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FRUIT GROWERS, WAKE UP!

Organized labor is demanding a six-hour day, five days a week. They are also asking for several other things and apparently have strength behind these resolutions to back them up. What are the farmers and fruit growers going to do about it and will they still work twelve and fifteen hours a day for seven days a week? Can they hold hired help at these long hours when other work is paying full time for six hours as a day's work. Let us face the issue squarely. The movement from the farms to the cities and larger towns has already commenced and if the present state of affairs are not changed, everyone including the old mooley cow will be on the big time circuit and when the moon shines over the cow shed there'll be nobody at the kitchendoor. The whole Hick family will just up and move into town, by Hock. No more twilight recitals on a milking stool, no more mosquitoes, lumbago, frozen toes, neither will there be any more midnight chores. Too velvety, this six hour day, five days a week. Can you beat it?

Therefore it is up to the fruit growers to organize. Let us demand eight hours a day for ourselves and our employees and let our demand be a general increase in the price of all our products. Directly or indirectly it is our own pockets that are hit when the labour unions knock off an hour earlier from their working day. Every increase that they receive means that we will have to pay more for our materials and the other necessities that we must purchase. It is therefore quite obvious that unless we meet these changed conditions with the methods that organization provides, the only alternative will remain with us to go to the cities and work under more favorable conditions. But our opportunity is knocking and without food the striker is strikeless and it is to us who till the soil that he depends upon for his very existence. Can we afford to let this opportunity pass?

Gordon Head and Saanich fruit growers were able to buy their boxes for ten cents apiece cheaper than we paid for ours this season. Why? Because they were organized and could buy in large quantities and pay the cash if necessary. Puyallup is able to sell her berries two and thre years in advance at big prices. This district has every afcility for handling small fruits, cold storage, pre-cooling, canneries, juice plants, etc. Organization through the efforts of Paulhamus has made this a prosperous community. The shareholders of this co-operative union are becoming rich and dividends are increasing each year. Land is at a premium and is rarely up for sale. Organized effort a common interest and an unselfish attitude of the people, whereby a perfect faith in their leadership is manifested, has resulted and all are pulling together and making hay while the sun shines. In their organized state they are able to undersell us on our own markets and apparently make money at it. Free trade or reciprocity with our neighbors to the south is not unlikely for the near future and the question arises will we be able to meet this competitionif the occasion arises. The answer is a powerful organization provincial in scope, not merely a subsidy of the AgricultureDepartment, with the sole purpose of an education al character, but in addition combiningthe practical principles of buying and selling, a strong co-operative source through which the producer may market. The reconstruction period following the great war will be a survival of the fittest.—Communicated bySkookum Chuck.

MILK PRODUCERS GO INTO RETAIL BUSINESS

The Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association will make an attempt to corner the retail milk business in Vancouver, and at their annual meeting in St George's hall vited half a million dollars for that purpose. The meeting was very largely attended, and this decision was arrived at after it had been discussed for five hours

The intention is to assess the members for their share of the half million fund on a pro rata basis according to the quantity of milk they ship. Of the half million, it is estimated that the association's plant will cost $200,000 and the balance will be used in buying out the retailers now doing business.

BROWN—WILLSHER

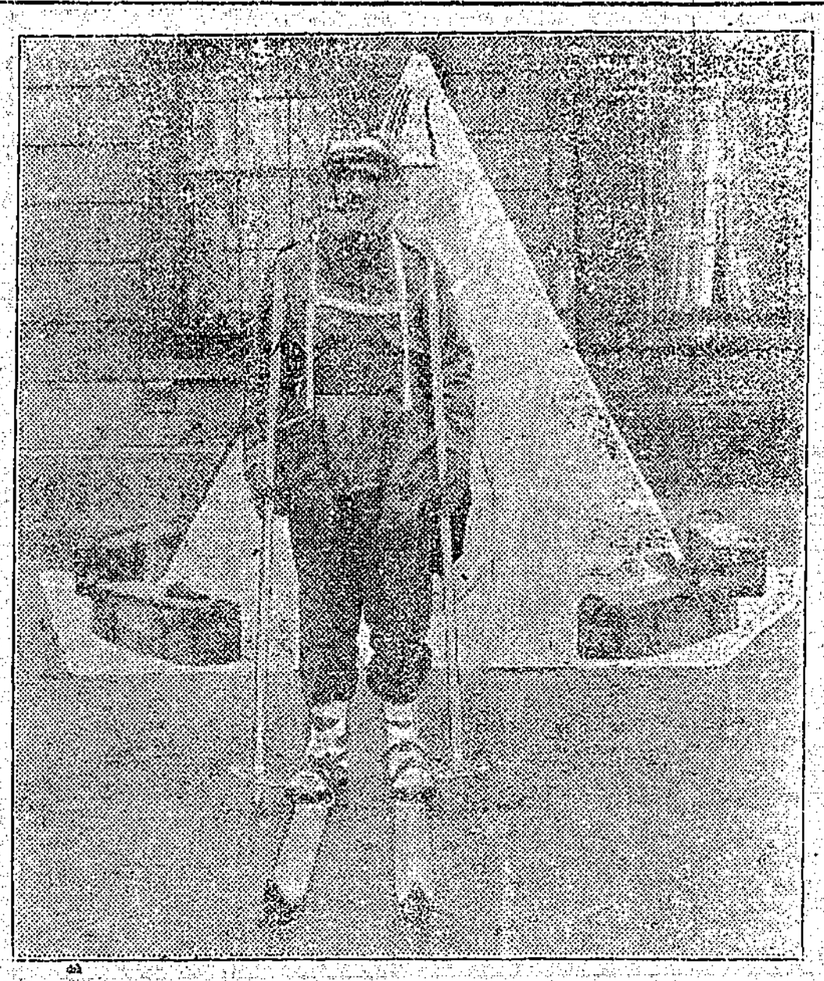
The wedding took place last Saturday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. of Ernest Albert Willsher, of Vancouver and Miss Annie Brown, recently of Berkshire, England. Capt. Rev. C. Wellesley Whittaker officiated. Mr. Horace R. King, manager of the Western Life Insurance Co., with which firm the bridgeroom is connected, was best man, and Miss Maud McCoy attended the bride. The wedding was private, and after the ceremony the immediate friends of the contracting parties sat down to a wedding supper during which the bride and bridegroom received many felicitations. They will make their home on Thirty-eight avenue, South Point Grey.—Province.

