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Barrow Gives Farmers of Sumas Cold Comfort

WHATCOM ROAD, Dec. 10.—Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, met with representatives of the farmers and property owners of the Sumas prairie on Saturday afternoon in the Municipal Hall. The farmers are as well satisfied with the work as anyone. Their only worry is the bill.

It is their contention that the scheme has cost a million more than they voted for, therefore the goverment should find that amount. They also consider the diversion of Vedder River to be a public works charge, seeing that the districts of Sumas and Chilliwack are made secure. A Supreme Court ruling shows that the old Luck-a-chuck channel is its natural course. That was changed in a freshet and kept there by human agency to save valuable property. That being so, why saddle the Sumas farmers with the burden?

They desire, too, the appointment of a commission to fix the dyking charges in accordance with the reproductive value of the land, and its benefits from the dyke.

Mr. Barrow replied that the Vedder diversion was part of the plans and to remove it from the dyking charges was unthinkable.

In the course of the work the engineers found it necessary to build stronger than the original plans demanded. This made greater security, and increased the cost.

The big Sumas dam and plant was not included in the estimates; it was overlooked in the figuring, and this had cost over $600,000. He was perfectly satisfied the work was well done and that the land justified it.

He was convinced that the government would not assume any responsibility for the money. The land would have to meet its obligations.

It might be possible to adjust the rates of interest and repayment, so that the farmers could meet it more easily, and the zones of levying according to benefits might be improved by making shorter steps in the values. He intended to go over the whole ground himself when the present session was finished. He could see that those who had purchased heavily would be hard hit and the farmer with large areas would be handicapped for want of capital, but that was not the fault of the government, he said.

Former Agent General Dies

LONDON, Dec., 10.—Hon. J. H. Turner, former premier of British Columbia and agent-general for that province in London from 1901 until his retirement in 1916, died here yesterday afternoon at his home in Richmond. He was 90 years of age and despite his extreme years was able to go out until quite recently.

Mr. Turner was born in 1833 at Ipswich, Suffolk, England, and went to Nova Scotia in 1856. He lived for some time in Prince Edward Island before going to British Columbia in 1862. He was a resident of Victoria B. C. for nearly forty years. In 1877 he was elected to the Victoria council.

Then followed a long career as a public official in the province. He was mayor of Victoria for three consecutive terms, 1879, 1880 and 1881. His first term of service in the British Columbia Legislature came in 1886, when he was elected to the Legislative assembly as the representative of Victoria.

For the next 14 years Mr. Turner acted as minister of finance and agriculture for the province of British Columbia. This portfolio was held by him during his term as premier, and he introduced the budget for 13 years, and also put through acts for the encouragement of fruit growing, dairying and the formation of farmers' institutions and banks. Another notable success attributed to Mr. Turner, while a member of the Legislative assembly, was his changing of the financial system of the province in 1888 by the issue of 3 per cent. inscribed stock in London.

CUT IN AUTO LICENSES

VICORIA, Dec. 8.—A twenty-five per cent. cut in automobile licenses will be made by the provincial government instead of fifteen per cent. as announced in the budget. Provision is being made for a twenty-five per cent. cut in the bill to be introduced before the Legislature, it was announced yesterday by Attorney-General Manson.

Services will be held in St. Mathews every Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. A. Harding Priest, vicar.

Hon. Sloan Demands Royal Commission

VICTORIA, Dec. 13.—Following a demand by Hon. W. Sloan, minister of mines, Premier Oliver today announced in the legislature that the government will name a royal commission to investigate the recent charges made by Sir Charles Tupper against Hon. W. Sloan and Mr. W. J. Bowser, K. C., opposition leader. The charges were made at the recent convention of the Provincial party held in Vancouver.

The demand for an investigation came from Mr. Sloan just before the House adjourned yesterday afternoon.

Here are some of the charges and interrogations uttered by Premier Oliver and Mr. Manson.

Premier Oliver—I have been informed that General McRae in 1920 through a third party made overtures to the present leader of the Conservative party and offered a cash contribution if he would be taken into the cabinet of the Conservative party.

Mr. Manson—We want to know if he made an advance offer of $10,000 with $50,000 to follow when he got the forfolio.

Mr. Oliver—The charge that there is a compact between me and the leader of the opposition is absolutely false.

Mr. Oliver—General McRae in his own story of his career said he was an inactive partner in Davidson & McRae when that firm was selling Port Mann townsite lots and that he disapproved that transaction.

In the Vancouver World of September 5, 1910, appeared a full page advertisement quoting A. D. McRae in the usual townsite promoter's bunk. Mr. McRae is quoted as saying that he and Sir William Mackenzie inspected the site and found it ideal.

I blazed the trail to that spot 45 years ago and it is bog. He says that the C. N. R. is going to establish its car manufacturing shops for the whole system at Port Mann.

Those statements are just as true as the statement with which he is flooding this province at present.

Premier Oliver—If as he says he lost money in the townsite selling, he amply made it up at the expense of the people of this province. Price, Waterhouse & Co., who audited the channels into which the proceeds of the C.N.R. bonds were distributed, reported that the real estate worth $572,400 acquired by the Canadian Northern Railway at Port Mann was purchased from A. D. McRae and that the price was fixed by Mr. McLeod, general manager of the C.N.R. In other words nearly $600,000 raised by this province was used to pay A. D. McRae, who was also the townsite agent for MacKenzie & Mann.

This man who sold that bog land at $1000 an acre and got $50 a front foot for land 15 or 20 feet under water is the man who impugns the honor of this government.

Premier Oliver—We are told that General McRae had contributed $39,000 and the other apostles of purity $8000 towards the Provincial Party campaign funds. What are his motives His own story tells us that he failed in all his own industrial investments in this province. When he combined the Columbia Valley and the Fraser Mills companies he got the present leaders of the opposition to waive $15,000 of registration fees and accept $200 for the government, yet he now seeks to drive the man who did that for him out of public life.

Premier Oliver—I am informed that 85 per cent. of the employees of the Columbia Valley Lumber company are of the Yellow Race. What will the labor vote think of that?

Mr. Manson—I am far from satisfied when this millionaire makes the following income tax returns to the province. In 1916 he paid $10.37; the next 3 years nothing; 1920 he paid $206; 1921 nothing; 1922, $85 and this year the sum of $18.70. That figure savors more of his Scotch characteristic than spending $40,000 on campaign funds. Let us enquire if this Scotch gentleman is really so ready with his cash or find out if some corporation having a quarrel with this government is dealing out the cash through him.

Mr. Manson—Let us see if the delegates to his recent convention paid their own expenses or if the money in some cases was wired out to delegates.

C. Sumner will have turkeys and geese for Christmas.

Sumas Reeve is Found Dead

The whole municipality of Sumas received a shock on Wednesday morning on learning of the tragic death of its reeve, J. L. Atkinson. While a young lad named Munroe was crossing the C. N. R. trestle on the Eldridge ranch early Wednesday morning, he discovered the body of the reeve beside the rails. He immediately notified the authorities and the body was removed to Huntingdon.

A verdict of accidental death was given at the inquest in Gillies' undertaking parlors and presided over by Dr. A. J. Stuart of Mission City Wednesday afternoon.

The municipal council, at which the reeve presided, concluded around 9:30 p. m. last night, and the reeve went home through the Eldridge ranch. While crossing the trestle it is conjectured that he overbalanced and fell a distance of 30 feet to the rails below.

A medical examination revealed that death must have been practically instantaneous. The body is stated to be shockingly crushed, besides all the ribs on one side being broken, injuries were sustained to the back and hip.

Mr. Atkinson was born in Kings county, New Brunswick, 72 years ago. He came to B. C. 30 years afterwards and settled in Sumas Prairie in 1895.

