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PARTY OF ENGINEERS REACHES WEST AFRICA

The first party of engineers which went from British Columbia to take charge of harbor and railway construction work now being carried out in West Africa on behalf of the Imperial Government by Major-General J. W. Stewart, C. B., S. C. M. G., of Vancouver, has arrived on the scene of operations.

A cable to the Stewart offices here announces that C. R. Chrysdale, A. G. Graham, Angus Stewart and Major John Retallack, all well known here, have arrived safely in Africa. Major Retallack is not connected with the Stewart enterprise, but has gone out to take up an appointment under the colonial office.

A second large party of engineers will leave London shortly after the Ney Year. With this there will be two or three British Columbia men and many other Canadians. The Stewart forces have not been recruited from this province alone, but from other parts of Canada, and in part from the Old Country as well.

Word received at the local offices is to the effect that the preliminary work is proceeding very well, and that actual construction will be in swing very shortly. Before the harbor work could be undertaken it was necessary to lay out a townsite, and set up a modern village for the white workers. Construction of the railways can not proceed very rapidly until the harbor work is well in hand.

RULE OF THE ROAD WILL BE EXCHANGED JANUARY FIRST NEXT

Commencing at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, January 1 next, the rule of the road in this district will be changed to bring it into conformity with the remainder of the province and the North American continent generally.

On that day all vehicular traffic will observe the direction to

KEEP TO THE RIGHT

The change will require more than usual care, especially on the part of motorists, though there is no reason for misapprehension if drivers wil give due consideration to the regulations.

The new regulations provide that any vehicle going in the same direction as others it will pass to the left.

CALLED HOME AT RIPE OLD AGE

(From Fraser Valley Record)

The funeral of the late Mr. George Wharton, of Mission City, who died on Sunday evening last, took place from the family residence to All Saints Church, thence to the Hatzic cemetery yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, followed by friends and relatives.

The late Mr. Wharton was the pioneer of pioneers in this part of the Fraser Valley, coming here about thirty-eight years ago, and taking up a homestead. Later he left for New Westminster, where for many years he followed his trade, that of a blacksmith, always making his headquarters here. Later he had his place of business on the same property as his residence here, for many years. Mr. Wharton, who had enjoyed good health until a short time ago, was one of the fine old-timers of the Fraser Valley who linked the real pioneer days with the preent—men who carry on quietly, making friends of new-comers, and passing along to them a word of encouragement. Mr. Wharton had many real friends who will miss his kindly and sympathetic words, in the years to come.

Mr. Wharton was in his 86th year and besides his widow he leaves a grown-up family: Mrs. Ward, of Seattle; Mrs. T. Hall, of Port Coquitlam; Mr. T. Wharton, of Port Coquitlam and Mr. George Wharton, of the C. P. R., who makes his residence in the upper country. The bereaved famiy have the sympathy of all in this time of sorrow.

The funeral service held in the church and at the graveside was in charge of the venerable vicar of All Saints, Rev. J. W. Weatherdon.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Fred. Hughes, J. Bowyer, J. B. Millar, A. Knight, Wm. Taylor, and T. Wren.

Among the floral tributes were: Wreath, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ogle and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Millar; Family Wreath, Family, Ma and Children; W. Alma; L. Gould and Thelma Wharton; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hall; and a number without Cards.

"HIGH HANDED," SAYS MR. KING

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Charging that Mr. Meighen's last act as Prime Minister was one of usurpation, like his first, Mr. MacKenzie King yesterday issued the following fulmination:

"If it be true, as the press reports of this morning indicate, that Mr. Meighen, in order to provide himself with a seat in the House of Commons, has appointed Mr. Casselman, the member-elect for Granville, to a position in the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, thereby creating a vacancy in the House of Commons, and has caused writs to be issued for a by-election in that constituency on January 26, I can only say that at the moment such a violation of constitutional procedure can scarcely fail to bring the severest censure upon Mr. Meighen—a censure which the party he leads must also share if it countenances such an act.

