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Trustee Hudson Charged With Favoring Outside Merchants

School Board Orders Have Been Switched, It is Charged, to Uptown Firms, Though Local Men Could Save the Board Money

The South Vancouver School Board appointed one of its members to go with a committee of teachers and officials and buy three cooking ranges for the domestic science department.

City firm gets contract at ...$87.00
Local firms' price 72.00

South Vancouver ratepayers lose $15.00

There are three ranges. Therefore $45.00 which might be devoted to the purchase of meals for the children during the winter months is thrown away.

South Vancouver hardware merchants were not given an opportunity of tendering on the particular type of range required. The order for the three ranges was switched to Martin, Finlayson and Mather, a Vancouver firm, who had to buy from the same wholesale house which supplies the ten or twelve South Vancouver hardware men.

Local hardware men who brought this matter to the attention of the CHINOOK point out that the Board of School Trustees as a body have been very fair to the local merchants. The official alleged to have been responsible for the shifting of business the way of Messrs. Martin, Finlayson and Mather is Mr. J. C. Hudson, who was appointed to the Board last year.

On the purchase of kitchen utensils for the Domestic Science Department—an item involving some $400—South Vancouver merchants, with one exception, were not given an opportunity to tender.

It is charged that Trustee Hudson, since his appointment, has worked zealously to secure for Messrs. Martin, Finlayson and Mather all the patronage for hardware supplies from the South Vancouver Schools. Naturally, local hardware merchants, who have in times past been treated with more or less fairness by the board are indignant.

One of the local merchants concerned stated to the CHINOOK that approximately $700 was spent upon the stoves and other equipment. Not one dollar of this sum stayed in South Vancouver, despite the fact that the local merchants with the same article were able to bid lower than Vancouver firms.

It was further pointed out that at this time, with the financial situation so serious, that co-operation should be encouraged locally and that all members of the School Board should be leaders in such a movement. The amount of money involved in this particular case is not large. The principle of the policy of Trustee Hudson is the item being considered and the hardware men merely asked the CHINOOK to place the matter before the ratepayers for their consideration.

Collingwood District News

Mr. F. W. Le Messurier has disposed of his furniture and closed up his home. Mrs. Le Messurier is going on a visit back East to her old home in Hamilton, Ont.

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At the Collingwood East Methodist Church on Sunday evening the Rev. E. W. Morgan will preach an interesting sermon, taking for his subject "The Second Coming of Christ."

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Mr. Geo. Southard has returned home after spending the summer in and around Dawson. He says that since war was declared business was affected there more than here.

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A grand concert will be given under the auspices of the Women's Association of Knox Church, Collingwood East, on Friday evening, October 9. Some of the best Vancouver talent will assist.

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Your name on the list is good for a vote on Election Day, no name, no vote.

The War Fund committee of this district are working hard and although somewhat hampered for collectors report progress good.

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Mr. J. W. Wilkinson has removed into his new store four doors south of the old stand. He has a very fine store, the interior is fitted up and nicely finished in cedar, new counters and shelving which are filled with new, fresh groceries and provisions. The store is a credit to Joyce Road.

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The patriotic dance and social which was held in the Bursill Institute on Tuesday was very successful from a social and financial standpoint and a goodly sum was netted and which will be handed over to the South Vancouver War Fund.

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Don't put it off any longer for the last day is October 5. If you are not on the Voters' List blame yourself.

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If you have any pride in your country you will get your name on the Voters' List.

Cedar Cottage Snapshots

Mr. William Gunn, Jr., left Monday for a trip to Howe Sound.

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Mr. Will McCarter was called to Nanaimo on a business trip this week.

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Mrs. Sam Gough, of Nanaimo, visited Mrs. Leighton several days last week.

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Miss M. Manuel, of South Hill, was a guest at the Parsonage for a few days recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ruttle, of Commercial Street, received word on Friday of the sudden death, by accident, of their son-in-law, Mr. George Ainsley, at Ft. Steele, B.C., where he had been working for the C. P. R. Much sympathy is felt for the young wife and child left to mourn his loss.

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At Robson Memorial Church, Rev. Ewing, of Wilson Heights Methodist Church, will preach next Sunday morning, while in the evening the pulpit will be filled by Rev. Langford, of Grandview Church.

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There was a large gathering of interested listeners to hear Prof. Odlum's lecture on "British Israel," given in Emanuel Baptist Church, Cedar Cottage, on the evening of the 30th. This is one of a series of lectures given by Prof. Odlum on Wednesday evenings at Emanuel Church on subjects pertaining to the great war, all of them entertaining and highly instructive.

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One of the social events of last week was the concert given in St. Margaret's Parish room on 22nd Ave. There was a good audience of music loving people who listened with appreciation to the splendid program given.

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The Family Shoe Store have moved into their new quarters in the Broadhurst Block, and are making an attractive display of all manner of footwear for all kinds and conditions of men, women and children.

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The friends of Mrs. Harry Haywood, nee Gladys Leighton, will be pleased to hear that after a long and serious illness, she is now convalescent, and is visiting at her mother's house on Welwyn Street.

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In aid of their tennis court fund, the busy young people of the Robson Memorial Church Epworth League gave a "Mystic Tea" on Monday evening of last week. The guests were invited to come in tennis costume, and the school room of the church was appropriately beautified for the occasion, maple leaves and tennis rackets being given prominent place in the decorative scheme. On the little tea tables, spread with dainty embroidered linen, each presided over by a demure waitress in middy dress, was a very puzzling menu which to hungry guests was most bewildering. Those who made an effort to pick out and order substantial refreshment were rewarded with perhaps a cucumber, a toothpick and a glass of cold water, and had to make a second attempt, while a great many grew desperate and gave sweeping orders for everything on the card. The following is a copy of this very unique bill of fare, with the translation added: Irish Blarney, 1c, kisses; hidden tears, 1c, onions; three deep, 4c, sandwiches; fruit of the vine, 3c, cucumbers; what some people don't know, 4c, beans; an energetic old age, 1c, cheese; Boston's overthrow, 4c, tea; mystic circle, 3c, doughnuts; staff of life, 3c, bread; forbidden fruit, 5c, apple pie; chip off the old block, 1c, tooth pick; spring offering, 1c, cold water;; just a bit of slang, 2c, fudge; angel's food, 4c, white cake. At the conclusion of the tea, there was a thoroughly enjoyable program, in which a number of well-known artists took part. The promoters of this novel entertainment were jubilant over the result, for in addition to the social success there was enough money made to more than meet the requirements for which it was given.

MAIN STREET WORK

With the new wood block pavement from Sixteenth Avenue to Bodwell Road completed and open for traffic, South Vancouver is taking on a very metropolitan appearance. The concrete base has been finished on one side of the car tracks from Bodwell through to Fifty-first Avenue and this week the laying of the blocks will be undertaken on that section.