Although this was his last term as reeve he had served on the council for many years and was one of the prime movers in securing the provincial government to undertake the Sumas Reclamation scheme. He is survived by a wife.

The funeral will be held Thursday from Gillies undertaking parlors to the Musselwhite cemetery, Sumas Prairie.

EXCITING GAMES ARE WITNESSED HERE

Basketball fans watched three splendid games of basketball in the theatre hall on Thursday evening, when the Senior B, Intermediate B, and the Ladies' team of Sardis played the corresponding teams of Abbotsford.

The Intermediate teams were well matched and kept the tally board pretty evenly balanced, Sardis being the victors by a small majority, the result being, Sardis 24, Abbotsford 20.

The line up of the teams was as follows:

Abbotsford—H. Turner, H. McDonald, H. McMenemy, A. Haddrell, E. Rowles, F Taylor.

Sardis—W. Eddie, J. Kirkness, G. Wells, W. Bailey, R. Moffett,, K. Atchison.

The ladies' team played a faster game than usual, and put the Sardis ladies down to the first defeat they have met this season with the close score of 8-6.

Those playing on the teams included Sardis, Miss S. Moore, Miss A. Maitland, Miss E. Arnold, Miss A. Thornton and Miss L. McLeod. Abbotsford, Miss R. Olsen, Miss Evans, Mrs. Anderson and Miss Mutrie.

The last game was that of the Seniors, which was fast played and exciting throughout, and ended in a landslide win for the home team, the totals being 52-24.

The players on these teams were, Sardis, S. Maitland, D. Kirkness, E. H. Pearson, B. Bruce, H. Feller and W. Eddie; Abbotsford, G. O. Brown, J. Mitchell, G. Hart, H. Walters, H. Little and I. Jeffrey.

On Monday evening next the Senior and Intermediate B teams of Northwood will come to Abbotsford, and it is expected that the fans will again have a joyous evening of their favorite sport. The two home teams of ladies will also play, viz., Abbotsford ladies' team and the Harron's ladies' team.

The games were refereed by E. H. Pearson and C. Spring.

C. Sumner for Turkeys and Geese this Christmas.

L.O.L. ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

At the regular meeting of L. O. L. 1867 held on Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M., W. Knox; D. M., E. Chapman; Sec.-treas., Mr. Doutaz; Recording Secretary, W. Taylor; Banker, H. McNeil; Chaplin, Mr. C. Grimley; D. of C., Mr. T. McMillan; Outside Tyler, Mr. M. McGillivray.

Bills were passed and general business transacted.

MacLean Replies To Criticisms

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—It remained for Hon. Dr. MacLean, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretry, to reply to the charges made against the government on Tuesday by Mr. Bowser, leader of the Opposition, that the proposed redistribution bill, introduced in the House last week by Premier Oliver, was nothing more or less than a gerrymander. Mr. MacLean devoted himself mainly to a criticism of the redistribution bill of 1915 which was brought down by the late government following the appointment of a commission of two judges of the Supreme Court, and which, he claimed, had cost the country $9,000.

Hon. Dr. MacLean deprecated statements that the country is overgoverned and that representation in the House should be materially cut down. He contended that in the prairie provinces there is an average of one member to each 10,800 voters; in Ontario and Quebec, one member to each 27,000 voters; while in British Columbia there is one representative to 10,900. The other provinces of the Dominion were better organized municipally, he said, and cited the fact that of the 283,000 persons in Canada living in unorganized territory, one-half of these reside in British Columbia. Therefore it was natural that these people should be well represented in the Legislature.

To the suggestion of the Victoria Colonist that Victoria could well get along with two members if the other districts in the province would fall into line with a reduced representation, the Provincial Secretary stated that this would mean that the remainder of Vancouver Island would only get three members, Vancouver Island would only get three members Vancouver would receive five and the remainder of the province thirteen. Such a scheme would be out of the question.

The Liberal party always stood for open discussion. They did not have to obey the party and were not held in leash by any whip, he stated.

Mr. Pooley—Come down to the Public Accounts Committee for half an hour and you will get your eyes opened.

Canon Hinchliffe adjourned the debate.

LADIES' AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS

The Ladies' Aid and the Women's Missionary Society spent a pleasant afternoon at the Manse last Wednesday.

A representation was made to Mrs. A. Ryall, in the form of a Life Membership to the Women's Missionary Society.

Election of officers in the local society were as follows:

President, Mrs. H. Fraser; Secretary, Mrs. J. Parton (re-elected) Mrs. Semple of Chilliwack, the district superintendent was present and gave an interesting address. Mrs. McIntosh of Chilliwack was also present.

The society have accomplished a good deal of valuable work during the past year, raising about $100 for the work, and sending a nice quilt to the Indian school, and various articles collected for the Girls' Home in Vancouver.

The officers in the Ladies' Aid were also all re-elected, namely, President, Mrs. H. Fraser; Vice-president, Mrs. J. Downie; Secretary, Mrs. McMenemy and Treasurer, Mrs. A. Ryall.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTS MANY INDUSTRIES

"Whisper of death" criticisms of industrial conditions in British Colubia are laid low by published figures appearing on the Legislature order paper. In 1915 there were 1,007 manufacturing concerns in the province, with a capital value of $158,636,000. This value increased to $268,419,000 in 1919, while in 1922 the number of plants had increased to 2809. Employees numbered 21,054 in 1915 and 55,000 in 1919, $239,000,000. The figures had risen greatly last year.

The government department of industries if given a fair share of the credit for improved industrial conditions, and complete information on all industries is always available for prospective manufacturers.

At the annual meeting of the G. W. V. A. the officers elected for the new year were as follows: President, F. J. R. Whitchelo (re-elected); Vice-president, Rev. A. H. Priest; Secretary, W. Snashall.

Accidental Death Is Jury's Verdict

A verdict of accidental death was brought in at the inquest Tuesday at Huntingdon on the body of the late Reeve J. L. Atkinson. It was found that the unfortunate man had had his neck, one arm and one leg broken, having fallen over thirty feet from the Great Northern trestle near Kilgard. It is thought that he was blown off the bridge by the high wind. The body was found in the mud below the bridge by Mr. McDonald, who resides there.

MANY PAY RESPECTS TO LATE REEVE ATKINSON

There was a large gathering of friends paid their last respects to the late Reeve. J. L. Atkinson of Sumas, when he was laid to rest on Thursday afternoon.

The funeral was held from the undertaking parlors of Mr. Gillies, Huntingdon, Mr. S. Good of Kilgard officiating.

The pallbearers were all friends of the deceased, and included E. H. Boley, J. L. Starr, C. A. Lamson, J. Frith, W. Harris and T. B. Straiton.

Mr. Atkinson was an old timer of the district and had a very wide circle of friends.

He will be greatly missed in the community as an earnest worker for all undertakings for the general good.

HON. PATTULLO SPEAKS ON TIMBER EXPORT

The government won by a handsome majority on the timber export question, and by a vote in the House the Legislature decided to ask Ottawa to have the whole matter referred to the royal commission a present investigating the export of Canadian pulpwood. Hon. T. D. Pattulo, minister of lands, persisted in his defence that the best interests of the industry and of the public were being served by permitting export in a limited manner, and he again warned of the probable retaliation of the United States if an embargo were placed. He showed the folly of interfering with a market already absorbing two-thirds of the manufactured timber of British Columbia.

Leave your order for turkeys and geese with C. Sumner, the butcher.

Huntingdon

The annual meeting of the Upper Sumas Women's Institute was postponed on account of the funeral of Reeve J. L. Atkinson, and will be held in the Whatcom Road Hall on Thursday, December 20th. Election of officers will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Armstrong of Vancouver were the recent guests of Mrs. G. E. Davis of Vye.

