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BEGGING THE QUESTION.

"Wouldn't I be a fool," said Premier Bowser, or words to that effect, on more than one platform throughout the country (and we shall doubtless hear it again), "to bring 'pluggers' over from Seattle to vote for Mr. Macdonald?" And then Mr. Bowser pretends to believe that he has answered the charge that the whole "plugging" business, on which he is principally running this campaign, was a Government contrived and Government managed conspiracy. The flaw in Mr. Bowser's specious and shallow reply, as he is perfectly aware, is that there is no proof that the "plugging," whatever it amounted to, was done for Mr. Macdonald. That was but part of the conspiracy —the story put into the mouths of the Government procured and Government coached witnesses (self-confessed or convicted thugs, jail birds, and perjurers, for the most part); and they told the story so badly that they said they came over to vote for the "wet" candidate—which every one knew was Tisdall, the candidate of the Bowser Government, which stood solidly with and for the liquor interests, until the great scare thrown into the Government by the by-elections, which brought about convulsions, out of which evolved the pretended "dry" conversion with a suddenness and over-doneness that was at once undignified and ludicrous.

As the "pluggers" voted for the "wet" or Bowser candidate in the by-election, it follows, therefore, according to Mr. Bowser's own reasoning, that he or his agents procured and "personally conducted" the "pluggers'" expeditions, of which there was lots of corroborative evidence. To achieve the double purpose of the "plugging"—the election of Tisdall, if possible, and the throwing of discredit upon the Liberals to try to partially offset the bad repute with the country which the Government was keenly conscious of, it was necessary to have chosen crooked instruments work their way into the Liberal organization under guise of doing ordinary, legitimate work, which there is ample evidence was the only kind of work that was paid for by the Liberals. The instigation, as well as the pay, for any dirty, unlawful work those instruments did—and it is evident they did do some—*came from outside the Liberal party!* Which explains why Premier Bowser hastened, by the issue and extraordinary advertisement of a warrant, to scare Scott, the pivot of the crooked work, out of the country, and is evidently determined to keep him out—having recently refused Liberal requests to withdraw the warrant and co-operate in bringing Scott back—even if he (Bowser) has to continue to comply with demands to "send money," such as was lately received by Premier Bowser's confidential man, John L. Sullivan, Vancouver saloon keeper, from Scott, in Seattle, under threat that he (Scott) would otherwise "return and expose the whole election scandal." This incriminating telegram, be it remembered, was published in the Vancouver Province, a Government paper, which also stated that Sullivan had showed it to Bowser, who suggested that the Province should send a reporter over to Seattle to get a "story"!

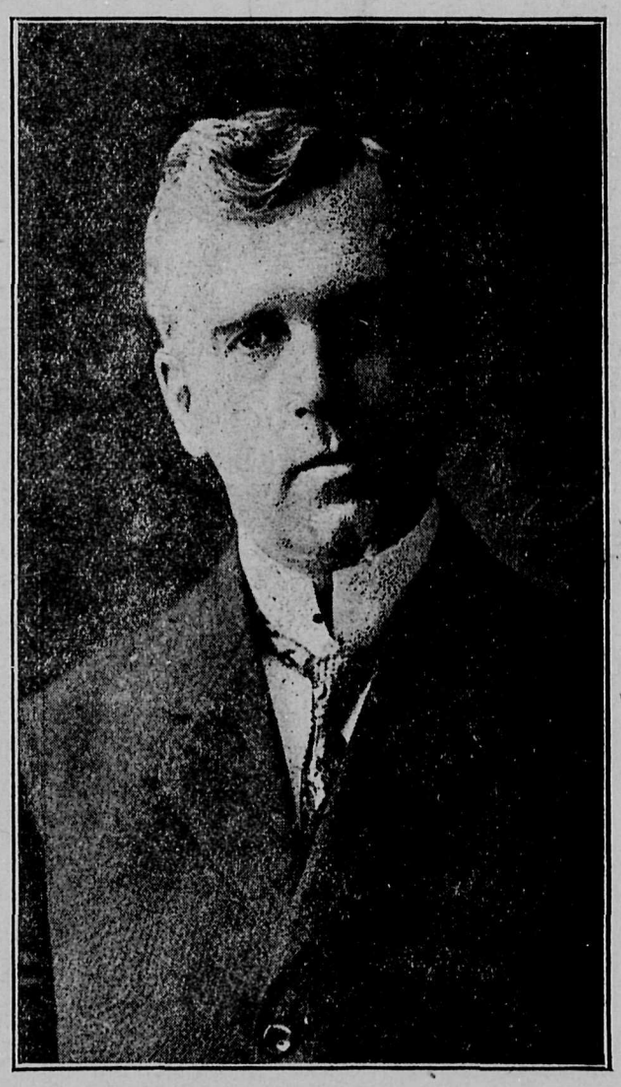
The only thing the matter with Premier Bowser's reply quoted at the beginning of this article, to the well founded, practically unanswerable, charge that the whole "plugging" business was a conspiracy from first to last of himself and his crooked instruments, is the fact that that reply is based upon a deliberately falsified premise—that the "plugging" was done for M. A. Macdonald—so as to work out to a false conclusion. Straighten out the premise so as to accord with the clearly indicated fact—that the "plugging" was done for C. E. Tisdall, the Bowser and "wet" candidate—and Premier Bowser stands convicted by his own argument, as well as by all the overwhelmingly corroborative and converging evidence, of having done the very thing that, with such affected and sham innocence, like the cat that stole the cream, he pretends to deny having done. It will be noticed that he does not directly deny, but sets up a knowingly false premise to do the denying and lying for him.

