

## "YOU HAVE A SPLENDID SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM HERE"

### BREWSTER, THE LIBERAL LEADER, DELIGHTED WITH HIS NORTHERN TRIP--GREAT RECEPTION

#### CHANGE IN PUBLIC OPINION DISSATISFACTION WITH GOVT.

LIBERAL LEADER CLAIMS PUBLIC IS TIRED OF McBride MIS-ADMINISTRATION--DEALING WITH GREAT OUT-STANDING ISSUES OF THE DAY

G. Brewster, leader of the liberal party in British Columbia, arrived by the Venture this morning, being met at the wharf by two of his former colleagues in the opposition, G. R. Oliver and Dr. W. T. Kerger, and other prominent Liberals of the city.

Brewster was seen by a representative of The News after his arrival.

Oliver and myself have been having most successful talks on our present tour," said Brewster.

"In fact, since we started in January to visit the various points of the province we have found everywhere the great desire on the part of the people to hear what we have to say. The requests for meetings have been almost embarrassing in their number, and it is a regret that we have to postpone some of them. The larger meetings are more easily accessible. To cover the province as we would like to do, and as the public apparently are anxious to hear, would occupy a great deal of time, and to men with their own pressing for attention this is a serious task."

"Our object in visiting the provincial centres at this time, when there is no election pending, is to meet the people and discuss with them freely and frankly the political questions which are of importance to us in this province. It is not to be expected that in the turmoil of a contest the electors can calmly sit down and consider the issues placed before them, as they can do now. We believe that it is only necessary to call attention to the present trend of affairs under the administration which has been in power for eleven years, and to outline the policies of the Liberal party, to bring about a change for the better."

"We are dealing simply with the great outstanding issues of the day, and putting our views before the electorate for their consideration. There is not a doubt that a marked change is coming over the public sentiment in regard to the McBride government, and we find this dissatisfaction to be growing among Conservatives. That conditions are ripening for a change of administrators is plain, and all the more palpable the further we go."

#### QUIET CONDEMNNS REPORT OF THE N. T. R. COMMISSIONERS

OF CENSURE FAILS BY SMALL MARGIN -- BORDEN DEFENDS COMMISSIONERS

(Special to The Daily News)  
Vancouver, April 3.—After nine days of debate on a motion to censure the government on the N. T. R. report, moved by the Hon. G. R. Graham, the house rejected the motion by 105 to 67. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared the report a partisan document and admitting the right of the

government to name a commission declared the course pursued was unfair to the opposition, to the government and to the people.

Premier Borden defended the commissioners from the attacks of the opposition and said the findings of the report were substantially correct.

#### TEMPORARY LINKING UP ARRANGED FOR MONDAY

Special Car Will Take G. T. P. Officials Up the Line Tomorrow

The linking up of the Grand Pacific will take place on Monday, according to present arrangements. Tomorrow morning a special car will be attached to the regular train to Smithers, taking up some of the Grand Pacific officials. Among the officials will be W. P. Hinton, general traffic manager; George A. Scholl, industrial commissioner; W. H. Tobey, resident engineer; T. C. Chalmers, railway agent; A. D. Duggan, general agent traffic department; and J. Melville, chief clerk.

The special car will be picked up at Priestly and taken to Nebo bridge, where the linking up will take place.

Several of the G. T. P. officials already on the ground awaiting the event. General Superintendent

#### QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HAVE EXCELLENT SOIL

There are people in Prince Rupert and elsewhere who are under the impression that the flat lands of Graham island are all muskeg. This, as anyone knows who has lived there, is entirely wrong. There are considerable marsh lands, but they can be easily drained, as the land slopes westward to Massett inlet and northward to the beach. After a pre-emption is drained the land is the richest and most fertile of any in British Columbia.

This summer the steamers will sail weekly to the head of Massett inlet. A large influx of settlers is expected and already the island is being populated at a greater rate than Vancouver island in the same length of time. Those who have taken up land are highly satisfied and are convinced that Graham island will grow anything that is grown elsewhere in the province. Apples, plums and cherries and garden truck do well, while in every way the climate and land is the best for stock raising. The Indians on the Queen Charlotte islands are the highest standard of all living in British Columbia. They recognized long ago that the islands offered more to man than any other place. This still holds good today.

tendent W. C. C. Mehan, A. R. Holtby, the superintendent of bridges, and A. Watt, general foreman.