Messrs. Chas. and W. Beebe of Darrington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. McGillivray on Wednesday.

An enjoyable farewell party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbush on Friday by a large gathering of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbush intend returning to Sardis to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Young of Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. McDonald of Murrayville visited Mrs. G. E. Davis on Sunday.

Mr. George Fauls of Huntingdon made a business trip into Vancouver this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Brown of Nooksack were the guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs. J. Cameron, to Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. M. McGillivray on Thursday with a good attendance. It was decided to have the annual meeting on the 8th of December, at the home of Mrs. Symonds, when officers for the new term will be elected.

Mrs. Colin Fraser has been visiting in Vancouver.

Happily Wedded

STEVENS—CASE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian Manse on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Lela Case, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Stevens, Rev. W. Robertson officiating.

The bride, who looked charming in a lovely going away suit, was attended by Miss Pearl Stevens, while the groom was supported by Mr. Lewis Case. Both the contracting parties are very well known in Clayburn. After a short honeymoon spent in Washington State, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will take up residence in Sumas City.

The many friends of Mr. R. F. Shortreed are pleased to see him back home again, and wish for his complete recovery.

TOYS!

DOLLS, from the smallest, undressed, to the life-size ones, beautifully dressed, real hair, moving eyes; also the famous Canadian "MA MA" dolls. Prices range from 25¢ to $7.50
POP GUNS at ..... 25¢, 50¢
HORNS and TRUMPETS ..... 15¢, 20¢, 25¢
FUR JUMPING ANIMALS ..... 25¢, 35¢, 50¢
TONGUE AND DEVIL BALLS ..... 25¢, 50¢
Boys' English Soccer FOOTBALLS, not a toy but full-sized ball, at $3.95
MECHANICAL TRAINS, at $2.50
ELECTRIC TRAINS, TRANSFORMERS and fully equipped, at $20.00
FURNITURE SETS, ... 25¢, 65¢
CARPET SWEEPERS, STOVES, LAUNDRY SETS.
MECHANICAL TOYS—Crazy Car, Merry-go-round, Jumping Monkeys, Dogs, Acrobats, Climbing Monkeys, Teeter Toys, Clown on Horse, Milk Waggon, Rollers, Sandy Andy, etc., from 20¢ to $1.50
MOUTH ORGANS, 25¢ to $1.50
BEADS, WRIST WATCHES, WOOD TOYS, etc. from 10¢ to ..... 25¢
Rubber Elephants, Sheep, Dogs, etc. at ..... 25¢, 50¢

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In conversation with a farmer the other day he complained of the present system, and what it means to him. Before the war his dollar was worth considerably more than it is today. This farmer said he could get one hundred cents on the dollar for his products when he wished to purchase goods, while today his products were so low priced that he did not get much more, if any more, than one-third in goods of what his dollar was worth.

He had the question analyzed in this way. There were three points in regard to farm produce. First, there was the quantity: next there was the quality, and lastly there was the marketing. The first two had been solved by the farmer of the Fraser Valley to his satisfaction, as both the quantity and quality of his produce was a very fair average of that produced anywhere in any farming community. But the marketing of his product was a joke. While there were hundreds and thousands who did not have enough to eat; many not enough to properly nourish them in the towns and cities, yet there was not even a fair price for any farm product. This year large quantities of it lay rotting. He said, "Now if I can raise the quantity and the quality of farm produce, it surely is not up to me to also find a market for it."

Let us apply this to one product of the farm that is predominant in the Fraser Valley —that is fruit. The small fruits of the Fraser Valley are on an equal basis with the best that reaches the market. It may not be as nicely put up as some of it but the quality is there and so is the quantity. But surely there is something radically wrong with the selling agencies that take this fruit from the farmer. Our market commissioner says

"There are three ways of handling fruit. First there was the establishment of fruit prices at the point of shipment; second, rolling cars sold on arrival by agents or representatives of the growers; and third, consignment. He further stated that the f. o. b. price at shipping point was the ideal method on a market, but had limitations that would tend to keep purchases down to a very conservative basis, and with a large crop to handle might restrict distribution. Shipping to agents had many points to commend it provided the organization at the assembling end had sufficient control to limit the number of cars shipped when advisable to do so. If competent representatives of organized growers were stationed at points on the prairies, preferably at Calgary, to look after growers' interests they could establish agencies of their own which would eliminate loss due to differences between the two brokerage houses now operating there. Consignment selling had proved so disastrous that it could be well eliminated from the discussion of marketing fruit."

This paper has advocated the first method time and again, and we believe the grower would be perfectly satisfied with it until such time as the markets recover the pre-war equilibrium. What the grower wants is a little ready cash for his fruit for the next few years, so that he can get on his feet again. Then he would undoubtedly want the second method that of "rolling" cars to representatives on the prairies.

We would like to see the selling organizations for the Fraser Valley fruit work to the end that next year the grower will get returns for his crop at the point of shipment, even if that was not the high prices published in the Markets Bulletin. Why have another year shipping fruit on consignment?

The farmer, the fruit grower deserves better than that he should have to take all the risks. During the war he was asked to produce in order to win the war. He produced. He won the war. The farmer won the war by producing. Why should not those in authority now help the farmer to market the increased production? He is just as important as ever he was, and there are as many hungry people today as there were during the war.

According to the report tabled in the Legislature a few days ago it was shown that 785 mothers and 1990 children were receiving assistance under the "Mother's Pension Act" in September of this year. The disbursement of $413,948.00 was made at an administration of 3.44 per cent. The Workmen's Compensation Board administers the Act.

A better name for the "Mother's Pensions Act" would be "The Favorite Mother's Pension Act." Either the act or the administration of it is a misnomer. There are only certain needly mothers who receive this pension so far as we can get information. There are mothers and children in the province that surely should have assistance who do not get even a small amount to help them out. No need for any names.

Right in this district we could point to several at least who are in need of assistance, and why they do not come under the meaning of this act is a mystery to them. Some of them seem to think that they require a "pull" to get the allowance. It should not be thus.

Many are left widows with families to support, who have also a little property, which may not be of any marketable value, yet they do not get any assistance.

As we are informed, if we are reliably informed, a woman must not work if she is to get a pension. And $30 or $40 a month these small family of two or three. Yet no other money is apparently to come into the home but what little comes through the board. It should be co-operation not charity, but idleness should not be encouraged. If a pensioner wishes to work to augment the fund the Board should be only too delighted to see industry.

The severe questioning through which some of them go is hardly just what most women like even if they unfortunate for the time being. Not many eoniums are coming to any government that will pass an act of this kind and allow it to be administered the way the Mother's Pension Act is said to be administered.

As a sequel to the death of R. James, the man who was killed at the McCoy-Wilson logging camp, it appears that the Workmen's Compensation Board refuses to make payment to relatives of men who are killed working on Sundays unless the job on which the victim is employed is absolutely essential.—Comox Argus.

PROVINCIAL PARTY POLICY RE P. G. E. RLY.

The policy of the new Provincial Party with regard to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was settled by means of a resolution passed recently by the convention held in Vancouver, the resolution having been amplified by remarks from General A. D. McRae, leader of the party.

The resolution adopted by the convention is as follows:

"That a non partisan royal commission, preferably under the chairmanship of one of the chief justices of B. C. and comprising representatives of the different interests of the province, be appointed and charged with the full investigation of the P. G. E. system and its possibilities for completion and successful operation as originally planned; this commission to have full power to engage any experts or other expert assistance required and to report to the Legislature to assist in determining what is to be done with the property in the best interests of the people as a whole."

