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Conspiracy to Deprive Electors of Comox-Atlin of Their Votes Proves Successful---Foul Odor in the Political Atmosphere of the Provincial Capital.

Prince Rupert, Feb. 9—Hon. William Templeman was elected yesterday by acclamation, Michael Manson deciding early in the forenoon to withdraw, owing to advice received from Cumberland that the support he expected would not be given him. He feels somewhat sore, as do most of the Conservatives here. At a largely attended public meeting last night, Mr. Manson explained why he withdrew, and had a good hearing. Mr. Templeman spoke for an hour, and afterwards was banquetted at the Premier hotel. He will leave for the south on Thursday.

Vancouver, Feb. 9—W. Mckay, secretary of the British Columbia Conservative association, this morning received the following telegram from Mr. Manson, who was to have been the candidate in the Conservative interest but who did not run:

"Owing to lack of financial backing and other support have retired. Templeman elected."

Mr. McKay then authorized the following statement: "The association at its headquarters in Vancouver does not understand the reference in the telegram to the lack of financial backing, the districts of Comox and Alberni having raised sufficient funds to carry on the campaign in the southern part of the constituency."

Hard to Believe.

When the bare news that Mr. Manson had defaulted at Prince Rupert was received in Alberni on Monday night the Conservatives refused to believe it, and there were some who offered to wager that it was untrue.

When confirmation was received indignation became rife, and the time that has passed since then has done nothing to soothe the feelings of the bitterly disappointed ones.

Twice in close succession have the loyal Conservatives of this part of Comox-Atlin been betrayed, and this, the second betrayal, is worse than the first.

Never before in the history of Alberni was there such a united, determined and hopeful effort, in a political cause, as that which was being made in opposition to the candidature of Hon. William Templeman. The movement began with spontaneous enthusiasm, and bore the stamp of success right up to the minute the fatal news arrived.

Committee rooms had been established in both towns, funds had been generously subscribed, and nothing in the line of legitimate assistance, except the moral support of the leaders of the party at Victoria, was lacking. And, even then, there was so much voluntary energy in active operation at home that outside help could have been dispensed with altogether.

It was clearly demonstrated, at the two public meetings that were held, that the opposition to Mr. Templeman was supported by the independent and some of the Liberal vote. The Conservatives were a unit and their fighting spirit was thoroughly aroused.

Reports from Provincial headquarters told that the same spirit was being manifested in other parts, and it was only a question of which point in the constituency would make the best showing for the Opposition candidate.

The Ominous Feature.

There was, nevertheless, an ominous feature to the campaign.

A few Liberals, who were in the confidence of William Sloan, though chagrined by the sweeping success that attended the work of the Conservatives, sat pat, smiled an occasional significant smile, and waited for promised news from Prince Rupert on nomination day. They had been assurred by Mr. Sloan, that gentleman "whose deep sense of responsibility to the province" had induced him to make way for Mr. Templeman, that arrangements had already been made for an election by acclamation. Not even the reports of the conspiracy having been discovered disturbed them. They had faith in the ability of Mr. Templeman's manager to deliver the goods,

Suspicions Dispelled.

The Conservative campaigners at times became suspicious; and arrangements were made that a representative should hurry to Prince Rupert to be on hand with nomination papers in case of the failure of Mr. Manson to go through. They had been tricked before, and resolved to take no chances on again being deprived of their rights as voters. These suspicions were communicated to Provincial headquarters, at Vancouver, and were dispelled with as prompt and absolute an assurance as it was possible to give that there would be no default.

Mr. Manson has yet to fully explain his action, and there are others who will be pressed for explanation.

Betrayal Arranged.

As far as Mr. Templeman and Mr. Sloan are concerned in the machinations resulting in the funk of the trusted Conservative candidate they may be credited, particularly the latter named gentleman, with doing all they could. It was never intended by either of them that the electors of Comox-Atlin should be given a fair chance to decide whether they wanted Mr. Templeman as their representative or not. It was planned to capture the seat by surprise, and, in order that plans might not miscarry, it was thought wise to arrange for a betrayal of the defensive forces should they attempt to put up a fight.

Political Skunk.

That there were traitors in the Conservative party there is no doubt, and it seems certain that one or more of them will soon be brought to light.

In the meantime let suspicion not rest where it does not belong.

