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Is it Over Production Or Improper Marketing

For he first time in fifteen years residence in a fruit district, the remark has been made often this year that we produce too much fruit in the Fraser Valley, and that is the cause of the present financial loss to the growers this year. A few years ago it was said that it was impossible for the province of B. C. to over produce in small fruits, why the change of view—the view of several prominent men in the district.

It would appear on the surface that with a population of 100,000 at least in the city of Vancouver, and probably a city population of double at in the province of B. C., together with the large number of consumers on the prairie that it cannot be overproduction, yet. The number of carloads of fruit shipped already Fraser Valley will probably reach the 200 mark, or, together with the L. C. L. shipments somewhere in the neighborhood of 200,000 crates of berries. This does not look as though there were over production. It is a small family that does not consume in the season at least two crates of small fruits. This making something like 100,000 families to consume the berry crop of the province. There must be at least that many families within reach of easy transportation.

There are two other factors that would appear to be more responsible for the slump in the berry situation. One of these in the fact of so much foreign fruit coming into the province of B. C. and also on to the markets, for instance, and it will be found that foreign berries came in long before the B. C. crop was available. The prices started at $4.00 or $4.50 a crate, and by the time the B. C. berry was on the market many had been supplied and the price was dawn to $2.50 and $2.75. At this price the Fraser Valley berry had to be sold. A crate of excellent berries was sent from Mission City to a friend in Vancouver at a cost of $2.75 a crate. The day it reached the party he bought another crate of excellent berries for $1.50. This was owing to improper distribution of berries on that date and previous purchases. But why should the Vancouver market be filled with foreign berries of the same kind long before the local is on the market? The local gets his profit and he is commander of the situation at all times He has no more investment probably than an office chair and a desk, maybe a typewriter, while the fruit grower whose berries he sells and gets more out of it than the grower, has thousands of dollars at stake in his investment. Why should not Vancouver people wait until the local berries are ready?

It is hardly conceivable that the distribution of the berries of B. C. are properly distributed on the prairies, owing to the fact that the large morketing concerns do not work together. Do all the companies that handle berries know the exact condition of the berry market in town on the prairies Do they know where the various cars that leave the province are heading for and what date they reach their destination? Co-operation on the part of the grower looks good, but why should not there be co-operation on the part of the commission houses? Improper distribution will glut almost any market in twenty-four hours, and here must be improper distribution when there are so many agencies working not in unison, but in opposition to each other.

It would appear that if the berry situation in B. C. is to be saved and the consumer gets his fruit at a fair price, that the dominion government should name a berry board for the purpose of setting the price at which the berries should be sold on the vaious markets, and also setting the price for overhead expenses, including commission and transportation. If a price were set there would be little opporunity for the foreign product.

This paper would like to see this matter taken up by the provincial and dominion governments and properly worked out, so that the large investment in fruitlands of this provice would be saved to the men who have invested their money and their labor. Foreign fruit brought in by commission houses should not be allowed to have the cream of the situation; besides the consideration of so much money going out of the country to build up a foreign nation's business.

Entrance to High School Results

Matsqui Centre

Clayburn—Frederick Healey 355. Mary V. Bateman 300, Louise L. Thompson 300.

Matsqui—Conrad A. Erlandson 347. Einer M. Ebbeson 345, Cyril E McRae Robinson 313, Ruth V. Lidstrom 305.

Ridgedale—Elmer A. Baharrell 361, Violet M. Adams 322, Ingval O. Fore 311.

Huntingdon Centre

Huntingdon—Isabel D. Brokovsi 364. Enid Vera Winson 343, Walter S. Curtis 306, Wilmina J. Fraser 300.

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Mount Lehman ..Centre

Mount Lehman—Walter J. Israel 331, Samuel P. MacLean 300, Eudora E. Walters 300.

SEEK OPENING OF MT. LEHMAN ROAD

GLEN VALLEY, July 3.—Local residents are agitating for the opening up of the River road from Sullivan's farm to the Mt. Lehman road a distance of about one mile. This section has already been surveyed, and while the opening of it would not decrease the distance to New Westminster, it would give a much better route, for the Mt. Lehman road could be followed to the Yale and the latter into New Westminster. This would be especially true in the winter months when no small distance of the River road is impossible with a car for some time. It is likely that the matter will be taken up with he proper auhorities shortly.

HAPPILY WEDDED

TRETHEWEY—HORLER

A very jretty wedding was solemnized on Monday evening in the Kitsilao Methodist Church, when Miss Flora Horler, R. N. of Vancouver became the bride of Mr. Lester Trethewey of Abbotsford, Rev. Mr. Vance, pastor of the church officiating. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion by girl friends of the bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. T. S. Smith She was beautifully gowned in chatargen-colored georgette crepe, the bodice and side panel of which were elaborately embroidered with chenille in the same shade, the skirt of the same material being finely pleated. An old-fashioned corsage boquet of artificial flowers was worn at the low waistline. Her hat was a becoming model of leghorn with facings of orchid taffeta and trimmings of black velvet ribbon and lace. She carried a beautiful boquet of Ophelia roses. Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Lorne Kyle,, who was attiredin shell pink satin, with georgette crepe hat to match, and carried a boque of mauve and pink sweet peas. Mr. Charles Trethewey, brother of the groom fulfilled the duties of best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Smith, Third Avenue, Kitsilano. The tea table was centered with the three-tier wedding cake: and prettily decorated with smal. vases of roses, and sweet peas; the same flowers being effectively used in the artistic decoration of the rooms. Mrs. T. S. Smith and Mrs. Bradshaw of New Westminster, presided. Assisting in serving were, Miss Emma Trethewey, Miss Eisie Cope, Miss Margaret Cope, Miss Helen Bradshaw and Mrs Bert Banton. The ices were cut by Miss Clarice Trethewey. The young couple left for a honeymoon trip by motor to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland; the bride travelling in a French suit, richly embroidered and beaded.