The Bitulithic have about completed the Bodwell Road contract from Main to Fraser Street.

WAR FUND

This week the South Vancouver War Fund has reached nearly $3,000. When cash has not been available patriotic residents have given groceries, horses, puppy dogs, fruit, household goods and real estate. Two splendid lots were given in Ward Six. An auction will likely be held of the gifts of kind. Mr. V. L. Macadam, superintendent of the Main Street contract generously came forward with a cheque for fifty dollars. Reeve Kerr expresses considerable satisfaction at the progress being made and says that the work is slightly hampered by the fact that sixty percent of the people have already contributed to Vancouver funds.

The CHINOOK invites local poets to send forward their contributions of a patriotic character. We will pay no money for these poems, but will be glad to encourage the artistic temperament by publishing any which are not too lengthy.

WAR FUND

If you have not already given to the War Fund, read this despatch:

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 29.—James Petit, of York Road, Guelph, received a letter today from an aunt in Stratford Terrace, Leeds, England. One paragraph of the letter states: "We have in our house to care for a little Belgian girl, aged 8, who had both her hands chopped off by German soldiers. Her brother, a little younger, was mutilated so that he would never be able to handle a rifle."

Militia Department's Orders Cause Anxiety in Local Homes

Men are Neither In Nor Out of the Army and Demobilization Order Has Caused Uneasiness and Want

South Vancouver has felt keenly the remarkable demobilization order issued a fortnight ago.

In the Collingwood district alone, Councillor Rutledge is authority for the statement, three hundred and fifty men who had joined the orders find themselves in a strange predicament.

These men may be called upon at any moment to rejoin their regiments. In the meantime, however, they are out of employment for the most part. Their allowance from the army has been cut off. They had to give up their regular employment in order to join the army. They are now, neither in nor out of the army. Any work they may take up will be of a temporary character for they know not the day nor the hour in which one of those telegrams may come through from Col. Sam Hughes ordering remobilization.

Men who were at Prince Rupert with the Fusiliers have returned and their plight is probably worse than that of the men who were garrisoned locally.

It is estimated that South Vancouver gave more than 1,500 men to the local regiments up and above those who went to Valcartier.

Many of the local men are trained soldiers and all are anxious to be given an opportunity to serve their country. The fact that demobilization orders came through had a bad influence in some quarters upon the support being given the collectors for the War Fund in the various wards.

Notes from Here and There

Sunday, October 4, is Rally Day at Mountain View Church. Rev Mr. Ewing, of Wilson Heights Methodist Church, will preach to the children in the morning. There will be four addresses in the afternoon at the Sunday School hour. Everybody is invited to this Sunday School session next Sunday. Special music.

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Mrs. Sarah Sailes, of 22nd Avenue West, died last Thursday, September 24. Mrs. Sailes formerly came from Little Britain, Ont., where her body will now be taken. Mrs. Sailes was 79 years of age, had resided in Vancouver for five years and was a valued member of Mountain View Methodist Church. Rev. J. W. Davidson held the funeral services at Center & Hanna's parlors, 1049 Georgia St., Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Many friends from Mountain View church attended.

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The Young Ladies' Bible Class of Mountain View Sunday School are starting a sewing class to be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the fall months.

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The Ladies' Aid of Mountain View Methodist Church met October 6th in the church parlor at 3 o'clock p.m.

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Mrs. Captain Price had relatives from Seattle visiting her this past week.

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W. E. Toine, a former resident of South Vancouver, now residing at Seattle, Wash., visited his relatives here last week.

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Mr. Haynes of Fraser Avenue Music Store, visited many homes along Main Street this week selling the Victrola gramaphone.

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The Epworth League of Mountain View Methodist Church held a debate last Monday evening. Be it resolved that country life is preferrable to city life. Two farm boys took the affirmative and proved beyond a doubt that country life is preferrable.

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Mr. and Mrs. McCuish, of Tyson Road, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Mrs. R. H. Horrell returned home from Spokane on Sunday, where she has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Allen, for some months. She brought her grandson, Donald Allen with her.

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Mrs. R. B. Linzey and baby have gone to West Vancouver to spend a few weeks with friends.

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The Patriotic Concert held in the Liberal Club rooms, 4362 Main Street, was one of the best concerts ever held there, of which there have been many. The address of the Rev. J. R. Robertson was of a stirring nature and he handled his subject, "Patriotism in Action" in a masterly manner.

Mr. Harry Fray, the concertina expert gave a splendid recital, showing in a masterly way that a concertina can almost talk.

Miss Snowden contributed two numbers in a sweet and pleasing voice which were encored to the echo.

Mr. Wm. Thompson cinched the argument about elocution, and the way in which he rendered "Shamus O'Brien" was excellent.

Mr. Charles Payne rendered the "Admiral's Broom," and it was rendered with a vim that caught the audience, and for an encore he sang "Rule Britannia" the audience joining in the chorus.

Mr. W. W. Robertson's violin selections were well received, his imitations of the bagpipes drawing rounds of applause.

Mrs. J. F. Patterson was the accompanist.

Reeve Kerr made a few remarks outlining the works of the War Fund committee and disabusing the people's minds of the fact that the relief or charity officer that was being appointed by the City of Vancouver had nothing whatever to do with the war fund.

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The Main Street Improvement Association will meet in the Old School house, Main Street, near 28th Avenue, on Friday night, October 2 at 8 p.m. when matters of importance will be dealt with.