MASONIC THANKSGIVING WILL HOLD SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Masonic Temple, Mission City on Sunday, December 8 in the afternoon at 2:30. All members of Pacific Lodge, sojourning Masons and their wives and daughters are cordially invited.

A collection in aid of the Masonic War Relief Fund will be taken up.

Pete Schufer has been in Hazelton to arrange with the Silver Standard Mining Co., for the treatment of a carload of silver-lead ore which he and Lou Woods are shipping from their mine on Hudson's Bay mountain.



UNIFORM FOR SIBERIA—Here is the outfit, approved by the King, which the Canadian soldiers will wear in winter in Asiatic Russia.

MATSQUI SCHOOL BOARD

The Matsqui school board met at the Agricultural hall on Wednesday afternoon, when the declining attendance of the Matsqui high school came in for serious consideration. Five years ago the municipalities of Matsqui and Sumas, with the Abbotsford school district took steps to establish a high school in the district that should be central and of easy access from the whole countryside.

At that time the concensus of opinion was that Abbotsford was the logical centre for the school. Sumas school board heartilyl supported the claim, as did the Mount Lehman and Aldergrove representatives. But the influence of the Matsqui people prevailed, and a two-room high school was established in the village, on the recommendation of one of our inspectors.

As a result superior schools were required in various outlying districts for it was found impossible to transport scholars to Matsqui. The only means of quick and reasonable transportation is the B. C. E. R. and this line does not come within two miles of the school.

The condition today at the school is such that the board decided to dispense with the services of one of the teachers. In the new year the superior scholars will be in the hands of one teacher only, a resolution being passed to that effect.

The trustees were of the opinion the the end of the great war should be celebrated in some form that should be of permanent remembrance to the children of the schools. The suggestion made by the chairman, Mr. G. Pratt was that a badge or medal be struck and presented to each child.

The board therefore will propose the scheme to the other school boards in the valley. If all will take it up a Fraser Valley medal will be designed and struck for presentation on Peace Day, and if the suggestion be not popular in other districts, Matsqui board will issue a medal of its own.

All schools are now re-opened after the "flu" epidemic. Ten Books of Knowledge had been ordered and were distributed in various schools, forming a most useful beginning of a school library.

The headquarters of the Bank of Montreal will lend Port Alberni city $7,000 for the construction of a hydro-electric plant. The city must issue debentures as security and try to sell them within a year. Sanction of the Minister of Finance is necessary to issue the debentures.

CHILLIWACK POULTRY SHOW

An excellent show was staged in the drill hall at Chilliwack on Nov. 27-30th. Mr. E. A. Orr judged the exhibition stock and Professor Lund of the B. C. University the Utility class. There were over 800 entries. The exhibits were of the very highest quality.

Among the Mission City winners were R. C. Boyes, W. T. Abbott, C. J. Ward, Frank Appleby and Rev. C. McDiarmid.

The prizes for best display of white Wyandottes and of any other variety of Wyandottes came to Mission.

The Chilliwack association entertained the visiting poultrymen and about thirty sat down to dinner at the Royal Hotel on Friday last. At the business meeting that followed it was decided that the 1919 show be held at Mission and Nov 19th to 22nd was selected as the date.

After business had been disposed of Mr. F. B. Stacey, M. P. addressed the meeting congratulating the association on their excellent show. Hon. E. D. Barrow, M. L. A. was then called upon and spoke about the desire of the government to assist agriculture in all its interests.

It is now up to the people of Mission to make the show of 1919 as big a success as that of 1918 has been and we can if we only try.

As a first step in this direction we want every one in Mission and district to attend the local Poultry show to be held in Mission City on Thursday December 19th.

That this show may be a success everyone in the district who has poultry should send one or two birds at least. If you can send more send them.

PERSONALS

Pte. Matt Nelson returned home last week.

Mrs. Gazley spent three weeks in Vancouver with her son and daughter.

Mr. Jimmie Hill-Tout is working in Coglan's ship yards.

Mrs. Hannah Fraser went to Vancouver on Sunday with Ina who has gone back to school and remained a few days. She attended to some Missionary work while there.

Mrs. John McCallum's father Mr. Robinson and her sister Mrs. Homewood and son are visiting her this week.

Mrs. Eby accompanied Victor to Vancouver last Sunday. Victor has gone back to school.

Rev. Robertson attended a meeting of the Presbytery last week in Vancouver.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. McMenemy on Wednesday.

Mr. Albin Johnson has moved to Huntingdon and Capt. Whitchelo has secured the house vacated by Mr. Johnson.

Miss Annie Hart is visiting her brother Mr. Geo. Hart at Spence's Bridge.

Mr. N. Hill has a junior clerk assisting him this week from Chilliwack.

The Misses Dorothy and Florence Parton are better and expect to be able to go to the bank on Monday.

Mrs. Tommy York has returned from a visit in Vancouver.