For a time the atmosphere of the Provincial Capital seemed to reek with traitorism, and the odor was said to have its source in the McBride cabinet. There is strong circumstantial evidence that there was at least one political skunk lurking there.

Premier's Attitude.

That Premier McBride was, in any way, a party to the conspiracy, the Pioneer News refuses to believe, but it looks to that honorable gentleman to take recognition of the fact that ugly reports have gained, and are still gaining, credence, and do something in earnest attempt to purify the air around him.

The premier's attitude on the question of opposing Hon. William Templeman is set forth in an interview which he gave to the Victoria Colonist on Friday of last week, and which appeared in the following day's issue of that paper as follows:

"I regret very much," said the Premier yesterday, when questioned on the subject, "that the exceedingly heavy stress of public business incident to the sitting of the legislature, makes it quite impossible for me to leave Victoria during the session. People can hardly realize how much the business of the country has grown in the past year, and when to this are added the many subjects that require attention during the session, it may be easily seen that my time is very fully occupied.

Speaking of the election in Comox-Atlin the Premier said: "I believe that in the choice of Mr. Manson the Conservatives have as strong a candidate as could be put in the field; and I may add that I have the greatest confidence in him and fully endorse him as a thoroughly representative Conservative, who, if elected, will make a splendid addition to the British Columbia Conservative contingent in the Commons at Ottawa.

"The Conservatives of Comox-Atlin having decided to place a man in the field are entitled to the support of the party as a whole, and in spite of the short time allowed for the campaign, they are making a vigorous fight that bodes well for victory; and as a standard bearer in the contest I do not know of a better or more popular choice for the constituency than Mr. Mike Manson."

CAN WE FORGET.

[Dedicated by the Editor of the Alberni Pioneer News to William Sloan and his co-conspirators, with apologies to Edward Fitzgerald the author of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.]

Whether at Victoria or Ottawa,
Our business by conspirators is run,
And trusted men are victims of the sop;
They take the bait, and leave us, one by one,

Alike for those who would be on the square,
And those who have no principle to spare,
Boss Grafter deftly pulls his hidden wire,
And virtue keeps on pining for repair.

Deprived of votes, and as a consequence,
Our Manly Value looks like Thirty Cents;
Though some be Sheep, let others not forget
The sting of such base insolence.

CONSOLATION SHOTS.

Political Market Report—Sloan & Co. have secured a corner on sheep in Comox-Atlin.

People who have lived in Alberni for a number of years past are curious to know what a Dominion election ballot looks like.

If we cannot have votes, let us at least have a railway. The E. & N. extension to Alberni will be welcomed by acclamation.

"It is a battle of graft, boys! Vote for the best grafter, and your reward will be greater!"—Extract from Billy Sloan's code of political campaign ethics.

The Conservatives of Comox-Atlin are not without consolation. The Socialist is handing them a merry "ha! ha!" and telling them it is not the party but the system they support that is to blame for their discomfiture.

A number of good Liberals have had the courtesy to admit that the Pioneer News' report of Mr. Templeman's meeting was impartial, while some Conservatives have complained that the report was more than fair to the Liberal candidate.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with his soul set on higher things than the abolition of political graft, may now take "his old friend 'Bill' Templeman" again to his bosom. No such question as "How on earth did you manage it, Bill?" is likely to be asked.

We trust that the Provincial elections will not be brought on before the Conservatives of Alberni have had a chance to recover from the shock caused them by the default of Mike Manson at Prince Rupert on Monday. It would mean the election of another Liberal by acclamation.

Before the explanations of why Mike Manson failed to go through with his nomination are all in, some more faked telegrams may be exposed. Precedent having been set by such a staid old institution as the Colonist it would not be surprising to learn that the practice has been generally adopted by political conspirators.

The Victoria Times has printed a cartoon in which Hon. William Templeman is represented as a spry old gentleman, walking off with a beautiful maiden who is labelled "Prince Rupert." Two more elderly ladies, labelled "Victoria" and "Vancouver," are sitting on a bench, and one is reminding the other that they used to have first chance between themselves. It was not to be expected that the successful maiden would be labelled "Alberni" Mr. Templeman's recollections of his reception in this town—we hope his memory will not fail him—would not likely fill him with desire to become wedded to it.

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THE COLONIST EDITOR.