A chic hat of mohair, with trimmings of French flowers, completed her teilette. The grooms gift to the bride was a platinum and diamond pendant; to the matron of honor, a pearl necklace, and to the best man gold cuff links. Mr. ad Mrs. Trethewey will take up their residence at Abbotsford.

TOURIST ENTRY RECORDS BORKEN

All previous records for people enering Canada at Huntingdon in any one month are already broke in July Last week 3790 persons crossed from American soil, and 4692 during the first week of the month. There have not been less than 200 on any one day and there have been as high as 1351, which record was established on Sunday. The previous record this year was 1195 persons on July 4.

The traffic this year so far has been considerably greater than last. In May, 1923, 10,395 persons crossed to Canada as compared with 7,060 in the same month last year. In June this year there were 10,060 entrants, against 6,254 in June, 1922.

Motor cars to the number of 490 entered Canada last week and 300 crossed to the United States during last week, and last Sunday 389 cars crossed the line going both ways.

The improved condition of the roads this year and the additional paving on the roads from Vancouver towards the boundary, has done much towards stimulatig and increasing traffic to Canada. Most of the tourists stay from three days to a week or more, except a number who crosses on Sunday just for the day.

Mr. Norman Hutchinson leaves this week for Los Angeles, California. Norman was popular with his many friends and will be greatly missed by them all.

Rev. Mr. Congden of Sumas was a visitor of Rev. W. Robertson at the Manse on Thursday.

ROBBERY AT MATSQUI

Constable Broughton and Municipal Constable Lehman spent Thursday in Matsqui inquiring in to the robberies there the previous night. Several cash donations were taken so far no arrests have been made. from places of business there, but so far no arrests have been made.

Mt. Lehman

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shore were guests at White Rock on Sunday.

L. Bates for several days.

Miss Kitty Taylor has received word that she has successfully passed the intermediate examination, piano and theory, of the London Royal Academy of Music, Miss Taylor is a pupil of Miss Steede, Abbotsford, B. C.

Mr. Murdock McLean has rented Mr. Ed. Witham's farm for three years. At present Mr. Witham is harvesting a heavy hay crop an a portion of the Amiens Farm, but expects to enter the employ of Steeves Dairies in a short time.

Mrs. McDonald and young son are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gillis. Mrs. McDonald is making her home in Vancouver having come from Prince Edward Island recently.

Masters Frank Appleby, Graeme MacFarlane, and Andrew Elliott have returned to their homes in Vancouver after spending two weeks camping at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greens' where they were employed berry picking.

Mr. Wm. G. Morrison contemplates opening a store in Huntingdon, B. C. His friends here wish him every success in his new business.

and Mrs. D. R. Nichlson and is visiting the many friends she made during her two years term here as junior teacher in the public school. been on the Revelstoke school staff.

Miss Waite is the guest of Mr.

Mrs. Cocking with her little daughter has returned to her home in Vancouver after a delightful holiday spent with Mr. and Mrs. Coggins.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC

The results of the examinations in music of the pupils of the Misses Steede, who tried the annual examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music of London, England, are as follows:

Primary Division—Vera Bedlow.

Elementary Division,—Perry Buker, Peggy Hill, Flossie Hunt, Margarite McGowan, Beatrice Ruker.

Higher Division—Stella Hurum (Matsqui.)

Intermediate Grade,— Corinne Floden, (Matsqui.) Irene King, Freda Nelson, Catherine Taylor, (Mt. Lehman.)

The pupils all done exceptionally well in the examinations and received high marks.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Fraser Valley Football League will be held in the Bank of Motreal Chambers on August 16th, at 8:30 p.m.

The matter off affiliation with the British Columbia Fooball Association will be held before the meeting. The election of Officers for the year will be held, and the yearly reports of the president and secretary given.

The advisibality of forming a Junior Football League in the Fraser Valley will also be considered All those interested in football, are ungently requested to be present.

Among the Abbotsford guests who attended the Trethewey-Horler wedding which took place in Vancouver last Monday were: Miss Emma Trethewey, Miss Clarice Trethewey, Messrs Charles and Clark Trethewey Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Trethewey, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Trethewey; Mr and Mrs. Lee McDaniels, Mr Howard Trethewey, Miss Violet Rudge, Mr. William Rudge, Mr. W. L. Hillier of Bellingham.

Mrs. P. E. Dagon and children are visiting with friends at Sechelt for two weeks.

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Not many months ago the public were expectantly looking forward to a new provincial election, but from present appearance the people of British Columbia are doomed to disappointment for some time to come, as Premier Oliver has announced that he likes his job so well that heis going to keep it until such time as he has to go to the country—three more sessions if he so desires.

In the meantime General McRae, the new aspirant for political leadership in the province has placed his "Searchlight," on the platform and in phamphlet form, on the P. G. E. In referring to it he calls it the "Great Betrayal" of Bowser and Oliver, placing some "ugly facts" as he calls them before the people of this province. Facts with any political interpretation upon them are ugly, unless it is the certain political faith that one has adopted, but not in all the reports of his speeches has he ventured to give any remedy for the riddance of the burden placed upon the people. When a doctor diagnoses a case he generally prescribes a remedy of he possibly can. when a general finds the enemy in a certain dangerous position he feels it is his duty to use his forces to put the enemy in a place where they are likely to do less harm. When a politician, if he be a genuine leader, finds that a state of affairs exists which he considers not in the interest of the majoriy of the people, he should show a way out. But long, long ago, many people of this provnice have ceased to look upon the P. G. E. as the one most important matter in the development of the province, which the government has to deal with. The obligations assumed by the province will be paid, and the hope is expressed that at some future date the P. G. E. will look like a valuable asset to one of the transcontinental lines that carry wheat from the prairies to the coast —and the province may get in cash for its value, probably one-third of what the actual cost of the road was to the province. The P. G. E. looks like a political blunder to the B. C voter, but with the true western spirit once hope of redemption is gone, with it goes the mounring of the loss, and the hope that the future will hold brighter prospects.

