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REVISION OF BOUNDARY

While it is naturally a rather difficult matter to make changes in national boundary lines, it ought not to be difficult for United States and Canada to get together and either make an exchange of territory or else arrange a sale of a small portion of the United States strip that keeps Canadians from reaching their own territory from the sea. There is no such great value in a patch of northern land that any serious difficulties should occur. If the matter is taken up seriously by the Ottawa authorities it ought to be arranged.

SLOAN'S TIMELY WARNING

The warning in regard to buying mining stocks as given by the Minister of Mines, Hon. William Sloan, is a very timely one. We all believe there are a good many prospective mines in British Columbia that are now only holes in the ground. Some of these may be good and others not so good. If people get stung once or twice they refuse to invest further.

Speaking generally mines are a speculation, but as a speculation they offer good chances of returning large profits if well managed. So much depends on the management.

Only those who can afford to do so should speculate. Those who want a sure thing should buy bonds. But the difficulty is that buying bonds never makes a person rich quickly.

At any rate it is well to take Mr. Sloan's warning and buy only into companies that have real merit. But merit does not count with the average speculator. All he thinks of is whether the stock is likely to advance in price so that he can sell out.

TOPLEY RICHFIELD MINE

We have no intention of boosting any particular mining property but it is good news that the Topley Richfield is financed and that proper development will be carried on under the present management so that the people of the district may reap a part of the rich harvest if the mine proves successful. What is true of this mine is true of many others. There is a general movement toward development of the Portland Canal and interior properties which is bound to prove most beneficial to the district.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN CANADA

Great Britain is planning to send a representative to Ottawa in addition to the Governor-General. Today the Governor does not represent the British cabinet but the King. The doctrine of equal status has changed things somewhat. Canada advises the King, through the governor in regard to Canadian affairs of Great Britain. When we deal with each other we no longer do so through the Governor-General as heretofore but through the special representatives of Britain in Canada and Canada in London.

BUDGET ALMOST BALANCES

The budget was something like a quarter of a million dollars short of balancing last year, a mere triviality. Usually there is a balance on the right side, but this adverse amount is so small as to be hardly worthy of note. Unexpected increased expenditures accounted for the difference. Happily the sinking fund is intact so the financial condition of the province is excellent.

One of the interesting features of the session just started will be the budget, which will be down in about a month or perhaps a little later. It will deal with the whole financial situation as it is today.

MANSON TELLS ABOUT PROVINCE

Industries Increase by Leaps and Bounds Declares Attorney-General in Address

USES PICTURES FOR STORY

Basic Production Growing Rapidly and Causes People to Enthuse Over B.C.

VICTORIA, Jan. 26.—In an inspiring address which stirred up much enthusiasm and applause, at the dinner and annual meeting of the Laurier Club in the banquet hall of the Dominion Hotel, Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General, analyzed the progress of British Columbia, and made the prediction that this province, because of its resources and their variety, would lead all Canada in manufacturing.

"Someone in the East referred to us out here as having only a sea of mountains," said Mr. Manson, throwing on the screen the chart showing the increase in electrical horsepower in British Columbia in the last ten years. This showed that developed horsepower has jumped from 231,700 in 1916 to 460,562 in 1926—an increase of 98.7 per cent.

DEVELOPING POWER

"But more significant still is the fact that there is now 477,500 new horsepower under development in British Columbia—that is, more new horsepower under development than we had in use in 1926—new horsepower to turn the wheels of industry in British Columbia," Mr. Manson went on. "Some one has confidence in British Columbia. The heads of great industries, investing millions in this production, are alert to the opportunities in British Columbia."

Mr. Manson threw on the screen the B.C. total payroll chart, showing that the payroll in this province has jumped from \$78,000,000 in 1917 to \$175,000,000 in 1926—an increase of \$100,000,000 in ten years in the wages here paid out to employees, not including those employed in offices.

"Go to the Dominion statistics and you will find no such increase as this anywhere else in Canada," he continued. "We have got the resources in abundance, we have got water power and got everything that is necessary for a great industrial future. The day will come when British Columbia will be first in Canada because of these wonderful resources of her's."

BUY IN B.C.

Mr. Manson urged as a good rule: "Buy British Columbia products and watch your country grow."