Mr. H. H. Stevens, Dominion member for Vancouver, or Burrard, as it is called, has been "doing his bit" for Bowserism in the present campaign. He answered an S. O. S. signal by Minister of Lands Ross, kicked out of Fernie and trying to woo Prince George, and made no less than eleven speeches for the Bowser political refugee. At home, Mr. Stevens, is a devout and most unctuous prohibitionist, but, like Rev. Mr. Boulton in Burnaby, he "cut the prohibition bunk" completely out of his Prince George addresses —having failed even to mention the prohibition referendum. He got a straight pointer, like Mr. Boulton again, it is said, that the liquor interests should not be antagonized, and, ditto, ditto, he took the hint.

WESTMINSTER'S NEXT MEMBER.

In its exaggerated "write-up" of Mr. Thos. Gifford, representative of New Westminster in the Provincial Legislature for the past fourteen years, the Columbian lays stress upon the alleged fact that Mr. Gifford is a man "depended upon by fellow members and by Ministers," who "really has made good," who "hasn't to make a reputation; he has it," and refers to Mr. Gifford's opponent in this election as "the man who is unknown, the man who will be helpless to do anything for his constituency in opposition and who could do little as a supporter of a government."

It is not necessary and we do not intend to say anything derogatory to or in disparagement of Mr. Thos. Gifford. The Columbian has more than done that, as much by what it has said as by what it has failed to say in its supposed recommendation of Mr. Gifford to the electors. Mr. Gifford is a good citizen, and we believe incapable of knowingly doing a dishonorable act. But he is incapable of other things as well. He is without essential qualifications as a public man, and lacking these, among which is the ability to discern and fathom the guiles and wiles of designing men, he is just the man to be made use of, as he has been made use of, by the shrewd and unscrupulous politi-



MR. DAVID WHITESIDE.

cians with whom, unfortunately, his political life has been cast. Of course, he could be "depended upon by Ministers," and by "fellow members," who were practically all in the same relation to Ministers. That is what he was there for. That is why no more sophisticated or independent minded Conservative has been permitted to obtain the party nomination in this city. He has undoubtedly "made good"—for somebody, through the Ministers who could "depend upon him"—for Mackenzie & Mann and Foley, Welch and Stewart, for instance. And he has a political "reputation"—of a sort, for which he is not personally responsible—made for him by the Ministers who "depended upon" him to do as he was told. In return, he got what he asked for—in the ordinary way of necessary local appropriations. The same process was repeated in other constituencies. The old game of trying to bribe the people with their own money, while the bribers were playing the devil with the country's larger interests.

We are glad that Mr. David Whiteside, Liberal candidate for New Westminster, whose true portrait we present herewith, has not had a "reputation" thrust upon him such as the local Bowser organ attributes to Mr. Gifford. We are glad that he has not "made good" in the same way. Of course, he has not had the opportunity, as we are told Mr. Gifford has had. But he has the qualities and qualifications that assure that he would and will "make good" in a very different way. He thoroughly realizes that the taking "tithe of mint and anise and cummin" for his constituency is among the lesser and meaner duties of a representative. These he will do, as a mere incident, as a matter of course—not as receiving a bribe or hush money on behalf of his constituents. At the same time, he will not leave the other undone. He will not omit "the weightier matters of the law—judgment and mercy and truth." And he has the qualifications and the essential character to well acquit himself in these duties of a representative and to make the name of New Westminster stand for something in the Legislature, besides that of a mere grubber for gain, without regard to the cost.

Mr. Whiteside, we are told by the Bowser panegyrist, is "unknown." Well, there are worse things than to be unknown—to be too well known, for instance. But Mr. Whiteside is not altogether unknown in British Columbia or in New Westminster. And he will be better known, and will improve with acquaintance. In other words, he will "make good" in the true sense of that much abused term. Born in Scarboro, Ont., in 1870, Mr. Whiteside received his legal education in Toronto, graduating from Osgoode Hall in that city in the year 1895. In December, 1899, he came to British Columbia, and, shortly after qualifying to practice law in this Province, entered into partnership with Mr. J. A. Macdonald, then leader of the Liberal party of British Columbia and now Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, under the firm name of Macdonald & Whiteside, the firm's business being carried on at Grand Forks, B. C. Mr. Whiteside continued in partnership with Mr. Macdonald until the latter was appointed Chief Justice. In September, 1910, Mr. Whiteside was appointed Registrar of Companies, and held that position until August, 1912, when he resigned, to accept a partnership in the firm of Whiteside (W. J. Whiteside—his brother) & Edmonds, of this city. Mr. Whiteside's speeches reveal the fact that he has made a close study of the political problems of the day, and is in every way qualified to represent this city, and greatly to its advantage, in the Provincial Legislature.

In the practically certain event of a new Government being in power as a result of the general election on September 14th, Mr. Whiteside would be a tower of strength to that Government, either as a member or supporter. And, in the exceedingly improbable event of British Columbia being cursed with any vestige of Bowser rule after that date, the presence of such a man as Mr. Whiteside in the Legislature would be more than ever necessary.

HERE AND THERE.

The notorious Bob Green, a member of the McBride-Bowser Government in its hey-day, but who found it better for himself and the Government to get out and grab the Federal representation for Kootenay, has been trying to assist his old pals in this campaign, in the Kootenays. He has had a very mixed reception, at some meetings not being able to get a hearing at all.

The little fellows that float around the machine say, "If you beat Bowser, you beat Borden." My reply is, "If it is necessary to keep Sir Robert Borden in power in order to pick dry the bones of B. C., Sir Robert Borden will have to go." It will be found, however, that Sir Robert Borden is in power when Bowserism is dead and buried."—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in speech at Victoria, last week.

