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PREMIER BLOCKS P. G. E. ENQUIRY

BITTER OVER DEFEAT IN CRANBROOK BY-ELECTION—SESSION DRAWING TO CLOSE—RUSHING LEGISLATION

Victoria, Dec. 11.—Bitterness, borne of defeat in the recent Cranbrook by-election, marked the attack which Premier Oliver staged in the legislature on Thursday of last week against Mr. N. A. Wallinger, Conservative member for Cranbrook. There could be no doubt that the Premier was incensed over the result of the Cranbrook fight in which he led the government forces to one of the most overwhelming defeats experienced by an administration in a by-election contest in B. C. In the verbal dual between the Premier and Mr. W. J. Bowser, Opposition Leader, all the charges made by the former against Mr. Wallinger during the campaign were reiterated and the Premier asserted he was willing to have a full legislative enquiry into the charges made during the campaign. Mr. Bowser twitted the Premier with his evident ill-humor over the outcome of the contest and offered the Premier a "field day" on which to fight the merits of the case and asserted that the whole Cranbrook campaign had been based on calumny and injustice.

The incident was introduced when estimates for the Cranbrook government agency were under consideration and an item therein called for the outlay of $1740 for "deputy collector," something hitherto not deemed necessary. Mr. Wallinger made a spirited defence in his own behalf against the charges made by the Premier and his evident sincerity made a strong impression throughout the House.

If there is one thing evident as the session proceeds it is the government's determination to block a full investigation into the affairs of the P.G.E., and more particularly, the relations of the railway company with the Northern Construction Company, the concern which has been carrying on construction work on a "cost-plus" basis In this respect, no member of the House has been more indefatible in getting at the truth than W. K. Esling, Conservative member for Rossland, whose motions, calling for information and for submission of the facts before the Public Accounts committee have been persistently refused by Premier Oliver on more or less petty points of order.

"Bring on the books of the Northern Construction company and I will be in a position to prove the treasury has been looted of more than a million dollars," declared Mr. Esling before the committee on Friday last on refusing to take the witness stand following evidence by Premier Oliver, former chief engineer A. F. Proctor, and A. McFee, construction accountant. All of these witnesses denied the alleged looting although the accountant admitted that collusion between the main construction concern and he subcontractors might have existed without his knowledge.

"That is the whole point at issue," declared Mr. Bowser, who, with other members of the Conservative party, refused to take any part in the proceedings on the Premier refusing to produce the books asked for.

The session is rushing to its close with the customary eleventh hour effort to get through a mass of legislation which, in consequence, is being but very indifferently digested. All indications point to prorogation being staged on Thursday of this week, thus allowing the members to get back to their respective homes in plenty of time for the Christmas shopping.

Victoria, Dec. 11.—The defeat of the eight-hour bill introduced by Major R. J. Burde, soldier member for Alberni, was the outstanding feature in the legislature last week, vote being a close one, 22 to 18. This measure had created perhaps greater interest than any other bill with the possible exception of the liquor question, which is up for debate this week when Ian Mackenzie's motion for the House to go into committee to discuss the sale of beer by the glass, is due to be aired.

Advocates of the eight-hour bill made slight gains from the vote taken on it last year, even the Opposition Leader lining up in its support. When the 1923 session opens the manufacturing interests are expected to have a strenuous fight on their hands to defeat the measure, thus preventing neighboring provinces and states from obtaining an advantage.

The vote taken for the second reading, was as follows: Messrs. Pooley, Bowser, W. A. McKenzie, Lister, Hinchcliffe, Burde, Menzies, Duncan, Hanes, Guthrie, Uphill, Schofield, Esling, Perry, Kergin, Ian Mackenzie and Hon. Willian Sloan.

Against: Messrs. Clearihue, Jackson, Hunter, Jones, A. McDonald, Pearson, Yorston, K. C. Macdonald, Peterson, Farris, Hart, Oliver, Manson, MacLean, Pattullo, Sutherland, Mrs. Smith, Whiteside, Buckham, Henniger, Ramsay and Campbell.

Messrs. Barrow and Anderson were paired with Wallinger and McRae.

The mover of the bill Major Burde, declares himself satisfied with the progress he has already made with this proposed social legislation and intimates that he will again bring it up when the House meet next year.

GOVERNMENT STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO ROUTE

Victoria, Dec. 8.—The old controversy as to which route shall be selected for the connecting link between tne Coast and Interior highway systems in the province, was again before the Legislature yesterday afternoon when a motion, moved by Mr. F. W. Anderson, Liberal member for Kamloops, was under discussion.

The motion was to the effect that the province should present a claim to the Dominion for a grant of money for the replacement and re-construction of the destroyed portions of the highway from Hope to Spence's Bridge, known as the Old Cariboo Road.

It has been generally assumed from utterances recently made by government members that the Hope-Princeton route had been selected, but the debate upon the motion by the member for Kamloops would indicate that the government is not yet certain in its mind just where the link will be connected despite pre-election promises made at Nelson and later at Cranbrook.

Mr. Anderson, in moving the resolution went back to the terms of Union to prove that under the arrangement with the contractors who built the C. P. R., the old road was to be maintained. He declared that B. C. had always received the "short end of the stick," but he believed the time had arrived when the province should assert itself.

Premier Oliver spent nearly three-quarters of an hour going into the records of the past which, he intimated, indicated that the late government, through its attachment to the C. N. R., had allowed that concern to destroy the old Cariboo road. He claimed that despite the action of the late Conservative government the province had not lost its rights in the highway. The Premier's remarks indicated that he was not particularly favoring the Hope-Princeton route. He stated it was the intention to have a full investigation of the matter and if there was any advantage in pressing upon Ottawa the principle of the motion it would certainly be done.

NEAR FATALITIES WHEN MISSION HOTEL BURNS

Mission, Dec. 11.—Narrow escapes from death were experienced by guests and members of the staff of the Bellevue Hotel which was burned to the ground early this morning. The fire originated at 12:30 a.m. in the furnace room and rapidly spread throughout the whole structure. Mrs. Halliday, an elderly lady from Hatzic, narrowly escaped with her life when she insisted on remaining to pack her trunk. She was brought down the back staircase to safety.

Frank D. Davidson, C. P. R. operator here, was the last man to leave the burning building. He was forced to jump from the first floor balcony when escape by the staircase was cut off. The city hydrants were frozen hard, the C. P. R. hydrant in front of the hotel being the only one in working order. The stream from it was used to protect the depot and the postoffice blocks which were threatened.

Two cars were lost when the garage connected with the hotel burned, these were the property of Mrs. M. Hitchin, proprietor of the hotel, and F. Davison. The latter made several attempts to rescue his car, but the engine stalled and he was forced to abandon it.

There was added danger from electric light wires which fell to the street. There was no one to cut these wires as the B. C. E. R. recently removed their trouble men from this city. A linesman cut the wires this morning.

The loss was partly covered by insurance. A new wing containing six rooms and a large dining hall was added to the hotel this summer. The structure was built in 1889 when it was named the Ontario Hotel. In 1890 it was enlarged and rebuilt to a hotel of forty rooms. It served as a political rendezvous in the days of Premier Semlin and the late Sir Richard McBride.

BRITISH MILLS WOULD BENEFIT; CANADIAN MILLS SUFFER

London, Dec. 11.—The British government is being advised to encourage the importation of wheat instead of flour, whether by an embargo on flour or by other means.

As a measure to relieve the agricultural depression in this country, G. Holt Thomas, writing in Saturday's issue of the Times, points out that the United States dealer finds it worth while to import Canadian wheat, mill it and export the flour to England, while he retains the offals.

Mr. Thomas advocates that British dealers do the same, and he claims that a government measure to encourage the importation of grain as opposed to flour would be well received, and would ensure Canadian and other Empire wheat coming into the country. He makes no reference to the probable effect upon Canada's great milling industry.

KEREMEOS WEATHER

Date.	Max.	Min.
December 3	36	20
December 4	26	11
December 5	19	9
December 6	15	8
December 7	11	1
December 8	11	5
December 9	17	8

H. S. VERRALL.

HERE TO ADVISE B.C. FRUIT GROWERS

DR. THEODORE MACKLIN WILL EXAMINE FRUIT INDUSTRY IN THE PROVINCE AND ADVISE GROWERS

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—On an extended trip to study efficient marketing for agriculture, Dr. Theodore Macklin professor of agriculture economics at the University of Wisconsin, is in the city. He has spent the past few days at the office of the Fraser Valley Dairies, and on Tuesday will proceed to the Okanagan Valley, where he has been called into consultation by the growers in connection with the proposed new co-operative selling organization.