In the meantime General McRae is clouding the political issue in this province, as there are other matters of equal importance to the people of this province, that needs attention. The farming situation in B. C.—righ here in the Fraser Valley requires some remedy applied to it so that the farmers and fruitgrowers may be able to make enough to pay the cost of the P. G. E. and over and above that of a living, with a little laid away for old age. It is of vital importance this year or any year that the farmer who has an excellent crop of hay should not have to compete with hay brough in from a foreign country: it is highly important that the fruit industry should be protected from the same foreign invasion. You say this is dominion polities, and probably it is, but we believe it is within the scope of the provincial government to legislate along lines that will help the marketing conditions and the method of marketing, right in our province. why should the middleman control the situation in the future as he has in the past?. He brings in hay, potatoes, fruit, and other agricultural products to compete with the home grown. Why not make it a criminal offence for any man in the province to do that! It is a criminal offence now; why not make it legal? This is only one phrase of the situation that is just as important to the people of this province as the P. G. E.

Of-course General McRae might think that either Oliver or Bowser would steal his thunder if he were to prescribed any remedy that would assist the man on the land. What would be the difference so long as the manon the land was benefitted? Politics and politicians should not be selfish.

The people of this province are ripe for a change of government, when an election comes along, and General McRae has the chace of his life, if he would not cloud the issue by dwelling too long and too often in the time worn blunder made in connection with the P. G. E. Instead tell the farmer and the fruitgrower, the business man, the miner, the lumberman and the various other occupations in the province, how to make so they can besides improving their condition, pay the taxes imposed by the Oliver government.

Maybe then John O. would change his mind about three sessions.

It looks as though the Conservatives are due for their innings. In Ontario they had a big victory, and last week the Conservatives of P. E. I. showed that they were tired for the present of Liberalism.

Let's see how it figures out. Takin Ontario as the centre there are three provinces between that and P. E. I. where a victory was gained. Coming west there are three provinces between Ontario and B. C. Conclusion: The Conservatives are due for a victory in B. C. if an election comes off in B. C. before any of the other provinces. It is up to John O.

There is "something rotten in the state of Denmark." We are told that fruit is wasting in Ontario a few miles out of the cities while people in town are unable to buy the same produce on account of the high prices. A proper system of distribution is sadly needed.—Kitchener Record.

In presenting each number of the Ferguson government with bibles the lieutenant-governor once again shows that he may always be relied upon to do the right thing at the right time. —Toronto Globe.

An English banker thinks the Canadian government should guarantee all stocks and shares which Canadians sell in England. He ought to see some of the stuff we palm off on each other.—Toronto Daily Star.

The "Ca Canny" policy of General McRae does not mark him for leadership. Generalizing on the P. G. E. question may be well enough in its way, but unless some solution of the north country's transportation problem is forthcoming, it cannot be said that the general's efforts in the direcion of launching a third political party are likely to be crowned with any signal success. The leader of the Provincial party has not as yet demonstrated his ability for leadership to the extent of prescribing a posiive cure for the country's ailments. Drawing attention to certain problems does not necessarily provide a formula for their elimination.—Cranbrook Courier.

The activities of the Senate in organizing bills are much less than the house of commons. From 1867—1923 there were 5871 bills which passed the commons and were sent to the Senate. During the same time the Senate sent 1294 bills to the house of commons. The latter included bills of divorce, which became rather numerous after 1900. Of the bills sent from the house of commons, the Senate amended 1246 i.e. 21.5 per cent., and rejected 2 per cent. To quote from one authority, "The Senate has been of some little service in improving bills sent to it from the house of commons. For five provinces it has served as a divorce court. These are its public services." And not so long ago it made a strenuous effort to get rid of its divorce duties, as it did not consider hem suitable subjects for so august a body to deal with.—Kootenay Times.

NEW ZEALAND' EXAMPLE

New Zealand's budget for the current year, as well as showing how an economic policy has been followed, points to reduction in taxation which it is now possible to put into effect. Within two years economies to the tune of £3,735,000 has been effected, and this year there was a surplus of £1,300,000. It was possible to transfer £3,000,000 to the loan redemption account. The penny postage is to be reinstated in New Zealand on October 1, there is to be a reduction in the tea duty and reductions also of the land and income taxation. On the other hand, the naval defence vote is being increased to £500,000, which includes £100,000 as a contribution to the Singapore dock. With all its commitments the government is in a position to find money for liberal housing assistance.

Premier Massey, in reviewing the progress of the past decade, gave a summary of New Zealand's progress, in which he showed that, notwithstanding difficulties, the total trade has increased 83 per cent. and exports 98 per cent. Last year the country had been a hive of industry, resulting in great improvement in public and private finance. Production there is being well maintained in quality and value, and the exports are cosiderably increased. The premier pointed out that the return to prosperity had exceeded expectations. Nothing is likely to foster that prosperity more than the coming reductions in taxation. New Zealand, like Australia and some other parts of the empire, realizes how necessary it is to restore confidence in public finance and that this can be best done by a reduction in administrative expenses and a consequet decline in the taxation imposed.—Victoria Colonist.