"Just whether this high-handed course on Mr. Meighen's part can be defended on technical or legal grounds remains to be seen. That it is morally indefensible I do not hesitate to say. One thing is certain, the Canadian public will not fail to recognize, nor Canadian political history fail to record, that Mr. Meighen's last act as prime minister, like his first, was one of usurpation. When it is recalled that Mr. Meighen owes his personal defeat and the defeat of his administration in considerable measure to his previous usurpation of office, his attempt to regain a seat in the House of Commons by a like method of procedure amounts to open defiance of the very expressed verdict of the Canadian people.

"I resent very strongly the statement which appears in the inspired despatch, published in the press to the effect that there is reason to believe that what has been done was not without my knowledge. I had no intimation whatever that any act of the kind was contemplated, let alone perpetrated. If I had I should never have countenanced it for a moment.

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LAST SESSION OF MATSQUI COUNCIL

MATSQUI, Dec. 27.—The Matsqui Council met for the last session in 1921, at the reeve's office in Abbotsford, on Saturday last, to wind up the business of the year.

A happy Christmassy feeling was engendered at once by a letter from the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, addressed to Coun. Morrison. The superintendent was full of gratitude for the produce collected in the municipality and sent to the orphanage. Forty-eight sacks of vegetables, two sacks and nine boxes of apples had been shipped by the B. C. E. R., and the object of the letter was to convey thanks to all who had handled the donations. The superintendent was anxious to contradict the rumor that the children's home was a government institution or under government support. The only help received that way was an allowance of $2 per month per child for children coming from outside the province. For the running of the institution the society was dependent entirely on voluntary subscriptions of money and of produce such as the residents of this district had forwarded, and much gratitude was expressed in the communication.

Mrs. Ohman also expressed thanks to the council, stating that she was now in receipt of a mother's pension.

The recent flood had spread considerable damage about the municipality. Mail carriers reported fallen trees across the roads and there were land slides and washouts. One of two slides on the Straiton Road is thought by Mr. Wm. Barrison to be due to negligence by the municipality and he has notified Coun. Benson that he considers the council responsible for the damage done by the Kelly creek.

On Marshe's Hill there is a huge obstruction over which the ranchers have to stagger with their loaded milk cans. Coun. Morrison is notifying the C. N. R., through the clerk, that he must make temporary use of an eight-foot strip of their right of way for a distance of 60 feet, until he can make the road passable by removing the slide.

Barr Bros. apparently did not heed the notice of the clerk forbidding them to use big trucks in hauling shingle bolts from Mission to Matsqui station on the C. N. R. While the roads are hard with frost the council will wink at this infringement of their by-law, but the clerk will warn them to quit the moment a thaw comes, or take the legal consequences.

The cold snap prevented the meeting of B. C. E. R. officials and the council to go over the Haydon road ditch, inspecting the power line risk of the ditch deepening, but Mr. Rummel will arrange another date.

The reeve is informed that specifications for the contract to connect up the prairie farmers with electric lines have been put in the hands of contractors for tender, and the work will certainly begin within a few days.

The application of the B. C. Telephone Co. for permission to re-build the Mission Telephone Co.'s line on the Riverside road was granted, on the council understanding that the latter's interest had been taken over by the applicants.

The tender of Mr. G. G. Cleary to dig the Manuel ditch at 50 cents a square yard land measure was not accepted, as the council deals with ditches by lineal measure. Coun. Morrison gathered also that by the suggested terms the ditch would cost too much.

Criticism of the change in the Municipal Act, whereby lands held for taxes must be advertised once before being sold, was made by the reeve and council, who considered it a piece of obstructive legislation serving no useful purpose. The lands could all be listed in one insertion and no offer need be accepted, consequently the order would cause unnecessary expense and bookkeping.

The council will not meet again until the statutory date set in January.

CABINET IS SWORN IN ON THURSDAY

Premier, Minister of External Finance and President of the Council—Mackenzie King, Ontario.