Prof. Macklin is a recognized authority on agricultural marketing. His work on "Efficient Marketing for Agriculture" and other publications are used as text books in many schools and occupy a place on the desk of more than one large commercial concern. His present trip has included marketing concerns between here and a visit to all successful co-operative Los Angeles.

Prof. Macklin is one of the economists who do not shout for the abolition of the middleman as do many producers and consumers. Sentiment, combined with lack of facts and understanding contribute both to confusion of thought and to demand for remedial action he says. Unfortunately both consumers and farmers are especially uninformed and therefore willing to give their influence and support in behalf of impractical solutions. Their sentiment is frequently the cause of violent outbursts against a system which, however, imperfect, is essential to commercial production In consequence of both inadequate economic facts and conclusions as well as misinformation, the public unavoidably becomes skeptical and suspicious of marketing and middlemen in general.

In Prof. Macklin's opinion the most successful co-operative agricultural marketing concerns are those which work in harmony with the middlemen. Those producer concerns, he has found, which endeavor to market through their own retail organizations are not nearly so successful as those which devote their energies to selling co-operatively to the distributors.

Successful co-operative marketing for producers he has found to be largely a willingness for all interested to get into the one organization. Then comes storage and warehousing facilities in order that at no time will the market be glutted. The middleman seldom suffers as heavily through glutting the market as does the producer and it is to avoid the latter contingency, he says, that co-operation between the producers is so necessary.

As one who has studied agricultural activities all his life, Prof. Macklin declares it is in scientific marketing where agriculturists have failed lamentably.

"Our agricultural schools and universities have taught farmers how to grow two blades of grass where but one grew up previously," he said, "but they have failed to teach him how to market the extra blade of grass. This is the defect that all progressive and farmers' organizations are now endeavoring to remedy."

The marketing expert has made a close study on his present trip of the growers' organization at Hood Valley and at several points in California in preparation for his visit to the Okanagan. Until he has classified the mass of information he has gathered, he is not prepared to draw any conclusions, much less, to discuss the Okanagan situation. However, he does go so far as to declare that until all the growers in the Okanagan are prepared to work together for the relief of the conditions which they are now suffering, there is little hope of these conditions being improved.

K. V. R. FREIGHT WRECKED

A Kettle Valley Railway westbound freight train of 24 cars was wrecked on Sunday night, a short distance east of Chute Lake. The engine and tender and nine cars were derailed, the engine being thrown onto its side on one side of the track, while the cars are said to be piled up indiscriminately on the other side. Engineer Craney, Fireman Toombs and Head brakesman Mahoney are all reported to have had narrow escapes, but came through without serious injuries.

The accident accurred, it is believed, through a flange on the engine striking the frog of a switch, but the railway officials are not prepared to make any definite statement regarding this until an investigation has been held. After the smash, however, Engineer Craney is stated to have found himself close to the smokestack of the engine, while the fireman was safely thrown onto the snow. Brakesman Mahoney, who was riding on the engine at the time, suffered a slight scald on the face and was picked up it is reported, from under some portion of the engine.

Among the freight cars were four loaded with lead and spelter, and, it is stated, these cars burst open, with the result that the contents are spread around in the snow for a considerable distance in all directions.

Monday and Tuesday's westbound passenger trains were late owing to delay caused by the wreck.

GROWERS ORGANIZE BOARD OF CONTROL

SHIPPERS AND GROWERS WILL CO-OPERATE, BUT GROWERS AIM TO CONTROL SHIPPING AND SELLING

Kelowna, Dec. 8.—All fruit growers in the interior next year will be governed in its sale by a Board of Control, made up of shippers and growers, with the balance of power in the growers' hands, was the gist of a resolution unanimously endorsed at the growers' meeting here this week.

After discussing the plans for a Central Selling Agency which would market the total crop, many growers thought it would be impossible to bring about such an organization in time to function in 1923, and decided to support the Board of Control plan. It was agreed, however, that the Central Selling Agency should be organized to begin operations in the spring of 1924.

A resolution, embodying the control plan, was sponsored by Reeve Cunliffe, of Coldstream, and Jas. Goldie, of Okanagan Centre.

Under this method shipping firms will on their own initiative find buyers as in the past, but all sales, contracts, shipments, credits and general policies would be defined by the board. A steady flow of fruit to all consuming centres would be arranged so that each would be supplied as demand required, thus preventing glutting and consequent lowering of prices, one of the evils long condemned by all those engaged in the business Delegates all declared that such a plan would have the unanimous support of every grower in their districts.

It is proposed taht a committee of seven will draw up plans for the Control Board.

Growers were emphatic that Control of fruit should be in their hands even after it leaves their orchards and that they should have a say in how it should be marketed and not left to the whims and fancies of an uncontrolled shipper.

L. E. Taylor, member of the growers' committee, asserted that there were too many shippers in the business and some of them will have to be eliminated.

Gen. Harman, who with Mr. Taylor visited every fruit district in the province during the past two months urging the growers to assume responsibilities which are theirs, outlined some details which in his opinion were essential in the new scheme. All fruit above that which is required for Canadian markets should be exported under pool system, the growers should have their own representative in the old country markets and contracts between grower and shippers affiliated with board, should be drawn by the best legal lights and both parties must be bound to adhere to the dictates of the governing body, were features of Gen. Harman's plan.

E. Doberer, manager of the Salmon Arm Farmers' Exchange, who is attending the conference as a representative of the shippers was called upon frequently for information which he gave in a manner that called forth most favorable comment of delegates. Mr. Doberer repeatedly assured the conference that it was the wish of the shippers that an equitable arrangement be arrived at and that the latter would give hearty support to any plan that was agreeable to the growers.

The Resolution Adopted

"Whereas the fruit growers of British Columbia during the past two years have been unable to obtain for their products sufficient to cover the cost of production;

"Whereas if this situation is allowed to continue for another year many growers will be forced out of business, and those remaining will be unable to give the care to their orchards that is necessary if the present high quality of B. C. fruit is to be maintained.

"Whereas it is the belief of this convention that the chief cause of the present deplorable condition is to be found in the existing competitive system of marketing; and

"Whereas if any action is to be taken towards ensuring a reasonable price to the producer for his next crop it is imperative that such action be taken immediately, therefore

"Be it resolved by this convention here assembled

"1. That immediate steps be taken for the marketing of the fruit and vegetable crops of 1923 by the organiaztion of a central board of control composed of both growers and shippers;

"2. That such Board of Control consist of three growers and two shippers, or such number at such future date be determined upon, provided always that the majority of such board be composed of growers;

"3. That the general function of such board shall be the absolute control of price and distribution;

"4. That a comittee of seven members be appointed at this convention to formulate a plan for such a board of control and having full power to institute the machinery for its operation;

"5. That this committee fill any vacancies that may occur in its numbers;

"6. That this committee to have power to name the grower members

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GOVERNMENT'S POLICY MAKES MINING DIFFICULT

I. L. Merrill, president, has addressed a circular to the shareholders of the Hedley Gold Mining Co., in which it is stated the company lost money for the first four months of this year after resuming milling operations, but since then has made a small profit. Without diamond drilling the property can be operated to cover expenses on $7.50 ore, but with diamond drilling $8 ore is necessary. Results of diamond drilling have been fairly satisfactory. Drill hole No. 361 has been in mineralized ground, too low grade to pay, for 200 feet, but mineralization may become richer toward the walls as in the case of the Sunnyside. Drill holes 362 and 363 show the No. 5 ore body does not extend north, as had been hoped, but does extend south. No. 364 shows small values in No. 4 ore-body, and 15 feet of $20 ore in No. 5. The drill holes this year have proved as much additional ore as has been milled, of an average value of $9.

G. P. Jones, general manager, reports having effected an important saving by the substitution of local for Danish pebbles, using five tons per day at $4 per ton; and costing $660 per month. Danish pebbles cost $2,800 in August and an average of $2,600 per month, the cost being $33 per ton. The change will also improve the mill efficiency.

Mr. Jones has started a new industry at Hedley; ranchers and Indians find profitable employment for themselves and teams in collecting pebbles and hauling them to the Hedley mill.

