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PROHIBITION BETRAYED.

It is becoming more apparent every day, as the campaign progresses, that, while making a pretence, for political purposes, of favoring the prohibition cause and setting it fairly and favorably before the people in a referendum, the Bowser Government has really from the first played fast and loose with the question, even after its avowed sudden conversion as a result of the by-elections, and has essentially betrayed the cause and minimized its chances of success. This apart altogether from the provisions of the bill itself, which have left it open to serious criticism as falling far short of being a prohibition measure—meriting support, however, as being a considerable step in the right direction.

The particular in which prohibition has had the most clean cut betrayal in the house of its professed friends is in the insistence by the Government, and the final acquiescence of the prohibition party leaders, contrary to the express instructions of the party convention, in taking the referendum vote at the same time as the general election. It will be remembered that the prohibition party in the Province, in convention at Vancouver, a year ago or so, laid it down most emphatically, and wisely, as one of the main stipulations, that the prohibition referendum vote, which they determined to ask the Government to take, should be submitted separately, and not at the time of a general election—obviously so that it might be kept free from any suspicion of party politics and that all prohitionists might be free to work together for its success, undistracted and undivided by other considerations and other engrossments.

The Liberal leaders readily recognized the reasonableness and the propriety of these proposals, and, when approached bp the prohibitionists, unequivocally promised to deal with the matter in this way, in accordance with the standing principle of direct legislation of the Liberal platform, for taking a referendum of the people on such questions. Sir Richard McBride, who was leader of the Government at the time, diplomatically side-stepped any direct assurances, and Premier Bowser, after he had shipped Sir Richard, was even more elusive and evasive—until he was dangled over the mouth of the pit in the February by-elections, when he fell all over himself in his repentant-sinner anxiety to placate the prohibitionists—anybody, everybody, that might, he hoped, save him from the political "wrath to come," of which he had got such a horrifying glimpse. Viewing it only as a political life-preserver, however, having no more use for the principle of the thing than ever, Mr. Bowser determined, if he must, to save his bacon, adopt the Liberal and prohibition policy in the matter of granting a referendum on prohibition, to pervert it to hoped for party advantage by insisting on taking the vote at the same time as the general election. And somehow, contrary to the most explicit declaration of the prohibition party, the leaders of that party managed to fall for Mr. Bowser's game.

What a serious mistake it was thus to abet and make possible and effective Premier Bowser's treachery is becoming more apparent, as intimated, every day as election day draws nearer. More and more as the vital political issues of the campaign warm up, do men find their thoughts, energies and efforts engrossed in these issues, which centre about the burning, paramount question of the endorsement or defeat of the Bowser Government. Not only so, but the sharp line of cleavage dividing the electorate on this question is being accentuated every day—a line of cleavage which separates Government supporting prohibitionists from Liberal prohibitionists, and which will reach its climax on election day, when the "getting out the vote" activities of both parties will naturally be devoted first to the issue which divides and incites to rivalry, and only secondarily to the issue on which members of parties divided politically would vote as one. This is only human nature. That is the gratuitous handicap which the Government has deliberately chosen, contrary to the wise determination of the prohibition party, to impose upon the prohibition cause in the carrying of the referendum.

How different it would have been with no distracting or dividing issue—with no suggestion of political interest or political acrimony involved—has only to be suggested to be perceived. As shown, it was clearly perceived by prohibitionists in advance, but, between the Government and their leaders, they were betrayed, in this very important respect and in others. All the more will prohibitionists have to be determined, each one for himself, to do his duty at the polls, and, while he is casting his ballot to condemn gross political wrong in the past and for better government in the future, neglect not to vote for such measure of prohibition as is before him in the referendum that has been submitted.

WILL BEAR WATCHING.

The Bowser Conservative machine evidently continues to keep strings and cases on the notorious John T. Scott, now of Seattle, who is supposed to know all about the "plugging" conspiracy in which the Bowser party are involved up to the ears. All the strenuous efforts, last month, of the Vancouver Liberals, backed by Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald, to get Scott over here to clear up the last shred of mystery which still overhangs the case, were frustrated by Premier Bowser's sullen refusal, when it was put right up to him by the Liberals, to co-operate by withdrawing his warrant for the arrest of Scott as soon as he should set foot on this side of the line.

About the same time, as illustrating how badly tangled up the "Bowser bunch" are with the "Seattle gang," John L Sullivan, Premier Bowser's great saloon and "plugging" henchman in Vancouver, received this significant telegram from one of the gang, speaking for the much wanted Scott: "Send money at once. Scott sore and threatens to return and expose whole election scandal. Clancy out of the city. What shall I do? Letter following." When this was shown to Boss Bowser, he metaphorically shrugged his shoulders and advised sending a Province reporter over to Seattle, ostensibly to "get a story" for the paper. This was done by the obliging Province, but nothing came of it. The "money" probably was sent, and Scott still sits tight. The Bowserites are, evidently keeping him, and determined that he shall not get over here unless they can coach and "corner" his evidence. One of these days, when they think it will be late enough in the campaign to do the most good, they'll, ten to one, be working Scott for a faked or forged "interview" or "affidavit," framed up to make capital against the Liberals.