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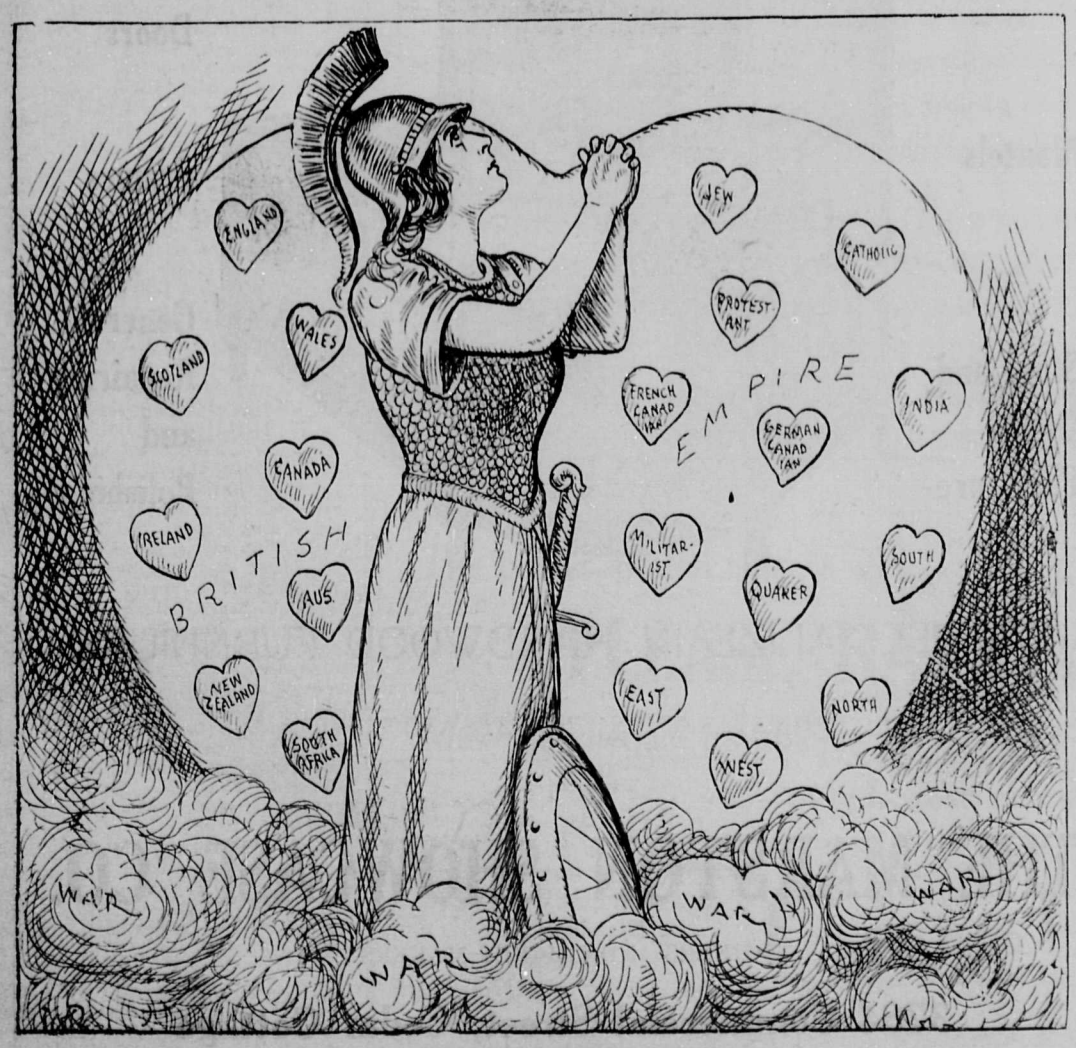
Only a few days to do it. Get it on the list tonight.



BRITANNIA'S JUST CAUSE

"There is but one mind and one heart. . . We invoke the blessing of God—not the god of battles, but the God of justice and mercy. . . That union of hearts which exists in the United Kingdom exists also in Canada, in Australia, in New Zealand, yea, even in South Africa."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House of Commons, August 19, 1914.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN——"

A feeble poetic attempt to commemorate the true heroism of Roland Garros, the French aviator, who early in the war attacked single-handed in an aeroplane a German dirigible carrying twenty soldiers, completely destroying the enemy and paying the price in the dearest of all treasures, the breath of his own life.

Intrepid like thy kin of old,
  Cleaving the azure with restless speed,
Straight home the foeman insolent and bold
  Shall feel thy bolder, braver deed.

No thought molests thy settled brow,
  Save home and France, beloved, fair, to free,—
Her thy young life shall ransome, this thy vow
  Shall glorify both her and thee.

As Samson, whom the legends say,
  Tore down the temple on tyrannic hosts,
And perished gladly in their midst, as they
  Him taunted with their childish boasts.

So Samson—like—his equal—peer,
  Paying an equal price, with equal life,
Achieved a victory, equal and as dear,
  For theirs was tyranny as rife.

Cedar Cottage,
  24th September, 1914.

Straight home—ironic mirth sustains,
  A fearless purpose and a soldier's pledge—
Thy hand shall dash out twenty German brains,
  Against the wild Alsatian sedge.

Pomp and vain glory—this their breath,
  Thine, sacrifice, heroic, in the strife,
The midst of life shall lay them cold in death,
  Thy hour of death shall bring thee life.

Twenty shall feel the bubble of their pride,
  Pricked by the ardor of a courage blind,
And twenty mangled corpses laid aside,
  Shall yield dominion to one mind.

Inflated ship, inflated pride,
  The fatal hour to weigh and measure comes,
When all thy fluent vaunting shall provide—
  Poor theme—"to beat the muffled drums."

All verse heroic, unprevails
  Worthy to grace thy sacrificial deed,
No ancient chivalry in knightly mails,
  Can boast a more romantic breed.

Straight home—the one to glory led,
  The twenty to the promiscuous dust,
They nameless buried with the unnumbered dead,
  But him to live in song and bust.

—JAMES COOK.

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"The truth at all times firmly stands
And shall from age to age endure."

HAVE CONFIDENCE

"CONFIDENCE, have confidence," said Sir Richard McBride at the recent conference when ways and means of tiding over the war depression were discussed. The oldtimer who worked the shell games at the Western Ontario fairs used the selfsame words. And the farm lads gave up their money like lambs.

All that the unemployed in South Vancouver require is confidence. Just go to a grocer. Tell him you have confidence and he'll give you anything you want in the shop.

If you have paid twenty dollars a month for six years on a building lot, have five hundred dollars to pay and no money with which to pay it, go to the loan company and tell the manager that you have confidence and you will be given an unlimited period of time, with no interest, in which to meet the balance.

If you go to the front and leave a penniless wife and three children behind you, just tell them to have confidence and they will be provided for.

That's the way that the great generals handle their armies. They give the men guns, but pay no attention to commissary. They march 'em up against the enemy and tell them to have confidence.

Serve the devil all your life, beat your wife, get drunk, gamble, steal, murder and smoke cigarettes. On your death bed have confidence. It will come out alright.

Have confidence lads, elect McBride and Bowser again, and British Columbia's future will be assured.

THE POLITICAL TRUCE

A QUESTION that absorbs public attention in Vancouver and the surrounding district at the present time—secondary only in importance to the war situation—is the problem of what is going to be done in the way of relieving the terrible distress which already exists among the working men residents, their wives and children.

At the start of the war Sir Wilfrid Laurier sounded the keynote, which was followed throughout the length and breadth of Canada, that during this crisis the country would know no division and that the opposition would for the time being sidetrack any policy which would tend to embarrass the government of the country in its laudable purpose of helping the motherland.

That feeling has been echoed in this province and prominent liberal speakers have at times vouchsafed their support to the government at this time when all other issues became secondary to the welfare of the Empire as a whole.

