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Our Letter From Victoria

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—Whatever the political tendencies the rural electors of Vancouver Island displayed a month ago whether they be Liberals, Conservatives or Independents, such have been wiped out within the past few days in the general protest against the gerrymander which has been staged in recent weeks and which has split the entire Island into a turmoil, due to the juggling of seats for nothing more than political expediency.

The debate yesterday was a bitter one, Conservatives and Independents lining up solid so that the tocsin call was sent out to absent Liberal members to ally to the goverment ranks to stave off a concerted attempt to defeat the government's efforts to wipe out non-government members.

"Liberalism in my district if this is carried through will be wiped out for a generaton" said Kenneth Duncan, member for Cowichan, and according to those in the galleries, prominent farmers and men of independent means who have settled in the garden of Vancouver Island, Cowchan's member, to use the vernacular, "said a mouthful."

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CHRISTMAS, 1923

In humble cot and stately hall
With laughter and with song,
The children hail the Christmas tide
For which they've waited long;
To them Old Time had leaden wings
They wished him well away,
And asked that he but leave to them
Their own—their one Great Day.

In their sweet songs and joyous play
The older folks renew
Dear visions of their early days
When life was sweet and true;
And once again their voices raise
In Greetings ever new
"A merry Christmas to you all
A bright New Year to you."

—Wm. Banks.

House Concludes Labors for 1923

Summary of most important legislation enacted during the eight weeks' session:

Amendments to the liquor act and introduction of a beer plebiscite of beer by the glass in all cities, districts or rural ridings voting better than 59 per cent. in favor of such measure. Places in which the beer is to be sold being licensed by the government. Measure will not interfere with present goverment control of liquor or sale in government stores.

Authority to licence proprietary clubs taken away from cities. Death knell of such institutions sounded.

Redistribution bill for province brought down.

Eight-hour day bill, effective January 1, 1925.

Reduction of amusement tax by 30 per cent.

Appointment of royal commission to investigate charges made against government and leader of opposition by Provincial party.

Personal property tax cut in two.

Public enquiries act amended.

New loan of $2,000,000 for public works, road work and reclamation work provided for.

Fuel oil taxed 1-2 cent per gallon, gasoline 3 cents a gallon and motor licenses slightly reduced.

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—The legislature concluded its labors for 1923 at 5:30 o'clock and will be formally prorogued at 11 a. m. on Friday, December 21, the darkest day of the year. Neither government nor opposition was willing to admit last night that there was anything more than a coincidence to this fact, however, and both parties were in jubilant mood with their accomplishments of the session.

Weary, haggard ministers jammed on pressure today to get clear of the business of the house this afternoon, while equally weary oppositionists tried their utmost to keep pace with the progress of events. Several divisions were called during the day on report and third reading, W. J. Bowser renewing his effort to remove the personal property tax from the statute books, only to be defeated once more by 23 to 19.

Mission Band Gives Programme

A very nice time was had at the socal given by the Mission Band of the Presbyterian Sunday School last Friday afternoon. A very well rendered programme was given by the little members of the society, including the following numbers:

Hymn, Jesus Loves Me; The Lord's Prayer; Scripture Reading, God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall; Remarks by Rev. W. Robertson; Chorus, Long Ago on Christmas Day Exercise by nine girls; Solo, Flossie Hunt; Recitation, Mina Bailey; Exercise by four girls; Solo, Vera Bedlow; Reading, Kathleen Vannetta; Chorus, We Are a Happy Band; Benediction, Suffer Little Children, sung by the Band.

Refreshments were served and a very happy time spent by the mothers and children.

A Whist Drive and Dance will be given in the Orange Hall on December 28th, under the auspices of the Royal True Blue Lodge. Good music and a good time is guaranteed.

Plebiscite to be in Form of local Option

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—By a vote of 23 to 18 the amendments to the Government Liquor Act, which will have the effect of putting the sale of beer by the glass in British Columbia under a general plebiscite which will in reality be a form of local option passed the House early this morning.

Irrespective of whether the majority vote is wet or dry over the whole province those sections voting wet will be able to have beer parlors. Yesterday afternoon the House voted to delete the two-fifths clause and the bill now provides for a general scheme of local option.

The local option scheme was adopted after Capt. Ian Mackenzie of Vancouver moved for the election of the clause stating that a two-fifths vote would enable the government to hold a further plebiscite in those portions of the province which voted wet. The vote was 22 to 17.

Although passed by the House, the sale of beer by the glass plebiscite will not be taken for some time Hon. A. M. Manson made this plain last night when he said that the matter would not go before the people this winter at any rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munroe of Big Muddy, Sask., are visiting with friends in Abbotsford and district. Mr. Munroe is a brother of Mrs. A. Munro of Sumas Prairie, and is very well known in the district having served as Councilman of Sumas Municipality when he resided here, on the farm then owned by him, which is now owned by Mrs. G. E. Davis at Vye.

HAPPILY WEDDED

KIRKPATRICK—JONES

The first ceremony after the dedication of St Peter's Maneroft Church at Hatzic, was a very pretty wedding performed by the Rev. H. H. K. Greene, vicar of the Parish, on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, when Miss Mary Pauline Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick of Clayburn.

The bride, to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. C. Slack, entered the church on the arm of her father; was beautifully dressed in crepe de chine trimmed with crystal ornaments and veil with wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. She was attended by Miss Sybil Jones, handsomely dressed in crepe de chine of sand and coral, carrying a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was supported by his brother, Mr. E. Kirkpatrick.

During the signing of the register "Oh Perfect Love" was delightfully rendered by Mrs. A. Knight, accompanied by Mrs. C. Slack.

The church was nicely decorated by a number of friends of the bride.

After the ceremony a reception was held at "The Waverley," Hatzic, the home of the parents of the bride.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick left the same evening for Portland.

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

Closing Exercises in The Local Schools

The schools closed today for the Chrstmas holidays and both teachers and pupils will have two weeks vacation.

An excellent programme was rendered as follows:

King Wenceslas, Div. III.; Dialogue "The Good Little Girl," Div. I.; Girls' Wand Drill, Div. IV.; Recitation, Grace Hutchinson; Div. II., Song, Div. V.; Dialogue, "Pa Plays Football, Div. II.; Girls' drill and song, Div. VI.; Duet, two boys of Div. III.; Dialogue, "Tom Sawyer," Div. I.; Boys' chorus, Div. VI.; Song, girls of Div. III.; Girls' drill, Div. I.; Song "The New Invention," Div. II; Boys' song, Div. IV.; Holly drill, Div. V.; Dialogue, "Mrs. Mason's Poodle," Div. I.; Song, Misses Waites, Div. I.; Recitation, Wesley Hay, of Div. I.; Ghost drill, Div. III.; Song, Miss Hunt's Class, Div. V.; "Oh Canada," school.

The high school orchestra, consisting of Lloyd Vanetta, conductor; Irene King, pianist; Miss Wineberg and Harry Taylor, 1st violins; Jessie Coogan and Betty West, 2nd violins; Donald Benedict, banjo; assisted by Mr. James Downie, supplied the music for the concert which was highly appreciated.

The programme was well given and both pupils and teachers deserve great credit for the manner in which it was conducted.

Following the concert dance was given which was largely attended and highly enjoyed. Local musicians supplied the excellent music.

The proceeds will go towards equipment and supplies for the school.

