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NEW RAILWAY PROPOSALS ARE MADE

REPORTED C.N.R. IS TO PURCHASE P.G.E. FOR \$17,000,000

New Railway Proposal to Link Up Alaska with Chicago as Outlined Taken Seriously by Financiers

Financial Post of Toronto publishes plans of scheme to include Peace River Development and line to Stewart

A new international railway of great strategic and development possibilities looms up as a possibility, says the Financial Post of Toronto. A group of American financiers who are stated to have the support of Washington, are working out a scheme to link the United States and Alaska by rail. As at present, steel is laid from Chicago to the Peace River district, the actual plans of the present promoters cover construction of a line from Peace River to Alaska following the valleys of various rivers in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon territory. The line would link Dawson City and

REVISION COURT HOLDS MEETING

Answer Given to G.T.P. Development Co. in Respect of Appeals—To Sit Again on Monday

The civil court of revision, at a brief session yesterday afternoon, considered all remaining appeals other than those which have been adjourned until Monday and rendered its decision to W. McLarnon, assistant taxation commissioner for the Canadian National Railway, in the matter of appeals on valuation of certain lands of the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co. Slight reductions were allowed the concern on parcels near Fairview Cemetery and in section 7, on the height of land near Overlook Street.

In the course of the discussion on the last mentioned piece of property, its value as a hospital site was suggested and Mr. McLarnon stated that, while it was assessed for nearly ten times that amount, the company was ready to sell it for \$500. Some members of the court were of the opinion that it might well be used as a hospital site and that negotiations might be entered into whereby it would be reserved for such a purpose.

The court of revision now stands adjourned until Monday morning.

STEAMER ASHBY ON MAIDEN TRIP

British Freighter, Which Arrived in Port Last Night for Grain, is Brand New Ship

The brand new British freighter Ashby, which is now on her maiden trip, reached port at 8:30 last night from Southampton, England, which port she left on December 31, and is Prince Rupert's sixteenth grain ship of the season. Capt. T. M. Hill, master of the vessel, which came via the Panama Canal in ballast, reports an uneventful voyage though weather was rather stormy as he neared Prince Rupert. Off the coast of Mexico, a couple of members of the crew are reported to have started something of a mutiny which resulted in their being placed in irons.

The Ashby, which is of 3023 registered tonnage and carries a crew of thirty-four men, belongs to Sir R. Repner & Sons and her home port is West Hartlepool, England. The vessel, which is already lined, is at anchor in the stream awaiting a berth at the elevator where the two vessels, Sagoland and Mabriton, are at present tied up.

The Sagoland may possibly get away tomorrow with a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent and loading of the Mabriton will then be proceeded with.

J. J. Payne, of the firm of Fraser & Payne, called this morning on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver on a buying trip.

TERRACE OFFERS PRIZES FOR ESSAYS FOR EMPIRE WEEK

TERRACE, Feb. 10. — The council of the Board of Trade at its meeting this week set aside a small sum for prizes in an essay contest open to school children on the subject "Why We Should Buy Empire Goods." Details of the competition will be decided on at the next meeting.

The merchants of Terrace are also being asked to display Empire goods during Empire week, which is April 21 to 28.

The board took action as a result of a circular letter received by them from the Empire Marketing Board, suggesting in some such action.

GARDENS AT THE SCHOOLS

Matter Incidentally Discussed by School Board at Meeting Last Night

Referring to a request of Miss Halliwell for the clearing of a plot of ground for a school garden, Trustee Gilchrist, at the meeting of the school board last night, suggested that this would be a good thing. He told of school gardens they had at Cranbrook. One of the teachers there had taken a special course in gardening and had superintended the work.

Chairman Rochester said it was a good idea. "The finest thing in the world." The board should lend all the assistance possible to help out.

Trustee McMeekin suggested that something might be done at Booth School. He suggested the janitor might help clear a plot.

Trustee Mrs. Spencer thought the janitor had enough to do there and suggested Trustee McMeekin might undertake the work.

GRAND CHANCELLOR AT K. OF P. MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias the Grand Chancellor, T. J. Wadman of Revelstoke, was present last night and gave an address. Following the lodge meeting there was a social gathering and solos were given by Mrs. P. C. Miller and Mrs. Forrest and a reception by W. Burkin. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time spent.

MALCOLM McLEOD IS DEAD AT TORONTO

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—Malcolm McLeod, 71 years of age, a retired general manager and chief engineer of the Canadian Northern Railway, which is now merged in the Canadian National, is dead.

His death is reported to have been a peaceful one instead of leading to trouble.

The project naturally lends interest to the endeavors of British Columbia to have Peace River linked with Vancouver by direct rail communication. It now seems possible that the Canadian government will return the Peace River block to British Columbia making it possible to utilize this rich prize in land and timber for bonussing a direct line of steel to Prince George, where it would connect with the Pacific Great Eastern if and when the Pacific Great Eastern is complete to Prince George, this giving the P.G.E. new traffic to tap, relieving the drain that the railway now represents on the financial resources of the province.



WITH DELEGATES FROM 21 NATIONS assembled at Havana, Cuba, for the Pan-American Congress, the city was gorgeously decorated, and everybody took holidays to see the celebrities. The car of President Machado with leading delegates being escorted

Report That P.G.E. Will Be Taken Over by C.N.R. Is Not Denied by Premier MacLean

VICTORIA, February 10. — When told of reports from Edmonton to the effect that the Canadian National Railway would shortly take over the P.G.E. as part of the scheme of Peace River development, paying British Columbia \$17,000,000 for the property, Premier MacLean replied that he had nothing to say. No comment on the reported deal was forthcoming from the government.

