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Editorial Notes and Clippings

LOADING UP THE PRESS.

From the office of the chief government whip at Ottawa, upon letter paper bearing the royal arms, and marked "Personal and Important," there was addressed on October 5th a circular letter to Conservative editors. It is well that the country should know how political "news" is obtained nowadays. The letter says:

"Attached herewith you will find several galleys of news matter of a political character. This is the beginning of a free service for the purpose of giving wider publicity to authentic government news and other political information of a timely character. Your paper has been recommended to be placed on the list in the belief that you will be willing to make use of the service. This service will be weekly and entirely without cost to the papers receiving it. All that is required in return is that a copy of your paper be sent to the undersigned in order that a check may be kept on the matter published.

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"This service will not be furnished the large city papers, and overlapping will be avoided as far as possible if you

will let me know what other papers have a circulation in your territory.

"The news matter will be absolutely authentic, and the requirements of particular localities will be considered. You may use the matter dated from here as a 'special' or as editorial comment, just as you choose.

"The news matter will be up-to-date, and written by a staff thoroughly in touch with their subjects.

"Kindly let me hear from you by return mail as to the amount you can make use of and the particular kind of matter you require.

"I ask you to consider this letter confidential."

Among the things that were sent out on this first week's service were statements that in connection with the Hudson Bay Railway the Hon. Frank Cochrane "in one short year has accomplished more than the Liberals did in fifteen years of power"; that the Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of customs, "with vision and foresight, suited his ways to an expanding country."

As this service is for Canada, it will be interesting to watch the local Tory press and endeavor to pick out the loaded stuff.

Probably the press agency will be patterned after McBride's press service, of which Charlie Gibbons is the head. This agency also does not hesitate to send out copy in official envelopes bearing the royal coat-of-arms.

HAYSPORT GIRL DEAD IN DITCH

Hotel Waitress Leaves to Visit Friends and Is Found Next Day Drowned in Slough.

Lying on her back in a shallow puddle of water hardly sufficient to cover her, the dead body of Violet Casterdon was discovered just outside the hotel at Haysport.

Miss Casterdon was a young English girl of eighteen years of age but recently out from home, and an employee of the hotel. From information to hand it appears that she left the hotel shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday evening, presumably to visit a lady friend, to whom she had come out from England, who resided a short distance away. It being dark and the sidewalk narrow with no guard rail, she must have stumbled and fell into the slough, a distance of seven or more feet. The people of the hotel were not aware that she had not returned in the usual way until the next morning when she did not appear at work.

At about 7 a. m. the next day Eugene McGrath, who was on his way to his work noticed the deceased in the position above stated.

The Provincial authorities were immediately notified and Constable Doolittle left for Haysport, returning Saturday morning with the body. There is nothing to lead to the supposition that death was brought about other than by an unfortunate accident, and it has not been decided up to the present whether an inquest will be necessary.

Crown of Galicia Arrived.

Saturday morning there arrived in port the big freighter Crown of Galicia, carrying the steel pipe for the city's future water supply from Shawatlans Lake. She left Liverpool on July 26th last with an assorted cargo, calling at several ports in South America en route. Captain Halliday, her skipper, a bluff and ruddy old Scotsman, reports the trip having been accomplished in excellent weather as the time made from Liverpool would cause one to imagine, no adventures of a very special nature having occurred during the voyage.

Mr. W. R. Whitley, who so ably enacted the mother who continually called for and insisted on the proper care for her infant, at the Westholme Opera House Friday night, can now look after a real live infant with a pair of sound lungs, for on Saturday morning he was made the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Mother and child are both doing well.

Mark Made His Mark.

The Friday night amateurs played to an exceptionally good house last Friday, and from the loud applause and delighted expressions of the audience they certainly made a hit. Decidedly the piece de resistance of the performance was the ventriloquist act by Mark Harby. It was this gentleman's first appearance in this line in Prince Rupert and was certainly a most amusing and clever entertainment, the equal of almost any professional performance to be seen anywhere. Needless to say the local jokes and allusions caused bursts of merriment. Gibson and Whitley put on a most amusing double turn, the former's impersonation of a Chinaman being especially good. Space forbids mention of the other turns, the pictures and orchestra being, as usual, of the very highest order.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

In the Letter Box

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: Would you mind correcting a statement which appeared in your paper on Saturday evening, viz.: That I was present at the Sons of England Society meeting at the McIntyre Hall? In view of certain suggestions made both at a recent Council meeting and at the last meeting of the Police Commission, I wish to state clearly that, while having no reason to doubt that it is an excellent society, nevertheless I was not present at the meeting referred to, nor have I at any time been a member of the society.

Yours truly,

L. BULLOCK-WEBSTER.

NEWS NOTES OF THE GREAT WEST

Vancouver bank clearings for the past fiscal week show an increase of \$1,300,000 over the corresponding week last year.

The last section of the railway connecting Vancouver with the Kootenays is contracted for. It will cost \$100,000 a mile. The contract is for thirty-eight miles.

In Regina, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade, a committee has been appointed to organize a company for the construction of a million bushel elevator.

In Winnipeg, a new skating rink is announced, to accommodate four thousand persons.

Brandon will build a new school, to cost \$75,000.

In Portage la Prairie, the Methodist Church announces an extension to cost \$10,000.

In Moosejaw, a new Canadian Pacific townsite, Assiniboia, Sask., was placed on the market. The first day's sales were over three hundred lots, with total receipts of \$138,000. Assiniboia is situated on the new Weyburn to Lethbridge line. It will become an important divisional point. The steel will be to Assiniboia before winter.

In Calgary, the United States land selling organization of the department of natural resources of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the general agents in Canada and publicity correspondents will hold a convention on October 25th and 26th. They will leave on the afternoon of the 26th in a special train to tour Central and Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. This meeting is in line with the policy instituted by J. S. Dennis, assistant to the president, head of the department of natural resources, of half yearly meetings, and agent to work in co-operation all over. At a banquet on the evening of the 25th inst., the winners in the Canadian Pacific alfalfa growing competition will receive prizes.

The Lawyer to the Lady—You understand the nature of an oath, don't you?

The Lady (a little flurried)—I beg your pardon.

Lawyer (testily)—What is the nature of an oath?

Lady (triumphantly)—Profane, isn't it?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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