That the Bowser Government and its workers will bear watching for some development of this sort, requires no argument, in view of the close conspiracy which the "plugging" evidence showed to exist between the Government machine at Victoria and Vancouver and the offscourings of the coast. Scott, it may be depended on, is not the only man they are keeping on tap for their purposes. It will surprise no one to learn that the notorious Gosden, who tried to do such good work for the Government, and only escaped conviction for perjury by the narrowest possible margin, and has to stand trial again, is employed as a Government campaigner in this election, and in this district last week, as one of the most reputable business men of this city can testify. The particular work of this character assassin is retailing, for pay, the story which nearly landed him behind the bars and may do so yet.

It is by such methods, and in association with and by the help of such instruments as Scott, Clancy, Gosden, Sullivan, and "Soapy" Welsh that the Bowser Government unblushingly comes before decent people and endeavors by hook or crook, by force and fraud, to subvert their suffrages.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSURED.

This heading has particular reference to the announcement of Premier Asquith, in the House of Commons, last week, to the effect that any new bill for franchise reforms in the future must of necessity include women. This is taken to mean that women will have the vote in Great Britain before another general election, except in the unlikely event of an election being forced on the country before the end of the war. Premier Asquith himself had previously, on principle, been opposed to the extension of the franchise to women, and the militant suffragette measures, which reached their climax just before the outbreak of the war, rather confirmed the Premier in his position than otherwise. The splendid manner in which the women of the nation have risen to the occasion since the war, however, with the suffragists in the front rank, has appealed to Mr. Asquith's British sense of fair play, and convinced his judgment, to a reversal of his former attitude, and, having by this process reached the conclusion that women must, in fairness and justice, be accorded the electoral franchise equally with men, he has unreservedly intimated that the right shall be extended in the true British constitutional fashion by being included in a measure submitted by the responsible Ministry of the day.

In the smaller sphere of the Provincial Administration of British Columbia, and with infinitesimally smaller men, we have a parallel—and a contrast! Premier Bowser, after he had been scared to death by a certain series of by-elections that need not be further specified, announced that he had experienced partial conversion on the woman suffrage question, on account of women's great work in the war. But not to the extent of according to women their rights, in the good, whole-hearted British constitutional way.

HERE AND THERE.

The Labor candidate for South Vancouver, Mr. J. E. Wilton, has injected a little variety into his campaign by putting forward as a solution (not original, of course) of the Asiatic problem, the enactment of a minimum wage act, compelling employers to pay the same wage to Asiatics as to white men. If that were done, he believed employers would prefer white men to Asiatics.

Even the very walls are crying out against the Bowser Government, in letters a foot high all over town. Hear them: "We've had enough of machine Government. Don't risk auother five years of extravagance, bossism, and rubber-stamp methods. Help to kill them by a vote for David Whiteside, the Liberal candidate for New Westminster. A man who will make good."

The local organ of the Bowser Government, professed champion of prohibition, etc., indulged editorially, the other day, in this veiled slur, in light mood, at the practical effects of prohibition: "The brand of whiskey they smuggle into Maine would make any man see double." This apropos of the story of a Maine coast guardsman that he had seen two submersibles off shore. A trifling remark, of course, but Maine is the oldest prohibition state on the American continent—synonymous with prohibition almost—and straws show which way the wind blows.

At one of his recent rousing meetings in the Interior, Mr. Brewster, Liberal leader, quoted a friend whose name he is asking permission to use as authority for a statement that the Premier, in conversation with a leading Conservative, admitted that he did not believe Macdonald paid Godsen $50, but it was all part of the game to say so. He also read a letter from a citizen of Kamloops containing information that John L. Sullivan saw Mr. Bowser the day of his Salmon Arm meeting, made a flying trip to Seattle, and caught Mr. Bowser again at Armstrong to report, as well as a verification of Sullivan having seen the Premier in Kamloops last winter, a fact which Sullivan denied under oath.

That the appetite grows by what it feeds upon is well exemplified by the healthy acquisitiveness of the "Greatest Republic on earth," which to Alaska, the Phillipines, Porto Rico, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Canal zone, all but the first having been acquired by purchase, seizure, or conquest within the last two decades, has recently added the Danish West Indies, bought from Denmark for $25,000,000—a tidy sum, except in the war theatre, where it would last about a minute, if spread over all the fronts. The ostensible reason for this little international real estate transaction is that Uncle Sam wants the islets for the protection of the Panama Canal—which seems to be pretty nearly a hopeless proposition after all spent and done—and Denmark wanted the money.

"The Province can at any time be brought within its income from minerals alone by stopping public works. There was a deficit of but $5,000,000 in fourteen years." This is a sample of the stuff talked, according to the organs, by callow Conservative campaigners in Delta. In other words, a runaway railway train can avoid going over a precipice by jumping the track; or a balloon crashing to earth can be saved by the aeronaut jumping out; or a patient dying of blood poisoning can save his life at any time by cutting off his head; or any other equally preposterous safety last resort that a hair-brained apologist for a joy-riding Government can contrive. As to there being a deficit of but $5,000,000 in the last fourteen years—that's about the average annual deficit for the last four years.

Oh, no! They must be made to work for it—even if it interfered seriously with their vitally important and necessary work in connection with the war. Even, though, by the denial of the franchise, they were debarred from practically insuring the success of another reform dear to their hearts and nearly touching their interests—namely, the prohibition referendum. If a Liberal Government, instead of the Bowser Government, had been in power, the women of British Columbia would have been voters, instead of merely suppliants, in this election. With all the other handicaps imposed by this Government on the prohibition referendum, the success of the measure would have been put beyond question, too, if the women had been given the franchise last session, as they could and should have been. Woman Suffrage will be assured in British Columbia in the most direct and certain way by voting for the Liberal candidates, who are all pledged to the consistent Liberal policy in favor of that reform. On general principles, a vote ought to be cast at the same time for the Woman Suffrage referendum.