The outrageous claim of the Government of British Columbia for retroactive taxes aggregating $60,000, after the company had paid all tax claims and closed its accounts has very properly been the subject of much indignation on the part of the Directors of the Hedley Gold Mining Company, coming, as it did, at a time when the company was merely operating for the good of its employees and of the community dependent on the mine. This is what comes of having as minister of finance an insurance agent who knows nothing about sound finance in the mineral industry, and employs political auditors who know less. This and the Dolly Varden incident are the real reasons for the decadence of prospecting. Hardly a prospector can get a dollar for development of his property, much less for the sale of it; and the reason is that the incidents referred to have so destroyed confidence in the integrity of the government and people of British Columbia that some American investors who formerly supplied the bulk of the capital available for mining refuse to put another dollar into this country.

Mr. Jones has been instructed to negotiate with the government with a view to an equitable adjustment of the matter; or if the government must persist in having the company's life-blood as well as the pound of flesh already paid to the last fraction—to ask that the company be given time to realize the amount of the demand from the mine, as the company has otherwise no funds available to meet the demand. The company has already offered to sell the mine to the government at a price per share, which is equivalent to giving it away.

Operations will be discontinued for the winter, as it is impossible to operate at a profit under the circumstances; while the miners have also asked an increase in wages following the rise given by the copper mines; and the gold mines are not in a position to stand it.—Mining and Engineering Record.

CONSTANTINOPLE NOT TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL RENO

Lausanne, Dec. 11.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha has determined that Constantinople shall not be converted into an international Reno. He and the new caliph wish Turkey to have nothing to do with the marital afafirs of those who do not turn their eyes toward Mecca. They are anxious that the faithful Mohammedans, gathered at Angora to give form to the new Turkey, shall not have the tranquility of their harems disturbed by Christains who profess monogamy, but lightly throw aside their marriage vows, with the help of the courts, and take unto themselves new wives.

Ismet Pasha and his associates here have made it clear in their negotiations concerning the rights of foreigners in Turkey, that Ottoman officials can not attempt to marry or divorce foreigners living on Turkish soil, and they must insist that all matters involving the marital relations of non-Turks be settled outside Ottoman territory.

BEREAVED WOMAN LOST FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Word has been received that Mrs. J. B. Hayes has reached Hamilton, North Dakota. When the remains of her late husband were shipped from here recently to the Dakota city for interment, she acompanied them, but became lost on the way, the route being by way of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and the G.N.R. from that point. When Mrs. Hayes did not reach her destination at the time of the corpse, numerous telegraph wires were sent in an effort to locate her along the route. Mrs. Hayes, who was considerably disturbed following the death of her husband, left the train at Regina, Sask., and went to visit relatives north of that point, and it was some days before she was finally located.—Grand Forks Gazette.

BANK OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LETTER

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS EXCEEDED THIS YEAR SAYS BANK OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LETTER

Up to date this year the quantity of grain loaded in Western Canada is greater than in any previous year. One of the railways reported that, up to the 20th November, 79,365 cars had been loaded, as compared with 53,492 in 1921 and 69,957 in 1915, the previous year. The movement of so large a volume of grain to Fort William and Port Arthur necessitates provision for extra storage at these lake ports as soon as navigation closes, and to meet the contingency which has arisen this year, the Canadian coasting regulations will be modified by the Dominion government to give other than Canadian vessels the privilege of loading and discharging cargoes at lake ports during the winter and early spring. In this way the government hopes to relieve the congestion and more adequately to meet the demands of the increased volume of traffic. From the beginning of September until 25th November, 127,500,000 bushels of wheat were cleared from Fort William and it is estimated that by the end of the year 35,000,000 more bushels will have left this terminal.

While the movement to the lake ports and eastern terminals is larger than it has hitherto been, there is at the same time a tendency on he part of farmers to deliver only that portion of their crop necessary to obtain enough cash to purchase the supplies needed for winter. Even had the farmers, however, been disposed to rush their wheat to market, they would have had difficulty in doing so because of the inadequacy of elevator facilities and the shortage of cars. Fortunately, in view of the demands made upon them, the railways have been able to give efficient service, and consequently complaints of the lack of cars have not been as general as might under the circumstances have been expected. This tendency to hold grain is, in some districts, materially delaying the liquidation of debts, but in others there has been a marked improvement during November in this respect. It is becoming quite obvious that after paying off the debts incurred during the current season only a comparatively small proportion of the proceeds will be left to apply on old debts, such as mortgages and land payments. Although much is heard of the amount owed by farmers, however, it must not be forgotten that a large porportion of them have their obligations well in hand and some have sufficient available assets to do more than cover their current indebtedness. These farmers are in a position to hold their grain and will dispose of it only when they deem it profitable to do so. The grain thus held will in most cases go to market during the next few months.

During the six months ending September last, 58,013,838 bushels of wheat were exported from Canada as compared with 33,865,178 in 1921 and 23,687,091 in 1920. During the same period this year 3,668,998 barrels of flour were exported, or 800,000 more than 1921, and 1,621,000 more than in 1920. During the month of September last, 9,233,480 bushels of wheat were exported, 2,000,000 more than in September a year ago, and 697,379 barrels of flour as compared with 360,959 barrels in 1921. The advance in prices of both wheat and flour since mid-October indicates a firm demand from abroad for both these articles, and in view of the large crop renders the outlook for Canadian producers not nusatisfactory. During October last, exports of wheat rose to 37,593,074 bushels, valued at $40,017,249, as against 21,130,579 bushels, valued at $27,616,632, in October, 1921. Exports of flour during these two months amounted to 855,232 and 659,167 barrels respectively.

The toal value of domestic produce exported from Canada during October last amounted to $102,675,347, as compared with $79,941,682 during October, 1921, an increase of nearly $23,000,000. The value of imports amounted to $66,875,201, as against $59,518,248 a year ago, an increase of over $7,000,000.

The Live Stock Industry

The number of cattle offered for sale during November in the yards at Calgary was exceptionally large, and for the first time in many months cattle were held over. The number offered for sale at other marketing centres is also large and as usual, well-finished animals are finding a fairly satisfactory market. For stocker there satisfactory market. For stockers, there is, however, a limited demand, but relief in this regard is expected now that arrangements are pending for the modification of the British cattle embargo, and dealers from the United Kingdom are already investigating tse possibilities of exporting from Canada stock to be finished on British farms. Meanwhile in Canada itself, a movement of stock is taking place to districts where there is ample fodder. At eastern centres there has been some improvement in prices, particularly in dairy cattle.

There has been a considerable improvement in the hog situation in the Canadan West during the past year, and where a farmer has raised hogs, they have gone a long way towards offsetting his losses on cattle.

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STILL STALLING

Despite the statements made by Hon. W. H. Sutherland both at Nelson and Kamloops the session of the local legislature is closing without any definite action having been taken with reference to the construction of the coast to interior section of the provincial highway. With Princeton demanding the building of this section via Hope and Princeton; Kamloops still clamoring for the Fraser canyon route and the rest of the province more or less indifferent, the government no doubt feel that they will lose nothing by further "stalling."

A Victoria dispatch to the New Westminster "British Columbian," which apepars on another page of this issue says that the choice of route still appears to be uncertain and that Premier Oliver does not appear to be "paritcularly favoring" the Hope-Princeton route.

A letter just received by Mr. Gregory, secretary of the Princeton board of trade, from W. A. McKenzie, dated Victoria, December 12, says:

"During the consideration of the estimates of the department of public works in the house last evening, the Hon. Dr. Sutherland stated that it was the intention of the government to commence construction next spring on the western end of the Hope-Prinecton highway. We could not extract from the minister a statement as to what amount of this road they would construct next year nor the amount of money that would be expended."

OUR FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

There has been considerable adverse criticism as to the results achieved in comparison with the money expended in connection with the faculty of ariculture in our provincial university. Just how we'l founded this criticism is is shown by the following dispatch from Victoria under date of December 12:

Since the inception of the faculty of Agriculture at the university of British Columbia up to March 31, 1922, it has cost the taxpayers of the province no less than $475,307.95, while the graduates up till that period amount to only 18. This information was brought out in a series of questions made by W. A. McKenzie, Conservative member for Similkameen, to Hon. Dr. MacLean, Provincial Secretary. In attendance at the present session of the university were 32 first year students, 18 second year, 14 third year, 12 fourth year, and graduate numbering 8, making a grand total of 84.

