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McBRIDE'S PROFLIGACY AND SPOILIATION.

In the course of a long editorial upon the evil policies of the Two-Man government generally the Victoria Times says it is but fair to state that the members of the government—other than Premier McBride—were not consulted as to the nature of the deal the latter made with the Pacific Great Eastern. Not two members of the cabinet were consulted before the contracts were signed by the premier and his aide.

Yet the forty Tory members sat silently and complacently in their seats and put the seal of their approval to this monstrous transaction at the crack of the party whip. And many of these men will be nominated—and perhaps elected—to support Premier McBride in his career of profligacy and spoliation. The wealth and credit of the province are nothing to Premier McBride so long as he can retain the reins of power to further the interests of his "friends."

ROYALTY'S VISIT TO PRINCE RUPERT.

A despatch from Ottawa says that it has been arranged that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their household will start for a tour of the west early in September. Visits will be paid to Victoria, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Calgary, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Regina and other points of importance, but the details of the tour have not yet been arranged. The entire trip will probably last a couple of months.

The visit of these members of the royal family to this city should be one of the most interesting of their whole journey; not so much so because the Prince Rupert people might endeavor to make the visit a memorable one but first and last this rapidly growing port is the most interesting of any point they will be called at for many reasons. No doubt His Royal Highness will be given a hearty welcome here. It is due to him as uncle of our ruler, as brother of our late ruler and because of the exalted position he occupies, as well as for those personal qualities that have won for him respect and popular regard.

Other cities are sending him invitations and it is not too early for Prince Rupert to extend this formal courtesy.

Who knows what may happen as a result of this royal visit. Suppose the Mayor could go on calling ex-Alderman Hilditch "Jack," but Mr. Hilditch had to call the Mayor "Sir Sam."

"An indication of color," is the best that any person can say of the Cochrane gold, which is as much like the real thing as the performances of the Borden government are like the pre-election promises of its leaders.—Morning Albertan.

Manitoba sits down to a five-course dinner at the Hudson Bay Cafe. Ontario is permitted to look through the window at the favorite of fortune.—Toronto Globe.

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Platform of the Liberals of British Columbia

Adopted at the Vancouver Convention, March 1st, 1912

1. Free Lands for Settlers—None for Speculators.

We emphatically condemn the McBride government for its conduct in the evasion of the land laws by persons, syndicates and corporations, who have been allowed to obtain millions of acres of the choicest accessible public lands, which are held without use and to the detriment of the province as a whole.

We hold that agricultural land should be disposed of only on such conditions as will ensure its continuous use and occupation.

Free homesteads to actual settlers. Holders of pre-emptions to be given benefit of this provision.

Advances to settlers on easy terms to assist in land clearing, dyking, irrigation and other permanent improvements.

Surveys of all accessible agricultural lands to be rapidly completed, and survey sheets and all necessary information to be made easily available to the public.

Settlement in block to be encouraged by the removal of reserves, which scatter population and greatly increase the cost of roads, schools and other necessary facilities.

No public land for the speculator.

2. Transportation.

The immediate construction of a railway to Peace River.

We will co-operate with the Dominion government in securing all-rail connection between the railway systems of Vancouver Island and the railway systems of the mainland.

The construction of a line owned by the government to give direct communication, by the best route as to grades and distances, between the Similkameen and other interior points and the coast.

We favor the husbanding of the Provincial credit to assist lines that will open up new territory.

Provincial credit and resources not to be wasted in paralleling existing lines.

No land subvention to railways beyond what is necessary for railway purposes.

Abolition of the system of giving away Crown lands for town-sites free of taxation and under railway control.

Aid to railways not to exceed what is reasonably necessary to secure construction.

The prevention of over capitalization of railways.

The Province to co-operate with the Dominion in aiding railway and highway construction.

All franchises for the construction, operation and ownership or leasing of government-aided roads to be open for public competition.

Freight, passenger and express rates and telegraph tolls of all government-aided roads to be under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Railway Commission.

With a view to meeting the demand for the transportation of grain from Saskatchewan and Alberta, the immediate construction of government-owned elevators.

The people to control the railways, and not the railways the people.

3. Timber.

We condemn without reserve the wholesale disposal of timber lands to speculators, which has been the only timber policy of the present government.

We advocate the survey, cruising and valuation of timber lands by the government before alienation, and the disposal of all such lands by public competition to actual users.

