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Sir Robert Borden is About To Retire From Public Life

New Premier Will be Chosen by the Cabinet Council; Announcement of Change to be made at Early Date.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—After a vain endeavor to build up his health and strength sufficiently to cope with the duties devolving upon him, Sir Robert Borden has finally been forced to the conclusion, after consultation with nerve specialists of Toronto and Montreal, that he must retire from public life and make way for another leader of the Government. The Premier was forced to leave the cabinet council on Friday and was not present on Saturday. His retirement will take place early in the new year, indeed an announcement that Sir Robert is no longer premier may come at any time.

It is possible that Sir Robert may make an announcement of his retirement to a caucus of his followers about January 3.

It is said to be the opinion of a majority of the cabinet that a leader would be chosen by the cabinet council and six names were mentioned as possible candidates for the position. These are: Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance; Sir Henry Drayton, present minister of finance; Sir James Lougheed, leader of the Government in the Senate and minister of soldiers civil re-establishment; Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council; Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration, and Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—(Noon).—The morning Journal says in connection with the reported retirement of Sir Robert Borden that at least five ministers are likely to retire, including Sir George Foster, Sir Edward Kemp, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C. J. Doherty, and Hon. Martin Burrell.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Yorkshire Post, referring to the report that Premier Borden will accept some office under the League of Nations, says the people in London know what possibilities the League may possess. At present no unimportant office would be offered to Sir Robert Borden, who would make an admirable first president of the League, if such an office were created.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

Farmers Hold Balance of Power With 11 Seats, But Support Administration.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

MELBOURNE, Dec. 15.—Virtually complete election returns received today show that the Liberal and Nationalist-Labor parties who support the Australian Government have won 35 seats in the House of Representatives and the Farmers' party, also supporters of the Government on some questions 11 seats, while anti-Government factions and laborites have secured only 29.

CLEMENCEAU HAD A RIB FRACTURED ON TRIP TO ENGLAND

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Dr. Tuffier, who made an examination of Premier Clemenceau, found that he was suffering from a fractured rib. His condition is not serious. The French Premier met with a slight injury on his trip to England through a fall on board the destroyer on which he crossed the channel.

COL. W. W. FOSTER TO COMMAND DRAGOONS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Col. W. W. Foster, D. S. O., has been offered command of the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Toronto and probably he will accept.

SUGGEST ARREST OF EX-KAISER WILHELM

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The arrest of the ex-Kaiser through the intermediary of Holland was suggested before the parliamentary committee investigating the question of responsibility for the war. The decision was postponed.

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BIG EARTHQUAKE ROCKED JUNEAU

Katmai Volcano Believed to be in Eruption Again.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

JUNEAU, Dec. 15.—This vicinity was rocked this morning by the most severe earthquake felt in years. It is believed the shock centre is at Katmai, a volcano near Kodiak and that the volcano is in eruption again.

CRERAR LAUNCHES FARMER CAMPAIGN IN NOVA SCOTIA

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

KENTVILLE, Dec. 15.—E. A. Crerar, formerly minister of agriculture in the Union Government, before a big meeting of farmers here, launched a campaign for a Dominion-wide contest by farmers for the control of the next federal parliament.

George F. Chipman said he was confident the farmers would have 75 members in the commons after the general election.

CONSTABLE LOGAN IS BEING TRANSFERRED

Goes to Hanceville in Chilcotin Country and Will Not Return Here.

Leaving town last night with three prisoners in his charge for incarceration in New Westminster, Constable Logan of the Provincial Police Department, will not return to Prince Rupert. He has been transferred to Hanceville, in the Chilcotin country, and will proceed direct to his new post from Vancouver. Constable Logan will be located in the midst of a cattle raising country at Hanceville, which is near the old Caribou Road running from Fort George to Ashcroft.

During his stay in Prince Rupert, Constable Logan has made many friends who will very much regret his departure.

Allies' Cafe on 6th Street will be open tomorrow from 7 a.m. till 12 midnight.

TELEPHONE GIRLS' NEW WAGE SCALE

For First Six Months Rate of Pay Will be \$59.80 and \$100 Rate Reached in 5 Years.

The new scale of wages being paid to the telephone operators in this city is announced as follows:

MINING STOCKS

	Bid	Asked
Drum Lummon	17	
Rocher de Boule	20	
Surf Inlet Gold	63	66
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	2 1/2	
Granby	50	54

First six months	\$59.80
Seven to 9 months	64.30
Ten to 12 months	65.80
Thirteen to 15 months	70.25
Sixteen to 24 months	74.75
Third Year	82.25
Fourth Year	89.70
Fifth Year	97.15
Sixth Year	100.15



R. Borden

Lumber Industry is Healthy in District

Number of Mills Operating and more to Open in Near Future; Besner and Buckley Mills Both to Cut Soon.

Six months ago all the mills in the neighborhood except the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills, the Georgetown mill and the Kitsumkalum mill were closed. Today there are a number of mills operating and more will open within the next few weeks and operate steadily through next summer.

The Aeroplane Spruce Lumber Co., usually known as Lewis' mill, on Graham Island, is running steadily and so is the Graham Island Spruce and Cedar Co.'s mill, usually known as Lynch's mill. Now comes word that Mr. Buckley has a new company formed to take over and operate the Buckley mill at Buckley Bay, Masset Inlet, and also that the Queen Charlotte City mill which is owned locally by O. Besner and others is about to start cutting.

E. Dohy, formerly manager of the local mill has gone east with plans for the reorganization and rebuilding of the Kitsumkalum mill owned and operated by Sir Henry Pellatt of Toronto, and it is expected that he will have charge there this coming summer.