The Government papers, the local paper included, are being paid so much an inch to carry great double-column concoctions of anonymous, irresponsible campaign slanders, composed of absolute falsehoods or distortions of the truth, for which no one can be held responsible. The one headed "Good-bye, Sun," is a sample, and illustrates, incidentally, the ardent and dangerous desire of the Bowser Government and party to be rid, at all costs, of any criticism of their acts, either in the House or through the press. It was by almost achieving that desire that they reached the dark depths to which they have descended, but the light has been turned on and they will not be permitted to drag the country down.

"Hearst Ministers' 'trim' for votes. Panic over Toronto seat shakes policies. Anything now to win. Pleadings and promisings tumbling from every Government platform. Some startling changes wrought over hydro and nickel." These headings, from the Globe just prior to the recent unfortunate by-election for the Hearst (Conservative) Government in Toronto, might, with a very few changes, have been written as a snap-shot outline of the political situation in this Province. For "Hearst," read "Bowser;" for "Toronto," "Vancouver;" for "Hydro and "Nickel," "Prohibition and land policies," and all that remains to complete the parallel is the returns of September 14th next, which have been feebly forecasted and symbolized by the startling reverse suffered by the Hearst Government in Toronto. The only difference will be there'll be no Bowser Government after the returns of September 14th are fully in and declared.

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AN EMBALMED EFFIGY.

The European despatches bearing upon the war related a weird and gruesome story, some weeks ago. The aged Emperor of Austria-Hungary, Francis Joseph, who has lived well over the allotted span and has been the dynastic and personal bond of the dual monarchy so long that he has become an Institution, inseparable almost from the existence of the State, was reported to have succumbed at last to the weight of his years and accumulated anxieties as a result of the war. To avoid, or at least defer, the panic which it was feared might follow a knowledge of the fact, the story went on, the demise of the monarch was carefully concealed from the people, and his embalmed figure, with the wonted imperial trappings as in life, displayed in the palace balcony, to give assurance to the not too critical that their Franz Joseph still lived.

The uncanny story, apparently, was not true; but it would seem to have served the purpose of providing a valuable suggestion to the esteemed local Columbian in its extremity—trying to galvanize a dead party and give a semblance of life to a dead candidate politically, by exhibiting a grotesquely embalmed and stuffed effigy of that candidate in the editorial balcony or show-case, so to speak, of the paper. From the embalmed figure of the "last of the Hapsburgs" in the Imperial balcony at Vienna, in awful stillness acknowledging the acclaim of his subjects, to the straw-and-old-rag-stuffed effigy of our habitual and hardly less silent ex-member, lying solemly in state in the cock-loft of the Columbian's somewhat overheated imagination, is surely more than a step—a jump!—from the sublime to the ridiculous. The best friends of the modest Mr. Gifford, gazing at the stuffed and stilted specimen evolved by the hard working political obituary writer of the local Bowser organ (a little poetic licence, is permitted, of course, in post mortem literature) will be forced to exclaim, with the hayseed viewing the gyasticutis at the circus: "There ain't no sech animile!"

Why, good old Tom Gifford himself would need an extension step-ladder, a reverse-action magnifying glass, and an introduction, before he could recognize his political lineaments and proportions in the preposterously swelled-head freak figure the Columbian set up—in which ancient history even was levied upon, and grotesquely falsified, and all the tail feathers pulled out of the luckless khaki candidate for Delta by the enthusiastic taxidermist to trim up Tom Gifford's laughably top-heavy head-dress. Everything that ever happened almost in and about New Westminster—and some things that didn't—were, in the Columbian's rhapso-drospical fervor, attributed to Mr. Gifford. There were just a few trifles that would appear to have been overlooked, and we hasten to suggest these: The Exhibition Buildings, the Public Market, the Lulu Island bridge, the Colony Farm (with full roll call of pure bred stock), the Lunatic Asylum, the B.C. Penitentiary, the Carnegie Library, the Provincial Gaol, and the Aurora Borealis.

Seriously, if the Columbian does not wish to make the local Bowser candidate ridiculous—a sort of Pilgrim's Progress Calithumpian procession all by himself, carrying around a load of ascribed and imputed political grabbings and gettings out of all proportion to the size of the victim or the facts of the case, it ought to desist, and pull in its scarecrow. More seriously, this deformed political monstrosity of the Columbian's imagination, representing merely its ideal of what a representative of New Westminster (or any other constituency) in the Legislature ought to be, is neither more nor less than a shameless advertisement by the organ of its own and its party's hopeless political depravity. The Columbian's dummy is just the sort of representative the "rubber-stamp" Legislatures of the past decade or so have been chiefly composed of—just the stamp of representative the one- or two-man Government, with the gang of exploiters and grafters behind it, wanted, and took care to get!—small men, obsessed with the mole-eyed idea that their sole duty as representatives of the people is to grub and grovel and grab for the little things that particular constituencies are entitled to, and barter their political souls for these, while their complaisant and conscienceless masters are playing the big game over the heads of the grunting rooters, with the resources of the Province and the liberties and vital interests of the people as the counters.

The very kind of representative that the Columbian has laboriously constructed for our admiration as a true effigy of the late member for New Westminster (we have had the same sort of thing served up ad nauseam with regard to the late member for Delta) is the kind of representative, multiplied by twenty or so, that has made possible the scandalous carnival of exploitation, corruption, and extravagance that have been the outstanding features of Provincial administration for years past—each representative digging in for his own constituency, chiefly in many instances for his own little coterie, with the implied, if not express, understanding that the Government should have a free hand to do as it liked with the larger and vital interests of the Province, so long as it made the members "solid with their constituents" and enabled them to help their friends. That is the kind of representative and the kind of Government—they go together—that the people of British Columbia, including New Westminster, Delta, Dewdney and the rest, have made up their minds *shall* go together, on September 14th next.