In explaining the import of the resolution General McRae is reported to have stated categorically "The P.G.E. cannot be abandoned," and to have proceeded, " to do so would be to condemn a large section of the province, which has not had a fair chance. The lower section could be made to pay by the development of the timber and mineral resources, while the upper section could be supported by colonization around Prince George and the development of the pulp and paper industry. This was, provided one of the transcontinental lines could not be persuaded to operate this section of the P. G. E. by linking up with it from Ashcroft."

From the above it would appear that the Provincial Party stands for a thorough investigation upon which to arrive at a decision as to what would be the best course to pursue with regard to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. Inasmuch as General McRae assured the convention that the railway cannot be abandoned and it was under that construction that the resolution was adopted. it would follow that the duties of the proposed commission would be confined to making recommendations as to the best course to be followed for the continued operation of the railway and for its completion in this connection, the reported remarks of General McRae point to the conclusion that he considers that the est solution of the problem would be that one of the transcontinenal railways take over and operate the P. G. E. Railway and further that he is of the opinion that if this were done it would entail the construction of a cut-off from Clinton to Ashcroft to connect with the lines of he C. P. R. or of the C. N. R., in which case the fate of the lines of the P. G. E from Clinton to Squamish would remain to be decided.

The future policy of the province relative to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is a matter of the first importance to every constituency traversed by its lines and the electors now have before them the official pronouncements of all three parties. Premier Oliver has declared himself in favor of the completion of the Railway to Prince George. Hon. W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition, has definitely committed his party to the completion of the lines to Prince George wthout delay and to North Vancouver as soon as finances will permit. To these is now added, as above, the official statement of the position of the Provincial party.

A strong plea for a more progressive agricultural policy in this Province, to the end that the growers may be assisted to secure increased markets and greater agricultural development was made in the Legislature last week by J. W. Jones, Conservative member for South Okanagan, when he joined in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The member roundly scored the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. E. D. Barrow, asserting the latter has failed in the administration of his office, and he urged a more aggressive Minister is a necessity.

South Okanagan's member criticized the speech from the throne pointing to the fact that it ignored the pressing problems facing the Province. The Premier, in his speech, too, had given the House no inkling of how the government proposed to carry out the development plans for the upbuilding of the Province and the betterment of the people. Ministers had been making trips to and fro through the country; two of them had just returned from England, but not a hint to show that in consequence of these jaunts, taken at the expense of the public, any good will result.

Mr. Jones scored Premier Oliver for his penchant for "throwing his hat in the ring." He considered there was a better way of fighting the freight rates case than by quarreling with the C. P. R. officials and members of the railway board. He recalled that if the Premier wanted to fight there was a six-foot ring at Salmon Arm into which Gen. A. D. McRae had invited the Premier, but so far the latter had steered clear from the point.

Mr. Jones declared the farmers of the Province were in dire straits and must be given some encouragement, but not a suggestion relative thereto was forthcoming. The Minister of Agriculture deprecated pessimism, but shooting troubles away will not

Freckles and His Friends—Tag Puts One Over—Bu Blosser

LOG EMBARGO DEBATE OVER

VICTORIA, Dec. 10.—A safe government majority carried the suggestion to the Legislature, advanced by the Minister of Lands, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, that at the present time there should be no duty placed upon the export of unmanufactured timber from this province, as advocated by Mr. Kenneth Duncan, nor should there be total prohibition of export as called for by Mr. W. J. Bowser, K. C., leader of the Conservative opposition. The matter was debated at length in the House last week. In fact the entire afternoon was taken up in the discussion, the only bright feature of the sitting being Major R. J. Burde's remarks. The debate had become badly involved by the various amendments which had been submitted to the original motion of Mr. Duncan, independent member for Cowichan, calling for a heavy export duty on unmanufactured timber. Then followed the amendment by Hon. Mr. Pattullo requiring that the whole matter be referred to the Royal Commission now sitting in the east to consider the question of the embargo upon export of pulpwood. The Minister's amendment was to the effect that Ottawa be asked by the province to extend the scope of the commission to take in the B. C. situation. Mr. Bowser had an amendment calling for total prohibition of export after January 1, 1925, and when that was ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker on the ground that it interfered with federal jurisdiction over trade and commerce, along came Mr. Joshua Hinchliffe, Victoria's Conservative member, with an additional amendment expressing regret that the government did not see its way clear to prohibit export of unmanufactured timber after December 31, 1924. This last amendment, it was argued by Liberal speakers in the debate, practically meant a want of confidence resolution.

The net result of the discussion was that the Pattullo amendment was approved. Three divisions were necessary. The Hinchliffe amendment was ousted by a vote of 27 to 13, the Conservative minority being solidly against it. The Pattullo amendment carried it. The Pattullo amendment carried by a vote of 23 to 17, the independents, Messrs. Hanes, Menzies, Burde and Duncan siding with the 13 Conservatives.

SNOW REMOVAL

Probably many people in Canada fondly believe that snow removal from city streets is purely a problem for our own country, and that our neighbors to the south have so much more genial a climate that snow removal only becomes a pressing question every few years.

But the fact that our excellent contemporary in the municipal field of our southern neighbor. The American City Magazine, gives considerable space to "The Snow-Removal Problem" in two issues proves that the problem is a puzzling one and deserves serious consideration.

Statements are quoted that the snowstorm in February, 1920, cost New York merchants $60,000,000, and that one in Chicago in 1918 caused a loss in trade of $20,000,000. These show the cost of absence of snow-removal means.

The official records of the U. S. Wheat Bureau show a great variation from year to year, but do not indicate a permanent decrease at any point.

There is little doubt that the idea of the heavy falls in the "old-fashioned winters" were really due to the failure to remove it, so that the accumulation was not any greater than it would be today if none were removed.

In Philadelphia the records kept

Experience shows that if only part of a street is cleared ruts are formed and the frost penetrates irregularly, thus causing upheavals when the thaw comes.

So important is the question considered that public hearings were held by the Massachusetts State Department and opinions from experienced officials obtained.

Snow rollers are useful where sleighs are still used, but are not satisfactory where motors are used.

Melting requires too much heat to be practical.

Hand loading of trucks or wagons is efficient in conjunction with ploughs or scrapers, but is very expensive.

Snowploughs are of two general types—the pusher and straight blade and the V or locomotive type plough. A third type, not yet in general use, is the rotary plough.

The rotary snow broom is an adaptation of the sweeper.

Tractors are being generally used for all classes of work and are being used more and more for snow removal. Reports from different cities show how efficient they are proving. Steam shovels are being used in some places with good results.

Snow-loaders are the latest development in mechanical handling, and one has a record of 2,000 cubic yards in 10 hours.

It is claimed that "the essential point for snow removal is a prearranged schedule. . . . It is better to start as soon as an inch has accumulated."

In the same issue are two other articles of snow removal in small places and both emphasize the necessity of commencing early, so as to have a good deal of the snow removed before more falls. Snowploughs are attached to trucks; steam shovels with extra large but light buckets are used. Clearing the sidewalks was found to please the citizens very greatly.

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SHILOH FOR COUGHS

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, shows that the water-borne shipments of timber maufactured in British Columbia for the first nine moonths of the year amounted to 348,000,000 board feet, as against 195,000,000 feet for the same pe-

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Mission Wins Two And Loses One

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

Admirers of the hoop game received full value for their money at the rink on Tuesday night last when they witnessed the Mission City boys capture two out of the three league fixtures from their opponents from the "land of milk and honey and pretty girls," otherwise known as Chilliwack.

The Cadets played true to form and captured their eighteenth straight win this season although for a time it looked as if their string of victories was to be broken, but they steadied down and left the floor with a 19 to 14 score to their credit.

The teams were evenly matched, although the home boys seemed to have a little better combination than their opponents and their shooting was not up to the usual quality displayed.

Ogle led the scorers with 9 baskets to his credit. C. Robinson came next with 6 and Hughes had 4.

