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MATSQUI FLOWER SHOW

The Matsqui Women's Institute held teir annual flower show at the Matsqui hall on August 15, which proved a great success both socially and financially. The show opened at 2:30 with an address from the president Miss L. E. Cruickshank. This was followed by a very interesting talk on flowers by Mrs. Bell president of Central Park Women's Institute. An address was also given by Mrs. Davies of Chilliwack, the president of the advisory council.

The dance in the evening was very much enjoyed by the young people of the district; and the hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion

The folowing are the prizes:

Dahlias—1, Mr. Purver,6; Mrs. Willson,2.

2,Mrs. Willson, 1; Mrs. Seldon, 2.

Sweet Peas—1, Mrs. Millar,5; 2, Mrs. Millar,1; Mrs. Willson,2; Mrs. Hougen,1; Mrs. Seldon, 1; Miss Page 1.

Nasturtiums—1 Mrs. Reid; Mrs. Crist; 2, Mrs. Hargitt,2.

Pansies—1 Mrs. Reid,2; 2nd Mrs Ham.

Zinnias—1,Mrs. Reid,2; 2nd Mrs Dwyer.

Carnations—1, Mrs. Reid; 2, Mrs. Dwyer.

Asters—1, Mrs. Wright; Mrs. Stockton; Mrs. Millar, 2; 2nd Mrs. Wright,2; Mrs. Reid

Roses—1 Mrs. Reid.

Gladioli—1, Mr. Lehman,2; 2nd Mrs. Reid.

Marigolds—1st, Mrs. Millar

Mignonette—1st Mrs. Dwyer; 2nd Mrs. Millar.

Coreopsis—1st Mrs. Cooper; 2nd Mrs. Wright.

Golden Glow—1st Mrs. Hargitt.

Sun Flowers (Helianthus), 1st Mrs Smith; 2nd, Mrs. Alexander.

Poppies—1st Mrs Millar; 2nd, Mrs Cooper.

Phlox, Perennial—1st Mrs. Millar

Phlox, Annual—1st Mrs. Wright; 2nd, Mrs. Reid.

Petunias, Single—1st Mrs. Hargitt 2nd Mrs. Reid.

Daisies—1st, Mrs. Smith.

Stocks—1st, Mrs. Dwyer.

Balsams—1st Mrs. Dwyer.

Tiger Lillies—1st Mrs. Purver

Nicotania—1st Mrs. Dwyer

Verbenas—1st Mrs. Millar; 2nd Mrs. Wright.

Best individual Geranium plant—1st, Mrs. Hargitt; 2nd, Mrs. Ham.

Best display of Geraniu mplants—1st, Mrs. Halverson; 2nd, Mrs. Good child.

Best Individual Fuchsia plant—1st Mrs. Millar; 2nd Mrs. Johnson.

Best individual Begonia plant—1stMrs. Ham; 2nd, Mrs. Willson.

Best individual Hydrangea plant—Mrs. Halverson.

Best display of House plants—Mrs Halverson.

Best any other house plant not named in list—1st Mrs. Hougen; 2nd Mrs. Ham.

For Children—Open only to Matsqui Municipality

Best display of Flowers grown by boy under 10—1st, Willie Gurney;

Best display of Flowers grown by girl under 10—Miss Alice Wright.

Best display of Flowers grown by Boy under 16—Ray Rottluff.

Best display of Flowers, pressed and mounted by children under 10—1st Alice Wright; 2nd Maggie Farr.

Best display of Wild Flowers, pressed and mounted by chilren under 16—1st Isabel Farr; 2nd Pheobe Elin.

Best display of weeds named and gathered by child under 16—Rachel Lancaster.

Best display of grasses, gathered by child under 16—1st, Emma Lancaster.

Specials—Open to Matsqui Municipality only

Best decorated table, Vase, Royal Bank of Canada,—Mrs. Morley

Best display of Animals, Jardiniere, C. R. Crist & Son—Mrs Reid

Best table bouquet, Brass Vase, Halverson & Hougen—Mrs. Hougen

Roses, display, not more than twenty-four nor less than fifteen, Silver Medal, Rev. J. T. Conn—Mr. Purver

Sweet Peas, display, best twenty varieties, $5.00, J. B. Millar—Mrs. Dwyer.

Sweet Peas, display, best twelve varieties, Flower Basket, Mrs. Goodchild—Mrs. Millar.

