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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 1929

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Brady Defends His Stand In Opposing Passage of Fraser River Fish Protection Pact

Declaring that J. C. Brady, M.P., had given General McRae "first class assistance" in opposing the Fraser River Salmon Treaty and that he must have had good reasons for doing so despite the fact that the Tolmie government of British Columbia was wholeheartedly against the stand that the Conservative members of the House of Commons from British Columbia had taken on the matter, G. B. Casey, chairman of last night's fishermen's mass meeting in the City Hall, invited Mr. Brady to give his reasons for opposing the treaty.

BAD STORM LAST NIGHT

Three Fishermen Dead and Much Damage Done as Result of Tempest

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Three fishermen were drowned when an Irish fishing boat, foundered during a terrific gale which swept the British Isles last night, leaving in its wake a train of destruction in many places and seriously interfering with shipping. Roofs of houses and telephone and telegraph wires suffered and train and motor traffic was curtailed by fallen trees.

Urges Calling Meeting Discuss Unemployment

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—A letter to Premier King urging the calling of a conference of financial, industrial and labor leaders to consider the serious unemployment condition throughout Canada, has been sent by A. R. Mosher, president of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor, and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

LOOKED LIKE BAD BLAZE

Quick Work of Fire Department Prevents Serious Damage in Second Avenue Building

Last night at 11 o'clock the fire department was called to the building on Second Avenue near Second Street occupied by G. W. Nickerson's brokerage establishment where there had broken out what at first looked like a serious conflagration. In the warehouse part of the building on the ground floor, a blaze had started and had run between the walls to the second floor which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross. Quick action on the part of the firemen resulted in the blaze soon being extinguished. Considerable damage was done by the effect of water to the contents of the warehouse, including flour, bran, etc., and slight damage was done to the living quarters upstairs.

Stevens Retires From Dominion Political Life

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—Hon. H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver Centre, announced yesterday that owing to business reasons he would not be a candidate at the next general election.

Toronto Editor Back From Arctic

WINNIPEG, Dec. 5.—Richard Pearce, editor of the Northern Miner, after thousands of miles of flying and wandering on the fringe of the Arctic, returned to Winnipeg yesterday, the first of the MacAlpine party to reach the "outside."

BILLIARD GAME

Fred Stephens (Elks) defeated R. Young (Canadian Legion) last night by a score of 250 to 203 in a postponed game of the Billiard League fixture which was to have been played Tuesday. With two games remaining to be played, the Elks are so far leading by a score of 742 to 588.

Bold Robbery at Vancouver When Van Backed Up To Store and Carried Off Coats and Dresses Valued \$10,000

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—Robbers Tuesday night entered the premises of the Cloak & Novelty Co., Granville Street, apparently backed a van up to and forced an entrance at the back and carried away five fur coats, 190 cloth coats and 38 dresses valued at \$10,000.

All the goods were piled on counters and it is believed it was intended to denude the whole store but the robbers were frightened away.

The robbery was announced by the police yesterday afternoon.

Premier Mackenzie King Declares Canada Will Meet Situation If American Tariff Is Objectionable

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 5.—Premier Mackenzie King, speaking here last night, declared Canada's attitude toward the United States tariff discussions had been explanatory. "We have not been provocative, not been offensive," he asserted. Canada made representations from time to time through the proper channels and the United States Government are perfectly aware of Canada's position. If in spite of this fact the United States changed her tariff so as to injure Canada, the United States must realize that Canada could and would take such steps as might be necessary to meet the situation.

Premier King said he believed Canada should try to trade with her own kith and kin as largely as possible. It would be part of the liberal policy to encourage trade within the Empire. The minister of trade and commerce was doing all he could in this direction.

FISH TRAPS DISCUSSED

Fishermen Tell J. C. Brady M. P. That Credit is Due to A. W. Neill M. P. For Preventing Them

J. C. Brady brought up the matter of fish traps in the course of discussion at last night's meeting of fishermen in the City Hall, stating that he was utterly opposed to them being introduced into waters of this district. He did not see how any government could ever allow the installation of traps in the face of the solid front of the fishermen's opposition to them. The fact that they were allowed in other countries was no justification for permitting them here.

Since Mr. Brady himself had introduced the matter of fish traps, Charles Lord said he was going to take the bull by the horns and say exactly what he thought of the matter. As the representative of Steena district in Parliament, Mr. Brady had been furnished with all data in the matter. Yet he (Mr. Lord) was convinced that had it not been for the work of A. W. Neill, Independent M.P. for Comox-Alberni, fish traps would probably have been in operation in this district today. It had been Mr. Neill who had taken up the cudgels on behalf of the fishermen against fish traps in the House of Commons when the report of the Ellis Commission was presented. No effort had been made on Mr. Brady's part to bring out the whole circumstances of the affair. According to Hansard, Mr. Brady had said that he had not had time to study the matter.