ITALY AND ROUMANIA.

Sunday last witnessed two important political events—destined to have immediately not less important military consequences—in the development of the great war. First in order, being announced Sunday morning, but not in importance, the formal declaration of war by Italy against Germany, thus ending the anomaly, which has subsisted for over a year, of being nominally at peace with one power, and that the principal, while at war with an ally of that power. The second event, proclaimed the evening of the same day, was the long expected, oft foretold, at last realized, definite and deliberate entrance of Roumania into the war, on the side of the Entente Allies. Germany retorted by immediately declaring war on Roumania, but that doesn't count.

Italy's action marks an end of reported German influences at the Quirinal and signalizes the complete solidarity and co-operation of the Allies on all fronts. The accession of Roumania means half a million of well equipped fresh troops thrown into the balance against the Central Powers, with two or three hundred thousand more eventually available. Politically, morally, and strategically, by reason of Roumania's geographical position, as bearing particularly upon impending great developments in the Balkan theatre of the war centreing at Saloniki, it means probably more than can be easily imagined, looking ahead a little: The falling into line of Greece, in all likelihood, already indicated; the break-up of Bulgaria, and the collapse of Turkey, soon; with who knows what early consequences to sorely pressed and harrassed Austria-Hungary—and then "On to Berlin!"

We may not and should not indulge in too sweepingly optimistic anticipations and predictions. The Wild Boar of Germany will yet slash fearfully with his tusks before being taken in his lair. But the flowing tide of victory is now fairly with the Allies. Nemesis is hot on the trail at last

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HERE AND THERE

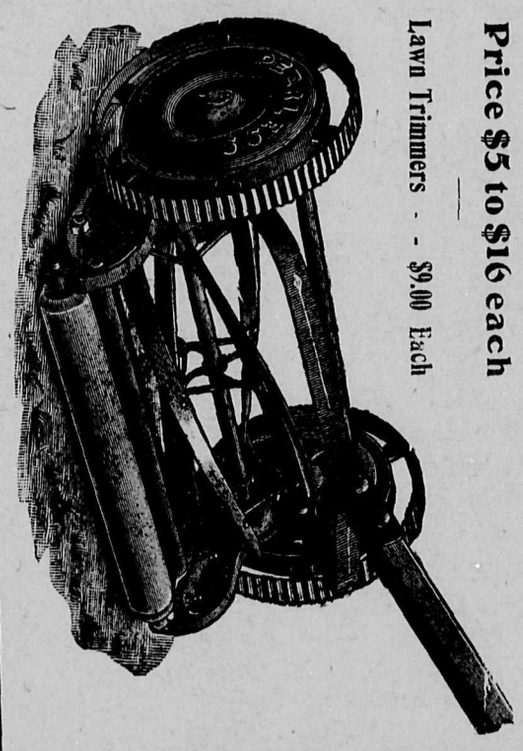
The News-Advertiser of Aug. 31st, over a London despatch "from a staff correspondent," displays this head: "Soldiers poll heavy at Bramshott Camp. 1700 votes recorded in three days. Mr. F. W. Welsh spends a busy week." Naturally.

The Government are not doing any promising in this campaign—they are running it strictly on their record, declared one of the Government sponsors, the other day, evidently because both statements are as far as possible removed from the truth. The very keynote of the Government's campaign, which Premier Bowser struck at the outset, early in June last, when speaking in Nanaimo, as reported by the Government press, was promising of the most reckless and wholesale description. Here it is: "He invited the residents of Nanaimo to urge anything they would like done, and, if the Government could conscientiously do so, they would be very pleased to carry out the suggestion." That sort of thing has been repeated, with variations, all over the Province.

Rev. Mr. Boulton, Bowser candidate in the South Vancouver-Burnaby riding, has already begun to exemplify the truth of the adage that "Evil communications corrupt good manners." He started out, naturally enough for a ministerial (clerical, not political sense) candidate, strong on prohibition; but rumor has it that he was roughly told by influential local "wet" interests closely affiliated with the Bowser party to "cut out that bunk!" if he wanted to get elected. Rumor must have been correct in this instance, for the "bunk" has been "cut," and the very Rev. Mr. Boulton is applauded ostentatiously by the publicans now at his meetings, which are not noticeably "dry" any more. He has begun to take a little slack rope on the patronage evil question, which he declares, rightly enough, must be abolished, but he'll be brought up with a round turn there, too, pretty soon, if he tries to stay in the Bowser corral.

With the return to the Coast of the two big political B's—Brewster and Bowser—the centre of gravity, ikewise the storm centre, in the political sphere, has shifted to this "neck of the woods," and there will be "something doing every minute" now till The Day—September 14th—only thirteen (there's that thirteen again) fateful days hence. Bowserism might better save its breath to say its prayers; but it will doubtless continue to make the welkin ring with harsh and discordant cries, misrepresentations, and imprecations, and in the end will have to be strapped to the chair and sent to the "drop." Mr. Bowser, the News-Advertiser says, will speak five times in Vancouver, besides rushing up to Lillooet Saturday, Kamloops Monday (doesn't say whether he'll meet Sullivan there again to frame up some more "plugging"), Chilliwack Tuesday (where he'll tell 'em again about "going down with flags flying"), and back to Vancouver, to "end," as the N-A. dismally forebodes, "with a double header," There's no doubt of it. It will be awful.