Press Gallery Notes

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—Praise for the Sumas reclamation scheme was given in large measure in the House last night when J. M. Yorston, member for the Cariboo, spoke on the amendments to the "Dewdney Dyking and Drainage act."

Speaking as a practical farmer, he declared that he knew nowhere in the province where such fine land could be secured at the price the Sumas land was being made available at.

Proposals by Hon. Dr. J. D. McLean, minister of education, to cover the demands of school teachers for arbitration in salary disputes with school boards were voted down in the legislature last night.

A motion to extend the time for which a man could claim wages from a bankrupt company under the Mechanics' Lien Act, from 25 days to 30, was made last night by S. Guthrie, Socialist member for Newcastle. Mr. Guthrie declared that he moved the amendments to meet the situation of the Tide-water Copper Company, which left some men with as much as a hundred days' pay due.

The Burnaby bill to provide for the dividing of that municipality into zones for assessment purposes was amended in the house Wednesday, so its purpose was killed.

Local Teams Play At Chilliwack

On Monday evening, the Senior B, Intermediate B and Ladies' Basket Ball teams journeyed to Chilliwack and played the corresponding teams there.

All three games were won by the Chilliwack players the game between the intermediates being a close tie up to the last, going over to the home team by one basket.

Next Thursday evening, what is known as the "Old Maid's Team" of Chilliwack will play the Senior B of Abbotsford and the "Old Men's" team of Chilliwack will play the corresponding Abbotsford team.

WHITE WOMEN ARE PROTECTED

VICTORIA, B. C.—The act of Mrs. M. E. Smith, lady member for Vancouver, to prevent the employment of white women by Orientals, was amended in the House this morning when before committees so that it now prohibits the employment of while women by any person of disreputable character.

Mr. G. H. Berry declared that he knew of certain white nationalities who were just as serious offenders against morality as some Chinese were.

The amendment was moved by Attorney-General Manson and carried by 20 to 15. The bill was reported complete.

Mr. T. Trousdale Dies of Pneumonia

The death occurred early Thursday morning of Mr. Thomas Trousdale, well known throughout this district. Mr. Trousdale had been ill only a few days with a bad cold which developed into pneumonia.

The deceased was 53 years of age, and was a native of England. He had resided in Clayburn for the past 13 years, coming here from Toronto.

Mr. Trousdale is survived by a wife, and one son, Mr. Nelson Trousdale residing at home, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Slivers of Clayburn and Miss Marie Trousdale, also living at home.

The funeral which will be conducted by the Abbotsford Lodge of the I. O. O. F., will take place on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from the family residence at Clayburn, interment to be made in the Hazelwood cemetry, St. Nicholas.

Mr. Trousdale was a valued member of the I. O. O. F. and also of L. O. L. 1867. Members of both orders will take part in the funeral services. Rev. A. H. Priest will be the officiating clergyman.

Financial Report Of Recent Bazaar

The financial report of the bazaar of the M.-S.-A Hospital is now completed, and shows a net gain of over $700.00.

The statement is as follows: Total receipts $833.79, this includes the $10.00 cash from Mr. Gillies of Sumas; $22.50 from the Huntingdon Women's Institute, and the donation of $17.50 worth of lumber from the A. L. Mason and D. Co.

The total expenses were, $134.65, leaving a balance of $699.14 with approximately $20 yet to be collected in.

G.W.V.A. Give Supper And Christmas Tree

A very pleasant time was spent at the Christmas tree and supper of the G. W. V. A. held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon Over seventy people, little and big, were present.

Each child received a gift and a sack of candy from the lovely Christmas tree, games and music were enjoyed, and later all did justice to the nice supper provided.

Local Teams Met American Players

On Monday evening last Northwood played the Abbotsford Basket Ball teams—Intermediate and Senior B. It was a fine exhibition of the game, as it is played. Abbotsford Intermediates won 38-14. The Senior B game ended with a score of 26-25 in favor of Northwood.

The O. A. W. home team played the Harrop Girls' team, the ladies winning by one basket and the score being 10-8.

From a spectator's point of view the games afforded a great deal of enjoyment, and basket ball in Abbotsford stands higher in the estimation of Abbotsford people than ever before.

Report of the High School

Div. I., attendance 95 per cent.

Div. II., attendance 90 per cent.

Grade XI., in order of merit—Julia Kask, Muriel McCallum, Donald Benedict, Annie Kask, Katie Parton, Feda Nelson, Irene King.

Grade X.—Verna Stinson, Nellie Pernoski, Betty West, Jessie Coogan, Mabel Austin, France McPhail, Harry Taylor, Mary Millard, Eleanor Blatchford, Marion Campbell, Marion Buchanan, Gladys York, Lloyd Vannetta, Harold McMenemy, Maurice Brydges, Helen Yarwood.

Grade IX.—Robert Baker, Elda McPhee, Enid Winson, Ronald Hay, Ivy Bourke, Naomi McPhee, Burtt Dunham, Ernest Porter, Ernest Rowles, Marjorie Green, Isabel Brokovski, Helen McAdam, Jean Fraser, Leonard Cruthers, Agnes Fraser, Lawrence Stewart, Edwn Clark.

Many Attend Musical Cantata

The Cantata "A Chistmas Dream" given by the united choirs of St. Matthews and Presbyterian churches on Tuesday evening was an entire success, and the parts were given in a very creditable manner.

The setting for the production was in keeping with the various choruses and proved very effective. Over seventy singers were included, together with those taking the dialogue parts and all were appropriately costumed which gave the scene a resemblance of Biblical times.

The attendance was not as large as last year, but those present enjoyed the evening immensely.

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Purity is a great thing in this world, and hereafter we may expect to find it in one place at least—the newspaper office, if the amendment to the Public Inquiries Act becomes the law of this province. In order to clarify the air the following amendment is now before the provincial house:

The amendment states that when a commission is issued for an inquiry, "the inquiry and commission may in any case include an inquiry into and concerning the conduct and character of any person by whom a demand for the inquiry was made, or by whom the charges were preferred, or the allegations of wrongdoing were made which led up to the inquiry, including the owners, publishers and editors of all journals, newspapers and periodicals published in the province which preferred such charges, or made such demand or allegations, and including all acts done or offences committed by any such person in relation to public affairs or business, federal, provincial or municipal, and including all matters which may tend to disclose the motives of any such person in preferring such charges or in making such demand or allegations."

One could imagine many peculiar positions that might happen to a person who makes a charge against the government. The amendment might be stretched to include any act, public or private, in the life of the person making the charge. This to be used as a bluff to keep away from the criticism of our public men, who might at the same time be leaving themselves open to the severest criticism by their actions in connection with the public money of the province, or in connection with some public act while representing the province as a public man. Public life in B. C. does not appear to be what it should be, or there would not be so much criticism of men who control the affairs of this province.

Sometimes when "chickens come home to roost" it is not agreeable but at the same time most men in pubic life get what is coming to them, and when a reverse comes in "the tide of the affairs" of men, it might be just as well to take the matter calmly rather than keep jumping in the air too high. What is that saying about "protesting too loudly, etc." may be the guilty one—the real guilty.

It would hardly be safe though for newspaper men to place at the head of each editorial their "charge" and their "motive," because it might not be acceptable to the accused at all times. Just suppose an editor took it into his head to hand Premier Oliver a real hot criticism on some public matter and head it with the

Motive—

Charge—

Now as to the meaning of "charge". It might be the 'cash and carry' charge; or "The charge of the light brigade", or a sort of plaster or ointment, or Whiteside's charge to Manson, "not to take himself too seriously"; or in the words of Shakespeare "Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition."