It is a well known fact that though the Victoria Colonist is generally regarded as a supporter of the Conservative party, there are many Conservatives in British Columbia who do not put their confidence in it. They never know just what is going to happen in its editorial columns, where many a subtle boost for Laurier and some of his cabinet ministers have been found while the Conservative party was engaged in earnest efforts to make the Liberal administration look unworthy in the eyes of the people.

The publisher of the Pioneer News, while representing the opposition to Hon. William Templeman on the public platform on the occasion of that gentleman's meeting here two weeks ago, said, in the course of his remarks, that he believed the Times was right when it attributed to the Colonist a personal feeling against Mr. Templeman. There is no desire here to withdraw that statement, but it must be said that the correspondent of the Times, who made a brief telegraphic report of that meeting, misrepresented the Opposition speaker. The statement was described as a savage atttack on the editor of the Colonist, and was exaggerated. The qualification which should have accompanied the statement, and would have given it a different tone, was omitted.

With the object of substantiating the accusation that personal feeling has been worked against Mr. Templemen, through columns of the Colonist, by its editorial writer, the Times of the 5th inst. has this to say:

"All persons who followed with discrimination the campaign waged by the Colonist preceeding the election of October 26th noted certain transparent facts. One fact was that, although our contemporary professed to be an organ at large of the Conservative party, all its political bombs were exploded in Victoria constituency. Its sole desire was to secure the defeat of the Minister of Inland Revenue. There was a reason for that. It has a direct connection with the ambitions, long cherished and vain, of the writer of the article in this morning's issue. He was determined to accomplish the defeat of the minister, but he hoped for the return of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He can take any of the articles he wrote for the Colonist during the course of the campaign, lay them before any member of the government and demonstrate that his artillery was directed at all times against the Minister of Inland Revenue personally, and not against the government as a whole.

He opposes the election of the Minister in Comox-Atlin, but admits that if either Mr. Smith or Mr. Sloan had been selected for preferment he would have advocated his election by acclamation. How can such idiosyncrasies be reconciled? They cannot be reconciled, but they can be explained. The writer mistakes the characters of both Mr. Smith and Mr. Sloan, just as he has discovered by experience that Mr. Templeman is not as clay in the hands of the potter. He has applied for many positions under the Crown and for numerous concessions from the government, and attributes his lack of success in every instance to the influence of Mr. Templeman and others in positions of trust as representing the public. Mr. Templeman he considers his enemy, although he has received many favors from that gentleman's hands.

Mr. Smith or Mr. Sloan might be his friends, or as clay in the hands of such a clumsy potter. He thinks that is possible. We know it is impossible.

"To apply a paraphrase already quoted in the Times, 'Hell hath no fury like a grafter foiled.'"

PROGRESSIVE BANKING.

The Toronto Monetary Times one of the leading financial journals of Canada, alludes as follows to the annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada which has just been published:

"Of the bank statements for last year that have yet been issued, that of the Royal Bank is one of the few showing an increase of profits over 1907. Concurrent with this is an improvement in practically every item of the accounts, the liquid assets being now $21,944,440, equal to 58.60 per cent. of the total liability to the public. Deposits have grown by over four million dollars, and the amount of specie and Dominion government notes held is greater by just one and a half millions, and the total assets have increased by over four millions. The successful operations of the twelve months have enabled the directors to raise the reserve fund to $4,600,000 by the addition of $210,000. This is nearly 118 per cent. of the paid-up capital, which remains at $3,900,000."

The actual net profits amounted to $746,755, as compared with $742,034, the ratio of the paid-up capital being in both cases 19 per cent. With the balance of $156,910 brought forward from last accoont there is a total of $903,685, out of which is paid the usual 10 per cent. dividend and other appropriations. The Officers' Pension Fund this year receives $25,000, that is, $5,000 more than in 1907; $200,000 is written off bank premises account, an addition already indicated is made to the reserve fund, and a balance of $78,685 is carried forward.

The combined deposits by the public aggregate $37,739, 291, comparing with $33,205,789 the previous year. The amount of note circulation stands at a slightly lower figure; the decrease, due doubtless to the trade recession, being $97,500. The surplus funds of the bank have been disposed of in a manner which will satisfy the most exacting critics. With call loans reduced by over half a million, advances on domestic commercial paper have been increased by nearly $900,000, the amount thus loaned being $26,736,165. Bank premises are valued at $1,150,924. This is $269,237 more than a year ago, the difference probably being represented by the bank's fine new building on King street, Toronto, opened during the course of the year.