Finance—W. S. Fielding, Nova Scotia.

Marine—Ernest Lapointe, Quebec.

Postmaster-General—Charles Murphy, Ontario.

Justice—Sir Lomer Gouin, Quebec.

Railways—W. C. Kennedy, Ontario.

Militia and Naval Service—George P. Graham, Ontario.

Interior—Charles Stewart, Alberta.

Health and Soldiers' Re-establishment—Dr. Beland, Quebec.

Trade and Commerce—J. A. Robb, Quebec.

Agriculture—W. R. Motherwell, Saskatchewan.

Labor—James Murdock, Ontario.

State—A. B. Copp, New Brunswick.

Solicitor-General—D. D. McKenzie Nova Scotia.

Customs—Jacques Bureau, Quebec.

Public Works—Senator Bostock, British Columbia (temporary), to be succeeded later by Dr. King, Provincial Minister of Public Works of British Columbia.

Without portfolio—T. A. Low, Ontario; Senator Dandurand, Quebec; John Ewen Sinclair, Prince Edward Island.

OPEN SEAT FOR MR. MEIGHEN

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Political events of the day are indicative that the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, present prime minister, plans to remain in public life. Following a meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon, writs were issued for a by-election in Grenville County, Ont., January 26, the vacancy having occurred owing to S. C. Casselman, Conservative member-elect, accepting a salaried office under the crown. The said office is a fifty-dollar-a-month clerkship in the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, which it is not expected that Mr. Casselman who is a practising barrister in Prescott, Ont., will long retain.

When nominations are received for the division on January 12, the intention, it is stated, is to nominate Mr. Meighen in the Conservative interest with a view to his leading the Conservative opposition next session. Had a member-elect resigned to open a constituency, Mr. Meighen would not be able to take his seat at the opening session. Should he be elected in Grenville, however, he would be able to take his seat at the opening and participate in the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

MAPLE RIDGE LOSES AN EARLY SETTLER

The death of Mr. Thomas Bosomworth, one of the early settlers in Maple Ridge, occurred on Saturday and his remains were interred in Maple Ridge cemetry on Monday. Rev. Mr. Reid, Haney, conducted the religious services at the home of the deceased and at the graveside.

Official Returns Of Fraser Valley Contest

The official election returns for the Fraser Valley constituency, as given out by Returning Officer S. Cawley, give Mr. Elgin Munro a majority of 215 votes. A total of 8,399 ballots were cast, 4,307 for Mr. Munro and 4,092 for Mr. Stacey.

The following are the details:

	Munro	Stacey
Abbotsford	208	267
Atchelitz	106	108
Aberdeen	36	12
Albion	35	43
Agassiz	156	136
Burquitlam	62	42
Cheam	127	46
Chilliwack	611	564
Clayburn	31	75
Columbia Valley	12	6
Deroche	33	51
Dewdney	48	64
Durieu	30	39
East Chilliwack	185	125
Fairfield Island	82	51
Huntingdon	55	42
Hatzic	22	124
Harrison Hot Springs	21	12
Harrison Mills	47	20
Hope	60	75
Joco	75	70
Jessica	10	12
Floods	16	10
Lake Buntzen	10	32
Marsh's Landing	11	12
Matsqui	123	41
Mt. Lehman North	55	56
Mt. Lehman South	35	15
Maillardville	204	47
Maple Ridge	37	74
Mission City	287	253
Nicomen School	41	34
Parson's Hill	43	4
Peardonville	50	13
Pitt Lake	5	25
Pitt Meadows	76	41
Port Coquitlam	177	202
Port Hammond	98	124
Port Haney	113	151
Port Moody	156	141
Popkum	26	13
Rosedale	206	123
Ruskin	34	22
Ruby Creek	8	4
Sardis	182	235
Sumas Mountain	22	36
Silverdale	39	33
Stave Falls	15	36
Steelhead	12	9
Sunnyside	20	20
St. Elmo	23	20
Upper Pitt Lake	5	11
Webster's Corner	29	44
Whonock	29	70
Waleach	5	22
Yarrow	59	17
Yennadon	8	44
Yale	13	12
Bradner	65	40
Upper Sumas	33	20
Hope Advance Poll	2	1

