

McBRIDE SAYS THE P.G.E. WILL CEMENT FRIENDSHIP

PREMIER BORDEN WILL VISIT PRINCE RUPERT THIS SUMMER--ANNUAL DOG DERBY AT NOME

DOMINION GOVT. TO BORROW OVER TWENTY-TWO MILLIONS

LOAN WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY—FINANCE MINISTER SAYS THAT THE PUBLIC DEBT IS DECREASING

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—When Hon. T. White makes his budget shortly he will be able to announce that the net debt of the Dominion is less than two years' interest on the public debt. Despite the much increased expenditure made necessary by the great public works undertaken, and partly to pay off liabilities which came as a result of the Laurier government, Hon. Mr. White this year made particularly heavy provision to meet the financing of the G. T. P. He had to buy in bonds in order to obviate the necessity of implementing them, the expenditure being the means of paying millions to Canadians,

but it imposed a special burden upon the finance minister. This year the new Dominion loan is an issue of five million pounds of Dominion standard four per cent debenture stock. The new issue will be underwritten at 99, two points higher than the last loan in December. The loan will be offered to the public by the underwriters on Monday for four days. It is understood the new loan is to be used to redeem the \$1,000,000 of treasury bills which mature March 16, and to complete the purchase of the G. T. P. guaranteed three per cent bonds, amounting to \$10,000,000, and to pay off the balance of the G. T. P. loan.

CANADA'S PREMIER TO VISIT PRINCE RUPERT THIS SUMMER

WILL ALSO GO INTO THE YUKON AND PROBABLY MAKE THE TRIP ONE WAY OVER THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—It has been announced here that during the summer Premier R. L. Borden, accompanied by one or two of his ministers, will visit the west. The proposed trip will be as far north as the Yukon, which has never yet been visited by the prime minister.

Mr. Borden's last trip to the west was in 1911, but he did not go as far as the Pacific coast. This summer he will visit the coast cities and go to Dawson. It is quite possible that he will either go to the Pacific over the new Grand Trunk Pacific or return by that road.

This means that Prince Rupert is to have the premier, among other distinguished visitors who will come this year. It is also quite within the probabilities that the Prince of Wales will call at Prince Rupert on his Canadian tour.

TEACHERS AFTER CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL

Commission of Salaries for Teachers Left to Committee to Report

The school board met yesterday in the city hall. Most of the time was taken up with the consideration of routine matters and passing of accounts. The subject of salaries was taken up on an application for an increase. After a discussion and comparison with the salaries in other places it was decided to appoint a committee to make a report along the lines which have been suggested at an increase might be made from year to year, starting on a minimum of \$100 and reaching a maximum of \$150. The committee appointed consisted of Dr. Kergin and J. A. Patrick. They will report to the next meeting.

MUCK-RAKING FIELD DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

In Debate on Budget Political Parties Compare Records of Scandals

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The entire Friday session was taken up with consideration of the estimates. Hon. J. D. Hazen restated the dismissal charges and counter-charges were made, while both Conservatives and Liberals compared the records of the respective parties.

At the evening sitting Hon. Frank Oliver criticized the department of marine for the occurrences which had taken place in Hudson bay during the past season. Hon. Mr. Hazen said they were meeting pioneer conditions and with no marine organization in the district there was no information where to place the aids to navigation. Until the harbor work is completed there would naturally be more or less difficulty.

Skeena Lodge, No. 45, Knights of Pythias

Will attend Divine service at St. Andrew's Anglican church on Sunday, March 1st, at 7.30 p.m. All Knights in the city are requested to meet at the Castle Hall, Helgerson Block, at 6.30 p.m. Sunday and march to the church.

H. M. DAGGETT, K. of R. & S.

Wedding Bells

Miss Pallister, a recent arrival from England, and Mr. A. Craggs, a resident of Pacific, on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, were married last evening by Rev. Canon Rix, at the Rectory. The ceremony was a quiet one. Supper was served in the Royal Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Craggs will reside at Pacific.

