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TO CLEAN UP PROVINCIAL SERVICES

UNITED FARMERS ASKED TO SUPPORT WESTERN ROUTES

Attorney General Introduces Bill Providing for Inquiries Into Any Official Misdoings

Attention of legislative assembly was centred yesterday on campaign funds and alleged bribery of employees—sweeping investigation to be held.

VICTORIA, January 21.—The question of campaign funds and alleged bribery of government employees which has been bobbing in the legislature almost daily during the session loomed larger Thursday with the introduction by Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, of a bill providing for departmental inquiries under oath, and an announcement by Hon. J. A. Buckham, the speaker, that a Labor motion for a campaign funds probe would be passed upon by the house in committee on Monday and the personal demand of Joshua Pennington, Conservative member for Victoria, that the government

TERRACE SHAKEN BY BIG STORM

Bad weather was accompanied by high wind—roof blown off—several buildings

TERRACE, Jan. 21.—Monday night, Tuesday and Wednesday night will not be forgotten here when one of the worst storms ever experienced in this country passed over the district. With the thermometer at about six below and a terrific gale blowing it was pronounced by old timers as one of the more severe spells ever felt here.

Residents in the business part of town were alarmed early Tuesday morning by a great commotion which, upon investigation, proved to be the tarred roof from the new Sundal block. The unusually high winds of the night had loosened the paper at the edges and the entire covering was blown all over town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sundal have had to vacate their suite of rooms on the second floor. The work of putting on a new galvanized roof will be commenced immediately material can be landed for the purpose.

DUKE OF YORK IS AT JAMAICA

Royal party arrived at Kingston yesterday and was given a great reception

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—The Duke and Duchess of York en route to Australia arrived here yesterday on the battle cruiser Renown. Thousands of people greeted the visitors when they landed and were received by the governor and various colonial officials.

DROWNED ON TRYING TO CROSS STRAITS IN CANVAS CANOE

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 21.—The body of Private Ajal Gallagher, United States Army, was washed ashore near here yesterday after a canvas canoe, in which he and Private Geary were attempting to cross the Straits of Juan de Fuca, had capsized.

MANUFACTURER OF STEEL WHEELS HAD \$20,000,000 ESTATE

DETROIT, Jan. 21.—John Kelsey, aged 65, president of the Kelsey Steel Wheel Co., who died recently, left an estate of \$20,000,000. He started work at the age of 11 for \$1.00 weekly.

Rev. Thos. D. Rinde, pastor in charge of the Lutheran church here, called for Vancouver on the steamer Prince Rupert this morning.

FINE FOR SELLING LIQUOR CHOCOLATES HAS BEEN SUSTAINED

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—Chocolates containing liquor cannot be sold in British Columbia according to a decision handed down yesterday in the British Columbia Court of Appeal. The decision upholds a conviction for this offence against R. C. Purdy, Ltd., Vancouver, imposing a fine of \$1,000. The decision was first taken to the Supreme Court by the defendant and upset. Now in the Appeal Court, at the instance of the crown, it is sustained, so stands.

WAS DROWNED AT KETCHIKAN

FRED RYAN, DRUGGIST, AND C. P. R. AGENT, LOST LIFE IN FALLING THROUGH TRAP-DOOR

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 21.—The body of Fred Ryan, prominent local druggist and agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s British Columbia coast steamship service, was found in the water Thursday night forty feet from the rear of his waterfront store at the corner of Dock and Front Streets. When he failed to return home in the evening, inquiries were started by his wife which revealed that he had apparently fallen through a trap door in the floor of his garage at the rear of the store which is built over the water.

Search by the coastguard cutter Cygan and a score of other vessels was begun and the body was found about 11 o'clock last night.

INCREASE MADE IN ELEVATOR CHARGES PORT OF VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Jan. 2.—Elevator charges here have been increased from one cent to 1 1/2c per bushel it was announced yesterday following a meeting of the new Board of Harbor Commissioners. The increase is approved by the federal authorities, at the instance of local elevator concerns, and will be retroactive to January 17.