Best school exhibit, assortment of bulbs and hardy perennial plants, Members of W. I.—Ridgedale School This was a "GOOD DISPLAY"

Best Bouquet, grown and arranged by Bachelor: 1st prize, Fruit Cake, Mrs. Cruickshank—Alex. Purver; 2nd prize, Canned Fruit and Pickles two jars each—Roy Crist.

Best display of Sweet Peas grown by Bachelor: 1st prize, Cake, Mrs. Page—Alex. Purver.

2nd prize, Book, Mrs. Gurney—H. Benson.

Best display any kind of Flowers grown by Bachelor: 1st, Fruit, Jelly and Vegetables, three jars each, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Baynes—H. Benson.

2nd, Fruit, Jely and Vegetables, two jars each—F. Sanberg.

Best Shower Bouquet, Picture (Burnt Shingle), Miss Purver—Mrs. Millar.

Person taking greatest number of prizes; 1st, six best Cactus Dahlia Roots—Mrs. Millar.

2nd, six best mixed Dahlia roots, C T. Purver—Mrs. Reid.

AUCTION SALES ARE SUGGESTED

In his weekly report Markets Commissioner R. C. Abbott suggests the disposal of the large quantity of farm produce offered on the city markets by auction sales held during the week He notes large offerings and how there has been a slackening off in the demand on the part of the consumers which he attributes to their heavy buying of sugar, flour and other food stuffs in anticipation of war prices prevailing. The report reads:

The produce market during the past week has been somewhat demoralized owing to the heavy buying of flour, sugar and various other staples, caused by the anticipated "war prices" Consumers throughout the valley as well as the city have been making a "bank run" on the stores for these commodities. So strong has this run become that the dealers have been compelled for self protection,, to place these on a spot cash basis. In consequence of this uncalled for run the demand for fruits, etc., has been very sluggish indeed. This condition of affairs arising at the same time as plums peaches and early apples are at their heaviest will certainly mean a very material loss to the growers unless some means are immediately effected whereby the growers will be able to get rid of their plums and other friuts We make this suggestion for consideration, by the growers and consumers of the cities: That the growers ship into the city markets large quantities and arrange to have these auctioned off direct to the consumers, say three days a week until the plums are over. This scheme if well advertised ought to work out to the advantage of the growers and the consumers as under the present conditions the dealers seem to be unable to move quantities fast enough and indications look as if there would be a severe slump on a big dump.

Owing to the advance in wheat and oats poultrymen are shipping in their surplus stock of hens and chickens in large quantities and the prices have dropped during the past week. Prices obtained for Brown Leghorn hens were 45 to 50 cents each; heavy breeds 50 to 65 cents each; broilers 20 to 35 cents each New potatoes $1 per sack. It is expected that potatoes will take a rise in prices shortly, while plums well packed and good weight were sold for $1 a crate (4lb) the ruling price for the week was 75c to 80c per crate. A few Damsons bringing as high as $1.20. Tomatoes are still holding their own, hot house N. 1 $2 to $2.50; No. 2, $1.50; No. 3, $1.25; outside grown $1 to $1.25. Early appless No. 1 Duchess $1.25; No. 2, $1. Peaches, Trump, 75c; Yakima Champion 90c; Wenatchee pears No. 1, $1.85

While flour has raised in price $1 per barrel and wheat and oats have also advanced, it is general opinion that there will be no raise of any amount on hay. Farmers who have not already obtained their grain sack will find a shortage in these as well as a big increase in price, owing to the fact that shipping from the Orient is not considered safe.

Taking in the situation at present it is impossible for one to forecast what the market conditions will be in the near future, but it is hoped that some means will be effected shortly whereby the markets of Canada will be steadied down and again assume their normal state as there is in doubt a great deal of the increase in prices has been brought about by speculators.

THE BIG FAIR ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FRASER

The big Abbotsford Fair held here on Friday, September 18th under the auspices of the Abbotsford-Sumas Agricultural Association is fast assuming businesslike shape.

Large posters are now out announcing the date of the fair and also the many attractions; the prize lists are in the printers' hands and will be completed very shortly and in the hands of the secretary for distribution by the secretary. Large numbers of intending competitors are signifying their intention of bringing their best for the fair from all parts of the municipalities of Sumas and Matsqui Abbotsford Ladies will be there in full force for the fair has an excellent lot of prizes for Ladies work.

