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PRAISE FOR THORNTON AND DAWSON

The wonderful has happened. A prominent Conservative has given high praise to Sir Henry Thornton and the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways which includes F. G. Dawson of this city. Hugh Guthrie, who until last summer was leader of the Conservatives in Canada, says all the credit for the financial condition of the railway and indirectly for the financial condition of Canada is due to the railway president and his board of management. It was most unexpected praise and such a shower of it all at once.

Of course it is true. We should be the last in the world to deny it, but the Conservative leaders have not thus openly acknowledged it before. Their reason for doing it now was to try to steal the credit for the condition of the country from the Liberals.

Only recently Conservative speakers intimated that the country was prosperous in spite of the Liberals, but that did not go very well. People did not believe it. Now they say it was not the Liberals but Sir Henry who is the savior of the country, aided and abetted by that managing board which includes F. G. Dawson of Prince Rupert. Well, well!

CURIOUS READING

While admitting that Hugh Guthrie is right in giving credit to Thornton, Dawson & Co. for the success of the Canadian National and the Dominion of Canada just now, we also think there is just a modicum of praise due to William Lyon Mackenzie King, brilliant son of the old rebel and patriot William Lyon Mackenzie for recognizing the good work being done and encouraging it and allowing a more or less free hand in carrying on the work.

When Henry Ford makes a success of his business, we do not shout around that it was not Ford who was responsible for the success but the heads of departments whom he had chosen and supported in carrying on the work. We must admit that there is at least a little credit due to Ford for this.

In connection with the Oliver government at Victoria there were people who said John Oliver had nothing to do with its success but that it was MacLean, Pattullo, Manson and the rest who were putting it over. But when Oliver died it was found that the people recognized his worth.

Mackenzie King and his government need no defence from us and will not get any. They make mistakes just as other governments do. Yet it is possible that they have done something toward forwarding the interests of Canada if only in choosing and supporting Sir Henry Thornton, F. G. Dawson and the other men who are carrying on the management and work of the railway.

LABOR MAKES GAINS

The broadening of the Labor Party in Great Britain by the admission of many not heretofore looked upon as labor people is enabling the party to make greater gains politically and will probably carry them into power within the next few years, if not at the next election at any rate before a very long period elapses. Just now they have made gains in municipal elections which are run on straight party lines. While in London the Moderates are still in control, Labor is gaining strength.

The district of Poplar where Miss Macdonald is elected to the county council is a strictly labor constituency and none but a labor candidate has much chance there.

WESTVIEW SCHOOL GARDEN

Many local people will be interested in the success of the Westview school garden which promises to be an experiment which may be followed elsewhere if successful. It is too early yet for much to be done but the school board has co-operated well in this case and doubtless an effort will be made to show that the confidence of the board has not been misplaced.

ESPERANTO IS HERE

Esperanto, the universal language that nobody speaks and very few people read, has arrived in Prince Rupert. It was invented for the purpose of trying to bring all peoples of the world together and giving them an opportunity to understand each other, but that they are better able to do by speaking English.

Esperanto is a freak language. It did not grow as other languages grow but was constructed. The language that grows is the living language.

Juan Couceiro arrived here on the grain steamer Fernmoor and we are pleased to recognize the spirit of brotherhood which actuates him to try to propagate Esperanto. We suggest, however, that it is a vain effort. Esperanto cannot grow very rapidly because there is really no incentive to propagate a language which is so poor compared with a living language.

