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The Conservative press has been uttering great praise of late for the government's timber policy. They have even been able to quote from foreign papers in support of the government sharing in the timber revenue. Surely we must have a wonderful paternal government when the people are allowed to collect a small timber royalty.

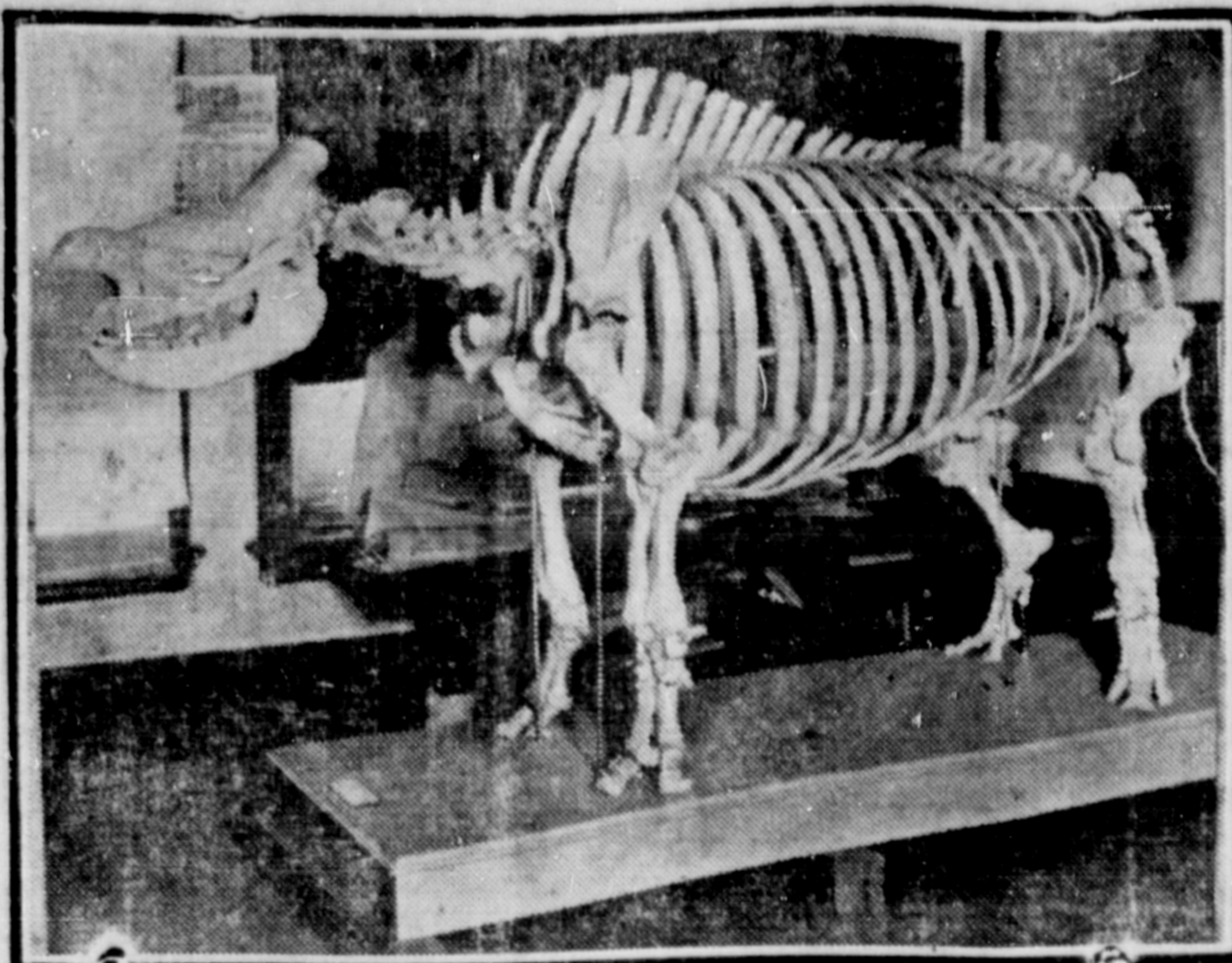
This looks like praising the man who took your cloak in that he did not take your coat likewise. The timber of this country was thrown open to exploitation on all sides. Anybody might have come in and staked thousands of acres and scores of people did, and the people got nothing. One man from across the line staked a block of timber which did not cost him one cent and immediately turned it over to an American capitalist at a profit of twenty-five million dollars. It will take a long time for timber royalties to make up that sum.