Improved methods of preventing timber waste and systematized reforestation.

Hand loggers licenses to be granted where conditions demand.

4. Public Protection in Respect to Coal.

Coal lands not to be alienated, but leased under conditions to be fixed periodically by the legislature.

Wherever practicable and necessary government operation of coal mines to be at once undertaken with a view to reduction of existing prices.

We insist upon the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the present exorbitant coal prices.

5. Practical Education.

We condemn the present educational autocracy of the government.

We recommend the appointment of a representative advisory board in educational matters, such as exists in all other provinces.

The present school curriculum is so overloaded with subjects as to render thorough education in any branch impossible.

We advocate an increase of

manual and agricultural training and domestic science teaching, and the establishment of an efficient system of technical schools.

The present school system bears unjustly on settlers in unorganized districts, and should be immediately remedied.

6. Representation.

The government's policy as to revision of the voters' lists and precipitating the present election without a proper redistribution of constituencies is a complete subversion of all the privileges of representative government.

We favor personal registration and insist on immediate redistribution.

We favor woman suffrage and personal property taxes, and the raising of the exemption of income limit to \$2,000.

7. Taxation.

Abolition of the poll tax.

Exemption of improvements on all lands paying taxes to the Provincial government.

A readjustment of the system of taxation whereby the Province may receive a fairer proportion of the unearned increment.

Immediate reform of the present costly, cumbersome and inequitable system of collecting school taxes in unorganized districts.

8. Labor—Workmen's Compensation—Without Litigation.

A Provincial department of labor to be created, and a free government labor bureau established.

Thorough and frequent inspection of all industrial premises to ensure health, sanitation and safety.

The complete prohibition of child labor in factories and shops.

The present system of employers' liability insurance bears heavily upon employers, and is a frequent source of injustice to workmen and their families.

We advocate the establishment by the government of a permanent industrial insurance commission, independent of politics.

This commission to have full charge of a system providing positive compensation to employees for injury received during employment, without recourse to litigation, and giving employers the benefit of accident insurance at minimum cost.

The extension of the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act, so as to cover all hazardous employments.

The payment of wages should be made at least fortnightly.

9. Oriental Immigration.

We unhesitatingly condemn the hypocrisy of the Provincial government as evidenced by its refusal to re-enact its own remedy—the Natal Act—on the ground that it would embarrass the Conservative Dominion government.

We stand for a "White British Columbia," and advocate continuously increasing stringency in immigration laws until this result is attained.

The Liberals of British Columbia are in favor of the total exclusion of Orientals from the Province.

We insist that the Provincial authorities shall enforce strict sanitary regulations in all congested districts.

10. Extension of Municipal Powers.

Increase of local control in municipal matters.

Election of license and police commissioners by popular vote.

11. Public Ownership of Utilities.

We emphatically declare our adherence to the principle of public ownership of public utilities, and advocate limitation of terms of franchise to corporations, renewing the same, if in the public interest, in equitable terms.

12. Local Control of Liquor Traffic.

The liquor traffic of British Columbia is at present under the absolute control of the Provincial government, and is used by it as a political machine.

We insist upon the complete removal of the liquor question from party politics.

The control of the traffic should be vested in municipalities, or, in unorganized territory, in locally elected authorities.

We favor a local option law.

In the protection of the public we insist on frequent inspection of liquor offered for sale.

13. Public Accounts.

We denounce the McBride government for withholding year after year the public accounts from examination by the Public Accounts Committee.

We advocate the organization of an auditor general's department, independent of the government.

14. Fishery Control.

We advocate immediate steps

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15. Protection of Water Supply.

We condemn the shortsighted policy of the Provincial government in alienating the timber lands on watersheds tributary to cities, towns and municipalities. It should be the immediate duty of the government to remedy the mischief caused by this mistaken policy.

16. Torrens System of Registration of Title.

The present system of land registration is expensive and cumbersome. We advocate the adoption of the Torrens system of titles, and a reduction of registration fees.

17. Non-Partisan Civil Service.

We favor the organization of a civil service commission for both inside and outside services. Appointments to the civil service should be based on fitness, and not on partisan service.

THE LENTEN BRIGADE.

(A Lenten Ditty.)

Forty days, forty days,
Forty days onward,
Into the valley of Lent
Rode the Four Hundred.