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JUSTICE MURPHY'S FINDINGS.

Mr. Justice Murphy handed down his findings, Tuesday, in the Vancouver School Board inquiry—constituting a most conscientiously exhaustive document of seventy-four type-written pages. The Commissioner finds in the first place that "Trustee Lang was justified in bringing the matter to the Mayor's attention, in view of the stand of Chairman Seymour and F. W. Welsh, that the matter must come before a private meeting. * * * Trustee Lang owed it to the citizens of Vancouver to bring about a thorough public investigation at the earliest possible moment, and that duty he fulfilled." While judicially holding the balances scrupulously even wherever possible, and balancing or modifying one statement with another in a great many of the matters inquired into, His Lordship permitted himself to "suspect some political activity on the part of Mr. Seymour" and stated plainly that "some political activity was proven against Mr. Welsh" (our old friend "Soapy"), yet he concluded "it was not proven that politics played any very appreciable part in the employment of labor by the Board."

Consulting Engineer Leek is exonerated altogether and the Commissioner even finds F. W. Welsh blameless in connection with the paying of $647 for thirteen tires and nine inner tubes for one School Board car in a little over six months; but, coming to the Welsh-Pendray soap deal, that was altogether too rank to be covered by the mantle of judicial charity and scrupulously balanced nicety. In this connection, Mr. Justice Murphy says: "The proven facts are that a contribution was actually made out of the soap contract; that the first tender was not sent in, but a new one was increased by the amount of the contribution; that a discussion did take place about the soap order, as to packages, as well as to the effect that the School Board did not expect goods to be sold to it without a profit; that, according to Mr. Pendray and Mr. H. H. Welch, Mr. F. W. Welsh was told the soap tender would not stand a contribution; that Mr. F. W. Welsh, when he heard of the $25 contribution, connected it with this interview; and that at this interview Mr. F. W. Welsh did suggest a contribution to the Conservative party."

Comment is unnecessary, except to remark that Mr. F. W. Welsh, now promoted from the indicted to the convicted class, will doubtless be removed at once from the position in which he was indecently placed by Premier Bowser as manipulator of soldiers' votes in the Old Country. We shall see!

HERE AND THERE

Speaking of the contest in the Similkameen riding, the Province, in its news columns, under a Penticton date, says: "Mr. L. W. Shatford (the Government candidate) is being opposed by Robt. S. Conklin, Reeve of Penticton, Liberal candidate, a popular and able man. Mr. Conklin has canvassed every part of the constituency, and, while there is nothing spectacular in his methods, his quiet, business-like, genial manner has won him many friends in parts of the riding where he is not so well known. In the city of Penticton, where he is serving his second term as Reeve, receiving the honor twice by acclamation, he is regarded as a man of strength in character and business acumen." It might be added, that is a fair sample of the representative, sterling men whom the Liberals are running in all the constituencies—men of ability, force, and character, who will end once and for all the one-man, rubber-stamp form of government we have been having.

When Premier Bowser is hard pressed—and he has frequently been very hard pressed during his recent "surveys" of the Province—he is quite capable of getting out of a tight corner by blaming it on McBride, Sir Richard, of course, not being present to speak for himself. Mr. Bowser is not a bit particular as to the truth, either, in such shufflings, as evidenced by the following utterance at a recent Kootenay meeting where he alternately showed his teeth and squirmed in face of a distinctly hostile audience: "I do not propose to be blackguarded all over the Province with the cry "Down with Bowserism!" declared the Premier at the beginning of his speech. "Liberal speakers take special delight in saying that it was the Bowser regime which gave millions to the P. G. E., for example. As a matter of fact, I personally had nothing to do with the P. G. E. financial arrangements. Those matters were handled by Sir Richard McBride, but as a member of his Government I am prepared to stand by what he did, and I take back water from no one."

The tone of foreboding—the sure premonition of getting what they know is coming to them—is very noticeable in the utterances of Government speakers from top to bottom, in this campaign. Mr. Macken, the Bowser candidate in Chilliwack, as quoted in last issue, illustrated this: "He would rather go down to defeat with Mr. Bowser," etc. Premier Bowser himself, whose attitude, when it is not apologetic or bombastic, is that of a desperado standing at bay, naturally reverts to the thoughts and figures suited to that frame of mind, born of a bad conscience and a realization that will not down that the game is up: "I propose to go down," he told a Fernie audience, last week, "with flags flying." What concerns the people of British Columbia, to the exclusion of such minor considerations as to how the Bowser Government goes down, or what misguided people go down with it, is that it does go down and out, good and hard, for good. That is the job in hand that will be finished, with neatness and dispatch, September 14th.

For the first time in twenty-seven years a Liberal was elected to a Toronto seat in the Ontario Legislature, on Monday. Hartley H. Dewart, K. C., who pledged himself to uphold N. W. Rowell's platform, except that he reserved liberty of action and was noncomittal on the prohibition policy, was chosen to succeed the late Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General, in the Whitney and Hearst Cabinets, for seat "A" in southwest Toronto. The voted resulted as follows: H. H. Dewart (Liberal) 2,705; J. A. Norris (Conservative) 2,062; J. M. Connor (Socialist) 445; G. A. Waldron (Independent Liberal) 131. The last time a Liberal was elected for Toronto was in 1889, when the late Jos. Tait was elected under the minority representation plan. The late Hon. Mr. Foy carried the seat at the last election by a majority of 3,500. The result of Monday's election, therefore, taken in connection with Peel and North Perth (recent Liberal wins in Ontario), shows that the reaction in favor of Liberalism, and against reaction and some other things, is still running strong in Ontario, as well as every other Province of Canada.