Mr. Stewart McPhee has secured a position with the A. T. T. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are moving to Swanson Bay.

Owing to so much water over the C. P. R. Tuesday evening Miss Jackson was unable to get to Mission City so was the guest of the Misses Steed Tuesday night.

Both teachers of Matsqui school are leaving at Christmas as there are only fourteen pupils in the school and it is thought one teacher can do the work.

There is a lot of water on the Clayburn flats.

A place is being fitted up for a new butcher shop. Mr. Sumner expects to start it in the near future. The building is next door to the old post office.

Abbotsford won sixteen crowns but now the flag is too small, and of course our worthy chairman and secretary want to keep the crowns. So there you are.

The heavy rains washed out the culvert west of Abbotsford which caused the train to be delayed for two days.

The [illegible] C. U. social on Tuesday night was not a big success on account of the terrible downpour of rain but those present report a good time. There were solos duets and choruses and stories told. The Trethewey family did their best to make the event pleasant and a success.

On November 1st the Abbotsford Auxiliary of the Red Cross sent: 25 suits of pyjamas; 35 pair of socks; 7 trench caps; 6 hospital socks besides sending 36 pairs of socks in the boys' parcels overseas; December 1st 67 pair socks; 6 trench caps; 23 suits of pyjamas were sent.

A. M. Manson, M. L. A. for Skeena and J. H. Pillsbury are in Ottawa seeking the removal of restrictions affecting the fishing industry.

Jack Joseph, the well-known Indian has lost his wife. She had influenza.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1918

With great flaring headlines the Oliver daily in Vancouver announces the arrival of Premier Oliver from Ottawa. The lines read something like the following: 'Great Scheme of Public Works MAY Be Started;" "Housing May Be Helped;" "Powers of Settlement Board to Be Extended for Purchase of Land for Soldiers;" etc., etc.

Then Honest John and Mr. Putallo "went in for ten minutes" to see how Sir Wilfrid was and to compliment him on having passed the 77th milestone of his life. "He was looking well, let me tell you."

But just listen, "Politics wasn't discussed."

We are pleased that our Premier called on Sir Wilfrid, but sorry that he stayed only "ten minutes." But how could the polished old veteran of many Dominion political battles talk politics with our John?

How could he talk politics with the Premier of British Columbia, who would want to do all the talking himself?

Hon John toop up with minister of railways while in Ottawa the necessity for going on with the Canadian Northern railway work, said the premier. He did not get any definite assurance, but ended by saying that "some work is being done now." John is getting to be quite a wily politician. Anything to mislead the public and make them think he is doing it all. He is at this late date after popular opinion. Do you think he can redeem himself?

The premier regretted that "disabled men would return from the front on pensions to face the problem of high rents, and he was given to understand that the Dominion government might do something in the way of loaning money to the province with which to build houses. This question has got to be dealt with". He puts it right up to the Dominion government to do something but thinks the provincial government should be entrusted with the money, they are so very much better spenders—or should we say spendthrifts? Something must be done for the returned and disabled men, but Premier Oliver thinks it is in better hands than his if the Dominion is going to do it. Such a confiding little man! But it is all right just as long asPremier Oliver don't have to be responsible for it.

And says he "The frank and full assumption of the responsibility of providing for the returned soldiers and their dependents by the Dominion will make the position of the province much easier." Yes, indeed! Perhaps the Premier thinks there will be more land left for the Mennonites along the G. T. P., whom the provincial government seem to have a preference for during the late years of the war.

Then to put the evil day off as long as possible, probably until after the next provincial legislation, he says that it will only be when the change in Dominion legislation is made will we "know what change, if any, is needed in our legislation." Of course the province will give hearty co-operation for the purchase or expropriation of land for the use of the Dominion Soldiers' settlement board." Premier Oliver is good at expropriation, possibly. See how he expropriated the provincial act of parliament passed last session into his own meaning and thus lost to the province not only a good guarantee but the equipment as well, according to the leader of opposition and others. Where he can show his authority, no matter what the cost, Honest John is there with the goods. Then in regard to this expropriation "the cost will be borne by the Dominion."

"The Dominion, at its own expense, would carry on an extensive immigration campaign for the purpose of securing approved settlers to be placed on available lands." We wonder if the authorities have heard about the aliens along the G. T. P. at Vanderhoof and the offer of lands to the returned soldiers at Stewart Lake miles away from any railroad, and do not want to entrust matters of this kind to such men as Putallo and Oliver?

One might take almost every sentnce in the interview and show how Premier Oliver is very much pleased and satisfied that the Dominion is going to handle the affairs in conection with reconstruction and placing them on land. And one wonders how Honest John has taken such a dislike to the words "returned soldiers." These unfortunate personages appear to be the shadow of all Premier Oliver's future troubles. Well, the truth of the matter is that they have no affection for him either.

The interview was quite a successful affair, but just imagine Oliver sitting at Ottawa with the other representatives and "assenting" to the proceedings!

An American paper rebukes President Wilson as follows:

Wilson's undemocratic bid for a partisan Democratic Congress has been answered as it should have been —by the repudiation of a democratic People. "When a President of this Nation so far frogets himself as to declare practically that loyalty can be found only in his own party, he has earned the slap in the face American citizenship administered to him yesterday through the ballot box."

The campaign just closed was made annoyingly memorable by this call of President Wilson to The People for the election of a Democratic Congress—Senators and Representatives—in accord with his leadership. Return of a Republican majority to either House, he declared, would be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation "of my leadership." Still more directly he showed his hand when he asked for the election of Democratic majorities in both Houses if The People "wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad."

