IN HOSPITAL

George Minns and Billy Fisher Passed Restful Night Following Car Accident Yesterday

George Minns and Billy Fisher, who are patients in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, suffering from injuries about the face and head which they sustained in an automobile collision at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street yesterday afternoon, are reported to be doing nicely, having passed a restful night. Fisher is the more seriously injured of the two.

The cars involved in the accident were a delivery wagon of the Seventh Avenue East Meat Market, driven by Ernest Yager, and a 34 Taxi car, driven by L. C. Rogers.

FISH LIGHT TODAY

Only 24,500 Pounds of Halibut Sold at Exchange This Morning

After a busy few days during which more halibut was offered than could be absorbed, there was a lull on the local Fish Exchange this morning when only 24,500 pounds was offered, sales being as follows:

American

Fairway, 6,000 pounds, Canadian Fish Cold Storge Co., 12.5c and 5c.

Canadian

Brant, 2,000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries 12.6c and 5c.

Emblem, 14,000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 10.1c and 5.

H. & R., 2,500 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 11c and 5c.

BOURASSA CAN'T COME

Harry Breen, secretary of Prince Rupert Assembly, Native Sons of Canada, received a communication yesterday stating that Henri Bourassa, noted Quebec member of parliament, could not accept the invitation extended to him to visit Prince Rupert in the course of his present tour of the West. Mr. Bourassa's itinerary, which takes him direct from Edmonton to Vancouver, will not permit of his coming here.

Prominent Visitor from Yukon Tells of Mining Operations in That Part, Especially Mayo

Marked Activity in Silver-Lead Production and Gold Dredging Makes Dawson Better Than in Past Ten Years

Among the visitors in Prince Rupert today is C. R. Settlemier, for years editor of the Dawson News, in which he still holds an interest, now engaged in mining in the new Yukon quartz camp in Mayo Mining District, Yukon Territory, with headquarters at Keno City. He is enroute south for the winter and stopped off at Rupert to visit a number of old-time Yukoners who are located here, and took a run for a week up Portland Canal, where he visited the Premier and other mines of the vicinity, and also took in the Granby Smelter at Anyox. He reports a remarkable spirit of optimism prevalent in the Portland canal district, and the belief among all residents of that locality that the country is on the verge of an era of great and substantial development. Mr. Settlemier was much impressed with the showings on various properties he visited, and believes that the mineral belt of that district will be one of the greatest producers of mineral wealth on the coast. Speaking of the situation today in the Yukon, Mr. Settlemier says:

"The Yukon just now is experiencing marked activity in lode mining in the Mayo Mining district, where silver-lead ores predominate, and in development of copper properties adjacent to Whitehorse southern Yukon, and in gold dredging in the old Klondike district in the vicinity of Dawson.

"In the Whitehorse district, the Richmond Yukon Company, backed by Spokane capital, has taken over the old Byron White interests, including the Carlisle, the Tamarack and the Pueblo, and have an option on the War Eagle. A diamond drill is being used in prospecting, with Thos. Kerrush in charge, and it was understood when I visited Whitehorse recently that the tests were highly satisfactory, with indications of the ore continuing at depth and giving every promise of warranting installation of mills. Several other copper properties of the locality are expected to be similarly exploited shortly, while in the Wheaton and other southern Yukon localities quartz properties of promise are being prospected with promise of becoming producers of an appreciable tonnage.

DAGSON GOLD MINING

"Dawson is more active this year than for the last ten years. The Yukon Gold dredged out some sixty or seventy miles of the richest gold creeks with a fleet of gold dredges, operating chiefly on Bonanza, Hunker, Eldorado and Gold Run. They also washed down many miles of the richest bench gravels along Bonanza and turned over a yardage rivaling that handled in the construction of the Panama canal, contributing many millions of dollars to the world's gold yield. A fleet of large modern dredges, including some of the largest in the world, also dredged many miles of the Kyondike valley, Dominion Creek and Hunter Creek under the indomitable enterprise of the late Col. Joe Boyle, and his successors, known as the New Northwest Corporation, and allied subsidiaries. These properties and others, including Sulphur Creek, Quartz Creek, and remaining unworked portions of the Klondike valley, Dominion Creek and Gold Run, have been taken over by a new company, backed by English capital, organized by A. N. C. Treadgold, who years ago was instrumental in bringing the Yukon Gold Company into the field. Mr. Treadgold has succeeded in getting additional millions of capital for the new work, and this year inaugurated the new work on a large scale, employing all available men in the camp, and extending a power line to Quartz Creek and putting to work three huge dredges on the Klondike valley, two on Dominion creek and a new style of gold diggers on other creeks. He hopes to continue operations for years.

MAYO SILVER-LEAD

The Mayo Mining district has brought the Yukon into the silver-lead production column in recent years. The center of the district lies about 200 miles easterly from Dawson, and is reached by ascending the Stewart River to Mayo Landing, whence it is 40 miles by first class automobile road to Keno City, the center of the producing belt. Ore from the camp is hauled from the hills by horses to the main road, thence by ten-ton caterpillars and motor cars to Mayo Landing, thence by steamer down the Stewart to Stewart City, and from there by up-river steamers to Whitehorse, and across the White Pass

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DETAILS COME OF DROWNING

Father of Jack Martin Writes of Tragedy to Local Collector of Customs

Firther particulars of the drowning last Sunday evening in Massett Inlet of Jack Martin, deputy customs officer, are available in a letter received by J. H. McLeod, local collector of customs, from James Martin, father of the unfortunate youth.

Young Martin, who was only 18 years of age and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, the latter of whom is prostrated with grief as a result of the tragedy, had come down Massett Inlet aboard the steamer H. W. Baxter from Ferguson Bay. The vessel was anchored about one mile above Massett waiting for the tide to rise in order to pass over the bar. When Edenshaw's launch arrived on the scene to take Martin off and home to Massett it was dark. Martin started down the ladder on the ship's side and somehow slipped his hold, missing the launch and plunging into the water. He was swept away in an instant between the launch and ship. As he did not come to the surface again, it is assumed that he must have struck his head.

Young Jack Martin was well known and very popular about Massett where he had lived practically all his life. He was loved by everyone and even the Indians are mourning his loss.

A dozen or more boats are attempting to recover the body.

INDIAN DROWNS AT METLAKATLA

George Auckland Lost Life by Being Thrown in Water off Village

George Auckland, aged 35, Metlakatla Indian, lost his life by drowning during the early hours of yesterday morning. With Murray Clifton, Auckland was going out in a skiff to a gasboat anchored off the village. The water was rough and the little craft overturned. Auckland going down while Clifton managed to reach safety. Auckland's body was subsequently recovered and his funeral will take place in Metlakatla.

Matthew Auckland, father of deceased, died only last week. His mother is also deceased but he is survived by brothers and sisters. The drowned man was a widower.

VANCOUVER DREDGE FOR WRANGELL NARROWS NOW

Two Tugs Safely Delivered Unwieldly Tow to Ketchikan From South

Word was received today that the tugs Prospective No. 1 and Prespective reached Ketchikan safely yesterday having in tow the Vancouver dredge Burrard No 2 which will be employed in the dredging of Wrangell Narrows. The dredge formerly used in the work has broken down.

Frank Morris, manager of the B.C. Undertakers, has returned to the city from Terrace where he went to take charge of the funeral of the late Miss Florence Vanderlip.