MUST ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW

At the last session of the provincial legislature the Municipal Act was amended which appears to be a very sane piece of legislation, but is one that is not meeting with favor by the municipalities of the Fraser Valley. The amendment reads:

"Provided that before such lands are disposed of the Council shall publish once in a newspaper circulating in the municipality a list of the lands proposed to be disposed of and a date on or before which offers to purchase the same will be received."

During recent years municipalities have become loaded down with real estate as a result of improper advertising of tax sales and consequent non-interest in the tax sale itself. The lands as long as they remain in the possession of the municipality are not revenue producing, and it is thought that the amendment will help the municipal purse, and get rid of the land at a better price.

Mr. J. H. McNeice, secretary to the Dewdney Liberal Association in leaving for a residence in California, has handed over the secretary's books to Mr. A. Parr, of Mission City, to act until a new appointment is made. It is considered by prominent Liberals that the secretaryship is still in good hands.

PERSONALS

Miss Agnes Gillen and Mr. James Gillen are home from the University for their holidays.

Rev. J. Wright of Langley spent Christmas in Abbotsford with his parents.

Mr. S. Boothroyd of Cloverdale recently visited his sister, Mrs. Geo. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Manning of Vancouver visited Mr. Manning's mother and sister this week.

Mr. Jack McLean, formerly of Abbotsford is spending his holidays here, renewing acquaintances.

Miss A. Weatherbee and her neice, Miss Doris Weatherbee, are spending the week in Vancouver.

Miss Helen Fowler of Vancouver has been spending several days with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Weatherbee.

Miss Margaret McCrimmon was the recent guest of Mrs. R. Beaton of Mt. Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffan and son Jack of Chilliwack were the guests of Mrs. H. Fraser for Christmas.

On Wednesday evening a very successful "Christmas Tree" and entertainment was given in the Presbyterian Church. The Orchestra favored the audience with several fine selections, while many of the Sunday School pupils took part in recitations and songs.

The death occurred in Vancouver on Sunday, December 25th, of Mrs. Trethewey, wife of the late Arthur Trethewey. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the community.

Laun J. Hunter of Dundas, formerly a member of the Presbyterian Church of Abbotsford and Huntingdon, graduated Thursday, December 22nd from The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, where he has completed a two years course in the Bible, gospel music, and practical methods of Christian work. Mr. Hunter is one of sixty-six students—thirty-five men and thirty-one women—who graduated at this time. These students represent nineteen states of the Union and the following foreign countries: Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Africa, Germany and Norway. The graduation address was given by Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, D. D., President of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio.

Mr. Hunter expects to remain at the Institute and take post-graduate work. He will then return to Western Canada for work in Alberta among the foreigners, teaching English and Bible.

Hunt's Barber Shop, for a full line of Barber Supplies and Confectionery, Pipes and Tobaccos.

The Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa are about to inaugurate a plan for establishing Boys' Breeding Clubs throughout the country for the encouragement and training of boys in the raising of cattle.

The plan of these Clubs will be advised by the Department. All the Canadian Banks have agreed to cooperate with the Government in this movement and have arranged to make loans to the members of the Clubs for the purpose of raising cattle, particulars of which may be obtained at the Royal Bank of Canada, Abbotsford, B. C.

Services will be held in St. Mathew's Anglican Church at Abbotsford every Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. A. Harding Priest, vicar.

Mr. Len Smith of Matsqui is running in the Matsqui elections for trustee.

A waterspout over two hundred feet in height was witnessed by many on Hatzic Lake during Sunday's storm. This is something quite out of the ordinary for Hatzic Lake. But these appear to be unordinary times.