Further and with reference to the war, the President insisted that conditions "make it imperatively necessary that the Nation should give its undivided support to the Government under a unified leadership and that a Republican Congress would divide the leadership." Under that smooth phrasing it is plain that by "Government" and "unified leadership" Wilson meant simply himself and his own will to dominate and control. He was careful to add, that he did not ask this for his own sake or that of his party but for the good of the Nation. And he apoligized for this appeal, on the grounds that the times are "critical" and "no scruple of taste must be allowed to stand in the way."

The Bee is not a partisan paper and has no disposition to criticise the President or his recent address from any basis other than that of the Nation's welfare and the permanence of truly democratic government in this country—a government of and by and for The People. And that does not mean government by one man, one leadership or one party, nor a Congress submissive or obedient to the direction and call of the President.

In his deplorable deliverance Wilson artfully strove to make it appear that the choice of Republicans rather than Democrats by The People at the polls would be "repudiation" of his "leadership"—such in effect as would give aid and comfort to the enemy abroad—which our Federal Constitution makes a form of treason. The implication against the Republican Party is not only unjust but also untrue, and naturally aroused great indignation in its ranks, which such able spokesmen as Taft, Lodge, Roosevelt and Hughes vigorously expressed. It is well known that much of the best work of Congress in support of the war had been done by the Republican minority in both Houses.

And that minority had in many ways had a decidedly and much needed quickening effect upon the Democratic majority and the Wilson Administration; in the building of vessels, the shipment of troops to Europe, the airplane investigation and numerous other matters Rather curiously, in contrast with his pre-election attitude, Wilson said in a book written by him on our "Constitutional Government" long before he entered the White House. "The President is not expected to lead Congress, but only to assent or to dissent from the laws it seeks to enact and to put those which receive his signature or are passed over his veto into execution." Which is and always should remain true, in harmony with the spirit of the Constitution and the genius of the American people. But yet in the same book Wilson desclosed his own personal leaning when he remarked that the part of the Government which has "the best chance of leadership and mastery" is the Presidency, through "direct access to public opinion."

Hence the late Presidental appeal to The People to return Democratic majorities to both Houses of Congress, as his "best chance of leadership and mastery."

Well may many of President Wilson's most prominent admirers and adherents openly grieve for such lamentable and undignified solicitation—not merely for partisan victory but far more for gratification of his aim and ambition to rule as undisputed sovereign in all the important affairs of this democratic Government and its relations with foreign Powers.

It almost seems like an imposition that any person should set out to pick up the lands that have reverted to councils at a tax sale and with an idea of putting on these lands returned soldiers. The lands usually of this kind are not worth much or they would not come into possession of the council. The other fellows could not make a living on them, and how in the name of all that is high and just could a returned soldier be expected to make a living on any of them. There are exceptionally good pieces of land among the bunch but mighty few. Let us not impose.

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

There's a happy time coming when the boys come home;
There's a glorious day coming when the boys come home;
We will end the dreadful story
Of the battle dark and gory
In a sunburst of glory.
When the boys come home.

The day will seem brighter when the boys come home,
And our hearts will be lighter when the boys come home;
Wives and sweethearts will press them
In their arms and caress them,
And pray God to bless them,
When the boys come home.

The thin ranks will be proudest when the boys come home,
And our cheer will ring the loudest when the boys come home;
The full ranks will be shattered,
And the bright arms will be battered,
And the battle-standards tattered,
When the boys come home.

Their bayonets may be rusty when the boys come home,
And their uniforms be dusty, when the boys come home;
But all shall see the traces
Of battle's royal graces
In the brown and bearded faces,
When the boys come home.

Our love shall go to meet them when the boys come home,
To bless them and to greet them when the boys come home;
And the fame of their endeavor
Time and change shall not dissever,
From the Nation's heart forever,
When the boys come home.

JOHN HAY.

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B. C. LEGISLATURE IS DISREGARDED

Victoria, Nov. 27.—"The parties of the second part (Foley, Welch & Stewart, etc.) covenant that all the rolling stock, equipment, plant and machinery, now in, upon, or about the said line of railway or adjacent there to, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for us by them or any of the said companies in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway, are the properties of the said companies, and are to be transferred, set over, and delivered to the province."

The above is Section No. 14 of the agreement between the government and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway interests made last session and passed by the British Columbia Legislature. In that form it is now contained in the statute of the province.

Practically, however, the exact opposite of the terms of the proposal as above outlined has been carried out, it was stated today. Equipment and construction material along the line between Squamish and Prince George, estimated by some to be worth up to a million dollars, has been sold and shipped, some to Alberta, some to the United States, and some has passed through Vancouver.

Pursuant to the legislation, it is stated that two government officials were sent up the line of the P. G. E. to make an inventory of the sawmills locomotives, tools, dump cars, etc., on the grade; but these men were recalled before their work was half completed, it is said.

The reason given is the the agreement passed by the members of the House and signed by the government and the railway company was not in accord with the negotiations which are alleged to have taken place between the company representatives and Hon. John Oliver as minister of railways. When this conflicting condition of affairs came to light the government decided to disregard the clause in the agreement and, instead, to hand over to the company the equipment and material referred to. The history of the entire incident will be read with unusual interest throughout the province. Enabling or corrective legislation may be proposed by the government, and, according to reports current, the opposition in the House is already preparing to demand a royal commission of enquiry into all the facts of the alleged variation of the agreement.

The plant and equipment which have been taken out of the P. G. E. country covers a wide range. It is stated that one thousand tons of construction rails were sold to a Vancouver metal concern for $64 per ton. Some other individual sales ran up to five figures, each, it is said.