"It is good business to patronize your neighbor and help him to grow and get more employees on his staff," he said. "By doing this more agricultural product is needed, more products from the mines and forests. Why not keep money at home and build up our own merchants?"

B.C.'s increase of total production has been from \$807,000,000 in the ten years 1907-1916, to \$1,955,000,000 in the ten years, 1917-1926, the official figures presented showed.

The total wealth in B.C. industry and commerce has grown from \$650,000,000 in 1916 to \$1,837,000,000 in 1926—an increase of \$1,200,000,000.

Total basic production has grown from \$124,000,000 in 1916 to \$250,000,000 in 1925, an increase at the rate of ten per cent each year.

CREDIT HIGHEST IN CANADA

Number of business firms in the province has grown from 5,301 in 1919 to 8,058 in 1927, an increase of 52 per cent.

Mr. Manson also dealt in detail with the increase in the timber, mining, fisheries, agriculture, industries and the reduction in taxation and debt made in the last few years by Hon. J. D. MacLean as Minister of Finance.

"British Columbia went to the money markets twice this year, and we got our money at a lower price than did any other province in Canada," he went on.

"It is true that the government is getting more revenue today, but there are more of us and there are more industries and more production. Our industries have increased by leaps and bounds. The proportion of revenue to production has been decreased from 11 per cent to 7 1/2 per cent."

"GET A BUCKET FOR TEARS"

"How a responsible man like Dr. Tomin can go out and preach the gospel of ruin is more than I can understand. Let's go out and get a bucket and gather up the tears. Preach the gospel of B.C. and keep the boys and girls at home. Today there are fewer going from Canada to United States than ever in our history, and there are more coming from United States to Canada than ever in history."

"He would be a poor man who couldn't enthuse and show his pride over the story of our progress in B.C. in the last ten years."

Mr. Manson also dealt with the advance in social legislation in B.C., such as mothers' pensions and workmen's compensation. He reviewed the features of the career of the late Premier Oliver, who rose from pit boy in England to Premier of this province, after having landed here with only a \$2 bill in his pocket. He also told briefly the story of Premier MacLean's career, referring to his sincerity, integrity and high ideals.

Mr. Manson declared that the establishment of a Laurier Club in Victoria was a step in the right direction, providing as it does an opportunity for business and professional men.

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BURNS AND MENDELSSOHN AT LADIES' MUSIC CLUB

Papers on Each Read by Mrs. Frizell and Musical Numbers Given

Yesterday being the anniversary of Robert Burns the Scottish poet, very appropriately the Ladies' Music Club opened its regular meeting in a Japanese mission with a paper by Mrs.

J. R. Frizell on the Scottish Bard. Another paper was given by the same lady on Mendelssohn, selections illustrative of the work of that composer, were given. Burns songs were also sung and the closing selection was "Auld Lang Syne" by the whole club, according to the rites of the north country. Following is the program:

Paper—Burns. Mrs. J. R. Frizell.
Piano solo—Song without words, Opus. 67, No. 3. (Mendelssohn). Mrs. R. Bartlett.
Vocal solo—"Bonnie Wee Thing." (Burns). Miss Jackson, accompanied by Miss Tite.
Violin solo—"Spring Song." (Mendelssohn). Mrs. G. Woodland accompanied by Mrs. Marentette.
Duet—"The Cauld Blast." (Mendelssohn). Mrs. E. Anderson and Miss Halliwell, accompanied by Mrs. Blott.
Paper on Mendelssohn by Mrs. Frizell.
Piano solo—(a) "Venetian Boat Song." (b) "Consolation." (Mendelssohn). Mrs. E. Marentette.
Vocal solo—"Afton Water." (Burns) Mrs. Wm. Millar, accompanied by Mrs. Marentette.
The Club—"Auld Lang Syne" (Burns) accompanied by Mrs. Moore.

At the usual business meeting of the club Mrs. Darton and Mrs. H. C. Fraser were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a ladies' orchestra to play at club gatherings, the orchestra to be a part of the Music Club organization.

A letter was read from Mrs. W. H. Kergin, thanking the club for a beautiful bouquet of flowers sent to her while she was in the hospital. Mrs. R. L. McIntosh presided.

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