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ROBBING THE WORKLESS

There is a general feeling of condemnation of those who have been robbing the men who were out of work in Vancouver. Often there is sympathy with prisoners but there is very little with those who have diverted money from such a cause to their own selfish purposes.

Here again is a case where trouble might have been avoided by a system of unemployment insurance. Men then would have not been placed in the position of receiving money which was not theirs by right and a strict accounting would have been kept if it had been a matter of insurance.

SPLENDID HEROICS

When Mr. Bennett spoke in Regina he remembered that he was in the greatest wheat province in the Dominion and he had a special message for the wheat growers in the audience before him and for the unseen audience throughout the province, says the Winnipeg Free Press. One of their troubles just now is that certain European countries—particularly Germany, France and Italy—are trying to produce their own wheat as far as possible and have adopted very high import duties, thus shutting out Canadian wheat to a large extent—a not very satisfactory situation for the western grain growers.

The Conservative leader dashes to their aid. He rallies them with the news that, if privileged to form a government, he will teach those countries a lesson for imposing exclusive duties on Canadian wheat. He will abrogate the trade treaties with them, he will not allow them to "peddle their goods in this country," but slam the door upon them.

This snappy, heroic attitude may have seemed rather fine to some of Mr. Bennett's hearers. But most of the wheat growers know chaff when they see it, and they are much more interested in practical proposals for facilitating the sale of their wheat than in proposals that are merely calculated to gather in votes.

A little reflection on Mr. Bennett's promise of reprisal against the European countries in question would lead the wheat growers to wonder what they would get out of them. Germany, France and Italy had their own reasons for trying to produce their own wheat, and there is not the least ground for thinking that trade reprisals on Canada's part would lead them to reopen their markets to our wheat.

Mr. Bennett would start a tariff war with those countries that would do the western farmers not a particle of good, but would certainly do many other Canadian exporting interests a great deal of harm. The dashing proposal of the Conservative leader is a poor exhibition of statesmanship.

Canadian products to the value of \$82,732,000 were exported to Germany, France and Italy in the calendar year 1928, and our imports from those countries totalled \$51,141,000. The balance of trade was in our favor to the extent of more than \$31,000,000.

TO MEET CARAVAN

Governor of Alaska and Party Arrive By Plane Others on Boat

On his way to Hazelton to meet the Alaska-Yukon highway auto caravan, George C. Parks, governor of Alaska, arrived in the city at 10:30 last night from Juneau on a Gorst Air Transport flying boat piloted by C. L. Scott and proceeded by train today to the interior. The gubernatorial party also included Harry G. Watson, president of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, and Walter C. Waters, representing the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce.

Also to meet the auto caravan, Mayor N. R. Walker, Senator J. R.

Heckman, Dr. R. V. Ellis and L. S. Ferris of Ketchikan arrived from there on the cannery tender Eskimo with James Sales last night.

Candidates For Election Have Taken to Field

Both federal election candidates for Skeena riding are now in the campaign field, travelling in opposite directions. Olof Hanson, Liberal candidate, left this week for Atlin and other points in the extreme north of the riding, accompanied by H. F. Kergin, M.L.A. for Atlin.

J. C. Brady, M.P. is in the interior and is billed to speak tomorrow night at Smithers and on Monday at Telkwa.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. M. A. Dupuis arrived in the city from Haysport on today's train for a brief visit in town.

Judge F. McE. Young, who has been on a brief trip to Smithers, returned to the city on today's train.

A meeting of the Prince Rupert-Peace River committee, which was to have been held last night, was postponed indefinitely.

B. J. Bacon, who has been on a brief business trip to Vancouver, returned to the city on the Princess Charlotte this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur, who have been on a holiday visit to Vancouver, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning.

Emil Wicks, for drunkenness, was fined \$25, with option of thirty days' imprisonment, by Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning.

A. E. Kincaid, Revelstoke insurance man, is paying one of his periodical visits to the city, having arrived from the interior by train yesterday.