As is usually the case with any large undertaking there the usual number of "doubting Thomases" who see nothing but failure. The present unsettled conditions brought on by war will have little or nothing to do with the success or failure of the fair The cows will look just as good, the horses will be just as fine and will be as slick and proud as ever. the roosters will crow more than ever or as much and by that time there may be reason to crow—good and loud, the babies will look just as sweet as ever and baffle the best that there is in the judges to tell which is the prettiest The officers will continue in their efforts to have everything in the very best shape possible despite all the feeble knocking of a few feeble watery-blooded alarmists.

"Every knock is a boost."

INCREASED BUSINESS NECESSITATES ALTERATIONS

Owing to the fact that a grocery department has been added to the business of Mr. A. Lee, and the already rapid growth of that branch of trade it has been found necessary to enlarge the floor space in his store. This has now been accomplished by moving the icecream and soda fountain and installing it in the ice cream parlor proper. A large new counter has been placed in the main store which will greatly facilitate the handling of customers who deal at this rising grocery business.

The Sunday School children of the Pine Grove Presbyterian church held their annual picnic at the grove on Thursday afternoon. The event as usual was an enjoyable one and the fine weather assisted materially in the pleasures of the day.

MARKETS COMMISSIONER TO ADDRESS LOCAL MEETING

A public meeting has been called for Tuesday evening, August 25th in the Alexandria Hall at which the principal speaker will be Mr. R. C. Abbott, Markets Commissioner for the Fraser Valley Development League. The object of the meeting, which has been called by Reeve Merryfield, is for the discussion of co-operative marketing of Valley products As Mr. Abbott is particularly capable in his line there will undoubtedly be considerable information handed out that will benefit the majority of the growers. Present conditions at the two principal markets are deplorable methods of packiny and marketing of fruit and produce of all kinds.

Observation has shown that Mr. R. C. Abbott is working along the right lines in preserving the markets of the coast for the people of the Fraser Valley. Every dollar sent out of the province, no matter for what purpose is a detriment to the advancement of the province and hinders the wheels of progress just that much. Right at the very doors of our two large cities at the coast there is the Fraser Valley with its normous territory of rich and fertile land capable of growing a very large quantity of the garden produce and the fruit consumed in the two cities. The cities have grown much faster than the surrounding country, consequently much that is consumed by the people of Vancouver is at the present time brought in from a foreign country—the money goes to enrich a foreign people. The farmers and fruitgrowers of the Fraser Valley are an industrious people but many of them lack that business acumen that enables them to maket their products to advantage; and the people of the city when they pay their money for garden produce and for the fruit, besides getting good and genuine article, must have their fancy tickled by seeing the produce and the fruit done up in a fancy manner.

It would appear then that there are two requirements in order to make the tillers of the soil of the fertile Fraser Valley prosperous and the people of the cities the consumers of the home products. The farmer and fruit grower must grow that which the people of the cities require for their table, and taught how to market it to the best advantage; and the people of New Westminster and Vancouver must be taught to patronize the home grown product. This is where the markets commissioner comes in and does his work and it is where he earns his money and all parties derive the advantage. Mr. Abbott appears to be filling the bill and he is going to show the people of our district next Tuesday how he does it. There are hundreds of our Fraser Valley settlers who will stand up with both hands for the benefits they have derived from Mr. Abbot's advice during the past two months. His business is to educate and he appears to have an admirable way of convincing that he is working along the right lines.

It would pay our readers to be at the meeting to hear for themselves.

Rev. J. L. Campbell of the Abbotsford Presbyterian church is at present enjoying a much needed holiday and rest at the coast cities. The pulpit here and at Huntingdon willbe filled by Rev. J. C. Alder and Mr. Cran of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyter- vices last Sunday were to have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Robb, also of Vancouver, but owing to the fact that he missed his train no service was held in the morning. The evening srvices were conducted by Mr. J. J. G. Thompson.

On August 23 the morning service at Abbotsford and the afternoon service at Huntingdon will be conducted by Mr. Cran, while the evening service will be under the guidance of Rev. J. C. Alder.

Mrs. J. Rowan, of Edmonton, Alta spent several days in the town in visiting Mrs. Hope Alanson.