FIVE DOG TEAMS ENTER ANNUAL RACE AT NOME

Race Starts Tomorrow Over Seventy Miles of Snow and Return

(Special to The Daily News)
Nome, Feb. 28.—The first-class ice dog races have begun. The 1914 Solomon Derby, from Nome to Solomon and return, a distance of seventy miles over the snow, will begin tomorrow, with five teams entered. The drivers to compete are John Johnson, winner of last year's Solomon Derby; Fay Delsene, winner of the last All-Alaska sweepstake; Allan, Percy and Blatchford Ayer. The record for the course is five hours, forty-seven minutes and twenty-four seconds, established last year.

JOSEPH WATKINSON, OLD PIONEER, DEAD

Came Into Country With Pack Looking for Gold and Stayed to Farm

Joseph Watkinson died at his home, 24-Mile ranch, Lytton and Lillooet road, on Thursday, 29th of January, and was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the Saturday following. He was 80 years of age.

Deceased leaves a widow and nine children to mourn his loss. Five daughters are married, and one son. Mrs. Kane, at 20-Mile ranch, Mrs. Vura and Mrs. McCaffery, who live at Lillooet; Mrs. Cennane, at Gladwin on Thompson Siding; Mrs. Thompson, at Tyee Station, Skeena river. Fred, the oldest son, lives on the old ranch, the business of which will be carried on by him in conjunction with his mother and sister and two younger brothers, Joseph and James Watkinson.

Mr. Watkinson was one of the genuine pioneers who carried his food and blankets on his back, looking for gold. A Cornishman by birth, he came to British Columbia in 1859, in company with Mr. Thos. Harris, a fellow-citizen of Lillooet at present. On the 14th day of June, 1860, Mr. Watkinson first set his foot on the historic townsite of Lillooet and for several years has been mining in the vicinity of Lillooet. In 1864 he was married, and in 1866 he started farming half way between Lytton and Lillooet. There he settled from 1866 to the 29th day of January, 1914, when he was laid to rest.

MORE FINE PICTURES

At the Westholme Opera House Tonight

The "standing room only" sign was again in evidence at the Westholme Theatre last night and a finer programme of pictures has seldom been presented anywhere to a "movie" audience. The two reel Broncho feature "Conscience" appeals to all classes and the great bandit chase in the second reel is certainly exciting in the extreme. For a comedy "The Rival Pitchers" can't be beat. It is full of funny situations and there is not a dull second in it. Monday and Tuesday there will be a special attraction "The Vampire" in three reels. It is the story of a country youth who goes to the city to make his fortune. An intensely exciting and realistic scene takes place in the third reel where the great "Vampire Dance" is shown complete. Nothing at all like this has ever been shown here and no doubt the Westholme will be again crowded to its capacity on Monday and Tuesday. There will be no advance in prices.

Port Edward's harbor is two miles long with a turning basin of two thousand feet across.

Even a good solid Conservative paper like the Vancouver Province questions that new C. N. railway deal. Here is what the Province says editorially: "Can the citizens of British Columbia afford to burden themselves with further liabilities on behalf of the railway? That really is the situation. British Columbia has many problems to face and many needs for both its money and its credit. It is a fine thing for Mackenzie and Mann to have their bond issues safely guaranteed by an excellent endorsement. But it must be remembered that that endorsement is only of value as long as the credit of the endorser remains unpledged beyond the amount which it will bear."

LADIES CELEBRATED PAARDERUBG DAY

Daughters of Empire Gave Tea and Listened to Patriotic Address

Queen Mary Chapter Daughters of the Empire met at the residence of Mrs. Thos. McClymont, Borden street, yesterday afternoon to celebrate the anniversary of Paardeburg day. There were over forty present and a delightful and interesting afternoon was spent.

The feature of the program was an address on "Imperial Friendship" by Mr. W. J. Jephson, which was listened to with keen attention and much appreciation. Others who contributed to the program were Mrs. Hemmel and Mrs. Jarvis McLeod.

The dining table was prettily decorated with red, white and blue ribbons and Union Jacks. It was presided over by Mrs. Naden and Miss McMullen, who were assisted by Mrs. H. F. McRae, Mrs. Orme, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Johnstone, Miss Du Vernet and Miss Martin.