U. S. Growers Are Glutting Market

PENTICTON, July 25.—The situation confronting the Associated Growers of B. C. with regard to the disposal of the apricot crop is looked upon by local growers who are following the situation closely, as an extremely serious one. The Vancouver market is already overstocked with apricots from Washington which Water street wholesalers, formed into pools, have purchased and are urging consumers at the coast to buy, just at the time the Okanagan's apricot crop shows a to roll. The same thing occurred about the time Okanagan cherries began to reach that market, and it is feared, a simillar situation would develop when the peach deal has to be put over.

The Associated's estimate of the Okanagan's apricot crop shaws a probable 5,000 crates. California apricots were selling in Portland, Ore., on July 14 at $1.25 to $1.50 per four-basket crate. Many hundreds of acres in California are not being picked, particularly where the fruit is a little off-size. Washington apricots are being bought by cash operators at $80 per ton in bulk or $1.15 to $1.25 per crate packed. The prairie markets are reported to be only lukewarm, with opening quotations of $1.50 for No. 1s and $1.10 for No. 2s.

Advices from the coast indicate that the Water street wholesalers have bought about twice as many Washington apricots on a firm basis of price as they will be able to market at anywhere near coast. Not only is this the case, but Washington apricots have also been marketed on consignment.

This means it is stated that if the Okanagan apricot deal is to be put over in a satisfactory manner the growers must expect their fruit to be culler heavily.

WILL BOOST SPUD INDUSTRY

VICTORIA, July 27.—The provincial government has decided to get behind the commercial potato industry in British Columbia, it was announced yesterday, and the department of agriculture will render every assistance possible to the organization of a co-operative marketing system to eventually embrace all the potato-growing sections of the province.

The first unit of the system will be brought into being at a meeting of the Victoria Potato Growers' Association on Saturday. The association will cover the whole of Vancouver Island.

Figures were given out yesterday by the department, showing the number of recognized growers of certified potato seed and the acreage devoted to the indusry in British Columbia.

There are now 140 growers of certified seed in the province as compared with 89 growers in 1921 when the government commenced its certification work. The increase would have been still greater had the department not declined to take in a number of districts where adequate inspection facilities could not be provided.

HAPPINESS IS THE SECRET OF "SUCCESS"

"The theatre should teach us how to be happy."

Brandon Tynan, star of stage and screen, now appearing in a photoplay version of the stage play "Success" at the Victory Theatre, has always held this theory. In his own plays it has been reflected, and it is manifested in his own personality as well.

"The theatre should teach us how to be happy," he repeated. "Now more than ever. When first I read 'Success' I saw in it this possibility

Mr. Tynan's ideal of happiness is expressed in the phrase: "A character ennobled by love and sacrifice." Such a character is Barry Carleton in "Success" and Mr. Tynan's sympathy with the role is explained by the high motives by which he is activated. Friday and Saturday.

HARVEST RATES FOR AUGUST 8-18

Harvesters' excursions to the prairies will be put on this season, inclusive. In order to get the advantage of the special fare in force for men going to work in the harvest at the office of the Employment Service of Canada, Begbie street, where certificates are issued for presentation at the railway ticket office.

SHIPPING WEIGHTS

We have been asked to state for general information the shipping gross weights of the follwing containers:

Strawberries, 24 pint hallocks 22 lbs.
Raspberries, 2-5 qt. hallocks.. 20lbs.
Cherry, 4 bskt. cherry crate.... 20lbs.
Plum, 4 bskt, ... 23 lbs

The Dominion regulations are charged in respect to the raspberry hallock, which in future will be shallow pint, the shipping weight for the shallow pint has not yet been delermined but will likely be 24 lbs. We strongly recommend the use of the shallow pint for shipipng Blk and Red Currents, Gooseberries, Loganberries and Blackberries. Gooseberries shipped in 4 lb. baskets.

You can't offend a homely woman by telling her she isn't.

Daughter—"May I go to a wedding, father?"

Father—"Must you go "

Daughter—"I suppose so. I'm the bride,"—Parrakeet.

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WEEK IN CALGARY

This week's weather has been excellent from a growing standpoint, being intermittently mixed with warm sunshine, clouds, showers and electric disturbances.

The crops continue to improve and only unforseen disasted can hider a record crop being harvested.

Business is still slow, and very little improvement needs be looked for until harvest is well advanced.

British Columbia fruits are now displacing important stuff in almost every line. Early apples are now ready. Plums, pears and peaches are also being quoted from B. C.

Hothouse tomatoes are down to $3.50 wholesale. Many local hothouse toms are offered on the market.

Berries are now arriving in excellent condition. Prices stiffened this week and are now $3.50 per crate for rasps in Saskatoon and Manitoba. Alberta has only a price of $3.25 due to heavy L.C.L. shipments preventing the $3.50 price taking effect.

Loganberries are a drug on the market. Salmon Arm cars about 50-50 to rasps and logans are hard to sell owing to having for too many lgans in them. Prices for loganberries are holding at $2.00 to the wholesaler and retailing at $2.50 to $3.00.

The high price of sugar is having a marked effect on preserving berries.

The market for Bing and Lambert cherries is impoving.

New potatoes are down to "rock-bottom"—$22.50 and $25.00 per ton being quoted F. O. B. Vernon and Okanagan points.

Calgary Wholesale Prices

Black Currents, B. C., per 24-lb bskt	3.00
Raspberries, No. 1, B. C., per crate	3.50
Loganberries, No. 1, B. C., per crate	2.50
Blueberries, No. 1, B. C., per crate.	2.50
Blueberries, Ont., per bskt.	2.75
Cherries, B. C. Lamberts, 4-bskt.	3.00
Apricots, Cal., 4-bskt.	2.50
Peaches, Cal., per peach box	2.25
Plums, Cal., Blk. Diamonds, 4-bskt.	3.00

Calgary Car Arrivals
July 19th to 26th.