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There is a growing belief that the present war will not last longer than a few months perhaps at the most some six or perhaps a shorter time

The cost of the present war is almost stupendous and for Germany it will soon be found insupportable. A couple of million at least have been supplied in every way. These men must be supplied during the whole war. The trade of Germany in her railways amounts to almost nothing durng the war as they are diverted to the military traffic. The export trade is stopped altogether. The question is how long can Germany by keeping the foreign invaders out of the country live unto herself and keep the people clothed and fed. If as the Belgians would have us believe at the present time some of the German soldiers are starving already and that a crust of well buttered bread is more mighty than the sword, there is not much fight in the great military idol of the greatest humbug of modern times.

Perhaps it may be that it makes no difference what Germany thinks about the continuance of the war it will be prolonged until such time as the German flag flies no longer upon any foreign possessions, and then the different countries will gobble up the German empire in Europe and subdivide it. That should not take long.

It is said that the German people are even now suffering— especially the working people. The country is a manufacturing centre and with the foreign trade stopped the raw material will shortly be consumed and with no work the working class will soon be without the necessaries of life. A serious matter for the German Emperor to contend with besidese the fighting of his large armies

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It is not often that the well laid plans of a country are so soon blasted. The German Emperor has long made his plans for conquering the whole of France; but he counted not on the stubborn resistance of the Belgians, but thought it would be decidedly easy to just boldly march through Belgium then to march through the French fortresses on his way to gay Paree. With the financial food panic in England, and civil war in Ireland he expected that Britain would remain neutral, having enough troubles of her own.

But it was easy to be fooled.

A dispatch a few days ago contained the information that Field Marshall Sir John French had joined the army of General Joffre commander in chief of the French army at headquarters the locality of which was not given. This means that the concentration of the French, British and the Belgian armies has been completed and that they have chosen their fighting ground and are awaiting the onset of the Germans.

Will it be a second Waterloo? And will the ghosts of Napoleon and Wellington be there? Can the strategy of the German Emepor alone compete with that of the allied forces of Belgium, France and England? It seems impossible that the coming fight is anything but disaster for the German army.

The Whatcom County joke sheet published at Sumas editorially a few weeks ago said that it was not likely that the United States would take any part in the coming war unless the British navy became obliterated. It will be a sorry day for the Munroe Doctrine when the British Navy be comes a thing of the past. Indeed it is the strength behind that same navy that has helped to build up the American nation to the present day stat us, and where the British navy fails it is hardly likely that the small navy of the United States would be of much good.

There seems however a rumbling at Washington—in the Brittain motion that would indicate that if the President would do what the large mass of the people would have him do, he would declare war with Japan in a short time. Then there would be something doing. It has been a mystery how the American people expect long to remain neutral in the world wide war; also another mystery how the United States and Japan could fight side by side in the present war, should the United States decide to go to war. But Great Britain in her wisdom and foresight has stated that Japan's duty would extend only in the Pacific Ocean and to clear the calm Pacific of the German danger points and place the Japanese flag on the present foreign possessions. What can the United States do in the face of this? If she goes to war against Japan she is also against Brittain and according to the unwritten law of Great Britain and the United States this would be impossible. The country to the south of us is in quite a dilemma just now.

When the United States first declared her neutrality it is just probable she thought that she would have the control of the ocean commerce in her might and main alone, but she counted not on Britain; now over China seems to be getting her iron in the fire.

Like an election or a horse race it would not be a safe bet to gamble on the neutrality of the United States for a very long time.

VANCOUVER'S BIG EXHIBITION WIL BE A SUCCESS

Everything Ready for the Fifth Annual Exhibition to be Held in Terminal City, Sept. 3-12

With three exhibits from the Dominion government and a half dozen from the provincial government in course of preparation the directors and management of the Vancouver exhibition are predicting a great success for the fifth annual fair which will be opened this year on September third and continued to September twelfth when all the many features of the big fair will have been completed.

The big roomy building will be fortified with exhibits. The buildings themselves are spick and span and just about ready for the thousands of displays which they will house. Outside, the small army of gardeners working all summer long, have converted the grounds into a series of lawns and flower beds. Nothing has been neglected, nothing left undone for the comfort and convenience of the visitors who will flock from all parts of the province.

Special fares will be granted by the transportation companies to Vancouver exhibition visitors.

The Dominion government will show ten divisions of exhibits from its experimental branch farms. Its live stock branch will be packed with interesting displays and wool exhibits will complete the display.