At Usk the Royal Mill, recently taken over by Hanson & Allen, of this city, is cutting lumber, and Kenny Brothers are operating. The third mill which also is owned locally has got over; its financial difficulties and will be running directly.

There will be other mills operating during the coming summer. The Sowell Mill at Masset Inlet has not opened up since the aeroplane spruce business stopped.

While the Buckley Mills have a lot of lumber in the woods all ready cut, something like 40,000,000 feet it is estimated, and there are other places where logs have yet to be hauled into the water, this will not anything like supply the demand for logs during the coming season. As a result a good many logging camps will be opened early in the spring and business in the logging and lumbering line will be humming very soon.

Last but not by any means least must be mentioned the lumber manufacturing plant adjoining the drydock where Major Cowper Young is gradually building up a plant and getting ready for operation.

The outlook generally for the lumber industry is one that tends to make Prince Rupert people very optimistic.

For Open Fisheries On Skeena River

Many Telegrams Sent to Minister and Delegation Supporting the Move; Conference is Being Held in Ottawa Today.

Besides many official messages to C. W. Peck, Mayor McClymont and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, no less than seventy private messages have been sent from this city to the Minister at Ottawa backing up the request of the city for open fisheries and the use of gas boats on the Skeena River. Nearly forty of these were sent by bona fide fishermen and paid for by them. In all something like one hundred messages have been sent to Ottawa by wire or otherwise in regard to this matter.

On Saturday a wire was sent by the committee working under

GROCERY THEFT WAS COMMITTED

Harry Kingston and Three Partners Accused of Stealing from Launch "Tide."

Harry Kingston was this morning committed for trial by Magistrate McMordie on the charge of stealing from a vessel in port. He made an open confession of his guilt, hoping thereby to gain sympathy and leniency. Several witnesses were heard, including the police officers.

J. H. Hilditch, the owner of the "Tide," the boat from which the goods were stolen, testified. He discovered the loss two days after the robbery and reported to the police. The case of butter produced in court was part of the stolen goods. The accused and his brother had worked on his boat as deckhands.

The chief of police testified as to the complaint being laid. He had gone to the Dominion Lunch and found one case of butter and also a broken one. The owner had intimated that he had bought the goods from Harry Kingston. A warrant was then made out for Kingston's arrest and his mother promised that she would bring him to the station as soon as he came in from a trip on the water. She had done this. After being fully warned, Kingston had made a signed statement. Alleged partners in the crime Wm. (Red) McDonald, Paddy Brady and Green, a taxi driver, were also arrested.

Sold Goods. Tom Shimizu, Japanese owner of the Dominion Lunch, was called upon for evidence. He stated that he knew accused as he had come to him before and had obtained a meal ticket on his watch.

On the night of the theft about 11 o'clock accused had come to him stating that he had some provisions for sale. These, he said, were his share of the assets of a bankrupt fishing boat. Accused wanted \$25 for them but witness demanded to see them first. They were then brought in a taxi and accused got a meal ticket, worth \$5, and \$25 cash as payment.

The accused stated that he had come to town at 6 o'clock the night of the theft, November 29, in company with his brother and Mr. Hilditch. After supper he came to town and met Red McDonald who asked him if he would lend him money to get some dope. Accused said he was broke, but he knew where there was some grub on which they could raise cash.

Got a "Shot."

After getting a "shot" on borrowed money they went around to find a likely buyer for the goods. Finally Shimizu said he would buy the goods when they were produced. He had not understood they were stolen.

They got a taxi and explained to the driver, Green, that they were going to swipe some groceries and asked him if it would be all right. Green had said it would be all right.

McDonald and accused then went to the wharf in company with Paddy Brady and got the

Acting Mayor Rochester to T. D. Pattullo as follows: "We are making our last stand to kill the fishery monopoly. Upwards of one hundred messages have been sent to C. C. Ballantyne supporting Peck and the delegation in their fight at Ottawa. The question opens before the minister, at Ottawa Monday. Have wired Premier Oliver asking for his support. Look to you to protect our interests fully by having Premier wire minister endorsing Peck's stand."

A copy of a resolution passed at a mass meeting of citizens and fishermen at Port Simpson was wired. It was moved by R. B. Young, seconded by J. R. C. Dean and unanimously adopted "that this meeting go on record as unqualifiedly endorsing the open policy of Colonel C. W. Peck toward the fisheries of Number 2 District. The wire was signed by John Flewin, chairman, and Boyd Young, secretary."

The committee sent forward the resolutions passed at the mass meeting here and are anxiously awaiting news from Ottawa in regard to the outcome of the meeting with the minister there today.

6 MONTHS FOR HAVING DRUGS

One Chinaman Sent to Jail and Another Fined \$200.

Lum Sing, a Chinaman who is suffering from very ugly wounds sustained at Kitsumkalum, was in the police court this morning charged with having drugs in his possession. Magistrate McMordie sentenced him to six months at Okalla Farm and gave a warning that another case like this one coming before him would meet with a stiffer penalty.

Harry Kingston testified that he had gone there and had got a "shot in the arm" on more than one occasion, the accused administering the drug. Constables Adams and Bailey told of searching the shack and finding all kinds of drugs in various places about the premises. The chief of police said that the place was the most disreputable and dirty he had seen in the city.

Lum Bing, a partner of Lum Sing, was fined \$200 or three months' imprisonment, having been found guilty of the same charge.

goods, returning to the restaurant and disposing of the goods. After that they again went to the Chinese shack for dope and, evidently, accused had taken an overdose for he woke up next morning in the Empress very sick. McDonald came to see him and administered morphine with a safety pin and an ink-filler.

This completed the evidence and the city solicitor then asked that the case be committed to the County Court.

The other three were charged with being implicated and their cases have been adjourned till tomorrow morning.

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