Our own and inimitable Joe Martin is back in Vancouver again, after a "flying visit" to London town, jollying his East St. Pancras constituents, and warming his seat a few minutes in the House of Commons. He informed an Eastern Canadian newspaper interviewer that he had come back to look after his Cariboo candidacy in the Dominion House (nothing like having two strings, etc.), and further the aquiline-beaked and eagle-eyed one demonstrated anew his political shrewdness by declaring: "I can not see anything but defeat for the Government in British Columbia." To a Province reporter who invited him to talk on arriving in Vancouver, the other day, the candid Joseph exploded as follows: "The appointment of Mr. F. W. Welsh was rotten," and he said this with emphasis. "It should never have been made and I am surprised that it ever was made. I am sorry that Welsh was ever sent to England. I do not mean to say that Welsh will do anything wrong—Sir Richard will see to that—but he should not have been sent there in view of what has taken place out here." Sir Richard would better have justified "fighting Joe's" good opinion of his pious intentions if he had abated the scandal by refusing to recognize the "rotten appointment," instead of allowing the slimy and "Soapy" one to spend "a busy week" plus some more among the soldier voters of Bramshott and other camps.



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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Monday is Labor Day—nothing doing.

Joe Martin is billed to speak for G, G. McGeer, Liberal candidate for Richmond.

Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald, it is expected, will speak here either Friday next or the following Monday.

Open season for grizzly bear, deer, duck, geese, etc., begins Monday: grouse in this district, Sept. 18; cock pheasants, Oct. 18 to Nov. 18.

The grain on the Delta is practically all cut, and threshing is under way, Oats are a particularly good crop this year, and the wheat is also good.

The tag day to raise funds to provide a club for returned soldiers of the city and district announced for Sept. 1 has been postponed until Friday, Sept. 8.

The Columbian only borrowed MacKenzie's tail feathers to trim up Gifford's political bonnet, and stuck 'em back in position again a few days later.

The Kaiser has fired his chief of staff Von Falkenhayn, and appointed the popular wooden idol Von Hindenberg in his place. But swapping horses won't avail.

Stanley B. Hembrough, who has been connected with the Burnaby waterworks department, enlisted for active service with the 231st Highlanders Battalion last Saturday.

Owing to Monday next, Sept. 4, being Labor Day, a public holiday, local stores will be closed from Saturday noon, September 2, until Tuesday morning, September 5.

The refreshment booth conducted by Circle B of the St. John's Voluntary Aid was re-opened at the City Market to-day and will be conducted on market days throughout the autumn and winter.

City Medical Health Officer Dr. G. T. Wilson and Aldermen McAdam, Bryson and Eastman made a trip of inspection to Coquitlam Lake, Wednesday, to inspect the source of the city's drinking water.

Mr. F. J. McKellar, general secretary of the local Y.M.C.A., returned to this city, Monday, after three weeks' absence, part of which he spent at the summer school of the Y.M.C.A., at Seabeck, Wash.

Mrs. W. White, president of the local W.C.T.U., tendered her resignation at the meeting of the union held Tuesday afternoon at Queen's Park, as she intends leaving, shortly, for Alberta, to spend the winter with her family.

That portion of the Pacific Highway leading from the Boundary to Blaine is now closed, owing to paving work, and autoists travelling south must turn off one mile this side of the Canadian immigration offices and go through Douglas.

When you buy merchandise for your home, you patronize the merchant who reduces cost and gives careful service. Buy your insurance on the same principle and place it in one of the best companies available at a reduced rate. Alfred W. McLeod, the Insurance Man.*

Everything points to the calling off of the universal railway strike in the U. S. for an eight-hour day, slated for Monday. President Wilson has been busy and Congress is framing an emergency eight hour measure. The strike would tie up everything and starve the big cities.

The funeral of the late Capt. Eden James, who died suddenly, last week, was held, Saturday afternoon, from Bowell's mortuary to the Fraser Cemetery. Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. P. Walsh, J. Walsh, J. W. Shepherd, Capt. E. T. McLennan, and Capt. A. McLennan.

Mr. W. J. Brandrith, an old time resident of East Burnaby, who has been living at Boundary Bay, has taken up his residence again on Eighteenth avenue, Burnaby. His son, Pte. B. J. Brandrith, with the overseas forces at Camp Hughes, Sewell, twenty miles east of Brandon, was in the city last week on a visit.

The report has been unofficially confirmed that it is the plan of the Canadian military authorities to brigade four of the battalions now in British Columbia, of which there are five, and place them under Col. Tobin, who has returned from service at the front. The latter thus would have a general supervision of the rest of their local training and would take them to the Old Country.

The North Vancouver Council has adopted the report of its committee of investigation into the recent burglary of the municipal vault in the City Hall, whereby $10,000 in cash and securities (about $4,000 cash) was stolen. The report recommended the dismissal of Treasurer Humphreys and his three assistants, Mr. Hope, Mr. Shepherd, and Miss Nelson, on account of contributory negligence, apparently, dismissal to take effect Sept. 30th next.

The final Up Country meeting in the Liberal interests was held by Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald at Vernon, Monday night, and was a great success for the Liberal cause, contributed to by the efforts of some disorderly Government hecklers. In answer to an inquiry, Mr. Brewster declared himself in favor of the suggestion to raise British Columbia's share of the Canadian Patriotic Fund by taxation, so that everyone would pay his share.

City Market.

There was another very fair market to-day, with meats light, as usual this time of year, and prices ranging the same as last week. Poultry was in large supply again, exceeding the demand, with the result that prices declined a little, broilers selling at 14c to 17c and hens 14c to 16c. Ducks went begging at 13c to 15c. Eggs maintained their price, at 36c wholesale, 40c retail. Butter, dairy, retailed at 35c to 40c. Potatoes registered a drop, to 90c per sack, $16 per ton. In fruit, plums, of which there was a fair supply and poor demand, brought 50c to 75c per crate, and apples, which were in good supply, sold readily at 80c to $1 per box. Some nice strawberries, everbearing variety, were snapped up at 15c per box.