The next game was between the two teams representing the Senior B division of "C" Co. 47th Batt. and was a sore disappointment to the home supporters when they witnessed the home boys go down to the defeat by a score of 35 to 23.

The locals were apparently laboring under the delusion the C. O. had given the command "Stand at ease" instead of 'Shun' as numerous times they allowed their opponents to shoot at will.

The Chilliwack B's were right after the honey. Their combination work was excellent while they had the scoring range down to a nicety.

For the locals Jorrie Alby took the honors with 10 points. McLean 7, J. Galliford 2, and Eckert 2. Rogers failed to connect although he tried hard.

Mr. J. McAdam of Vancouver referred these two games.

The Senior A game came next and of course was the star attraction of the evening. There is considerable rivalry between these teams, and the game was a hard fought battle from start to finish, both teams going at top speed all the way through. It was the best game seen at the rink this season. Hard and fast checking featured the game although the penalty list was very light, the teams breaking even on this score with two each. Both teams brought the fans to their feet repeatedly with their nifty combination work; but the locals had a little the better of it when it came to shooting. The 'Whacks had more shots—sometimes as many a four in succession—but they failed to function.

The local boys all worked hard and deserved the well earned victory. Herbe Allan, who played for Mission a couple of years ago, was again in uniform, taking the place of C. Galliford, who is suffering from an injured thumb, and his work at guard was exceptionally good. "Happy" Solloway must have thought it was the good old summer time again and he was out in the berry patch, as he turned in half a crate (12 baskets) as his contribution. Rex Cox came to the rescue nobly every time the fans called on him, and picked 10 big juicy bullocks. Eckardt slipped over 8 on the tallyman, but he assisted the others at the psychological moment and as a happy reminder of the past berry season, and just to show the others that he could do some picking "Bill" Beaton went home with a basket under each arm—they both were penalty shots.

The score at the final was Mission 32, Chilliwack 24.

Mr. R. Priest of Vancouver referred the game in able and efficient manner.

HIGHWAY TO BE STARTED NEXT SPRING

Hon. Dr. Sutherland, minister of public works, states that the completion of the Transprovincial Highway will be completed next spring. The work will probably require two years to finish. No announcement can be made, though, with regard to the route to be chosen. Sufficient data is on hand, he said, to call for tenders in 24 hours, but the fullest consideration must be given the various routes. Delegations have urged the Hope-Princeton and the Fraser Canyon route, and it is expected that a decision will be reached before long.

Three city dairies in Vancouver were fined recently for infraction of the milk by-law. It is understood that the case will be appealed.

Home and School Closely Connected

(By R. S. Shields, School Inspector)

Today as never before our boys and girls are occupying an unusually significant place in the minds and eyes of the Canadian thinking people: The Great War has placed a greater value upon their potential possibilities almost with a start the nations of the world have suddenly awakened to see in their children the greatest raw material in the world, the nation's greatest asset, her chief source of power and her most fruitful field for investment. If this be so, what then are some of the responsibilities placed upon us as parents and teachers towards our boys and girls in order that when the duties of citizenship shall fall upon their shoulders they shall not fail?

We are aiming at a generation of superlatively healthful, all round developed men and women of character and leadership of courage and ability; men and women trained to meet and deal successfully with a mass of staggering problems in politics, in business, in religion, and in social relationships.

This is the century of "Youth;" is the present state of civilization the ideal state? not quite, but perhaps no other period has developed so much popular attention to the problems of youth or has so much been actually accomplished toward their solution.

Our first responsibility rests, I believe in the home; character, temperament, and intellectual power depend mainly upon the impressions received in early life; if, as Shailer Matthews has said, "A disintegrating home means a disintegrating society," this then is a time of greatest challenge as well as opportunity.

The home is absolutely the key to sucessful child training, and no other agency, primary or supplementary ever can take the place of a normal home in the life of a growing child.

High class, intelligent, purposeful homes are and must continue to be the very hub about which any really effective programme of child training is to be built for the family is the unit of the state and the house is the centre of all social, economic and educational good.

The home, correlating, stimulating co-operating with school, church and community, endeavoring to make of the child a high class man or woman; suggesting, guiding determining, how much of this and that is the ideal condition to be sought after.

By co-operation of the parent and child the best in the natures of both may be brought out. The functions of a parent are a responsibility that no institution, or government, or social state, will ever be able fully to assume.

Home makes character: character determines destiny:

The great and over-shadowing peril of a child's life is not, as many suppose the bad companions or the bad books or the bad habits; it is the peril of homelessness; that does not mean no bed, nor room, or roof, but the isolation of the child's soul, the lack of any one to listen, the loss of roots to hold him to his place and make him grow.

"I saw a bird's nest in a tree, etc."

Thus, I would claim that our first responsibility to our children rests in the home and that for which it stands.

Our second responsibility rests, I believe in the co-operation of our home and school life—few parents know very little of what the school is aiming at or doing, excepting for vague memories of olden days or the confused accounts of the children.

I believe more determined efforts should be made by Parent-Teachers' Associations and Educational authorities to bring home and school together. The absence of a thorough education in the home throws the whole burden of systematic training on the school; today generally speaking, every boy must attend school; assuming this fact home education has to adjust itself to a certain extent to the life of the school; that your child should go to school, clean and neat, is a matter of course but none the less important, punctuality should be evident, regularity of attendance is of vital importance; above all take a deep interest in not only the child but the school life of which he is so important a part.

Another responsibility rests in the relationship between the Sunday school and the home; the function of the Sunday school is to supplement, not supplant, the influence of the home, the S. S. begins its work when the child is four or five years of age, the home begins with the first conscious experiences; the home continuously. The S. S. deals with lessons; the home with life itself, the S. S. presents moral laws, the home forms habits; however in order for the S. S. to carry out the work for which it is intended it is necessary for us as teachers to give it our full support and active assistance.

The last responsibility I would mention is the interviewing of community responsibility and citizenship ter enhusiascallywp.mhlmkyfthrdl to the children so that they will enter enthusiastically into the regulations necessary for the best well being of the community; delinquency is only mis-directed energy, breaking of laws boys do not understand or even know exist; the time to make good citizens of individuals is while they are children; it is as easy to form as reform and a far better investment.

The task of the community is to secure intelligent co-operation from all its citizens, young and old, but to do this the community must have strong, law abiding parents, constantly interpreting citizenship in its biggest sense.

Our responsibilities to our children rest principally in the home and through the home to the school, the church and the state.

I wonder if I could sum up our responsibilities to our children by the thoughts expressed by Douglas Mallock in his stanza on "My Son:"

I that had yearned for youth, my own, again,
And mourned the wasted hours of younger days,
I that had sighed for Spring, for Summer, when
The snows of Winter covered all my ways—
I that had prayed for years, for only one,
Have found that prayer answered in my son.

He is myself again, with hopes of old,
He is myself again—the clay to mold
Into the man, and all the man aspires.
Who says that youth returns to us no more?
He is as I was in the days of yore.

In my own days, in my own days of youth,
Ah, how I wished a comrade and a friend!
To help me keep the quiet path of truth
And through temptation my own feet attend.
So shall I journey onward by his side,
His father—yet, his comrade and his guide.

I that have failed shall shape success in him,
I that had wandered point the proper path,
A signal when the signal lights are dim,
A roof to fend him from the storms of wrath—
So we shall journey upward, I and he,
And he shall be the man I meant to be.

SAWING WOOD

The buck-saw, like the grain-cradle, is practically an institution of the past. A necessary evil once, it should now be regarded as an antiquated invention for driving boys off the farm, and relegated to the museum for curiosities.

The one-man cross-cut is a little better, while the two-man cross-cut is a distinct step in the evolution of sociability. It has its place in the bush, of course, and even the other instruments of torture aforementioned find occasional employment, just as the old grain cradle is resurrected now and then for some special purpose.