If we except the socialists and the I.W.W. organization we would find that the same feeling permeated the rank and file of the electorate generally.

That being so it would necessarily follow that the provincial government would leave no stone unturned to justify the confidence thus reposed in them.

The war, with its inevitable upsetting of trade and commerce, accentuated in a marked degree the almost chronic state of poverty a vast number of the citizens of B. C. have been living in.

The horrible crime which precipitated practically the whole of Europe into bloody warfare has also been the means of placing thousands of families in British Columbia in a state of poverty which should have the earnest attention of the government at once.

While other provinces in Canada are facing the situation bravely and instituting schemes whereby the workers will be protected during this crisis, the government headed by Sir Richard McBride sits supinely by and—does nothing, yet it is safe to say that in no other province in Canada is the situation so acute as in this—to quote Sir Richard's own words—the banner province of the Dominion.

Patriotic funds have been inaugurated and liberally subscribed too, and it is safe to say that the dependents of our brave soldier boys will have at least the ordinary comforts extended to them the while their sons and husbands are at the front.

But there is another phase of patriotism which calls for equal attention and unless attended to at once will bring the mark of reproach to the province, to Canada, and to the whole British Empire.

The unemployed problem is no new situation in B. C.—shame though it is to say it in such a young place. The causes of it are not far to seek either, but at the present time it is not our purpose to go into this. At best until things get back to normal again we can only hope to alleviate this evil and at this time we would ask the government of B. C. what they intend to do in the premises.

The cities and municipalities have almost come to the end of their tether in the line of providing work for this huge army and now the only way in which they can deal with it is through some form of charitable relief.

Thousands upon thousands of able bodied men are here in this province—in this city, the flower of an industrial army, men who are eager, anxious and ever so willing to work so that bread might be found for their wives and children, but are denied that right which is their only guarantee of life.

We have heard of the silent navy lying in the North Sea. While we are eager to get any scrap of information which would let us know how they fare, yet their silence gives no forebodings, for confidence rests supreme in every British breast. This silence is practical policy in the war game and any child could readily understand that it is dictated by minds who have a thorough grasp of the situation.

But we have a silence in British Columbia which threatens to act in a reverse way.

Before the war every little backshop Conservative gathering would have a Conservative member in attendance to give the henchmen pointers on how the province was progressing.

If the company was sufficiently inviting perhaps even one of the two autocrats would lend his presence. While the oratory was never brilliant, yet it always reminded us that we had some semblance of government in B. C.

But now—all is silence. The old saw, "Silence is golden," would appear to be the attitude taken up by this oligarchy.

While mayors and reeves and councilmen are at their wits end trying to alleviate in a small way this terrible situation in the province the "heavenly twins" go on in their own silent way and tell us to have confidence.

The province has come to a stage of its existence when this government will have to justify its retention of power or get out and let others more capable take hold of the reins.

It is sheer incapacity on the part of this autocracy which is responsible for this terrible suffering in our midst—stories of want and distress are here which would put to shame any old country slum.

Thousands of acres of good agricultural land lying idle and thousands of good able-bodied men in a state of poverty. A first primer child could answer the question as to how to bring these two together.

A truce to politics. Ye Gods, if it is to be at the expense of the red blood of our women and children—away with it!

THE GURKHAS

REGARDING the Gurkhas who are now on the firing line with the Allies, a Hindu gave the writer the following information the other day:

"Gurkhas not much good when firing at long range. Not much good sailors. Not much good artillery fighter or on horseback. Gurkhas alright in close quarter. With knife in each hand cut him German's jugular. Goodnight."

The German soldiers will soon have an opportunity of testing the fighting qualities of the Gurkhas. Writing some years ago on his trip to India and describing his tiger hunt in the Ganges Delta the Crown Prince, in alluding to the necessity of having enthusiastic drivers said: "We thought it wise to bring several Gurka policemen with us for this very purpose. The Gurkhas hail from Nepal on the northeast frontier of India, and in type they resemble the inhabitants of Eastern Asia. They might almost be mistaken for Japanese, and are the best soldiers the English possess in India. They are small, but extraordinary wiry and tough little people, who fear neither hell nor the devil."

THE HORROR OF IT

THE Paris correspondent of "The Daily Mail" reports a gallant feat performed by a Highlander in the fighting at Soissons last week.

It appears that 125 Highlanders, who had been detailed to hold a bridge over the Aisne, were threatened by an overwhelming force of Germans, who were gradually approaching nearer the Highlanders. Their maxim gun had ceased fire all of its crew being killed, when the Highlander got up from cover, lifted the maxim on his back and amid a storm of German bullets, carried it, tripod and all, at a run across the bridge to the far side.

There he put the gun down, and the maxim being still charged, opened a hail of bullets upon the advancing Germans who wavered and then broke and fled to cover, leaving scores of dead behind.

At this moment the Highlander himself was killed, but he had checked the German advance, the British reinforcements arriving, the Germans abandoned the attempt to capture the bridge. Afterward it was found that the Highlander's body had 30 wounds.

Never was greater bravery shown on the field of battle. This Celtic Horatius died a glorious death. What a real, big, Highland fighting man he was!

Such men do not need a battle as a setting for the performance of deeds of bravery and endurance. Unfortunately such heroism in times of peace—in the battle of man against the high cost of living; in the conquest of the forest and the swamp; in the struggle against sickness and poverty; in the combat with the forces of the Evil One—is rarely published in the newspapers.

The Highlandman of the Bridge of Soissons has gone to his fathers and there is sorrow in some obscure Highland cottage. He is gone, though the bridge has been saved—and gone with him is a whole race of heroic sons and daughters never born. A poor, sickly, sunken eyed, dissipated half-brother, physically unfit to go to the front, is left to perpetuate the name—the name alone but not the blood and guts of him who held the bridge.

THE WAR AND B. C. MINERALS

"GET your mines ready," advised Col. Lowery, the Greenwood editor, a man who has an extensive knowledge of mining. "During the past ten years the average cost of producing the world's copper supply has been nine and a half cents a pound, and the average selling price fourteen and a half cents a pound. During the next ten years the average selling price of copper will probably be about seventeen cents a pound. The future for copper never looked better since the red metal appeared on earth.

After the war there should be a mining boom in British Columbia. And there no doubt will be. The railways have opened up areas of mineral lands hitherto almost inaccessible.

The Fort George Herald says:

"If recent discoveries of gold in the Fort George district prove well founded and as valuable as many believe, we may look for the rapid settling of this northern interior of British Columbia with strong and determined men. It will increase circulation of gold and stimulate trade, industry and commerce. It will bring to the attention of the world the valuable timber and agricultural resources of this country. Many of us have long believed that gold was here in great abundance. It simply required the completion and facilities offered by the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Pacific Great Eastern railways to enable experts to get into the country with machinery to prospect, develop and discover the hidden places of this most valuable of all metals to the commerce of the world. We seem to be on the eve of the prediction of Col. Wilkins, the president of the Bankers' Association of Canada, that British Columbia has more in the way of natural resources than any of the other provinces, and her future will outshine most of the others in spite of their big start."

