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The Railway Question.

The Truth About the Recent Negotiations Between the Government and Various Promoters.

In view of the decidedly favorable prospects for definite railway legislation which obtained during the early part and middle of the session just closed, it may be as well to enquire into the reasons why those prospects did not materialize into something more tangible. Such an enquiry is all the more desirable, now that the smoke and dust of parliamentary strife has somewhat cleared, in order that the general public may definitely comprehend the exact present status of their province in regard to railway development—a thing most imperfectly understood by the average citizen, who rarely looks outside the needs of his own district—and in order that the blame of inaction, where blame there is, may be, by impartial judgment, placed upon those shoulders where it most properly belongs.

With the first sharp feeling of disappointment at the failure of the negotiations looking towards railway legislation, there arose a disposition—natural, perhaps, but in no way justified by the facts of the case—to blame the government for the deadlock between the high contracting parties. Unprejudiced examination of the facts of the case, however, does not warrant this condemnation.

It is to be remembered, in considering the terms offered by the various railway promoters who opened up negotiations with the government during the past session, that these promoters regarded the country from a very different standpoint to that occupied by the administration. Briefly, their different points of view may be defined in this way; the promoter regarded the country as a desert, which his projected line was to open up to settlement and consequent commerce; the government, on the other hand; better informed as to the resources of the land, knew that it was no desert, but an immensely rich storehouse needing only a door of communication with the outer world. That door once opened, enormous wealth, not to be extravagantly flung away or unwisely encumbered by the administrators of the people's heritage, would flow steadily from this reservoir to enrich the people. But it would be by no means the part of wisdom for the government to give two-thirds of this wealth to those who opened the door. The price was too high.

In other words, the promoter regarded his railway as a speculation, out of which he was to get all he could, while the government regarded that same railway merely as a means to develop, in the interests of the community, a most valuable asset.

A moment's reflection will show how widely apart were these two points of view—the one that of a gambler taking a chance, the other that of a statesman entrusted with a grave responsibility. And it was the impossibility of reconciling these two points of view which was a large factor in breaking off the negotiations. The government could not, in honor to the people of this province, recede from its position; and the promoter did not know enough to moderate his demands.

The fact is that the government realized what the promoter did not—namely, that conditions have vastly changed from what they were twenty, or even ten, years ago. In former days this country was undeveloped and practically nothing was known of the resources of those undeveloped areas. To-day two-thirds of it is still undeveloped, but its resources are very well-known and appreciated—at all events by the present government. Thus, then, while it might have been excusable to hand over to a railway company millions of dollars and millions of acres of land as a bribe to go into a country out of which, for all anyone could say, they might never be able to make enough to pay for axle grease, it would be perfectly indefensible to do the same thing to-day, when it is known that every district is immensely rich in natural wealth of all kinds, and that, the moment a railway is established through it, that railway will begin to make money hand over fist.

But, in commending the government for their foresight and prudence in refusing to sacrifice the country, it is not fair to unduly blame the railway folk for their exorbitant demands. The mass of the people are very prone to forget that a railway company is not—strange though this truth may seem—an aggregation of philanthropists, but simply and solely an association of business men out to make as much money as they can in return for the goods they supply. For the needs of the country they do not care a rap, except in so far as those needs facilitate the attainment of their own ends. All they desire is to get as much the best of the bargain as they possibly can, in order to make a good showing, a good balance sheet, and good dividends for their shareholders. And, be it remembered, this is a perfectly legitimate, businesslike point of view on their part, and no man who has ever bought and sold in the markets of commerce to ever so trifling an extent has any right to fling a stone at them. Business is business.

Very well, then. These gentlemen, holding this point of view, came before the legislature this session to make as good a bargain for themselves as they could. Traditions were all in their favor. Previous legislatures, elected from the same constituencies, sitting in the same building, representing the same good people of British Columbia, had never refused a generous "hand-out" of land or money to anyone who would promise them a railroad anywhere. Why should this present government behave otherwise than its predecessors?

Naturally, then, the railway men found themselves quite unable to take the government seriously, when that body of legislators took the previously unheard-of position that the country's land areas were too valuable to give away by the million acres, and that, badly as the country needed railways, it was not prepared to cripple its finances and still further tax the people by going into debt to get millions of dollars to pay for them. "Moderate your demands, and give as satisfactory guarantees of your bona fides and of immediate construction," said the government, "and then we will talk business. If not, you had better go home; there's nothing doing."

"Oh, go on," said the railway promoters, "you're just bluffing, and we know it."

And nothing could move the railway promoters from this settled conviction, based upon endless experience of former British Columbia legislatures. They clung fondly to the idea up to the very last minute Saturday night, when the Lieutenant-Governor appeared and prorogued the House.

In this attitude of incredulity the railway men had another excuse—and here we have to show that much of the blame for the unsuccessful result of the negotiations must justly be placed upon the shoulders of the opposition. From the very commencement of the session—aye, and long before that—the opposition had consistently maintained an attitude of menace and intimidation towards the government with regard to railway legislation. So pronounced was this attitude, both in the House and out of it, that the railway lobbyists were encouraged to believe that the government did not dare to close the session without the introduction of some measure of railway legislation, no matter how unreasonable in character or exorbitant in demand. Thus the opposition contributed in no small share to the deadlock finally ensuing in the negotiations. Their attitude was wholly unnecessary, and was assumed for the most obvious purposes of gallery-play. The mischief done is their's, but the unfortunate public is called upon to pay the piper.

The Colonist's two-faced attitude towards the Provincial Government.

As instancing the exorbitant nature of the demands made by the railway promoters, the case of the Grand Trunk Pacific may be taken as a fair example. In the straitened financial condition of the province, conditions of which they were well aware, it might have been supposed that such demands would have been incredible. Let us suppose for a moment that it had been possible to give this company the land grants it required. Then, not content with that, and knowing full well that the government had been forced to increase taxation on the individual in order to meet the increased burdens of administration, the Grand Trunk Pacific people had the immaculate nerve to demand in addition that these immense land grants, if given, should be exempt from taxation for a period of thirty years!

This is a fact, Mr. Morse, on behalf of his company, practically demanded that section 32 of the Land Act should be repealed in their favor; that is to say that the government should have no interests in any of the townsites of the company in British Columbia. In other words, the position of the Grand Trunk Pacific was that they should get everything they could from the government, and shut off the province from obtaining any direct benefits in the shape of revenue in return.

This will do to show the public what sort of a deal was demanded of the government by the railway promoters. Could the government, acting with justice or common-sense towards the community, have closed with such conditions. The answer must be most emphatically in the negative.

The other railway propositions before the government were in practically the same strain. Each and all of them were colored by the same erroneous idea, so industriously fostered by the opposition, but the government could not live unless it yielded to them. Some, it is true, were more moderate in their demands, and probably would have received favorable consideration at the hands of the government, but for the fact that, at this present stage of the development of British Columbia, the administration has decided that only a railway policy which will appeal to the people of the province as a whole, instead of to merely sectional interests, will be received, acceptably by the people.

It may be well to remark in conclusion that while the opposition, their friends and newspapers, are making a great outcry about the absence of railway legislation, those outside of partizan politics are in a position to prophesy, with a great probability of accuracy, that the coming season will see more railway construction than has been done in the past three years put together.

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The Passing Show.

Gossip of the Week in the Capital—Closing of the Legislature—Victoria Day Celebrations.

This has been a quiet week in the capital. Prorogation of the legislature took place on Saturday evening, which was sooner than expected, and so one of the most interesting of the attractions of Victoria—if the legislature may be so termed without offence to the legislators—is closed up for another season. Just before the session closed, there was a little excitement in the city, as various reports were current of plots for the defeat of the government, but these either did not exist or were defeated on being put into action. The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly, was on hand to see the finish, and performed his duties in the courteous and stately manner for which he is noted. The galleries were crowded with all sorts and conditions of people. The business of the session was concluded about half an hour before His Honor's arrival, although, of course, a number of measures of secondary importance were shelved at the last sitting of the House.

From Ottawa comes the intelligence that the bill to authorize the sale of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been amended by the railway committee so as to protect the rights of the province and creditors of the present company. There is nothing new to report in connection with the actual sale of the railway, in which a hitch occurred owing to the possible taxation of the lands granted to the company by the province, but it is understood that all difficulties will be overcome and that the road will shortly be handed over to the C. P. R. by Mr. Dunsmuir.