"This shows where the money is going to," stated Mr. Alex. D. Patterson, member for Delta, yesterday, when discussing the situation in the legislative corridors. "The contention that I have raised during the past two years that the department is costing too much has been justified by the above figures. While I am not adverse to any boy getting a university education, I maintain that the cost of the present system is far in excess of the amount the people of British Columbia can stand for."

With the bunch of treasury looters that are in command at present at Victoria and an opposition, whose leader devotes his entire time devising means of embarassing the government and thus seeking political advantage, rather than in trying to promote constructive legislation, many staunch supporters of both parties are becoming so disgusted that it would not be surprising if the proposed new "Provincial Party" when launched would draw a big following.

Last week a resident of Calgary died at the age of 125 years. If he had lived anotehr 125 years he might have seen the comp'etion of the B. C. Provincial Highway.

PROSPECTING ON DOMINION LANDS

Provisions which facilitate prospecting for minera's naturally increase the rate at which the development of our great mineral resources proceeds. In his address at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy held in Ottawa, in March, 1922, the President Mr. C. V. Corless, an officer of one of the big corporations developing nickel deposits at Sudbury, referred to the great area of Canada which is suitable for prospecting for minerals. In addition to large areas in Quebec and Ontario, he pointed out that two-thirds of the province of Manitoba, one-quarter of Saskatchewan, two thousand square miles of Alberta, and a large portion of the Northwest Territories were also in the pre-Cambrian area, a formation which he claimed shou'd be thoroughly prospected, as many of the big mines of Canada were in that formation.

There are many people following other occupations than mining who would like to participate in the mineral wealth of the great unexplored regions. They can always buy stocks in companies formed to develop new finds, but this does not appeal to them to the same extent as backing a real prospector and sending him into the field. Such persons are unable to leave their present occupations and would probably not be of much use in the field if they attempted to engage in the business of searching for minerals.

Real prospectors are not plentiful and when found, it is to the interest of the whole community that they should not lack the means to enable them to continue prospecting. The supplying of a prospector with food, tools, and equipment is known as "grubstaking." An agreement is usually signed by the prospector by which he agrees to transfer a prescribed interest in any location he makes to the "grubstaker."

To enable any person to assist a prospector, a provision has been inerted in the Quartz Mining Regu'ations which apply to all Dominion lands that a prospector, before proceeding on a bona fide prospecting trip, may file with tse mining recorder of the district one or two (but not more than two) powers of attorney to stake. Accompanying each power of attorney there should be evidence in the form of a declaration that the person granting the power of attorney has furnished the means to enable the prospector to proceed on the trip. If the prospector succeeds in locating a deposit of minerals which he considers advisable to stake, he can locate a claim for each of the persons who granted him a power of attorney to stake, in addition to locating one in his own name, and in due course he can file applications on their behalf with the mining recorder, but the grants for the claims are issued in favor of the "grubstaker" who in this way acquires tit'e.

By means of the plan provided, any person over eighteen years of age, irrespective of nationality, residing any place in the world, can grant powers of attorney to stake to prospectors desiring to prospect on Dominion lands. This provision applies to all minerals defined as such in the Quartz Mining Regu'ations, and a similar provision appears in the Yukon Placer Mining Act and in the Placer Mining Regulations relating to Dominion lands outside of the Yukon Territory.—Natural Resources.

COALMONT NEWS

Mr. A. Bryden and family are among the latest who have moved their residence from Coalmont to Blakeburn.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Buckley have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their infant daughter, whose death occurred last Saturday.

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Christmas turkeys ranging from 12 to 20 pounds each at Andy Johnson's.

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Splendid line of case pipes, tobacco pouches, wallets, cigarette cases. Ideal Christmas presents. Also choice cigars in packages of 10, 25 and 50. See hubby smile. Andy Johnson, Coalmont.

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In view of the fact that a New Year's dance is to be held at Blakeburn, the Social Club of Coalmont have cancelled their masquerade ball announced for Saturday evening December 23rd.

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With the funds recently raised the ladies of the Blakeburn Sunday school have purchased a piano from the Oddfellows' lodge, Princeton. Its presence will add greatly to the success of the Christmas entertainment to be held next Saturday.

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Mrs. J. D. Prendergast is still on the sick list. We trust that she will have sufficiently recovered to be able to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

SMALL BLAZE ACTS AS TIMELY WARNING

A small blaze, which did little damage but will act as a very timely warning, occurred in Princeton on Wednesday noon. Heavy stoking and faulty construction of a thimble in a partition in compartments in the upper storey of the Britton block, at present occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. Fergusson, were the cause. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Fergusson before it had gained much headway and though the fire hose was brought out and connected up it was not necessary to bring it into action. A chemical fire extinguisher and a few buckets of water were sufficient to extinguish it.

Though it had been decided at the last meeting of the board of trade, as announced in the last issue of the Star, to have the two fire extinguishers, owned by the board, placed, one in each of Princeton and Simi'kameen hotels, where they would be available at all times and convenient in case of fire, no action had been taken and when the alarm sounded it was found that they were both locked up in the store of Fire Chief J. Nathan, who was home for lunch. What might have proved a disastrous delay was occasioned before they were available.

Since then the plan decided upon by the board of trade has been put into effect and in case of any future alarms citizens will find an extinguisher in hallway of each of the above mentioned hote's all primed and ready for use. Readers are again reminded that to bring these extinguishers into action all that is required is to up-end them. For this reason care must be taken to keep them in an upright position until such time as the scene of the fire is reached.

CARD OF THANKS

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid wish to thank all those who contributed toward the sucess of their bazaar, both by donations of articles and by assistance in various ways.

KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY
TIME TABLE

EASTBOUND
DAILY
No. 12—Leaves Vancouv'r 7.30 p.m.
Princeton ..... 4.02 a.m.
Nelson ..... 10.55 p.m.

WESTBOUND
DAILY
No. 11—Leaves Nelson .... 9.05 p.m.
Princeton ..... 3.10 p.m.
Vancouver ..... 11.00 p.m.

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O. E. FISHER, Traffic Manager, Penticton.

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Princeton Hardware Store

TRY STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

TIMBER SALE X 4576

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria, not later than noon on the 5th day of January, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 4576, to cut 1,359,500 feet of Yellow Pine and Douglas Fir, situated on an area on Myren creek, in vicinity of Pike Mountain, Yale Land Listrict.

Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or from the District Forester, Vernon, B. C. 4-4

Brew a cup of Celery King
a "tea" of Nature's own herbs and roots,—the finest laxative and blood purifier you can get. It gently cleanses the system of all impurities, banishes headaches, etc. 30c and 60c packages, at druggists.

A Croupy Cough
brings dread to the mother's heart. For safety's sake, keep a bottle of Shiloh, the old time remedy, at hand. A very few drops makes the cough easier at once, and taken regularly gives complete relief. 30c, 60c and $1.20. All druggists.
SHILOH FOR COUGHS

SYNOPSIS OF Land Act Amendments

Minimum price of first-class land reduced to $5 an acre; second-class to $2.50 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions with joint residences, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and must make improvements to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of $10.00 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 26, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from enlistment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LAND.

Provision made for insurance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING.

Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged; priority for established owners. Stock owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for settlers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

SOCIETIES

Knights of Pythias
Princeton Lodge No. 50
Meets Every Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Brothers Welcome.
H. W. GRAHAM, C. C.
P. RUSSELL, K. R. S

Similkameen Lodge
A. F. & A. M.
Meets first Friday in each month, at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. S. BLACK, W. M.
THOS. S. HUGHES, Sec'y.

Excelsior L. O. L.
No. 2102
Meets Fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m in I. O. O. F. Hall.
Visiting brethren welcome
F. OELRICH, W.M. H. H. AVERY, Rec. Sec.

PRINCETON LODGE
I.O.O.F. No. 52.
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Chas. Day ..... Nob'e Grand
W. H. Houston ..... Rec. Sec.