BY THE WAY

IN THE COUNTRIES of the allies of Christendom who are waging war against the devil, there are too many people in the ranks of the "home guard."

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ADVICES FROM Ottawa say that a general election is likely to be called before the winter is over. If the report be true, we rise to remark that the party at present in power might well turn its blood thirst to service at this time more useful.

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IN THE EVENT of a general election, the high tariff brotherhood will receive a warm reception in South Vancouver. Empty stomachs make substantian material for the sustaining of high tariffs.

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ACCORDING TO Trustee J. C. Hudson, South Vancouver merchants may pay the taxes and keep the place a-going, but his city friends must get the lion's share of the monies expended by the South Vancouver School Board.

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THE COLORED GENTLEMAN who was chained to the wagon by the local police officers must have suffered sensations such as those with which his forefathers were familiar befo' the wah.

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WHAT IS NEEDED on the South Vancouver police force now is an expert hen roost inspector.

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THE NEW AMBULANCE at the Municipal Hall has already shown its worth. The fact that such a conveyance was available Wednesday will mean the saving of a life probably. Driver Coombe made a record in reaching the scene of the terrific Main Street accident.

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HOW'D YOU LIKE to have a brand new automobile model of 1915, and as you were taking your first ride for the benefit of the neighbors have the government come along and commandeer it for military purposes? asks the Pittsburg Gazette.

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SAID THE LITTLE BOY, who stood at the door of the spinster, "Would you kindly let me get my arrow, madam? It has fallen in your garden."

"Certainly, my little man. But do you know exactly where it fell?"

"Yes—in—the side of your cat."

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The Greatness of Britain Today

In St. David's Presbyterian Church the minister, Rev. J. R. Robertson, recently preached a sermon on the above subject, taking for text, Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation." He said in part—

This text is a proverb, and a proverb has value only in so far as it expresses the conviction and the conscience of a people. This proverb was believed by the people of Israel. It was believed by their patriarchs and prophets, judges and kings, psalmists and saints. It was believed in times of war as well as in times of peace, in times of adversity, defeat and disaster, as well as in times of prosperity, conquest and triumph. It was believed in the dark age of exile as well as in the golden age of power.

And we also believe this proverb today. We believe it whether in peace or in war; whether our enemies are advancing or retiring on the battle line. We believe that in righteousness Britain is more highly exalted today than ever before—not because she has won any great battle, not merely because she has swept the universal seas free from danger, but rather because she has staked the life of the empire on a question of righteousness.

She has gone to war not for the sake of conquest but for conscience sake; not for the sake of more land for herself, but for the sake of more liberty for others; not for the sake of proving the might of the strong but of vindicating the right of the weak; not in the spirit of selfishness but of sacrifice. The righteousness of our cause at present exalts our empire to a greatness that is grand.

In what then does this righteousness consist? First, we see it in a splendid patriotism. Patriotism is one of the highest virtues. Storrs says. "Love of country is one of the lottiest virtues." Shakespeare says: "I do love my country with a respect more tender, more holy and profound than mine own life." De Thon says: "After what I owe to God, nothing should be more dear or more sacred than the love and respect I owe to my country." And Tennyson says: "Love thou thy land with love far brought from out the storied past." If we look for a religious sanction of this virtue, we have but to refer to Israel's love of their holy land and to the pasionate love of Christ as He wept over Jerusalem. We admire patriotism wherever it is genuine, whether in France, Belgium or in Germany. We admire it in friend and foe.

Yet British patriotism is more righteous than that of most other nations. It is one thing to develop a strong loyalty among members of a household who are akin in blood, but it is quite another thing to develop loyalty among the adopted children who are of an alien race or blood. Germany in spite of her strong patriotism in her own family has failed to develop loyalty among her adopted children of Alsace and Lorraine. Austria Hungary has not developed patriotism among the adopted people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, while thousands of slavs within her borders are filled with revolt. But the patriotism manifested today throughout the British Empire is the finest yet seen in the hostory of the world. Not only all her own children of her own blood, but all her adopted children—the French people in Canada, the Dutch people in South Africa, the Indian people of British India, all came with one heart and voice full of expressions of loyalty and love, offering thier lives for the sake of the Empire.

Why is this? Because Britain is such a good mother. She does not make her children slaves, but free. She does not rule with mailed fist but with the gloved hand. She does not crush, but exalts—nor despise but honors all the children of nations adopted into her royal family. Britain was never so great as she is today in loyalty and patriotism.

Secondly. We see it in her freedom. The real secret of British patriotism is to be found in the freedom of her subjects. Britons never shall be slaves is not a mere vaunt of pride, but a real voice of conscience. It is a matter of a religious life: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Cooper says: "He is the freeman whom the truth makes free and all are slaves beside." Spring says: "Where the bible forms public opinion a nation must be free." Jefferson has said: "Freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of the person, these are the principles that have guided our steps." Kingsley says: "There are two freedoms, the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do as he ought." And Parker says of freedom: "A government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people—of course a government of the principles of eternal justice, the unchanging law of God." Such British freedom long ago won the loyalty of the French in Canada, more recently the love of British India, and but yesterday that of the Boers in Africa. The new freedom of self government for Ireland brings the enthusiasm of loyalty from the Irish and freedom from compulsory military service is the inspiration of loyalty for the socialist and labor classes of Britain. And the freedom of the nations within the empire is the secret of that passionate patriotism which so greatly exalts Britain today.

Thirdly. Britain is highly exalted today by reason of her high honor. Sir Edward Grey's words of honor are the true expressions of the empire's sense of honor. Speaking of the honor of friendship with France, we recall his memorable words, "We have had for many years a long standing friendship with France. I

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Sandy tilts up agin the Vancoover Schule Trustees wi' their latest Defineeshun o' Patriotism

Weel freens, the auld sayin' "It's an' ill win' that blaws naebody guid," has been very muckle in evidence the past week. Anither auld saw, "All's fair in love an' war" wud seem tae be very applicable tae a certain public body in the city o' Vancoover.

It's a peculiar situashon that the average Vancoover business man canna tak advantage o' in some wey or the ither, but the incident I'm gaun tae tak menshun o', it wud seem tae me, is jist gaun a wee bitty owre the score.

