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THE PRINCE ALBERT STEAL

Discussing the Prince Albert land scandal, The Toronto Globe says:

"The facts are few and simple. While Mr. Rogers was Minister of the Interior, a tract of land, comprising seventy-three acres and lying within the limits of the thriving City of Prince Albert, was homesteaded by the son of a member of the Saskatchewan Legislature, who is an intimate personal friend and a zealous political partisan of Mr. Rogers. On account of the formation of a reserve in that locality some years ago this block had never been homesteaded, and Mr. Rogers allowed his benchman to secure it at the nominal cost of ten dollars, though it was assessed at that time by the officials of the city at eighty thousand. It has since been sold for a hundred thousand, and is at present held for sale at three and a half times that amount. In other words, Mr. Rogers permitted a gift to his favorites of property now worth over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Mr. Rogers is now in charge of one of the two great spending departments of the public service, and such a transaction as this destroys public confidence in his administration. Everyone who knows the way in which he managed the Crown domain at Prince Albert will be prepared to believe any charge, however flagrant, that can ever be brought against him. To do him justice he did not attempt to minimize his scandalous breach of trust; his only defences were that he had no personal knowledge of this particular transaction, and that other transactions of a similar sort had been put through during the administration of Mr. Oliver his present accuser. Even if that were true it would not lessen the turpitude of the Prince Albert scandal; that must be judged as a matter by itself. Moreover, it is quite absurd to compare sales of land five years ago and sales of similarly situated land now. Five years ago Prince Albert was not a rapidly-developing city; now it is one, and its progress must needs affect land values. If the land was to be sold at all it should have been advertised and sold to the highest bidder, the public getting the benefit of the increased value due to the growth of the community.

Chatham World, (Con.):—Some of the big leaseholders are anxiously waiting to hear how much the government is going to ask them to pay for the renewal of their leases. They are, some of them, negotiating with pulp and paper magnates for the sale of their holdings at from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a mile, and they are getting ready to howl vigorously against paying a bonus of \$100 to \$200 a mile. It does not seem to be the clear thing that a few persons should be given the chance to get rich quick by the sale of lands that are the property of the whole people.

The Tory-Nationalist combination now in control of affairs at Ottawa have succeeded in gagging and shackling the parliament of Canada. The brute majority of the unholy alliance has succeeded in forcing through the closure bill and the glorious privilege of freedom of speech which our forefathers secured for us is a thing of the past. There promises to be a hot old time, however, when the Borden-Rogers outfit attempts to put the new rule in operation. The democratic, liberty-loving people of this Dominion will never submit to gag rule.

A former Frederictonian, writing from Alberta, states that New Brunswick figured quite prominently in the recent provincial elections in that province. One of the candidates took the ground that this province was unprogressive and backed up his argument with the statement that the roads were worse than they were sixty years ago. This is a little rough on the present government which went into power pledged to give the people good roads.

Some of the civic officials were out for an increase of salary. They may be deserving of the increase, but there is no evidence to show that they are over-worked. As a matter of fact, it is pretty hard to over-work a civic official.

The representatives of York in the Local Legislature gave a solemn promise to the big temperance delegation which waited upon them a few weeks ago that "a good temperance man" would be appointed to the Fredericton police commission. Are they going to keep their promise?

The heaven-born statesmen who misrepresent the County of York in the Legislature were unable to agree on a man for the Fredericton police commission and were compelled at the last moment to beseech Mr. William McKay to take the position to help them out of a hole.

Had the Flemming government exercised a little caution they could easily have prevented the unfortunate accident to the highway bridge, and thereby saved the merchants of Fredericton many thousands of dollars.

The adoption of gag rule at Ottawa by the Borden government should furnish a splendid theme for twelfth of July orators in future.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

APRIL 25

tended a meeting in Philadelphia and 1775—Eight thousand persons, at-voted to resist Great Britain with force of arms.

1780—The first piece of corduroy was made in Worcester, Mass.

1800—William Cowper, English poet died. Born Nov. 26, 1731.

1818—Col. George Armistead, a distinguished soldier of the war of 1812, died in Baltimore. Born in Virginia in 1780.

1846—Beginning of hostilities between the United States and Mexico.

1849—Political riots in Toronto and Montreal over the rebellion losses bill.

1891—Dr. Talmage's new Tabernacle in Brooklyn was formally opened.