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Kodaks—Remember I have the Eastman Kodak agency. Prices from $1.50 to $15.00 and upwards.
Books—A number of Christmas selections in copyrights and reprints.
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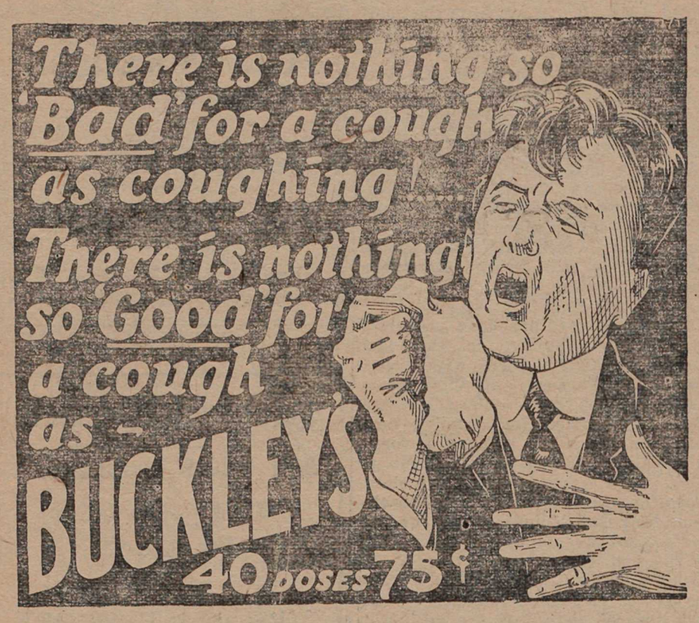

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FIVE MILE NOTES

Letters from La Touche, Alaska, announce the safe arrival there of Mrs. D. J. Garrison and Jay Dillard.

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Chas. Emery has come over from Cascade to spend the winter in this district.

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Albert Jorgenson is busy putting the finishing touches to the concrete walls of the new cellar at the Guinan home.

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W. W. Triplett is getting his trap line in order preparatory to winter operations.

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C. K. Cunard has undergone another serious operation at Shaugnessy Military hospital, Vancouver, but is happily making splendid progress towards convalesence.

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H. G. Sellers and E. N. Freding have commenced logging on the latter's property. In addition they purpose operating on the Guinan timber.

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J. A. Morrison has also made a beginning and is hauling logs to the railway near Separating Lake.

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December 22nd is the date fixed for the Christmas trees at Jura and Killarney schools. The entertainment at Jura is timed for the afternoon, that at Killarney for the evening when Jura and Killarney will unite in rendering a specially prepared programme.

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Hughie Willie Finnegan, according to the society columns of California papers recently received, has arrived at Oakland, California, where he purposes wintering. Several select dinners and dances are being given in his honor by his lady admirers, so that Willie must be having a "whale of a time."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Green are very busy and very interested in learning the habits of their recently imported family of black-silver foxes. That the new industry will prove a success is the wish of all. But then everything Mrs. Green tackles "goes like sixty" anyway, consequently there is little doubt but that in her capable hands the venture wi'l flourish.

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The announcement in the last issue of the Star relative to the formation of the proposed Provincial political party has given rise to a tremendous amount of interest. The broadening of the basis of the movement is wise and statesmanlike and removes what has hitherto constituted a very serious defeat, from the point of view of non-farmers, in the original plan. If party politics, as we see it exemplified, is the acme of political perfection then the future of this country presents a dismal spectacle. It is a physical impossibility to carry on the business of this province efficiently so long as the tactics of the parish pump as indulged in during each successive session of our legislature are permitted to be the predominant issue. But the point you raise is the pivotal one namely, have we reached that particular stage in civilization when sectionalism can be subordinated to the higher and nobler ideal—the greatest good of the country as a whole? If we have then the new movement must succeed, despite all obstacles, and prove an inestimable boon to the people of this province.

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Here is a sample of farmer cupidity in the form of a missile forwarded by one farmer to another. The document is of interest in that the writer has fanciful and altogether exaggerated ideas as to his status and ability. He is also with ambitions to oust the Honorable Jhon from the premiership so that he may ascend thereto; all the while it is evident he ought to be attending night school. But then there are sap-heads and asses in all callings:

"Dear Sir:—Find enc'osed account for erecting line Fence between my Land and your Farm, said Fence erected in Spring of 1919.

"I would aprpeciate your Cheque for half this amount namely $42.50.

"As you no doubt are aware that you stock has destroyed considerable of my hay, and also that you are aware that the Fence is down at or opposite your House, and apparently you have made no effort to repair this Fence.

"I hereby give you notice that if you do not make some effort to confine you stock to your own Land I will be forced to take action to collect damages from you.

"And further I hereby give you notice that I expect you to repair half of all line Fences between your land and mine, as all Fences are badly out of repair, I wi'l be commencing to repair my Fences in the early Spring and I will expect you to prepared to repair you part by that time."

The account referred to has been framed by the recipient with a view to handing it down as an heirloom in his family.

GROWERS ORGANIZE BOARD OF CONTROL

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of the board of control, it being understood that the members of the committee are eligible to appointment on the board of control;

"7. That this committee before proceeding with the formation of a board of control shall endeavor to arrange a conference with Dr. MacKlin, Mr. Sapiro, or any other recognized expert.

"And further be it resolved that this convention

"1. Approve of the formation of one selling agency under the control of the growers to control the distribution of all fruit and vegetables produced in commercial quantities in the province;

"2. That this convention instruct the committe of seven members, charged with the duty of forming the Board of Control for 1923 to formulate a plan for a central selling agency;

"3. That the duties of this committee shall be:

(a) To assemble data concerning the fruit industry and fruit marketing systems in B. C. and prepare an impartial statement covering all interests affected by the proposed organization;

(b) To submit the data to a competent expert, such as Mr. Aaron Sapiro, for his analysis, with the request that he draft a plan for organization based on the fundamental principles adopted by this convention;

"6. To call a convention of fruit and vegetable growers from each district for the presentation of this plan;

"4. It is expected that the work mentioned should be so far advanced that the next convention may be held within three months from this date.

The above resolution was unanimously passed at the Ke'owna meeting Friday at noon after the morning session had developed into a debate as to whether the control board would effectively carry out the objects for which it was intended. Some of the Kelowna delegates held out for the central agency plan and once or twice it appeared as if there would be a deadlock.

The Kootenay delegates were behind any scheme that the Okanagan might work out asserted their delegates and A. S. Woodland, of Grand Forks, declared that the Doukhobors of that district could be included in any workable p'an.

Wednesday's Session

A federation of shippers and growers to control the marketing of British Columbia fruit appeared to be the end to which the growers at their meeting here were working when they adjourned Wednesday night at 6 o'clock, after the first session. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution embodying the principal features of a number of resolutions which were submitted. These all emphasized the fact that control must be obtained and that it must be in the hands of the grower. The new resolutions were presented at Thursday morning's session.

The meeting was marked by a spirit of friendly co-operation, both shippers who were invited to address the afternoon session and the growers, numbering forty from the Okanagan and Kootenay districts, being anxious to work out an arrangement which would solve present problems.

E. Doberer , who was spokesman for the shippers, said growers would have received 25 cents more per box this year only for indiscriminate shipping to irresponsible firms.

Thos. Bulman, president of B. C. Growers, one of the big independents, to'd the growers that if they unanimously supported central agency selling plan that his firm would be prepared to sell out to the new concern, and if such scheme were agreed to he would support the movement to the fullest extent.

In all discussions the growers realixed that the independents had certain investments which must be considered.

W. H. Smith, Vernon Growers, and J. T. Mutrie, president of the Okanagan United Growers, Vernon, advocated the Central Selling scheme but pointed out that unanimous support must be extended by growers if it were to be a success. J. R. Kinghorn, Sorrento, was chairman of the meeting.

Delegates attending were as follows: Sorrento, J. R. Kinghorn; Salmon Arm, Col. B. Scott, F. Wilcox; Armstrong, W. Millard; Coldstream, E. H. Cunliffe and M. V. McGuire; Okanagan Centre, Jas. Goldie; Oyama, E. S. Towgood; Vernon, L. F. Decker and A. Leguen; Benvoulin, Capt. J. D. Cameron and R. S. Hall; Ellison, Capt. H. C. Atack and W. H. Stonehouse; Glenmore, G. A. Barrat and J. A. Corner; East Ke'owna, Col. W. H. Moodie and R. M. Grogan; Winfield, G. E. Seon, Jr.; Rutland, Capt. C. R. Bull and J. Monford; Okanagan Mission, W. C. Renfrew and W. D. Walker; Westbank, W. B. Gore, Mr. Campbell; Peachland, R. J. Hogg and John McKinnon; Summerland, J. G. C. White and Thos. Croel; Penticton, S. J. Kinney and F. H. Keane; Keremeos, E. C. Clark and D. McCallum; Naramata, H. B. Morley; Grand Forks, H. E. Woodland and Capt. A. D. Barff; Willow Point, J. J. Campbell; Burton City, Carrol's Landing, Arrow Park, S. Hall; Nakusp and Edgewood, H. H. Herridge; Robson, C. Squires; Boswell and Crawford's Bay, Holiday Smith; Creston and Wyndell, J. Adlard; Harrop, Proctor and Sunshine Bay, W. J. McConnell; Bonnington, G. Noel Brown.