The serious misunderstanding of the matter, as it is today officially described in Victoia, extended, it will be recalled, to the newspapers. Published reports of the settlement between the P. G. E. and the government emphasized the fact that construction material and outfit were to be handed over to the government for the purpose of completing the line to Prince George and in later extension to Peace River. But the newspapers and the legislature and the text of the agreement were all mistaken, however, according to what is said to be the Premier's recollection of his negotiations; and upon the latter, giving the company the equipment and material, the cabinet has acted trusting to secure endorsement at the next session of the legislature.

That the contractors had been permitted by the government to remove their plant and equipment, in violation of the terms of the statute, was not denied by acting Premier J. W. deB. Farris, K. C., to whom the question was referred.

"I am sorry that the etiquette of the situation makes it impossible for me to make a statement upon the matter," said Hon. Mr. Farris. "The matter is one which arose in the department of railways, which is presided over by Premier Oliver. Under the circumstances it would be discourteous and improper for me to make any statement in the absence of the Premier. I can only say that the question is not one which takes us by surprise and that when the Premier's explanation is made, either at the opening of the legislature, as I believe had been his intention, or before then if he so decides on his return, it will be found, I am sure, that the explanation is a full and ample one which will satisfy both the legislature and the people of British Columbia." The acting premier refused to enter upon a discussion of the matter, which relates to his chief's own particular department.

It is understood from persons friendly to the government who claim to know the facts of the case, that the discovery was not made until after the prorogation of the House that the agreement which had been signed by the parties and sanctioned by the legislature was not the same agreement which the Premier and the Foley, Welch & Stewart representatives later declared they had arrived at.

This story of the affair is said to run roughly as follows: During the negotiations for a settlement which were conducted in person by Hon. John Oliver with the Foley, Welch & Stewart representatives the minister of railways agreed that if a cash payment of $750,000 was made together with a transfer of all the plant and equipment for the operation of the road, then the contractors would be allowed to remove all of their construction equipment.

Hon. Mr. Oliver, so the recital runs, drew up his own form of agreement, and in the section which was to cover the apportioning of the road and construction plant inserted a clause to the effect that all the plant and equipment, as in a schedule annexed, was to pass to the province.

Having threshed o ut and agreed upon the terms, Hon. Mr. Oliver is said to have handed over his draft agreement with alterations to the law officers of the government to put into better legal shape and to stop up any loopholes. Apparently they did the job quite completely, for, as the istory runs, finding that the schedule or inventory referred to had not been attached or received, the law officers re-drafted clause 14 into what a lawyer terms "an omnibus clause," covering everything in or upon or adjacent to the line, etc., with the idea of putting the province in a favorable position in the event of dispute over the items in the schedule when it arrives.

The re-drafted agreement, which is alleged to have gone further than the bargain the minister of railways had made with the Foley, Welch & Stewart people, was later signed by the respective parties, printed upon the legislative records and an act embodying the agreement passed without the discovery being made by either the minister or the Foley, Welch & Stewart officials that clause 14 contained anything that had not been agreed upon.

When the discovery was made, it is said, the legislators had departed and the government was confronted with the problem of whether to hold Foley, Welch & Stewart to the forfeiture of their plant and equipment or to take the responsibility of disregarding the statute and carry out the promise the Premier had made that they should have their construction equipment if a cash payment was made to the public treasury. Taking the view that the latter was the honorable course to adopt and that the legislature could be counted on to endorse such a change, instructions were sent out to release the equipment which provincial officials had already seized and inventoried.

Such in brief is said to be the story of the removal of the equipment which has attracted notice and which promises to provide some interesting discussion when the legislature meets.

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Provincial News Items

Kokanees are now being shipped from Christina lake to this city in great quantities. They are of an unusually large size this year, and the fish eaters are happy, says the Grand Forks Sun.

Snow has fallen in Ashcroft and other up country places. They are also short of coal up country.

Neil McCallum of Grand Forks has been appointed police magistrate. He was elected sixteen times as alderman.

The British Columbia Library Association, Victoria, B. C. is making arrangements whereby public libraries may be obtained in the small outlying communities.

The Okanagan Telephone Company has erected poles for the line to cover the Back road southeast of Enderby, and are now ready to wire. A force is also erecting poles for the line to Mara, working north from Enderby.

In recognition of the fine services rendered by the city band last week on the day of the peace celebration, Jas. Vallance has sent that organization a complimentary letter accompanied by a cheque for $50.

There are useful parsons. Rev. F. V. Harrison wielded the axe with a mighty hand for the benefit of his sick neighbors, whose home fires were kept burning brightly through his efforts.

Statistics for November show that 76 deaths, 25 births and 2 marriages were registered at Nanaimo. Customs fees collected totalled $16,769.

Raisin brandy to the amount of 110 gallons and a Ford car belonging to Joe Albandos, Nanoose, have been seized by the provincial police at Nanaimo, on a charge of illicit distilling.

The fifth stern-wheeler built at Yarrows, Ltd., Victoria, for the Indian River service, has been completed and will be shipped in sections to the Far East by the O. S. K. liner Chicago Maru.

Spruce lumber for September was 4,250,000 feet and October 5,500,000 is the report from Prince Rupert.

The Rossland Miner has ceased publishing a daily.

Harry Tidy of Keremeos has raised 2000 tons of tomatoes this season.

The McIntosh Reds of Dr. Riner of Vernon averaged 16 ounces each.

Up to last month 32 Canadian Soldiers had received the Victoria Cross Five of them were from B. C. and 15 of them were born in the Dominion.

Sandon raised $150,000 with a population of 300.

There is talk of another paper starting in Cranbrook presumably in the interests of the Liberal party, with M. A. Beale in charge. They must have money to burn. Such papers in small towns are nearly always a failure.