General Manager M. Donaldson will probably run out from Fort George for the occasion.

#### B. OF T. LUNCHEON ON PRINCE GEORGE

Monthly Business Men's Assembly at One O'Clock Tomorrow -- Seating Capacity Limited

The monthly business men's lunch on the auspices of the board of trade will be held aboard the steamer Prince George at one o'clock Saturday. The steward on the George has promised an attractive spread and that means something worth while.

There will be just one speech of twenty minutes, the particular feature of the gathering. The sale of tickets is limited to 144 and members will be supplied first.

These luncheons promise to be popular. The first one a month ago had an overflow, but tomorrow a fixed limit has to be made. Every business man should avail himself of the chance to meet for an hour with the men who represent the commercial interests of the city.

#### Prince Rupert's Weather

"Well, I'm glad to get back where I can see some good weather," remarked a Prince Rupert man who arrived home last evening. "In Seattle and Vancouver they have snow and rain. The cherry trees were in bud but they have been nipped by the frost and the crop will be injured." Certainly Prince Rupert weather has been beating the whole country this spring.

#### Southbound

Passengers on the Prince Rupert this morning: W. A. Tuck, Mrs. Brooks, A. W. Middleton, G. T. Scouter, W. McDonald, H. Bray, R. Owens, W. Irvine, Marion Knight, Geo. Adams, F. R. Reinhart, G. D. Robertson, F. E. Froude, Mr. Pearce, G. B. Hull, A. W. Edge, F. R. Gierston, Mrs. Prosser and child, Mr. and Miss Flaherty, Mrs. Arneil, Mrs. Strange and two children, Mrs. Finlay, H. Atchison, Mr. Damioff, V. A. Cole, H. Price, Mrs. Froude, P. Kelly, A. D. Johnson, Mr. Peck, D. A. Rankin.

#### English Football

London, April 3.—The postponed southern league of Norwich City and Crystal Palace resulted in a scoreless draw.

#### JOHN OLIVER

Honest John Oliver, as he is known in the Delta, is a farmer. He is also one of the brainiest men in British Columbia. John Oliver educated himself, yet he is one of the shrewdest parliamentarians that ever sat in the provincial legislature and on more than one occasion he has won out in debates against the whole battle array of a strong government. He was born in Derbyshire, England, coming to Canada with his father when nine years old. His father took up a farm in Ontario. John came to British Columbia nearly forty years ago. He took up land in the Delta, where he lives today. He was elected from that district when the Prior government was in power. When McBride was called to the premier-ship John Oliver was looked upon as his chief lieutenant, but he would not stand for the party politics which came into British Columbia affairs at that time. He was defeated at the last provincial election for the Delta riding.

#### IRELAND: SCENE OF THE HOME RULE CRISIS



Map showing the points mentioned in despatches from Ireland.

#### BELLA COOLA VALLEY GAVE GREAT RECEPTION

To Liberal Leaders—Passed a Resolution Calling on Lieutenant-Governor to Refuse to Sign Crown Grants Under Fraudulent Powers of Attorney

Messrs. Brewster and Oliver addressed three meetings in this constituency since leaving the capital. On Monday they spoke at Hagensborg, on Tuesday at Bella Coola, and on Wednesday at Namu. The two former meetings were each attended by about one hundred and fifty people, and quite a number heard the leaders at Namu. There is much uneasiness among Conservative leaders in the Bella Coola valley as a result of the independence of view being expressed by many government supporters in that section, and also of the dissatisfaction felt in regard to road work. The latter has culminated in the removal of the road superintendent, McFarlane, following a petition from the Development league, which was signed by nearly every one in the valley.

Attorney-General Bowser's latest amendment to the Elections act is also proving a boom-erang. The majority of the settlers are naturalized Canadian citizens, most of whom have been voting for years, and the requirement that they must attach copies of their naturalization certificates to future applications to be registered is causing a lot of antagonism to the government and to the local member, who allowed it to go through without protest.

A resolution was adopted at the meetings in the valley calling upon the lieutenant-governor to refuse to sign further crown grants for lands applied for by virtue of fraudulent powers-of-attorney. This follows the recent decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of British Columbia, de-

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY WILL SEEK LARGE LOAN

(Special to The Daily News)  
London, April 3.—The Standard understands that the G. T. F. will apply shortly to the London market for an issue of \$2,500,000 on a four per cent. consolidated debenture at about ninety.