Isn't he a darling, Lucy?" said Mrs. Youngmother, who was showing her firstborn to a former college chum. "Do you think that he looks like me? I don't, but mamma thinks his eyes are a good deal like mine, and you can see that his mouth is precisely like his father's, and he has the real Burton nose, and he reminds me a good deal of his Uncle Jack, my brother, you know, in the shape of his ears, and his general expression always makes me think of his Grandpa Burton, while his Grandmother Younglove says that he looks precisely as his father looked at his age. His chin is just like his Grandfather Burton's, and when he laughs he reminds me of my sister Lou, and mamma says that when he cries he puckers up his mouth exactly the way I did at his age, but I think that the older he grows the more he looks like my brother Ned, then again I think he doesn't look like anyone but myself. Of course it is always a matter of doubt who or what a baby six weeks old will look like."—Puck.

WEDDED IN ENGLAND.

George Roff Will Add to the Population of Alberni.

The following account of a wedding, of much interest to the people of Alberni, is taken from the Bedfordshire Times and Independent (Bedford, England), of Friday, Jan. 15:

Two old and highly-esteemed Bedford families were directly interested in the marriage on Thursday afternoon of Mr. George Chapman Roff to Miss Florence Watford. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. William Roff, of "Mindenwolfe," Bromham-road, whose honorable career as a citizen and tradesman for many years is familiar to all in Bedford; and the bride is the daughter of Mr. James Watford, for many years church warden of St. Peter's. Before leaving England Mr. G. C. Roff was prominent in local rugby football circles, obtaining his colors at the Modern school, and doing good service for the Town club as half back. That the happy event had caused a much wider interest was evidenced by the large congregation at St. Peter's church. The rector, the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, officiated and the service was choral, Mr. S. W. Churchill, A. R. C. O., being at the organ, and the full choir being present. The hymns were, "How Welcome Was the Call," and "O, Perfect Love, All Human Thought Transcending." The voluntary consisted of the Bridal Music from Lohengrin. The bride was given away by her father and was attired in a pretty dress of white satin radium, will veil of Brussels net, and a wreath of orange blossoms. Lilies of the valley, Chrysanthemums, and carnations, composed the shower boquet which she carried. The two bridesmaids were her sisters, Miss Laura and Miss Alice Watford, who wore dresses of pale blue silk batiste, and hats of cream net trimmed with pale blue flowers, and carried shower boquets of pink carnations. Each received a gift of gold bangles from the bridegroom. Mr. Charles Randall courteously carried out the duties of best man.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Watford held a reception at the Central restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Roff will shortly leave England for their home in Alberni, British Columbia.

The bride and groom were the recipients of numerous presents from friends in Canada, the United States and the Old Country.

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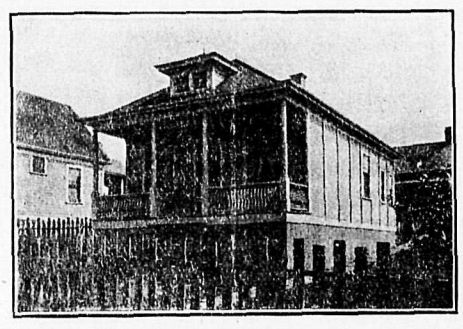

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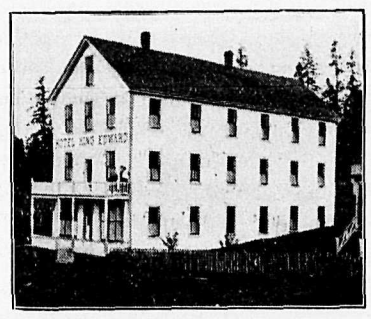

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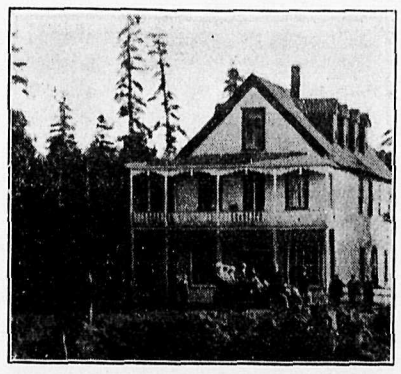

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QUESTIONS FOR WILLIAM SLOAN

Some Ideas that are Now a Trifle Late But are Interesting Just the Same.