It has been computed that the returns received by Penticton growers during this season together with the wages paid by the fruit packing houses and the transportation interests for fruit haulage, will run to approximately $500,000.

The Kettle Valley is getting material on the ground for the extension of its North Fork branch two miles above Lynch creek to connect with the tram from the Rock Candy fluospar mine.

The salmon pack in District No. 2 in B. C. this season was nearly one million cases. The pack, covering all grades of the fish, is approximately as follows: Skeena division, 370,000 Naas division 145,000; Central division, 120,000; Bella Coola division, 80,000; Queen Charlotte division, 100,000; Smiths Inlet division 28,000.

C. E. Lawrence learns by telegram from Ottawa what is good news for wool growers of Kamloops district, that their wool clip sent east in care of the government has been sold in Boston on the basis of American government prices, July, 1917.

John Hopp, one of the best known men of the Cariboo, who has been carrying on hydraulic mining on Lowhee Creek, will winter in the south.

The churches and schools of Penticton are still closed on account of the "flu".

A party of thirteen girls from Nanaimo are working in the Port Alberni fish packing establishment.

The Coal Creek Lumber Company of Alberni has closed its mill until the lumber market becomes more settled.

The people of Long Lake have donated [illegible] and eggs to the hospital at Kamloops.

A farmer in the neighborhood of Black Loam near Kamloops made nearly 2000 pounds of butter last year, selling at 50¢ to 75¢ a pound.

The "flu" claimed eight victims in seven days at Penticton. There are about 150 cases there with eighteen deaths.

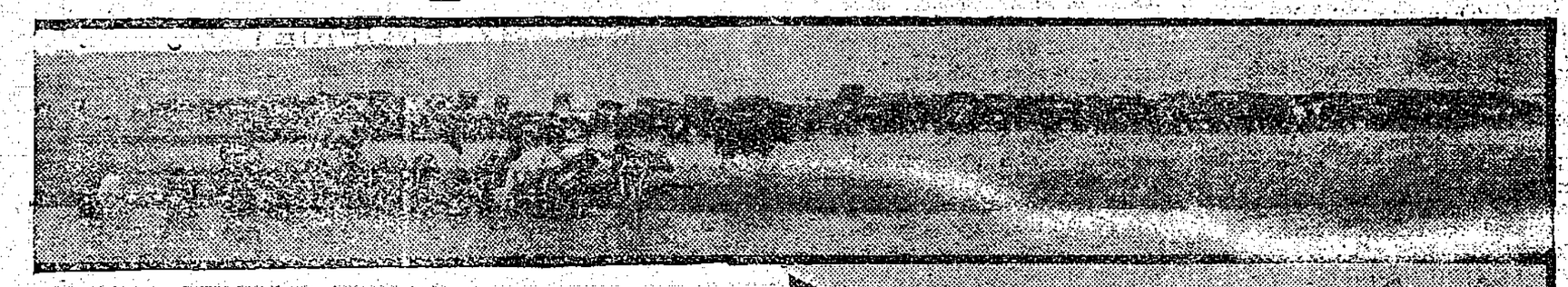
Claiming they suffered damage through non-delivery of fruit to the extent of $1764, Plunkett & Savage of Calgary are suing Claughton Bros. of Pentiction, B. C. The fruit referred to was a car of peaches and a car of McIntosh Red apples.

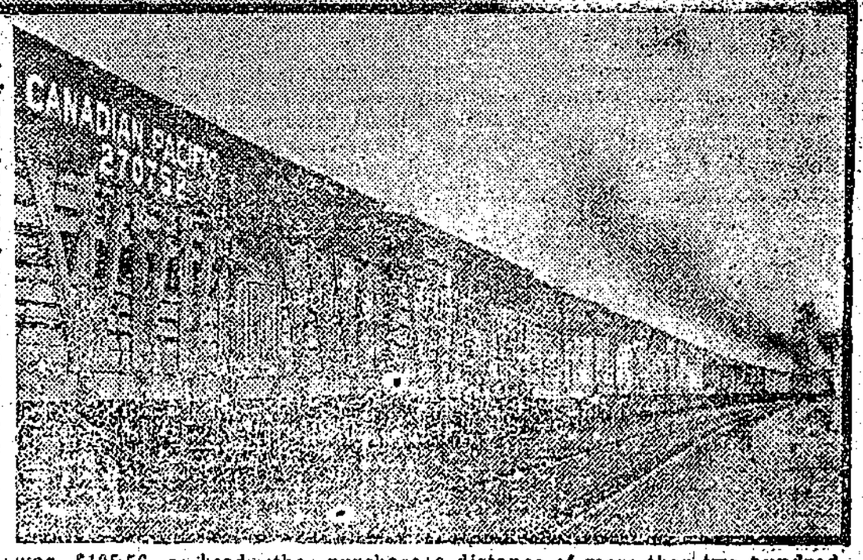
END STOMACH TROUBLE, GASES OR DYSPEPSIA

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes sick, sour, gassy stomachs surely feel fine in five minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can get relief in five minutes by neutralizing acidity. Put an end to such stomach distress now by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or any stomach disorder caused by food fermentation due to excessive acid in stomach.

Maintaining Beef Cattle a Public Service





FARMERS who developed their cattle business yesterday are reaping large profits to-day; those who are developing it to-day will be well remunerated in the future. Because the ysee more money in cattle in the next few years than ever there has been in the past, far sighted men are buying stock and holding them. The enormous depletion that has been going on in Europe for the last four years, and which is now taking place on this continent, has already placed good cattle at a premium. The demand will not be modified by the termination of the war. Then will be the time when the herds will have to be built up again. And the building up process will require years. All this points to high prices for a long while to come, which will benefit the man who is devoting himself to the cattle business now.