Left For Their Homes

Friday afternoon forty growers from every section of the Okanagan and Kootenay left for their homes after earnestly discussing for two days and a holf, ways and means of improving methods for marketing British Columbia fruit crops.

Growers, themselves, after passing through two sessions of marketing difficulties realized that they must take a hand in directing selling agencies. The conference here followed many meetings held in school houses and meeting-places throughout every fruit section.

An amicable arrangement known as Board of Control plan was evolved after all details of the intricate fruit business had been laid bare and examined from every angle.

Growers in all districts sent to the meeting their best brains and those who have been attending fruit meetings in British Columbia for the past fifteen years were well pleased with the solution arrived at. The business-like manner in which all problems were tackled showed that the growers realized their responsibilities.

Shippers are also pleased because they say that for years they have endeavored to get the growers to take an interest in the selling end of business but the latter held aloof.

Prominent among those attending were J. J. Campbell, Willow Point, in Kootenays, who told with considerable pride that apple production there was rapidly increasing. Mr. Campbell is one of the stalwarts of the industry. H. H. Erridge, Nakusp, another delegate from Kootenays, who impressed the convention with his bright and pithy address, J. Adlard, Creston, was also an able representative.

H. E. Woodland, Grand Forks, and H. B. Morley, Naramata, were other men who guided discussion along proper lines while Coulter White, Summerland, and R. J. Hogg, Peachland, upheld the views of the growers of soft fruits. G. A. Barratt, Capt. Bull, Gen. Harman and L. E. Taylor, W. A. Corner, Kelowna, put forth the views of this section.

"Jim" Goldie, Okanagan Centre, and Reeve Cunliffe of Vernon district, W. Millard, Armstrong, and Col. Scott, Salmon Arm, were spokesmen for the northern end of the valley.

J. R. Kinghorn, Sorrento, who presided, has taken a keen interest in

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After viewing the brilliantly-tinted apples from British Columbia displayed at the Winter Fair, a Toronto housewife said: "I never had such compassion for Eve in my life, and could hardly keep my hands off those wonderful apples. I think there must be a heaven to which all good apples go instead of being eaten by us."

Reading that President Harding shook hands with 1450 persons in one day, a Kansas editor estimates that the energy wasted would have milked ninety-four cows.

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FOR
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Tenders will be received by the Trustees of the Estate of the late W. H. Armstrong, until December 15th next, on the following improved ranch property at and near Keremeos, B. C.:

Lots 4, 5 and 21 in a subdivision of District Lots 109, 110, 222 and 319, Plan 301.
District Lot 171 ..... 305 acres
District Lot 276 ..... 125 acres
District Lot 243, N½....120 acres

Information can be obtained from—
MR. S. J. CASTLEMAN, Keremeos, B. C.
or from the—
TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE, 815 Bower Building, Vancouver, B. C.

AN AUCTION SALE
of Stock, Implements, Tools, and supplies of various kinds, in connection with the above Estate, will take place at Keremeos, on Friday, December 15th next.

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THE Keremeos Land Company, having gone into liquidation it is the intention of the Liquidator to dispose of the unsold land owned by the Company at extraordinary reductions from prices previously obtained.

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A visit to the Company's office in Keremeos is requested, where lists, maps and prices will be shown. Good schools, churches, excellent transportation and abundant water supply.

KEREMEOS LAND COMPANY, Limited

(IN LIQUIDATION)

KEERMEOS NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Miss Peggy East spent a few days last week with Mrs. L. A. Morrant.

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Mr. F. Pilkington, our genial butcher, was laid up this week with an ulcerated tooth.

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Dr. McEwen, of Hedley, was in town on Saturday, accompanied by his wife and Mesdames Jones and Oliver.

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Jack Carle was the guest over the week-end of Warren Rolls, of Hedley.

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Mrs. Morrant, who was confined to her bed last week with a bad cold, is able to be out again.

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Mrs. Colwell has been confined to the house for the last few days with la grippe.

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Mrs. H. B. Armstrong, who contracted a bad cold some time ago, is much better this week.

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The office of the Keremeos Packing Co. closed on Thursday, having shipped out the last carloads of apples this week.

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L. S. Coleman motored to Penticton on Sunday, returning home on Monday, accompanied by Mr. Roy Gillespie, of Cawston. They found it very cold coming over the summit.

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Mr. W. M. Frith was confined to the house for a few days last week with a very bad cold, but is able to be out again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin, of Similkameen, were in town on Friday and attended the bazaar given by the Guild.

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Mr. Wm. Daly was the guest of his mother for a few days last week at "The Willows."

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A number of Cawstonites attended the bazaar last week.

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Mr. R. L. Cawston, Sr., of Cawston, was a visitor in town last week.

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"Dan Cupid" tells us we will hear the merry jingle of wedding bells on December 25th, as well as Christmas bells.

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We are having our cold weather this year early. How thoughtful the weather man is to have it over before Xmas. Thermometers registered 10 below zero on Monday and Tuesday.

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The show which was to have been held in the Victory hall on Monday night, was postponed on account of the illness of the actor's wife; he being called to Vancouver.

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Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Currie motored to Hedley on Sunday night, where he held service; they found the roads very much full of snow in some places and took them two hours to make the trip both going and coming.

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The music lovers of Keremeos enjoyed another essay on music at the Community Club last week, given by Mr. Jas. Crossley. The essay was an effort to trace music from several thousand years B. C. to the present time, and was illustrated by several solos; one solo being the earliest known part song which there is any record of being written in the thirteenth century.

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The sale of work which was held in the Victory hall on Friday under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of the St. John's church, was a splendid success. Mrs. W. G. Mattice was convenor for the fancy work booth, assisted by Mesdames Gibb and Carmichael. The home cooking and candy was in charge of Mrs. Charles Armstrong, assisted by Mrs. Sproule; and the tea tables were very prettily arranged, and were superintended by Mrs. L. S. Coleman. She had a number of the girls to serve, among whom were the Misses East, Misses Allie Clark, Joan Hardy and Kay Richter. The fish pond was in charge of Dolly Critchley and Gwen Carmichael. The blouse which was donated by Mrs. Coleman and raffled, was won by Mr. Cadwell. The sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars was realized which will go towards the church fund.

(Keremeos News from Harry Tidy, Special Correspondent.)

Now that the fruit growers have seen the folly of carrying on as in the past and are going to co-operate, it ought to be a lesson to the cattle raisers of B. C. There is no reason why they should not, and when this is done they are more liable to walk around with a smile on their faces instead of the usual growl. Get busy you cow punchers.

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Mr. Harry Tweddle, the representaeive of P. Burns & Co., Ltd., for the Similkameen valley, shipped five cars of prime beef to his firm on Monday's train. Mr. Twedle says that he could ship out forty cars if the price was a little better, but the majority of the cattle men are holding on and feeding as many cattle as they can in the hope that the market price will soon raise.

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Messrs. Colwell and Fleming, the new proprietors of the Sunset Garage, have adopted as their motto, "Speed With Efficency." If the boys live up to their motto, and there is no reason why they should not, there is no doubt but that they will receive their full share of the garage work in the district. They have installed a welding plant and intend to instal a lot of other machinery necessary to a first-class garage.

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Mr. Harry Armstrong, manager of the Keremeos Packing Co., Ltd., received a wire last week from the company's agents in New York, informing him that Keremeos Delicious apples were selling for ten cents per box more than the Wenatchee No. 1 Fancy's were. This is some boost for Keremeos apples. When Gen. Harmon and Mr. Taylor were in Keremeos some days ago, they visited the packing houses. They afterwards informed your correspondent that they had never, in all their experience as fruit growers, seen such color on apples as they saw on the Keremeos product.