The following open letter, addressed to William Sloan, ex-M. P., in relation to political affairs in Comox-Atlin, appeared over the signature "Liberal" in a recent issue of the Vancouver Daily Province:

Sir—As I am one of your first and most consistent supporters in the above riding I wish to exercise the right of a Liberal elector to ask a few questions about your recent actions. No matter how you may regard my attitude I must refuse in the present case to be led by the nose, and to be handed over bound and gagged to the pleasures of the machine. My Liberalism is not of as recent date as yours is, nor were my antecedents Tory as yours; nor is it that brand of pliant, modern Liberalism that in British Columbia always sacrifices Liberal principle to the emergencies of Ottawa bossism. I ask you, what right you have to claim undisputed authority over the Liberals of Comox-Atlin?

What right have you to say, "I shall do thus and so, with the franchise of the free Liberal electors" in that riding? Why have you never since first elected called a convention of your supporters? Why have you not in the present case called a convention, but rather endeavored to pitchfork on us a defeated politician, rejected by the citizens of Victoria? Do you imagine he is going to be elected by acclamation, and that we have no spirit? Did you expect you would go down to Ottawa and tell the Liberal bosses there that you could do as you wished with the Liberals of Comox-Atlin? Didn't you recently volunteer some pretty sweeping statements about what was going to happen to the British Columbia Liberals, and how Sir Wilfrid was going to vent his vengeance on the provincial Liberal party? Didn't you say that Laurier had no use for Macdonald? Didn't you say that the Ottawa Liberals would not help those of British Columbia at the next provincial elections, and that John Oliver and Charlie Munro would get it in the neck for not having supported Bob Jardine? Didn't you say that nothing would please Laurier as much as to see Macdonald go back with only four or five supporters after the next elections?

Surely you won't have the hardihood to accuse any Liberal for being out of unison with the party when the above feeling is said by you to exist in its high officers, and in whose sentiments you concurred.

Of course we all know what you expect. You are to be made senator or lieutenant-governor, as a reward for your past services. As a reward for the help you gave to the local Liberal candidates in Alberni, in Comox, in Skeena and in Atlin at the last provincial elections. Don't you remember how disinterested and generous that help was? Of course, this isn't the first swap you have attempted. In fact you may yet be known as the "boss political swapper."

In your first election you said you had an arrangement with the opposing candidate. In the recent general election you didn't forget the arrangement that you made? You wouldn't like that told, would you?

And now you have gotten up this last grand swap to cap the climax of your career as a political peddler. You have arranged with the Tory leaders, have you not, that the protest in Victoria against Barnard is to be stopped, and in return they are not to put up a candidate against Templeman in Comox-Atlin? And then there was the side deal to help the family out. No help was to be given by you or the Ottawa party to Dr. Kergin or the Liberal candidate in Skeena at the next provincial election, as it was supposed that Dr. Young would be contesting that seat in the Conservative interests. This little part of the bargain is very interesting, in that it illustrates you as a master of political barter; you threw this in, so to speak.

If the Tories were disposed to hum and haw at the first part of the proposals this last gratuitous and offhand liberality of yours would lead them to clinch the bargain. By the by, along this line of thought, whose boy was it that said, "Pa is going to be judge in Nanaimo pretty soon?" And yet many Liberals are not going to support your nominee at the coming election.

I think there is going to be a revolt in the rank and file of both parties against this disgraceful saw-off. The Tories have already broken away from their leaders, and are putting up a candidate.

As a Liberal I am not going to support Mr. Templeman in this election for these reasons: First, because if he wanted the suffrage of the party in that district he should have called a convention and put himself in the hands of that convention.

Oh, I forgot you said you had a petition from the Liberals endorsing Mr. Templeman. Pray, let us have it! Won't you publish the names? And did any of these Liberals—those stalwarts from Prince Rupert—ever write to the Alberni Liberal association asking them to support John Houston against yourself at the recent election?

And secondly, because he is not a local man. We have lots of good local men.

And thirdly, because he is at the head of the machine in British Columbia.

We are through with the machine and the productions of the machine. We are through with the Bob McPhersons, the Billy Gallihers, the Bob Jardines, the Billy McInneses and the Billy Sloans.