The provincial government will show a wealth of timber and forestry products. Its display of finishing woods made up in the little rooms and offices, its photographs and maps together with its experts and its literature will contribute in no small way to the knowledge which British Columbians already have of their own province.

The skid road, the big amusement row will be filled with good things The industrial exhibits, the women's exhibits, the baby show, the horticultural show, the stock pens, the horses and races and every other feature has been improved. This year the management started out to make the fair better than ever before. And the fair will be a splendid success.

TRADE WITH CHINA AND JAPAN

A special number of the weekly report of the Department of Trade and Commerce is being issued covering an interesting and valuable report upon the possibility of Canadian Trade with China and Japan and prefaced by an introduction by Hon Sir George E. Foster K. C. M. G., M. P., Minister of Trade and Commerce, expressed in the concise and vigorous English which characterizes the work of that gentleman. It deals with a subject of growing interest to all Canadians and a copy should lie on the desk of every merchant and producer in Canada and should reach the hands of all who desire a concise and picturesque statement of the coming trade of China and Japan and of the future and perhaps decisive importance of these countries more particuarly as regards the Western portion of Canada. Sir George says:

"Upwards of 500,000 people inhabit China and Japan in a vast stretch of island and continent facing our western front door. Between lies a facile ocean now beginning to quiver beneath the swift keels of rapid increasing merchant ile fleets. . . . .On all grounds of enlightened business policy Canada and Canadians cannot afford to neglect the great and promising field which lies so advantageously opposite our Western gateways, which the Panama Canal has brought so much nearer our Eastern ports."

The report is written by Mr. R. Grigg, Commissioner of Commerce, and is preceded by a letter of transmission giving an outline of its contents describing his journey, and concluding with reflections of the character and weight to which we have become accustomed by his previous work. The first chapter deals with the possible effect of the Panama Canal and provides remarkable figures with regard to the development of traffic across the isthmus by the Panama and Tehuantepec Railways. A table follows showing Canadian exports to China and with comments upon the character and volume of such exports. While the report recognizes the probable development of trade in a multitude of articles which follow the establishment of a trade route, and increase of communication it is shown that the more immediate interest of Canada is found in the export of flour and lumber to the Orient The chapter dealing with the first of these products indicates the present production of flour in the western provinces; a table is given showing the exports of flour from the United States to the Orient for the past twenty one years and instructive comments are made upon the principal figures. An interesting paragraph deals with the movement northward of the flour export upon the Pacific coast and the reasons which account for that movement. A full argument is produced based upon the production of wheat and flour in competing countries, more particularly Manchuria, and remarkable information is afforded regarding the productivity of a soil subject to irrigation and unlimited labor under a hot sun. The results are truly extraordinary and willbe a revelation to many readers, Important reference is made to the export of lumber from B. C. and the final chapters deal with the valuable work being done by the consuls of all nations and also a reference to the question of Chinese students and the native press. In addition to its economic value the report provides interesting reading and amply justifies the commendation of Sir George Foster. The report upon Japan which is printed in the same booklet and follows that upon China is equally interesting although different conditions have resulted in totally different reports. Nothing is more remarkable than the contrast between the two countries. Whereas few flugres are available with regard to China a contrary condition prevails in Japan and interpretation of the economic condition of the country is largely expressed by tables of figures but the full and interesting comment upon them removes the work from the "dry as dust" character which so commonly marks such papers. Canadians may sometimes forget that the phenomena due to the wonderful development of their own country does not exhaust the important problems in course of solution elsewhere and it is highly desirable that development likely to provide a subject of engrossing future interest to Canada should be presented in brief and graphic terms and handled in the masterly fashion found in this report. It is not given to any man to do more than to sugest a possible outcome of the factors in operation, and Canada has some experience of the foreigner who spends three weeks in the country and writes a book. In China this described as "seeing China though a porthole"; but a characteristic of the difference shown to the experience of competent authorities. It is impossible in a short article to do more than suggest the excellence of the work and advise that application should be made to the department of Trade and Commerce for a copy will be provided without charge. The Weekly Report of that Department also distributed without charge should have an increase of its already large circulation if only because it reflects in an adequate manner economic conditions in foreign countries and is designed to assist Canadian export. The experience of the United States illustrates the enormous value of such work and the Canadian public should not omit to encourage the efforts being made abroad for their advantage and paid for with their money.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO PATRIOTIC FUND