The Brown-Elwood Commission, appointed to enquire into the charges made by J. E. Bradshaw, Conservative M. L. A. for Prince Albert in the Saskatchewan Legislature, against the Scott Government and Liberal members, have presented their report, and the result is complete exoneration of the Government, as a government; of any member of the Government; of the Board of License Commissioners; of the liquor license administration by the Attorney-General's Department; of the liquor license inspectors and of the provincial police, of any wrong doing by the Government or any of the departments of the Government in their relations with the liquor interests. Four private members, Shepherd, Moore, Pierce, and Cawthorpe, are held to be guilty, the first two of receiving money in connection with the securing of licenses, the third of bribery, and the fourth of bribery and receiving money in connection with a promise to stifle prosecutions. Two others, J. F. Bole and G. Ens, ex-M.L.A., are exonerated by Commissioner Brown, but not by Commissioner Elwood.

His Kelowna meeting was a distinct triumph for Premier Bowser. Mr. Bowser addressed a big meeting in which a trained brigade of one hundred and eighty hecklers had been placed by the Liberals. It was called as a Liberal meeting and was packed by the Liberal managers, and was distinctly hostile at the beginning, but Mr. Bowser completely won the big crowd and the meeting ended in the distinct advantage of the Liberal candidate.—Columbian. We don't wonder that "the meeting ended in the distinct advantage of the Liberal candidate," as the Columbian says, when there were "one hundred and eighty Liberal hecklers" by the count. Must be a lot of Liberals in Kelowna; for, besides the "hecklers," there were the "trainers" and the "managers" and the "packers," all mentioned or inferred by the somewhat incoherent and flustered organ, which tells us all in a dozen lines that it was Premier Bowser's meeting, that it was a Liberal meeting, that "Mr. Bowser completely won the big crowd," and that "the meeting ended in the distinct advantage of the Liberal candidate." Well, that's the way all Mr. Bowser's meetings are going to end—and all's well that ends well.

When Premier Bowser is cornered in one of his numerous statements which have no foundation in fact or which are directly contrary to fact, he gets out of it by saying that he was speaking in a "jocular" sense. He had been retailing a petty fiction of his own in the Kootenay country lately to the effect that Mr. A. M. Johnson, Liberal candidate for Nelson, had sent a certain telegram to Mr. Brewster, on the 14th of March last, urging him to bring the session to an end. When confronted with proof of the absolute falsity of the story, Bowser tried to laugh it off with his "jocular" gag again. In a speech at Creston, last week, referring to Premier Bowser's notorious proclivity for taking liberties with the truth, Mr. M. A. Macdonald, who showed up the wilful falsehoods that the Premier had been retailing all over the Interior with regard to the "plugging" matter, said: "It is enough to make Annias turn in his grave," and added: "I can understand how it is that in the corner of New Brunswick from which he comes there is a saying which is still remembered: 'never trust a Bowser.'"

That Colony Farm cattle deal, put through greatly to his own personal advantage by Price Ellison, while Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and which was the direct cause of his retirement to private life—though he is imposing himself, with Premier Bowser's sanction, on North Okanagan as a candidate again—seems to sit heavily on the Columbian's conscience, if it does not worry the bucolic Price or Mr. Bowser; for the local apologist has added to the gaiety of nations by putting forward the laughable suggestion that "the shrewd officials of the farm (Colony Farm) badly worsted the Minister" in the deal. (Hilarious laughter and applause!) Poor simple old fellow! From being cattle king of the Okanagan, it has come to this—worsted by his own underlings in a cattle deal on the Colony Farm! Fine man for Finance Minister, or for common ordinary representative for that matter! No wonder Bill and Dan, and Pat and his gang "worsted" the Province to a finish, with the aid of the clever Mr. Bowser, Attorney-General for the Province and solicitor for the lot, and such simps as Price Ellison (who let some rubes worst him in a cattle deal) nominally guarding the treasury, and rubber-stamps for the rest. "At its worst," however, the Columbian adds as an afterthought, Price Ellison's conduct in the cattle deal "can be characterized only as an indiscretion." Seems to us its time to laugh again.

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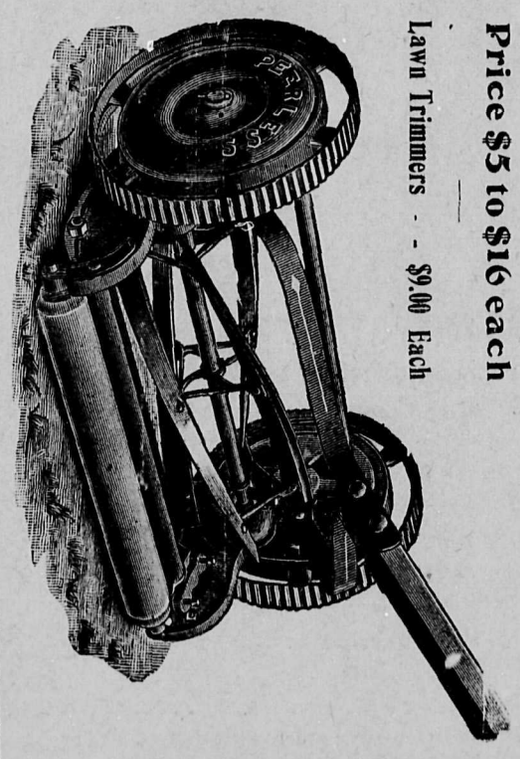

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. A. P. Halladay was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at the Royal Columbian Hospital, Monday.