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Casual Sniping Goes on Between Opposing Political Armies at Ottawa but No Casualties as Yet

Few Big Guns in Action: Government can put up Strong Barrage With Artillery of Oratory

(By R. J. Deachman)

OTTAWA, March 10.—Parliament has developed into a form of trench warfare. The lines of the armies are clearly defined. Casual sniping goes on from time to time. Puffs of smoke linger over the field as scattered sections of the opposing armies are drawn into the fight. At rare intervals a Jack Johnson (Big Gun) roars into action. Fresh troops are brought up. The battle takes on a more or less agitated phase. Communiques become more illuminating. The government report reads: "There was sharp fighting last night in the neighborhood of Dunning. The enemy brought up fresh Hockenite troops from Toronto. They were eventually driven off with heavy losses." The Opposition story is different. A wireless message just picked up, reads: "Our troops were engaged last night against a heavily entrenched position of the enemy near Dunning. Some progress was made. There was also sharp fighting in the vicinity of MacPhail. We are holding the positions taken."

Thus the merry war goes on. Newspaper stories have it that Bennett is doing a lot of heavy work behind the lines. Shock troops have been sent to the rear for special training. There is a school for snipers. These men will be trained in all the arts of camouflage. They will be instructed how to ask innocent questions which may lead the Government into pit-falls. Mr. Stevens has charge of mopping up operations. No move in politics is without a counter move. The Liberals are tightening up defences ("fences" might be the better expression). Their reliance is placed upon the artillery of oratory. They claim—"believe it or not" as Ripley says—that they can put over a stronger barrage than the enemy. They say that to any given point, they can move up heavier oratorical guns than the opposing forces. Still, some people think oratory is going out of fashion—so what's the use?

All this leads to one fact—the House is dull. No man ever delivered a great oration on the sad death of a housefly on a sheet of tangle-foot. Great orators need great occasions. The setting is part of the speech. The sermon of the ages was delivered on a mountain. Lincoln's masterpiece came from the hollowed memories of a battle-field. Asquith addressed a world in arms when he said "We shall not sheath the sword which we have not lightly drawn." The heights of oratory can never be reached on a cut in the sales tax or a 2½ per cent reduction in the duty on mourning crepes.

THE WOMAN TALKS

But writing of Big Guns, we must discriminate. The Conservatives, during the past week, have husbanded their fire. The U.F.A. group had Miss MacPhail in action. The general opinion is that she made a good speech. There is a flash of homor in the lady. More than once she made direct hits. She quoted from Porritt's book in regard to the things "Liberalism had stood for in Canada from the days of William Lyon MacKenzie." Then she added, cynically, "Not King." She referred to Tory snobbery and claimed that it was honest snobbery. To the retort of Mr. Chaplin that the Tories were at least honest, Miss MacPhail replied: "Yes, in their bitterness towards us." Looking at all this in the light of a political speech, one might say that it was good. Still it might have been better. Watching Parliament over a period of time, one comes to the conclusion that raking up old scores and calling down the fires from Heaven for neglected promises is a waste of time. An honest Christian on either side can always reply: "You are another!" The only thing that saves Labor and the "Prog's" from the same criticism, is the fact that they have never been entrusted with the opportunity of carrying out their promises. For that reason it is safe to say that Miss MacPhail would have made a better speech had she showered her criticism on the living present, instead of scattering it over the dead past.

DUNNING IN ACTION

On the Liberal side, Mr. Dunning provided the light and leading. Never does he speak without drawing fire—that is the penalty of clearness. The Liberals cheered. The Conservatives asked questions. The Progressives gazed—without delight. He spoke first on the debt. Opposition critics have put forward the claim that the liabilities of the country should include the debts of the C.N.R. The reply is that the C.N.R. is paying the interest on these debts—paying it out of earnings—they are not direct liabilities. If you own a farm and buy another farm, which carries a mortgage, you have increased your debts, but also your assets. That is the situation. If the C.N.R. were to "go broke" the government would have to assume these liabilities or turn the road over to the bond holders. Just now the Road is not going broke. We have probably seen the last of "busted" railroads in Canada, therefore the Government cheers.