#### The Cradle

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Peachy, 936 10th Avenue, a daughter, April 2.

Governor Strong of Alaska was a passenger on the City of Spokane yesterday and took the opportunity of looking over the city while the steamer was in port. He expressed surprise at the development which has taken place here.

Mr. O. H. Nelson, who will make the address at the board of trade luncheon tomorrow, will speak on "The New Prince Rupert and Its Demands."

claring such applications to be a fraud upon the Land act.

Mr. Brewster and Mr. Oliver go east along the G. T. P. tomorrow morning, speaking at Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers, Ft. Fraser, George and other points, and going out through Cariboo and Lillooet.

#### H. C. BREWSTER

Harlam Carey Brewster is one of the many New Brunswickers in this province. He was born in 1870, his father being collector of customs at Port of Harvey, N. B. He was educated in his native province and later in Boston. Since coming to British Columbia he has been in the fish packing business, being manager of the Clayoquot Sound Canning company. He was elected for Alberni in 1907, when he defeated Wm. Manson, who at that time had just been made provincial secretary under McBride. He sat in the house for two parliaments, being the leader of the opposition in the last parliament. His good work then, when he almost the only opposition in the house, led to his selection as leader at the provincial Liberal convention last year.

#### ELECTED THIRTY-TWO MEMBERS PRINCE RUPERT BOARD OF TRADE

MONTHLY MEETING LAST EVENING--ANNUAL REPORT POPULAR FOR ADVERTISING MATTER--PROPOSE EXCURSIONS TO CONTIGUOUS POINTS

There were thirty-two new members elected to the board of trade last evening. The monthly report of the commissioner stated that twenty-four of these had been secured on March 17 by a special canvass. There were eight more applications which had been secured by the commissioner.

The annual report of the president for last year has been popular for publicity purposes. Some 150 copies have already been distributed. Five hundred more copies have been ordered for the board and 750 for private distribution. The commissioner is also preparing a publicity

booklet on mining in this district.

The commissioner has suggested a big sign at the wharf directing the attention of visitors to the board rooms.

He also suggested having several excursions during the season to contiguous points with the idea of working up trade for the city. This question was discussed and a motion passed instructing the commissioner to get information on the subject to submit at the next general meeting.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee to prepare a set of bylaws.

#### A. J. BALFOUR WILL ASSIST IN SOLUTION OF HOME RULE

DOES NOT LOOK FRIENDLY ON LIBERAL SYSTEM BUT GIVES NOTE OF COMPROMISE

(Special to The Daily News)  
London, April 3.—Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour is continuing the debate on Home Rule and is ready to lend a hand if any moderate form of devolution will solve the Ireland. Admitting this much he replied to Earl Grey's suggestion of the introduction of the Federal system into the British Is-

les. Mr. Balfour had never been a believer in cutting up the British Isles. Mr. Samuel declared that Mr. Balfour's general views were still the same as when he entered the house, although he noted with satisfaction a note of compromise in the Unionist leader's present utterances.

#### TERRACE LIBERALS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Terrace, April 2.—A meeting of the Terrace Liberal association was held here on Wednesday night for the purpose of reorganizing and also to arrange for the meeting to be held here on the 4th inst. by Messrs. Brewster and Oliver. The meeting was well attended and every one present was full of enthusiasm and eager to be doing something for the cause of Liberalism in British Columbia. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. president, H. C. Brewster; president, L. H. Kenney; vice-president, John Viger; secretary-treasurer, John Kirkpatrick; executive committee, S. W. Dobbie, E. S. Cole, E. T. Kenney, G. W. Graham, Oscar Gendren.

Saturday night's meeting was arranged for and the Terrace band has been engaged for the occasion.

#### CRUISER MALASPINA SEIZED FISHING BOAT

Prince Olav of Seattle Caught Fishing Inside Limits Off Vayas Island

This morning the cruiser Malaspina of the fisheries department made her first capture. It was the fishing motor sloop the Prince Olav of Seattle. The Olav was caught fishing within the three-mile limit off Vayas island and the Malaspina gave chase and captured her.

She is now towing the Prince Olav into Prince Rupert harbor, and will arrive here about six this evening.

The news came by wireless.

Reversible scrims, one yard wide, regular value 35c, special price 20c yard at Geo. D. Tite's.

#### Newsboys, Attention!

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#### PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. H. C. BREWSTER  
LEADER OF THE LIBERALS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, and  
MR. JOHN OLIVER  
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