The Australian mail steamer Miowera arrived in Victoria on Thursday morning with the all-Australia eleven on board en route to England, where the antipodean cricketers will try conclusions with England's best. The cricketers made no stay here, but went straight through to Vancouver to catch the east-bound train the same afternoon. The eleven and spare men who are on the road are: V. Trumper (capt.), A. Noble, A. Hopkins, C. Hill, C. McLeod, R. Duff, W. Armstrong, W. Hull, D. Gehrs, J. Kelly, S. Gregory, A. Cotter, F. Larger, G. King, P. Newman. It is a strong team, although its batting ability is greater than its bowling. The players were in excellent health, and looking forward to a good season's sport in the Old Country. The travellers were met at the wharf by Mr. E. Carr-Hilton, of the Victoria Cricket Club.

LOGS CUT ON CROWN LANDS CANNOT BE EXPORTED.

The statement published by the Vancouver Province on the 12th inst. under the caption "Embargo on Logs is Partly Removed," is incorrect and misleading. The writer of that article evidently failed to notice the fact that the amendment to the Land Act which was passed at the recent session of the legislature repealed sub-section (1) only, of section 42.

Sub-section 3 is still intact and provides that all timber cut from provincial lands must be manufactured within the confines of the province of British Columbia.

The further statement "that since 12th December, 1903, it has been possible for the owners of timber held under pulp leases to have exported their logs" is equally incorrect and misleading. All leases of timber lands for pulp manufacturing purposes which have been granted are issued subject to all the provisions of the Land Act, which authorized the granting of such leases, one of which, (sub-section (5), clause (d) of section 41) provides that all timber cut on such lands must be manufactured in the province. The amendment to the Act which repealed that sub-section does not relieve the lessee from any of the obligations embodied in his agreement with the government.

It is a most extraordinary thing that the Colonist of the 13th inst. should calmly reproduce, without any comment, this astonishing "break" on the part of the Vancouver Province. The latter journal has long since forfeited any claims it may ever have had to truthfulness and reliability, but that the Colonist should stoop to share its methods and inaccuracies marks another downward step in our contemporary's career.

LITERARY NOTES.

Victorians are glad to learn that Mr. Vincent Harper has decided to remain in the city. He is having a bungalow built for himself. Mr. Harper's novel, "The Mortgage on the Brain," probably will reach British Columbia before long. The publishers, Messrs. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, are pushing the book energetically, 1,700 copies being sent out to the American press as complimentaries. The arrival of the book here is awaited with interest.

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The April number of the National Monthly, the only ten-cent magazine in Canada, is very interesting. It contains a well-written account of the immense irrigation works now under way in Southern Alberta, by which millions of acres of land will be brought under cultivation. "Further North in Canada," by Neil Mack, describes the remarkable expansion of the Canadian West northward. Mr. Mack says that the tide of settlement is moving up at the rate of 15 miles annually. Among the lighter features of the issue is an excellent story of the sea, entitled "The Galoot," by Colin McKay.

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The most popular item in the bill of fare offered by the Canadian Magazine for April is likely to be a clever story by that promising young Canadian writer, Theodore Roberts, entitled "The Pride of Race." Miss Florence MacClure, of Vancouver, contributes a poem, "A Dream of Spring," a pretty piece of work up to the average of the minor poetry. The departments are as interesting as usual and the whole number shows the steady improvement which has marked "The Canadian" for some time past. The management announces that, according to the usual policy, the succeeding numbers, published during the summer, will contain a larger proportion of "light" reading matter, and also that the magazine will hereafter appear in a new dress of type furnished by a Monotype

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

An up-country editor humorously addresses his paper to us thus: "The Week, nee Progress." But we are not married.

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A friend in need will keep you broke.

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The golden rule wont work among members of the press of British Columbia. Fighting instinct is too strong.

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Senator Templeman did not get the portfolio of the Interior. It went instead to Frank Oliver, the Edmonton newspaper man.

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Up-country papers say that Stuart Henderson has sold some claims, purchased at a tax sale, to an English syndicate for $1,000,000. This seems highly improbable, but if true we extend condolences to the purchasers.

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John Houston arrived in Victoria in a hurry on Sunday to support—so he says—government railway proposals. Nelson is unfortunate in having a representative who does not attend to his legislative business. That long resolution about raising money on land which stood on the order paper for days in Mr. Houston's name was never moved.

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The following peculiar advertisement recently appearing in the London Times testifies to human optimism: "Young married lady, with five children (husband's salary very small), wishes to be adopted by very wealthy old lady or gentleman (without relatives), who would provide for their future. Replies," etc.

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I welcome the openings that are being given to women to earn their own livelihood. I can conceive of no more degrading profession for a woman—no profession more calculated to unfit her for being that wife and mother we talk so much about than the profession that up to a few years ago was the only one open to her—*the profession of husband-hunting.*—J. K. Jerome in To-day.

Sport

The members of the Victoria Hunt Club turned out on Saturday last for their weekly run, which took place from Richardson street. There were a few good jumps at the start, and a number of spectators were present to see the fun. The course then followed through Pemberton's woods, down to the golf links, over Bowker's, Prescott's and Bishop's land, finishing up at the B. C. Cattle Co.'s ranch. There were no spills this time, and the place was rather slow owing to the newly-plowed up fields. Those who were out for the run were Miss Kate Devereux, Miss Violet Pooley, Miss O. Irving, Capt. Cockburn, Capt, Martin, Mr. R. Winter, Mr. L. H. Garnett and Mr. E. Langworthy. The next meet takes place from Hillside avenue to-day at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

At the beginning of this present fishing season Somenos Lake sustained its reputation as being one of the best lakes for early fishing. On the first Sunday quite a crowd of sportsmen turned out to try their luck and returned with most successful bags. During the last week, however, the trout have not been nearly so quick to take the fly, and many enthusiasts have determined to resort to bait till the season is further advanced. No very big fish were caught this week, the trout averaging only about one and a half pounds apiece. The Cowichan, however, is daily giving better results, and a fish weighing only just under four pounds was caught there this week with a March Brown fly. Shawnigan Lake seems to abound in catfish, which, besides being extremely easy to catch, make excellent eating. Quamichan Lake has not been fished as much as usual, but later on in the season it will no doubt be a great attraction. Local sportsmen are certainly great enthusiasts, and "fishing" is a topic of conversation that always "goes down well." One of the keenest fishermen in the district is Mr. Price, of the Tzouhalem Hotel, and he is always ready to give the itinerant rodsman the best advice as to how to bag the wily trout. In a few weeks' time I hope to be able to tell of some prodigious catches, and with the crowd of sportsmen who are sure to crowd to the river and the lakes it will have to be a very bad season if there is not plenty of fishing gossip worthy of record. V. A. G. E.

The annual meeting of the B. C. A. Lacrosse Association on Saturday night passed off most satisfactorily, the conditions put up by the Royal City club having been accepted by the league. The old monies owing to the New Westminster organization are all to be paid up and the forfeit of $100 will be posted by each club within fifteen days. The New Westminster delegates in company with Messrs. Kennedy, York and Milne, representing the Seattle club, remained outside the meeting room while routine business was transacted by the league from 8 p.m. till half an hour later. They were then invited to take seats in the meeting and President C. A. Welsh of the local club was asked for his proposition. This of course included the forfeit and the old debts clauses and both of these items were thoroughly discussed. After some discussion these were agreed to and at this juncture the New Westminster lacrosse club formally applied to be readmitted to the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association. The application was voted on and it was unanimously decided to take the old champions back into the fold. Seattle was also admitted on a unanimous vote and the election of officers for the season was proceeded with, the following being chosen:

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Social

The "Poverty Baw!" that has been looked forward to with such pleasant anticipation for some time past by the members of the Twentieth Century Club, took place on Tuesday evening last at the A. O. U. W. hall. Needless to say it was a success, as the dances arranged by Mrs. Lester always are. An energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Al. Jeffs, W. Patterson, F. Proctor, N. Ogden, S. Gidley and Walter Lang, took in hand most of the arrangements for the affair, which undoubtedly proved one of the most enjoyable of the season. The music was excellent, and was supplied by Miss Heater, piano, and Miss Askthrow, violin. The idea in the costumes was well carried out, and some of the ladies' frocks were recidedly dainty, although they were made of the poorest material. The most noticeable among the gentlemen's costumes was a suit worn by one of the committee, which was very effective, being made up of coarse potato sacking. He also wore a large tin committee badge, and carried a small old whisk broom, doubtless to keep off the dust or the flies. There was a good number present, and all enjoyed themselves right merrily till early dawn.

