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SEE BOTH SIDES

An effort is being made at this election to give both sides of the political situation during the election campaign so that readers of this paper will have an opportunity to judge for themselves which party shall be sent back. While we think that the MacLean government should be returned to give the new premier an opportunity to make good, this being in the best interests of the province, we also realize that the opposition have an equal right to be heard and state their case. We are glad to be able to give Dr. Tolmie's side, as we have done in the past, so far as our limited capacity allows. When any newspaper tries to hush things up or hide them by refusing publication, its side is in a bad way.

VISTORIA SITUATION

The situation in Victoria is not one to enthuse Conservatives for when the party is divided victory is difficult. The Liberals of that city feel very confident of winning, but they also have little difficulties of their own and it is possible that their convention may not be a complete love feast. There are four candidates in that city and two or three in the suburbs and what happens there will have a big effect on the general result throughout the province.

SYMPATHIZE WITH COLONEL

Prince Rupert people will be a unit in sympathizing with Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Nicholls in the loss of their little daughter at Vancouver. On arrival there Col. Nicholls had to go to the hospital where he is now. This followed a hospital operation at Winnipeg on his way home with Mrs. Nicholls from Europe where he had been on a holiday. The final blow is a hard one.

P.G.E. RAILWAY

(Edmonton Bulletin)

A general provincial election is being held in Brtitish Columbia. A prominent plank in the platform on which the MacLean government is seeking re-election declares that negotiations are to be continued for the sale of the P.G.E. railway to the National Railways. Hon. C. H. Dunning stated in Ottawa several days ago that negotiations to that end were proceeding satisfactorily.

It would seem altogether probable that the elector of British Columbia would approve this—or any other—plan to dispose of the P.G.E. provided terms can be secured which will not involve too heavy a loss to them. The line has not paid the expenses of operation, nor is there a prospect of it doing so. The capital cost was heavy and the carrying charges are correspondingly large. Nor has the railway resulted in any general development sufficient to offset the deficits.

The P.G.E. was projected from Vancouver to Prince George. In point of fact it neither begins at the one place nor ends at the other. There is apparently little public desire to complete it as a provincial undertaking. A sale would seem to offer the only opportunity to bring the enterprise to completion, secure the advantages of the development it may facilitate, and free the tax-payers from heavy losses for an indefinite number of years.

Premier Brownlee apparently sees in these negotiations a possibility that either the National Railways or the two transcontinentals will be in the market shortly to buy the E.D. & B.C. at a substantially better price than was offered a few weeks ago, and rejected. Speaking at Kitscoty the other day, he placed a price of nineteen million dollars on the E.D. & B.C. lines. The offer made—and refused—was approximately seventeen millions and a half.

The difference is not large, in terms of railway finance. Should the National acquire the P.G.E., it would be very much to the advantage of the system to control also the E.D. & B.C. Should the P.G.E. negotiations fail, control of the E.D. & B.C. would be scarcely less valuable to the National system, and at the rate at which traffic on the lines is growing a difference of a million and a half dollars in the purchase price should not block a sale.

BURNS LAKE

A. H. Silk, who recently resigned from the provincial police force with which he has served here for several years, has opened a new gorcery store in the Lakeview Hotel.

Mrs. G. S. Wood returned last Friday morning to her home in Prince George after having spent a couple of weeks here visiting with Mrs. P. V. Tallon. Mrs. Wood was the raison d'etre for a number of delightful social affaigs during her visit here.

Two new families of settlers and their effects arrived last week at Burns Lake enroute to the New Finland settlement west of Colleymount.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Steele and Miss Haines spent a couple of days last week at Ootsa Lake and Wistaria, Dr. Steele having been engaged in examining the school children in the southern portion of the district.

A rousing reception was given Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, Premier of British Columbia, and Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, when they addressed a public meeting last Saturday evening. After the meeting a dance was held in the Community Hall by the Native Sons of Canada.

Del Cassidy is opening up a general store at Nadina River.

Some unique specimens of roses and cactus are being developed in the Burns Lake Nurseries.

Mrs. P. V. Tallon was hostess at a bridge party last Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. G. S. Wood of Prince George. Prize winners were Mrs. J. H. Pringle, Mrs. A. E. Kissock and Mrs. H. D. MacNeil.

Arthur Shelford, Conservative candidate for Omineca was in Burns Lake for a few days last week after having spent a week campaigning at Vanderhoof.

A Liberal Association has been organized at Ootsa Lake with officers as follows: Honorary President, Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean; honorary vice-president, Hon. A. M. Manson; chairman, Norman Schreiber; vice-chairman, Harry Morgan; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Harrison; executive—George R. Parker, Mrs. H. Bennett, D. McGibbon and N. Schreiber. Phil Brunell and Sidney Godwin of Burns Lake assisted with the organization.

Mr. Laidlaw, one of Burns Lake's earliest settlers, is in charge of the government liquor store here which recently opened for business.