Among those present were: Mrs. McClymont, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. H. F. McRae, Mrs. Du Vernet, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Babington, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Naden, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Tyre, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hemmel, Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Homer, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. L. Kergin, Mrs. Rix, Mrs. McMorris, Mrs. Wilson-Murray, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. A. B. Williams, Mrs. Orme, Miss Fisher, Miss Martin, Miss Du Vernet, Miss Grant, Miss McNair, Miss Johnstone, Miss Milligan, Mrs. A. Manson, Mrs. Beckwith and Mrs. Philpotts.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. W. H. Kincade and daughter wish to convey their heart-felt thanks to every one of their many friends who were so kind and thoughtful to them in their recent bereavement.

Splendid programmes are being furnished this evening at both the Empress and Majestic theatres. If you are looking for a good laugh either place will accommodate you.

"I want to shake hands with the man from Bella Coola," says a settler in the Kitsumkalum valley, who sends a letter of protest on the rotten road system controlled by Wm. Manson. This beautiful valley is one which hopes to supply Prince Rupert with farm produce, but it is unfortunately handicapped by a foul system of politics. The story this settler tells rings true and it will interest you.

BRITISH LIBERALS MUCH EXERCISED

Unionist Gains in By-elections Leads to Suggestion of Proportional Representation

(Special to The Daily News)
London, Feb. 28.—The Liberals are plainly much exercised over the result of the by-election in Leithburg. Most of the government newspapers emphasize the danger which faces the party as indicated at Leith, which following Bethnal Green, makes the seventh case in which the Unionist has been elected by a minority vote. The Daily News says the remedy for the whole situation consists of proportional representation or the transfer vote on the second ballot.

VITAL STATISTICS FROM GRAHAM IS.

Shows Rapid Increase in Population and Girls Are Popular

The birth rate at Delkatlah, Graham Island, is the highest in the world. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sievert on Christie street, February 24. During the past year there have been eight babies born on this townsite. This is a rate of over 200 per thousand, which is just about ten times the average European birth-rate. The fact that all but two are girls shows that Nature knows her business. The population of Graham Island is at least twenty males to one female. Another resident had a baby girl born recently in Prince Rupert, where the family had gone for medical treatment, and there have been three girls born within the past few months across the other side of the bridge at Massett.

The same conditions as to all the births being females are reported from other parts of the island. In marked contrast to this, there have been five deaths of Indians at Old Massett since Christmas. The Rev. Hogan at Old Massett has been the only death among the whites from natural causes on this end of the island in two years.

SEX HYGIENE GETS TROUBLE FOR TEACHER

English Village School Mistress of Advanced Ideas Is Cause of Much Controversy

London, Feb. 26.—The incident at Dronfield in Derbyshire, in which Miss Outran, the head teacher of the village school, is accused of having instructed some of her senior girls in sex hygiene, has given rise to a violent controversy, not only locally but throughout the country. Four hundred adults out of the 4,000 population of Dronfield met in mass meeting and passed a resolution demanding the resignation of Miss Outran, only four voting against. They threaten to have the matter introduced in parliament. One speaker said that he and his wife lost the confidence of their child after she had been taught the science of motherhood by Miss Outran.

Sir James Yoxell, the secretary of the teacher's union, declares that such instructions should be given by a father to his son and by a mother to her daughter, and failing these the doctor should be the informant, and not the teacher. Other authorities suggest that the consent should first have been obtained.

The mothers of the town have boycotted the school and refuse to send their children there so long as Miss Outran continues in charge.

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WILL PUT ALASKA ON THE MAP SAYS PREMIER ON P.G.E. DEAL

ACCORDING TO DEFENCE OF McBRIDE THE NEW MORTGAGE WILL CARRY THE NORTHERN TRADE THROUGH FORT GEORGE TO VANCOUVER

(Special to The Daily News)
Victoria, Feb. 28.—"I believe the time has now come for building a railroad through northern British Columbia to the Yukon and Alaska, and I may say the authorities at Washington and Ottawa have both gone so far as to offer their hearty co-operation in building this line." Thus Premier McBride at the afternoon session of the legislature yesterday discussed the possibility of an early evolution of a plan which he is known to have had closely at heart for many months.