And before placing the motive after the heading as indicated it would be well to consult an authority on what "motive" means. You know there is the personal motive, the literary motive, the musical motive, the mechanical motive, which is produced by water, steam, wind, electricity, or some motive "to pursue riches as the chief end of being," etc.

With all these various meanings it would not be safe for an editor to either place the charge or the motive either at the head or end of his editorial. Editors will have to find a new topic for editorials hereafter.

THIRD PARTIES

In a speech delivered at Montreal recently, Hon. E. J. McMurray, the recently appointed solicitior-general in the King administration, waxed something satirical at the expense of the Farmers' or Progressive party as it functions in the Prairie Provinces. The sun of this party, said Mr. McMurray, was setting, and at the next election in Manitoba and Alberta he expected a return to the two-party system.

And Mr. McMurray may not be so far wrong. For the past two years there have been increasing signs of a break-up in the ranks of the Progressives, and a return to old party lines. And but little else was to be expected. When a party is expected to perform so much—even impossibilities—and accomplishes so little, the rank and file soon become disgusted. The writer does not wish to create the impression that the Progressive leaders expected to accomplish what was impossible, but they permitted the common, ordinary or garden variety of members of the local unions to form that idea unchecked. This is shown by the fact that several of these local unions in all three provinces passed resolutions asking the government to fix the price of wheat on a wartime basis, some as high as $2.40 per bushel. It was also expected that the prices of commodities would be reduced, and that agricultural implements would be put on the free list. Disappointment over the non-fulfillment of these expectations will naturally deplete the Progressive ranks.

Many will remember the rise, culmination and dissolution of the Patrons of Industry movement in Ontario. The Progressive party on the prairies seems to have been free from a phenomenon which marked and hastened the death throes of Patronism in Ontario: the acceptance of office under one of the old parties by some of its leaders.

But third parties have their uses during the period of their florescence. They keep the old parties in line, effect reforms, and sometimes prevent the passing of legislation detrimental to the interests of the country.

But the climate, soil and atmosphere of the American continent seem to be fatal to third parties. They arise, have their little day, and pass out of existence.—Merritt Herald.

"PAP" FOR FARMERS

In the bad old days of Bowerism, of which Liberal orators are not seldom constrained to remind us, the Farmers' Institute flourished exceedingly. It had its uses in the scheme of machine politics and a good deal of public money went in the expenses incurred by the large number of delegates who annually attended the convention at Victoria, passed resolutions for pigeonholing and then dispersed to their homes near and far.

In one rural "city" the Farmers' Institute membership comprised all those storekeepers and residents with gardens who had succumbed to the cajoleries of the drug store clerk who was secretary of the organization. To him it meant a cheap annual holiday at the Coast.

Under Liberal administration the convention has been replaced by a gathering of the advisory board. This is just as well for there is still a drain on the public purse. According to the information given last week by the minister of agriculture to the member for his district, the expenses of six out of the seven who attended the recent conference in Victoria totalled $731.30.

Contrast this with the fact that for some years past representatives of the Farmers' Union have attended at Victoria during the session at their own expense.

The costs to the public through the expenses of six of the seven members of the Farmers' Institute advisory board for the past eight months says the Hon. Mr. Barrow have totalled $1,200.35. If the seventh member's bill be in the same ratio we have expenses at the rate of $2,100 a year, plus the annual conference expenses of some $850. Add again the cost of the secretary ("time allowance," $787.50, and travelling expenses, $1,044.63, for thirteen months), and we have the advisory board costing the B. C. public somewhere between $3,000 and $4,000 a year.

And what has it accomplished?

The grants to Farmers' Institutes last year ran into nearly $3,000.

All this is in the nature of government "pap," served out by the self-same people who are telling the farmer to stand on his own feet!—Leader.

OKANAGAN FRUIT

It now appears that the best market the Okanagan growers can secure for their peaches and apricots is on the prairies. Then why were the housewives of this district ledd to expect that they could secure all they needed of these fruits from B. C. growers?

The growers' association was evidently to blame in part. The B. C. Products Bureau and its coadjutors in the Women's Institute movement have doubtless received a salutary lesson.

As we pointed out at the time the proper way for the growers to notify the public—if they needed to inform them at all—was and is to use ordinary business methods, which in this case means advertising.

Instead of this the B. C. Products Bureau induced the heads of the B. C. Women's Institutes to appeal to the patriotism of women all over the province not simply to buy fruit but to buy the wares of the manufacturers represented in that bureau.

Until the product of the Okanagan in apricots and peaches has grown to a volume which needs markets than those afforded by the prairies it may be anticipated that Vancouver wholesalers will continue to import American fruit "dumped," or otherwise, and the housewives of Cowichan will continue to can it.—Leader.

THE ALBERTA VOTE

Alberta has joined the provinces which have gone on record by an overwhelming majority against prohibition.

The vote in Alberta, as in British Columbia and Manitoba, represents a crystallization of the feeling, gained from experience, that prohibition is not successful in producing temperance in the use of alcoholic liquors.

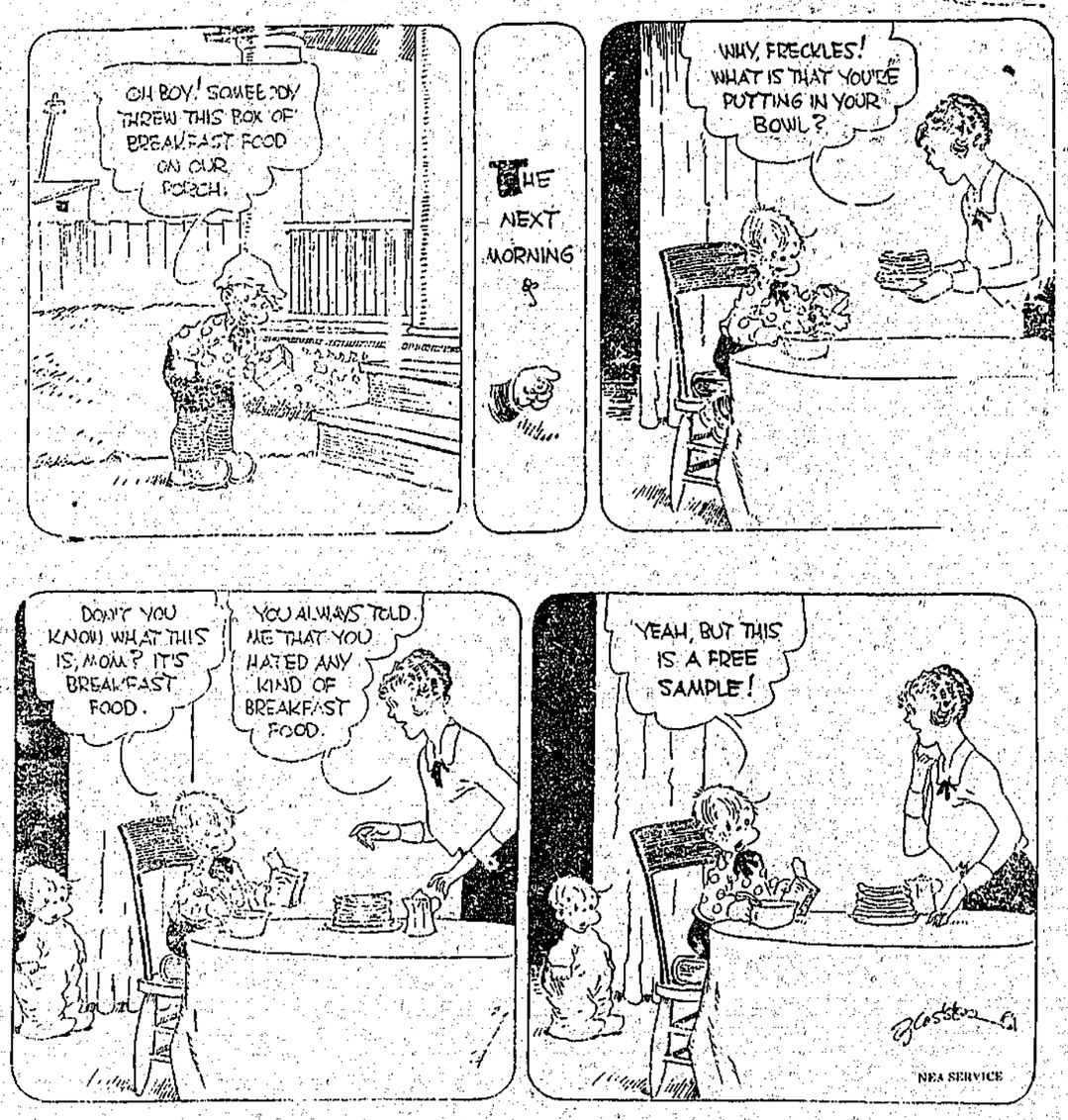
There is no question but that the wave of prohibition feeling which passed over Canada during war times was due far more to desire to bring about temperance than to any completely prohibition feeling. People who saw no moral crime in taking a drink voted for prohibition because they hoped that it would result in preventing immoderate drinking. These same people, the people who at heart believe neither in the complete prohibition of the use of alcoholic beverages nor in the intemperate consumptioin of them, have come to the conclusion that prohibition is not the remedy and are trying another method.—Nelson News.

