

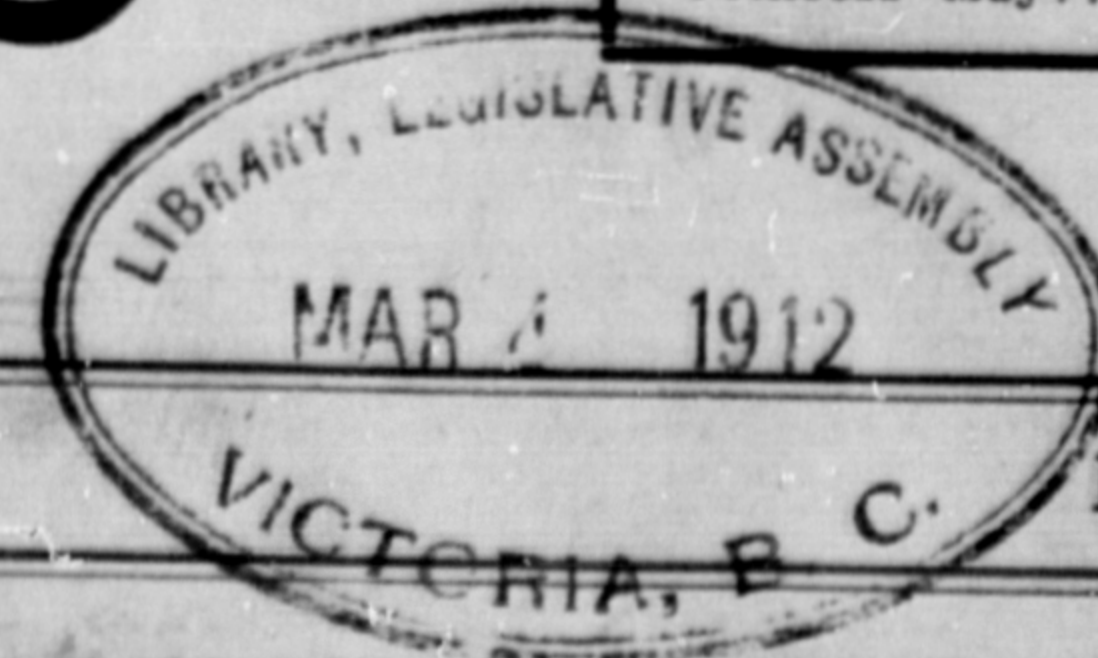
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PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES CALL CONVENTION

AN INSPECTION OF THE LINE

Partner of the Great Railway Contracting Firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart Going Over Road for the First Time.

Patrick Welch, a powerful looking man of about fifty, and in this respect forming a contrast to his partner, Jack Stewart, was the guest of General Superintendent Mehan today, traveling in the private car of the latter to the end of steel. Mr. Welch said just before the train started that he was merely making a personal visit and that this would be the first glimpse he had had of any part of the line. His partner, Mr. Foley, had been looking after their contracts on the other side of the Rockies and Mr. Stewart this side, while he himself had been carrying on the large contracts of the firm in the states of Washington and Oregon. Mr. Welch is staying at the Inn.

New spring Dress Goods and many other new things at Wallace's.

NOMINATION DAY

Date is Changed from Twelfth to Fourteenth.

(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 29.—An order in council changes the date of nominations for the forthcoming provincial election from March 12th to March 14th. It was found that in announcing the date for nominations a technical error had been made, as the Elections Act provides only for two weeks prior to election.

To Dedicate New Church.

Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the Canadian Methodist Church, will arrive by the steamer Camosun tonight. He is accompanied by Dr. W. H. White, superintendent of B. C. Methodist Missions. Dr. Chown will dedicate the new Methodist church at the opening service next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. He will also preach at 7:30 p. m. Seats are being placed and the church will be ready for the opening services next Sunday, March 3rd, and the following Sunday, March 10th.

Masquerade.

Don't forget the masquerade tonight in McIntyre Hall at 9:30. Gray's orchestra.

COAL STRIKE IN BRITAIN NOW SEEMS INEVITABLE

Members of the Cabinet Report to Parliament That Their Efforts to Settle Differences are Unsuccessful

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN INVOLVED

Also Other Industries May Have to Shut Down for Want of Fuel—Men Determined to Interpret Their Demands in Their Own Way Without Assistance of the Government—Another Conference This Afternoon

(Special to Daily News.)
LONDON, FEB. 29.—WHAT THREATENS AT THIS MOMENT TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST DIFERFUL STRIKES IN HISTORY WILL PROBABLY BE ON TOMORROW. IT INVOLVES DIRECTLY EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND COLLIERIES, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE INDUSTRIES THAT MAY HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN FOR WANT OF FUEL. THE GOVERNMENT MADE THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT THAT IT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO STAVE OFF THE COAL MINERS' STRIKE. LLOYD GEORGE ADDED TO THE GLOOMY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HOLD