If the McBride government were dealing with a Latin race they would long ere this have had a revolution on their hands. The outrages committed in Mexico are not any greater than those we have

seen in British Columbia. The best of the land and the timber valued at many millions of dollars have been alienated, and in return the people are asked to be comforted because a little royalty still remains.

The Doukhobors are again looking for trouble. They are determined to resist the encroachment of the Canadian government on what they consider their personal rights. These people ought to be made to realize that before any individual has rights in a country he must accommodate himself to its laws and usages. Personal liberty ceases when it interferes with the liberty of someone else.

A new law has been put on the statute book to deal with such cases and it is to be hoped that it will be enforced. The Doukhobors left Saskatchewan because they were forced to obey the law. If they had received the same treatment here when they arrived they might by this time have become law-abiding citizens. Their threat to expose themselves if interfered with stamps them as a very inferior class. A few cowboys with sharp lashes turned in among them might be a good cure if they carry out their threat.



THE ONLY RHINOCEROS SKELETON IN CANADA

The scraped and dried skeleton of the rhino presented to the Toronto University by Barnum & Bailey's circus last summer. The job of tearing away the carcass from the skeleton was done by Dr. Pride, the curator of the Museum when the temperature was 90 in the shade.

TORY BOSSISM IN VANCOUVER COARSEST DEAL EVER KNOWN

PRESIDENT OF VANCOUVER CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
WOULD DEPRIVE MEN OF BRITISH FREEDOM—
WOULD EXTERMINATE OPPOSITION

At a recent meeting of the Conservative association in Vancouver the president, Dr. E. P. Patterson, made the following statements, which should condemn the party in the minds of all men who prize British citizenship:

"We have had several meetings of the executive this year already and I have attended some of the ward meetings," said Dr. Patterson, "and I wish to say we have determined that no application for any government job in this city will be considered by those who have the selection of the man for the job unless the applicant is hall-marked by a Conservative ward association of the city."

"I know that there are a great many young men who are Liberals in Vancouver and are out of a job at present and they will try their best to get a share of the government patronage. Some of them will even try to get an entrance into our ward associations. I warn you to beware of them. Do not take any one into your association unless you know that he will be a good worker for the cause. We will then keep all the jobs which the government has to offer unless he is a member of a ward association or has in the past proved himself to be a worker for the cause in this city."

This was not all the doctor had to say, though he started at the outset with the remark that he had little to say and also expressed the wish that the reporters might take a rest for a time while he was talking. He said that at the present time the government had few positions to offer to their young men in Vancouver. At present both the customs and the post office departments in Vancouver were twenty per cent overmanned, but in these hard times the government

had determined not to turn its faithful workers on the streets and meant to keep them on. Yet in a few months things would be better and the government would then be prepared to find work for those now on the job and drawing their salaries, while it might also take on a few more of the faithful.

Even this did not suffice the doctor. There were many large firms and warehouses in the city, he declared, who by contract were drawing large sums of money from the two governments. "If any of you has a good Conservative friend who sees a job he would like with any of these companies he should let the members of the executive know and they will get the position for him."



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DEBATING SOCIETY DISCUSSED HOME RULE

At the weekly meeting of the Progressive Debating society on Thursday evening Mr. C. R. Murray in a lucid and convincing address dealt with the grave difficulties involved in the Irish home rule question. The imperial parliament, he contended, had been more than liberal in its efforts to satisfy the grievances of the Irish people, and in this respect the land purchase bill of Ireland had no parallel in any other country. In spite of this, however, with the exception of the Protestant north, Ireland had continued to decrease in population and productivity. From this the speaker drew the inference that since Catholic Ireland had failed to co-operate and administer domestic rule in Ireland, she could not therefore be capable of the greater duties of initiating legislation. It was only natural that under these circumstances Ulster should resist any attempt to saddle them with a government likely to jeopardize their progress. As might be expected, the speaker was vigorously attacked by several of the members, which added considerably to the interest of the debate.

A Single Thought.

John, a rather backward lover, sat at one end of the sofa and his sweetheart at the other. Both minds were too full to carry on conversation, but at last the lady spoke:

"John, what are you thinking about?"

John, awakened from his dreams, answered with a drawl: "Oh, just the same as you are," and was surprised to get the retort:

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