Every business man and every farmer in B. C. should be grateful to the Oliver Government for the cut in the Personal Property tax and the reduction of the tax on land. The Personal Property tax was a most unjust impost and often pressed most heavily on the most enterprising merchants not because they made large profits but because they carried a large stock of goods to meet the needs of their customers. And the tax on land was too high for agriculture in its present position as the cinderella of all trades, to support. We also think that the tax on gasoline and the reducion in motor licenses is a fairer method of obtaining revenue for the upkeep of the roads than the old, for under the new distribution those who use the roads most will pay more.

But how this great decrease in revenue is to be made up is another thing and perhaps the government is not so much concerned with the future as the immediate present.—Comox Argus.

Minister of Agriculture Barrow thinks that men on the farm who do not know how to farm and market their crop at a profit, and who complain about agricultural conditions should be sent out of the country—fired, as it were. That's all right. But wait till the farmers get a chance to tell Mr. Barrow what they thing ought to be done with a Minister of Agriculture who doesn't know how to minister.—Enderby Commoner.

Freckles and His Friends—It Makes a Difference—By Blosser.



THE FIFTH PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND EGG LAYING CONTEST

The fifth Prince Edward Island Egg Laying Contest, that closed on October 30, 1923, broke all previous records in this Province. Mr. D. F. McDonald, of Montague, with Barred Plymouth Rocks, had the high hen, 271 eggs, and the high pen, 1996 eggs. The total number of eggs laid in the 52 weeks of the contest by the 20 pens of ten birds each was 32,020, or an average of 160 per bird. This is a great improvement over all previous contests; the highest average in any former P. E. Island contest was 129. The cost of the feed for the 200 hens was the lowest to date, $418.77, and the total value of the eggs over the cost of feed was the highest, $395.25, or $1.97 1-2 per bird. The greatest gain over cost of feed was that made by a pen of White Leghorns owned by Mrs. Edward Bullpitt, with $32.37 or a profit of $3.23 per bird.

There were 9 pens of Barred Rocks, 6 pens of S. C. White Leghorns, 2 pens of Rhode Island Reds, 2 pens of White Wyandottes and one pen of Anconas. The average number of eggs laid by the birds of each breed is as follows. White Leghorns, 179.6; White Wyandottes, 161.2; Barred Rocks, 155.5; Anconas, 149.3 and Rhode Island Reds, 126.3.

There were 34 hens that laid 200 eggs or over, and 127 hens that laid 150 eggs or over during the fifty-two weeks of the contest.

The fifth P. E. Island Egg Laying Contest was filled from farm flocks from all over the Province, with the exception of two pens of White Leghorns entered by the Experimental Station, for registration. These pens came third and fourth in production.

Interest in the P. E. Island Egg Laying Contest has increased from year to year. The first Federal Egg Laying Contest, open to all Canada, was started at the Charlottetown Experimental Station in the autumn of 1918. Since then all the Provinces have started Egg Laying Contests of their own, and now, with the Canadian at Ottawa, open to the world, there are, in all, twelve Federal Contests.—Experimental Farms Note.

INCREASE IN TIMBER DURING PRESENT YEAR

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—Detailed statistics just issued by the provincial Department of Lands indicate that the timber scaled in British Columbia for ten months ending October 31st, totalled 2,123,999,000 board feet as against 1,596,661,000 board feet for the same period of 1922. It will be seen therefore that there was an increase of 527,000,000 feet or 33 per cent.

Of sales of Crown timber during the first ten months of 1923, there were 698, and these were valued $1,264,838.24, and in view of the fact that there were only 498 sales, valued at $550,428.41, for the same period in 1922, it will be seen that here again there was an increase of 130 per cent. in the value of the timber sold.

STRIKING FIGURES IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—Striking figures regarding the gradual expansion of British Columbia's industrial activity were presented to the provincial Legislature the other day. These statistics show that in 1915 there were only 1,007 manufacturing plants in the province as against 2,809 in 1922, which means an increase of 179 per cent. Employees in these plants numbered 21,054 in 1915 as compared with 55,000 in 1922, or an increase of 161. Of more especial significance [illegible] comparative value of production. In 1915 it stood up at $73,624,000, as compared with $239,794,000, in 1922, or an increase of 225 per cent.

JANUARY ROD AND GUN

The story of an eventful canoeing trip is told in the January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada by Frosty Snow in "With Paddle and Fish Pole in Quebec". There is also a good description of a moose hunt on the Athabasca river by H. K. Heavy, while F. V. Williams vividly describes a tragedy of wild life as unfolded by tracks in the snow in his story "As Told In the Snow". A. A. Haines who is an authority on hunting knives has a well illustrated article dealng with the various makes of hunting knives, together with his opinion of them. After trying for twenty-three years, Bonnycastle Dale has finally taken a splendid photograph of the Red Breasted Merganser, and his good description of the life and habits of this bird is of interest to all. Guns and Ammunition is particularly well stocked with interesting articles as well as the questions and difficul- of sportsmen, answered by C. S. Landis, while Fishing Notes, Along other departments are all filled with fine articles by specialists.

The January issue opens the first number of the new year with articles on canoeing, fishing, moose hunting, ski-ing, hunting knives, nature studies, guns and ammunition, trapping, kennel interests and a host of other subjects.

