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ENGLAND PAYS TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER

MACLEAN SAYS TAXES BEING REDUCED; PAYING FOR P.G.E.

Premier MacLean Says Taxation Being Reduced and P.G.E. Doing Well

Will Hold an Election Whenever Problem Arises of Sufficient Importance to Warrant Consulting People on it

VICTORIA, February 1.—Making his first important speech in the legislature since assuming the office of Premier, Hon. J. D. MacLean yesterday challenged the opposition claims of increasing taxation and declared that the taxation total had been reduced half a million dollars every year for the past five years.

Referring to the P.G.E. the Premier said $33,000,000 in cash had been put into construction. "We have paid every cent of interest on that, paid for maintaining the line in its present condition, paid for the loss on operation and we are now paying $400,000 every year to pay off the capital expenditure on the $33,000,000. So instead of being bankrupted by the road, as so many persons seem to think, the province is gradually paying its indebtedness on the P.G.E.," he declared.

Discussing the various suggestions for solving the railway problem the Premier said he was personally in favor of disposing of it to one of the big railway companies or some private corporation, if a suitable offer could be secured, and failing that to proceed with it as a government enterprise.

Regarding the rumor of an early election, Mr. MacLean observed: "An election will come in due course of time and will come when any problem of sufficient importance to consult the people comes up."

WOODWARD NOT BOUGHT SITE

Understood That Negotiations are in Progress Looking to Sale of Property

Responding to the inquiry of a Daily News representative as he arrived this morning from Vancouver, John Dybhavn stated that the property at the corner of Third Avenue and Fifth Street, owned by himself and Olof Hanson, had not been sold to Woodward's Ltd. of Vancouver, who are reported to be contemplating the establishment of a department store in Prince Rupert. Pressed further, Mr. Dybhavn, however, did not deny that there were negotiations for the transfer of the property to the interests mentioned.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON

Alberta May Get Its Natural Resources Back as Result of Conference in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.— Premier King announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that the government had reopened negotiations with the province of Alberta in regard to the return of its natural resources." I am authorized by the Premier of Alberta to say that they are proceeding in a manner satisfactory to him at the present time," the premier of Canada said.

INVESTIGATE IMMIGRATION

Premier Takes Suggestion of Leader of Opposition in Regard to the Matter

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Premier Mackenzie King this afternoon announced that the "Government would be only too happy to have all the affairs of the department of immigration investigated by a committee of the House." This was in reply to intimations by Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, that there were some suspicions with regard to the administration of the department

BIG TURNOVER OF B.C. STOCKS

Business Done in January Almost as Large as for Whole Year 1927

VANCOUVER, Feb. 1.—Shares for the whole month of January at the stock exchange to the number of 12,985,593 changed hands. These were valued at more than five millio dollars.

The tremendous increase is accounted for by the flurry in British Columbia securities particularly in mining stocks in which Portland Canal taak a prominent place.

REGULATIONS REGARD TO FISHERIES ARE ALREADY CHANGED

The local inspector of fisheries has received a telegram instructing him to issue licenses to those immigrants who have been one year in the country, who declare their intention of becoming citizens and who have not yet had time to take out naturalization papers.

The inspector also has received word from the chief inspector that the department at no time proposed restricting trollers to one line as suggested in the Canadian Press despatch received by the Daily News yesterday.