ANOTHER CONFERENCE WITH THE STRIKERS AND MINE OWNERS THIS AFTERNOON BUT THAT LITTLE HOPE COULD BE ATTACHED TO IT. IT WAS STATED THAT 60 PER CENT OF THE MINE OWNERS HAD ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINIMUM WAGE WHICH WOULD BE A SLIGHT INCREASE, THUS GREATLY FACILITATING THE GOVERNMENT'S TASK SHOULD IT BE DEEMED ADVISABLE TO RESORT TO LEGISLATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS MINIMUM WAGE. THE MINERS THEMSELVES, IT WAS POINTED OUT, ARE PROVING THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO PEACE BEING ARRIVED AT, AS THEY INSIST UPON THEIR RIGHT TO INTERPRET THEIR DEMANDS IN THEIR OWN WAY AND AGAINST THE ADVICE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION IS ANNOUNCED

Those Progressives are Taking the Initiative in the Campaign and Will Probably Hand Mr. Manson a Lemon When He Lands From the Camosun This Evening

William Manson, member of the legislature for the Skeena district, is due to arrive tonight on the Camosun, bringing with him without a doubt that statement of the Minister of Public Works that the government wharf will be completed immediately, as is the invariable rule just on the eve of election.

Mr. Manson will also be pleased (or otherwise) to find that during his absence the Progressives have not been gobbled up or smothered out of existence, as the first he will hear when he lands on the dock will be that the Progressives are still progressing, and at what he may think an alarming rate. They have actually sent out notices for a convention of the Conservatives of the Skeena district to be held in the Conservative Club rooms on Second avenue, on March 14th. It may be taken, too, as an indication that these plucky insurgents mean business, that the convention is to meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, and is thus prepared for an all day session. At this convention a successor to Mr. Manson is to be chosen.

The annual meeting of the Progressives is announced for March 6th, at which officers are to be elected and the delegates to the convention from this city chosen.

The Progressives breathe a hope that Mr. Manson will not feel too bad about it, as they have nothing but the best feeling in regard to him personally. But they thought it was up to them to take the initiative in this campaign because of the very flattering record, for a young political association, they have already made. They claim to have done more than the old Conservative Association ever tried to do. They have had good, clean men appointed to the police and license boards, have appealed for the sale of the government lots in the city, have appealed for and been promised a wagon road around Kaien Island—and other things.

The talk is now of Conservative candidates for the position as successor of Mr. Manson. Among those members who are believed to command good support and the confidence of the people are Mayor Newton, A. J. Prudhomme,

Dr. Clayton, William Sibbald, William Angle, all of this city; Charles Harrison, Masset; J. F. McDonald, Hazelton; Dr. Jameson, Ocean Falls, and Harry Smith, Stewart.

WOULD GUARD CITY HALL

Several Applications in for Position of Janitor.

Applications for the position of janitor were opened by the City Clerk at the Council meeting last night. The following were the applicants: John Carl, George John Nehring, E. G. Osburn and D. McNeil. These are meanwhile placed on file.

Wants to Be Fireman.

F. V. Clarke has offered his services as fireman on the permanent staff at the fire hall. Application referred to Fire committee.

LARGE LUMBER CONCERN TO LOCATE HERE

Lester W. David Company of Ocean Falls Will Establish in Prince Rupert the Coming Spring

Today A. J. Burroughs resigns charge of the Westholme Lumber Company's business in Prince Rupert in order to take up the general management for the Skeena, Prince Rupert and Northern B. C. district of the Lester W. David Lumber Company of Ocean Falls, B. C.

With the announcement of Mr. Burroughs' resignation of the Westholme Company position

and assumption of his new duties with the Lester W. David Company comes the news that the Lester W. David firm is to locate this spring in Prince Rupert to do a large general lumber supplying and building business. The firm premises will occupy a central site which has already been secured and will establish saw and planing mills and equipment for the complete supply of

BOXING BOUT ARRANGED FOR NEXT MONTH

Joe Bayley Coming Back to Meet With Paddy Scott for a Good Purse---New Athletic Association Welcomed With Handsome Subscriptions---Looking for Baseball Grounds

The Prince Rupert Athletic Association, a new corporation, formed for the purpose of promoting mainly sports of all kinds, is starting off with a great deal of enthusiasm and it is believed that this can be easily maintained. When the promoters of the association started out to obtain subscriptions they were met with the glad hand everywhere. In little or no time they had \$1,500 subscribed, with invitations to "call again."

This sum is ample as a starter and its energetic president and secretary-treasurer William H. Wright and Cyril Orme, are now engaged in investing this initial cash where it is calculated to do the most good. One thing the members of the association are giving great regard to is the formation of a strong outdoor baseball team and to get good baseball grounds so that matches

could be played here with outside teams during the coming summer. Both players and fans will be deeply interested in this step.