Forward in limousines,
Charging the canned sardines,
Into the valley of Lent
Rode the Four Hundred.

Salmon to right of them,
Salmon to left of them,
Salmon in front of them,
Volleyed and thunder'd.

Stormed at with balls of fish,
Fresh from the chaffing-dish,
Into their jaws they passed,
Noble Four Hundred.

"Forward, the Light Brigade!"
Was there a soul dismay'd?
No, for they loved it so,
Tho' the world wonder'd.

Their's not a steak to fry,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to fast or die,
Happy Four Hundred.

When can their credit fade?
O, the wild charge they made—
All the world wonder'd.
Sherry, Delmonico,
Noble Four Hundred!

—Charles Hanson Towne, in Life.

Best room in town at the Savoy.

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that under the First Part of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as the Companies Act, letters patent have been issued under the seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 12th day of January, 1912, in respect of the following persons, to-wit: Frank Evans, of the Town of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, merchant; John Miller, of Seattle, Wash., broker; Richmond Wylie Hart, of Seattle, Wash., broker; George Merle Miller, student-at-law; Pearl Stokes and Joseph C. Stokes, of Seattle, Wash., photographers; and Winifred Morgan, clerk, all six of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

The said letters patent purport to give (a) to hunt for, kill and take whales, seals and fish and other marine animals of every kind on the coast of British Columbia and elsewhere, and manufacture, cure and pack the several products thereof and market the same, and to act as agents or traders in these products; (b) to acquire, purchase, rent, hold, sell and rent fishing licenses for pound nets, traps, seines, set nets, haul wheels and other fixed appliances and purse nets, drag seines and other seines and movable appliances for catching fish; (c) to acquire, hold, sell, lease, rent and dispose of locations upon which to construct and maintain wharves, piers, docks, and nets, fish wheels and other appliances, whether fixed or movable for catching or tanning fish; (d) to acquire, purchase, catch, take, buy, hold, store, pack preserve, sell, export, dispose of and distribute fish of all kinds and other products in propagation of salmon and other food fishes; (e) to carry on the business of warehousing and cold storage company in all its branches, and for that purpose (1) to operate and maintain conveyances for transportation and cold storage by land or water of any and all products, goods or manufactured articles; (2) to issue certificates and warrants negotiable or otherwise, to persons warehousing goods with the company; (3) to raise, purchase, sell and otherwise deal in eggs, butter, cheese, and all other farm, field, orchard, garden and dairy products; (4) to conduct abattoirs or slaughter houses, and to receive, purchase, sell and otherwise deal in meats, furbish and maintain wharves, piers, docks, and shops and generally to carry on any business undertaking which may be convenient to carry out with their company; (f) to take over a certain contract bearing date the 2nd January, 1912, made between Frank Evans as vendor and C. H. C. Leggett as trustee for the company, and to issue paid-up shares in accordance therewith; (g) to erect, maintain and operate at suitable places, such stations, factories, warehouses, offices, buildings and works, and the necessary appliances, machinery and fixtures and to do all or any of these things that seem to be needed to be done to carry out the objects for which the company is formed and as herein set forth, and to pay for same in whole or in part in fully paid-up shares of the company; (h) To build, own, lease, hire, purchase, charter or otherwise acquire and operate steamboats and sailing vessels for the purposes of the company, and to build, equip and operate wharves, docks, elevators and other works, buildings or appliances, and collect wharfage and storage charges for the use of its wharves and buildings and in connection therewith to carry passengers and freights and collect charges therefor; (i) To acquire by lease or otherwise the assets, property, plant, machinery, undertaking, business, goodwill and stock in trade or services of any person or company carrying on any trade or business which this company is authorized to carry on, or similar or incidental thereto or of being operated in conjunction therewith, to operate and to pay for the same in cash or in shares, bonds or other securities of this company, or partly in cash and partly in stock, bonds or other securities of this company; (j) To purchase, lease, acquire and to own and hold the shares, bonds or other securities of any manufacturing or other business carrying on any business similar to that of the company, notwithstanding the provisions of section 44 of the said Act; (k) To amalgamate with any other company having objects similar to or identical with those of this company, or to acquire the shares, bonds or other securities of any manufacturing or other business carrying on any business similar to that of the company, or to own and hold the shares, bonds or other securities of any 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