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Mr. Jas. B. Henderson and Miss Agnes Thornton, both of Cranbrook, were united in marriage on April 5th, by the Rev. Mr. Fortune, of that city.

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Mrs. Richard McBride, of Park road, wife of the Premier, entertained her friends at a very recherche tea on Wednesday afternoon last in honor of her guest, Mrs. McGillicray, of Vancouver. The drawing rooms were prettily arranged with palms and spring flowers, and an orchestra played delightful selections during the afternoon. In the tea room a most artistic effect was produced in the decorations, which consisted of clusters of yellow and scarlet tulips. The centre of the tea table was a mass of these brilliant spring blossoms, while at the corners of the table large knots of yellow ribbon tied smaller clusters of scarlet tulips. The hostess was beautifully gowned in cream point d'esprit with lively lace and satin garnitures. She was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. McGillivray, who wore a becoming frock of black voile over taffeta, while Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Tatlow presided over the tea table. Some of the guests noticed were: Mrs. Pooley, who wore a handsome brown cloth gown; Miss Pooley, in pale blue voile with black velvet trimmings and large picture hat; Mrs. Geo. L. Courtney, in a becoming frock of green, with hat to match; Mrs. Moresby wore tan voile with black chiffon picture hat. Mrs. Jay, Miss Jay, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. King, the Misses King, Mrs. Eberts, Miss Eberts, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Mrs. Butchart, the Misses Butchart, Miss Cambie, Miss Tatlow, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. H. B. Young, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Troup, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. F. Barnard, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Heisterman, Miss Heisterman, Mrs. R. E. Brett, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Mrs. R. F. Green and Mrs. C. F. Todd.

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Hon. Mrs. Cecil Edwardes, formerly of Vancouver, and well known in Victoria society, is in London, England, where she has been studying for the stage for some time, and has lately made her appearance for the first time before the London public in one of the leading roles in "Veronique" at the Apollo theatre.

John Houston, mayor of Nelson, announces that he has sold city 5 per cent. debentures for $150,000, for electric lighting purposes, to Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto. An electric power plant is to be erected on the Kootenay river.

Sir Henri Joly has donated $50 towards the Dominion exhibition, New Westminster, and in a letter to Mr. Keary wishes the big show every success. His Honor suggests that his donation go towards a prize for the best fruit packing.

APPROPRIATE TEXTS.

Suggestions For Local Parsons Who Wish to Preach Political Sermons.

In view of the example set by the Rev. Dr. Campbell last Sunday in mixing up politics with Bible texts, it may be of value to the city clergy, who think of doing likewise, to suggest a few texts appropriate to the political situation:

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"One man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found."—Ecclesiasties xii., 28. In re Mr. Hawthornthwaite's female suffrage resolution.

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"He hath set men in dark places. . . He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out; . . . . also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. . . He hath made my paths crooked."—Lamentations iii., 6-9. In re John Oliver's situation in the House.

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"For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her which shall make her land desolate."—Jeremiah l., 3. Effect of corruption in the Yukon upon the Liberals at Ottawa.

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"Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission."—Lamentations iii., 49. Mr. J. A. Macdonald on that railway policy.

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"But if any man say unto you, this is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not. . for conscience sake: . . . for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?"—I. Corinthians x., 28-29. Concerning Separate Schools or Sabbath Observance.

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Now, therefore ye ate no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens.—Ephesians iii., 19. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick and the Chinese franchise.

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"Behold, therefore, I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession. . . . They shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk."—Ezekiel xxv., 4. Better Terms.

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Lastly, a popular text: "The devil can quote scripture for his own ends." Not applicable to The Week.

HERE AND THERE.

A branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, one of the most enterprising of Canadian banking institutions, is to be opened shortly in New Westminster.

New Westminster is to have a first class hotel. It is to be erected on the ground formerly occupied by the Douglas Elliot block, destroyed in the great fire. The hotel is to be completed and furnished in time for the opening of the Dominion exhibition. English capital is behind the undertaking.

On Monday night of last week a C. P. R. freight train, running between Field and Revelstoke, struck a rock slide. Several cars were badly damaged and some went into the Kicking Horse river. The engineer and firemen, David Lyttle and J. Dickie, were killed.

The Elk Lumber & Manufacturing Company have spent about $100,000 this year on their plant at Hosmer, C. N. P., and will do an extensive business, employing 240 men. The plant is one of the best in the province.

Elko, on the Crow's Nest Pass line, is to have a live industry in the shape of a planing mill and dry kiln in the near future. J. L. Hanbury, of Brandon, is the promoter. Elko possesses many natural advantages, not the least of which are the immense water power of the Elk canyons, not yet utilized, and transportation facilities afforded by the C. P. R. and G. N. R. lines which cross at this point.

In Southeast Kootenay it is firmly believed that the C. P. R. Company intend to commence construction of the Kootenay Central railway this summer. It is said that the company's estimates include an item sufficient to cover the cost of construction from Golden to Fort Steele.

Prorogation of Legislature

Session Brought to a Conclusion on Saturday Last—The Railway Question.

The provincial legislature was prorogued by the Lieut.-Governor on Saturday evening last. The proceedings on Friday and Saturday were of more than ordinary interest, because the opposition was expected to make an effort to block prorogation, and the government forces were numerically smaller than at any time during the session, owing to the departure of Mr. Price Ellison, of Vernon. Mr. Houston also was absent, but as he has seldom been present during the session, and his vote, when he was there, was a duobtful quantity, there was no particular significance attaching to his empty chair.

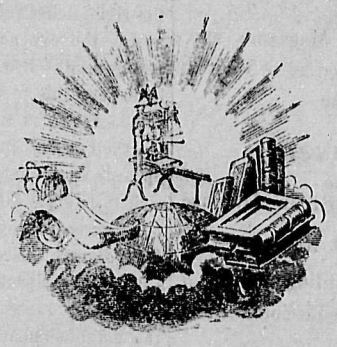
During a pause in the rushing through of business on Friday, Premier McBride made an important statement on the subject of railway proposals submitted to the government. Careful consideration, he said, had been given to all proposals for railway construction, but in the best interests of the province, the government had concluded that no comprehensive scheme for railway construction could be submitted to the House this session. Since the session of 1904, he had been endeavoring to secure the construction of the Coast-Kootenay road, but he had been unable to get a guarantee from promoters that would safeguard the interests of the province. There had been proposals for the construction of other railways, but agreements had not yet been completed. He had given his word to the House that any railway legislation brought down to the House would mean actual construction, and he would not be tempted to introduce measures for any more "paper" railways in British Columbia. It was unnecessary for him to point out that peculiar physical conditions obtained in this country; and that more than ordinary care must be exercised in regard to any proposal to aid railway construction. The government was not unconscious of these difficulties, nor were they unconscious of the desirability of bringing about the materialization of railway construction. They proposed to do their best to secure from responsible people contracts and agreements which would mean actual construction, the interests of the people being at the same time safeguarded. It was not until a few hours ago that these conclusions had been forced upon him, when every means in his power had been exhausted to secure for the country a comprehensive railway scheme. Having failed in this, it was his duty to make a frank statement to the House, and he hoped the House and the country would take the statement in the spirit in which it was made.

This statement, of course, met with the hearty disapproval of the leader of the opposition and his followers.

On Saturday the concluding business of the session was hurried through, the desire of opposition members to talk about everything and anything being interfered with by the "closure,"—the moving of "the previous question." On report of the Supply Bill, Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved that it be adopted "This day two weeks," in order to give the government further time in which to procure railway agreements. A flutter of excitement went round the galleries—but there was no need of fear. The motion was defeated on a straight party vote, the three independents voting with the government, and the majority being seven.

Among the measures that were "sidetracked" were Mr. Macdonald's bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, Mr. Clifford's bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, an act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act, Mr. Williams' bill to reduce the election deposit to fifty dollars, Mr. Macdonald's bill to settle the titles to coal lands in Southeast Kootenay, a bill to amend the Placer Mining Act and two bills introduced by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, one to amend the Master and Servant Act and one entitled the Shops Regulation Act.

Seekers for fruit lands, mainly from Manitoba, are showing up in considerable numbers at Penticton, which place is growing into a thriving little community.



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This has been a profitable season for trappers in the Okanagan. Mr. Pound, the Vernon taxidermist, has recently disposed of about $2,000 of raw furs, chiefly martin, sold to him during the past few months.