The Langley Agricultural Association will hold its twenty-fourth annual exhibition at Fort Langley on Sept. 19 and 20.

The sixth annual fair of the Matsqui Agricultural and Horticultural Association will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Matsqui municipality will hold a tax sale on September 1 when 186 parcels of land not redeemed will be offered for sale for tax arrears.

Four men of the 104th Regiment, Ptes. Adams, LeRoy, Buckley and Wriglesworth, have joined the 242nd Foresters Battalion for overseas service.

Mrs. J. R. Gilley has returned from a trip East, where she visited her two sons who have graduated from McGill University and who have enlisted for military service.

More than $50,000 in property and local improvements tax arrears was paid in at the City Treasurer's office at the City Hall up to the time the tax sale list was closed, Tuesday night.

Miss Felicia Graham, M. A., of the Duke of Connaught High School teaching staff, has returned from Seattle, where she took a post-graduate course in French at the University of Washington.

Corp. Frost and Private Hugh Robertson, two returned soldiers, have been appointed to fill vacancies on the city mail carriers' staff caused by the enlistment of Messrs. Gough and Pellew.

Sergt. E. E. Goulet, 131st Battalion, son of Ald. Goulet, has returned from Victoria, where he has been attending the military school for probationers, having qualified for the rank of lieutenant.

The children of the Providence Orphanage were given a trip down the Fraser River on the steamer Skeena, Monday afternoon, through the kindness of Capt. C. E. Seymour and Purser W. H. Nesbett.

No word to the contrary having been received from the educational authorities by the local School Board, the city schools, including the Duk of Connaught High School, will open for the fall term on Monday morning next.

The Liberal campaign in Sapperton will be opened by a public meeting in Johnston's Hall, Wednesday evening next, Aug. 30. Mr. David Whiteside, Liberal candidate, and others will address the meeting.

Mrs. W. W. Abbott and children have gone to Nelson to join Rev. Mr. Abbott, who has been transferred to the Nelson Methodist Church. He was for four years pastor of Queen's Avenue Methodist Church in this city.

The Vancouver doctors who had the reported case of infantile paralysis under observation reported, early this week, that it was not a case of that dreaded disease at all, but a much milder and more ordinary malady of a glandular nature.

The civic employment bureau of Vancouver registered within the last few weeks 3,260 men for harvest work in the Northwest, all of whom have left for the prairies. It is estimated that the men will clearn from $150 to $200 each for the season.

We are still doing business at the old stand. If there is anything we can do for you in the plumbing, heating or sheet metal line, 'phone 586. Mannering & MacKenzie will give your needs their immediate attention. *

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Although the summer sockeye run on the Fraser River has proved a failure, fishermen and cannerymen are hoping for better results during the second run, which usually comes in September. Neither the canners nor fishermen expect to make money this season, but they are looking forward eagerly to next year, which will be the fourth year big run of sockeyes.

The many friends of Capt. Peele will regret to learn that he was prostrated yesterday, and had to be removed to the hospital, where it was reported to-day that an attack of pneumonia had developed. The captain had been unwell, though not confined to the house, for a week or two, and, with the unusual heat of the past few days, collapsed yesterday, as stated.

The B. C. Electric Railway Co. have instituted a collection and delivery service for express shipments between Vancouver and Fraser Valley points and including New Westminster City. No additional charge will be made for delivering express from the valley to points in New Westminster or Vancouver or calling for express to be shipped by the Fraser Valley branch of the B. C. Electric Railway to Fraser Valley points.

"The officers, non commissioned officers and men of the 104th Regiment, W. F. of C., desire to lay before the public, and especially the citizens of New Westminster, the necessity for and desirability of increasing the ranks of the regiment up to at least peace strength." This is the opening appeal of a communication received from Lieut.-Col. F. H. Cunningham, O. C. 104th Regiment, too late for publication in this issue, but which will appear in our next.

Advices from Prince Rupert, last week, give a harrowing account of the wiping out of a family of five, that of J. F. Sipes, at Port Clements, Queen Charlotte Islands, as a result of eating poisoned fish. The victims were Mrs. Sipes, her mother and her three children. The fourth child, a mere baby, is the only survivor, besides the father, who was away when the fish was eaten. The ages of the dead children were four, seven and ten. Owing to remoteness from settlement, medical help could not be procured in time, even if that would have availed.

DEATH OF PIONEER

Rev. James Turner, Known to All British Columbia and Yukon Pioneers, Dies in California—Funeral at Vancouver.