Collection by Daughters of Empire Brings in Handsome Total of $16,000

That the generous sum of $15,760 has been raised in Victoria for the Patriotic Fund and the Hospital Ship together, says the Colonist, during the last seven days,, was announced by Mrs. Mary Croft at the meeting of the I. O. D. E. held on August 13th

A splendid response has been made from other points on the Island and the Upper Country, the Island donations to date being as follows:

Cowichan Station and Cowichan Bay Red Cross Society $200; Alberni $121.50; Parksville $25; Sidney $75; Ladysmith and Extension, first promise $500; second promise $300; Ladysmith City, $114; Duncan $62; Nanaimo $500; Sooke $23; total $2,345.50;

The Mainland points are represented as follows:

Summerland $100; Armstrong $250 Revelstoke $300; Chilliwack $500; Fernie $564.85; Penticton $900; Trail $250; Kelowna $210; Salmon Arm $314.15; Mission City $470; Coquitlam $154.85; Kaslo $64.35; Slocan City $85.

Besides the contributions above mentioned telegrams have been received from several places stating that contributions would be sent. The full list of donations from these places is not yet known.

Victoria will consider that it has contributed $5000 to the fund altho much more than that was collected.

The administering of the remaining $10,760 has been left in the hands of a committee; and after their work is completed a published report will be given out.

Several thousand dollars will yet be added when the returns are all in On Monday it reached the $18,000 mark within a couple of hundred dollars.

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HOW BELGIUM WAS MADE A HUGE FORTRESS

With Brussels in the Centre; Why The Germans Are Making Such Sacrifices

General Brailmont, one of the greatest modern military engineers, made the plans and under his direction a series of fortifications were constructed which transformed Belgium into a huge fortress—with Brussels as a centre.

General Brailmont also designed and planed the fortifications at Bucharest.

General railmont's theoretical claim for the defence of the country was as follows:

(a) Fortify the capital.

(b) Fortify the points where the main lines of communication pass a strategic barrier, river, etc.

(c) Make an entrenched camp at the most important centre of communication in each zone of invasion, and support it by one or two places arranged so as to make a fortified district.

(d) Close with barrier forts the line necessary to an enemy across mountains or marshes.

(e) Make a central place behind a mountain as a pivot for the army watching it.

(f) Defend the mountain roads by provisional fortifications.

(g) Make a large place in each theatre of war which is far from the principal theatre and where the enemy might wish to establish himself

(h) Fortify coasts and harbors.

Objections to these proposals will be radily supplied by the officials of the national treasury and the commanders in chief of the active armies

Is there a possibility of Liege falling? Why? When the Germany army decided to use for the advance of her western army group the valley of the Meuse the German headquarters believed that the Kaiser's diplomatic service had smoothed the way and that the Belgians would either acquiesce in good will or that if she should refuse her army, not being mobilized and concentrated to repel an invasion into Belgian territory, could be considered as a negligible quantity and swept aside; that by rapid action the fortified position of Liege, small and still on a peaceful footing would be insufficient for the defence of that magnificent fortified place.

The fortified camp of Liege with its double line of defences was designed by and constructed under the direction of the greatest of modern military engineers, the Belgian, General Brailmont. It has twelve forts surrounding the town at a distance of five and a half miles for the outer line and three and a half for the inner line. The distance from one fort to another is not greater than 6000 yards so that the fire from the large six inch and four inch guns mounted in steel turrets in these forts can sweep the intervening country

Forts and artillery alone cannot prevent the advance of infantry. That has to be done by troops. The mobile fortress reserve, whose task it is to fight behind field intrenchments rapidly constructed when and where the attack of the enemy is outlined by his moves, is to strike. This fortress reserve, so called, as it comprises the troops remaining after the forts have been manned, has to be of sufficient strength to accomplish its task.

Up to the present that fortress reserve was able to do so. But it is logic to believe that the Germans' sudden attack found the garrison on a peace foting only, and the re-enforcements, which could have been rushed to Liege from other military centres have not been in such numbers as to bring the garrison to the stength required.