Them o' yae that keep on readin' the paper efter yae hae digested the war news, wud maybe notice a paragraph wherein it was stated that at a meetin' o' the Schule Trustees in Vancoover they decided tae award the coal contract for the schules tae a firm whose tender was not the lowest, on the grun' that tae give the lowest the contract wud be helpin' oor enemy, whose friends it was stated, were heavily interested in the mine in questyin—the "Jingle Pot."

We're a very patriotic people oot here in British Columby—sometimes. When it comes tae singin' "God save the King" and the "Maple Leaf Forever" there's naebody could haud a caun'le tae us in oor display o' enthusiasm for Britain an' a' things British. It disna muckle maitter that we hae a Chineyman doon in the kitchen, anither yin in the gairden, the while a white man an' woman—British at that—are maybe wunnerin' where they're gaun tae get the next bite. We're the maist patriotic people in the whole British Hempire—when it comes tae shoutin'.

There's naethin' tae be gained by bein' patriotic when a wheen common workin' men are fechtin' for the richt tae work under condeeshuns that'll ensure their lives bein' taken care o'. There's nae glory in that an' it's no' very likely yaell get honorable menshun in the newspapers.

I dinna want tae forget either o' that magnificent sum the citizens o' Vancoover piled up for the dependents o' the sodgers that hae went awa tae fecht oor battles across the sea—at the same time it wis oor duty, whether yae ca' it patriotism or no'.

Hooever I'm gettin' a wee bitty awa frae my subject—although I'm sare tempted tae go on an' gie some o' the Vancoover citizens, parteecularly them that forget a' aboot their patriotism at ither times when they see a chance o' skinnin' a dollar or twa by gettin' some furriner tae work for them.

Noo if yaer memory taks yae faur enough back, yae wud remember that it wis the "Jingle Pot" mine, shortly efter the commencement o' the strike, that made terms wi' the miners enabling them tae resume work at the colliery. The terms o' settlement were sae satisfactory that the miners' agent at that time took occasion tae compliment the mine management for the generous way in which they had been met.

Onybody that has followed the late strike owre in the Island wud remark tae themsels that we were certainly a very patriotic community—especially if they happened tae see the Chinese miners that were imported tae tak up the Britishers jobs.

Durin' the coorse o' the strike the government press o' the city took up a very strong attitude in denouncin' the miners' organization, an' were parteecularly anxious tae show it as bein' a foreign body that wis usin' the miners for their ain ends.

Noo I dinna want tae gae intae the why's an' wherefores o' the strike—the fact that the miners were workin' under condeeshuns opposed tae the government's ain coal minin' laws wud be sufficient vindicashun as tae its necessity.

In the coorse o' the upbuildin' o' the province — raither should I say the city o' Vancoover—there hae been times when "the enemy" has come in very haundy, especially when he brocht the necessary kudos along tae mak rich men where there were poor afore. I wunner hoo mony transactions were uncompleted because the buyer happened tae menshun he wis frae the fatherland.

Noo I honestly believe the schule trustees o' Vancoover thocht they were actin' in a patriotic mainner.

It's a sma' maitter that the collieries that got the contract hae been busy fechtin' the finest body o' men that ever came intae the province—English, Scotch and Welsh miners who, while they maybe hinna distinguished themsels on a battlefield, yet hae ca'd forth peals o' admirashun for their heroism at times when oor brathe has been a'most taken awa wi' some terrible minin' disaster.

The owners o' the mines dinna mak ony bones aboot their patriotism. They were oot tae bate the men an' ony wey they could dae it seemed fair enough tae them.

The same men are very heavily interested in various speculations in "foreign" countries themsels. These same gentlemen hae jist aboot mortgaged the whole o' Canady tae help them build a railway. These same gentlemen practically compelled the city o' Vancoover, at the pint o' the gun, tae haund owre False Creek tae them—weel, yae can readily unnerstaun that the breakin' o' the miners wis a sma' feat tae them, an' especially if they had the assistance o' the government extended them.

Noo the wey I reason it oot is this. The workin' man, stripped o' a' high-soondin' platitudes aboot bein' the saut o' the earth, etc., is naethin' mare or less than a marketable commodity. Tae enable him tae live he has tae exchange somethin' It's very seldom he gets in on the graft when they're haundin' oot ony laund an' in ninety-nine cases oot a hunder he has tae fa' back on his elby grease. He offers his services tae the employer, an' if he can see a chance o' makin' onythin' oot o' him—weel he becomes patriotic an' gies him a job. The worker will naturally jidge his employer by the condeeshuns he maks him work under an' the wages he peys him. If he should happen tae be a wee bitty mare generous than ither employers in the same line, so much higher in the esteem o' the worker will his boss naturally rise. Never for a meenit wud he be tempted tae ask the boss where he got his capital frae—that tae him is of nae consequence.

The "Jingle Pot" acted in a humanitarian speerit in grantin' the men's demands, an' are tae be commended by every workin' man—even if they are subsidised by German capital.

As Burns says, "the Scotch bluid loups in a' my veins," but I'm hanged if I wud tolerate ony form o' patriotism that wud let ony countryman o' mine use it as an excuse for puttin' wan over on me.

Naw, naw gentlemen o' the Vancoover schule board, yae hae anither guess comin' on the patriotic cry.

It's no' when we're at war wi' eichty per cent. o' the warriors workin' men that you should mak sic a display o' patriotism. We could dae wi' a wee bitty mare o' it when we're no' at war. Remember, the workinman's the best patriot yae hae. The only thing he demands for it—the noo at onyrate—is the richt tae live, an' he's gie often denied that even. In his strivin' efter bread an' butter he's no' very parteecular wha peys him his money.

They talk aboot the war weldin' the British race thegither. Weel, we'll see. We didna see it efter Sooth Afrikey. The workin' man has jist as big a war tae tackle efter this yins owre—an' it'll be in gettin' rid o' a' they clap-trap loyalists whose patriotism amounts tae "Heaven, Hell an' Number One."

"Jingle Pot," Missus MacPherson, when yaer wantin' ony coal in future. In the words o' the so-ca'd patriots—remember the wives an' bairns o' the British—miners.

Before feenishin' I wud like tae compliment the Sooth Vancoover trustees for their display o' common sense. They awarded the contract for their supplies tae the Jingle Pot. The fact o' a member o' that body bein' a workin' man himsel, he maybe "blew the gaff" tae his fellie trustees.

The workin' men in the city should tak a lesson an' see that at the forthcomin' eleckshuns they elect men that'll be able tae study the science o' patriotism frae their pint o' view.