The Liberal party has passed the stage when men of such calibre can hold weight in its councils. Machine politics has had its period in British Columbia You see the gratifying result. When it began its operations the Liberals were all powerful in this province. They had a big majority of the federal seats; they were in a fair way to control the legislature, and in many cities and municipalities it had many influential representatives in governing positions. Now it is impossible to elect a Liberal hog reeve. That's what the machine did for us. And we're going to finish it up by defeating the machine's particular pet, and put him in competition with you for the next senatorship.

SOCIAL EVENING.

The Ladies Aid of St. Andrews Presbyterian church will hold a Social Evening on Thursday, Feb. 18th.

Admission, 25 cents; children under 12, 10 cents.

PERSONAL.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a Duplicate certificate of Title to part of Lot 25, Township I. N., Range I. E., and part 2 acres of Lot 108, Alberni District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate certificate of title to said lands issued to Thomas Paterson and Minnie A. Paterson on the 14th day of February, 1902, and numbered 7534c.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C. the 1st day of February, 1909.

Sydney Child, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for Applicants.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Clayoquot.

Take Notice that H. Percy Simpson of Victoria, B. C., occupation financial agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on Race Narrows, Clayoquot District; thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to high water mark, thence northerly along said high water mark to point of commencing, containing 40 acres, more or less.

HARRY PERCY SIMPSON,
Harold Simpson, Agent.

Date, Jan. 5, 1909.

LAND ACT
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Barclay.

Take Notice that H. Percy Simpson of Victoria, B. C., occupation financial agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at high water mark about, 5 miles from entrance to Alberni Canal and 4 miles from Uchucklesat on the east side of Alberni Canal; thence east 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to high water mark, thence northerly along said high water mark to point of commencing, containing 80 acres more or less.

HARRY PERCY SIMPSON.
Harold Simpson, Agent.

Date, Jan. 12, 1909.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Barclay.

Take Notice that H. Percy Simpson of Victoria, B. C., occupation financial agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at high water mark about 4½ miles from entrance to Alberni Canal on east side thereof, thence east 40 chains, thence south 10 chains, thence west 40 chains to high water mark, thence northerly along the said high water mark, to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

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District of Nootka.

Take notice that I, Thomas J. Marks, of Seattle, U. S. A., occupation prospector, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Tahsis canal, in Nootka Sound, at a point about 2½ miles from the mouth of Tahsis river, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north along shore line to place of commencement.

THOMAS J. MARKS.

Date, Jan. 6, 1909. jan16

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Clayoquot.

Take Notice that Jennie Spencer and and Ada Florence Rennie, by their agent, Fred. W. Muller, of Sproat Lake, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on Taylor Arm of Sproat Lake, about three-quarters of a mile in a southerly direction from Lot 622, thence south 25 chains to lake shore, thence easterly following the shore line for about 20 chains, thence northerly about 20 chains to point of commencement.

JENNIE SPENCER,
ADA FLORENCE RENNIE,
Fred. W. Muller, Agent.

Date, December 14, 1908.

A. B. WOOD.
CONTRACTOR & BUILDER.
NEW ALBERNI.
Plans drawn and submitted.

Photographs

Largest and best assorted collection of scenic photographs of points on the Alberni Canal, Barkley Sound, and the whole West Coast.

Exploration parties accompanied.

Blue Print work.

Orders promptly executed.

LEONARD FRANK - ALBERNI

ALBERNI LINE TO GO AHEAD

If all goes well the trains will be running into Alberni within a little over a year. There has been some delay in the matter of the final survey, but this is now nearly complete and it is expected to be handed in to the company in about a fortnight from now. If the plans are satisfactory in every respect, as it is expected they will be, tenders for the construction will be called at once, and within a year from this coming summer the line will be in actual operation. That was the substance of a statement made to a Times representative by R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R.

Mr. Marpole characterized as nonsense the report that the Campbell river entension would be built before the line to Alberni. He said the Alberni branch would be the first work to be done. The delay was merely a matter of surveys and estimates. The summit, which was to be crossed in going to Alberni, made the engineering difficult, and much depended on getting good grades and correct estimates. At present the summit is covered with snow and nothing can be done until this has disappeared. In the meantime the C. P. R. is as anxious as the people of Vancouver Island that the work shall proceed rapidly.

"You think then that the trains will be running into Alberni within a year from now?"