The success of the German plan of campaign as outlined by the moves made up to the present made a rapid advance through the valley of the Meuse imperative, and so the immediate fall of Liege is a necessity underlined by the evident efforts made by the German troops to break through the Liege fortification by assault, a maner of capturing fortifications hazardous and extremely costly in lives and the reported silencing of the fort of Herve and Chanfontain indicate that the German forces were able to pierce the outer line of defence of Liege and are now confronted only by the inner line.

If Liege falls before the German onslaught two more tasks will lie before the German army groups now operating in the valley of the Meuse before it can hope to enter France and be on the road to Paris. These tasks will be: First the valley of the Meuse, to overcomethe forts of Huy and then reduce the fortified camps of Namur, the outer lines of defence of which have in the last few days been strengthened by numerous earthworks and the garrison of which has certainly been brought up to more than the required strength. Second the fall of Liege would open to the German invasion, whose logical objective in that section would have to be to crush the Belgian military forces and to reduce the great fortified camp of Brussels, the centre Belgium defence.

Should Liege fall before the Belgian army had the necessary time to mobilize completely, to affect its strategic concentration and to make its junction with the French army group the road to Brussels would be free as the Belgian army under such conditions could oppose serious resistance in the open field.

But should Liege still hold out for a few days and allow the concentration of the mobilized Belgian forces —their junction with the French army group in a zone between Louvain and Namur—a great and stubbornly fought battle would decide whether the Germany army could continue its march toward Paris or if the French army would begin to advance into Germany.

This is why the Germans have already sacrificed several thousands of lives before the forts of Liege.—New York Sun.

A German beating his way to Hope was taken chargeo f last Saturday and sent to New Westminster for a month.

Mr. J. Shortreed of Abbotsford was in Mission on Sunday last.

Clearance Sale of Shoes

All shoes now in stock to be cleared out at cost price, including English K Boots, the regular price of which are $6.00, 6.50 and 7.50 for $4.50, $5.50 and $6.00 per pair. Prices on other lines cut as low.

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Annual Exhibition

of the

Abbotsford-Sumas Agricultural Ass'n.

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Friday, Sept. 18th

1914

Exhibition of Horses, Stock, Poultry, Fruit, Farm and Dairy Produce, Vegetables and Fancy Work, etc.

Visit the Exhibition, but better be an Exhibitor.

Excellent programme of Sports, Baseball and Football Matches

Entry forms and full information from the Secretary of the Association or the President.

Address SECRETARY Abbotsford-Sumas Agricultural Association, Abbotsford, B. C.

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Flour and Sugar have rapidly advanced in prices during the last few days, but we are in a position to quote prices which will prove, at the present time, most satisfactory to the careful buyer. We would advise you to buy NOW before a further advance takes place. Ask for prices at our store before purchasing elsewhere. You'll be glad you did so.

Try our Tea and Coffee at Three pounds for $1. They are delicious.

Our Groceries, Provisions, and Canned Goods are as good as the best.

Goods delivered to any part of the town

ALBERT LEE, Grocer and Baker

Miss Jean Alanson is visiting in Vancouver with friends for a week or ten days.

Miss L. McLaren of North Vancouver is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. A. McGowan this week.

A few of the Abbotsford Minstrel Troupe are preparing to do a Pierrot turn on Abbotsford Fair Day. This should be an extra attraction to visitors and townspeople alike. Let them all come.

Messrs C. Sumner and Harry Eby of the immigration service have been detailed as a night patrol along the Clearbrook road. These officials are fully armed with the object of preventing any foreigners leaving the country during the present war.

Two more of Abbotsford's young men have left town in order to offer their services to their country, Messrs A. Fermor and Murray Rhodes have enlisted with the Chilliwack 104th Regiment and have left for headquarters at the coast.

Mrs. E. Smith of Vancouver, Mr. E. Fairfield of Vancouver, Mrs. J. C. Brokoski of Calgary and Miss K. Gray of Coldwater, Ont., were week end visitors to Abbotsford, motoring to Chilliwack on Sunday before returning to Vancouver.

Mr. J. J. Sparrow has added to his Collection a valuable cow which he recently purchased from the estate of Victor Harrop. The deal was kept quiet but when it became generally known it was noticed that a smile of satisfaction lighted up the countenance of Mr. Arthur Harrop.

TheAbbotsford Timber and Trading Company are tearing up that piece of logging railroad at the Clearbrook road as all the available timber has been taken out. The railroad material will be taken to another location in the district and re-laid.