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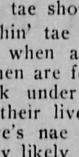

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The Greatness of Britain Today
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remember well when the late government made their agreement with France, the warm and cordial feelings resulting from the fact that these two nations, who had had perpetual differences in the past, had cleared those differences away and became friends. I remember saying at that time that it seemed to me that some divine influence had been at work to produce the cordial atmosphere which had made that result possible. But how far that friendship entails obligations, let every man look into his own heart and his own feeling." France believed in that friendship so implicitly that she withdrew her battleships and left the whole north and west coasts undefended. We in Canada realize the true meaning of such a friendship, because by a similar friendship over three thousand miles of international boundary line stands unprotected yet absolutely safe in the security of such friendship. And as every Britisher looked into his own heart and feeling, the response spontaneous came that for the sake of friendship the empire would stand true.

So also in honor of her word. Nations are as much under obligation to keep their word of honor as individuals are. All nations have not reached this standard. Britain has not always thus been highly exalted, but in the Victorian era, through Queen and great Christian statesmen, we have reached it. A treaty with Belgium in 1839, and renewed and ratified by the nations in 1870, was word of honor surely no less honorable because it is a small nation. That was a word of shame uttered by the chancellor of a great Christian nation when, on the 4th of August, he said in the Reichstag: "Gentlemen, we are now in a stae of necessity and necessity knows no law. Our troops have occupied Luxembourg and perhaps are already on Belgian soil. Gentlemen, that is contrary to the dictates of international law. We were compelled to override the just protest of the Luxembourg and Belgian governments. The wrong—I speak openly—that we are committing we will endeavor to make good as our military goal has been reached." When Britain demanded that the word of honor be observed with reference to those two little states, we were answered that this word of honor was a "mere scrap of paper," a mere word, "neutrality." And when Britain replied that she would stand by her word of honor at whatever cost, her enemies were exasperated, but she stood highly exalted in righteousness before the world.

Britain in her greatness today is thus paying the cost of her friendship and her word of honor. With her heart of suffering she is saying with Addison. "Better to die ten thousand deaths than wound my honor." She is learning as never before the meaning of Schiller's words: "That nation is worthless that will not venture all for honor." She stands ready to pay the cost whatever it be. In the words of Shakespeare: "Mine honor is my life, both grow in one; take honor from me and my life is done." She realizes the stern reality of what is at stake in this world war. As Dr. Kelman expresses, "If we are broken, European civilization will fall back a thousand years and freedom and honor be only memories. We stand for these in future as our fathers stood for them in the past, against principles which are the destroyers of all that for which Christ died and enemies of the human race." We are today learning by the experience of empire the meaning of that word of the master, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." And in learning this the greatness of the empire was never greater than it is today.

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A fine concert was given in Fisher's Hall, Beaconsfield, on Wednesday evening, September 30, in aid of the Presbyterian Mission.

Mrs. Evans, of Janes Road, has returned from Gibson's Landing, where she enjoyed a fine outing and reports the fishing good.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL

Empress Theatre

"Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," the famous musical play and the greatest of all Geo. M. Cohan's successes, is announced as the attraction for the second week of Lucille Palmer's engagement at the Empress next week, starting Monday, October 5.

"Forty-five Minutes from Broadway" means New Rochelle, a small town near New York City, and the characters depicted are mainly denizens of that sleeping burg with a mixture of out and out New Yorkers, among them Kid Burns, decidedly a live wire, and a joy every minute he is on the stage, which is almost all the time. There is an excuse for a plot revolving around a lost will, but the piece was constructed for laughing purposes mainly and well has it fulfilled its mission, as the legions who have seen and laughed themselves sore over it can testify.

The piece has been long in preparation at the Empress, and with the experience derived from the former successful presentation of this play, it should prove a notable production.

In the role of Kid Burns, made famous by Geo. M. Cohan, Victor Morley and lesser stars will appear Mr. Howard Russell, his abilities as a light comedian are well known and Kid Burns will be right in his line.

The famous part of Mary, the housemaid, created by Fay Templeton will devolve on Lucille Palmer, and she is expected to create a sensation in it. She will of course sing those two well known and popular songs, "It's a Gland Old Name" and "So Long Mary," and will doubtless more than duplicate her great hit in "Madame Sherry."

Richard Sterling will have the part of Tom Bennett, the supposed to be millionaire and Margaret Marriott will have the role of Flora Dora Dean his show girl fiancee.

Miss Palmer's engagement is limited to four weeks and lovers of good music and good acting should miss none of the productions in which she appears.

Pantages Theatre

The offering at Pantages Theatre next week looks as if it were going to be better than ever. Two new features are booked in the form of the main and added attractions and with these are three other acts of unusual quality. The headliner for the week is the return of Teddy McNamara and Queeny Williams and company in a new musical extravaganza entitled "The Guide of Monte Carlo." The names of Teddy McNamara and Queeny Williams are well known in Vancouver, and they are favorites among the Pantages patrons.

The other attraction is the sensational spectacle, "Titanic." This is a new offering of the Pantages producing department, and is expected to prove the biggest hit in vaudeville for some time. No advance matter relative to the act is given out before its production here.

Lockhart and Laddy will open the bill with acrobatics and juggling. The fun will be supplied by Saunders and Von Kuntz in a travesty that they call "Fun in Slices." An unusual act that holds a prominent position on the bill is the Rosdell Singers. This trio have earned a reputation for themselves as vocal harmonists and funmakers.

Richard Sterling, at the Empress

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The following gentlemen have been apoointed commissioners for taking affidavits to have names placed on the voters' list for Vancouver South:

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WAR FUND

Through the efforts of the Main Street Liberal Club the South Vancouver War Fund was augmented by the sum of forty dollars, which was handed to the committee this week. The members of this club take an active interest in contributing both to the fund and to ranks as several of its members are enlisted and are on duty.

The annual meeting of the Main Street Liberal Association was held in the clubrooms, 4368 Main Street on Thursday, October 1, when a report of last year's work was presented and the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods of 7762 Windsor Street, received a visit from the stork last week with a little sonshine.

LECTURES ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

A lecture on Christian Science will be delivered in Loew's Theatre, Granville St., by Francis J. Fluno, M.D., C.S.D., Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., on Sunday, October 4, at 3 p.m. The same lecture will be repeated in the evening at 8 o'clock so that all may have an opportunity to hear it. The public is cordially invited. Admission free. No collection.

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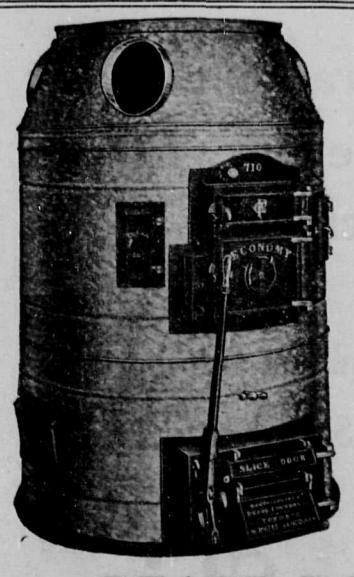

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Burnaby Occupies Invidious Position—Refusal to Contribute to Preliminary Expenses brought about deadlock—Under Act, Burnaby can still Claim share of profits—Public Bodies may agitate to bring Burnaby Into Line—Amendment to Act is suggested.