An interesting point, which shows the difference, between men of opposing political faiths, came out in a comparison between the speeches of Messrs. Dunning and Cantley, delivered on the same day. Mr. Dunning said:

"I should like to put on record, the percentages of employment figures given by the Department of Labor of both Canada and the United States, from 1921 on. This will illustrate the growth of employment in Canada and the decrease of employment in the United States:

	Canada	United States
1891	81.1	85.1
1922	81.6	88.4
1923	89.3	100.0
1924	85.3	90.3
1925	86.0	91.2
1926	92.1	91.9
1927	95.6	88.5

Speaking on the same day, Mr. Cantley—on the other side of politics of course, lamented the position of the Iron and Steel Industry. He was very blue about it. He stated that, only 81,414 persons were employed in this industry in Canada in 1926 as against 115,761 in 1920. This change he attributed to the policy of the Government. He invited their consideration of the facts. He seemed to believe he had a remedy. He was in earnest about it.

THE OTHER FACTS

Mr. Cantley did not tell the House that actual net imports of iron and steel were less in 1926 than in 1920. It would seem therefore, that if employment in this industry is less, the decrease has nothing to do with the volume of imports. Neither did he mention the fact that in 1912, 1913 and 1914, actual imports were greater than in 1926. At that time, Mr. Cantley's own political friends were in power. These are facts which might be worthy of further exploration, but the House is not anxious to explore. It never is. The public will have to go ahead and dig out its own facts.

Take it all through, it was a serious week. The steady pounding still goes on. No conversions are made on either side—the situation remains the same. The vote will be as it would have been the day after the Budget was brought down. Strange as it may seem, it will be as it would have been, had the Budget been voted on the day before it appeared. This lends support to the suggestion made on a previous occasion, that the House ought to vote on a measure first and discuss it afterwards.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

Fire at six o'clock this morning did considerable damage to the stock and premises of the Mussallem grocery stores on Fifth Avenue East.

Thomas McClymont, mayor of Prince Rupert, is the head of a syndicate which has been formed for the purpose of marketing Telkwa coal.

General Smuts, in an addrses in London, declares that the Huns desire to get possession of South Africa for native armies and raw materials.

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M. M. Lamb	93
A. Wylie	93
W. Brass	90
J. D. Mackay	90
B. Wilson	87
R. Wilson	87
J. Stewart	75

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Lock-up Bella Coola," will be received by the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, the 19th day of March, 1928, for the erection and completion of a standard Lock-up building at Bella Coola in the Mackenzie Electoral District, B.C.

Plan, specification, contract, and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 24th day of February, 1928, and further information obtained at the Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, and at the offices of the Government Agents, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and the office of the Public Works Department, Bella Coola.

Copies of plans, specifications, etc., can be obtained from the Department on payment of a deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) which will be refunded on return of the plans, etc., in good condition.

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P. PHILIP,
Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works Engineer,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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Re-Certificate of Title No. 2094 I to Lots five (5) and six (6), Block nineteen (19), Section six (6).

Re-Certificate of Title No 2901 I to Lots seventeen (17) and eighteen (18), Block twenty-six (26), Section six (6).

Re-Certificate of Title No. 8902 I to Lot nineteen (19), Block ten (10), Section seven (7).

Re-Certificate of Title No. 2447 I to Lots forty-three (43), forty-four (44) and forty-five (45), Block twenty-seven (27), Section eight (8), City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

Whereas proof of loss of the above Certificates of Title issued in the name of Ira E. Mahon, has been filed in this office, notice is hereby given that I shall, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, issue a provisional Certificate of Title in lieu of each of the said lost Certificates, unless in the meantime valid objection as to any be made to me in writing.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C., this 3rd Januray, 1928.

H. F. MacLEOD,
Registrar of Titles.

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MINERAL ACT

(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE

Princess Pat, Lot 4306; Pilot, Lot 4367; R.A.F., Lot 4368; Observer, Lot 4368, Mineral Claims, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Munro Mountain about four miles from the town of Atlin.

TAKE NOTICE that we, James Stokes and C. R. Fraser, Free Miner's Certificate No. 89980-90061, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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