From B. C.—5 mixed vegetables; 1 mixed fruit and vegetable; 1 mixed fruit; 5 deciduous fruit; 2 potatoes.

From California—1 apples; 1 cantelopes; 1 deciduous fruit.

From Manitoba—1 mixed vegetables.

From Washington—1 onions; 2 deciduous fruit; 1 apples.

You are bright, but you can't tell how many toes a cat has without looking.

BANK OF MONTREAL CROP REPORT

General.

Satisfactory conditions continue in the Prairie Provinces and prospects indicate a good all round crop. Damage from hail and pests is unimportant in aggregate. Prospects in the other Provinces, with the exception of New Brunswick, which has suffered from drought, continue satisfactory. Details follow:

Prairie Provinces.

Edmonton District—Crops making rapid growth, hail prevalent covering small areas with ligh damages.

Calgary District—Prospects still excellent, 60 to 100 per cent. wheat headed out. Oats and barley well advanced. Some damage by hail a few points and some recoveries are being made from previous storms.

Lethbridge District— Crops continue to show splendid promise. Hot weather prevails with heavy rains in a few localities. Scattered hail storms reported, but area of damage not large. A few outlying district anticipated limited yield due to lack of moisture, but otherwise all reports favorable. Heavy crop timothy hay on irrigated land.

Saskatoon District—Weather favourable. Prospects generally fair, although rust in some districts. Hay crop good and pasture plentiful.

Regina District—Crops generally reported satisfactory, but rust has developed in several districts. Some damage from hail. Hay and pasture good.

Winnipeg District.—Prospects continue favourable. No damage from hail, posts or rust. Fall rye far crop. Cutting general. Other grains doing well. Pasture and hay good.

Province of Quebec.—A fair crop of grain is expected. Growth is a little backward. Corn is improving and average crop expected. Hay in most districts above average. Roots have good appearance and general average crop being looked for. Small fruits in most districts plentiful with apples a little below average. Pasturage generally good.

conditions very satisfactory. Good harvest weather in Western part of Province. East somewhat later and in need of rain. Harvesting of Fall wheat is in full swing and producing satisfactory yield. Spring grains in good condition. Root crops doing well. Second crop of hay is being cut in sme sections. Apples reported light crop. Peaches, plums and grapes promise large yield. Pastures on whole good.

Province of British Columbia—Weather conditions continue favourable. First crop of hay of good quality gathered. Grain cutting commenced; crop above average. In Kamloops district grain more than double average, but rain now needed. Okanagan apples heavy crop, showing above normal as to size. Early varities now moving. Small fruits, roots and potatoes slightly below average. Prospects for later Pasture abundant.

SURELY NO GAME FOR AN AMATEUR

LADNER, July 28.—"Politics is no game for an amateur, for it is only to men of the best ability and the highest indigrity that the positions of managing the affairs of the prvince should be entrusted.' This declared Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General in the course of an address given at a public meeting in the McNeely hall Ladner, last evening. Althouugh the meeting was open to the public and was called for discussing the matter of a new bridge to Westham Island, it had every appearance of a Liberal political meeting, for not only was the attorney-general present, but Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands; Hon. W. H. Sutherland Minister of Public Works, and Mr. A. D. Paterson, M.L.A. for Delta riding, were also in attendance.

Mr. Manson gave a comprehensive resume of the work of the government, and then proceeded to deal with the action of the Senate in connection with his liquor legislation. In these remarks, he was particularly caustic, while he also justified his now famous epistle. He was prepared, he said, to stand by every word in this communication and would not withdraw a solitary one. The attorney-general also referred critically to "one of the local members of the House of Commons." and while dealing with the statement that politics was not for amateurs, he incidentally put in a good word for Premier Oliver, who he said, measured up to the highest standard required.

LAND RECLAIMED AT SUMAS TRANSFERRED

VICTORIA, July 30.—Transfer to Chilliwack-Sumas Dyking Commissioners under the provincial government of 12,120 acres of crown land for one dollar by the Dominion Government has now been completed.

"Investigation by engineers of the department of the interior show that land applied for is valueless in its present condition, being either wholly covered by the water of Sumas Lake or subject to frequent and prolonged submergence therefrom and that the reclamation of this land will be in the public interest," says

MARQUIS WHEAT

Man has learned to do some remarkable things with organic life, both animal and vegetable. He must do the work experimentally, for, although he has found out much about the laws that govern heredity, he cannot account for some of the things that happen or fail to happen when living stocks are blended. But still he usually finds a way to get what he wants from Mother Nature. Let us consider, for an example, Marquis wheat.

Northwestern Canada is a land of widespread prairies well adapted, so far as soil is concerned, to wheat farming and too far north for any other crop that is nearly so profitable as wheat. But you cannot grow winter wheat in all parts of Canada the prairie must have a spring-sown wheat and, if its people are to take advantage of the fields that spread up to the Peace River Valley within a few degrees of the Arctic Circle, it must be a rapidly growing variety, one that matures within ten weeks of planting.

There are other qualities that a useful variety must have. It must be able to resist drought no less than cold, for the western prairie is often both dry and cold; if it is to sell at a good price, it must mill well and bake well; and it must produce a high yield to the acre. There have always been varieties of wheat that have one or two of these five essential qualities, but until recently there was none that combined all of them. That there is now one is owing to the long and patient labor of Dr. William Saunders of Ottawa and his two sons.

Beginning with a Russian wheat that will ripen in a latitude of more than sixty degrees north, they crossed with the well-kown Red Fife wheat, which has superior milling qualities. When they had got a hybrid variety that would ripen within seventy days and make excellent flour they bred into it a Calcutta wheat that is notable for productiveness and for its power to resist drought. And so year after year they worked away, trying one combination after another, selecting this and rejecting that, finding that one hopeful kind of crossbreeding would not answer and that another, tried on the off-chance, would answer very well, until at last they had produced a stable seed that would produce wheat with every desirable quality for subarctic culture. That wheat they call Marquis.