Everybody--

WAITS FOR OUR ANNUAL JANUARY STOCK TAKING SALE. Following our usual policy of not carrying over odd lines of merchandise and believing that it is better business to change our goods into money even at a loss, than take them into inventory. We have launched this sale, costs are forgotten. There are so many sales being put on at this season that we feel the above explanation necessary. We are not going to attempt to detail the many bargains but enumerate a few picked at random from our LARGE NEW STOCK. Everything except a few lines of contract groceries are reduced. *Prices are for cash only.* Visit our new store and no matter how far or where you come from we feel assured your verdict will be, *"It certainly is a real money saving sale of dependable merchandise."*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 30, 1921

Premier-elect King is having the time of his life forming a cabinet that will include not only Liberal but also Progressives. It is a pity that enough Liberals were not elected so that the King government would have been strong enough to carry on without compromising with any other party or parties. Crerar's opportunity has come and one cannot blame him if he holds out for such terms as he believes will give the Progressives proper recognition. But when King forms a cabinet—a working cabinet—that will include all the various kinds of Liberals—the Gouin Liberals, the Lapointe Liberals the Independent Liberals and the Progressives, and gets them working harmoniously, we believe he will have accomplished something worth while; and what will he then call the party? Will it be King-Gouin-Lapointe Progressive Liberals? That sounds on a par with the name that Meighen went to the country with. Since the above was set in tpve Mr. Crerar and his followers have left Ottawa and Crerar is as mum as a sphinx when interviewed by the press regarding the outcome.

While King at Ottawa is worrying over a cabinet Premier Oliver of Victoria has his own troubles too along the same lines, and of course there must be a great deal of sympathy between the two. Mr. King, however, has this advantage that he will most likely be able to elect any of his cabinet ministers,no matter whom he may choose as the people are undoubtedly inclined to give the new Liberal leader an opportunity to make good now that he has the majority in the House. But Premier Oliver has had his oportunity to make good, and that he has dismally failed we leave it to our readers to decide for themselves. Anyhow it is doubtful if even a cabinet minister could be elected to the Oliver government in any part of the province, unless that man had qualifications that appealed to the voter who believed that he could witstand any temptation that came his way and yet remain a good honest conscientious cabinet minister in the Oliver government. That will be hard to find: further it will be hard to elect him. Farris has resigned, and there is talk of another of the ministers resigning, and wat with by-elections coming on in Vancouver and Nelson besides, it would seem that Premier Oliver's cup of patronage has not had the desired effect of strengthening the government of the province. Anyway, with things all his own way, apparently, we cannot help but think that this merry Christmas has been one of the premier asking himself, 'Where am I at?'

A weekly paper has been started in Victoria which is known as the "Saturday Review." It is quite active in Victoria affairs and is not afraid to express its opinion on dominion and provincial affairs. It is responsible for the following:

Press reports would indicate that the political party controlled by Mr. Mackenzie-King is making a big effort to bring within its fold all members of the House of Commons who label themselves Progressive. There also appears to be another scheme to take to Ottawa all the Premiers of Provincial Legislatures who are tarred with the Mackenzie-King brush. If this latter scheme attains fruition it will be an everlasting sorrow to the majority of the people of this Province if Premier Oliver fails to get a walking ticket to Ottawa.

Premier Oliver, who at present mismanages the government of British Columbia, has announced that Victoria's share of the liquor loot will approximate $20,000 as the result to this city of four months' trading. Any of Victoria's old-time liquor importers would have given the city three times that amount for a liquor monopoly. Where has the remainder of Victoria's share gone? Echo answers, "Where?"

A certain Mr. Bain was foolish enough to bet that the Meighen government would have the largest number of seats after the election, and he made a bet with Mr. Mackenzie-King to that effect. Mr. Bain lost his bet, which was not even a sporting one, and now Mr. Mc-King has returned the cheque for $1,000 which represented his winnings. Mr. Mc-King is reported to have said, "I don't want his money." Sweet are the uses of advertisement.

