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PEACE RIVER RAILWAY AUTHORIZED

Parliament, in the session just ended, authorized construction of the Peace River Railway, declares a Vancouver Sun editorial.

Complete and absolute power to do this work was vested by Act of Parliament in the hands of Premier Bennett and his Cabinet.

Bill 142, introduced by the Minister of Finance (Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett), provides as follows:

"The Governor-in-Council may provide for the CONSTRUCTION, extension or improvement of public works, buildings, undertakings, RAILWAYS, highways, subways, bridges and canals, etc.

"And, for the purposes aforesaid, may expend such moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund as may be required."

This bill, introduced on July 30, was finally passed by both houses on August 1 and was given royal assent at the prorogation of Parliament on August 3. It is the law of Canada today.

WHAT WILL PREMIER DO?

WHAT IS PREMIER BENNETT GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Only one thing can stop the building of the Peace River Railway in the face of that legislation: viz., Premier Bennett's determination not to build it. No such determination is in honor open to Premier Bennett. In his keynote speech at Winnipeg on June 9, 1930, opening the election campaign which put him into office, he uttered this solemn pledge:

"We pledge ourselves to the improvement of the whole scheme of Canadian transportation, northward by completion of the Hudson Bay route; TO THE PACIFIC SLOPE BY A PEACE RIVER OUTLET."

That was the policy on which he was elected. Parliament, when it unanimously adopted Bill 142, was well aware of that policy. Both parties were pledged to Peace River action. Almost the last words uttered in the 1930 session of the House of Commons were Premier King's announcement that if the railways did not speedily select a route he would do so for them. Mr. Bennett immediately underwrote that pledge.

So the Peace River Railway situation today is this:

Premier Bennett, his party and his government, are under solemn pledge to build the Pacific Coast Outlet. There can be no opposition, since the Liberal party is equally pledged.

Parliament has unanimously given Premier Bennett and his government the money and the authority to go ahead with construction right away.

Premier Bennett has the reputation of being a solo performer. Parliaments, cabinets and similar institutions annoy and hamper him.

SUBSERVIENT TO PREMIER

Well, Parliament has gone home. The cabinet is completely subservient to the Prime Minister's will. Mr. Bennett has a blank cheque in his pocket. He has himself assured the country that great construction projects are immediately necessary to cope with unemployment. All the arguments that have ever been uttered by himself and others as to the need for a Pacific Coast Outlet for Peace River's 22,000,000 fertile acres still apply.

The whole issue is up to one man—Premier R. B. Bennett. He has the reputation of being a man of honor.

Failure to get Peace River Railway construction under way before March 31, 1932, the date on which the authority vested in his Bill 142 expires, will blast that reputation forever.

What is Premier Bennett going to do about it?

HOW JOBS ARE SAVED

Cutting of Immigration Has Beneficial Effect in United States

WASHINGTON, August 12.—With final figures for the fiscal year issued here it was learned immigration restrictions by the State and Labor Departments had saved American workers approximately 180,000 jobs in the 12 months ending June 30.

At the same time the nation closed an epoch of immigration expansion and sent out 10,237 more aliens in the year than it received. This is the first year in the long history of the American republic that such a condition has appeared, and brings to an end, for all time, it is believed here an era that has seen successive incoming waves of Irish, Scandinavian, German and Mediterranean immigration.

The sudden and dramatic change has occurred in the past 12 months and already has had important economic repercussions, notably the decision of the big Atlantic steamship companies, announced yesterday, to reduce fares, due in part to the falling off in immigrant travel.

The estimate that the restriction on immigration admittances had saved jobs is made from a comparison of the number of aliens admitted last year with those departing this year. In the 1930 fiscal year there was a net gain of 173,789 aliens, following arrival of 446,214 and departure of 272,425.

Departations during the past year also set a new high record for all time at 18,142, as against 16,631 in the previous fiscal year. The year just closed included also for the first time aliens deported voluntarily under a provision of the Immigration Act by which indigent aliens, in the United States less than three years, may be sent home at government expense. Nearly 1000 of such departures are believed to have taken place.

Cutting Out Aliens

Figures given out at the Labor Department also contrast two years' record of aliens in the so-called "immigrant class." This class includes arriving aliens who intend to remain permanently in the country, as against admittances of "non-immigrant aliens" who are assumed to be on a temporary visit. Immigrant aliens admitted this year were 97,139 as against 241,700 last year.

In the same way "emigrant aliens" assumed to be leaving the country permanently were listed as 62,351 for this year, as against 50,661 last year. The net loss at the end of this year in this category was accordingly 34,788.

Records of the immigrant bureau show a total increase of 7,862,567 aliens in the 23 years 1908-1930. There were 16,061,139 aliens admitted and 8,178,593 departures. In that period the largest net increase at the end of a year was 817,619 in 1910. The year 1914, before the war showed almost as high—769,276. The next year 1915, showed a drop to 50,000. In 1918 the balance at the end of the year was only 18,565.

Death of Winnipeg Woman Regretted By Ex-Service Men

WINNIPEG, Aug. 12.—In the death recently of Mrs. R. D. Waugh, many soldiers' widows and ex-service men will remember with affection her devoted and untiring service during the war. For over five years she labored day and night, summer and winter, in the leadership of the comparatively small but enthusiastic band of women, who met all trains conveying soldiers to the war, and also all trains bringing back the survivors, and entertaining them on behalf of the city.

