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BIG SPRING RUN ON NAAS RIVER

Boats Reported to Be Taking 15 and 16 Fish Each

From the Naas River come reports of a big run of spring salmon. Fishermen are reported to be taking 15 and 16 fish to the boat.

Twenty Years Ago In Prince Rupert

June 18, 1910

There were great festivities in Prince Rupert yesterday when the new steamer Prince Rupert, for service of the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co. arrived for the first time at this port. The vessel, which will take up service immediately, is in command of Capt. B. L. Johnson.

Construction of the plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at Seal Cove has commenced. The wharves will be built first.

The case of a man who is charged with shooting a policeman in the leg is proceeding in County Court before Judge F. McB. Young. L. W. Patmore is crown prosecutor and W. E. Williams counsel for the defence.

While it is plain on all sides that there is going to be a big stampede into the Iditarod district this summer, it is said that justification for such a rush may be lacking.

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DISMISSAL OF WATT

What Has It to Do With Federal Election, Asks Victoria Times

(Victoria Times)

What has the dismissal of Norman Watt from his position as provincial government agent at Prince Rupert to do with the Dominion general election?

This question is pertinent just now because Premier Tolmie has announced that the investigation of the case—ordered by the legislature three months ago—will not be commenced until after the electors of this country have gone to the polls on July 28.

It will be difficult for the people of British Columbia to understand why the Prime Minister of this province associates the case of a former provincial official with the battle which Mr. Mackenzie King and Mr. R. B. Bennett will fight out on the hustings between now and July 28.

As already pointed out, the elected representatives of the people of this province ordered the legislature to appoint a commission, under the Department Inquiries Act, to discover the real reason for the dismissal of a trusted public servant who, incidentally, will carry with him to his grave mute evidence of his service to the empire in its hour of dire stress.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Shelly returned from Prince Rupert, after summarily dismissing Mr. Watt, he told a representative of The Vancouver Daily Province that Mr. Watt had been relieved of his duties because he had been "playing politics." But when Mr. Shelly found it necessary to give an explanation of his action to the legislature he said Mr. Watt had been dismissed because he had taken coroner's fees which he, Mr. Shelly, had been informed should have been paid into the provincial exchequer.

Entitled to Moneys

As is well known, of course, these fees hitherto had been considered part of the perquisites of the office of government agent at those points in the province at which the government agent also officiated as coroner. In fact, Mr. Watt had been told by his predecessor that he was entitled to these moneys. Consequently he took them as a matter of course. Indeed, Mr. Watt, after having been dismissed, told his successor that he, too, would be entitled to these fees, according to a well-recognized custom.

Dr. Tolmie's refusal to proceed with this inquiry requires a much more convincing explanation than he has given. Patently the case has nothing to do with federal politics. Mr. Shelly, of course, new to public life, will be excused for suggesting that Mr. Pattullo's insistence that the order of the legislature ought to be obeyed was "despicable tactics." But Dr. Tolmie, with wide political experience, and for some years organizer for the Conservative party of Canada, obviously recognizes the possible effect upon the electorate of this province the result of the inquiry into the Watt case would have. He knows that Mr. Shelly, his minister of finance, first of all said that he dismissed Mr. Watt for "playing politics," and then amended his explanation in the legislature by saying that Mr. Watt had been relieved of his duties because he had taken money which really should have been turned into the treasury.

Under these circumstances, therefore, the Premier unquestionably realizes that the inquiry which the legislature ordered is very much more an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Shelly than it is an inquiry into any deficiencies of which the government may consider Mr. Watt was guilty.

Three months have slipped by since this inquiry was ordered. Dr. Tolmie and his government have ignored the wishes of the people of this province, as expressed by their elected representatives—and the Premier now seeks to justify delay on grounds that matters of national importance are being discussed on the hustings, and that he has no intention of allowing the two to be mixed.

Dr. Tolmie's case is a weak one. He is being neither fair with a former civil servant, nor fair with the people who elected him to conduct their business.

Gust Anderson and John E. Stark, well known pioneer prospectors of the Alice Arm district, arrived in the city on the Catala yesterday afternoon from the north and Friday will sail on the Princess Louise for the Stikine and Taku

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