JUST WHAT JERRY HAS RECEIVED IN RAIL RATE FIGHT

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—Since January, 1921, the provincial government has paid G. G. McGeer, K.C., \$43,000 in expenses as railway rates counsel for British Columbia. Hon. A. M. Manson, K.C., attorney general, told the legislature yesterday.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.38 1/2	
B.C. Silver	1.58	1.65
Dunwell	1.38	1.42
Glacier	.11 1/2	.12 1/2
Granby	33.00	34.00
Hazelton		.00 1/2
Independence	.12 1/2	.13
Howe Sound	39.00	41.00
Indian	.04	.05 1/2
Marmot	.10 1/2	.14
Premier	1.93	1.96
Porter Idaho	.14 1/2	.15 1/2

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HENRY COWELLS, 29-year-old California pianist-composer, has introduced to the musical world the use of the elbows, fore-arms and fists in playing a concert grand. He is constantly striving for "an extension of technique." It is possible to strike 48 notes simultaneously by utilizing the "sensitized elbow." He has astonished critics both in Europe and in America by his tonal effects.

Campaign Funds and Fraudulent Land ng Certificates Are Told of Before Customs Commission

VANCOUVER, January 21.—Campaign fund contributions again featured the evidence given at the customs probe yesterday. John F. Newton, president of the Victoria-Phoenix brewery, Victoria, admitted that a large number of checks produced had gone to benefit both parties and the Moderation League also secured \$2,200 in connection with the referendum for the sale of beer.

Newton admitted that a check for \$2,000 dated September 2 last and payable to L. U. Conyers went to the Liberal party and another for a similar amount payable originally to A. R. Wolfenden but

Newton explained that the contributions were systematized, the Amalgamated Breweries deciding on the amounts, various breweries then being assessed proportionally, the money going to each party on a fifty-fifty basis.

R. L. Calder, commission counsel, estimated that total contributions for the month of January, 1925, aggregated some \$7,500. Some checks were charged to sundry agents' allowances, he said.

During the session of the probe yesterday afternoon, N. W. Rowell, K.C., pursued an investigation as to how British Columbia liquor exporters secured landing certificates from Mexican and Central American ports for the shipments of liquor landed in the United States. James Hunter, president of the Consolidated Exporters Corporation, admitted that in transit shipments destined for Mexican and Central American ports never reached there. He further admitted that as much as \$3 a case was paid in order to make sure that the liquor was "taken care of down south."

Rowell produced a list of unvouchered expenditures covering points from October 1922 to September 1926 amounting to \$990,000.

Plea Made by Woodside, Vancouver Alderman, at Convention in Edmonton

EDMONTON, January 21.—On behalf of the city council of Vancouver, Ald. Frank E. Woodside and J. Weir, both of that city, yesterday appealed to the United Farmers of Alberta convention here to support and co-operate with the development of the western grain routes. Following a discussion of the reduced wheat shipments via Vancouver this year, the meeting voted to refer the question to the Wheat Pool board "for solution of the difficulty, whether real or imaginary."

"We do not positively know what is responsible for the unfortunate condition but we are vitally concerned in the removal of any cause which may be contributing to the decrease in wheat shipments," said Mr. Weir.

Ald. Woodside suggested that the convention appoint a committee to confer on the details of recommendations which might result in improving the situation.

George McIvor, western sales manager of the Wheat Pool's selling agency, said that the wheat market in the Orient

Negotiations Opened Between Railway Company and City on Taxation Agreement Renewal

R. R. Nichols, C.N.R. tax commissioner, and W. McLarnon of the C.N.R. taxation department, were introduced to the city council last night and Mr. Nichols later addressed the council for a short time and asked for an appointment with the council to discuss a new agreement with the city on the matter of assessment and taxation in view of the fact that, in February, the present agreement with the city expired. He had prepared a tentative agreement similar to the one which had just expired and would furnish copies to the aldermen so that they might become familiar with it. He asked the council when it felt it would be prepared to go ahead with negotiations.

Alderman Stephens was of the opinion that this was the most important matter with which this year's council would have to deal and he did not think hasty action should be taken especially if the new agreement was considered to be very similar to the old one in which he considered the city had a very poor bargain and the C.N.R. a very good one. He asked Mr. Nichols as to the former agreement made with the city fifteen years ago in which the company covenanted to make certain improvements which had never been carried out.

Mr. Nichols, in reply, said that while the company did not wish to crawl out from under anything, yet he had to answer more particularly for the agreement made with the city five years ago and which expired this month. He was unable to answer as to the old agreement but explained that every expenditure of the railway company had to be passed by the exchequer court and then by the parliament of Canada.