In reply, Mr. Brady said that he appreciated and respected Mr. Lord's judgment. It would ill become him to try to lower or diminish the splendid work that Mr. Neill had ever done for the fishermen long before he (Mr. Brady) had even entered the House. He wished to point out, however, that long before the Ellis report had been tabled in the House, he had repeatedly interviewed the department and had worked in conjunction with Mr. Neill in eliciting and forcing out information on the question. Whenever the Fishermen's Association had communicated with him, he had been on the job as for Mr. Neill. Mr. Brady declared that it was a privilege to say that he was a good worker and a good man for the fishermen. However, he himself had done his duty as far as he could at all times and at all hours on behalf of the fishermen. He felt that he had no regrets over his work in this connection.

VANCOUVER WHEAT
VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—The wheat price dropped back a little further here today, the quotation on the exchange being \$1.42 1/2.

CANNERY BURNED

B. C. Packers Plant at Walker Lake is Totally Destroyed

The big cannery of the B. C. Packers at Walker Lake, at the entrance of Deane Channel not far from Ocean Falls, was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday night. All the contents of the plant were also lost.

It was a five-line plant and one of the largest and best appointed canneries on the coast. It was a practically new plant, having been established about three years ago.

Word of the fire was brought to the city by the new Indian Department cruiser Naskaena for service in this district which tied up at Walker Lake overnight while on the way up the coast from Vancouver where it was built. The Naskaena arrived in port shortly before noon today.

Corp. Stone, provincial police, Ocean Falls, is looking into the circumstances of the fire.

Island Shelter Is Discussed

Brady Asks Fishermen If They Want It at Seven-Mile Point Or at Delkatla

J. C. Brady, M.P., took occasion at last night's mass meeting to enquire what the fishermen thought about having a shelter, which was originally asked to be put in at Weir Point, Graham Island, placed instead at Delkatla Slough, near Massett.

A shelter at Weir or Seven-Mile Point, Mr. Brady pointed out, would be a very costly undertaking and would probably serve only a very few boats. On the other hand, Delkatla Slough was much more adaptable to the project and had the advantage of being more centrally located with regard to machine shops, stores, communication, etc.

Mr. Brady asked the fishermen to give him an answer later as to their views on the matter.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for stock names and prices, including items like Bayview, Rufus, Big Missouri, etc.

Friends Brought Newlyweds Gifts Surprise Party

A surprise party was sprung by a large group of friends last night in their home on Eighth Avenue East when Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson, who were married last Saturday, were surprised by their friends. The affair was under the auspices of the Ladies of Lief Erikson Society. Each guest brought a present for the newlyweds. The proceedings were very enjoyable to all.

NEW SCHOOL AT SKIDEGATE OPENED; BUILT BY GREER

SKIDEGATE MISSION, Dec. 5.—The new school, which was erected here by W. J. Greer of Prince Rupert, was officially opened by Rev. James Gillett, Indian Agent of Massett, on the evening of December 2. Everyone along the coast attended, appropriate speeches being made by Mr. Gillett and Mr. Greer.

Second Degrees Conferred Last Night by Moose

The Moose Legion, at a meeting last night, conferred the second degree upon nine members of the order—Jack Preece, Richard Long, Fred Hardy, Ted Rovvik, Knut Slatta, T. Murvold, W. H. Derry, Martin Johanson and James Smith. These were part of the James J. Davis class of which a number of others are to go through later. The degree team putting on the work consisted of B. J. Bacon, W. B. McCallum, Fred Macdonald, Joe Ratchford and J. L. Blain.

FORMER GOVERNOR DIES

TACOMA, Dec. 5.—Louis F. Hart, 82 former governor of the state of Washington, died last night at a local hospital during his sleep. He had gone to the hospital for rest.

Fifteen of Crew Of British Boat Drowned Today

PENZANCE, Eng., Dec. 5.—Fifteen members of the crew of the British steamer Frances Duncan lost their lives today when the vessel sank during a gale off Land's End.

Salmon Fishermen Meet and Pass Resolutions Opposed To Changes In Regulations Which Affect Them

At a mass meeting of some fifty or sixty salmon fishermen called by the Northern British Columbia Salmon Fishermen's Association in the City Hall a resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically passed expressing opposition to recommendations of cannery interests to the provincial government that, hereafter, no additional canning licences be issued other than those already in existence and that the coast be divided up into areas, all salmon

the port of Prince Rupert was dependent. He was free from obligation to canning interests or government officials but stood for what was best for the common people. He was opposed to and dreaded monopoly but believed that the fishermen should have the right in perpetuity to earn a living for themselves and their families. He believed that conservation could be better conducted by division of the coast into areas. It had also been common sense to reduce cannery gear. Nothing, however, could make him support arguments which might be pro-posed to limit the fishermen from selling their fish on the open market. The fishermen should not be the first to be curtailed in the interests of conservation. Their rights were few enough already. Surely there must be some other method to meet the situation than to limit the sale and processing of fish to areas. He believed that such new regulations as those which were suggested constituted a most serious offence. He could assure the fishermen that their interests were ever most carefully examined by him and, when right was on their side, he would always stand by them.

