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# SPEECH FROM THRONE IS OPTIMISTIC

# BRITISH COLUMBIA CLAIMS ARE RECOGNIZED AT OTTAWA

## British Columbia to Be Given Back Her Railway Lands and the Peace River Block Is Forecast in Speech from Throne Today

### WASHINGTON NOT SERIOUS OVER KERGIN

Thinks Proposal to Purchase Part of Alaska Would Not Meet With Favor

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 26.—Government officials are disinclined to take seriously the suggestion made in the U.S. Legislature by H. F. Kergin, member for Allyn, that negotiations be opened with the United States looking to acquisition by Canada of the Pan Handle of Alaska. They expressed surprise at the suggestion as no previous conversations had passed between the two governments on the subject.

The Pan Handle presumably could be obtained only by purchase from the United States and there was no indication here that proposals to purchase would be favorably received in administration circles.

As to the attitude of Congress on the suggestion, officials believe there would be most strenuous opposition to it even if the executive branch were willing to discuss the subject, which it does not appear to be.

### WIDOW'S SUIT IS THROWN OUT

Head of Admiralty Court Reverses Award of \$20,000 Given for Drowning of Skeena Fisherman

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.—Affirming the validity of the Workmen's Compensation Act in its application to casualties in British Columbia waters, Mr. Justice A. K. MacLean, president of the Exchequer Court of Canada, has reversed judgment of Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in Admiralty, and dismissed an action launched by Mrs. Martha E. Dagsland against the Union steamer Catala for the death of her husband, Erik Dagsland, fisherman, who was drowned at the mouth of the Skeena River on July 31, 1925, when his boat was run down by the Catala on her maiden trip.

The widow had been awarded \$20,000 damages by Mr. Justice Martin less the amount of moneys paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board.

### SUES MARTIN FOR ASSAULT

Industrial Commissioner Asked For Damages for Evicting Man From Premises

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.—Monetary compensation of \$2,500 is claimed by Walter Hodgkinson of Vancouver from Donald B. Martin, industrial commissioner, and deputy minister of industries at Victoria in the action before Mr. Justice Morrison in the supreme court.

### EDMONTON BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

EDMONTON, Jan. 26.—The main office building of the Edmonton Live-stock Exchange was destroyed last night by fire, the damage being estimated at \$4,000.

Dominion Government has under consideration dealing with Provincial Railways as outlined at Conference of Premiers

VARIOUS MATTERS DEALT WITH Contract for grading and bridging Hudson Bay Railway let as far north as Fort Churchill

OTTAWA, January 26.—The speech from the throne read today by Lord Willingdon at the opening of Parliament announced that the Federal Government was considering the restoration to British Columbia of the railway belt lands in that province and the Peace River block which had been conveyed to the Dominion years ago in connection with the agreement for the building of the C.P.R.

Formal announcement was made that Canadian ministers plenipotentiary would be sent to Paris and Tokio.

Pending complete revision of the financial arrangements contemplated in the Duncan report, money grants to the Maritimes made last year will be continued.

Negotiations are continuing with the Prairie provinces for the return to them of their natural resources, which are at present controlled by the Dominion Government.

The railway problems of several provinces, as outlined at the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa recently, are under consideration.

The department of health and soldiers' re-establishment departments are to be amalgamated in a single department of National Health and Veterans' Welfare.

Trade treaties between Canada and "certain foreign countries" are to be submitted to Parliament.

An airship mooring tower is to be erected on an airship base near Montreal and a public air terminal for airplanes provided there.

Announcement was made of the letting of the contract for grading and bridging the Hudson Bay extension to Fort Churchill.

The speech cites the volume of trade, building construction, growth of employment and increased railway receipts as testimony to the sound economic development promising much substantial progress.