PRIVATE BILL PUTS DIVORCE UP TO COURTS

Present Session of Dominion Parliament to Deal With Question in Ontario and Quebec

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—(By Canadian Press)—The subject of divorce will be thrust into the Parliament of Canada at the session which has just opened. By a private bill to be introduced by Senator Willoughby of Moose Jaw, the whole matter of divorce as it affects the province of Ontario will be thrown open to debate. Senator Willoughby's bill would remove Ontario divorce cases from the jurisdiction of parliament and transfer them to the Supreme Court of the province.

At the present time a special committee of the Senate of Canada hears all applicants for divorce from Ontario and Quebec. Witnesses are called and heard and hearings are given to the opponents of the applications. In short, the Senate Divorce Committee fulfills all the functions of a court. Such divorces as the committee sees fit to grant are put through both the Senate and the House of Commons as private bills, each requiring three readings and a committee stage. This system is regarded by many as cumbersome and expensive in the matter of parliamentary time. The Senate committee is also at a disadvantage in that while performing the functions of a court it has not the power to prosecute for perjury or other breaches of law.

The increased number of divorces coming from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec (the other provinces handle divorce by local court) have more than once caused something of a congestion in Parliament and sub-committees were required to meet the tide of applications. Between 1922 and 1926 almost 800 divorces were granted by parliament.

Senator Willoughby, who has served

MOTHER OF LOCAL WOMAN HAS PASSED

Death Occurs Last Evening in Alberta of Mrs. H. Daly, Mother of Mrs. W. P. Armour

A telegram received last night by Capt. W. P. Armour, manager of the B.C. Towage & Lightage Co., announced the death at 6:30 p.m. at her home in Munson, Alberta, of Mrs. H. Daly, mother of Mrs. Armour who, with all other members of the family, were present at the bedside when the end came. The late Mrs. Daly, who was 54 years of age, succumbed following a lengthy and painful illness, an operation having been performed last Saturday but in vain. Mrs. Armour will have the sympathy in her bereavement of many local friends.

HEAVY RAINFALL DURING PAST DAYS

Rainfall during the past day or so at Prince Rupert set a record which will take some beating. During the 24 hour period, ending 4 p.m. yesterday, H. D. Tee, Digby Island, Dominion meteorologist, reports that there was a total precipitation of 3.07 inches. During the previous 24 hours to this, 75 of an inch was recorded and another half inch fell between 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 4 o'clock this morning, or well over four inches for a period of sixty hours which was amply moist and will allay any fears for the time being at least as to a water shortage in these parts.

"All roads lead to Rome, but the only one which leads to self-realization and complete peace is the road to work."—George Clemenceau.

As chairman of the Senate Divorce Committee, introduced his bill at the last session of parliament when it passed the Upper House without opposition and had only been introduced into the House of Commons when Parliament was prorogued. The Senator has announced his intention of re-introducing the bill this year.

Former Local Lawyer Arguing Fisheries Case Before Supreme Court of Canada Ottawa Today

OTTAWA, February 10.—W. E. Williams, of the firm of Williams, Manson & Gonzales argued the case against the Dominion department of fisheries attacking their claim for control of the canneries in British Columbia in an appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada here, commencing yesterday.

Mr. Williams argued that jurisdiction of the Dominion ended when the fish were taken from the water. The fish then became personal property under the classification of property and civil rights and as such were under provincial and not Dominion jurisdiction.

The appeal was brought by the fisheries department against a ruling of Mr. Justice McDonald at Vancouver declaring that the section of the law under which the Somerville Cannery Company of Prince Rupert was sued was ultra vires of the Dominion. Counsel were for the Dominion, Eugene Lafleur and A. B. Macdonald; for the Japanese fishermen, A. Gregorian and E. F. Newcombe; for British Columbia, W. E. Williams; for Quebec province, C. Lancelotti; for Ontario, F. D. Hogg.

Since the Dominion had the absolute power under the British North America Act, Mr. Lafleur submitted, the government power to regulate in aid of the fishing industry as ancillary and necessary for the government's rights over the fisheries followed. The government also had the right to tax floating canneries since their operation might tend toward pollution of waters or become obstacles to navigation or might interfere with the licenses of fishermen authorized to fish in the locality where canneries were established.

LOGGING FOR BUCKLEY BAY

Ed. Crawford Camp to Get Out Pulpwood for Coast Mills—Conditions Quiet on Islands Just Now

Contracts for pulpwood from the Fowell River and Ocean Falls paper mills will result in resumption of operations on a larger scale for a few months at least of the logging camp at Buckley Bay conducted by Ed. Crawford, formerly of Swanson Bay, according to word received in the city from the Islands on the Prince John yesterday afternoon.

Industrial conditions are generally quiet on the Islands at this time. The reopening of the big sawmill at Buckley Bay seems to be somewhat uncertain although it is hoped that it may resume operations before long.

The Islands appear, however, to be in for a somewhat quiet time until salmon fishing begins. This should be a good fishing year on the Islands.

JURY FINDS HICKMAN SANE

Will be Sentenced Tomorrow Morning and Notice of Appeal Will be Given

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—The jury in the case of W. E. Hickman, the confessed slayer of Marian Parker, late yesterday found him sane on the murder charge and also sane on the kidnapping charge.

Judge Trabucco announced that sentence would be passed Saturday morning. Jerome Walsh, Hickman's chief counsel, announced that he would give notice of appeal from the verdict at that time.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert—Raining, light S.W. wind; temperature, 37.