As a regular means of working up the winter wood pile, however, these are only to be advocated for one who absolutely has not and cannot get the cash to hire a buzz-saw outfit. Modern life is too busy and full of interest to spend unnecessarily in back-testing mechanical routine which machinery enables us to dispense with. Most of us can find enough manual labor jobs after we have substituted as much gasoline for muscle as we have wit to use.

We have heard arguments that buzz-sawing wood is more expensive than buck-sawing. But these calculations are generally based on old-time conditions. As it works out in these times, most of us find that gasoline beats elbow grease by a substantial margin. There is this, too, that buzz-sawing is a more or less sociable job which goes with a vim and men quite properly prefer it to the tedium of hand-sawing.

Again, it will be noticed that the farmer who buzzes his supply gets the job over with and goes on to something else, while the buck-saw adherent is hardly ever out of a job. The wood pile stares him in the face until he hates to go past it.

What a comfort there is in looking at a big heap of sawed fire-wood in the yard when a cold snap comes on and the snow piles deep around the buildings.—Experimental Farms Note.

MAPLE RIDGE ENTERS ACTION

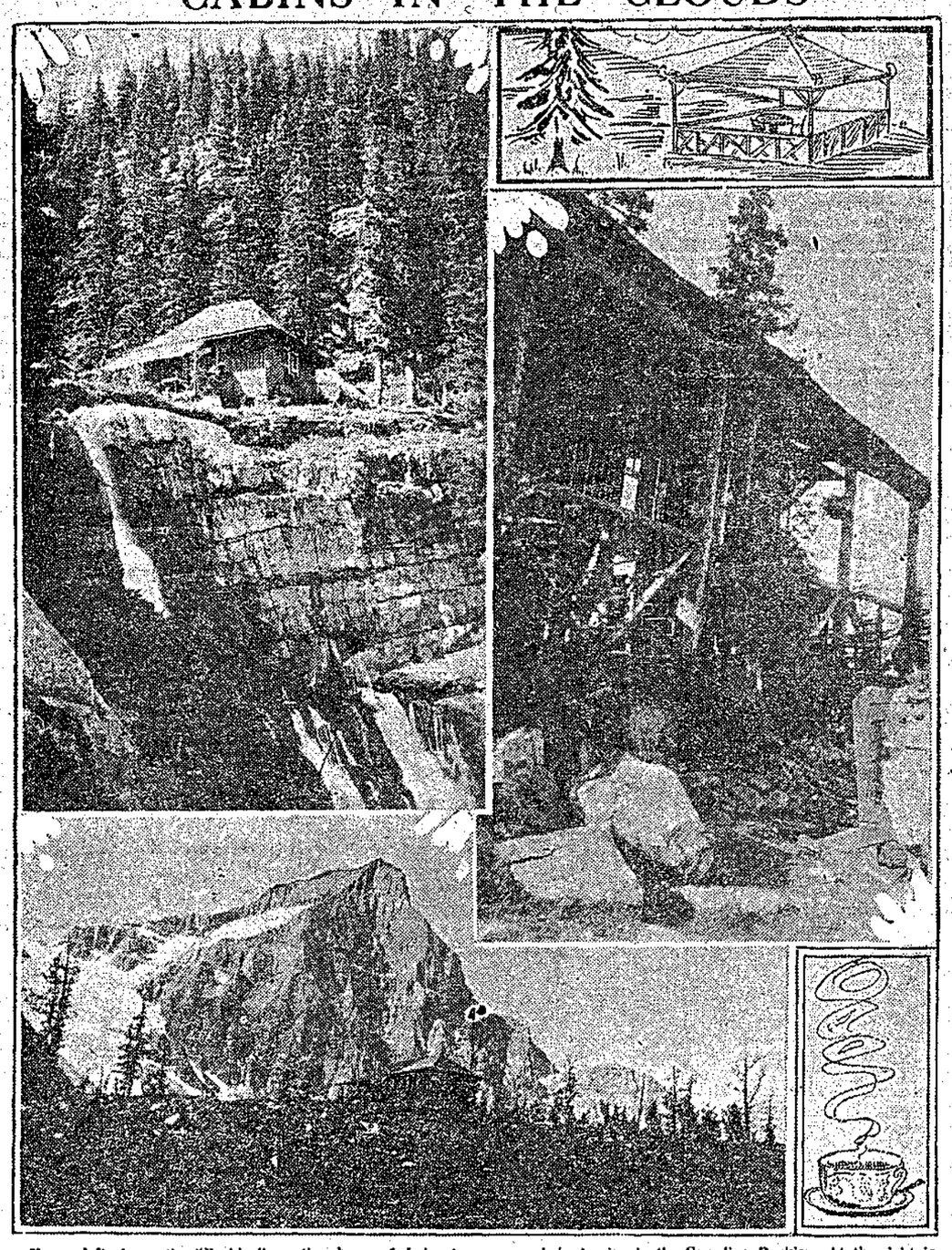
MAPLE RIDGE, Dec. 3.—The municipality of Maple Ridge through its solicitor, Mr. S. Colin Cenge, Haney, has entered action in the supreme court against the Western Canada Power Company to enforce terms of an agreements the municipality gave the company a franchise to erect steel towers for the purpose of carrying transmission wires through and beyond the municipality, which towers convey power from the plant at Stave Falls to Vancouver and intermediate points. In return, it is claimed that the company agreed to supply light and power to the residents of the municipality and make free service connections between the company's lines and the consumers within certain half mile areas within the municipality and not discriminite against said residents in regard to supply and price.

The municipal council through its lighting committee has been negotiating for a couple of years past with the B. C. E. R. company, which has acquired the rights of the Western Canada Power Company, to have the agreement put in force, but apparently the negotiations have been fruitless and the matter will now be threshed out in court.

St. Andrew's Day, Friday, Nov. 30, was celebrated at many places in British Columbia.

Xmas will not be a holiday without a turkey or a goose. C. Sumner.

CABINS IN THE CLOUDS



Upper left shows the "Beehive" on the shores of Lake Agnes, near Lake Louise, in the Canadian Rockies. At the right is another place where one might drink tea served from quaint English china on top of Mount Fairvieew, in the same district.

TO climb 6,875 feet above Lake Louise and to enjoy a cup of tea in delightful surroundings is one of the attractions offered visitors to Lake Louise, Alta. Tea houses on mountain peaks were unheard of a few years ago, but to-day there are at least a dozen of them situated in the Canadian Rockies.

Two of the most picturesque are the "Beehive" on the shores of Lake Agnes, about two miles and a half from the Chateau and the other a rustic log cabin on the top of Mount Fairview. Walking and pony excursions over the mountains in the vicinity of this picturesque lake are among the popular pastimes of visitors from all parts of the globe to "the lakes in the clouds."

From the "Beehive" one can get a perfect view of Mirror Lake and Lake Louise, which, with Lake Agnes, are known as "the lakes in the clouds." This cosy little tea room is owned by Miss B. Dodds and operated during the season by Miss Goddard. Its furnishings are quaint and rustic.

The foodstuffs are delivered every morning by pack pony from the Chateau Lake Louise—even fuel for the cook stoves is transported in this way.

In addition to the tea room there is an attractive assortment of antiques from various parts of the globe, collected during the winter months by Miss Dodds, who usually goes abroad.

There are many surprises of scenic beauty along the trail to the tea room, but perhaps the most interesting fact is that one can obtain a delicious cup of English tea, with equally delicious home cooking within sight and sound of whistling marmots and squirrels and chipmunks that leap from bough to bough, and often within sight of friendly bears who come close to the kitchen door in search of tasty food.