ELEVEN CHILDREN DEAD AS RESULT OF INNOCULATION

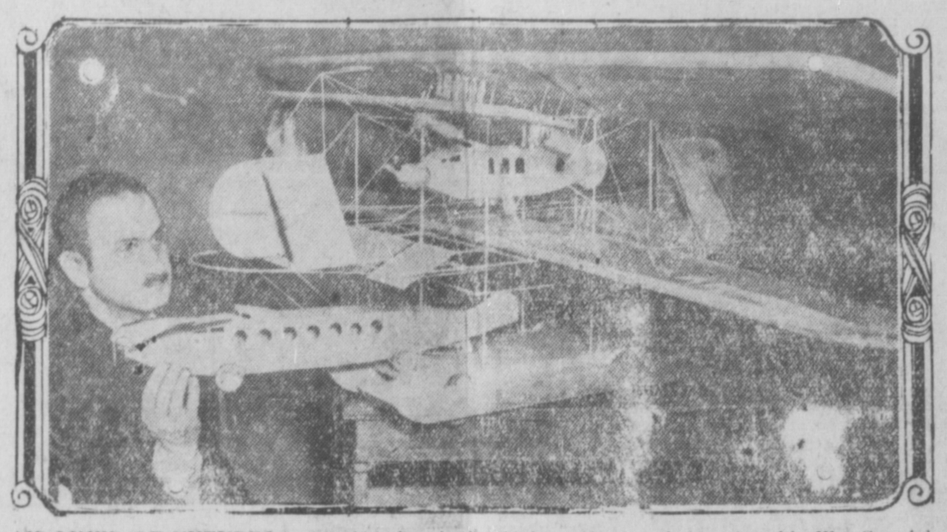
SYDNEY, N.S.W., Feb. 1. — Eleven children have died and six are feared to be dying supposedly as a result of diphtheria innoculation ordered by the Borough Council of Bundaeburgh. Serum used was provided by the Commonwealth Health Department and a near panic has developed in the region.

B.C. SURRENDERING KITSILANO RESERVE

VICTORIA, Feb. 1.—British Columbia is surrendering all its rights, title and interest in the Itsilano Indian reserve in Vancouver to the Dominion for $350,000, Hon. T. D. Pattullo announced. Fifteen years ago the province paid the Indians $300,000 to vacate.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
B.C. Silver	1.50	1.70
Big Missouri	.70	.72
Coast Copper	51.00	51.75
Cork Province	.36	
Daly Alaska		.07
Dunwell	.30	.32
George Copper	3.50	4.00
Glacier	.06	.06¼
Independence	.19	.20
Indian	.09½	.10½
L. and L.	.21	.22
Lucky Jim	.34½	.35
Premier	2.62	2.65
Porter Idaho	.65	.68
Silversmith	.20	.25
Surf Inlet	.00¾	.00½
Sunloch	4.00	4.10
Torte	4.00	4.50
Whitewater	2.30	2.35



AIR-LINER OF FUTURE? A "self-balancing" airplane, invented by Arnold W. Genrick, has two cabins suspended from the framework of the plane, one for the passengers and one for the crew. They are always level, regardless of the angle at which the plane is flying. On making a forced landing, either on land or on water, the larger gondola can be disengaged. Engineer Z. H. Polachek shows how the passenger cabin will leave the "mother" plane.

PITTSBURG NOSED OUT CANADIENS

Beat League Leaders Last Night in Spectacular Game With Goalie as Hero

TORONTO, Feb. 1.—Lowly Pittsburg nosed out the Canadiens in one of the most exciting matches of the season played in Montreal. The crowd of spectators saw their heroes go down to defeat largely through the wonderful defence work of Worters, the Pirates goalie who was the hero of the game and defended his goal against the bombardment of the speeding habitants.

Boston defeated the Americans at Boston and at New York the Rangers lengthened their lightning stroke to four games by beating Montreal.

Scores were:

Toronto 0, Ottawa 4.

Pittsburgh 2, Canadiens 1.

Montreal 1, New York Rangers 3.

New York Americans 1, Boston 2.

DEMPSEY OUT OF FIGHTING

MIAMI, Feb. 1.—Tex Rickard announced today Jack Dempsey's permanent retirement from the ring and that Tunney would defend his title against the winner of the Delaney-Heeney and Sharkey-Risko elimination contests in June.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Jack Dempsey said "That's fine, it's O.K. with me. I told Rickard I would not be ready in June. If my injured eye muscle improves, I may fight again or I may not.

HUGHIE JENNINGS BASEBALL MANAGER DIED THIS MORNING

SCRANTON, Feb. 1. — Hughey Jennings, the famous baseball figure, died this morning having been stricken seriously ill on Friday. He captained the old Baltimore Orioles and then for fourteen years was manager for Detroit, securing three pennants and later with the New York Giants as assistant to McGraw. He retired in 1925 when his health failed.

RAILWAY IN ALBERTA TO BE CONSTRUCTED

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Hon. C. A. Dunning, minister of railways, introduced to the House of Commons yesterday a bill to provide for construction of a railway between Rosedale and Bullpond, Alta., to confirm an agreement between the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways for construction of this line.