SAPPERTON MEETING.

Well Attended Liberal Meeting in Johnston's Hall Hears Whiteside, Oliver, Lyon, and Mrs. J. O. Perry.

Johnston's Hall, Sapperton, was nearly filled, Wednesday evening, notwithstanding the rather warm weather, to hear Mr. David Whiteside, Liberal candidate for the city, John Oliver, for Dewdney, and others. Mr. Joseph Cameron acted as chairman.

Mr. H. V. Lyon, of Vancouver, opened the meeting with a short stirring address, concluding by citing the historical case of a great Polish general who had sacrificed his son, captured and put in the forefront of the enemy's battle line, on the ground that he was a Pole before he was a father. Mr. Lyon exhorted the electors to remember on Sept. 14 that they were citizens of British Columbia, of Canada, before they were Conservatives, Liberals, or Socialists, and vote accordingly.

Mrs. J. O. Perry, of Vancouver, followed, for woman suffrage. Referring to the time limit of twenty minutes accorded her, Mrs. Perry remarked that she would have to talk like a sewing machine (laughter), the importance of the subject called for an hour and a half at least. She would pass over the chivalric appeal altogether and confine her remarks to the practical side. She candidly admitted that women wanted the vote to overturn things, and they needed overturning—a fact which the speaker proved to the satisfaction of her audience before she got through. Five years ago, Mrs. Perry said, she had worked and spoken against woman suffrage herself, but she had gone into social service work in Vancouver and had got her eyes opened. In this connection, she told some harrowing tales of the debauching of young girls, and the light punishment or no puaishment at all meted out under man made laws. It had remained for the women to call attention to these fearful wrongs and todemand a remedy. Men had divorced womanhood from the government of the country, and the consequence was it was engrossed entirely with financial and material matters, and had lost sight of the life issues. The element of paternity was absolutely lacking in the government.

Mr. David Whiteside, who was the next speaker, said he had been much impressed by Mrs. Perry's eloquent and moving address, and, if he had not long been a convert to woman suffrage, he would have been after hearing Mrs. Perry's address. One of the planks of the Liberal platform, Mr. Whiteside noted in this connection, was woman suffrage. Another was abolishing the abominable patronage system, which Bowser said couldn't be done. Strict control of the capitalization of incorporated companies was another of the great and most urgently needed reforms the Liberals would make. As things were, a man with assets worth no more than $5 could incorporate a company with a capital of $5,000,000 and unload his stock on the public. Mr. Whiteside cited many notorious instances of the criminal wrongs that had been done in this way in British Columbia, such as the Dominion Trust, Canadian Collieries, etc., under the utter absence of control of incorporated companies by this Government. And yet we heard the parrot cry of Government apologists that the Liberals had no policy. Another reform which the Liberals would inaugurate would be to make the Auditor-General independent of the Government, and Mr. Whiteside gave recent examples where the Auditor-General had been compelled by the Treasury Board (the Bowser Government) to pass exorbitant expenditures which he had at first refused to pass. The Government had so managed things that the Auditor-General had no check at all on the railway expenditures of the Government. Mr. Whiteside appealed to the electors to exercise their franchise as patriots, and not as party men. (Applause).

Mr. John Oliver, in opening, spoke in appreciative terms of the address of Mrs. Perry, and reminded the audience that woman suffrage had repeatedly come up in the House for years past and had always been voted down by the Government. The Liberals would enact it, however, after the general election, whether the referendum carried or not. Speaking of the great war, Mr Oliver remaaked that there eqnally important duties at home. This was not a party fight that the Liberals were leading so much as a fight for political right and justice. If the Government had carried out the Conservative platform adopted in convention of the Conservative party, he (Mr. Oliver) would not be in this fight. But this was not a Conservative Government and never had represented the true Conservatives of British Columbia. Mr. Oliver then recited telling figures of the Government's financial and railway maladministration, and concluded by mentioning some of the things the Liberals would do when returned to power. They would lop off two or three millions annually of extravagances and unnecessary expenditures. (In this connection, Mr. Oliver showed that this Government had increased salaries from $363,000 to $1,700,000 and "miscellaneous" from $161,000 to $3,900,000.) Then they would promote production, which had been neglected. They would give the women a vote. They would give a clean election law, and make "plugging" absolutely impossible. They would give direct legislation, the referendum, and proportional representation, which would give every party in the Province representation in the Legislature according to its numbers. (Applause.)

DEATH OF CAPT. PEELE

One of Best and Widely Known Pioneers of New Westminster Passes Away, at Age of Seventy-five — A Militar Funeral.

New Westminster will long miss the familiar figure of Captain Adolphus Peele, removed by death, on Saturday afternoon last, after nearly half a century's continuous residence in the city, during most of which time he took a very active interest in the public life of the community, especially in connection with military and meteorological matters, being the leading spirit and local oracle in these respects for the pioneer period particularly, and an enthusiastic supporter and promoter, besides, of patriotic celebrations and the annual May Day festival, historic with the Royal City, right up to the time of his death. Two or three generations of little ones, by whom he will be greatly missed, have hung breathlessly on the May Day weather "probs" of Capt. Peele.

The old Hyack Volunteer Fire Brigade had no more energetic or enthusiastic member than the late Capt. Peele, and he mustered and captained the firing squad of the Hyack Anvil Battery's annual Royal Salute on the Queen's Birthday, from the pioneer days down to date, being at his post as usual on Victoria day last May, when "movies" were taken of this interesting pioneer survival.