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The storm that has been prevalent all over the province for the last week, sure hit Keremeos with a vengeance, on Tuesday and Wednesday. With the snow flakes as large as quarters, the thermometer standing near zero and the wind blowing a forty-mile gale, it took a brave person to stick their nose outside the door. However, we have this much consolation, they got it just as bad and in some cases much worse in other parts of the province. As the late W. H. Armstrong, Esq., used to say, "When we get it bad in Keremeos, we can rest assured that they are getting it much worse other places." However, the wind took the majority of the snow away and there is not enough left for the boys to go bob-sledding.

CAWSTON NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Dr. McGregor, of Penticton, was in Cawston on Tuesday.

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R. Gillespie spent Sunday with friends in Penticton.

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Born.—On Friday, Dec. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cawston, a son.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Culham and family, of Battrum, Sask., are guests of Mrs. Culham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald.

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Dr. M. D. McEwen, of Hedley, was in Cawston on Saturday.

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The new travelling library arrived and will be opened at the hall Saturday evening.

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Sam McCurdy, of Similkameen, had the misfortune of badly cutting his thumb while skinning a beef last Saturday.

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L. Newby was called to Grand Forks last Friday on account of the serious illness of his brother, Tom Newby.

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W. J. Manery, of Penticton, spent Sunday with his son, S. R. Manery, and family.

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Misses Margaret and Verna McDonald returned from Swift Current, after spending a few months with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pettipiece moved into the Bickerton house this week, having leased the place for a term of three years.

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Born.—On Tuesday, Dec. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Silvester, twin daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Silvester are the proud parents of seventeen children, four sons and thirteen daughters, all living at home.

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The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the hall on Thursday, December 7. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. R. L. Cawston; president, Miss L. Dunnett; vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Sheridan; secretary, Mrs. P. M. Madden; correspondence secretary, Mrs. Roblin; directors, Mrs. R. A. Whyte, Mrs. W. J. Hammill and Mrs. T. Rooney.

INSPECTS MASONIC "GOAT" AND THEN SHOOTS BUCK

Charles F. Sherwin, of Riondel, Grand First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, and Archibald McKinnon, of Cranbrook, Grand Superintendent for this jurisdiction, paid an official visit to Boundary Chapter, Grand Forks, last Saturday evenng and were loyally entertained by the local brethren. After exemplifying the efficiency of the chapter's "goat," several of the officers took their distinguished brother to the hills before breakfast next day and caused the fleetfoot deer in the local preserves to pass in review, with the result that the Masonic "Mogul" was able to pick a nice buck and proceed on his journey to the provincial capital with several shanks of venison for tillicums there. —Grand Forks Gazette.

WHAT WAS DOING HERE TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Similkameen Star of Friday, Dec. 13, 1902

Chas. Richter was up from Hedley City for a day or two early in the week.

R. L. Cawston, of Keremeos, came up the river Sunday looking for some stray cattle.

Chas. Sterling came in from Spence's Bridge on Monday with a load of freight.

The school has been closed for the balance of the winter, and Miss Black, the local teacher, is leaving on the stage Sunday for her home in Victoria.

Al. Johnson and Geo. Prest are busy freighting lumber to Hedley City these days.

W. F. Revely came up from Hedley Monday, and returned again Wednesday morning.

Judge Spinks secured a fair "big horn" head on his recent hunt in the Ashnola mountains. His guide, Chas. Richter also killed a young ram.

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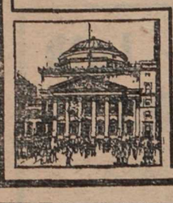

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Princeton Paragraphs

Just one week from the winter solstice; the date when the sun reaches the end of its journey south and commences the return trip.

Little schoolmate friends of Master Derward Broomfield's, to the number of about forty, were guests at a birthday party, tendered him by his aunt, Mrs. D. Wa'msley, in the dining room of the Princeton Hotel on Monday last from three till five o'clock. Among the good things on the banquet board was plenty of everything that boys and girls like best, while everybody enjoyed the games and short program that followed. Pity Derward's birthday only comes once a year.

On Sunday night, when the mercury was trying to creep through the bottom of the glass, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hunter, whose ranch is a short distance out of town, were rudely awakened to the fact that the roof of their dwelling was on fire. Sparsely c'ad and without any assistance, they had a difficult time extinguishing the flames. The building, which is held under the S .S. B., was fully covered by fire insurance.

With the fire hose all connected up and ready for action, but not required, the temptation was great on Monday and the boys turned the hose across the street on the skating rink. They had been working for a week or more with a small garden hose to flood their rink and the chance of getting a larger flow of water was too great to resist. Its an ill fire that does nobody any good.

That Jersey cattle are not suited to the severe weather conditions that at times prevail here, unless comfortably stabled, is evidenced by the loss of a valuable Jersey heifer which Mr. Robt. Schulli sustained this week. The animal was in a corral on his ranch with only a shed for shelter and on Tuesday morning was found dead.

Sunday night was the coldest during the present cold snap. On that night, according to our official weather bureau, the thermometer dropped to 33 below zero. Monday night it showed 30 below, Tuesday night 22, and Wednesday night 26. Both Penticton and Keremeos admit below zero, though with apparent reluctance.

The bazaar given by the ladies of St. Cuthbert's church in the Parish hall on Friday last netted the splendid sum of $195.00 The articles displayed for sale in the various booths were of high quality and found ready buyers. There was nothing left over.

The Ladies Hospital Auxiliary are arranging to give prizes for their masquerade dance in the Oddfellows' ha'l on New Year's night. Donations of prizes from merchants or others will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mrs. Gellatly.

At their dance on Friday evening last the Senior Boys' Athletic Association cleared in the neighborhood of $90.00. This will put them in a position to finance nicely the expenses of the rink during the coming winter.

Mr. Harry Tweddle, of Keremeos, made a quick trip to the coast this week with a shipment of cattle, leaving Keremeos on Monday and returning Wednesday. Though the weather was bitterly cold the cattle arrived at the coast in good condition and were supperior to shipments arriving at the same time from other points. Harry, who is agent for P. Burns & Co. in this va'ley, states that there is very little demand for cattle at present and that he has more offering than he can handle.

Auction sale of farm stock, implements and other effects of the W. H. Armstrong Estate, at Keremeos today.

Today is your last cahnce to secure that mowich. Open season for deer and goat closes today.

Mr. L. H. Patten, of Keremeos, is spending a few days in town in connection with a police court case on which he has been engaged.

"The Man From Home" is the attraction at the Princess theatre tonight and tomorrow night. Don't miss it.

Today is the day fixed for the closing of the present session of the local legislature. This will enable members to get home in time to do their Christmas shopping.

A. L. Potentier is suffering an injury to his foot, sustained while jumping from the baggage truck at the depot on Tuesday evening.

Operations at the Hedley Gold mine closed for the winter on Wednesday of last week. It is understood that production will be resumed as early as possible in the spring.

Heavy snowfall interfered with the making of ice on the open air rink and as a result the ice is not yet ready for skating. With any kind of luck the boys hope to have the rink going full swing early next week.

The annual Christmas dinner for the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held in the Oddfellows' hall on Friday evening December 22nd. It will be followed by a Christmas tree which will be open to all.

The proceeds of the bazaar to be held by the "Bluebirds" of Princeton in the Oddfellow's hall on Saturday next, will be applied toward purchasing a bell for the Presbyterian church. The girls are sparing no effort to make the event a big success and are deserving of liberal support.

A substantial reduction is noticeable in the insurance rates on residential property in Princeton recently put into effect. This is due to classification of buildings and to the fact that whereas the two nearest risks within one hundred feet, were formerly taken into account, now only one risk is considered.

Walter Drinnan, provincial secretary of the Great War Veterans Association, seeks information as to the whereabouts of Gamaliel Gillis, who enlisted at Valcartier and served in the 5th battalion. He was apparently residing in Princeton prior to January 1922, at which time he requested the postmaster here to forward his mail to Hedley.

G. T. Scouler, district inspector for electric and gas fixtures was in town a couple of days this week, testing, and when necessary readjusting, meters for the Light and Power Company. Mr. Scouler is employed by the Dominion government, under the department of Trades and Commerce. Electric light meters must not be used more than six years without being examined and approved. A fee of 60c per meter examined is charged.

Balloting on the question of a soldiers' memorial for Princeton will end on Tuesday evening next, and on Wednesday evening another public meeting will be held in the Parish hall, when the committee will report progress and further action will be decided upon. In the meantime those who wish to vote can secure ballots from any of the following members of the committee: P. W. Gregory, E. Barr Hal', Van H. Smith, C. E. Thomas or J. A. Brown.