Roadwork is now well under way in this district and gravelling has started on some of the worst parts of the Francois-Ootsa Lakes road. Next week work will start on the Babine road at a point near the eleven-mile post and reconstruction from that point in the direction of Burns Lake will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Colleymount road has received a good appropriation and will be continued farther west as rapidly as possible. A further improvement which is proposed is the road from Endako to Glen Annan at the east end of Francois Lake.

STEWART

William Younkin, prominent mining man, and Miss Elizabeth W. Maxwell, well known chiropractor, were married at the United Church in Hyder last Thursday, Rev. S. V. Warren officiating. Miss Kate Ryan acted as bridesmaid and Dalby B. Morkill was groomsman while the bride was given away by Albert Mayer. Mr. and Mrs. Younkin are taking up residence in Stewart.

The local assembly of the Native Sons of Canada has passed a resolution urging that the government to include packers and prospectors under the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The support of the Canadian Legion has also been given the resolution.

The Canadian National Coast Steamships announce that in future the steamer Prince Charles will call at Stewart first coming north, proceeding then to Anyox. Formerly Anyox was the vessel's first call out of Prince Rupert.

Real estate sales on the Stewart townsite continue steadily. The Stewart Land Co. reports having disposed of $16,000 worth of lots during the last ninety days.

T. W. Falconer of Alice Arm, Conservative candidate for Atlin riding, has been here on a campaign tour, accompanied by J. A. Anderson of Alice Arm.

Jim Douville and associates in the Montreal group of claims on the east side of Bear River divide left last week for the property and will carry out several months' development work.

The Stewart News has announced that it will take no active part on behalf of any particular party in the forthcoming provincial election campaign.

VANDERHOOF

The Vanderhoof and District Board of Trade has decided to take up the matter of establishing a hospital in the district, the subject having been introduced by Dr. W. Ross Stone. A committee consisting of Dr. Stone, E. A. Mitchell and R. C. McCorkell has been appointed to make the necessary investigations and report at the next meeting of the board.

Earl Buck has received a carload of horses from Abbey, Saskatchewan.

R. C. McCorkell has received a carload of lumber from Vancouver.

F. P. Burden of Prince George was a visitor last week in Vanderhoof.

John D. Charleson, returning officer for Omineca constituency, has appointed George Ogston as election clerk.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church here has received an organ from St. Andrew's Cathedral in Prince Rupert.

Col. Andros is visiting here as the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Taylor.

John A. Fraser, M.P., returned to his home in Quesnel last Thursday after paying a visit here to institute the newly chartered local Masonic Lodge.

The annual Farmers' Institute picnic at Prairiedale proved to be a very successful event. After the picnic, a dance was held in the school house.

T. P. Smithers has left for Endako where he will work on the new hotel being built by A. G. Annan.

Returned men of the district held a general meeting in the Board of Trade Hall last Thursday evening, the business session being followed by a smoker.

R. C. W. Lett of the Canadian National Railways industrial department was a visitor here from Vancouver last week.

The George Little Lumber Co. has received a carload of lumber from the Terrace mill.

Misses Mary and Lily Hartley are visiting here as the guests of their sister, Miss Maud Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron of Saskatoon are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGeachy. Mr. Cameron is Mrs. McGeachy's brother.

W. M. Ferrier and S. G. Ryall of Fort St. James were visitors in town last week.

J. M. Johnston has been on a trip to Vancouver to consult with Conservative party leaders on the matter of the election campaign in this riding.

Pupils of the Fort Fraser Superior school presented their principal, W. W. White, with a smoking set on the occasion of his birthday.

Miss Elsie Arland of Engen public school has been appointed teacher of the junior room of the Vanderhoof Superior School to succeed Miss Mary Mellish who has resigned.

WESTERN CEDAR ONLY IN B.C.

The range of the western cedar in Canada is confined to the province of British Columbia. More shingles are made from the Western cedar than from any other species. Over 2,500,000,000 were cut in Canada from this tree in 1926. In addition over 130,000,000 board feet of lumber, 10,000,000 laths, and an immense number of poles and posts were produced from it in the same year.

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British Columbia mines approximately 40 million dollars worth of copper, zinc and lead, a year . . . more than the rest of Canada. In gold and silver, our production ranks second . . . in coal, third; our total annual mining production today being exceeded only by Ontario.

Sound legislation, good mining laws and low fees have encouraged this development and stimulated growth. Although the provincial mining area has only been superficially prospected within the transportation belt, new fields are developing, new roads and trails constantly being built.

Chattering drills sink deeper and deeper into the hills . . . heavy ores rumble through the concentrators . . . fortunes come tumbling from the treasure chest of British Columbia! What was once only imagined about our mining potentialities, is now proven knowledge. Mining has become our third largest industry . . . showing over 67 million dollars revenue a year . . . proof that prosperity flourishes in British Columbia.

Capital from Eastern Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France . . . seeks investment. Our great wealth of production, developing so steadily during the past ten years, has established confidence and aroused keen interest in British Columbia's mining future the world over.

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