The ex-movie-picure censor is on the war-trail with a war-party of disciplined braves—the scalp of Mr. R. H. Pooley is a desired trophy. It remains to be seen whether or no the member for Esquimalt will take to the tall timber or stand fire.

Every Man His Price

Mr. Allan W. Neill, who was elected for Comox-Alberni on an independent patform, has been bought and sold, politically.

Robert Walpole was, be believe, responsible for the words of the saying with which we have captioned article, and the words of the brilliant British statesman have never itted any politician more aptly than hey have Alan W. Neil.

The price of Mr. Neill's adherence to the ruling party in the Dominion of Canada has been the offer of Cabinet rank in the Mackenzie King government.

That Mr. Neill, up to now, has shown no particular aptitude for such rank is quite beside the question. His vote counts in the House of Commons, and the price of his vote is a portfolio:

With considerable anxiety Mr. Neill informs us that "having all my interests on the Island, I recognize the fact that it is highly essential that there be continued to the Island that cabinet representations which has always been conceded as our right."

It is because Mr. Neill has interests on this Island that he is so anxious for cabinet rank, or has he really a soft spot in his heart for a city that would have none of his party?

Mr. John Oliver made an excellent fowler, and Mr. Neill came to the lure at the first whistle.

Apart from having shown that he is amendable to a political bribe and that his independent post on which he was elected was a blind. Mr. Neill has not yet been paid his price. chickens may have been counted before they are hatched.

Bowing to the man who has the control of political affairs is the habit of some people and some papers. The man who leads a party is no better then he was the day he was in opposition, yet there are those who will bow meekly to that man whom they think has won a political fight. Hence we read the following from the Hammond Gazette:

"What is in a name" was asked as ate as yesterday. The gentleman whom the Canadian people have selected as the first minister of our Dominion has all that an honored name can represent. In the long ago—as far back as the day Queen Victoria was crowned there was in Upper Canada a patriot, Wm. Mackenzie. He was as noted as Hon. Geo. Brown and others of the Renaissance, as it were of the laying of great Canadian Parliamentry foundations.

"Today his grandson proudly takes a wider place in leading the Legislative forces of a Dominion extending unitedly from sea to sea. Nor is this grandson at all an ordinary man, intellectually, educationally or socially.

"It is not too much to say that Premier W. L. Mackenzie King stands on the threshold of a great political accomplishment and political foes, as well as, friends will lend their most earnest support and endeavors to mak Canada greatest of all Dominions."

We did not notice any such terms of admiration editorially from that paper during the recent election, but now that Mackenzie King is in power it makes all the difference in the world. We hope it gains for the Gazette some "pap."

HIGHER INSURANCE FOR CARS EXPECTED

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—In addition to taking out a new licence at increased rates within a few days after New Year at latest, motor car owners also face the necessity of meeting largely increased rates for motor car insurance after Jan. 1. According to a prominent local insurance man, a sharp upward revision of automobile insurance rates will be effective Jan. 1. The new insurance rates will principally affect collision and theft cases, on which classes of policies the automobile underwriters claim they have been losing money for some time. The reason is partly because of the change in the rule of the road.

FORDNEY TARIFF BILL BLOW TO TRADE HERE

The United States Fordney tariff bill, aimed at Canadian exports has been a severe blow to the trade of the Dominion. What might be anticipated by free trade in Canada under changed government it is impossible to gauge, but this emergency measure has assurredly cut the feet from under a previously large trade in staples, and the removal of the Dominion tariff would further paralyze industry by permitting the U. S. to dump their goods in market here to the detriment of this manufactured in this country.

The United Sates Emergency Tariff Act was passed by Congress on May 23, signed by the president on May 27 and became effective May 28

For the month of November, 1921 the value of Canadian exports to the United States affected by this tariff was $8,528,963, as compared with $31,288,398 for the corresponding month of 1920; for the six months period of June-November, $25,528,059, as compared with $93,454,442 The following are among the commodities which show decreases for the six months' period of this year as compared with the corresponding period last year:

Sugar, 11,730 pounds as against 49,921,489 pounds.