The premier was speaking on the second reading of the P. & G. E. bill. He took occasion to point out that the extension into the Peace river country would serve as the initial step towards the construction of a north and south railway. He said the Fort

George line would go directly north to Parsnip river before branching into the Peace River country. This section of the line might be used as the first step in the extension to Alaska.

The building of this railway would put Alaska on the map, said the premier. Britishers occupy the unique position of being located between the this continent both on the north and the south.

"While constructing this railroad opens up tremendous possibilities for our cousins beyond the boundary line, yet we must not forget that we will develop with it the enormous potential wealth of the northern area of this province. It will do more than anything else that could be done to cement the friendship and amity of the two great nations on this continent."

CANAL OFFICIALS SUSPENDED FOR IRREGULARITIES IN FUNDS

OFFICIALS GAVE EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE JOY RIDES UP AND DOWN TRENT VALLEY—MONIES USED FOR PETERBORO ELECTION

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The suspension of the superintendent of the Trent Valley canal, together with nine other employees whose accounts showed grave irregularities in the administration of the officials at Peterboro, has caused a considerable sensation in political circles. It is understood that the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is. A thorough probing of the whole business will be made at once. It is understood that several thousand dollars are unaccounted for.

The explanation given by the superintendent is that the money was diverted to the Liberal campaign fund in Peterboro in the election of 1911. It is hinted that in other great public works throughout the country similar irregularities have taken place. It is said that the little steamer Bessie Butler appears in the evidence as making a custom of running nautical joy rides up the canal and lavish expenses were charged to the government. The evidence was supplied by the officials themselves under cross-examination.

Open Bank at Fort Fraser

The Royal Bank will in a few days open a new branch at Fraser Lake. Mr. A. V. Johnston, formerly of Ladysmith, will be the manager. Mr. F. C. Smith of Chilliwack will be his assistant. Messrs. Johnston and Smith have been in the city for the past few days and left by this morning's train for the interior. The safe and furniture for the new branch was brought up on the Prince George this week.

Unionist Won

(Special to The Daily News)
London, Feb. 28.—The by-election in Leithburg, which has been Liberal since 1886, went Unionist by a majority of 16. D. W. Currie, Unionist, received 5,158 votes; Provost W. Smith, 5,143, and J. W. Bell, Labor, 3,346.

Special Sunday dinner 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bay View.

FRIGHT PARALYZED HIS VOCAL ORGANS

Victim of Abductors Will Have to Learn to Talk All Over Again

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 26.—Michael Haitisch, who turned up here last week, apparently the victim of abductors, may have to learn to talk all over again. Besides vocal paralysis, he does not apparently understand writing or printed words. He can only show signs of excitement when the name of his sister, Mrs. Martha Kusch of New Kensington, Pa., is mentioned. She telegraphed that the kidnappers had demanded that she wire \$200 ransom money to them in his name.

Rev. W. F. Prince, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, a student of psychology, says that Haitisch shows every sign of having undergone a fearful fright of some kind.

EMPRESS THEATRE TO-NIGHT

- PART 1—PATHE'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF WORLD EVENTS.
- PART 2—"PETE JOINS THE POLICE FORCE"—A splendid comedy from the Vitagraph Studios.
- PART 3—"CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK"—A very laughable picture from the Kalem Studios.
- TILLEY'S BIRD FARM—An educational showing a fine collection of the large birds of the world.
- PART 4—"THE FLIRT OR HEROINE"—A beautiful picture from the Vitagraph Studios with Miss Florence Turner in the title role.
- PART 5—"THE ONE SHE LOVED"—A Biograph drama.

FOR A GOOD LAUGH
Go to the
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"THE RIVAL PITCHERS"
Also the great two-reel Broncho feature
"CONSCIENCE"
And the beautiful child story
"A KNIGHT ERRANT"
NEW WEEKLY GAZETTE
Admission: 10c and 15c.