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SELF-RELIANCE.

After reading many provincial newspapers and hearing a great deal of talk by the man on the street, one is forced to the conclusion that the people of British Columbia expect a great deal too much from the government. All the troubles besetting the commercial life of the country are laid to the account of the government, as if any government could possibly supply to a people the necessary qualities that make for success, self-reliance, industry and enterprise. We sometimes weary of the continual boasting by the people of the United States of their own "go-ahead-itiveness," as one American writer calls it, but we must concede to our cousins over the line a fair share of the spirit of enterprise which seems to be somewhat lacking in our own country. We all know that British Columbia is a rich country; grandiloquent phrases concerning its resources flow easily from our lips and from our pens, but how much do we do, each of us, to prove the faith which we so generously profess? It is time that we should get past the talking stage and begin work. No country can advance by the coining and repetition of poetic descriptive phrases concerning its wealth and natural beauties. Unfortunately, the governments of the past have encouraged a spirit of dependence by the policy of borrowing money and expending it, thereby giving a temporary stimulus to trade, but at the same time piling up a load of debt to be paid later. To-day, we are paying for the good times previously enjoyed as the result of the borrowing policy. We do not like it, naturally. It is pleasanter to receive than to give, and so we—or many of us—turn upon the government and declare that it is incapable. Why? Because it does not borrow more money and expend it to keep our pots boiling! Nothing is more popular than a spendthrift policy. The striking success of the Liberal party at the last general elections throughout Canada proves that conclusively. The people like to see money spent, and they do not even trouble to inquire too closely how it is to be spent. The Grand Trunk Pacific policy, by which a great railway is built at the people's expense and handed over to a corporation, was just the right ticket for the average voter. It means the expenditure of millions of money, and it also means—but we honestly believe this to have been a secondary consideration in the minds of many who by their votes endorsed the policy—the opening up of extensive, and very likely rich territory. Now that the policy has been agreed to by the people and the Liberals are ensconced on the profitable side of the Speaker of the House of Commons, we seem to hear more about the establishment of state-aided Roman Catholic schools than about the construction of the Great National Transcontinental Railway, for which so many of us voted. The vast majority of the people do not want established sectarian schools, and they were not asked for their opinion on the subject; all they wanted was a large expenditure of money and the resultant opportunities to get rich quick. But here in British Columbia, thanks to the policy of past administrations and to the mean treatment accorded us by the Dominion Treasury, we have no big surplus to squander and our borrowing capacity is not so good as it might be. We are, in popular parlance, "strictly up against it" and we have got to "get down to business." No amount of abuse of the government can alter the position. It is easy for Mr. J. A. Macdonald and his followers to talk blandly of railway policies; they are not responsible, and it is their business to make the people believe that, were they in power, they would be able to find millions of money and millions of acres of land to give away to railway promoters. Some people may be caught by this sort of chaff, but not wise people. There are, it is true, certain railways that are sorely needed, but have we no opportunities that might be improved upon in the meantime? Have we exhausted the resources already rendered available by existing means of transportation? Are we unable to do anything but stand idly regarding the distant hills which look so green? If so, we are unworthy of our heritage. The much needed railways will come in time, much sooner, in fact, than is generally anticipated, and it is well that we have a government strong enough to refuse to be taken advantage of by promoters who rely upon the popular desire for new roads blinding the people's judgment as to the amount of the price to be paid. Whether we like it or not, we have to be patient at least, but it would be better to cultivate a spirit of self-reliance and try the effect of a little experimental enterprise in the fields already open to us.

THE FALL OF THE COLONIST.

The Colonist, for a long time the most influential newspaper in British Columbia, has fallen from its high estate. Of late years it has steadily declined in the public estimation owing to its editorial weakness, its vacillation in matters of public policy, and the carelessness and inaccuracy of its news columns. The decline began under the editorship of Mr. C. H. Lugrin, an able writer, it is true, but a pronounced Liberal and uncomfortably seated in the chair directing the policy of a Conservative organ. It is sometimes said that the private views of a writer do not affect his editorial work, but this is entirely a mistake. A man cannot effectively write against his own conscience; work of that sort is unconvincing, and except the writer be a man of high integrity he is liable to give way to the temptation of aiding his friends at the expense of his employers. It was not long before Mr. Lugrin's position became difficult and finally impossible. He was succeeded by Mr. D. B. Bogle and for a time the Colonist regained its self-possession. But the advent of "party" politics into the province, and the then existing antagonism between what might be called the young Conservative party of British Columbia and the old Conservative party of Victoria, resulted in the resignation of Mr. Bogle and the appointment to the editorial chair of Mr. Gosnell, the present editor. Mr. Gosnell's appointment was acclaimed by the press of the province and great things were expected of him. It was known that Mr. Gosnell was friendly to the government of Mr. McBride, and it was thought that this and his close relations with the old Conservative party of Victoria would add strength to the government and at the same time bring together the two factions of the local Conservative party. Unfortunately, like other editors of the Colonist, Mr. Gosnell's position clearly was less comfortable than had been anticipated. At Christmas time changes took place in the editorial staff, several members resigning on the arrival on the premises of a gentleman whose services to the Liberal party are notorious, if not valuable, and who almost immediately afterwards was appointed to the most important position—after the editorship—on the staff, that of the city editorship. Those who were acquainted with the new city editor knew what to expect. Whenever an opportunity might occur a blow—open or covert—might be expected to be levelled at the provincial Conservative party and at Mr. McBride's government. During the session this influence was noticeable in the tone of the reports of the Legislature—in the omission of fair reports of government speakers, and in the greater amount of space given to the criticisms of members of the opposition. On Friday last, in the absence of the editor, an editorial was written in the Colonist office and published in Saturday's issue, which, in popular parlance, "turned down" the government the paper had so far been supporting, and sneered at the work of the session. Never, in all the "wobblings" of its recent history, has the Colonist appeared in so absurd and shameful a light. After helping the administration (editorially) throughout the session, and with full information as to the position of railway negotiations, the Colonist waited until the last day of the session—when protest was too late, in any event—and then snapped at the hand that had been feeding it, and wailed about the absence of a railway policy! Uncertain, weak and treacherous as the Colonist has proved, who among intelligent people can rely upon its pronouncements or place any faith in its judgment? Verily, even the Colonist cannot fool the people all the time!

PUT OUT OF BUSINESS.

The trout fishing season is now at its height, and Ananias has gone into involuntary bankruptcy.—Grand Forks Sun.

DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.

The legislature has adjourned. What next?—Ladysmith Ledger.

VICTORIA'S COUNCIL.

The processes by which municipal councillors in Victoria arrive at their conclusions respecting the conduct of public business are past finding out. It seems extraordinary that as soon as a private citizen dons the chains and robes of an alderman his views become overbalanced and stand, as it were, on their heads, instead of resting soberly on the soles of their feet.—Victoria Times.

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CREDIT IMPROVING.

That the credit of British Columbia has been placed on a sound footing by the efforts of Finance Minister Tatlow, is very evident from the fact that on the London market, B. C. inscribed 3 per cent. has advanced several points since it was seen that the provincial government had determined to handle the financial situation in a businesslike way. The stock is now selling at 90.—Kamloops Standard.

HOUSTON AND OTHERS.

With brutal frankness, characteristic of its editor, the Nelson Tribune criticizes Hon. R. F. Green and his subordinates for reported irregularities in the lands and works department at Victoria. "Bob" Green may not be a "big man mentally or physically," as the Tribune puts it; but his qualifications were of a higher standing than those of the member for Nelson for the position, the loss of which was a bitter pill for him to swallow, and which led to his estrangement from the party he was elected to support.—Sandon Standard.

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SHOP-ASSISTANTS' HOURS.

Quite a strong feeling of opposition exists among Victoria merchants to the legislation proposed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite to regulate the hours of employment of shop assistants. The bill was among those shelved at the close of the session so there is no immediate cause for agitation on the subject. Some of the features of the bill are objectionable. No allowance is made, for instance, for late trading on the eve of public holidays—a very convenient custom—and the regulation in regard to midday recess would prove unworkable. But there is one excellent proposal contained in Mr. Hawthornthwaite's measure, namely that providing for a weekly half-holiday. This has been established by law in some—if not all—of the Australian states, and in many other places for years past, and has worked no hardship upon the shop-keepers, while it has given opportunity to shop assistants, many of whom are occupied in very tedious and trying work, to enjoy the pleasure and physical benefits derived from open-air exercise. The half-holiday might be established without legislation, and we think it is deserving of consideration by the merchants of the province.