Incidentially the Saunderses established another variety that they called Prelude. It will ripen in eight weeks and has been raised at Dawson within the Arctic Circle. It may son within the Arctic Circle. It may perhaps be grown even in the lower Yukon Valley. It does not produce heavily, however, and for that reason [illegible] planting where any other variety will grow.

[illegible] of the Saunders family not only to their native country but to mankind as well is worthy of more recognition than it has received. They are men who have done better than those whom Dean Swift praised so highly—the men who made two blades of grass or two ears of corn grow where only one grew before. They have caused whole acres of waving grain to spring up where before none would grow. They have pushed forward the domain of civilized man in the face of cold and drought and given to Canada new homes for its people and new sources of inexhaustible wealth.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY MAY TAKE PLACE AUGUST 29

CLOVERDALE, July 30.—Business men are endeavoring to have the official opening of the Pacific Highway on August 29 instead of Labor Day, September 3. It is contended that much inconvenience will be experienced by tourists on the holiday if the road is not opened until 2 o'clock on that day.

Two gravel cars broke away from control on the rock bunker here Saturday, tore down the steep grade of the chute, jumped the track at bottom and turned over their sides. The cars had been dumped at the top of the bunkers and were being moved a few feet by workmen to place other cars in a position for dumping, when they started on the down-grade Later in the day a wrecking crew replaced the cars and repaired the track. No delay was caused in the laying of cement on the Pacific Highway, for which purpose the materials were being unloaded.

WEDDING BELLS

MILLAR—VERCHERE

(From Fraser Valley Record)

The wedding took place on Tuesday, July 31st, at Sudbury, Ontario of Miss Alberta Madeline Verchere, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. E. Verchere of Mission City to Archibald Millar of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mr. J. B. Millar of Mission City.

Mr. and Mrs. Millar left following the ceremony for Parry Sound, where they intend to spend their honeymoon camping. They will reside in Toronto.

The popular young couple have a host of friends in Mission City who will wish them every joy and prosperity.

BUTLER—WHISTLER

On July 2, in Christ Church, Vancouver, Henrietta Kathleen Whistler, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whistler, Mission City, to Edward Butler, of Barnston Island, third son of Mrs. Butler, Ilford Eng. At home, Barnston Island.

Canada and United States are doing more today to show what relations ought to exist between nations throughout the world than any others A mutuality of interest in life is the finest, the surest guarantee of amiable relations, and when the world comes to a realization of that fact there never will be another war in the world.—Harding at Vancouver.

Canada Faces the Future With Confidence

CANADIANS have always been noted for courage, optimism and faith in their country.

Canada was not built up by pessimists, nor will Canada continue to develop if her people allow themselves to become croakers and grouchers. Canada is fundamentally an agricultural country. We have a soil and climate which can grow the world's finest agricultural products.

Canadian farmers who have earned the capital invested in their farms out of profits in farming are numbered in thousands. These successful farmers have paid off their mortgages, stocked their barns and stables, bought their machinery, made a good living and brought up their families. It meant hard work, but today they are independent.

We Must Cut Production Costs

Canada is meeting with the keenest competition in the marketing of her products. To hold her own and regain her place on the world's market, she must reduce cost of production.

The only way to do this is to increase production per acre, per cow or per other unit.

But improved quality, also, is essential to meet market demands.

The quantity and the quality of the products and the cost of production in competitive countries is beyond our control.

Prices of agricultural products are regulated by world supply and demand

Hence, decreasing production will not help the Canadian farmer.

Money in Mixed Farming

In recent years, at different points on the prairies, oats fed to steers have brought from 70c to $1.07 as against the Fort William price of 42c per bushel, while barley used for the same purpose has brought as high as 99c as against the Fort William price of 57c per bushel. Farmers marketing their coarse grains in this way lower marketing cost, have a sure market and make money on their grain, while at the same time they market their roughage, otherwise often wasted.

The cattle embargo is now off. Steers are worth more money and certain to make good money for the Canadian farmer from now on.

Money in Pigs

The Dominion Experimental Farms have proved by actual test that there is a profit in feeding pigs. Last year at the Central Farm, Ottawa, after paying for feed, labor, interest and depreciation, the net profit per pig was still $4.63.

Profits from Sheep

As money-makers, sheep are hard to beat. In every Province from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia are found many flocks returning generous profits to their owners.

Poultry Pays

Poultry makes money for those who adopt modern methods, whether East or West. Little Prince Edward Island markets co-operatively in carlots, shipping annually upwards of one million dozen eggs. The British Columbia Co-operative Poultry Men's Exchange markets in the same way, thus saving ruinous glut in their local market.

There is a market for good Canadian horses, whether light or draught.

Grow Seed

Canada's Northern grown seed possesses extra vitality. There is a large market for it to the south. Canada exports seed potatoes, but imports other seeds. She has the opportunity to grow seeds for herself and for export.

The Future

Ten years from now the pessimists of today will have been forgotten. Britain has removed the embargo against our cattle. She wants our beef and bacon, our cheese, butter, eggs and apples, our wheat and flour. As the population of the United States increases, she will compete less and less against us on the British market. Eventually, she will herself be an importer of many other food stuffs besides wheat from this country.

Canada has the men, the climate, the land, the stock and the potential markets necessary for agricultural success. Let us farm with all the industry and science we can muster. Let's get to work and pay our debts. Canada is moving forward with confidence in its future. Let us keep going ahead.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Stefin of Chilliwack, accompanied by her niece Miss S. Vlack sepnt a few days at the home of Mrs. Collinson, Vancouver, and on the return trip to Chilliwack visited at the home of Mrs. H. Fraser of Abbotsford.