Thousands Pay Tribute to Earl Haig as Body Lies in St. Columbans

After Private Requiem Mass Final Honors Will be Paid Dead Marshal at Westminster Abbey and St. Giles, Edinburgh

LONDON, February 1.—At 9.30 this morning a file of thousands of people started to pass before the body of Earl Haig as he lay in state at St. Columban's Church. He will lie in state until ten o'clock tonight and similar honors will be paid him tomorrow. Crimson poppies surround the body.

It was the wish of Countess Haig that all wreaths and other floral tributes consist of Flanders poppies made by wounded former service men thus swelling the funds of the organization.

A private requiem mass will be held at St. Columban's Friday morning at which the family and personal friends will be present. Afterward Britain will pay final honors at Westminster Abbey with a military funeral, the Prince of Wales and Marshals Foch and Petain attending.

The body will then be taken to Edinburgh where it will lie in state in St. Gile's Cathedral until Monday night. Later it will be buried at Bermesyde.

Immigration and Relations with Oriental Countries Are Further Discussed by Mr. Mackenzie King

OTTAWA, February 1.—Important matters of domestic concern as well as imperial and international questions were dealt with in the House of Commons by Premier Mackenzie King yesterday, continuing his speech in answer to that of Hon. R. B. Bennett in the debate on the address, in which he answered a number of criticisms.

In regard to immigration the Prime Minister enunciated the policy of the government as "being to bring into this country as many people of proper physique and general qualifications as the country is capable of assimilating with satisfaction to itself as well as to those brought in." While strongly advocating a "White Canada" and "White B.C.," the Premier stressed the importance of friendly relations with Oriental countries. Trade between the Dominion and the Orient had grown by leaps and bounds and it was important to preserve amicable relationships. Representation of the government at Tokio might go far in this direction.

IMERIAL RELATIONS EXPRESSED IN THREE WORDS BY THE PREMIER

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—In the debate on the address here yesterday Premier MacKenzie King made use of an aphorism which will probably become classic. He said: "The desire of the Government in the matter of imperial relations is expressed in the three words equality, co-operation and responsibility."

FILED DECLARATION REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

JUNEAU, Feb. 1.—Captain Austen E. Lathrop, Alaska motion picture man and coal operator, yesterday filed his declaration of condidacy for Republican national committee man.

FOURTH ROUND CUP REPLAY IN ENGLAND

Manchester United 1, Bury 0.
Notts Forest 2, Derby County 0.

DRAWING RULED TO BE ILLEGAL

Magistrate Shaw at Vancouver Fines Man Who Was Raffling $75,000 Home in Sum of $50

VANCOUVER, Feb. 1. — Magistrate Henry Shaw ruled yesterday that the drawing for a $75,000 home in Point Grey, being staged by Post 60, Canadian Legion, was illegal. A test case was brought by J. D. Tait, in charge of the drawing, who was himself fined $50. Thousands of tickets had already been sold. The money thus received will have to be returned.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

English League, Div. II.

Oldham 3, Southampton 1.

Value to British Columbia of Peace River Block and Railway Belt Promised to be Conveyed

Will Add Half Million Dollars Yearly at Least to Provincial Revenue and immense Area of Land and Timber

VICTORIA, February 1.—Return of the Railway Belt to British Columbia, as forecast in the speech from the throne at Ottawa, will add about $500,000 immediately to the net receipts of the provincial treasury, place nearly 10,000,000 acres of land under provincial control, and swell provincial assets by the addition of big resources of timber, minerals, agricultural land and water powers. In the Peace River Block, which the province expects to secure in addition to the railway belt, British Columbia will gain 3,500,000 acres, much of it fertile agricultural land suitable for heavy production.

Altogether the decision of the federal government, ruling favorably on the request of this province, will represent the biggest gift ever received by the provincial government, and the most important change in its financial relations with the Dominion since Confederation.

The railway belt itself originally consisted of twenty miles on either side of the Canadian Pacific Railway from the North Arm of Burrard Inlet east to the Alberta border, covering altogether 10,076,000 acres, but considerable areas of this land have been alienated by the federal government from time to time. The Peace River block, handed over to the Dominion to compensate it for economically valueless lands in the railway belt, consists of 3,500,000 acres, of which an insignificant area has been removed from the ownership of the Crown.