Considerable development work is being done on the high grade belt of Greenwood, and the Preston, Skylark, Helen, Strathmore, Fremont and other claims are said to be very promising.

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Lumby (Okanagan) has organized a football club, with T. A. Norris, president, and M. V. Allen, captain.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Following is a list of up-country readers who have sent in subscriptions during the past week: Bank of Montreal, Vernon; W. F. Cameron, Vernon; W. C. Pound; Vernon; P. Dixon, Winnipeg; Geo. Raymond, Vernon; C. A. C. Steward, Penticton; A. Johnston, Summerland; Chas. Jones, Penticton; Carruthers & Pooley, Kelowna; J. L. Pridham, Kelowna; Lequime Bros., Kelowna; Thos. Lawson, Kelowna; O. W. M. Hughes, Kelowna; Dr. W. J. Knox, Kelowna; W. A. Pitcairn, Kelowna; F. M. Buckland, Kelowna; D. W. Sutherland, Kelowna; Kelowna Saw Mill Co.; R. Morrison, Kelowna; Dr. H. L. A. Keller, Kelowna; Jim Bowes, Kelowna; W. B. Finley, Vernon; H. C. Cooper, Kelowna; The Club, Kelowna; F. McGowen, Vernon; Vernon Hotel; W. T. Shatford, Penticton; Okanagan Land Co., Vernon; A. P. McKenzie, Vernon; L. Norris, Vernon; Hudson's Bay Co., Vernon; Dr. R. Young, Vernon; H. G. Muller, Vernon; S. W. Hatch, Winnipeg; E. A. Shaw, Vernon; Stillingfleet & Fraser, Kelowna; H. Percival Lee, Vernon; Berry & Bond, Winnipeg; Alex. Grant, Vernon; J. T. Taylor, Vernon; S. C. Smith, Vernon; Knight & Co., Vernon; McKenzie & Martin, Vernon; Okanagan Saddlery Co., Vernon; V. L. E. Miller, Lumby; Johnson & Haley, Vernon; F. S. Reynolds, Vernon; J. T. Bardolph, Vernon; W. T. Shatford, Vernon; F. Billings, Vernon; C. F. Costerton, Vernon; J. C. Campbell, Vernon; Victoria Hotel, Vernon; Jno. Smith, St. James, Man.; F. O. Winters, Armstrong; Columbia Flouring Mills, Okanagan; Jno. Harwood, Vernon; Chas. Addison, Wellington, England; P. Burnett, Enderby; Webb Wright, Enderby; C. W. Leighton, Enderby; Mr. Morand, Lumby; Col. Robert Stevenson, Princeton.

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The Cities of Enderby, Armstrong and Municipality of Spallumcheen and Larkin Described.

By Percy F. Godenrath. Travelling Correspondent for The Week

It is at Sicamous Junction, 334 miles east of Vancouver, that the passenger bound for the Okanagan leaves the main line of Canada's transcontinental highway to continue his journey south over the Shusway & Okanagan branch. Catering to the growing needs of this section, with an early season and bright prospects of travel, the company has resumed the daily passenger service to the head of Okanagan lake. Each morning the platform of the station and the rotunda of the picturesque C. P. R. hotel presents an animated appearance with throngs of impatient travellers awaiting the making up of the combination passenger and freight train previous to its departure. It is an interesting collection of humanity that greets the eye. Down around the baggage car are numbers of good-natured dapper "drummers" taking a last look to see that their trunks are put safely aboard; prosperous appearing ranchers and farmers, hailing from east of the Rockies, are being button-holed by ever alert real estate agents—who by the way have come up the night previous to the Junction so as to lose no opportunity to impress upon the newcomers the merits of their respective sections, as set glowingly forth in illustrated pamphlets which are generously distributed to all hands; a black-gowned priest has in charge a party of sombre faced Sisters of Charity; while another group is composed of members of a touring theatrical company, chatting gaily on the prospects of securing the shekels that are ripe for the gathering in at the different "one-night stands" the company will play at. Here and there a few farm laborers brush elbows with keen-eyed speculators, though before one has further time for contemplation a raucous voice yells: "All aboard for the Okanagan," and a general movement is made for the cars, and shortly the train is moving southward—bound for the Land of Promise.

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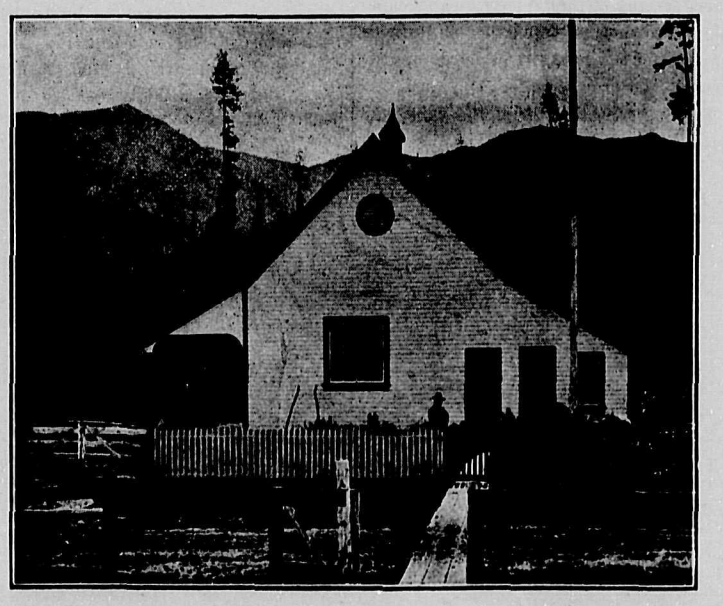
A "Baby" City.

Charmingly situated on the west bank, in a bend of the Spallumcheen river, 23 miles south of the Junction, are 655 acres of cleared land, embracing the corporation limits of Enderby, the latest claimant to municipal honors and the right to the prefix "city," as granted by royal charter. When the history of the province was in its making, in the good old days of the early '60's, many of the pioneers, tiring in a profitless search after the yellow metal, turned to a more prosaic, though less speculative existence, and settled in this vicinity, which in recent months, since the advent of Bro. Walker and the "Edenograph," has been advertised to the world as a bounteous "Garden of Eden." Before the "iron horse" came whistling down the valley to quicken its commercial life, the settlement was called Belvedere, and its position at the head of navigation on the chain of lakes stretching from Savonas to the Okanagan made it the rendezvous of the early settlers and the headquarters of the whole district as regards trading and transportation. With the completion of the railway in 1892, Enderby lost its supremacy in this respect, as the other towns and communities were placed in direct connection with the outside world.

Backed by an extensive mixed farming, fruit raising and dairying country, the city itself has thenucleus of a payroll from several important industries, and give promise of expansion, assuring for the place an ever-growing population that means so much for the future permanency and financial wealth of this "Baby City." The principal industrial concerns are the Kamloops Lumber Company, which has one of the most modern sawmills in the interior, with a capacity of 20,000,000 feet per annum; the Columbia Flouring Mills Company's 300 barrel grist mill; the Enderby Brick & Tile Company's extensive brick yards, and the recently formed Enderby Coal Mines, Ltd., whose property, consisting of 10,000 acres, is eight miles from, and at an altitude of 1,130 feet above the town.

Up to within a few years the farmers of the vicinity devoted most of their attention to the production of wheat, for the growth of which the land is eminently suited. It was not long, however, before they found it almost impossible to compete with the grain growers of the Northwest, and, as elsewhere in the valley, they turned their attention to dairying, fruit raising and gardening. The success that attended the planting of the first orchards, principally apples, plums, prunes, apricots and cherries, as well as small fruits, and the superiority of the quality and flavor of the fruit attributed to the fact of the soil containing sufficient moisture to mature the fruit even in the driest seasons, thus obviating the necessity of artificial irrigation, soon resulted



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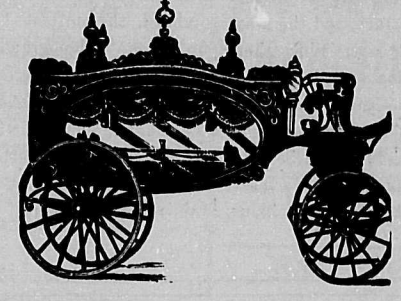

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in calling attention to the possibilities of this section as a fruit country second to none in the West.

A Goat Ranch.