All that was mortal of the Rev. James Turner, pioneer Methodist missionary of British Columbia and the Yukon, was laid to rest, Monday afternoon, in Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, death having occurred last week at San Diego, Cal., after a protracted illness from nervous trouble, the remains having been brought to this Province for interment. The funeral was largely attended, many old timers of the Province being present to pay their last respects. Rev. Dr. Osterhout, president of the Methodist Conference of British Columbia, conducted the funeral services at Wesley Methodist Church, Vancouver, and also at the grave, where he was assisted by Rev. A. E. Roberts, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Vancouver, to which the late Mr. Turner was attached. Addresses eulogizing the departed missionary, in which reference was made to his sterling qualities and Christian determination in the spread of the gospel amid rough frontier surroundings and often under trying circumstances, were made by Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist missions for British Columbia, Rev. Dr. Sanford of Columbian College, and Rev. E. A. Hetherington, who was with Mr. Turner in the Yukon.

The late Rev. James Turner, who was seventy-four years of age, and unmarried, at the time of his death, was born in Ireland, near the historic city of Londonderry, and came to Canada in 1876. He was received on probation into the Methodist ministry, seven weeks after his arrival, and spent the first two years near St. Mary's, Ontario. In 1873 he volunteered for work in British Columbia and was stationed at New Westminster; in 1874 his charge was known as Burrard Inlet, and covered all the territory where Vancouver now stands as well as many miles more around this district.

A year later Mr. Turner was aent to Nicola Valley and from then until 1882 he carried on the work of an itinerant Methodist preacher that won his way into the hearts of the people.

He was familiarly known by his fellow preachers as "the Minister of the Interior," for his territory covered all that country which British Columbia knows as the Interior. Owing to a breakdown in health, Mr. Turner was away from British Columbia from 1882 until 1885, spending those years in Calgary. He returned in 1886 to the Cariboo, where he won the affection of the gold miners, among whom he worked. Three years after his return to British Colnmbia, when the gold rush to the Yukon was at its height, the Methodist Church asked Mr. Turner to again become a pioneer, and, responding to the call, he began work among the miners at Dawson and Atlin.

The arduous toils of the trail and the hardships of that severe winter of the North broke down the missionary's rugged constitution and he returned to Vancouver. He attended the annual conference at Victoria in 1903 and was elected its president by popular vote. Since that time he lived in comparative retirement, and, a few years ago, went to Southern California, where he found the climate suitable to his failing health, though he hoped to the last to be able to return to British Columbia.

Death of Old Citizen.

The death occurred, at Victoria, on Friday last, of Mr. G. T. Burnett, who, with his family, resided for many years in this city. The late Mr. Burnett, who was staying with his daughter, Mrs. E. H. H. Taylour, Victoria, had been ill for a long time previous to his death. A native of England, where he was born in 1831, Mr. Burnett removed, with his family, to this Province and located in New Westminster, in 1889, doing business as a druggist here for years. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. E. H. H. Taylour and Mrs. Fred King, Victoria; and Mrs. Chas. Piper, Vancouver, and three sons, George Burnett (whose wife is a daughter of Rev. Robt. Lennie of this city), and Hina Burnett, Victoria, and Harold Burnett of this city. The funeral was held at Victoria, Monday.

N. P. R. Station Plans.

A steel building 300 feet long and 30 feet wide on Front street, on the site of the present City Market building, is included in the tentative plans of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. for their freight terminals in this city. Plans are now being prepared and construction is expected to commence early next year. The divisional engineer paid a visit to New Westminster, last week, to enquire into building restrictions and to look over the site. The company have leased from the city seven and a half lots lying between Front street and the Fraser River with deep water right up to the wharf. Their plans include tearing down the present market building to make room for modern freight buildings.

City Market.

There was another good market to-day, poultry again being the big feature, both in supply and demand, hens selling at 14c to 16c, and springs at 15c to 20c, while ducks brought 18c. Meats were light again, at last week's prices. Eggs were in good supply and prices were well maintained, at 35c to 37c wholesale and 40c retail. Butter, dairy, retailed at 35c. There was a large supply of potatoes, but small demand, at 90c per sack. Early apples were in fair supply, and sold at 75c to $1 per box. Greengages appeared on the market for the first time. The supply was fair, but the demand very limited, at 70c to 75c per crate, largely on account of high price of sugar.

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H. M. Stramberg Visits City.

Mr. H. M. Strambery, principal of the New Westminster High School for many years, but who resigned five or six years ago, since which time he has travelled extensively in Europe and on this continent, was in the city this week, his first visit for years, looking after some right-of-way matters with the C. N. R. affecting property owned by Mr. Stramberg in this vicinity. Mr. Stramberg had just completed a tour of the continent of Europe shortly before the war broke out, and, among other interesting experiences, recalls witnessing a review by the Kaiser, near Berlin, of 100,000 of his crack Prussian troops (a truly magnificent spectacle), which have since been swallowed up or decimated in the war.

During Mr. Stramberg's lengthy visit to the Old Country, he taught for some time in London, and also prepared the son of Sir George Parkin for Oxford. Mr. Stramberg occupies the position at present of principal of the High School at Penticton, which he has held for a year or more, the climate of that garden of the Province agreeing with him better than the coast climate, as is evident from his appearance.

Campaigning in District.

Reeve A. D. Patterson, Liberal candidate for Delta, addressed a meeting of electors at South Westminster, Saturday night, at which John Oliver, the standard bearer in Dewdney, also spoke.

Monday evening, Mr. Patterson had another very satisfactory meeting at Strawberry Hill, where Messrs. Ralph Smith and J. S. Cowper, two of the Vancouver Liberal ticket, also spoke.