"No, I do not say that," was the reply. "It will probably be a year from this coming summer. When we get the final reports from the engineers they will have to be examined and approved. Then it will take thirty days to call for tenders, so that actual construction cannot commence for several months. Then we estimate that it will take a year to do the work, and great care has to be exercised in order that no mistakes shall be made."

Work of Bamfield Life-Saving Crew

There has been some difference of opinion as to where the credit for the saving of the crew of the wrecked schooner Soquel belongs, and Mr. J. B. McKay, and others, or Bamfield, do not think that the Pioneer News did justice to the life-saving crew. Mr. McKay gives his version of it as follows:

"On the morning of Jan. 23, word came from Pachena Bay that a schooner was ashore on Sea Bird rocks, but that no one could be seen on board. The Leebro was lying in Bamfield and word was given the captain, also Capt. Gillen and crew (life savers). The life-savers went aboard the Leebro, but had no surf boat to take with them, as there never has been one at Bamfield. The boat on the Leebro was a sixteen-foot row boat, not a life boat. The life-savers got to the wreck, lowered their boat and went in, and all around the rock. They saw men on the rock and also on the wreck, but there was a sea running and they could do nothing. They decided to wait for the turn of the tide as that usually makes a difference in the sea. They went back to the Leebro, and she went out and lay to. Then the Tees came along and went in. The Leebro also ran in. The Tees carries a good life boat, and a plan of rescue with two boats was decided on. The Tees boat, with Capt. Gillam in charge, was to go in as near the surf as possible and the life-savers, in the small boat, were to go in and throw the line ashore, with a good rope attached to the Tees boat. Capt. Gillen and his men, with life belts on, and in a sixteen-foot row boat, went in and got among the breakers, when a tremendous wave broke right over their boat and swamped it. They were pulled back to the Tees boat and bailed out. They went at it again, and again they were swamped. The third time they succeeded in getting the lines ashore. The rest was easy. The men got into the row boat, and were pulled through the surf to the Tees boat. Capt. Gillen and his men (the life-savers) took their lives in their hands, for if the rope between the two boats had parted they would have been dashed to pieces on the rocks.

"The next morning the life-savers went back, and took the men off the wrecked vessel, and did so easily as the sea had gone down during the night. I might add that the Tees crew could not have done much without the life-saving crew. The loss of the motor life boat was too bad, but the whole crew was not to blame for that, only the man on watch. It was in the night she went, and the men always stood watch. They had regular hours. There was only eight of a crew, not eleven as stated in your paper.

The wreck of the Bamfield creek motor lifeboat, lying on the Hudson's Bay wharf, is being stripped of its fittings and it is considered doubtful whether any attempt will be made to repair the badly broken life boat, says the Victoria Colonist. Since the arrival of the wreck it has created a considerable amount of interest, and the comments that have been passed by those who have gone to view the renmant of the boat for which New Jersey boatbuilders were paid $15,000, are as varied as they are interesting. The majority are indignant; some are humorous, seeing farce in the tragedy of the lifeboat. One person wrote with chalk in large figures on the little piece of bow that alone remains on the starboard side, $15.000. Some of the boatbuilders who have viewed the wreck, while admitting a thoroughness of construction, are most positiye that there are large numbers of boatbuilders within the confines of the Dominion of Canada who could build as good a lifeboat at less cost. One man who has built lifeboats for the British coastguard service and naval pinnaces said that if he was asked to duplicate the wrecked boat at a cost of $15,000 he would make as much profit as some of those whom Judge Cassels investigated.

Meanwhile the lifesaving crew has been discharged. A lone caretaker will take charge of the station which has been abandoned. After a year, that involves over a third of the time in which by reason of the breakdown of her engines the lifeboat was out of commission, the lifeboat station has been abandoned. The Clo-oose surfboat, taken there by the steamer Leebro, from where it lay idle for a year, a crew never being appointed to man it, will be tied up with the rest of the station property, which cost over $15,000 in addition to the cost of the motor lifeboat, and after the life-savers have left on the steamer Tees the care-taker will sit alone with the abandoned lifeboat station.

At the Masquerade.

The masquerade ball given by the Alberni Athletic club in Brand's hall last night was a marked success. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Best waltzers—Miss Nicholas and James Dick.

Best lady waltzer—Miss Hester Miles.