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COMING EVENTS

Don't forget the Blue Birds' bazaar and tea in the Oddfellows' hall Saturday, December 16. 3-1

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Annual Masquerade dance under the auspices of the Princeton Hospital, Oddfellows' hall, New Years night, Jan. 1st. Prepare your costume in good time.

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Public Meeting, Parish Hall, Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, to receive report of committee and decide as to future action with respect to a soldiers' memorial.

BUSINESS LOCALS

WANTED—Second hand double harness, W. G. Forrest, Hedley. 3-2p

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WANTED—Cattle to feed for winter; 75 to 100 head. Apply A. Prentice, Cawston, B. C. 4-2p

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GROWERS ORGANIZE BOARD OF CONTROL

(Continued from page three.)

growers' affairs for many years and to his wise judgment in handling the chairman's gavel, is credited much of the success of the meeting. D. McCallum looked after the interests of the Keremeos growers.

Capt. Jervis, of Rutland, was the secretary.

The control plan will have endorsement of every grower and shipper in British Columbia, it is certain, and with business interests solidly behind the scheme, delegates left for their homes today, satisfied that another milestone has been turned in the development of British Columbia's fruit industry.

Friday's Closing Session

The first business before the growers' convention here Friday afternoon was the nomination and appointment of members of the central committee.

Up to that time no mention had been made of the Traffic & Credit ssociation, but Mr. E. Doberer, manager of the Salmon Arm Exchange and president of the Traffic & Credit Association, who was invited to address the convention, pointed out that the committee would have a great many things to adjust which wou'd require an intimate knowledge of data of all kinds with regard to the fruit industry which Mr. Winslow, manager of the association, possessed probably in a much greater degree than any other man. Mr. Doberer suggested that Mr. Winslow be considered by the delegates as a member of the committee.

J. Goldie and other delegates spoke endorsing the suggestion.

Eighteen names were placed in nomination and the ballot resulted in the appointment of R. M. Winslow, Vernon; General Harmon, Kelowna; J. Goldie, Okanagan Centre; Col. Scott, Salmon Arm; J. J. Campbell, Willow Point; F. E. R. Wellaston, manager Coldstream ranch, Vernon, and R. J. Hogg, Peachland.

At this stage of the meeting the delegates from points south were obliged to leave the meeting to take the boat.

Financial questions and other details regarding the organization were discussed and it was not expected that the convention would get through until sometime on Saturday.

Among the points brought forward with regard to finances was the expenses incurred by L. E. Taylor and General Harmon, J. E. Reekie pointed out that these gentlemen had financed all their trips made on behalf of the growers and suggested that they be repaid their expenses p'us any renumeration thought right be charged to the expense fund of the organization. This was put in the form of a motion and carried.

Several Resolutions Up

In the report of the committee on resolutions calling for the formation of a Central Selling Agency, they refer to the convention the Glenmore resolution slightly amended, as embodying the main principles enunciated by all the resolutions bearing on the subject. A number of resolutions contained detailed suggestions as to the best means of handling a central selling agency, but it was felt by the committee that details can not well be discussed until such a time as a report be obtained from an expert such as Mr. Aaron Sapiro, who is in a better position than this convention to outline the most effective methods of operation.

The resolution from Peachland calls for an organization simply for advisory purposes, which shall not have power to buy or sell.

The resolutions from Vernon and Coldstream and the original resolution from Glenmore called for a reference of the problem to the B.C.F.G.A. but the majority of the resolutions did not recommend referring the matter to that body.

Both of these matters are legitimate subjects for amendment should such amendments be desired by the convention.

Suggestions made by various shippers were not submitted in resolution form for the consideration of this convention but these suggestions are reproduced here for the information of the delegates.

GEO. A. BARRAT,
Chairman Rsolutions Committee.

Shipepr's Resolution

Smith-Mutrie—Whereas it is necessary that some methods of sale and distribution be adopted that will give more satisfactory results to fruit growers and shippers than those now existing;

Be it resolved that this meeting of shippers go on record as approving of the formation of a Central Selling Agency to handle all the fruit produced in commercial quantities in British Columbia;

That we be'ieve it is essential to the sucess of such a scheme that the support of the fruit growers be practilcaly unanimous;

That, we as shippers, are willing to support and co-operate in any pracical scheme which the growers may submit which complies with the above conditions.

Amendment to Smith-Mutrie Motion

Bulman-McDougall — Whereas the methods emp'oyed in the last two years in marketing the fruit and vegetables of the Okanagan Valley and other districts in British Columbia have been very unsatisfactory and disastrous financially to our clients;

Therefore be it resolved that we, the shipeprs, in a general meeting called for the purpose of considering the best available method of correcting the errors demonstrated by the operation of the selling system used in the past, agree that the errors and difficulties could be overcome by the growers securing from the best legal authority obtainab'e a form of contract to be used exclusively between any shipper a grower may select as his agent and the grower as the contracting party with the shipper, binding each party to act in accordance with rules and regulations made by a Board of Control composed of the shippers and nominees of the growers, and having such contract construed in such manner that damages can be easily obtained for a breach of the contract by either party.

Leopold Hays Motion

1. That a Growers' Association of shippers be formed.

2. That the growers provide suitable storage in their orchards for a reasonable percentage of their crop.

3. That the provincial government be asked to assist in financing the erection of three cold storage plants in the valley, particularly for the stor- of McIntosh.

4. That the growers endeavor as much as possible to commercialize their orchards by discouraging further p'antings of Wealthy, McIntosh and Jonathan, by eliminating non-commercial varieties, and to encourage the substitution of good winter keepers.

5. That the shippers agree to export a specific percentage of their apple pack, same to be determined by the Growers' Association of Shippers.

6. That the shippers agree to purchase the remaining percentage estimated as non-marketable and considered necessary for the requirements of the home market at a price to be determined by the before-mentioned association, apples, pears and crab-apples, at a price per box per pound, according to grade.

7. That all Jonathans be handled on a consignment basis only and that larger apples than 150's be crated and placed on the market at a reasonable price for inmmediate consumption, the price to be determined by the association.

9. That growers be penalized for hauling more than a reasonable percentage of culls to packing houses.

10. That no control be exercised over soft fruits on account of their highly perishable nature.

11. That all shippers shall be free to open up new export markets and to build up already existing connections.

Glenmore Resolution

Whereas the fruit growers of British Columbia, during the past two years have been unable to obtain for their products sufifcient to cover the cost of production; and,

Where as if this situation is allowed to continue for another year many growers will be forced out of business and those remaining will be unable to give the care to their orchards that is necessary if the present high qua'ity of British Columbia fruit is to be maintained; and,

Whereas, it is the belief of this convention that the chief cause of the present deplorable condition is to be found in the existing competitive system of marketing; and,

Whereas if any action is to be taken towards ensuring a reasonable price to the grower for his next crop it is imperative that such action be taken immediately,

Be it resolved by this convention of Fruit Growers of British Columbia;

1. That we approve of the formation of one central selling agency under the control of the growers to undertake the distribution of all fruit and vegetables produced in commercial quantities in this province.

2. That we recognize that the success of such an agency will depend upon the completeness of the support given it by the growers.

3. That the growers should contract to sell their fruit and vegetables through such and agency for a period of not less than five years, leaving them free to have their fruit packed by any packing house complying with the conditions laid down by the central selling agency and distributing all fruit packed by it through such agency

4. That this convention appoint a committee of seven members, having power by unanimous consent to add to its number, to formulate a plan for a central selling agency.

5. That the duties of this committee shall be:

(a) To assemble full data concerning the fruit industry and fruit marketing systems in British Columbia and prepare an initial statement covering all interests affected by the proposed organization.

(b) To submit this data to a competent expert (Mr. Aaron Sapiro suggested) for his analysis with request that he draft a plan of organization based on the fundamental principles adopted by this convention.

(c) To submit this plan to the Bankers' Association of Canada for their approval and support.

(d) To thoroughly organize each district of the province for the presentation of this plan to every fruit grower for endorsement.

(e) To take such preliminary steps as may be necessary to carry into effect the plan of organization when same is endorsed by the fruit growers representing not less than 80 per cent. of the acreage in the interior of British Columbia commercial orchards not less than six years old.

(f) To arrange financing of the organization work.

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