Born at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, England, on August 21, 1841, and receiving an excellent education in the Old Country, with a special view to his profession as chemist and druggist, Adolphus Peele came to British Columbia in 1862, landing in Victoria, where he remained for a little over seven years, doing special reportorial work during a portion of that time on the Victoria Colonist, under D. W. Higgins as editor. In 1870, the late Capt. Peele removed to New Westminster and went into business as a chemist and druggist, from which he did not retire until 1892. He took a part in the organization of the first volunteer rifle company in Briiish Columbia and was captain of the New Westminster Rifles, Canadian militia, for many years, and was one of a number of brilliant target marksmen of the early days.

As observer of the New Westminster meteorological station, Capt. Peele was known all over the Province, having been provided with all the necessary instruments for a first-class station by both the Dominion and United States services. He had a most valuable collection of meteorological observations for the Province, and was an authority on such subjects. In connection with the taking of the Dominion census for 1891, the late Capt. Peele was appointed and acted as Census Commissioner for a large portion of the Province, and he served as both Dominion and Provincial Returning Officer on several occasions, including the first Dominion election in B. C., held at Granville, now Vancouver.

Within a week or so of his death, the late Capt. Peele was around and active as usual, but was suddeniy prostrated on Thursday of last week, and taken to the Royal Columbian Hospital, where he died without recovering consciousness. Saturday, as stated, from hemorrhage of the brain. He leaves, besides his wife (formerly Miss Julia Pitts, of Victoria), two daughters—Mrs. John Chisholm, of Portland, Or., and Miss Jeanette Peele—and six sons—Percy R., Collector of Customs, Abbottsford; Hereward J., manager of the Southwest Missouri Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo.; Clarence D., business manager of the Columbian, this city; Stanley G., assistant manager B. C. Electric Railway Co., Victoria; Sidney, practicing physician, Vancouver, and Oswald S., of the Dominion Fisheries Service, this city. The youngest son, Garnet, died, over a year ago, in Seattle.

The late Capt. Peele was buried with full military honors, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from Murchie's undertaking parlors to Holy Trinity Cathedral, thence to Fraser Cemetery, followed by an unusually large procession, including the firing squad from the 104th Regiment. Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe conducted the funeral ceremonies at the church and the grave. The pallbearers were five sons of the deceased—Percy R., Clarence D., Stanley G, Sidney, and Oswald—and Mr S. J. Pitts, of Victoria, brother of Mrs. Peele.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

Tentative Plans for Market on Lytton Square Authorized—Street Lighting System to be Changed—That "Special Survey."

At the weekly Council meeting, Monday night, all were present except Ald. Johnston, who was out of town. The usual grist of communications and reports were dealt with, the subjects of most interest being the question of site for projected new market—Lytton Square or foot of Tenth street—brought up by report by Ald. Goulet, and the errors, anomalies, and injustices of the so-called "special survey" of New Westminster, elaborated on at some length by Ald. Eastman. Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, No. 2, was greeted, on first reading, as an old and rather troublesome friend under a new name, with a mixture of raillery and derision—a storm signal for some future occasion. Ald. Goulet, with a wry face, accepted paternity for the foundling, which was then put to sleep for the evening.

Communications.

The following communications were received and dealth with.

From the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, enclosing a copy of a letter from Lord Landsdowne, president of the British Red Cross Society, soliciting contributions throughout the Empire this year again, in aid of the increased requirements of the Society, October 19 being the day appointed for special efforts in that behalf.

The Mayor explained that he had taken this matter up with the president of the St. John's Ambulance Association and the regent of the Daughters of the Empire, who would arrange tag days for the purpose. A public meeting would also be called to take further measures.

The communication was, on motion, received and referred to the Finance Committee to act.

From the local Government, re old irrigation tank at No. 2 Fire Hall, N. E. corner of Gaol Reserve, disagreeing with the city's view that the tank is unsightly and ought to be removed; stating, per contra, that the tank is a considerable asset to the Government, as it furnishes water for irrigation and stable purposes; but agreeing to remove same on condition that the city provide free water for the gaol for purposes mentioned for ten years, the estimated remaining life of the tank, which, the letter states, was re-covered less than two years ago, at considerable expense.

On motion of Ald Dodd and Eastman, received and referred to the Medical Health Officer and the Building Inspector for investigation and report to the Council.

From the City Solicitors, re Coquitlam Lake reserve, with copy of a letter just received from Supt. of Dominion Water Power Branch in reference to proposed logging operations at Coquitlam Lake, regretting delay in answering former communication, and stating matter is receiving careful attention of the Department and that city will be further advised very shortly; also that, in the meantime, a joint inspection is being carried on by the engineers of the B. C. Hydrometric Survey and the Crown Timber Agent at New Westminster in regard to this matter. Received and filed.

From the City Solicitors, with copy of a letter from Cleveland & Cameron, surveyors who made the "special survey" of the city some years ago, re cost of completing same, which would range from $50, for merely "correcting clerical errors," to $600, "to comply with the memorandum furnished us two years ago by the Registrar." Received and filed, further action being laid over until a later order of business.

From the City Solicitors, re John R. Mitchell, stating they had, under instructions of the Chief of Police, entered an appeal against the decision of the Police Magistrate, given on the 21st inst., dismissing the case against this man, who was charged with having driven motor 8022 on the public streets of this city while in a state of intoxication. Since the dismissal a great deal more evidence had been discovered making the case much clearer against accused, which was the reason for the appeal. City Solicitor's action, on motion, approved.

From Phyllis Preston, re light service for 1929 Eighth ave., agreeing to pay at least $16 per annum for same. Light Committee authorized to have City Solicitors prepare agreement.

From Taylor, Harvey, Grant & Co., Vancouver, solicitors for J. Hanbury & Co., demanding $350 for loss of a mare impounded by City Pound Keeper, and alleged to have been choked to death through carelessness in tying. Referred to City Solicitors and Finance Committee for report.