More than in any other country, perhaps, is there room for the expansion of the live stock industry in Western Canada. Here are still enormous areas of pasture lands practically unused. Here can the most nutritious fodders be grown in sufficient quantity to support many times the number of cattle now being supported. For a number of years the finishing of cattle has been an important phase in the efforts of a comparatively few farmers, who have found it a very paying business That more and more farmers are beginning to realize how favorable the conditions on the Canadian prairies are to the finishing of cattle is evidenced by the increase in the numbers of animals brought to maturity. The figures of Saskatchewan, which are now available, convey an idea of what is going on throughout the prairie west of Canada. In 1915, farmers of this province purchased 9,380 head of immature live stock at the Union Stock Yards at Winnipeg for the purpose of finishing; in 1916, 29,246 head were imported; while in 1917 the number increased to 36,323. During this period, from 1915 to 1917 the number of live stock exported from the province rose from 60,378 to 137,357. Despite this doubling of the number of cattle exported in a period of two years a steady increase in the number of cattl remaining on the farms is being maintained.

Two recent instances will show how remunerative the finishing of cattle is proving to Western Canadian farmers. On March 4th last, James Tully, a Manitoba farmer, purchased twenty-five head of cattle weighing on an average 1,040 pounds a head at $10.10 a hundred pounds. Six months later these steers went over the scales showing an average weight of 1,442½ pounds, and were sold for $14.60. The animals had no special care. When taken to Mr. Tully's farm they were allowed to help themselves to the strawstacks until the grass began to grow. No grain was given to them. They were practically grass fed steers. An average gain of four hundred and two pounds per head was made, and with the increase in price of $4.50 a hundred pounds, the gross profit on the transaction was $195.56 a head, the purchase price being $105.04 a head, and the selling price $210.60. The total expenses, including commission at the time of buying, freight to the farm, care on the range, freight to market, feed and care in the market and commission on the sale, was less than $10, so that the net profit was almost one hundred per cent.

W. R. Davidson, of Senlac, Saskatchewan, has even better results to show on forty head of cattle which he purchased at the Union Stock Yards at Winnipeg a little over a year ago. On these steers he claims to have made a net profit of hundred per cent. Their total cost, including the freight from Winnipeg to Senlac, a distance of more than two hundred miles, was just over $62 a head, or nearly $2,500 for the lot. They were sold last month for $5,000 at the local station. As was the case with Mr. Tully's, cattle these animals were given no grain. During the winter they were fed on bran and straw, and from the spring onwards finished on grass.

Mr. Davidson showed his faith in the business by immediately buying seventy head of two year old steers at Winnipeg. The price he paid worked out at an average of $69.10 a head, but he expects that his percentage of profit on these animals will be equally as great, is not greater, than on the cattle he has sold this year.

SIMPLIFYING THE SEARCH FOR

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THE MERCHANT knows that every article in his store is a bargain for SOMEBODY—for somebody who lives in his store-territory.

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For all of these people, advertising in this newspaper affords the only practical way to find their especial "somebodies"—to go into the crowd and pick out, unerringly, the "right people."

DANA STARRED IN MYRTLE REED PLAY

"Weaver of Dreams," the Metro picturization of Myrtle Reed's novel of the same name, which will be shown at the Victory Theatre on Tuesday is exceptionally well adapted as a starring vehicle for winsome Viola Dana, who appears as Judith Sylvester.

This role is a simple and lovable country girl like "June" in Miss Dana's great success, "Blue Jeans," and the part is very similar in its appeal and human interest. "Weaver of Dreams" is a story of the heart and Miss Dana excels in her characterization. The action takes place in a rural community filled with quaint types of humanity, where, amid simple surroundings, a drama of the human heart is played and reaches its dynamic denouement.

SETTLERS DRIVEN OUT OF DISTRICT IS CLAIM

That settlers in large numbers have been driven out of the Prince George district, although they were which was surveyed seven or eight years ago having fallen down or be-ability to secure accurate information from the government regarding open land, the corner stakes of land men of splendid pioneer stock and possessed of capital, is the assertion of A. W. Wright, who has been in that district for the last eight years.

He attributes this condition to income burned and survey lines generally having become obliterated while the government has no one there to show land to the land seekers.

Roads and trails are an urgent need, he says, and he suggests that the government should co-operate more with the land-owners who have spent much money and years of effort to induce people to settle in that part of British Columbia.

MRS. N. S. LOUGHEED DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. N. S. Lougheed, wife of ex-Reeve N. S. Lougheed, of Maple Ridge, died in the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, Saturday morning.

The late Mrs. Lougheed was 25 years of age. She was a daughter of Mr. James Selkirk, chief forest ranger in the Dominion forest service, and himself a former reeve of Maple Ridge, where the family is well known. She leaves four sisters, one in Vancouver, one in Ketchikan, Alaska, and two in New Westminster and three brothers, Earl, Laird and Thomas, all overseas.

The death of Mrs. Lougheed has cast a gloom over Port Haney and Port Hammond, and the flag is half masted on the municipal hall. Before going to New Westminster recently, Mrs. Lougheed was very active in Red Cross and other patriotic work in Maple Ridge, and she was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

TO HAVE BIG FAIR AGAIN IS THE AIM OF WESTMINSTER

"Are we going to have a fair next year? We certainly are," declared Mr. A. C. Welsh, president of the R. A. & I. Society, at the Board of Trade meeting when the question was asked him.