Hand saws were first [illegible]

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FATHER LE JEUNE INVENTS INTERNATIONAL VOCABULARY

The Rev. Father Le Jeune, the old-time missionary to the Indians of the interior, has prepared a vocabulary of 350 words with which he claims it is possible to express anything contained in any known language. He says the vocabulary—he does not call it a language—can be learned in a very short time and maintains that it would prove useful in the international conferences which are so common in this day.

The vocabulary is built up with the 163 words of Chinook, which originated in the old Chinook and other Indian languages as a base, 75 words from old Hudson's Bay French, now obsolete, being added, and the balance of the 350 words being English.—Journal, Ashcroft.

Tea is a product of Asia and has been used in China from the earliest times. Europe first became acquainted with it in 1615, when an English trader sent some samples of it to London.

Coffee was not known to the Greeks or Romans but was first known in Arabia about the fifteenth century. It was introduced into Holland in the seventeenth century and spread soon after to the West Indies.

OUR VICTORIA LETTER

(Continued from Page One)

The vote taken on the clause relating to the merging of Cowichan and Newcastle, was one of the closest seen in this House this session, Major Langley clerk of the House reporting a count of 22 to 19.

The debate of the "bear garden" type early in the afternoon when Major Burde rallying to the defence of Messrs. Duncan and Guthrie and apparently nettled by the continuous interruptions from the government side of the House, accepted the challenge of Premier Oliver to turn the affair into a "rough house" and then promptly moved that the committee rise, a step if taken, would have meant the committee could not sit again. The motion of Alberni's member was voted down, 22 to 19, and from then on the debate waxed fast and furious.

With a large sized map plastered on an equally large-sized easil Premier Oliver undertook the role of a schoolmaster in explaining the proposed changes. He attempted to explain the reason of Victoria retaining her four seats and the necessity of the rural districts being reduced in number.

Kenneth Duncan Cowichan then started to slam the measure for all he was worth and made one of the most forceful speeches of his career in the Legislature. The people of Cowichan had no quarrel with the electors of Nowcastle but the interests of each was diverse he claimed.

"There was a tendency to sneer against Englishmen. I am a Canadian but I dare anybody to say that Englishmen are not good settlers. In no district of the Empire" said the member, "did you find a more ready response to the call to war; hardly a district left behind in the field more men and when conscription came, Cowichan had hardly a man to be called up."

These settlers were progressive, he claimed, and had led the field in the co-operative movement among the farmers. Was it any wonder, he asked, that they wanted to retain their identity?

Sam Guthrie, Socialist member with the charge that the government were desirous of wiping out the mining district because they had returned a labor member for the past twenty years. He wondered if the people of the two ridings had threatened to burn the Premier in effigy would this proposal have been made.

Congratulating the member for Cowichan for having made one of his best speeches he had ever made in the House Mr. W. J. Bowser stated he could appreciate the difficulty in bringing down a fair and just re-distribution measure especially in a scattered province like B. C. But political motives were the main purpose of the bill.

"This bill is conceived in political iniquity to strengthen a tottering government. It is well gnown the Premier has been working for months with nothing in view but political advantage."

The present scheme was to restore the old friction between Vancouver and the mainland, declared Mr. Bowser, but however the government viewed the bill it was nothing else but a gerrymander and would not save the government when the people go to the ballot box.

Thomas Menzies, Independent member for Comox, played true to form when he depreciated the efforts of the Cowichan and Newcastle representatives to retain their status, remarks to which Kenneth Duncan stated his surprise at a rural member speaking so.

David Whiteside, New Westminster, came to the support of the island constituencies by suggesting that Vancouver and Victoria each lose a representative. Cowichan had a history, he maintained, while Newcastle electors desired to be represented by one of their own element.

Sam Guthrie asked that if the bill was for political expediency, why had not the government merged the Islands with Cowichan and Newcastle with Nanaimo. The Minister of Mines knew full well that if the latter were the case he would would not return to the House.

"Liberalism in my district, if this is carried through, will be wiped out for a generation," was Kenneth Duncan's parting shot.

On the vote being counted—22 to 19—Mr. Pooley asked how the member for Comox had voted.

Mr. Menzies—He voted the right way.

Mr. Guthrie—Yes. He voted Liberal as he had always done since he joined this legislature.

HOWE CHOOSES FRASER RIVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17. — Hon. Thomas Crerar and his directors left for Winnipeg on Saturday night without having definitely "closed" on the Woodward elevator.

Efforts are being made to have the Grain Growers locate on a site capable of taking care of one or two million-bushel capacity elevator. The location of this site has not been disclosed, though it is known that Consulting Engineer Howe, who accompanied the party, is very much in favor of locating on the Fraser river at New Westminster.

Owing to the absence from the city of members of the Vancouver harbor commission, negotiations between the Spiller Grain company of England, admitted to be one of the largest milling concerns in Great Britain, and the harbor commission are at a standstill. The representative of the British company is still in the city waiting to complete arrangements in behalf of his company.

McRAE PREPARED TO BE PROBED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15. — Commenting on the remarks of Premier Oliver and Attorney-General Manson regarding himself in the Legislature on Thursday and the proposal to amend the Public Enquiries Act to include the record and motives of those making charges against members of the Legislature, Major-Gen A. D. McRae declared yesterday that he was pleased to see that at last he had "smoked out Honest John" and that three was to be an investigation into the P. G. E. and the Sumas reclamation scheme.

"I am also interested in the proposed revival of the Spanish inquisition," said the general, "to determine the history of motives. So far as I am concerned, I will be very pleased to submt to it and the only think I ask is that it shall apply to both sides."

"Mr. Oliver has been carrying on a whisper campaign against me for some time," continued General McRae. "He has been promising to divulge dreadful things about me. Now is his opportunity to trot out his little black book and let the whole world see what he has up his sleeves. If he has anything it will be in the interest of the public to divulge it all. In fact, it is his duty to do so."

CATS

The house cat was common in Egypt from the earliest times, and is depicted on mummies coeval with human figures. Domestic cats are mentioned in manuscripts of India 2000 years B. C.

BEER BY GLASS BILL BROUGHT IN

VICTORIA, Dec. 17. — Bills to amend the Liquor Act and to authorize the taking of a plebiscite on the sale of beer by the glass were introduced in the Legislature on Saturday.

The question to be put to the electors will be as follows: "Do you approve of the sale of beer by the glass in licensed premises, under government control and regulation?"

There will be no opportunity at the plebiscite for a vote on the issue of prohibition, it is stated, as the government does not feel that at the present time that is an issue. But it is set forth in t he bill, that "more than one question may be submitted to vote under this act at the same time and on the same or separate ballot papers."

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It is provided that all expenses of such a plebiscite shall be paid out of the funds of the Liquor Control Board. Sale by the glass will follow if the plebiscite results shows that the total number of votes in the affrmative exceeds three-fifths of the vote cast.

Provision is made for the application of the principle of local option to the extent that if the provincial vote was largely for or against the sale of beer by the glass and there was a close vote in any particular riding opposed to the tenor of the whole vote of the Province, then in that riding it will be possible to hold another vote on the opposition to hold another vote on the question to determine whether eber should be sold by the glass in that riding or not.

The amendments to the Government Liquor Act provide for the licensing of clubs, if the plebiscite passes. A club is defined as a "society or association of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, organized or carried on for the purpose of furnishing refreshment or amusement, or for social, athletic, recreational, fraternal, benevolent, educational or other purposes." All clubs will be licensed by the Liquor Control Board. Club licences will not be transferrable and will expre annually at midnight of December 31.