One of the most interesting trips at Lake Louise is by a narrow, winding path on Mount Fairview to Saddleback Tea Room and Rest House, which is 2,500 feet higher than the Chateau. This quaint little log cabin, situated on Mount Fairview, overlooks Saddleback Mountain, so called because of its rock formation being similar to a saddle. It takes almost two hours by pony to make the trip over a steep zigzag trail, from which can be seen winding streams and rushing brooks thousands of feet below.

This tea room and rest house, like "Beehive," is owned by Miss Dodds and operated by Miss A. E. Whyman. Its surroundings are most artistic and restful. The view of Paradise Valley and Mount Temple from the tea house is one of the finest in the Rockies.

Daily supplies of food and fuel are transported by pack ponies from the Chateau to serve approximately 25 guests a day, who are well rewarded for their journey to the "highest tea house in Canada."

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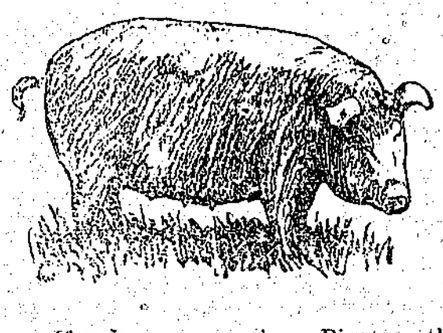

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PERSONALS

Mr. P. Buchanan of Lynn Creek, North Vancouver, visited in Abbotsford at the week-end.

Mr. James Carr of Mt. Lehman is receiving treatment in the M.-S.-A. Hospital for an injured elbow.

Miss F. E. Tretrewey visited in Vancouver during the week.

Mr. Harry Edgerton visited his home at Stevenston over the week-end.

Mrs. A. George is visiting friends in Seattle.

The Misses Vera and Flossie Hunt were visitors in Vancouver at the week-end.

The Embroidery Club will not meet again until the New Year.

Poultrymen of the district are pleased to learn that the "Eggs Marks Act" has become law.

Miss Helen McCallum is visiting her brother, Mr. Clarence McCallum of Mission City.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall of Castlegar were the recent guests of Mr. Kendall's sister, Mrs. H. Peck.

At the regular meeting of the C. G. I. T. Club held on Monday the members were given a Christmas treat by their leader, Miss Teena McPhee, who also gave them each a nice gift.

Mr. James Gillard returned home from South America on Wednesday and will spend the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. Ben Brown of Anyox, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown is spending a holiday at his home here.

Mr. Ronald Brydges is home from Kamloops for the holiday season.

The home of Mr. C. Logan on the upper Clayburn Road was totally destroyed by fire early on the morning of the 5th inst.

Miss M. Wattie visited in Vancouver during the week.

Mr. W. A. Brown of Knight Inlet was the recent guest of Mr and Mrs. W. F. Rudge.

The next regular meeting of the O. A. W. Club will be held on January 7th at the usual hour.

Final practises and rehearsals are being held for the grand Cantata which is to be held in the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening Dec. 18th. This production features over seventy characters with special costumes, and will be worth hearing.

A special picture will be given at the local theatre on December 21st, entitled, "The Count of Monte Christo". Two reels of the Japanese earthquake will also be run.

Arrangements are now completed for the annual school concert which is to be given next Thursday evening in the theatre hall. An especially fine programme has been prepared, and the children taking part are looking forward to having every one of their relatives present.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Reveille, has returned to her home in Bowden, Alberta.

Miss M. Bailey of Vancouver is visiting her home here.

An error appeared in our personals last week, which we herewith re-write: Mr. D. McEwen's sister, Mrs. McCray (not Gray) of Nanton, Alberta, has moved into the residence recently occupied by Mr. D. Winton and family.

Mr. Alex Duncan of the Northern Construction Company is an inmate of the M.-S.-A. Hospital, recovering from bruises received from a fall.

The Misses Evelyn and Freda Nelson entertained at a pleasant party at their home on Friday evening last. Games, singing and dancing proved popular pastime.

Mrs. G. Trussel visited Vancouver on Thursday.

Mr. Charles Grimley is visiting his relatives in Ireland, and is expected home soon.

Royal Commission To be Appointed

VICTORIA, Dec. 12.— A royal commission to investigate the charges levelled against certain members of the legislature in relation to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, will be appointed within the next few days. This seems certain in view of the demand of the Conservative party made in the house today by way of a motion to introduce a resolution, calling for a royal commission to be composed of not more than three persons.

This afternoon, Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, stated to the members of the House that he had made a definite demand to the premier calling for a complete investigation of the charges.

The Conservatives demand the affair be wide open in the document handed to the speaker, no restrictions are placed on the scope of the commission. The fullest enquiry is demanded.

Electricity is in the air in the Legislative corridors following the charges made by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. The house was supposed to prorogue early next week but recent developments promise to extend this to Christmas or afterwards.

Mt. Lehman

The annual meeting of the Bluebird Mission Band was held in the Memorial Hall on Dec. 1. Good reports were received from the secretary and treasurer. Givings increased 50 per cent and a splendid parcel of Christmas gifts was forwarded to the Birtle Indian School. The officers for 1924 are: Supt. Mrs. Oswald; vice-pres., Endora Walters; treasurer, Annie McLean; secretary, Bernice MacDonald; Home Helpers secretary, Hilda Lewis.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Mt. Lehman Presbyterian church, held on Dec. 5, Mrs. Forerster was chosen president; Mrs. Oswald, vice-president; Mrs. Bates, treasurer and Mrs. Gamsby, secretary. Cheering reports were given by the treasurer and secretary. All obligations for the year have been met and the Aid is ready to proceed with the interior renovation of the church. The members are still kept busy filling orders for their well known wool comforters. Mrs. D. McDougall was hostess on Wednesday afternoon.

While none of the Mt. Lehman potato growers were successful in winning prizes at the Spokane Potato Fair, the exhibitors were well pleased with the position they won.

In Class "A," Certified Netted Gem, there were 37 entries, Mr. Harvey winning 8th place with 946 1-2 points out of 1,000; Mr. A. McLean 20th place with 924 points and Mr. R. Owen 22nd with 932 points. In commercial potatoes Netted Gem, Mr. Owen came 5th in a list of 33 entries wih 966 points out of 1,000 and Mr. A. McLean 9th with 951. This is the first year that this fair has been open to B. C. entries and all exhibits were of a very high order, only two being judged as not worthy of any prize.

The December meeting of the Mt. Lehman Women's Institute is an important one being the annual meeting and it will be held in the Memorial hall on Wednesday Dec. 12. It is expected that all books now out of the library will be returned by that day so that the librarian may have everything arranged for 1924.

Mr. J. A. Bates was a visitor to Victoria this week, where he attended the Provincial House.

Liberals Whitewash Maj. Martin's Dept.

VICTORIA, Dec. 8.—Despite the disclosures made in the public accounts committee sessions that all is not well with the department of industries, the Liberal members of the committee yesterday succeeded in passing a resolution extolling the department of Major Don Martyn and his superior, Hon. John Hart. The resolution, introduced by Ian Mackenzie, Liberal member for Vancouver, asserts that the industrial loan act has been primarily passed to assist in the re-establishment of returned soldiers, and to promote industrial development. The Conservative members voted an emphatic "No" against such a resolution.

Hostilities were in order at yesterday morning's session of the committee when the Liberal members turned their artillery on R. H. Pooley for his statements made in the house relating to the two auditor's reports submitted by Major Martyn, the deputy minister, to the members. these two documents, although relating to the same subject, failing to tally. The committee is now delving into certain contracts carried out by the public works department. Whether or not there will be any quizzing on liquor purchases has not been intimated by the opposition.