Mr. Welsh said that the annual meeting will be held in January, and it was the intention to issue letters asking for an expression of opinion from exhibitors and others interested as to the advisability of resuming operations. The decision will be made at the annual meeting but he has no doubt that it will be to begin in 1919. However, he warned his hearers that it will take a tremendous amount of work to bring the provincial exhibition back to where it was, and a good deal of money will have to be forthcoming. The buildings are in bad shape, and will have to be put in condition again. He appealed for the whole-hearted support of all the citizens.

Mr. D. E. McKenzie, secretary and manager, spoke on the same lines He indicated that the question of finances will have to be taken up with the city council, and also expressed the opinion that a substantial grant from the provincial government will be needed.

PLATFORM OF AGRICULTURISTS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 2.—Six resolutions forming the eleventh plank of the Canadian Farmers' Economic platform passed on Friday evening by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, were announced Saturday by Norman P. Lambert, secretary.

These resolutions complete the platform arranged by the council during the conference.

One of the resolutions urges the placing in the field at the next general election of candidates who will support the platform enunciated by the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Following are the new resolutions passed Friday night:

"That the council recognizes the great importance of such an educational system as will train the rising generation in the highest ideal of citizenship, and that we co-operate with those who are promoting a national congress on education:

"That this council approves strongly of the work done by the laboratory in Winnipeg and urge upon the Dominion government the elaboration and extensions of the system of laboratories for making accurate milling and baking tests of Canadian wheat in order to secure more nearly the intrinsic value of the wheat upon the market:

"That the executive take steps to investigate the conditions surrounding the marketing of stock, particularly the various items of expense that are charged against shipments:

"That the post discharge allowance to returned soldiers be increased to cover a period of six months instead of three months.

"That the executive be given authority to take action in connection with any movement toward national standardization of text books in the schools in Canada:

"This council recommends to the provincial associations that they take action in whatever manner they deem advisable to secure the nomination and election of candidates at the next federal election who will endorse and support the platform adopted by this council."

NOT WILLIAM WALLACE BRUCE McINNES

Some people are of the impression that the W. H. McInnes is our own "Billy" McInnes the great Laurier politician of last election who has been appointed to the post of civil service commissioner. Although Billy and John probably fought in the same boat last election the latter has not yet seen fit to give W. W. B. his reward. The W. H. McInnes who has received the appointment mentioned above is probably not any relation of the ex-judge.

This is for the benefit of the newcomers who know only one by the name of McInnes, when there is a W in front of it.

Provincial and General

Mr. Vanbuskirk, of Princeton has taken over the A. E. House store.

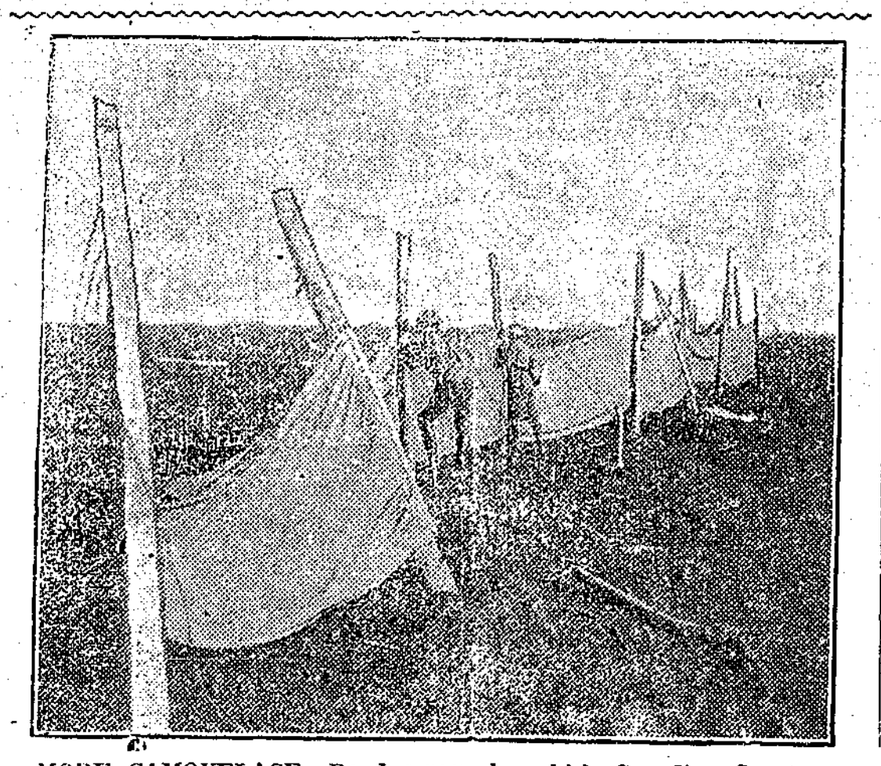
Major R. J. Burde, M. C., has announced himself as independent soldier candidate for the Alberni seat at the coming by-election. He is a newspaper man and has been mayor of Alberni.

Drilling in the Snowstorm Group of the Highland Valley has been awarded to the International Diamond Drilling Contracting Company, so announces the minister of mines, Hon. William Sloan.

Mr. W. E. Potter, Duncan, has sold his 100 acre ranch at Semonos to Messrs Robertson and Spencer of Victoria, who will probably farm it next spring.

The department of marine advises mariners that the Middle Bank Lighted Beacon, Nanaimo harbor, has been destroyed. A black platform buoy showing a white fixed light will be placed as soon as possible to mark the position. Until this buoy is placed the shoal is being marked by an anchored boat showing a white light.

Rev. Thos Oswald, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Merritt who contracted influenza while attending Indians ill at Shulus hospital, and who has been very ill for the past week with pnuemonia is improving.



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