The Liquor Control Board is given wide powers in cancellation or suspension of licences. The premises of every club which does not hold a valid licence shall be deemed to be a public place within the meaning of the act, that is, it will be illegal for it to have any liquor upon the premises. All licensed clubs are taken from the control of the municipalities.

The net result of the new regulations, it is believed by the Attorney-General, will be to wipe out the so-called beer clubs, leaving only the recognized socil clubs. Members have liquor for their own use provided the club possesses Liquor Board licences, but in respect of unlicensed clubs, it is provided that where anyone keeps or consumes liquor in such, the club shall be liable to prosecution, while the person actually keeping or consuming the liquor shall also be guilty. Power to enter all club premises without permit is granted to Provincial officials.

In the event of the plebiscite for the sale of beer by the glass being passed by the electors, the Liquor Act amendments provide for beer licences for sale by the glass. Every applicant for such a licence must advertise in at least two issues of a newspaper in the localty, not more than thirty nor less than days before filing of appication with the Liquor Control Board. The Board will have full power to investigate the character of the applicant and the nature of the premises for which application has been made, and to cancel or suspend licences when once granted No licencee will be permitted to have a bar or counter and no liquor other than beer shall be sold.

ASK APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—The following resolution, calling for an enquiry into P. G. E. afafirs, has now been filed, moved by J. Hinchliffe and seconded by R. H. Pooley:

"Whereas certain charges have been made from time to time on the floor of the house and in public, in regard to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern railway as well as against certain members of this house in relation thereto;

"And whereas the premier has stated from his place on the floor of the house that charges of a very serious nature have been made publicly against himself in former capacity of minister of railways in this regard;

"And whereas for the protection of the province it is necessary to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these as well as of all other charges in connection with the said railway and the construction thereof;

"Therefore, be it resolved that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying him that a royal commission consisting of such person or persons not exceeding 3 in number, as may be appointed under the Public Enquires act, be appointed to investigate the said charges and the said commission be invested with all the powers and authority which under the said act may be granted, including (but so as not to limit the generality of the powers afore-named) power and authority to investigate all the facts, figures, costs, contracts, transactions and details and all other matters directly or indirectly relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

"And also into the relations and transactions between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. and the contractors or any other person, firm or corporation directly or indirectly concerning the same; and further to make the fullest investigations into the personal dealings of any and all members of this legislature in connection with the matter under investgation; and generally to make the most searching enquiry into all mtters that the said commission may deem necessary to investigate in order to enable it to report to his Honor the Lieut.-Governor as to the truth or otherwise of all charges or matters in any way pertaining to the said railway, its construction, or the doings or dealings of any and all persons in connection therewith;

"And that His Honor be pleased to order that the report of the said commission be printed immediately after its presentation to him and that copies of the report be forwarded to the members of this legislature."

IRISH FREE STATE TO ADOPT SYSTEM?

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—A cable to the Montreal Star announced the other day that the Irish Free State Senate had adopted by a unanimous vote the appointment of a committee to enquire into the feasibility of adopting the British Columbia Government's system of accountancy by the new regime at Dublin. This is taken to mean in this part of the Dominion that the system which the Hon. Mr. Hart introduced ino the department of Finance a few years ago already has added to its Dominion reputation for clearness and accuracy some renown on the other side of the Atlantic.

The cotton gin, which revolutionized the cotton gowing industry, was perfect by Eli Whitney. Previous to the invention cotton fibre was separated from the seed by hand, requiring two years time for one person to produce a single bale. With the gin fifteen bales may be turned out in a day.

New Ownership for Prairie Farmers

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

At a meeting held in the Hatzic Hall on Saturday last, Mr. Maxwell Smith was apported to proceed to Victoria, accompanied by Mr. Hamilton Read for the purpose of placing before the government a plan of legislation for the relief of the farmers within the area of the Dewdney Dyking area. At the meeting Mr. Maxwell Smith outlined the plan which he had previously worked out with Premier Oliver, and it met with the approval of the property holders after thorough discussion. If this legislation goes through it will enable the present occupants of the land to stay on the land under more favorable circumstances.

It is understood that the bond holders are favorable to the new scheme.

It will do away with the present "Blanket Mortgage" and have the land graded and assessed accordingly.

The land within the dyking area is some of the best in the Fraser Valley, but the fact that each man under the "blanket mortgage" was responsible for his neighbors' taxes has worked a hardship on all.

News of the success which the new enabling legislation is sure to bring to the farmers will be awaited with interest by all as it spells a new era of prosperity for the entire community.

Mr. Smith was also appointed to interview the C. P. R. regarding that company's claim for dyke construction.

It was the regular annual meeting, and was a long day, owing to the delay of the train which arrived in Hatzic about 4 p. m. instead of shortly after ten in the morning, but was well worth the waiting.

FORCING RHUBARB IN WINTER

Forcing rhubarb in winter, either commercially or for home use, is comparatively easy, and should be carried on much more generally than it is at the present time, as a supply of this very appetising dish can by this means be had from January until the early spring. The roots for forcing are dug in the late autumn before the ground freezes, care being taken to preserve all the buds on the crowns, and to keep as much of the earth adhering to the roots as possible. Past experience has proven that roots that have been completely frozen force much better and quicker. It will require at least ten days of quite severe freezing to put the roots in good condition for forcing.

When the time comes to bring in the plants, a dark cellar should be available, where a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees F. can be maintained. The frozen crowns are then together as possible and the spaces between filled with moist sand or earth. It is a good plan to heap several inches of soil over the frozen buds and leave this covering on for a couple of days only to gradually draw out the frost. Water should be applied liberally, because upon the moisture supply will depend to quite an extent, the success of the crop. It is not necessary to use rich soil in this work, because the roots already contain the necessary plant food for the development of the leaf-stalks.

While the first planting will produce for about six weeks, yet to maintain an abundant supply, it is well to have a second lot of roots out of doors, ready for planting when the first lot is just ready for use. These frozen roots should be brought in, planted and treated in the manner described for the first lot.—Experimental Farms Note.

Happy, Happy School Days

The Original Optimist

ROBINSON CRUSOE was the Original Optimist. Times looked bad for Robinson—couldn't—have looked much worse. But he didn't say, "What's the Use"; didn't lie down, whimper, kick, and growl at destiny. No, Crusoe used his HEAD; he THOUGHT—then he thought some more—real serious line of thinking. Just what to do was the puzzle Crusoe was solving. Finally it came to him in a flash—"I have it," said Robinson—"I'LL ADVERTISE!"

A thousand miles from nowhere—a possible buyer coming within reading distance of his ad every few years—that was Robinson's outlook. It was hard times,—business depresson, a stringent money market,—also what Sherman said about war.

But Crusoe, as before mentioned, was an Optimist, also a believer in persistent advertising.

He wanted a ship—how would he get it? Answer—"Advertise!" And he did—flung a shirt from the top of a pole.

The first advertisement brought no returns.

But Crusoe wasn't discouraged. He changedthe "copy"—put up another shirt. Yes, times were hard—awful hard; but Crusoe won out—he got his ship—and he did it by PERSISTENT ADVERTISING.

Crusoe was the original Optimist.

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Abbotsford, B.C.

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Essendene Avenue — *ABBOTSFORD, B. C.*

PERSONAES

Rev. W. Robertson has received the appointment as Justice of the Peace. Mr. Robertson did not apply for this honor, but upon being asked if he would accept it, he consented. Congratulations.