"To be, or not to be, that is the question." Whether the work of completing the preliminary plans of the North Fraser Harbor can be carried out in time for their submission to the next session of the Federal Legislature, and thereby demonstrate that the municipalities interested are in real downright earnest in obtaining the assurance of the Dominion government that the business of constructing one of the largest fresh water harbors in the world will be entered on next year, appears to be acutely exercising the minds of the Harbor Commissioners.

The position at the present time is a peculiar one, and has almost reached the deadlock stage owing to shortness of funds caused by Burnaby's deflection from the scheme. It will be remembered that upon their appointment, the Harbor Commissioners asked for a guarantee of $30,000, to enable them to carry out the preliminary surveys and obtain sufficient data to prepare plans of the scheme, from the four municipalities concerned—Richmond, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Burnaby—each paying a quarter of the amount required or $7,5000. Upon the matter being explained to them, the three first-named gave the necessary guarantee, and the finance committee of the Burnaby council made a recommendation to that council that a bylaw should be prepared for this purpose, but after a great deal of discussion the council shelved the bylaw. Burnaby, therefore, dropped out of the scheme, so far as contributing towards the preliminary evxpenses was concerned, which left the commissioners short of their estimated expenditure by $7,500.

According to the North Fraser Harbor Commissioners Act, however, although not bearing any share of the expenses, Burnaby will reap its proportion of the profits accruing from the work of the harbor, which is manifestly unfair. Section 16 of the act reads:

"After providing for the cost of management of all the property which the corporation owns, controls, or manages under the preceding sections and after providing for the cost of works or improvements authorized by the corporation and for the performance of the other duties imposed upon the corporation, and for capital charges and interest upon money borrowed by the corporation for improvements, and for all other liabilities of the corporation, and for a sinking fund to pay off any indebtedness incurred by the corporation, any surplus profits shall be the property of the municipalities of Richmond, South Vancouver, Burnaby and Point Grey, equally between them, and shall be paid over by the corporation to the treasurers of these municipalities."

It will thus be seen, that although Burnaby has refused to pay anything towards the preliminary expenses, when the time arrives for a distribution of profits, it will be quite within its rights in demanding its fourth share, which must be paid over under the provisions of the act. Another thing is that, taking it for granted that Burnaby was in line, the commissioners commenced the work, and have already completed nearly all the observations—including boring to ascertain the nature of the material that would have to be dredged, and the depth of water—along the Burnaby foreshore, the work there being undertaken first, the parties working down stream.

Funds are now running short, and with nothing coming from Burnaby, the serious position presents itself as to whether the plans can be completed. Outside work is practically at a standstill, just when it was going on so well, but the drawing of the plans is still proceeding from the data already obtained. But there is much yet to be ascertained, such as observations of tides, volume of water, and so on.

This is a matter that very seriously affects Richmond, Point Grey and South Vancouver, for with the harbor constructed on the North Arm of the Fraser river, a wonderful impetus will be given to those municipalities, and to the whole of the surrounding district generally, by the establishment of industries along the banks of the river, where they can be served with the facilities of ocean transportation. Perhaps with a little gentle pressure, the Burnaby Council might be brought into line; or, perhaps, if the council prove obdurate proper representations to the people of that municipality might be the means of compelling them to come up to time.

It is a question that should be taken up in earnest by all the public bodies in the three municipalities, and also by those of Burnaby. Much might be accomplished if the various councils, the boards of trade, and the ratepayers' associations took the question in hand, and we understand that a movement is on foot towards this end. Otherwise, it would seem these three municipalities will have to also provide the remainder of the money required, or the scheme will fall through—at any rate for the present.

The latter contingency must not be thought of for a moment, for it might be many years before the Dominion Government would again take the matter of the construction of a harbor on the North Arm in hand. It would be one of the greatest setbacks that could befall the district, for the argument of those opposed to the scheme, as well as of the Federal Government would be that the people here had so little confidence or interest in the development of a harbor on the North Arm that it was not worth considering.

One way out of the difficulty would be for the three municipalities—Richmond, Point Grey and South Vancouver—to finance the whole of the preliminary work which would be only adding another $2,5000 each at the most to what they have already provided, and then to apply for an amendment to the act so as to make the contribution that should have been paid by Burnaby, with full interest, a first charge on the profits that would accrue to the municipality, for, from the nature of the scheme, Burnaby cannot be left out of it altogether, especially now that the data there has been prepared. The other municipalities would, thus, obtain a refund, with interest, of their excess contribution.

Burnaby's objection appears to have arisen from the fact that the commissioners could not give them a guarantee that the depth of the channel past that territory would be forty feet. That, however, was impossible, as the dredging is expected to be done by the Dominion Government, as is the case with all the other large harbors in Canada. The excavation of many of these channels has only been accomplished by vast expenditure of money, as they have had to be made by blasting solid rock whereas the whole of the North Arm can be deepened by simple suction dredging, which will be a very small cost in comparison with the others.

Another scheme in connection with the North Arm, which is being urged by some of the industries along the banks, is to endeavor to induce the Dominion Government to dredge a thirty-foot deep channel from Eburne to the New Westminster boundary, to give access to these districts by ocean shipping, by way of the South Arm, they contending that this would give them sea transportation until the mouth of the North Arm is opened.

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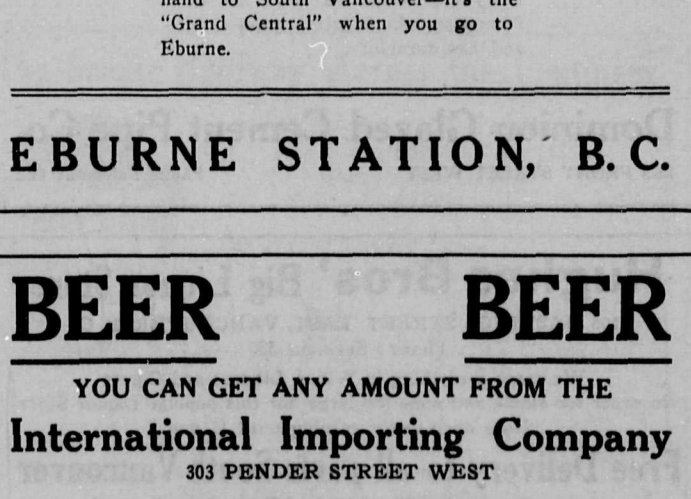

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