Best dressed lady—Miss Mary Clarke

Best dressed gentleman—H. Miller.

Best comic lady—Miss Jennie Grandy

Best comic gentleman—A. McPhee.

Best national costume—Mrs. A. Dawson.

Best sustained lady character—Mrs. Haslam.

Most attractive couple—Misses Annie Miles and Margaret Riddell.

Best representative of Alberni business house—Harry Fitzgerald, Pioneer News.

NEWS GENERAL AND PERSONAL

S. H. Toy returned on Sunday from Victoria.

James R. Motion and Mrs. Motion returned on Thursday from Victoria.

Ed. Griffin, New Alberni, returned on Sunday from a trip to Vancouver.

The Ladies Guild, of New Alberni, will give a dance during the first week after Easter.

A meeting to which all Liberals are invited will be held in Waterhouse's hall on Monday night.

The Ladies Aid of St. Andrews Presbyterian church will hold a Social Evening on Thursday, Feb. 18th.

The steamer Tees was in port on Thursday, on its way to Quatsino, and landed 37 tons of general freight.

Mrs. T. S. Glassford returned on Wednesday from Toronto and other eastern cities where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. T. R. Heneage, who was acting rector of All Saints church, Alberni, during the absence of Rev. Mr. Wimberley in England, has assumed temporary charge of St. Marks, Victoria.

Mrs. W. H. Marcon received news on Thursday of the death of her mother, Mrs. Goodeve, at Guelph, Ont. The deceased lady was one of the oldest residents of Guelph, and was highly respected.

The pantomine to be given by the New Alberni Badminton club on the 26th inst. promises to be one of the best entertainments ever presented by local talent. Topical songs and dialogues, bristling with smart local hits, have been prepared and a number of surprises may be expected.

Provincial Constable A. T. Stephenson left on Thursday for New Michel, Southeast Kootenay, to which point he has been transferred by Superintendent Hussey. Mr. Stephenson is one of the youngest men on the provincial police force, and has already shown himself to have a splendid adaptation to the service. During his career in Alberni he did creditable work, and will be greatly missed both as an officer and a citizen.

Carpenters and painters have been busy in the Alberni Trading store for the past few days and have worked a change on the interior that is quite refreshing. New counters and shelves have been put in, and everything has been brightened so that the store looks like a new place entirely. D. H. Riddell, the manager, looks forward to a busy Spring, and means to be fully prepared for the rush of business he expects.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tenders for Septic Tank, etc.," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Monday, the 22nd February, 1909, for the erection and completion of a Lavatory, Septic Tank, etc., for the Government Buildings, Alberni, B. C.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender, may be seen on and after the 8th day of February, 1909, at the office of the Government Agent, Alberni; and at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank check or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works for a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The checks or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Works,
Victoria, B. C., 2nd February, 1909.

Notice to Residents

FURNITURE

"Your Opportunity."

BARGAIN PRICES for shipments per boat of March 20. We have arranged special concessions for this trip, and can supply you with Furniture at prices never before seen in this district. There must be some articles you know YOU require badly. Now is your chance to get them.

We have cuts, photos, and prices of the various lines.

Orders taken up to March 13.

Terms, cash on arrival of goods.

Alberni Hardware Co
NEW ALBERNI.

Thomson's General Store

Ladies' White Underwear in Underskirts, Drawers and Corset Covers.

Specially attractive. All new goods in a great variety of patterns, also Ladies' Feather Boas, special values.

In Groceries---Try the Comox Creamery Butter at 40 cents.

C. F. BISHOP & SON

GROCERS, BAKERS AND PRODUCE MERCHANTS.

We look for fresh made butter being scarce for the next three or four weeks, but were fortunate enough to get some on the last boat from both the Victoria and Delta creameries.

Fresh Apples, Oranges and Lemons.

Evaporated and Dried Fruits are both good and reasonable in price this season.

Anything You Need.

Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing.
Hardware, Paints, Oils.
Chinaware, Glassware, etc.

A. E. WATERHOUSE, New Aberni.

Buy a Pig at Terry's

And Keep Your Feet Warm

The Price is $1.25.

We have Rubber Hot Water Bottles if you prefer them.
A Thermos Bottle at $3.50 will pay for itself in solid comfort this weather.
Parke's Cough Syrup will cure that cough.

W. S. TERRY

Druggist & Stationer, Alberni, B. C.