The executive of the Abbotsford Conservative Association at their last meeting arranged with Col. J. D. Taylor and other prominent speakers to hold a meeting in Abbotsford, but in view of the present situation, wisely postponed this meeting until a more opportune occasion, thus falling in line with the general opinion throughout the Dominion at the present time that there should be no party politics

St. Matthews church conducted a social tea at the residence of Mrs. Boyd on Thursday afternoon. A large number of ladies were present apart from those of the congregation.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

F. Downs, Vancouver.
J. M. Maloney, Vancouver.
E. Hutcherson, Ladner.
W. S. Chimlea, Vancouver.
J. O. Lee, Mission.
W. Harn, Mission
W. S. Chancle, Vancouver.
G. Wenzel, Durieu,
J. D. Matheson, Durieu
Wm. Strath, Durieu.
L. W. Walters, Ladner.
Henry Jordan, Ladner.
G. E. Beckman anw wife, Vancouver.
T. Ferguson, Winnipeg.
Peter Bryson, New Westminster.
J. C. Jackson, Vancouver.
A. E. Humphrey, Vancouver.
H. R. Harris, Sumas.
A. A. Cruickshank, Chilliwack
Bill Longfellow, Vancouver.
F. Henley, Vancouver.
J. D. GiGllies, Vancouver.
Geo. Adams, New Westmnster.
B. H. Gerneay, New Westminster
W. J. Cliff, Vancouver.
J. Clarb, Vancouver.
H. Brown, Vancouver.
Peter Larson, N. Vancouver.
Mrs. Larson, N. Vancouver.
Miss Larson, N. Vancouver.
J. D. Witton, N. Vancouver.
G. W. McNeish, N. Vancouver.
Mrs. McNeish, N. Vancouver
Jas. Lapine, N. Vancouver.

WORK FOR THE BOY SCOUTS

Dominion Council Says There Should Be Many Opportunities for Them To Give Service

Ottawa, August 18th—The following announcement is made on behalf the Dominion Council of the Canadian Boy Scouts:

"All over Caada within the past two weeks, Boy Scouts have been offering their services in aid of both the civil and military authorities in the present emergency. At this stage it does not seem wise for the Dominion Council to advise as to the exact forms in which the organization as a whole can best take its part in the existing struggle. There is, however, so much to be done quickly in every locality that all boys who are desirous of helping will find plenty of opportunity of doing so. In the British Isles their brother scouts are assisting in the maintenance of police coast guards, in guarding the telegraph lines, as messengers for the Red Cross Society and in various other ways.

"The Dominion Council is assured that Canadian Scouts will be found willing and prepared to lend a hand in the war preparations now under way by doing whatever it may locally be in their power to do."

The dominion government will in all probability vote some fifty million dollars as a war fund to be used in the protection of Canada and Canadian interests during the wr.

KILN DRIED Board Ends can now be obtained from the mill.....Order at once while the stock lasts. $2.50 for a large double wagon-box full delivered.....Cheapest and best summer wood you can buy.

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Absence makes the heart grow fonder, we're told, but a good portrait of the absent one will keep the recollection much more vivid—and comfort many a lonely hour of separation.

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The Royal Studio

every member being sorry that camping was over but looking brown and healthy, and much improved in every way.

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J. H. JONES
Funeral Director
Furnisher of Funeral Supplies
Phone Connection. Mission City

E. O. Brundage
Painter and Decorator
If you want any artistic work in Painting, Paperhanging and Decorating give us a call.
Practical work at practical prices
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is in the face of every man fresh from his morning plunge. But whether the plunge is a delight, or an unpleasant task to hurry through, depends on your bathroom. We can put in all the new improvements and fixtures, in your bathroom at most reasonable prices.

WM. ROBERTS
Plumbing Shop
Old Creamery Bldg Abbotsford

Electricity on the Farm

There are many lines of work about the farm which may be don by the electric current to great advantage. The first cost of installing a small motor is insignificant compared with the time and labor which will be saved by its work at a small cost for current Pumping water, grinding feed, sawing wood, operating cream separators, churns, etc., are classes of farm work for which electricity is now generally used.

The provision of electric current also makes it possible for you to have the convenience of modern lighting as well as the facilities for using electric labor saving apliances such as Irons, Washing Machines, etc., in the house.

See our Light and Power representative at Abbotsford if you are interested in saving of time and labor made possible by using the electric current.

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