### BILLY BARTON WINS IN ENGLISH STEEPLECHASE

NEWBURY, Eng., Jan. 26.—Billy Barton, owned in Baltimore, won the Winchester handicap steeplechase over a three mile course today.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
B.C.	1.55	1.60
Big Missouri	.75	.80
Coast Copper	54.00	
Cork Province	.36 1/2	.37 1/2
Daly Alaska	.12	
Dunwell	.32	.32 1/2
George Copper	3.70	4.00
Glacie	.06	.06 1/2
Gladstone	.15	.16
Independence	.19 1/2	.20
L. and L.	.35 1/2	
Leadsmith	.06 1/2	.07
Lucky Jim	.38 1/2	.39
Silversmith	.22	
Marmot Metals	2.75	2.85
Premier	.52	.54 1/2
Porter Idaho	.17	.17 1/2
Richmond	.18 1/2	.18 1/2
Silvercrest	.20 1/2	.21
Silversmith	.20 1/2	.21
Surf Inlet	.00 1/2	.01
Sunloch	3.10	3.15
Whitewater	2.45	2.50

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### C.P.R. PLANS BUILD NORTH

Will Invade Country in Northern Saskatchewan and Possible Connection With Hudson Bay

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26.—Extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway into the northland of Saskatchewan is forecast by President Beatty. It will be a continuation of the branch line from Wadena to Nipawin. Connection with Prince Albert will be made by the line between that city and Winnipeg.

Asked if this would mean eventually extension to Hudson Bay, Mr. Beatty said that was in the nature of a possibility.

### BRISK RALLY TODAY NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Following a selling depression near the close of the stock exchange yesterday, there was a brisk rally today.

WALKER ANNOUNCES AGAIN CONSERVATIVE IN THE LEGISLATURE VICTORIA, Jan. 26.—George Walker, M.L.A. for Richmond and Point Grey, on one of the three provincial members elected to the Legislature at the last election, announced in the House yesterday his intention to re-join his old party, the Conservative party.

### NELSON AFTER INDUSTRIES

Increasing Power Supply to Induce Outside Concerns to Locate There

NELSON, Jan. 26.—Power is the subject that is worrying the city just now. There is plenty being generated for present use but plans are being made for inducing industries to locate here and to succeed there must be cheap power and plenty of it. One of the plans discussed is for the city to install another unit at Bonington Falls.

The city has been in correspondence with several firms looking for locations and the advantages of this city have been clearly placed before them.

At the Rotary Club luncheon the Westholme Orchestra entertained the members for half an hour.



ADMIRAL DAVID F. SELLERS, commanding the United States battleships and naval forces in Nicaragua

### President Beatty of C.P.R. Sees Period of Prosperity with Railway Building Ahead

WINNIPEG, January 26.—"Canada is on the high road to great and economically sound prosperity and I think I may say with reasonable assurance that during the next ten years, if Canada progresses as we anticipate, there will be more money expended in railway expansion than in any other single industry," President Beatty of the Canadian Pacific said today at a convention of western retail lumbermen.

### DRURY OPPOSED TO SUBSIDIZING COAL SHIPPED TO ONTARIO

EDMONTON, Jan. 26.—Hon. E. C. Drury, former premier of Ontario, expressed himself here as opposed to granting a subsidy for the purpose of enabling the railways to carry Alberta coal to Ontario and compete with the American product. He said he was opposed to the subsidy method as a general principle.

### REPRIEVE FOR TWO MURDERERS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.—The sentences of death on John McKenzie, 17 years of age and George Burgess, 18, for the murder of Otto Bosch, have been commuted by order in council to life imprisonment. They were to have been hanged on Friday.

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### Canada and Japan to Exchange Legations It Is Announced but No Appointment Yet Been Made

TOKIO, January 26.—Diplomatic relations between Canada and Japan will be established shortly, it was announced today at the foreign office. The Japanese government has decided to establish a legation in Ottawa and the statement added that a Canadian minister will be appointed to Tokio. It said that the Japanese government considered an exchange of ministers would be beneficial to the relations of the two countries.

OTTAWA, January 26.—An exchange of legations between Canada and Japan is expected to be announced at the opening of Parliament today. Though arrangements, it is understood, will be made to send a minister to Tokio, no appointment of a Canadian minister has yet been made.

### Opening Speeches in Legislature Refer to Improvement in Industry and Grey Deals with Fisheries

VICTORIA, January 26.—In moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne, A. Wells Gray, mayor of New Westminster and member for the same city, referred to the progress made by the province during the past year. There was marked improvement in various lines of industry. He pointed to the fact that British Columbia stood now the third province in the Dominion in the matter of manufacturing.

