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A WEATHERCOCK FOR PREMIER.

It is hard to tell what Sir Richard McBride really desires, apart, of course, from his personal aggrandizement. What are his real opinions on the naval question? His public utterances make it look as if his opinions shifted with the wind that blows from Ottawa. As it is done by Borden, so, it seems, must it be done by McBride. The Provincial premier declines to take an independent stand. He will not hold by his own declarations. He shows that he is less than a man. He is a Conservative, and that is all.

In 1909 Sir Richard wanted a Canadian navy. In 1912 he moved a resolution urging the Dominion government to provide immediate naval protection for the Pacific coast. At the Revelstoke convention last fall he expressed the same view in his address. Now he favors a policy of contributions. He is no longer concerned with the protection of the Pacific. Well, which is it? Was he sincere before or is he only sincere now?

THIS WILL NOT HELP OUR FARMERS.

In the new United States tariff as it will finally go into the statute books agricultural implements of every description are placed on the free list,

along with baling wire, fence wire, grain sacks, shoes, cement, nails, lumber, coal, harness, wagons, sewing machines and dozens of other articles used on every farm in the country. So far as agriculture is concerned, the greater part of the burden of protection has been lifted in the United States.

Canada, on the other hand, although a greater percentage of its production is primarily agricultural than in the United States, still taxes almost everything the farmer uses. Coal, iron, cement, lumber, machinery, implements, shoes, clothing and household effects are taxed. This means that the Canadian manufacturer of any of these articles will be free to charge the Canadian farmer more for any of the articles specified than he will be likely to charge for the same articles shipped to the farmer on the south side of the 49th parallel.

This arrangement, so protectionists claim, builds up industries by preserving the home market against foreign competition. The Canadian farmer who realizes that his neighbor in Dakota is able to buy a binder made in Hamilton or Toronto cheaper than the same can be bought on this side of the line will be likely to conclude that the arrangement which takes the money out of his pocket and hands it to the Dakota farmer makes him the goat.



SHOWERED WITH CONFETTI AT MEXICAN FETE

General Felix Diaz, of Mexico is on the left and Provisional President Huerta is in the centre. Though showered with confetti by the populace, they are not popular with all, and a plot against their lives was discovered.

TWO MINERS REPORT A RICH PLACER STRIKE IN ALASKA

THEY HAVE RETURNED 300 MILES FROM CHISANA RIVER TO DAWSON WITH 200 OUNCES OF GOLD SHOVELLED IN TWO DAYS.

Dawson, July 28.—A rich placer strike has been made on Chisana River in Alaska about 300 miles from Dawson. An unauthenticated report of the find was received at Dawson some time ago. The values given were so large that the report was not generally credited.

Two well known Dawson men, Tom Doyle and Andy Taylor, who went on first stamped, have returned with two hundred ounces of gold shovelled in by the discoverers in two days.

A special steamboat will leave here tomorrow, loaded with stampede and outfits. Dawson is the nearest outfitting point, and

over two hundred miles of the journey in can be made from Dawson by steamer, from that point on pack horses are used.

There are no supplies in the district, so everything will have to be sent in from here, where a complete supply can be had. This is the biggest strike made in the north since Bonanza was discovered.

The course from Dawson is up the White River to Snag Creek, thence up Snag Creek to the head and over the watershed to the Tanana River, on a branch of which the discovery has been made.

PORTLAND CANAL SHARES ARE TAKING RISE IN THE MARKET

SHARP ADVANCE IN RED CLIFF UNEXPLAINABLE — GLACIER AND PORTLAND CANAL GONG UP BECAUSE OF THE BIG TUNNEL

Judging from the reports of the mining sections of both the Vancouver and Victoria stock markets, slowly but surely the speculative element is evidencing a more marked interest in northern shares. Under continuous buying orders Portland Canal has strengthened to three and five-eighths. Glaciers are bid at five and a half and Red Cliff has been selling around seven. The interest manifested in the two former is on account of the possibilities of the Portland Canal Tunnels, Ltd., striking the Glacier creek vein series at an early date, as the big bore is now entering the final stages of driving for its objective point. It is hard to understand the reason for the sharp advance in Red Cliff, except that a process of cleaning up the market of all loose offerings is being effected. It is learned on good authority that J. T. Hillis, a well known Vancouver mining operator who figured largely in the sale of the Hidden Creek mines to the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., has purchased the entire holdings of W. J. Bowen of Seattle, a former Red Cliff director and associate of President A. Erskine Smith in the original purchase of the group. Mr. Hillis was one of the members of the president's party

who visited the mine the past week, and it is believed that there are now negotiations on the tapis looking to an early resumption of development at the big copper-gold property.

Word comes down the canal that the Granby Consolidated has a force of some 30 men opening up the Swamp Point property which the company recently purchased from Moults & Harkley.

G. A. Cameron and John Watkins, who have been prospecting the Orient group, have uncovered two feet of clean chalcopryite ore.

At both the Indian and the Cascade Falls mines good galena shoots are now being opened up with encouraging results.

Previous to his departure for the south, H. E. Newton, owner of the Red Reef, opposite the townsite, let a further contract for extending the main tunnel, then in 281 feet, to the 300 foot mark, besides a 25 foot crosscut from the end. The contractors are Gus Olsen, Dick Carlson and G. Petersen.

Development is progressing on several claims up Glacier creek. American creek, the Marmot river as well as up the main Bear river. —Portland Canal Miner.

In Tacoma the other day a man drove an automobile one mile in thirty-two second. He would be a good man to rock a boat.

LANGARA LIGHTHOUSE HAS BEEN COMPLETED

This is First Lighthouse of its Kind on Coast—Diaphone is in Triplicate.

The Langara lighthouse has been completed and will be in working order by the beginning of the week. It has taken about a year to construct the lighthouse and foghorn. It was a most difficult task, it being found necessary to build a road up an incline for a mile in length in order to raft the lumber and material to the shore. This is the first lighthouse of its kind on the coast, the diaphone being in triplicate. Vessels from the Orient on the passage to Prince Rupert will pass between Langara Island on the north end of Graham Island and Cape Mazon on the Alaska side of Dixon Entrance.

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