From C. A. Slaney Coffee Co., re display of goods at market, stating Market Clerk had insisted goods must be enclosed in show case, which would be of no service to applicant. Referred to Market Committee to act.

From the Government Agent, re approach to Fraser River bridge, stating Government had no objection to bearing expense of bringing approach at north end of bridge to same level as paving at junction of approach with Columbia st. On motion, the City Engineer was instructed to take up matter with Hassam Paving Co.

From Clarke, Wilson & Co., re roll of honor for city employees who had joined the colors, calling attention to their "exceptional facilities" for this class of work. Referred to the Finance Committee to report.

Reports.

Ald. Bryson, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported, recommending that the tender of Spring & Sibley at $26, for overhauling the City Hall furnace and installing parts supplied by the city, being the lowest, be accepted. Adopted.

Ald. Goulet, chairman of the Market Committee, reported, recommending that Engineer Stewardson and the Building Inspector be instructed to draw a sketch of a market building for Lytton Square, to be located 25 feet from the Lytton Hotel, extending 80 feet on Columbia street to Front street, said building to be three storeys high.

Ald. Dodd objected to this report on the ground that the Council had no authority for abandoning the Tenth street site for the market. After explanations by Ald. Goulet, Eastman, and Jardine, to the effect that the proposed plans for Lytton Square were tentative, that the Council already had plans for Tenth st., and that the whole matter of final location of the new market buildings would be referred to the ratepayers for settlement, objection was withdrawn, and the report adopted.

Ald. Eastman, chairman of the Electric Light Committee, reported, recommending that the City Electrician be authorized to change the street lighting system from arc lamp to nitrogen lamp, at an approximate cost of $1100; that the Canada Products Ltd. be authorized to erect two poles to which guy wires are to be attached, said poles not to exceed 40 feet in length, to be placed in line with electric light poles, and removed at company's expense, when requested by the city to do so. Adopted.

By-Laws.

The Barber Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, was reconsidered and finally passed.

The Milk By-law, 1913, Amenement By-law, 1916, was reconsidered and finally passed, with an amendment by Ald. Dodd reducing the fee for one cow dairies from $1 to 50 cts. for every six months.

The Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, No. 2, was read a first time.

New Business.

Ald. Jardine, under this head, brought up the matter of the daily newspapers occasionally publishing Council businsss, such as communications, before it had come before the Council, which was, he said, not advisable.

On motion of Ald. Eastman and Ald. Jardine, a motion was passed to the effect that hereafter communications addressed to the Council be not shown to representatives of the press until they had been brought before the Council.

Ald. Eastman, at this stage, again brought up the mtater of the "special survey" of the city, which he showed was full of errors, inaccuracies, vexatious changes, and injustices, practically cancelling titles in many cases, wiping out sub-divisions in some instances, and generally making it very expensive, in some cases impossible, to trace titles. He moved, seconded by Ald. Bryson, That the Mayor appoint a special committee to interview Mr. Gwynn, Registrar of Titles, with a view to ascertain what errors exist in the city map, and report. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Dodd, seconded by Ald. Goulet, That, as the Kingdom of Roumania has joined with the Allies in the European war, the flag of Roumania be hung with other flags in the Council Chamber. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned (on account of Monday being Labor Day) until Thursday, 31st inst., at 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ARMS.

Local Regiment Appeals to Citizens to Fill Up Its Ranks, Depleted by Recruiting for Overseas.

Following is the special appeal, briefly noted in last issue, which we publish at the request of Lieut.-Col. F. H. Cunningham, O. C. 104th Regt. W. F. of C., laying before the public and especially the citizens of New Westminster, on behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 104th Regiment, "the necessity for and desirability of increasing the ranks of the regiment up to at least peace strength." The appeal continues:

"The necessity for this appeal is owing to the fact that the call for duty was responded to so freely by the members of the regiment that its ranks have been practically depleted. In these stirring times every man capable of bearing arms should at least know the rudiments of drill and the requirements of a soldier, thus qualifying, should occasion require, for service in the defence of country and home. Unlike the countries situated in the war zone, we have been immune from any of the disastrous effects of war, and consequently may have overlooked the necessity for preparedness, which is so essential to success.

"There are a great number of men who, whilst conditions will not permit of them taking an active part on the battlefield, can at least do their share by joining the ranks of the home regiment. The boys of the city are doing "their bit" for the protection of flag and home in a far off country, and surely the least that can be done to encourage them is that all should ally themselves with some military organization, and thus convey to them that those at home are doing their share and fitting themselves for such assistance as may be necessary.

"In the campaign for recruits which is now being organized, we appeal to the employers of labor, the City Council, and an especial appeal is made to the business men of the city for their personal assistance and sympathy in building up the city's own regiment. We also appeal to the various ladies' associations established in our midst, as it is felt that, if their sympathy is obtained, success is assurred.

"Our boys in the trenches are working an average of one hundred and sixty-eight hours per week, and all we ask of the boys at home is two hours of their time each week, which can be profitably and pleasantly spent in military exercise. It should be an honor to be enrolled in the strength of the 104th Regiment, Westminster Fusiliers, a regiment which is allied with the "Munster Fusiliers," with a record for gallantry and bravery second to none in the history of the Empire. The weekly drill for the current season will start on the second Monday in September, and the parades will be under the supervision of efficient and capable officers, all of whom hold certificates of qualification for their respective ranks. The regiment has in its stores khaki uniforms and equipment for four companies, which will be distribnted to recruits after having been attested and the roll signed.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we appeal to you for your assistance and sympathy in filling the ranks of the 104th Regiment to at least peace strength, and we are sure, when you think it over, you will appreciate the necessity for the success of our campaign, and give us your best assistance in reaching the desired end."

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