Touching on the fishing industry, the speaker referred to the falling off in the cannery industry on the Fraser River and declared

more fish were caught by seals and sea lions than in any other way. He attached blame to Ottawa where, he said, the authorities had ideas in regard to the subject not in accord with those held here, which would make for restriction of the industry. It was time he felt that control of the fisheries passed from the dual condition into the hands of the province.

J. A. McDonald of Nelson, in responding to the address, referred to the stability of the industries of the province as shown by the monied interests which placed the credit of the province on high ground.

### CANADA'S RAILWAYS WORLD'S BEST SAYS SYDNEY TRAVELLER

Walter Smith of the C.N.R. city ticket office here has received the following clipping from the Sydney (Australia) Sun from J. J. McGregor, formerly of Prince Rupert and now residing in Sydney: "Alderman Gollan, welcomed me back to Auburn Council last night, after a trip round the world, summed up his conclusions:—

"Switzerland is the cleanest country in the world. America and England have the best roads, America the best street lighting, London the best traffic police and Berlin the best traffic signs. Canada has the best railways." He still believes that Australia is the country which shows the greatest potentialities for development.

### HOUSE OPENS AT OTTAWA

Glitter of Military Uniforms and Fashionable Assembly at Formal Proceedings

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—The glitter of uniforms and the music of military bands lent glamor to the opening of Parliament today, which was carried out with the time honored ceremonies, all the wealth and fashion of the capital being present, ladies being out in large numbers to witness the event.

The speech from the throne was read by Lord Willingdon and after the ordinary formalities the House adjourned until tomorrow when the regular business of the session will commence.

### COST OF INQUIRIES ARE NOT VERY LARGE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SHOW

VICTORIA, Jan. 26.—The Public Accounts, which were tabled yesterday, show that the campaign fund inquiry last spring cost \$2,202, the Carlow investigation \$3,583, and the Gauthier probe \$3,245.

### PRINCE OF WALES FARM FLOODED IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Prince of Wales pedigree stock farm in the Lepton district of Nottinghamshire was partly flooded from the overflow of the River Leen, which is continuing to rise as a result of heavy rains.

### VICTORIA PLAN GREATER CITY

Scheme to Include Surrounding Municipalities is Again Being Discussed

VICTORIA, Jan. 26.—Following the example of Vancouver there is a movement here for the purpose of trying to arrange for a Greater Victoria which will include Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich, and Esquimalt. The movement is given an impetus by the fact that several wards of Saanich have strongly urged that they be allowed to break away from the municipality, claiming that they are strictly rural sections and have nothing in common with the urban parts of Saanich. Also there are constantly matters in dispute between the various municipal councils such as the use of the public library and the attendance at High Schools.

One of the foremost advocates of the Greater Victoria scheme is Ex-mayor Marchant. The incidence of taxation is one of the stumbling blocks in any proposals that have been made heretofore.

### BERNARD SHAW AND THE U.S.

Declares He Would be Detained at Ellis Island for Opinions

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Archibald Henderson in an address here stated that Bernard Shaw had recently been invited to visit the United States. He replied: "Why should anyone who is in London want to go to New York? I am afraid to go to America. I should certainly be stopped at Ellis Island and incarcerated there if I expressed any doubt as to the literal truth of the Old Testament story of Elisha and the bears. I am, it is true, a master of comic irony, but even I could not endure to see the Statue of Liberty."

### CONSERVATIVES WIN ELECTION

Has Close Run With Labor at Faversham, England, Yesterday

FAVORSHAM, Eng., Jan. 26.—Conservatives retained the seat here by the election today of Adam Maitland, Conservative, his closest opponent being a labor man. The figures in the four cornered contest were: Adam Maitland, Conservative, 12,997. Major Dudley A. Mann, Labor, 11,313. John F. Dunn, Liberal, 5,813. Ernest Hillwood, Independent Conservative, 1,090.

### TRESTLE SWEEPED OUT ON ALASKA RAILWAY

Snowdrift Causes Damage Following an Earthquake in That Part of Territory

SEWARD, Jan. 26.—The service of the Alaska Railway was interrupted yesterday as a result of an earthquake last night causing a snowdrift to sweep out a long trestle at Mile Forty-nine near here. It will be some time before the structure can be rebuilt and in the meantime passengers and mail will be transferred across the gap.