Miss Harrowpath who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Horne is visiting friends in Pt. Coquitlam.

Mrs. N. Hill has returned home from coast cities. Mr. Hill is expected home for Christmas.

Miss Dunham of Vulcan, Alberta, has come to reside with her parents here.

A special Christmas song service will be observed in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, the choir assisting. In the morning the service will also be in keeping with the festival season.

Mr. A. McInnes and Mr. J. Copping of Wyatt Bay visited their homes here during the week.

Mr. Wilkinson of Harrison Springs has been spending a week as the guest of his sister-in-law Mrs. Hutchinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Farrow have gone to Victoria where they will be the guests of Mrs. Farrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, for the holiday season.

Mr. Harold Rucker and Mr. Frank Rucker of Kamloops are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Vanentta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alder and Miss Mabel Alder will be the Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bedlow.

The Langley Prairie and Clayburn football teams will play a game at Clayburn Saturday afternoon, December 22nd.

The F. V. F. Association have lost their popular president, Mr. DeCannonville of Langley Prairie, on account of the Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, in which he is employed, having been transfered to Vancouver.

A very fine programme, well readered was given at the concert held in the School House, Huntingdon, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. M. Shore was a visitor in Vancouver during the week.

On account of the absence of the President, Mrs. A. George, and the busy rush of the holiday season, no regular meeting of the W. A. of the M.-S.-A. Hospital will be held until the third Wednesday of January.

Miss R. Archibald spent the week-end at her home in New Westminster.

Mrs. C. L. Miller visited in Vancouver on Tuesday.

Miss Elsie McPhee visited in coast cities at the end of the week.

At the regular meeting of the Hiawatha group of the C. G. I. T. held on Monday afternoon, the leader, Miss Teena McPhee, was presented with a beautiful box of stationery by the members, in appreciation of her kindness during the past year.

Dr. T. A. Swift visited in Vancouver during the week.

Mr. Stanley Parton of the U. S. Battleship Tennessee is spending a holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parton.

Mrs. H. McKinnon and family motored into vancouver during the week.

Mrs. J. Parton, Mrs. Gilmore and Mr. Stanley Parton motored into Vancouver on Tuesday and visited Mrs. A. C. Salt and Mrs. Wm. Fox.

Mrs. M. M. Shore spent two days in Vancouver and New Westminster this week.

The annual Christmas dinner of the A. L. M. and D. Co. was served at the boarding house on Friday afternoon and was enjoyed by all present.

Miss F. E. Trethewey and Mr. Robert Trethewey visited in Vancouver on Thursday and Friday.

Plans are now completed for the the annual New Year Dance of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society which will be held in the theatre hall on Monday evening, December 31st. Artists from various points are engaged to take part.

WHITESIDE IS READY TO QUIT

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—The Liberals of New Westminster will have to find another candidate than David Whitesde, M. L. A., when the government again goes to the country. This is considered certain in view of Mr. Whiteside's slashing attack on the administration on Friday and Saturday last when the Royal City member branded Hon. Alex. Manson's amendment to the public enquiry act as an outrage.

Mr. Whiteside is understood to be "fed up" with the political game as it has been played in the British Columbia house in recent years. To many it appears that he could have made political history in 1921 and last year had he come out in the open for an investigation of certain matters. Such a step would have led to further defections from the government ranks and would have forced action by the administration leading to a clearing up of certain matters which have left stench in the nostrils of the electorate and which later on resulted in the formation of the Provincial party.

New Westminster's member on Saturday asserted there was no necessity for the proposed amendment to the public enquiry act which would give inquisitorial powers to the commission. In the hands of an unscrupulous administration it would prove a dangerous thing.

Both Premier Oliver and Hon. Mr. Manson supported the amendment in their address at Saturday's sitting. The Premier stated that he had suffered in silence for a long time from aspersions cast upon him. Seven years ago he recalled a "frame-up" to drive him from public life. His appeal to the courts resulted in a twenty-five cent verdict in his favor. "That is what a public man gets for his services," he told the house.

OUR RURAL SCHOOLS

Although the commission appointed to investigate the conditions of education in Manitoba has not yet presented its report, it is clear from the press reports of the evidence heard that many schools in the province are being closed for lack of funds to carry on. Which means, of course, that many hundreds of children are being denied their right to a necessary equipment for a fair start in life.

Recriminations are of little use except as a guide for the future, but there is no doubt the present situation has been accentuated by the prodigal spending of the past in sumptious and extravagant buildings for which the people are today paying. So the shortsightedness of the past is now being visited in sharp fashion on the children of today.

It is hoped that the commission in its report will be able to suggest some method of relief so that the rising generation will not be robbed of their natural rights. No province can afford to neglect the education of its children, particularly Manitoba, where the variety of races and languages to be found among its people makes the task vitally important, that is if the children are to be moulded into a coherent and mutually helpful community.

One does not need to be a sociologist to realize that economy in the matter of elementary education has to be paid for at a ruinous rate of interest in the years to come.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Ridgedale News

Ridgedale Community Club gave an amateur play entitled "Valley Farm" to a crowded house last Tuesday week in the Ridgedale Hall.

Refreshments were served and dancing followed until a late hour.

The Club also gave the play at Clayburn on Saturday evening in the school house there.

The following took part: Mrs. Jno. Reid, Mrs. Claude Farr, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Muriel Page, Miss Margaret Stennerson, Miss Agnes Lancaster, Mr. A. C. Kelliher Mr. A. E. Farr, Mr. Bert Saunders, Mr. L. Cornwall, Mr. Wyburn Page, Mr. R. Adams.

Mrs. Ireland of Clayburn enlivened proceedings between acts by a vocal solo.

FRUIT GROWING

Canada was, until recently, and is to a large extent yet, dependent for commercial planting and for home use on varieties of fruits, veglables, and ornamental plants originated in other countries, says E. S. Archibald in his government report on agriculture. It is the earnest endeavor of the Division of Horticulture to originate new sorts that will be more suitable for Canadian conditions, especially for most trying situations, than are many of those now being grown, or the growth of which is being attempted.

In Canada, wild strawberries, gooseberries, currants, and raspberries grow almost or quite, to the Arctic Circle, and there are other native bush fruits as well, such as the blueberry, cranberry, saskatoon or service berry, high bush cranberry or pembina, and others, which make excellent material for foundation stock, from which to obtain, by crossing and selection, more valuable varieties for cultivation. Then there are the wild plum, sand cherry, and grape, all natives of Manitoba, and also the choke cherry and pin or bird cherry, which are hardy on the prairies and which furnish excellent material. The wild crab apple is found very far north in Siberia is in trying or more trying conditions than there are on the Canadian prairies, and this has been used as a parent in breeding hardy apples for the Prairie Provinces. There has been brought together at the Experimental Station, Morden, Man., what is believed to be the best collection of hardy fruits in America, so that improvement work may proceed on the prairies for the prairies. In this, considerable work was done in 1923.

The many new varieties of fruits originated at Ottawa are being sifted out each year, after careful comparison with one another and with the standard sorts. Those which are most promising are sent out also to the Experimental Stations in different parts of Canada, both east and west, for test there. It is not the purpose to encourage the planting of a large number of new varieties in a commercial way, as there are too many sorts already, but it is expected that some of the best of these new sorts will gradually take the place of the older ones. In 1922 a few more very promising apples were named. These have been given the distinguishing names of Stonetosh, Keetosh, Bethanis, Spiza, Spinill, Newtosh, which convey some idea of the parents used in obtaining them. Full descriptions of these will be found in the detailed report of this Division.