Mayor Newton said that he had already talked with Mr. Nichols and had suggested that he personally would want some time to consider the matter and suggested that the proposals be submitted to the council and, when it was possible for Mr. Nichols to meet them again, a special meeting of the council could be arranged to confer on the matter.

The discussion which followed was principally between Mr. Nichols and Alderman Stephens who suggested that Mr. Nichols had probably better prepare for the court of appeal if the agreement was very similar to the old one as he felt that the company had a good agreement as far as their interests were concerned and the taxpayers of the city needed protection.

The matter was finally disposed of by Mr. Nichols presenting to each of the aldermen a tentative proposal for their consideration and the mayor informing him on behalf of the council that he would call a special meeting of the council twenty-four hours in advance a suitable time for the conference.

COMPANY'S PROPOSAL

The memorandum submitted by Mr. Nichols was in part as follows: By agreement dated February 16, 1922, between the City of Prince Rupert and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. taxes payable annually for a period of five years were fixed at the sum of \$45,000, plus local improvement taxes and property taxes, which for the five year period resulted in an average annual payment of \$61,190.

The principal of a fixed annual tax having been established has operated satisfactorily to both parties concerned but, in considering the matter of a renewal of the agreement for a further period of five years, the company feels a reduction in the amount payable should be given uniform with the reduction given other tax payers in taxes which is 21.5 per cent on all property other than that owned by the railway company as between the 1922 and 1927 assessments, assuming that the rate for 1927 will be the same as 1926, namely 44 mills.

It was arranged that a refund of 1921 taxes overpaid be adjusted by a deduction of \$4,500.00 per annum, during the five years of the agreement so that, in considering a reduction of the fixed tax payable by the company, the actual amount received annually by the city would only be reduced by \$4,500, if a reduction of 20 per cent in the amount payable was given.

Reductions have not been restricted to Prince Rupert, but the same also applies to towns and cities throughout the four western provinces and not only have land assessments been decreased without exception, but the total taxes payable by the Company have been

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GRAIN LOADINGS AT VANCOUVER

TWO BOATS LOADED FULL THERE DURING WEEK AND SIX TOOK ON PART CARGOES FOR VARIOUS WORLD PORTS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—The following vessels have loaded grain here during the present week:

- Canadian Transporter, for Liverpool, 20,867 bushels.
- Southwestern Miller, for Manchester, 18,067 bushels.
- Fella, for Mediterranean ports, 205,334 bushels.
- Golden Gate, for London, 242,667 bushels.
- Lochgoll, for Rotterdam, 37,334 bushels; for London, 37,335 bushels.
- Koshin Maru, for Shanghai, 226,000 bushels.
- Arabia Maru, for Kobe, 68,167 bushels; for Osaka, 17,500 bushels; for Yokohama, 17,500 bushels.
- El Capitan, for Puerto Colombia, 12,000 bushels.

INJUNCTION BY SUPREME COURT

GIVEN TO PREVENT GEORGE SCOLLARD DRAWING FROM VANCOUVER BANKS MONEY ALLEGED TO BE HIS WIFE'S

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—Injunctions preventing withdrawals from safety deposit boxes rented in the name of George Scollard at the main offices of the Bank of Montreal and Bank of Toronto were granted by Mr. Justice Morrison in the Supreme Court yesterday upon application of counsel for Strath Scollard of Bellingham, whose husband is under arrest in Bellingham charged with the theft of \$157,000 dollars of her funds.

Scollard was arrested here last week on warrant from Bellingham. It is alleged that he fled to this country with his wife's money and deposited it in the local banks referred to.

INSPECTION OF LOCAL NAVAL DETACHMENT TO TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY

Owing to the lateness of the train from the East on which he arrived, Lieut. E. R. Malnguy of Ottawa, supervising officer of the western division of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, was unable to conduct the annual inspection of the local detachment last night. He continued through to Vancouver and Esquimalt by this morning's steamer but will be back on February 9 and will hold the inspection on the following day.

In anticipation of the inspection being held as originally scheduled, twenty-five members of the detachment under Lieut. R. P. Ponder, officer commanding, were on parade at naval headquarters last night.

FOURTH VICTIM OF DAM COLLAPSE AT PORT ANGELES DIES

PORT ANGELES, Washington, Jan. 21.—The toll of dead from the collapsing of a scaffold on Tuesday at the Gilne Canyon dam reached four with the death of Oscar Sims, aged 42 yesterday.