STILL HUGE AREA

Of the railway belt the Crown still controls 9,602,400 acres, only 1,394,000 acres having been permanently alienated. These figures were prepared last June for the information of the provincial government and have not varied much since.

In addition, 4,108,550 acres have been temporarily alienated, that is, placed in private hands for fixed periods under leases or reserved for parks or other purposes. They will come under the control of the province which thus gains all but the relatively small area permanently alienated. The alienated portion is mostly in the Fraser Valley where many farms were carved out of the railway belt in the early days.

Thus altogether the unalienated and unreserved portions of the belt, with which the provincial government can do as it sees fit, immediately amount to 5,862,360 acres.

In the territory of temporarily alienated lands timber berths and grazing leases total 1,491,765 acres; forest reserves 1,759,700 acres; parks 718,700 acres; the Coquitlam Indian Reserve, 55,700 acres; and other Indian reserves, 17,700 acres.

REVENUES IN BELT

The figures on revenue collected by the federal government in the railway belt are the best indication of the value of this land to British Columbia. Up to June, 1927, the Dominion had collected a total of $5,999,205 from the belt lands of which lands supplied $822,513; timber and forestry $4,839,354; mines $300,432 and parks, $36,904.

In the fiscal year 1925-26, the last for which figures have been supplied to the provincial government, the Dominion collected $498,002 within the belt. This revenue, however, has largely increased in the last year and is expected to amount to $700,000 for the last fiscal year. To the federal government the belt has been officially revealed as a current liability for administration expenses in the year 1925-26 were higher than the gross revenues of about $500,000. The provincial government is confident that it can turn the belt into a first class asset because it can administer it largely with its present machinery at a cost of about $100,000 a year. This would leave it well over $500,000 a year as net revenue.

At present the province and the Dominion each maintain separate administrative machinery in the belt, but this duplication can be almost eliminated with the lands under provincial control. By adding only slightly to its present machinery the province will be able to administer the area and secure the revenues now obtained by the Dominion.

Officials are confident, in fact, that the present federal revenue will increase in the next few years with the development of the enormous natural resources in the belt. In the meantime, the return of the belt means an addition of about $500,000 to the provincial treasury annually.

A survey of the natural resources

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FAMILY WAS PIONEER ONE

Further Particulars of Tragedy at Massett Early in Week are Being Awaited

A well known and pioneer family of settlers is understood to be involved in the reported tragedy at Massett on Monday in which it is alleged that Henry Smith took the life of his father. The dead man is about sixty years of age and the son twenty-two. There is a widow and a younger son and daughter in the family. All have lived at Massett for many year and the children have been practically raised there.

While the investigation by Inspector William Spiller and Sergeant Alex McNeill of the provincial police at Massett is proceeding, further particulars of the supposed crime are being awaited locally with general interest. It is presumed that a preliminary trial will be held by Stipendiary Magistrate A. R. Mallory of Port Clements and that, if committal is made, the police will return to the city in a day or so with the prisoner.

GRAIN STEAMER SWAINBY SAILS

Sagoland is Now Lining and More Ships May Arrive Before End of Week

With a full cargo of some 270,000 bushels of grain loaded at the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator, the British steamer Swainby, the thirteenth grain ship of the season at this port, sailed at 4:30 yesterday afternoon for Fayal for orders.

The Swedish vessel Sagoland is now being lined at the ocean dock but it may be several days before she goes on berth at the elevator. Meanwhile, it is reported, while names were not available this morning, that two more British steamers are due here by the end of the week to load wheat. They will be already lined so may load before the Sagoland is ready to start.

SOUTH AFRICA BEAT ENGLAND

Fourth Cricket Test Match Won by Margin of Four Wickets

JOHANNESBURGH, Feb. 1.— South Africa won the fourth cricket test match from England today by four wickets.

The standing of the test matches during the present tour of the Marylebone Clubs team, representative of all England in South Africa is:

England won 2.
South Africa won 1.
Drawn games 1.
To be played 1.

The scores in the fourth match which concluded today are as follows:

England 263 and 215.
South Africa 328 and 156 for 6 wickets.

JUNEAU MAN MARRIED

JUNEAU, Feb. 1.—Earl Theile, secretary of Alaska, was married to Miss Celia McLaughlin Monday night.