Constable Sam Service, transferred from here to Anyox, and Mrs. Service and family sailed on the Prince George this forenoon for the smelter town.

Miss Jean Redpath sailed yesterday afternoon on the Prince Charles for Vancouver to be with her mother who recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. F. E. Wermig, who has been in Vancouver receiving treatment for her eyes, returned to the city from the south on the ss. Prince George this morning.

B. E. Valde of the C.N.R. engineering department and Mrs. Valde who have been on a trip to Vancouver, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning.

C. W. Harrison of the hatchery department of the Dominion Fisheries service arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning, being here on official duties.

William Barton of the Royal Bank staff, who has been on a holiday trip to Vancouver and Victoria, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning.

Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, who went to Victoria to attend the recent Rebekah Grand Lodge meeting, returned to the city from the south on the Prince George this morning.

Misses Margaret Smith, Polema Cameron and Hazel Green left on today's train for Sunnyside where they will spend a few days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McMillan.

Miss Ethel Christie of the City Hall staff returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from a holiday visit to Vancouver, coming north with her sister, Mrs. T. P. Smith, and family who proceeded by train to their home in Telkwa.

The fire department had a call last night to the rear of the Pioneer Laundry to extinguish a bonfire which had got out of control. No damage was done. At noon Wednesday the department had a call to the home of Daybart Lund, 1141 Beach Place, where sparks from the chimney had injured the roof, doing minor damage.

There were 180 passengers going north aboard the steamer Princess Charlotte which was in port this morning bound from Vancouver to Skagway. Of these 103 were Knights of Columbus and their wives from San Francisco who have been attending a convention in Tacoma and who are making the trip to Alaska before returning to California.

A party of prominent Victorians including W. B. Langan, retired freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, E. W. McMillan, manager of the Bank of Montreal in the Capital, Capt. Wilson, Montreal banker; Mrs. William Spencer, wife of the prominent merchant, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Thorpe Touble and Mrs. Edwards were passengers aboard the Princess Charlotte this morning going north to make the round trip to Skagway.

Mrs. E. G. Osborne, who has been on a holiday visit to Woodcock, returned to the city from the interior on today's train.

F. D. Mathers, local representative of the B. C. Packers, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from a trip to Vancouver on company business.

Joseph Gay, who is identified with the service of the B. C. Packers on the Queen Charlotte Islands, sailed yesterday afternoon on the Prince Charles for Vancouver where he is to pick up a fish packer which he will bring north.

The Letter Box

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION

Editor, Daily News: The suggestion made by the writer in the political corner of your paper with reference to future employment for Mr. J. C. Brady should be unsuccessful in his present campaign is a good one.

The fact that strong and influential Conservative newspapers, both east and west, such as the Toronto Mail & Empire and the Vancouver Province, after a careful canvas of the situation, are expressing the opinion that the King Government will be again returned is ominous.

Since such belief is gaining ground and not a few of the Conservatives in the smaller centres,

are in their own interests being influenced it might be advisable for us here to consider that aspect of the case. It must be bore in mind that our city is at the parting of the ways. Important events are to happen in the near future, in which Prince Rupert is vitally interested; and with which the Dominion Government has much to say. In the probable event then of the government's return it would obviously be the part of discretion for us not to send to Ottawa an advocate who is already well known as a ruthless opponent on all occasions.

Apart from that and in the interests of Mr. Brady himself for whom I hold no animosity, would it not be in his interests to be away from the disappointments and uncertainties of politics and placed safely in the position of school inspector for which position he is eminently fitted. Without speaking disparagingly of Mr. Brady's attainments, he is to a large extent an idealist and of the poetic turn rather than the business man of action; and it is very doubtful if politics is the sphere in which he will be of most value either to his family or his country.

We who have had much to do with inducing Mr. Brady to leave an honored profession, and in which he was highly successful have responsibility in this matter; and although we may question the spirit in which the advice was tendered in the political corner of your paper, yet we welcome the idea, and in the event of it being necessary we hope that both parties will join in pressing on Dr. Tolmie our desire for such an appointment.

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