1912—The anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania was settled by allowing 10 per cent. increase in wages.

YOUR SUMMER VACATION

A most interesting and well printed publication has just been issued by the Grand Trunk Railway Systems, dealing with the attractions of the well known Algonquin National Park of Ontario, and copies may be had from any of their City Ticket Offices.

The territory dealt with is a thoroughly universal vacation one, combining high altitude, (2000 ft.) pure air, unspoiled forest, beautiful lakes, splendid fishing, much wild game, hotel or camp life, in close touch with civilization or entirely apart from it, and satisfying alike to novice and veteran.

Included in this publication is a description of the "Nominigan Camp" situated on Smoke Lake, the centre of one of the finest fishing grounds in Canada, and which will be open for the first time this year with accommodation for 60 people. This idea of a log cabin camp is an innovation in Canada but one that has become most popular and attractive to a large number of summer playground seekers in the Rangeley Lakes, Maine. Good hotel accommodation is offered at the "Highland Inn" and the rates are most reasonable.

The publication is well written and the map that accompanied same gives one a good idea of the 2,500,000 acres that are found within the Park Boundaries.

RIVING CONDITIONS

ON THE MIRAMICHI

Chatham, N. B., April 24—The situation for the lumberman, so far as the driving conditions are concerned is very grave, and unless rain comes heavily and in the very near future heavy damages will be done the milling industry this season. It is absolutely impossible to move the logs in some places and in no river is the driving as good as it should be to ensure a steady delivery of the logs do not come down soon the opening of many mills will be delayed, and unless the supply is constant some of them will have a short season for operation.

Reports from the headwaters are discouraging. The water is as low as during the summer season and while there is a considerable quantity of snow in the woods, and the warmer weather of the past few days has been bringing it down, its effect is like the proverbial drop in the bucket. Rain and plenty of it is needed to bring the logs and nothing short of a regular deluge will make the heart of the lumbermen glad. The drives are badly hung up in this section owing to the extreme low water. MacNaughton's is along the main river and Gills is at the forks, but neither can do much until rains come. There is also a large drive at Wells Brook. The water in the main river is as low as during some summers and the river drivers are getting anxious.

PASTORAL LETTER BY ANGLICAN BISHOPS

"The Bishops of Eastern Canada, having given attention to a circular, entitled 'An Appeal on Behalf of Christian Unity,' and signed (among others) by certain Clergymen within their jurisdiction, deem it their duty to make the following pronouncement.

(1) While earnestly desirous of promoting the Visible Unity of the Church, they deeply regret the publication of the circular in question, believing that such authorized action will inevitably hinder rather than promote the cause of real and lasting unity.

(2) While recognizing the right of every Churchman to hold and maintain his own views in things non-essential, they regard the specific proposals of the circular as calculated to subvert the Church's Historic Order, to imperil her internal harmony, and to retard the progress of her legitimate work.

(3) They admonish the brethren, clergy and laity alike, not to act precipitately, and to beware lest, in their anxiety to come closer to their brethren in non-episcopal Communions, they weaken the bonds by which the Church of England in Canada is united to the Anglican Communion throughout the world.

Signed:

Charles Ottawa, David Huron
A. H. Quebec, John Fredericton
George Algoma, John Montreal
W. L. Ontario, James Toronto
Clare L. Nova Scotia William Niagara

ANOTHER TOREY SCANDAL

(Continued from page one)

The scandal debate closed at six the hour of the adjournment.

At tonight's sitting Hon. Martin Burrell's bill for a grant in aid of agriculture was advanced to the third reading stage, and Hon. Frank Cochrane's bill was given a second reading, after Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment providing for the redistribution of the grant by the provinces, according to population, was declared "lost on division."

The House then adjourned.

COTTON MEN

MEET IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., April 24—The annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers opened in Huntington Hall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, today for a two days' convention. Papers have been prepared on cooperation among manufacturers, the New Agriculture in the South and Its Relation to the Spinning Industry, the Importance of Closer Touch Between the Executives and Operatives in Mills, and a variety of other subjects pertaining to the cotton industry.

The first session was called to order by President Edwin F. Greene, and after some preliminary routine business the delegates were welcomed to the Institute of Technology by President MacLaurin, while the States welcome was extended by Governor Foss, who is a member of the association.

Viola Allen will spend her vacation in Europe.

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