One of the best known ranches of the Northern Okanagan is the Stepney ranch, situated three miles from town, and owned by Sir Arthur Stepney. In many ways it is a model of perfection, showing evidences of careful cultivation and reflecting great credit on the manager, Mr. George Heggie. The estate comprises some 1,500 acres, with 700 acres under cultivation, principally in grain, barley, oats, peas and hay. Besides a herd of pure bred Shropshire sheep, cattle and hogs, always interesting to visitors, the experiment of breeding Angora goats for mohair—something entirely new in the province—is now being carried on at the ranche, bespeaks an enterprise that is unique in more than one respect, for the goats are decidedly useful as "brush exterminators."

Coal Land.

The discovery of coal croppings last fall in the immediate vicinity of Enderby by George Weir, whose interests were afterwards acquired by a local company, also means much to the town if the "black diamond" be found in such quantities and such quality as to allow of it becoming a commercial product. Preliminary exploration by a 64-foot tunnel disclosed a full face, and the seam is believed to be a big one. Since there are no coal mines being operated in this province between the Crow's Nest Pass and Vancouver Island, the sanguine hopes of the shareholders cannot be gainsayed if the mine turns out as is expected. The coal is said to be bituminous, and an analyses of the surface exposures gave the following highly satisfactory results:

Moisture	7.09
Volatile matter	16.90
Fixed Carbon	54.21
Ash	16.30
Sulphur	5.50
	100.00

Development work is now being actively prosecuted, and the company—which is a close corporation—includes the names of many substantial financiers, who, if the undertaking should prove successful, are in a position to command all the capital necessary to open up the property on a large scale.

Like every old settled community, Enderby has its pioneers, and one's visit could hardly be called complete without becoming personally acquainted with H. Webster Wright, better known as "Webb," the genial boniface of the Enderby hotel. For two decades Wright derby hotel. For two decades Wright has experienced the vicissitudes and pleasures of making a living in the valley as freighter, stage driver, farmer, and lastly as "mine host," and now with a tidy income of some $2,000 per month coming from the hotel, he tells you in his plain, blunt way that after all the solitude of the farm and an occasional outing after feathered game or a bear—for the district is prolific in sport—are more to his liking. "How did you come to drift in here?" I asked him. "Well, I broke loose from old Nova Scotia back in '73; wandered around the Pacific slope until I struck Lytton, 21 years ago, and from there finally followed a freight outfit, which brought in two American self-binders that finally landed up at the old Lambley warehouse. I figured it out that those binders were headed for a land that grew something—and I've stuck here ever since." Webb still clings to a 50-acre plot of choice land half a mile from town, for which he has refused $100 per acre. His hotel is a big one, fronting 166 feet on one street and 79 feet on another, and is a substantial two-story frame structure, electrically lit, with modern improvements, hot and cold water, etc. Generous to a fault, ever ready to help along the road of life some unfortunate, Wright is typical of that group of sturdy pioneers now rapidly passing away, and to whom the province owes so much.

Enderby and its immediate neighborhood offers many opportunities for the homeseeker, and small holdings can be had at prices varying from $10 per acre upward, according to the distance from town. With a favorable climate, ample rainfall to insure crops, good soils, an abundance of timber and splendid markets for all produce of the field or orchard, the outlook is rightly summed up by the "Edenograph" in the following terse sentence: "There may be, no doubt there are, features about other parts of the Okanagan that will equal anything we have about Enderby in the way of nature's provisions for home-life, but certainly none can excell us. Climatic conditions are perfect; and for health and beauty the town's location is unsurpassed. No cold, damp weather, or hot sultry days."

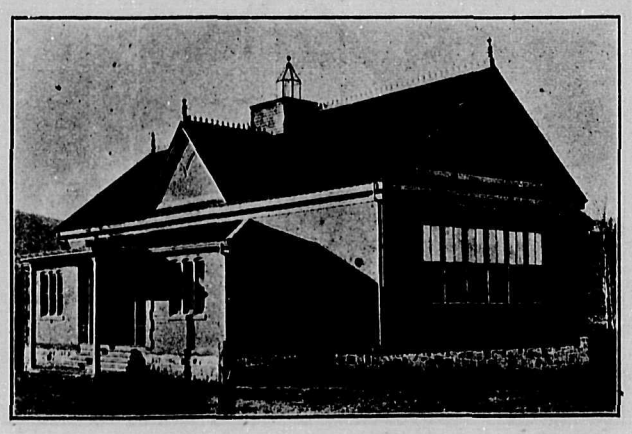
Where the Big, Red Apple Grows.

Continuing south, the next town reached is Armstrong. It is a thriving, prosperous place, that to-day shows no sign of the disastrous fire that three years ago almost wiped it out of existence, and this speaks well for the enterprise and supreme optimism its business men have in the place. With a population bordering close to 500 people, the town lies in the heart of the municipality of Spallumcheen—"the land of the big, red apple,"—and local orchardists will not hesitate to say that this particular section produces the finest winter apple grown in point of size, color and flavor in the valley under natural rainfall—irrigation not being required. Be that as it may, the fact is evident to the most casual observer, that while for many years the municipality has been noted for its prolific grain fields, fruit raising is now engaged in to a large extent, and when one learns that a local firm sold this spring over $7,000 worth of fruit trees, it is pretty conclusive evidence that the soil and climate hereabouts is specially adapted to fruit culture.

The farmers, too, through their co-operative flour mill, their creamery and their Farmer's Exchange, take a high place in the business-like manner in which they handle the products of the soil to the best possible advantage. Here they buy, manufacture and ship on the co-operative plan, all the produce offered at prices that mean a greater profit to themselves, than it would otherwise be possible to obtain by individual effort. For instance, the Farmers' Exchange during 1904 shipped 102 carloads of fruit, hay and produce, valued at $30,813.82, at a total cost of handling, including all losses and travelling expenses, of $2,432.38, or only 7.8 cents per dollar. The net profits on the capital invested were 29½ per cent., while the losses from bad accounts amounted to only one half per cent., and when one considers that last year's volume of business was greatly reduced owing to the small vegetable crop caused by an unusually dry season the showing is an exceptionally good one. This year the estimated output is placed at 150 cars.

The municipality, which extends from the Indian reservation near Enderby on the north very nearly to Vernon on the south, embraces four townships. The valley at this point varies from six to 12 miles in width. To the eastward the agricultural lands run right up to the foot of the Gold range mountains, while the western part of the municipality is more of a rolling, brushy country, though for the most part the land is available for cultivation. The whole municipality is extremely fertile, the soil being a rich clay loam ranging from somewhat light to clays of the heaviest kind, with several inches of black loam on the surface. The rolling and higher land in the extreme western part is mostly a black sandy loam, the chief area of which is the Salmon river valley and land in the immediate vicinity. Scattered throughout the length and breadth of the municipality, amply testifying to the richness of the soil, are scores of 10 and 20 acre tracts of orchards, gardens and meadows as bright in verdure and foliage as anything in the city of Victoria, and capable of raising as bounteous and varied crops as any vineyards, orchards or gardens in the province.

Sharing with the rest of the valley the good times consequent upon an influx of new people; men of experience and broader ideas, men with capital, energy and brains, Armstrong and the municipality generally is looking forward to a most active summer in land transactions. It is realized that the days of large ranch holdings is a thing of the past, if the country is ever to be built up by a population such as can be supported under a new plan of cultivating each and every acre to its most productive extent by the ownership of say 10 and 20 acre plots. With this end in view local capitalists have recently bought up some of the original homesteads and are platting them out for orchards and mixed farming. The smaller plots find a ready sale, at prices within a radius of five miles of the town, of from $30 to $40 per acre for wild land, and from $50 to $100 per acre for cultivated lands, and the range of prices is fully 50 per cent. lower than that part of the Okanagan to the south, and inasmuch that irrigation is not required, the initial expense to the owner is far less per acre for cultivated lands. Two instances might be mentioned. August Schubert, sr., a pioneer of the valley, who 42 years ago braved the perils of that remarkable over-land journey made by the first Canadian contingent to seek a fortune in the Golden Cariboo, has disposed of his 480 acre homestead to a local syndicate. The new owners divided the land up into 10-acre plots, and have already sold a number to recent arrivals from Manitoba and the Territories. His next door neighbor, H. Swanson who has also resided here for a quarter of a century, has just



ARMSTRONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

LARKIN

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1,500 acres of cleared, level land immediately adjoining the townsite is now being sub-divided into 5, 10, and 20 acre plots—with free water to purchasers—at prices ranging from

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sold 320 acres to F. C. Wolfenden, manager of the Okanagan flour mill. Both parcels of land, subdivided into 10-acre plots, find a quick market, as the properties are situated within a mile and a half of town, are well watered and have an extremely fertile soil.