The task of officially meeting, sending off and welcoming home the boys was extremely exacting, but it was done so thoroughly well that the thanks of the federal, provincial and civic governments were accorded to Mrs. Waugh, as well as the Great War Veterans' organizations. Hundreds of widows and mothers were visited and comforted when news of casualties were published. She was chiefly instrumental in the promotion and organization of the first women's curling club in Manitoba, and was the first president of the club.

BUSY TIME IN LONDON

Mrs. G. Howard Ferguson Finds Much to Occupy Her

TORONTO, Aug. 12.—A highly interesting description of the activities which have occupied Mrs. Howard Ferguson, wife of Canada's high commissioner to London, since they went to London last winter, is furnished in an interview given by Mrs. Ferguson on her return for a holiday to Helen V. Walker of the Mail and Empire.

Outstanding among the activities of Mrs. Ferguson, and in addition to the strenuous social and court life in London, has been her success in organizing Canadian women living in England. Almost immediately upon her arrival in England Mrs. Ferguson was appointed liaison officer of the Women's Institute. While this group was conceived originally as a service or organization, it has served to bring Canadian women in England together socially.

Contrary to general opinion Mrs. Ferguson said, from her experience, court life and social functions at Buckingham Palace are less arduous than the ordinary demands on a woman in public life. She pointed out that women in general, preparing for presentation at court stood in fear of being made ridiculous by a wrong move. "There is but one thing one needs to know before presentation to court," Mrs. Ferguson went on to say. "The proper curtsy is essential. The other formalities become simple through the direction that is given on every hand after admittance to the palace."

In their official capacity, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson entertained only twice during their residence at Canada House. Their first large reception upon arrival in London was in honor of Lord and Lady Bessborough before they sailed for Canada. On Dominion Day through the efforts of Mrs. Ferguson to reach every Canadian living in England, they received several hundred guests at Canada House. The majority of these guests were former Canadians many of whom had been out of touch with their countrymen and isolated for years.

Receives at Tea

Although they have entertained but twice formally during their residence in London, Mrs. Ferguson stated she had made it her custom to receive at tea several times a week in her temporary apartment overlooking Hyde Park. Prominent Canadian women have often assisted her in pouring at these affairs.

Very enthusiastically Mrs. Ferguson described the beauty of the State ball, the first in many years, which took place at Buckingham Palace. She declared it to be the first time she had ever seen the uniforms of the men outshine the brilliance of the court evening gowns of the women. She was also keenly enthusiastic over the success of the all-Canadian concert given in London during July. She modestly admitted her efforts in behalf of the venture and described it as being a tremendous success.

"I have been in public life for years," Mrs. Ferguson said, "and yet I have always made a particular point of keeping a personal touch in my relations with the public by always attending to my own correspondence. My one regret will be that when I return to London I shall have to have a secretary. This will be a genuine grief as I fear I shall lose the personal touch I have enjoyed so much."

"Asked how she intended to spend her two months in Toronto, she replied that she intended dividing the time between her home in Toronto, the farm, and fishing. She is an energetic, enthusiastic fisherman. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson agreed there were no fish to compare with Canadian fish, and they intended to make the most of their opportunity while here, catching them."

GIRLS WANTED

To enter Contest for America's Most Beautiful Girl



The winner will be chosen during fair week in Prince Rupert and will get a free trip to Los Angeles and back and be entertained lavishly while there.

Entrants must sell 50 tickets to the Big Coronation Ball, the last day of the fair. Nothing else to do but look pretty. It's the chance of a lifetime.

The fair board at its recent meeting decided to enter a candidate in the International Beautequest at Los Angeles in connection with the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city, when the most beautiful girl in America will be chosen.

The local candidate will be chosen at the time of the fall fair and immediately after her selection she will have to leave for the south to get there in time for the big California event. Her expenses going and coming will be paid by the Fair Board but while there she will be the guest of the Ocean Park Businessmen's Association, who are sponsoring the event. The attraction for the candidate is set forth in the following letter from the south.

"Your candidate will be met at the railway station, dock or airport by a committee representing the Ocean Park Businessmen's Association.

"She will be the guest of screen stars at various functions.

"She will be entertained by a reigning star of the screen at her home.

"She will be included in all parties listed as part of the program of the International Beautequest and La Fiesta de Los Angeles.

"She will occupy a position of honor in all gatherings including pageants, parades, spectacles, receptions and, in fact, all events planned for the International Beautequest and Los Angeles' great reception."

Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 30, unmarried and of good character and the one going from Prince Rupert will be chosen in the following manner:

She or her sponsors must sell 50 tickets at \$1 each for the big coronation ball to be staged on the last day of the fair in the exhibition building. For the one selling the most tickets a prize of \$50 will be awarded.

She may enter without sponsors if she wishes but she must sell the tickets.

The candidates must attend the Exhibition every evening while it is in progress here. On the first night one selection will be made by competent judges. On the second night a second candidate will be chosen by another set of judges and on the third night a third candidate will be chosen by a third set of judges.

These three candidates will attend the coronation ball accompanied by the other candidates and at 9 o'clock, the final selection will be made. Two hours later the coronation will take place here and the following day the winner will be required to leave and travel as rapidly as possible by steamship, airplane and rail to Los Angeles.

Candidates from points around Prince Rupert may enter, such as Anxox, Ocean Falls, Smithers, Terrace, Stewart, Hazelton or other points and they will be required to sell 25 tickets to the coronation ball in order to qualify.

Candidates either in the city or out may be sponsored by organizations who may help them in disposing of tickets or otherwise in connection with the event.

Candidates or their sponsors should notify Secretary Vance of the Fair Association at as early a date as possible and as soon as the tickets are ready may commence disposing of them.

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