Mr. Patterson, speaking as a farmer who had lived his life among them, who had held office as Reeve and had been for nine years president of the Live Stock Association of B. C., said he knew the difficulties the farmers were laboring under. The Agricultural Credits bill he criticised as coming too late. Money borrowed at 7 per cent. was too high a rate to help the farmers. The Act should have been passed years ago, when it was asked for, when money could have been got for 3 1-2 per cent. Mr. Paterson said that, if elected, he would see that the appropriations for the Delta district were expended, not in favoring this or that section, but in a business-like way to help those parts of the district where roads and public works would help settlers to increase the production for the district.

Mr. John Oliver has been holding well attended meetings in his riding of Dewdney, this week. At Durieu, last night, Mr. Donald Downie also spoke, in French. To-night, Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Ralph Smith will address a meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Port Haney. Meetings billed for next week in Dewdney, to be addressed by Mr. Oliver and others, are. Ioco, Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 8 p.m.; Port Hammond, Friday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m.

Mr. J. W. Weart, Liberal candidate for the South Vancouver-Burnaby riding, has announced a meeting for Tuesday evening next, in the Morden Hall, Edmonds.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Solicitors Declare Shops Regulation By-law Constitutional—Milk By-law Amendment Passed for Reconsideration, After Some Discussion.

The City Council met at the usual hour Monday evening, His Worship the Mayor and the full board of Aldermen present. The budget of communications, reports, etc., was an unusually light one, but not without interest or importance, particularly one of several communications from the City Solicitors, containing the legal opinion re constitutionality of the much debated Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, moved for at the last meeting. The opinion stated unhesitatingly that the Shops Regulation Act of the Provincial Legislature, under authority of which the city by-law was framed, was intra vires of the Legislature and "quite constitutional," citing judicial decisions in support, and the Aldermen expressed themselves as satisfied. Ald. McAdam's Milk By-law Amendment By-law provoked some good natured discussion and a comparison of the go-as-you-please conditions under which the "better babies" of a previous period had been raised and developed into such healthy specimens as Ald. Jardine and Johnston and the present very strict and germ chasing regimen. But it was probably necessary in these degenerate days, sighed the Aldermen, and they ended by approving the by-law which was put through all its stages, to be formally reconsidered at next meeting, when it is understood Ald. Dodd will introduce an amendment reducing the proposed licence fee of $1 per cow per six months, for the one, two, three and four cow dairies, to 50 cents per cow instead.

Communications.

The following communications were read and disposed of in the order given:

From the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution of patriotic meeting of 4th August instant, and expressing appreciation therefor and stating that same had been forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada, for transmission to the Imperial authorities. Received and filed.

From the City Solicitors, re Mrs. Dolphin vs. city, stating that they had accepted service of writ in suit for damages against the city for personal injuries alleged to have been received by plaintiff on April 2nd last on account of fall owing to defective condition of sidewalk. Received and filed.

From the City Solicitors, re logging operations on Coquitlam Lake reserve, stating no further information had been received in the matter from Comptroller of Timber and Grazing Lands, Ottawa. Received and filed.

From the City Solicitors, re Coquitlam dam, stating no reply had been received from Minister of the Interior to communication of 18th May last inquiring as to why clearing operations by B.C.E.R. Co. had ceased when only half completed. Received and filed.

From the chairman of the Special Senate Committee, Ottawa, on the desirability of taking measures for agricultural, industrial, and trade development after the war, so as to prepare to cope with the unusual conditions that will then have to be faced, and asking co-operation; also enclosing copy of Order-in-Council on the subject.

On motion of Ald. Goulet and Jardine, received and referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration and report.

From the Chief of the Fire Department, recommending the appointment of A. Roe, in place of A. Maloney, who, as previously reported, had enlisted for overseas service. Received and recommendation adopted.

From Wm. J. Boyd, expressing satisfaction that, in accordance with his previous suggestion, life buoys had been provided for Lulu Island bridge, but pointing out that they were not the regulation size—were altogether too small—and would not prove effective in life saving.

The communication was, on motion, received and filed, it being pointed out by the Mayor that these buoys were the only ones that could be got here at the time, and steps had been taken to procure regulation buoys as soon as possible.

From the City Solicitors, re "Shops Regulation Act," stating that this act is intra vires of the Provincial Legislature and quite constitutional. In support of this opinion, Mr. Justice Clement's work on the Canadian Constitution was cited and specifically a decision by Mr. Justice Duff, confirmed by Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, of the Supreme Court of Canada, in a case brought against the city of Montreal in the matter of a shops regulation by-law under authority of an act of the Province of Quebec. The decision was in favor of the city of Montreal, and the Privy Council had refused to allow an appeal from the confirming decision of the Chief Justice of Canada.

Ald. Eastman, seconded by Ald. Jardine, moved that the communication be received and filed for future reference, the mover remarking that the opinion was satisfactory to him.

Reports.

Ald. Johnston, chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported, recommending: That the City Solicitors be instructed to prepare a lease between the Corporation and the Marsh, Hutton, Powers Co., Ltd., in accordance with rentals agreed upon, for City Block 1, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute same on behalf of the city; that the City Engineer be instructed to have this property staked out by a B. C. land surveyor.

Also to report that Messrs. Schaake, for the Schaake Machine Works, and Duncan, for the Vulcan Iron Works, respectively, require to lease property on the new market site, and explained their requirements. Mr. Schaake stated that the buildings proposed in their works would cost approximately $25,000 and plant an additional $35,000. Mr. Duncan said he had nothing to add to what they proposed to do; but that the company was anxious to have the question of site settled, as they were holding machinery in the East in readiness for shipment. It was decided that the committee meet on the ground and that the tentative plans showing the proposals of the respective companies be prepared for the Council's consideration.