Just to give an illustration of the possibilities of making money in this section in farm land speculation, which came under the personal notice of the correspondent, take the case of W. S. Fisher, the senior member of the firm of Fisher & Sage, real estate dealers—and this one firm sold for the year ending last month over $120,000 worth of farm lands, principally small holdings in the valley, who came to Armstrong less than two years ago from Ponoka, Alberta, and therefore is really even classed among the newcomers. He purchased for cash 160 acres at $3,200; immediately disposed of 80 acres for $1,800, subdivided the rest into 10-acre plots and made $1,100 over his original cash outlay, and still retains for his own use and home 26 acres. What this man has done in the past and is doing now, any intelligent, ambitious man with small capital can repeat in the future, and there are any number of such opportunities to make money.

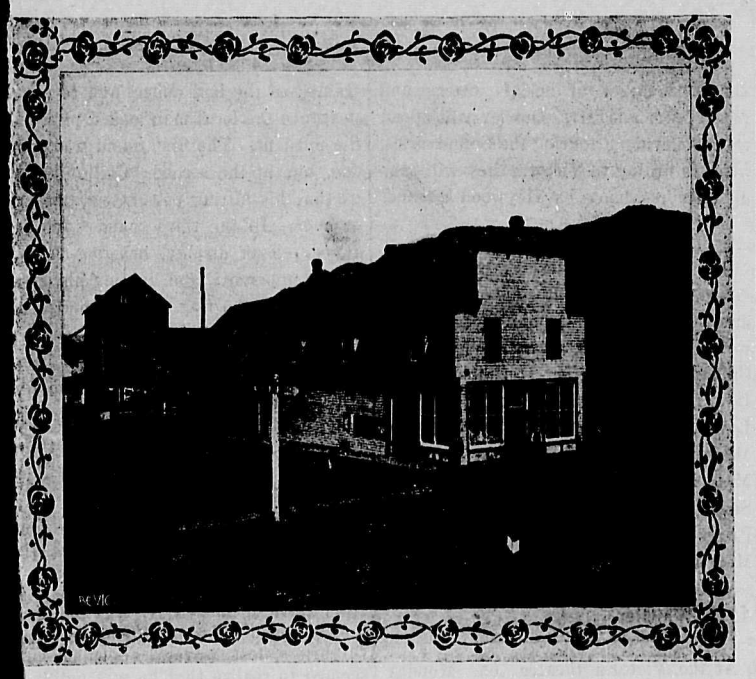
A New Townsite.

Larkin, the newest townsite in the valley, is six miles further on, at nearly the southern end of the municipality. Some 100 odd acres have been laid out in streets, lots and blocks, and building operations for a hotel, general store, blacksmith's shop and sawmill are now in progress. Surrounded as Larkin is by thousands of acres of cultivated level land, with the finest of black loam and clay loam soils; with ample water for domestic and irrigation uses and plenty of timber, the prospects are indeed bright for the upbuilding of a happy and prosperous community. **Here, again, opportunity exists for both rich and poor alike, for the division of 1,500 acres of choice land adjacent to the townsite into 5, 10 and 20 acre plots, at prices ranging from $75 to $100 per acre—including free water—suitable for orchards and mixed farming, will provide room for scores of families.**

The Vernon-Okanagan Land Company, the owners of the townsite, will immediately instal a waterworks service; grade the streets, and has set aside free sites for schools, churches and a public hall, and is generally pursuing a most liberal policy to induce settlement on its lands.

In concluding a sketch of the northern part of the Okanagan, the writer, from information collected at first hand, ventures to predict that within ten years three-quarters of the land in this one municipality will be sub-divided into smaller holdings and that nine-tenths of the present ranchers and farmers will be orchardists, for here exists the best conditions for the production of perfect fruit of the hardy varieties, perfect crops of all kinds, for perfect health, for prosperity and happiness. What more can be asked?

Manager Keary, of the Dominion exhibition, has received a letter from Sholes, winner of the diamond sculls, saying he is willing to row on the Fraser and defend his claim to the championship against all comers.



HARVEY'S GENERAL STORE AT ENDERBY.

The Stage

THE REDMOND COMPANY.

It will be some time before our local theatre-goer will again have the opportunity of enjoying the work of this excellent organization, as Mr. Redmond begins his regular season at the Beck theatre, Bellingham, Washington, on the 23rd of this month. As the coming week will terminate the company's engagement here a series of revivals will be given, and all will have an opportunity of witnessing the reproduction of the best and strongest of their many successes. Beginning with Monday evening "Davy Crockett," with all its wealth of special scenery, will be the attraction offered, and only for that night, for on Tuesday evening and Wednesday matinee, "A Mountain Girl" will be the bill. On Wednesday night one of the most successful melodramas of the season will be reproduced, "The Man of Mystery"; on Thursday and at the Friday matinee, "The Two Orphans"; Friday night and Saturday matinee, "The Lighthouse Robbery," and on Saturday night the closing play will be "Prince Romiro." With such a list of attractions Victoria's amusement seekers will have their hands full, and many will be attracted to the Redmond. Mr. Redmond has done much for local patrons of the drama, for to him, more than any other man in the Northwest, is due the reasonable prices now enjoyed by patrons of the stock shows. The opening of the Redmond theatre marked a new era in the conditions existing here, and this must be admitted. We will be sorry to see the Redmonds leave us for so long a period, but Mr. Redmond returns to us late in the fall in time to open his regular stock season. No one can foresee what changes will occur before the return of this excellent organization, and much interest will be felt in their farewell week, as there may be several new faces when the company returns. We hope to see all that have been identified with Mr. Redmond's first season here, but in any even we can depend that Mr. Redmond will return, and with an organization that will reflect credit upon Victoria's home stock company.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

The Consolidated Amusement Company, who are catering to the public with such success at the Victoria theatre, have undoubtedly presented this week the strongest vaudeville bill ever given in this town. The star engagement of the week is the genius D'Urbano, with his twenty-five musical satellites, and one cannot help wondering how the management can secure such an expensive feature and yet charge such low prices. The most fastidious music-lovers could find no fault with the selection of music, and I have heard the opinion freely expressed that the genius of D'Urbano falls very little short of that of the great Creatore. D'Urbano presents a most grotesque appearance while wielding the baton, but one forgives any eccentricity when the classical selections are rendered with that rare delicacy and feeling which can only be obtained by the ready response of the instrumentalists to the pleadings of their conductor. Perhaps the most appreciated items were the selctions from Carmen and Norma. The band possesses most efficient soloists in Signors di Fabio and Marcario. Frosini, the accordeonist, is another bright feature in this essentially musical bill. He is complete master of his instrument and produces such delightful melody that one wishes more accordeon "kings" found their way to this city. Miss Daisy Vernon "soubrettes" most charmingly, and her second song, in which she warbles to us about "dreamland," is particularly attractive. Master Harold Hobb, although a very diminutive little gentleman, sings illustrated songs in a very entertaining way. The Xerxas are a pair of very clever contortionists and deserve much greater applause than they have been receiving; Miss Xerxa, besides being a fearless performer, is an exceedingly pretty little lady, and goes through all her gymnastic tricks as if she thoroughly enjoyed them. Boyle and Lewis give the weak turn of an otherwise strong bill. They are called comedy sketch artists, but neither their singing nor "gag is of a very high order. The ever popular biograph, with pictures of the Russo-Japanese war and other topical subjects brings a conclusion to this striking programme.

THE GRAND.

In spite of the keenest competition, the Grand, on Johnson street, has kept well to the front this week, and the good programme has met with well-deserved appreciation. The trio, Sylvester, Jones and Pringle, have won themselves many laurels and their refined singing fairly "brought down the house." Teddy Box is a comedian of the first water, with a style peculiarly his own, and he manages to "get right there" every night. It is in the role of "policeman" that he wins most applause. DeCoe gives some marvellous feats of balancing, and Joe Deming takes care to keep the audience amused while he gives his bright little turn of song and talk. Little Mildred, for her age, is a very clever child and tells us a lot about Japan in her short sketch and concludes by singing two well chosen songs. Mr. Roberts and the biograph are both regular features and firm favorites. Mr. Roberts scores heavily this week with his song, "Down in the Vale of Shenandoah."