Mrs. H. Peck has returned from Buccaneer Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harrop were visitors at Crescent Beach at the week-end.

Mrs. I. S. Wright and little son Burton, have gone to Nitinat, V. I.

Miss Eleanor Peck has returned from a holiday spent in Vancouver.

Mrs. H. A. Brown and son, Ford are spending a week with friends in Vancouver.

A group of little friends took a jolly surprise party to the home of Muriel Hilton on Monday evening, on the occasion her departure this week for Los Angeles. A very pleasant evening was spent in games and singing and later refreshmets were served.

Miss Helen Gould of Vancouver is the guest of Miss Phylis Whitechelo.

Mrs. Bolster of Sumas Prairie has as her guest her sister-in-law Miss F. T. Bolster of Cowichan, V. T.

Mrs. Pickins of Vancouver is visiting the Misses Trethewey.

Mrs. S. F. White and family have returned from a holiday spent at White Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Crawford of Vye Station have moved to Mission City to reside.

Mr. J. Parton has secured the contract of renovating the Poplar, Ridgedale and Clayburn school-houses and has commenced on the work.

Mrs. G. E. Davis was a visitor to Vancouver on Tuesday.

The Rebecca and Oddfellow Lodges of Abbotsford attended in a body the funeral of the late Mr. Patten of Mission, which was held in that city on Sunday afternoon.

Messers Leslie, Robert, Charles and Clark Trethewey spent the week end at their home in Abbotsford.

Mrs. Dan Smith was a visitor to Vancouver on Wednesday.

Mr. Nat Rucker of Chilliwack visited relatives and friends in Abbotsford at the week-end.

Miss Thelma Taylor has been the guest of Miss Evelyn McMenemy at camp at White Rock during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Olding, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart spent Sunday at Birch Bay.

Mrs. C. E. Davis of Vye Station spent Tuesday in Vancouver.

Mr. A. C. Salt was home from Vancouver over the week-end.

Mrs. Dave Campbell and children of Vancouver are the guests of her sister Mrs. Dan Smith.

Mrs. Gibson and her sister Mrs. Hilton, and their children leave this ween-end for Los Angeles, California, where their husbands are at present living.

Miss Annie McCrimmon is enjoying a two-week holiday, part of which is being spent at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sumner, Miss Gwen and Barbara Sumner and Mrs. Tuck visited White Rock on Sunday.

Mrs. Rooney and family have returned from a holiday spent at the home of her mother, Mrs. Higginson, of Clearbrook.

PRESIDENT HARDING SUCUMBS TO ILLNESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2—President Harding died at 7:30 o'clock tonight of a stroke of apoplexy.

The end came suddenly while Mrs. Harding was reading to him from the evening newspaper and after what had been called the best day he had had since the beginning of his illness exactly one week ago.

A shudder ran through the president's form and he collapsed.

Mrs. Harding and the two nurses in the sick room knew the end had come, ad Mrs. Harding rushed out of the room and asked for Dr. Boone, and the others to "come quick."

Dr. Boone and Brig. Gen. Sawyer reached the president before he passed away but were not able to aver the inevitable.

Mrs. Harding was reading to the president when he suddenly collapsed. He died instantly. Two nurses were in the room with Mrs. Harding at the time. The doctors think death was due to some bram trouble, probably apoplexy.

Immediately upon realizing that her husbad was dead, Mrs. Harding collapsed. Her recent serious illness with heart complications caused concern over her condition.

All the members of the president's party were summoned. When they reached the door of his bedroom they learned that he had passed away. Their consternation and bewilderment was extreme. The whole affair could not have been more shocking.

INCURES PENALTY OF TEN DOLLARS

What is to happen in future to citizens who neglect to affix a two-cen stamp to receipts for ten dollars or over (wheher or not these are sent by mail), is laid down as follows by the act of the recent session:

"(5). A receipt given without being stamped may be stamped within one month after it has been given unon the terms followig, that is to say:

"(i) The stamp shall be affixed to the receipt in the presence of any collector of customs and excise by the person who gave the receipt, and shall be cancelled in the same manner as provided in sub-section two of this section.

"(ii) Before such person may affix the stamp he shall pay to the said collector of customs and excess a penalty of ten dollars for the public uses of Canada;

"(iii) The collector of customs and excess shall write on the receipt a certificate to the effect that the stamp was affixed in his presence by he person who gave the receipt and that such person before affixing the stamp paid to the said officer the penalty of ten dollars; and the certificate shall bear the true date on which it was given and shall be signed by said officer."

It is not correct that the use of exeise instead of postage stamps is compulsory from his date, as stated in a Vancouver paper; the government will kindly allow the use of the postage stamps until the 1st of October next.

Mr. ad Mrs. Heller of Edmoton are the guests of their son Mr. G. L. Heller of Abbotsford.

Successful Pupils In Matriculation

Out of the 2523 candidates who presented themselves for the matriculation examinations in the various High Schools of the province last June, 1503 passed in all subjects and 498 were granted supplimental examinations. The results are announced today by the Education Department at Victoria.

The five silver medals given by His Excellency the Governor-General to the five highest students, with the proviso that no twow medals should be given to one school, were awarded to the following: David Cunningham Warden, South Vancouver High School, 937 marks; Margaret G. KeKillor, King George High School, Vancouver, 899; Clarke Arthur Simpkins, Kitsilano High School, Vancouver, 885; Frederick B. Johnston, King Edward High School, Vancouver, 860; Helena Margaretta Underhill, Burnaby South High School, 855.