Whereas these proposals appear to be directly designed to eliminate competitive purchase of our labors, thus resulting in a lessened remunerative return to us as producers, and the decision that the putting into effect of such proposals is an indictable offence as stated in the Criminal Code of Canada, Section 498, Clauses (A), (B) and (D).

Whereas we believe and attest that the putting into effect of such proposals is an indictable offence as stated in the Criminal Code of Canada, Section 498, Clauses (A), (B) and (D).

"Be it resolved that we the salmon fishermen, and all interested, assembled in this mass meeting in the City of Prince Rupert, do strongly protest against these or kindred proposals, being incorporated into the fishing regulations on the ground that such legislation would prove disastrous to salmon fishermen by curtailing an already restricted market."

Other Resolutions
The meeting also passed a resolution requesting the provincial government to pass no hurried orders-in-council relative to the fishing industry without first advising the fishermen of the same and giving them the chance to consider the measures.

Another resolution passed by the meeting asked the provincial government to retain the present fishermen's floats at Cow Bay for commercial use.

The proposed treaty relative to the restoration of the Fraser River salmon was discussed, J. C. Brady M.P. briefly explaining some of his reasons for having opposed the treaty in the House of Commons last session. The meeting decided to defer making a decision in connection with the treaty until further information had been obtained.

The meeting was presided over by Geo. Casey on invitation and J. Roberts was elected secretary.

Charles Lord
Speaking to the resolution in opposition to the canners' proposals Charles Lord told how attempts had been made in previous years to have the federal fisheries department enact such measures. Vigorous opposition by the fishermen and later the Northern B. C. Salmon Fishermen's Association he believed had prevented such being done. Now, however, it had been decided that it was in the jurisdiction not of the federal but of the provincial authorities to control the handling of fish after they were caught. The cannery interests, therefore, were now urging the provincial government to pass such measures. Mr. Lord explained that the proposed measures would further restrict an already much restricted market for the fishermen. Furthermore, it was believed that such legislation would be in violation of the Criminal Code of Canada which provided that "every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to fine or imprisonment who conspires or arranges to unduly prevent or lessen competition in the production, sale, purchase or supply of articles or commodities."

In answer to a question by Mr. Brady Mr. Lord said that the fishermen were not opposed to the coast being divided into areas for the purposes of conservation or patrol work but they were unqualifiedly opposed to sale of fish being restricted to areas.

J. C. BRADY M.P.
In addressing the meeting, Mr. Brady declared that the question was a very vital one. He was there to look after the interests of the thousands of fishermen upon whose well being the prosperity of

Resolution Passed

After some discussion, this resolution was passed. Mr. Lord also introduced the resolution requesting the provincial government to make no hasty legislation in regard to the fisheries without first acquainting the fishermen of the nature of the same so that no hardship could be imposed upon them without first giving them the opportunity to protest. This resolution was also passed unanimously.

In the matter of maintaining the floats at Cow Bay, Mr. Lord referred to the utility of these as a mid-season moorage. With these eliminated, there would be no public floats except the new ones. As far as the business section of the city would be concerned, there would be no public floats. Use of private floats would obligate the fishermen to a great extent to deal with the owners of those private floats. The present site should not be handed over to the Yacht Club. Mr. Casey stated that it was the mutual understanding when the question was first dealt with by the city council, that the old floats would be maintained after the new ones were built as a benefit to the commercial trade of the city and the convenience of the fishermen. He thought it would be "positively ridiculous" to turn the old floats over to the Yacht Club.

It was either necessary to maintain the present floats or else have the city establish public floats, as other speaker pointed out. There were dozens of places where the floats could establish floats.

The motion that the Cow Bay floats be maintained for commercial purposes was also unanimously passed.

Dean Gibson Is Rotary Speaker

High School Boys Attended Luncheon This Afternoon to Hear Address of Cleric

Dean J. B. Gibson of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral addressed the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club today on "The Influence of the Church on Canadian Life." In order that they might hear the address, boys of the High School senior matriculation class were in attendance, accompanied by the principal, D. H. Hartness.

STEAMER HAS TO BURN WOODWORK AND IS TOWED IN

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 5.—After fighting a stacked off the coast of Newfoundland for five days, burning all woodwork when fuel was exhausted, the 700-ton Norwegian steamer Hertha was towed into port yesterday. She reported the drowning of three pilots when the pilot boat capsized off the headlands while trying to board her. One pilot was saved.