The report was, on motion, adopted.

The Board of Works reported, recommending payment of account of Kilgard Fire Clay Co., for sewer pipe, $663.71. Adopted.

The Water Committee reported, recommending: That the Corporation offer, without prejudice, to settle with the B. C. E. R. Co. the question of taking water from the fire protection main at the car barns, for $100 to be paid by the company. That P. Russell, managing director of the V. P. R. Meat Co., be asked to meet the Council in Committee of the Whole, at 3 p. m., Monday, the 28th inst. Adopted.

Ald. Eastman, chairman of the Light Committee, reported, recommending the purchase at once of 60 new lamp fixtures which will take the place of the present arc lamps and effect a considerable saving in current. The cost of same, $300, to be taken out of Electric Light Extension By-law, 1913, money. Adopted.

Ald. Jardine, chairman of the Board of Works, reported regarding the crossing at Columbia street, Glen Brook, recommending that a 32-inch pipe be laid there and the culvert filled in, at a cost of $150. Also that the Clerk be instructed to ask the Government Agent to have the planking at the approach to Fraser River bridge repaired. Adopted.

Re application of M. Maloney, Alberta st., for drainage, it was recommended that the street drain in front of this property be deepened, and the Board of Works was authorized to act.

By-Laws.

New Westminster Loan By-law, 1916, marked "C," came up for reconsideration, and was put through all its stages without amendment and finally passed.

Milk By-law, 1913, Amendment By-lap, 1916, introduced by Ald, McAdam, came up for second reading, was read a second time, read a third time, and passed, to come up for reconsideration and final passage at next meeting.

The provisions of this by-law, which have principally to do with the regulation of small dairies, have been outlined before. The clause providing a license fee of $1 per cow payable each six months, up to five cows, was the cause of considerable discussion, Monday night, Ald. Dodd suggesting that half that fee would be sufficient, and intimating his intention to move an amendment to that effect when the by-law comes up for reconsideration at next meeting.

During the discussion on this clause, Ald. Goulet remarked that he had every sympathy for the owners of one or two cows in the city who were contributing to their maintenance by retailing the surplus milk, but he did not think the extension of these small city dairies should be encouraged, as the neighbors, who had to listen to the lowing of a cow all night and accept the disadvantages of the proximity of the stables, were entitled to some sympathy as well.

The Mayor remarked, while on the same subject, that some families were absolutely dependent for their livelihood on the surplus milk from one or two cows which they sold.

Ald. McAdam, defending the provisions of the amendment by-law, said they were more favorable than those of the old by-law. He urged, however, that the provisions calling for the delivery of milk in bottles should not be enforced too strictly for a few weeks, as some who had sent for bottles could not get them for a while yet.

Ald. Johnston remarked that he supposed these very particular regulations with regard to dairies and milk delivery were all right, but he could not help recalling that the pioneer babies had developed into pretty healthy specimens without the benefit of bottled or sterilized milk, and the stalwart and substantial looking Alderman, who himself is a native son, glanced around as if to challenge contradiction.

Whereat Ald. Jardine, who is no light weight or anaemic subject either, though belonging to a far eastern vintage, rose to corroborate, with the remark that he was surprised how he and Alderman Johnston ever grew up at all.

The other Aldermen stifled a sigh and looked enviously at these "better babies" of the past who had so signally surmounted the obstacles and handicaps of an unscientific and insanitary age.

His Worship sought to pull out a few tail feathers from the "cocks o' the north" by slyly insinuating that they did not have the germ diseases in those days that we had now.

However, relapsing into a serious tone, both the Mayor and the Aldermen agreed with Ald. McAdam, the framer of the by-law, that it was right and proper to take every up to date precaution to guard against the contamination of milk, at every stage from the cow to the ultimate consumer.

Barber Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, introduced by Ald. Dodd, was read a first time, the rules were suspended, and the by-law was read a third time and passed, to be reconsidered at next meeting.

New Business.

Ald. Bryson, chairman of the Financ Committee, moved, seconded by Ald Jardine, that the City Hall be kept open Tuesday evening, 22nd inst, till nine o'clock, to give ratepayers a last opportunity to pay their taxes before the tax sale. Carried

The Mayor stated that the Returned Soldiers had asked the Council for permission to hold a tag day the first Friday in September, to raise funds for a Returned Soldiers Club in the city, at which to welcome all our soldier boys as they return from the front.

On motion of Ald. Johnston and Eastman, permisslon was granted accordingly.

The Mayor mentioned that since he and the Clerk had been authorized to sign a lease of water frontage near the Lulu Island bridge to the Marsh, Hutton, Powers Co. as a site for a shingle mill, the name had been changed to the Dominion Cedar and Shingle Co., Ltd., and another authorization would probably be required to avoid any legal flaw.

On motion of Ald. Eastman and Johnston, a resolution was passed accordingly.

His Worship then introduced for discussion the subject of the tentative agreement with the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co., under consideration by the Council, relating to the right-of-way through the city, terminals, etc.

Ald. McAdam pointed out an evident verbal flaw in the draft agreement, and, after discussion in which the whole Council took part, a resolution was passed referring the matter to a committee composed of the Mayor and Ald. Bryson and Eastman.

After which the Council took a well earned rest—except for committee work—till next Monday night.

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