Those who have not seen Kalacratus, the great hoop rooler and equilibrist, should make a point of attending the Savoy to-night. He is a remarkably good feature of a strong variety programme.

Municipal Notice

Bye-Election of School Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in the Court Room at the CITY HALL, in the aforesaid City, on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1905, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing a person as member of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District, in the place of Dr. A. E. Bolton, who has resigned.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British Subject of the full age of Twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public School Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on FRIDAY, the 28th day of April, 1905, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for ONE (1) candidate for member of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 14th day of April, 1905.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

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Girl From Albany.

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Davy Crockett.

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For School Trustee

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the election for School Trustee and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. M'KAY.

To The Ratepayers of Victoria.

The undersigned is a candidate for the vacancy on the School Board, caused by the resignation of Dr. Bolton, and begs to solicit your vote and influence.

P. J. RIDDELL.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Upon request of a number of ratepayers, I have consented to be a candidate for Trustee, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr. Bolton. If elected, I will endeavor to serve the interests of the people to the best of my ability.

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The Joy of Life in Spring

"Babette Writes of This and Also of Shopping and Fashion Topics.

Dear Madge:—What a delightful climate our dear old Victoria has after all! Here I am, sitting out in the garden in a cotton frock under my old friend the spreading cherry tree. He, too, is clad suitably for the occasion in his new white garment of cherry blossoms. Stretching out away to the right are beautiful green fields, with hedges and trees just budding forth in their new leafy grandeur. Then away beyond, over the tops of dark distant pine trees, I see the mountains of the Olympic range wrapt in their mantle of cold, white snow. But all about me the birds are twitter'ng and chirping, revelling in the spring sunshine, and glad at the prospect of the many more bright warm days to come. An occasional breeze whispers to my friend the cherry tree, and he sends down a shower of blossoms in reply. Ah me! I'm no poet, Madge, but to be sure, one can't help joining in the chorus when everything about one seems singing the praises of spring, and rejoicing at its return. The tourists, like the birds, seem to follow the warmth and sunshine, for already I see a few of them straying about. The other day I overheard some of their conversation, and the remarks of a bright American when asked what he thought of Victoria. "Well," he said, "everything is climate in Victoria. You ask anyone that's been here, what he thinks, and he is sure to begin, 'beautiful climate.' The first thing I heard when I arrived was climate (and the last thing I felt also). Then I went for a drive to Mount Tolmie. I asked the driver how I might get to the top, and he replied 'climate, sir.'" But I have heard that joke so many times before, haven't you, Madge?

And now of the shops and their latest novelties. In the Westside this week I noticed some very smart tailor-made costumes in luster, canvas cloth and voile. Voile, under a variety of high-sounding names which do credit to the inventive genius of the fashion-monger, is asserting itself quite as strongly in the interests of the really smart gowns as taffetas. But call it what you will it is still the same delightful amenable fabric. For spring and early summer wear, I think it charming. I also saw a number of new Louisine silk blouses, in cream, brown, blue and black from $6.00 upwards. A new and fashionable silk blouse, I always consider a safe investment, especially if one happens to possess a suitable skirt of the same color to wear it with. Now you must not write down the blouse as defunct, but rather as a phoenix risen anew, having shed its free-and-easy aspect and blissful disregard of the canons of form and reappeared in the most recherche guise. At present it is a slave to the science of boning, and claiming as close a kinship with the figure it adorns, as the most rigidly tailored corsage.

In the linen department there are all kinds of fancy table linens, such as centre pieces, doylies, tray cloths, etc., at about half the regular price. There are also a number of good towels marked down at cost. In lingerie I noticed something very new and dainty in nightgowns. They were made of lawn and trimmed with prettily embroidered fine handkerchiefs, with insertion, the embroidered covers of the handkerchiefs arranged so as to form a pretty bertha and yoke. The other fine muslin underwear that has just arrived is quite the prettiest I have ever seen, such dainty creations of lace, embroidery and insertions. And the new spring and summer hosiery is too tempting! I see that black lace is used and inserted a great deal in the new black silk and Lisle thread hosiery. Lace is being used with everything, and the woman with a goodly store of real lace in her possession is always to be envied. But this year lace has so great a modistic value, apart from its intrinsic worth and actual beauty, that the dowerless woman may well school herself to endure the heartburnings which will inevitably be her portion without directly indulging in envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness. Lace, that is, real lace is always a splendid investment, for while a shred remains, it shows exactly what it is. If it is really soiled it may be tubbed or cleaned, but it always seems such a pity, according to my way of thinking, for it takes away that lovely yellow that age alone can give.

What, ho! for the spring housecleaning. I suppose you are in the midst of it by now, and in no amiable temper, either. But cheer up, for "I bring you tidings of joy." When your carpets are all nicely cleaned, beaten, etc., and put down again, keep them in this condition by using in the future a Bissel sweeper. Weiler Bros. advertise these sweepers for $3.25 and $3.75 each, and if you take my advice on the subject, next year you will be saved all the bother and discomfort of taking up your rugs and carpets. In Weiler's also I saw such pretty Jap screens for $5.00 each. These are so effective and pretty for a garden in the summer time when one has little tea parties; they can be used to keep off the sun's hot rays or to shield one from the rude gaze of passers-by. The old hickory furniture that they advertise is very artistic for hall or library use. It is the regular "Andy Jackson" style, and some of the chairs, seats, etc., are very quaint.

While passing Fletcher Brothers' store the other day I was attracted by a most delightfully sounding phonograph. Usually I pay little attention to these things, but this one produced the most beautiful tones I have ever heard coming from such an instrument. I went in to inquire and I find they have a new lot of lately improved instruments, all with lively tunes, and one can rent or buy them at reasonable rates.

Fashion forecasts point to the fact that ribbon parasols will be very popular this spring. The ribbons will be of graduated sizes, those at the base being very wide and narrowing as they near the top. The examples carried out in satin ribbon, in pale shades as well as white and ecru, are most effective, but some very pretty designs in Pompadour ribbons are likewise included in the various schemes. Small bows of satin ribbon form a very important item in the toilette up-to-date, Madge. Some of the new sleeves are slashed up on the inner or outer side from the shoulder and caught together again with little bows of satin, velvet, or panne, ribbon showing the arm between. The effect is very good, the sleeve itself being full and gathered or rucked all the way down.

"BABETTE."

Mr. David Dowler and Miss Margaret V. Tankin were married at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by the Rev. Leslie Clay on Wednesday evening last. The church was decorated for the occasion in spring blossoms, and a large number of friends and relatives of the happy couple were present at the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Alex. Ferguson, was charming in a travelling costume of brown cloth with becoming toque to match. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of bridal roses and ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Dowler will spend their honeymoon touring the Sound cities, after returning to Victoria they will take up their residence on Heywood avenue.

On Thursday Mrs. F. G. Richards entertained at tea in honor of her daughter Blanche. Among those present were: Mrs. C. B. Deaville, Miss McCulloch, Miss Jennie McCulloch, Miss Lovell, Miss Kate Lovell, Miss Nellie Lovell, Miss Davey, Miss Lucy Davey, Miss Raymond, Miss Bone, Miss Pither, Miss Mary Spencer, Miss Clarke, Miss Smith, Miss Watkins, Miss Nicholas. Prizes were won by Miss Nicholas and Miss Luck Davey. Mrs. Richards was assisted by Mrs. J. Cochrane and Mrs. A. D. Whittier.

At the Victoria theatre on Monday night, a semi-musical comedy, called "The Marriage of Kitty," will be produced by a capable company. The show is sent out by Jules Murry, and should therefore be worth seeing. It is to be a dollar rates.

The Redmond theatre has been doing good business during the week with three-barrelled bill, which consisted o "The Gilded Fool," "Escaped from Sin Sing" and "The Girl from Albany." A the plays were produced with the abili characteristic of Mr. Redmond's produc tions. "The Girl from Albany," a ver jolly play, is the attraction this afternoo and evening.

Thursday night was a gala night at th Savoy. In addition to the strong vaude ville bill which has been running thr throughout the week, the extra attra tion of a fight between Percy Cove, o Seattle, and Colin Hill, of Victoria, dre tremendous crowds to the popular variet house. Shortly after ten o'clock all par of the house began to fill, but it wa eleven o'clock before the two combatan were introduced by Mr. Wood. An e thusiastic crowd was seated at the rin side, and the general opinion seemed favor a good fight. Both men we

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