Much attention is being paid to the improvement of the strawberry. Better shipping and canning varieties are desired, and some very useful varieties have been obtained. The Portia, one of these, has proven a decided acquisition for canning.

In some parts of Canada, the everbearing strawberries are much more valuable than in others. Where, for instance, late spring frosts frequently occur, killing the bloom of the ordinary sorts, the "everbearing" varieties, which bloom in the summer and autumn, escape, and furnish the settler with a supply of this delicious fruit. Hence, at Ottawa, many crosses have been made between the older "everbearing" serts and some of the productive and best of the June-bearing varieties, with the result that some very promising new everbearers have been obtained.

One of the most interesting and useful cultural experiments that have been made with strawberries, and which was far enough advanced to report on in 1922 was that of showing the importance of having runners make root early in the season as opposed to late-set runners. It was proven that the yields from the former are much greater than from the latter, emphasizing the importance of early planting to obtain early rooted plants.

Experiments were continued in 1922 with other important fruits such as pears, plums, cherries, grapes, currants, gooseberries, and raspberries. An investigation was made into the blueberry industry in Eastern Canada, and plants having good types of fruit were collected and planted for work in the improvement of this delicious fruit.

False teeth were made use of before the time of Christ. They are mentioned by Horace, B. C. 65, and Ovid, B. C. 43. References to dental operations are made by Hippocrates five centuries before Christ. The filling of teeth with gold is described in a book on dentistry, printed by Peter Jordan in 1532.

The harp, sometimes called lyre, dates back at least 3000 years and had its origin in Egypt where it is pictured in frescos of geart antiquity.

MUSICAL RECORD EXCHANGE, Winnipeg. Used records exchanged twenty for dollar also new records for old. Bargain catalogue free. Records in twenty foreign languages. d20

HOW FAR BACK CAN YOU REMEMBER?

How far back can you follow the path of recollections?

Does your memory trail into the dim trundle days, like Fannie Hurst's, or does it begin with a jerk at the age of 4, like that of Robert Davis, whose recollections are briefly told below.

It is true, as has been indicated by many tests, that women can wander much farther into the past than men?

In an early-memory test given to 1,658 people, it was shown that the first recollections of men were concerned largely with clothing. Women's early recollections, strange to relate, rarely concerned themselves with clothes.

Some psychologists go as far as to say that we never forget anything. Others claim that we, even possess racial memory—that our intuitions are really our recollections of thoughts and experiences repeated thru long chains of centuries.

Now for some testimonial light on the subject:

"The first thing I remember," says Fannie Hurst, author, "is the day that most delicious and insolute of lollypops—my thumb—was suddenly painted a dark, unpalatable brown and transformed from the sucky and subtle companion of crib hours into a mere digit for grabbing things."

"My first distinct recollection——and it is as vivid as if it happened yesterday," said Charlie Chaplin, the movie comedian, "was the blowing of the whistle of the channel steamer that my mother, brother and I took for England. I don't remember whether we crossed from Calais to Dover or from Boulogne to Folkstone, or whether it was a rough or smooth crossing, but I remember the sound of that whistle—and that I fished for whales with a buttonhook on a long string which my mother fixed for me. I was 3 1-2 years old at the time—so you'll forgive my plague memory."

"My first childhood recollection carries me back to the fourth year of my life in the city of Marysville, Cal., the town in which the late Frank Bacon of 'Lightnin'' fame was born," Robert H. Davis, magazine editor, related. "Geographically the city is located at the junction of the Yuba and Feather rivers, two turbulent waterways that specialized in overflowing when the spring freshets came down from the mountains.

"On bright morning the water came thru our front door unsolicited, rose steadily all day and climbed to the second story. There it hovered for an hour or two as tho undecided, and the family went to bed.

"Toward morning the tide set in again and things began to float with renewed energy. About daybreak I was aroused from childlike slumber by a brass chandelier face to face and, being quite unfamiliar with the importance of the impending crisis, I seized the ornament of illumination raised myself from the trundle and began to swing buoyantly. The bed, assuming that I had no further use for it, floated out from under me. There I hung practically marooned. Curiously enough, under the influence of tides and troubled waters, the bed floated back to me, whereupon I let go all holds and returned to the hay.

"Shortly after, my father came swimming down the hall to say 'Good morning,' and escort me thru a window to one of the many rowboats departing hence for high, dry land."

"My earliest memory goes back to the time when I was a mere struggling infant, before I had even learned to speak," answered Virginia Pope, noted bird doctor. "My father was captain of a ship on the Great Lakes, and my first recollection concerns being held in his arms and pointing at other ships and objects along the shore. I remember my father looking at them thru the binoculars and then holding the glasses up to my little blinking eyes. I must have been well under two years old at the time.

"This memory of course is more a series of pictures than a complete event. The first incident I remembered occurred about the age of 3, and strangely enough, I myself had only an onlooker's part in it. An imposing-looking man, who later I learned was the actor, James K. Emmet, came as a guest to my aunt's home in Buffalo. My aunt, who was quite a maternal sort of person, went into the actor's room when he was absent and gathered up a large assortment of soiled colors.

"A few minutes after she put them in hot water she gave a shriek placed on the cellar floor, as closely that called the whole household. The collars were not linen but paper, and they had been stewed into an impossible porridge. My aunt's keen distress and the sight of the whitish mass in the washbowl made an exceedingly vivid impression on me. What Mr. Emmet said when he found that he was temporarily collarless is not included in the recollection."

Timepieces moved by springs, similiar to the modern watch, were made in the 16th century in Germany and Switzerland. The first watch is credited to Peter Hele, a Nuremburg clock-maker. Present day methods of machine manufacture of watches and clocks date from the inventions of Aaron L. Dennison, a young Boston watchmaker who perfected watch machinery in 1849.

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LIBERAL RIDINGS WELL LOOKED AFTER

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Liberal constituencies are well looked after in the matter of the district vote which was passed in the house yesterday afternoon, when the estimates of Hon. Dr. Sutherland, minister of public works, were under discussion. In the total vote, the minister explained that $90,000 had been set aside for repairs and maintenance of the existing links of the Transprovincial Highway the cost of which should not be taken from the district vote. The following are the sums allocated to the various ridings:

Alberni, $47,500; Atlin $35,000; Cariboo, $71,000; Chilliwack, $34,500; Columbia, $38,700; Comox, $58,500; Cowichan,, $40,500; Cranbrook, $50,500; Delta, $21,500; Dewdney, $40,000; Esquimalt, $29,000; Fernie, $35,000; Fort George, $75,500; Grand Forks, $23,500; Greenwood, $24,000; Islands, $33,000; Kamloops, $76,000; Kaslo $33,000; Lillooet, $55,600; Nanaimo $13,000; Nelson, $2,500; Newcastle $21,500; New Westminster, $1,800; North Okanagan, $52,000; N. Vancouver, $21,000; Omineca, $77,000; Prince Rupert, $63,500; Revelstoke, $35,500; Richmond, $10,000; Rossland, $7000; Saanich, $6000; Similkameen, $41,000; Slocan, $28,000; South Okanagan, $33,000; South Vancouver, $8,900; Trail, $39,500; Yale, $43,000. Total $1,326,500.

Potatoes were first grown in America. They were cultivated in Spain in 1553; introduced into England in 1563 and into Ireland in 1585.