PREMIER SAYS HE COULD NOT GET BOOKS BUT P. G. E. CONTRACT SAYS HE CAN

VICTORIA, Dec. 10.—"Willie" Esling scores again. Premier Oliver declared in the Legislature that the provincial government is not able and has not been able in the past to force the production of the books of the Northern Construction Co., Pacific Great Eastern railway contractors. His statement was made in reply to charges preferred by Mr. W. Esling.

Now comes the truth. In the contract betweent the government (P.G. E. Ry. Co.) and the Northern Construction Co. the following section appears:

"The contractors' payrolls, time-books and other books of account and vouchers, invoices and statements, shall be open for the inspection and extract by the authorized representative of the minister or company (P. G. E.) who shall be assisted in every possible way by the contractors to enable such representative to ascertain as far as possible, the exact sums remaining unpaid. The contractor shall be estoped from denying the accuracy or correctness of any payment made by the minister or company under this or the preceding section."

BEESWAX, HOW OBTAINED

Beeswax the natural secretion of certain glands situated in the abdomen of honey bees and produced chiefly by the younger members of the hive is used extensively in the manufacture of many products such as harness oils, polish, lubricants, candles, floor-wax. It is also used by electricians, pattern makers and dentists. The greater part of the wax produced, however, is used by beekeepers in the manufacture of comb foundations.

As wax is worth more than three times as much per pound as honey, everp particle produced in the apiary should be saved. In an apiary run for extracted honey the greater part of the wax will be from cappings while a large amount can be obtained from broken or discarded combs and pieces of burr combs scraped from the hives and frames during the summer.

As a certain amount of impurities are present in the wax as taken from the apiary it is necessary to adopt some method of rendering or extracting the wax pure. Two methods are in general use, one by using the heat from the sun and the other by means of artificial heat. Rendering wax by means of the solar wax extractor is a slow process and only suitable for small amounts of cappings or pieces of new comb. For a large amount of cappings and new comb most of the wax can be extracted by melting it in hot water and then allowing it to cool. The wax being the lighter will rise to the top and harden.

For old combs that have been used in the brood chamber or contain pollen it will be necessary to use pressure to separate the wax from the refuse. Several good hot water presses are on the market and any one of them will soon pay for itself in a fair-sized apiary. The combs are first placed in a tank containing hot water and thoroughly melted. A sheet of burlap or some similiar material is spread over the bottom rack of the press and two or three gallons of the molten mass is poured into it. The edges of the burlap are then folded over evenly and another rack placed on top of it. The press is then filled with boiling water. The top rack is then pressed down by means of a screw and the wax forced out of the cheese in the burlap. It is well to release the screw once or twice during the operation so that the refuse becomes well saturated with the hot water and then to press again. The wax being lighter than water will float to the top and can be run off into moulds.

Some presses are fitted with three racks so that three cheeses can be pressed at one time. Further details on rendering wax can be obtained from Experimental Farm Bulletin No. 26 on "Bees and How to Keep Them." This bulletin can be had from the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.—Experimental Farms Note.

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Here and There

Panama canal tolls for April amounted to $1,878,987.

About $2,300,000 is to be spent on the construction of roads and bridges in the province of British Columbia this year.

The Customs and Excise revenue for April amounted to $20,500,000, an increase of $5,000,000 over the receipts of April of last year.

Emigrants numbering 15,000 left Scotland for Canada during the first four months of the year, according to consular estimates in Glasgow.

Canadian flour has at last been placed on the Panama market. One boat has just loaded, the first consignment of any size, 1,000 barrels being taken.

Seventy-five per cent. of the copper produced in Canada in 1922 was the output of British Columbia mines. The Canadian production for the year was 43,321,402 pounds, of which British Columbia accounted for 32,432,521 pounds.

The famous Chateau Frontenac husky dog team, remembered by visitors during last winter's sports season, is being perpetuated. One of the dogs has just given birth to three pups, and if the youngsters turn out to be like their parents the Chateau Frontenac team is likely to continue winning dog derbys.

Fishing licenses in the Maritime Provinces have been reduced. The special fishery regulations for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have been amended to provide that in many instances where the license has been more than a dollar it will now be one dollar.

No limit will be set to the help to be offered to new settlers in the agricultural sections of the province of Quebec, according to Premier Taschereau. The latest government provision is to pay colonists at the rate of $4.00 per acre for land cleared on their colonization lots since 1920. $7,000,000 have been voted for provincial colonization.

The decision of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to scrap agreements of sale with 30,000 Canadian farmers in the west and enter into new contracts with them, extending over 34 years on an amortization basis, will affect agreements of a value of approximately $100,000,000, and relieve many farmers of heavy, pressing debts.

The new motor ferry operated between Victoria, B.C., and Bellingham, Wash., develops a speed of 14 knots in adverse weather. This motor driven vessel, recently launched, is the first of its class to be used in this service and the first to be added to the Canadian Pacific fleet. It has a capacity for 50 automobiles.

Abraham Martin, first Scotch settler in Canada, first King's Pilot on the St. Lawrence and first farmer on the Plains of Abraham, which were named after him, has been honored by the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., at Quebec by the erection of a granite shaft. Hon. Athanase David, Provincial Treasurer of Quebec, officiated at the unveiling ceremony recently.

Two thousand Canadian Red Men are expected to participate in the Calgary stampede and to move on to Banff for their celebrations and pow-wow on the Indian Days, July 16th and 17th, during which the citizens of Banff will act as hosts. Pony racing, wrestling on horseback, shooting with the bow and arrow, tent-pitching and camp making contests are among the features.

HON. W. H. SUTHERLAND LAYS DOWN ROAD PLAN

VICTORIA, Dec. 10.—A comprehensive road programme has been brought down by Hon. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, and a loan bill has been introduced by the finance minister, Hon. John Hart, for $2,000,000, mostly for highway purposes. It is explained that most of the road-work to be carried on next year will be in the less densely settled districts. Settlers' roads will be constructed and improved wherever possible while a good deal of money will be spent in re-locations with a view to overcoming dangerous sections and shortening distances.

It has been definitely announced that construction will be commenced next year to the completion of the Transprovincial Highway. Either the Hope-Princeton or the Fraser Canyon route will be utilized. The former would cost approximately $1,000,000 and the Fraser Canyon Highway about $1,250,000, according to engineers' estimates. Hon. Dr. Sutherland states that all the necessary data is on hand and tenders could be called for within 24 hours. Meanwhile, it is hoped to secure a grant from the Dominion Government, and until all preparations are completed no announcement of the route can fairly be made.

C. Sumner will have turkeys and geese for Christmas.

The amount raised at the bazaar held recently in aid of the Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Hospital was $650.

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LIBERAL CAUCUS STORMY AFFAIR

VICTORIA, Dec. 8.—The story which appeared in a Vancouver daily yesterday that the Lieut.-Governor may formally ask the Oliver government to appoint a Royal Commission to make a full inquiry into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has thrown a bombshell into the ranks of the administration. Last night's caucus, which was called to discuss the Coast Range Steel, eight-hour day, and beer clause, was a stormy session, according to all reports. All other business was discarded while this latest move to delve into the activities of the Premier, while acting as Minister of Railways, was discussed from all angles.

What made matters worse today was the repudiation of Premier Oliver's statement made in the House yesterday that the government has not and never did have the right to delve into the books of the Northern Construction Company, the contractors on the road since the Oliver government took office.

VETERANS HONOR OTWAY WILKIE

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10.—A large number of veterans were on hand at the Army and Navy Veterans Association club rooms on Saturday evening to witness the presentation of a past president's gold button to Comrade Otway Wilkie, now of Victoria. President Harry Wiggins presented the button. Comrade Wilkie in reply, said that he was president at a time when the local unit was in a very sickly condition, but since then improvements have taken place.