ABBOTSFORD CENTRE

Abbotsford High School—Preliminary course, junior grade. Maximum marks, 900: Betty West, 696; Verna O. R. Stinson, 685, Nellie Pernoski, 688; Marion Campbell, 613; Harry J. Taylor, 606; Frances I. McPhail, 601. Eleanor A. Blatchford, 596; Mabel E. Austin, 590; Helen V. Yarwood, 589; William L. Vanetta, 582; Murice C. Brydges 565, Marion G. Buchanan, 559; Mary E. L. Millard, 547; Harold J. McMenemy, 512.

Advanced course, junior grade. Maximum marks, 800: Annie Kask, 549; Katie A. Parton, 528; Lousia M. Stady, 482; Muriel M. McCullum 443: Irene M. King, 421; Freda O. Nelson, 411.

MATSQUI CENTRE
Masqui High School

Junior Matriculation—Marjori J. Overstall 778, Norah L. Hughes 730, Cecil E. Yarwood 682, Eunice B. Bates 662, Mabel E. Beharrel 624, Maud E. Beharrel 593, Emma Lancaster 577, Everett Carl Crist 561, Jessie A. Duncon 557, Eva V. Carlson 543.

Granted Supplimental examinations—Lawrence E. Coogan, Roy Wm. Lidstrom.

DENNISON CENTRE
Dennison High School

Preliminary course, junior grade—Lionel H. Dennison 668, Addis D. Lewis 610, Egerton C. Stewart 599, Lily V. Roof 556, Hazel G. Manuel 556, Herbert Jas. Walters 506, Dominic O. Pellon 483.

Advanced course, junior grade—Drummond W. Oswald 578, Vera M. McDermid 440, Agnes F. Macphail 428.

Junior Matriculation—Margaret Donaldson 595.

MISSION CENTRE
Mission High School

Junior Matriculation—Amy R. Taulbut 622, Wilfred H. Ferguson 616, Nellie M. Harper 611, Marjorie A. Pollock 594, Sebbie Topper 546, Jessie W. Elliott 522.

Granted supplimental examinations—Ida G. C. Bowyer, Edward Hitchin, Maud Hunter.

Completed Matriculation—Wesley N. Watson.

THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE CROP OF 1924

It may appear to be a little too early to begin thinking of next years honey crop but the successful beekeeper knows that the success of next year's crop depends upon the preparations made for it and the time they are made. A successful season depends to a large extent upon good wintering. Good wontering depends upon three thigns, namely; colonies well filled with young bees, an abundance of wholesome stored, and adequate protection from the varying outside temperatures during the winter and early spring.

The first thing then is to get colonies well filled with young bees and to get them before the winter sets in, this means that we must have the bees produced between the months of July and October and in order to do this we must have a prolific queen in the hive during the months of August and September. The first step, therefore, in producing a crop of honey in 1924 it so see that every colony is headed with a good, profilic queen during the latter part of July or the first week in August. A good second year queen will often produce the required number of bees in the fall but she is very likely to get lost during the winter or fail the following sprig. A young queen reared during the latter part of June or July is the most dependable for she is not only profilic during the fall but she is comparatively young and profilic the next spring, the two seasons of the year when brood production counts most.

A good system of requeening the colonies is one that is combined with swarm control measures, that is, introducing the young queen at the control swarming. During the main flow from clover, when swarming is most intense and the colonies have larvae in queen cups, remove the old queen from the hive and destroy all queen cells and introduce a young laying queen. By this method the swarming is controlled and the colonies are requeened at the right time. If the old queen is prolific and increase is desired a frame or two of emerging brood may be removed with her and placed in a new hive. This nucleus can be built up into a strong colony by fall when the old queen can be replaced by a young one.

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WHO WILL PAY COST OF DYKE?

A meeting of the property holders within the Sumas dyking area was held in the municipal hall at Whatcom road on Saturday last to discuss a letter received from the premier. The premier's letter stated that th propery holders would have to pay the cost of the dyke. Mr. Angus Campbell occupied the chair.

Various views of the letter were taken up by those present. The communication did not appear to be absolutely clear and the interpretation of it was that if the present propertyholders had to pay the full cost of the dyke that it would be ruinous. Estimating that the lake bottom of 12,000 acres was worth $125 per acre, the balance charged against the property would not be too bad was the opinion of many.

A committee was appointed to draft a letter to be sent to the premier in reply, but the committee was cautioned not to make any statements contrary to feeling of meeting.

Word has been received her of the marriage in the East of Mr. Amza Everett, an old resident of this district.

Mrs. McDonald is spending a few weeks visiting in Oregon.

LUMBER INDUSTRY GIVES PROSPERITY

Of an estimated stand of 800 billion feet of timber in the whole of the Dominion, British Columbia is credited with having at least half of the amount.

The lumber industry is the commercial backbone of this province and pays 30 per cent. of all wages.

Fully one half of all the trade in the province depends directly or indirectly on the lumber business.

Leading all other industries in point of value to the province is that of lumbering and its benches. The value of the industry has shown a steady and certain increase.

To create this wealth has necessitated a tremendus outlay of capital.

Employed in the various branches of the industry are some 16,000 men, about half of them in the woods. According to figures from the Workmen's compensation Board, abcut 30 per cent. of the wages paid in the

CLAIMS B. C. HAS SINKING FUND OF NINE MILLIONS

VICTORIA, July 31.—The government of British Columbia has now accumulated a sinking fund of $9,150,000 as a sound financial policy to go towards liquidating the debt of the province.

This fact was emphasized by Premier Oliver speaking Saturday night to the crowd at the Liberal picnic at Goldstream.

HARVEST EXCURSIONS

The harvest excursions from B. C. to the prairie began on August 8th and tickets may be secured until the 18th for the cheap rates.