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WANT A MAN WHO KNOWS SOMETHING.

The Hon. Wilfrid Bruno Nantel, K. C., LL. D., minister of mines, was sworn in as such on October 10th, 1911, but even the most impartial critic of his ministry would be able to swear he had never shown therein the least idea of the mining industry. As a boy he may have dug a few potatoes for mother; as a King's counsel he may have dug up a few knotty points of law; but he probably knows absolutely nothing of digging gravel for gold, or how the gold in quartz gets mixed up with the rock. The men engaged in the mining industry want a man as minister of mines who can look as far into a piece of rock as the next man, a man who knows a prospect from a mine, by preference a man who has, or has had, callouses on his palms.

A strong feeling has been expressed in Yukon and the southern part of this province that the Dominion government should provide for a special minister of mines, and that the whole attention of his department should be given to the promotion of the mining industry. It would be well for the boards of trade of Stewart and New Hazelton if they would take the matter up, and add their strength to the Associated Boards of Trade, which has transmitted to Ottawa the following resolution: "Whereas, the mining industry of Canada has assumed such proportions during the past few years, and in view of the prospective future of this industry and the necessity for its encouragement by every possible means, therefore be it resolved that the Associated Boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia strongly urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of creating a portfolio

of minister of mines, and such minister to devote his whole time to the conduct of the department of mines."

The Kootenay district is presenting a good, capable man in the person of R. F. Green, their member of parliament, and Yukon is pulling strings for the appointment of their member, Dr. Alfred Thompson.

JUST A HINT FOR COLONEL SAM.

Canada, throbbing with the impulse of opportunity, has abundant need of soldiers, but the soldiers of peace, says the Regina Leader. That is the kind of army we need to develop this Northern British Columbia the railway is opening up. Canada does not need thousands of men trained and enthusiastic in militarism, but she does need the energy and enthusiasm of what one writer has called the "soldiers of the common good." The man who labors earnestly for the material development of the country is a soldier in a splendid cause. The man who goes out to war against the evils of intemperance, political corruption, the oppression of the weak, and endeavors to make firm the higher standards of life is a better soldier for Canada than the man who endeavors to fire the spirit of militarism. Would even take higher rank in popular estimation than any one of the gold plated army of colonels with which Colonel Sam Hughes is astonishing the military tailors of Europe.

Cranbrook wants a law enacted for the protection of investors in mining and the punishment of wildcat promoters. Better ask Bowser to declare an open season for wildcaters, and a liberal bounty of so much per head. Many a miner has gone gunning for wildcaters, and more would if it wasn't illegal.



ROYAL VISIT TO THE CUNARD LINER MAURETANIA, JULY 11TH, 1913.

The names, from left to right, are: Thomas Royden (deputy chairman of the Cunard Company), His Majesty the King, Commander W. T. Turner, R. N. R. (captain of the Mauretania), A. A. Booth (chairman of the Cunard Company) and Her Majesty the Queen. In the second row, to the right, may be seen Prince Albert and Lieutenant F. G. Brown, R. N. R. (staff captain of the Mauretania).

AUSTRALIA SEEKS CONFERENCE ON DEFENCE OF THE PACIFIC

REPUDIATES STATEMENTS MADE IN LONDON AND SAYS COMMONWEALTH MADE DEFINITE PROPOSAL IN MATTER OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

London, Oct. 9.—Statements issued in London that the dominions have made no proposal for a conference on imperial naval defence are repudiated in Australia.

"As a matter of fact, some three months ago," says the Daily Telegraph's Sydney correspondent, "the Commonwealth government made a definite proposal to the imperial government. Minister of Defence Milner declares that in spite of Mr. Asquith's decision such a conference ought to be held." The Times says: "The problem of the security of the Pacific is one that Australia shares with Canada and New Zealand, as well as with the British government. It is obvious, however, that conditions at the moment are such as to make a conference impracticable. No British minister in the

present state of British politics could undertake a voyage involving an absence of many weeks. It is very probable, moreover, that the Canadian government may desire to postpone attendance at such a conference until its own parliamentary situation is less equivocal."

London, Oct. 9.—Vancouver probably will be the scene of the Imperial Defence Conference, though not so soon as November. It is quite a misapprehension to suppose the suggestion for the Vancouver conference, made by Premier Fisher of Australia in January last, was opposed by the Admiralty. What the admiralty replied was that the notice was too short. Since then the Australian ministry has changed but still desire to co-operate in empire defence.

ELEVEN SEIZED WITH MEASLES ON VOYAGE

Disease Broke Out when Steamer Dora Was Two Days from Seward

Seward, Alaska, Oct. 9.—The steamer Dora arrived from Unalak and way ports today with eleven cases of measles on board. The victims were six passengers and five members of the crew. It was when the vessel was two days out of Seward, westbound, on September 16, that the first case developed.

Dr. Emil Krulish, of the U. S. public health service, joined the vessel at Unalak and took charge of the situation.

The victims are now in quarantine outside of the town limits in charge of Dr. Romig, town health officer, and all precautions have been taken to prevent a spread of the disease, which is generally fatal when it attacks Indians and Eskimos.

ICELANDER COLONY FOR NADEN HARBOR

Captain Sigurdsson Has Practically Purchased Large Tract of Land

The plan of locating a colony of Icelanders at some point on Graham Island is said to be materializing and it is likely that Naden Harbor will be selected as the point. Capt. S. Sigurdsson, who was here during the summer, after looking over most of the available land in the province and ascertaining the conditions most suitable for his people, has practically decided to purchase a large tract of agricultural land near Naden Harbor and settle it with Icelanders. As most of the latter are skilled fishermen their location near the fishing banks of Graham Island, will afford the colonists opportunity to spend several months of the spring and early summer in fishing operations.—Masset Leader.

A young fellow had "popped the question," and was anxiously awaiting the answer that was to decide his fate. "Did you ever gamble at cards?" the fair one asked. "No," he answered; "but if I did, now would be the time." "Why?" she inquired. "Because," he answered, with a deep sigh, "I hold such a beautiful hand."

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