Meantime the association has already arranged for a boxing tournament and yesterday engaged by wire two fistic stars. The first of these is Joe Bayley, who is already known here. He was brought here by the Kaien Island Athletic Club last fall and matched against Oscar Nelson. This bout was easily won by Bayley in the second round. Since then Joe has won his way to the rank of champion lightweight of Western Canada. Recently W. Naughton, the fight editor of the San Francisco Examiner, was endeavoring to arrange a meeting between him and Abe Attell, and Edmonton Athletic Club was negotiating with him. When President Wright wired him for here he received an immediate answer that the arrangement with Edmonton was not closed and to state terms. These were stated and accepted, and the next step was to find an opponent. M. O'Brien, who is in the limelight just at present, was suggested, and a telegram was

dispatched to the sporting editor of the Seattle Times for his expert opinion. This is Mr. E. R. Hughes' reply by wire:

"O'Brien is a pretty good boy, but Pat Scott of this city would make a fine match for Bayley. Couldn't find a better. If you want him wire terms."

This was done yesterday and the bargain with both boxers completed yesterday afternoon. They are to meet here on the evening of March 21st for a purse of \$750 in a fifteen round contest for points. The winner is to get \$450 and the loser \$300.

Scott recently met Pete McVeigh at the smoker given by the Seattle Press Club, and a local paper gives the following concise description of the argument:

"Pat was in good shape and fresh as a daisy at the finish, and Pete was a trifle tired. Pat had the better of the long range work, but Pete was there with the goods in close stuff—and there you are. T. Burns pronounced it a draw. The boys will have to travel a longer distance to settle the argument. But it was about the classiest bout witnessed by Seattle fans for a long time."

LARGE CROWD AT OPENING OF WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

VAUDEVILLE PERFORMANCE AND FARCE PLAYED BY WESTHOLME COMEDY TRIO—NEW THEATRE MUCH ADMIRER AND HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

Rarely if ever has so large a crowd congregated in this city as the one of last night seeking entrance to the new Westholme Opera House. It was an epochal event in which everybody seemed desirous of participating. The management had evidently not foreseen this and a point upon

which there was a great deal of grumbling was that no seats except those of the boxes could be reserved in advance. There was therefore a big stampede at the opening and also at the second performance. So great, in fact,

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PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

First bale of cotton imported to Prince Rupert arrives from Dixie consigned to A. H. Bailey.
A Progressive remarks that the three provincial prisoners on the wood pile have got the "government stroke."
Arthur Little announces that he will hang out his sign, the first ever painted in Prince Rupert, above the Iroquois pool room.
Manson mentions by wireless telephone that the Camosun will NOT berth at the Government wharf tonight.
Mission lands arbitrators still sitting in the court house.
Mayor Newton resting easier since he removed that deep, dark blue secret.

LONG NEEDED GRADING ROCK

Probability That Third Avenue at McBride Street Will Before Long Be Completed with Rock Cleared from Market Place.

By decision of the Council last night the grading of Market place, which is practically surrounded by government lots, is to be proceeded with in order that rock may be obtained for the fill on Third avenue at McBride street, which has for so long hung fire. The government will

pay local improvement taxes on this work. There existed doubt in Council last night as to the amount of cash available out of Section 4 grading fund, but City Engineer Davis is assured that there is enough to do this work.

Cemetery Clearing.

Clearing of the portion of the cemetery site for use has been recommended by the Board of Works, and the recommendation has been adopted by the Council.

Carpet ends—traveler's samples—Administers, Brussels, Wiltons. They make nice mats and sell at half the ordinary price. Wallace's.

MAYOR'S MOUNTAIN MYSTERY MAY BE MERELY A MOLEHILL

AFTER STAR CHAMBER MEETING LAST NIGHT CITY COUNCIL SEEMED UNPERTURBED—ALD. MONTGOMERY MAKES A STATEMENT FOR PRESS IN SUPPORT OF PRINCIPLES.

"Star chamber secrets are so small and so unalarming in their real meaning to the public at large as to be safely termed insignificant; but at the same time I deem it necessary to await developments before making everything public."

Alderman Montgomery, whose view of private "star chamber" meetings of the City Council is well known, made the above statement last night in order to maintain his principle and at the same time allay the magnified street rumors that have arisen owing to the Mayor's stupendous silence and air of glum foreboding.

The whole affair, judging by the atmosphere pervading last night, is something like the famous fable of the mountain in labor which after much myster-

ious threatening, grumbling and rumbling, produced a wee worried looking mouse wondering what all the people were staring at.

After all his thundering and threatening on Monday afternoon the Mayor, it may be safely predicted, will turn out to have said nothing more desperately affecting the city's interests than the remark he made at the hospital board meeting the same afternoon about the bank's "kicking like blazes," which was reported in Tuesday's News.

Last night's council meeting, though not as swiftly business like as one of Acting Mayor Douglas' sessions, went exceedingly smoothly, and there was no sign of perturbation amongst the Councilors as the result of the Mayor's announcements at the star chamber meeting just concluded.