Tobacco, 3371 pounds as against 28,183 pounds.

Butter and substitutes thereof, 2,254,914 pounds as against 4,776,888 pounds.

Cheese and substitutes thereof, 2(pounds as against 4105 pounds.

Fresh and frozen beef and meat of all kinds, 17,556 pounds as against 25,753,300 pounds.

Meats preserved, 778,267 pounds as against 1,985,270.

Milk fresh, 823,327 gallons against 8,879, 715 pounds.

Potatoes, 464, 424 bushels against 1,427,390 bushels.

Cattle, 119,638 head as against 230,667 head.

Sheep, 76,838 head as against 146,414 head.

Wheat, 7,558,325 bushels against 18,588,728 bushels.

Wool, 127, 156 pounds, as against 2,327,049.

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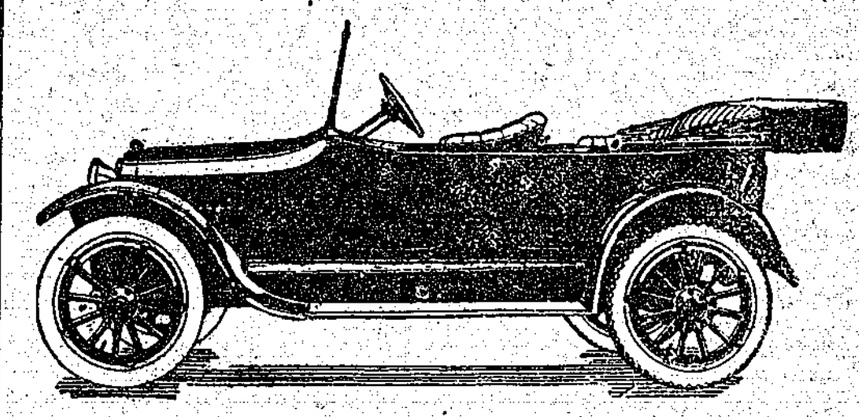

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Patently a Pacifist—Quiet man, middle-aged, wants quiet room with quiet family in quiet neighborhood. —Adv. in New York Times.

Ladylike Journalism—Two gentle men calves featured the anti-dry parade here Saturday.—New Orleans Picayune.

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INTERESTING ADDRESS AT FRUITGROWERS CONVENTION

Mr. Manson Reviews the Work of the B. C. Berry Growers and the Marketing of This Year's Product at Convention Held in Vancouver Recently.

The Chairman in opening the Convention said:

"In dealing with the operations of this Association I shall do so in as brief a manner as possible, as there are many important matters to go before the Convention this afternoon and the Growers' Sales Agency Representatives, who are in the City, will address you at 2:30 so that the time left for the General Statement by myself is not very long.

"For the information of Delegates assembled here I might say that the Directors of the B. C. Berry Growers Association decided that it was an oportune time to call a convention of the Fruit Growers of the Lower Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island for the purpose of bringing you together. It was decided first to bring the Directors only, but afterwards it was thought wise to ertend invitation to all fruit growers. No doubt, the small attendance here this afternoon is due to the very bad weather conditions and not to lack of interest in a gathering of his nature. The Directors and Erecutive of the central Association up to the present time have been at a disadvantage in that they have been unable to present to the growers at first hand a detailed account of the various matters which have been dealt with this season. Consequently growers in each local district may have formed opinions regarding the general operation, which, with fuller details, and a more careful survey of conditions generally, may not be warranted. We are all prone to look on these matters entirely from our own viewpoint, and are apt to base our outlook on the situation so far as our local conditions are concerned. The object of this Convention is to have you all here together from the various centres of the fruit growing districts of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, so that you may exchange views, and I trust that from this meeting great good will result. It does seem to me at least that the time has arrived when the fruit growers as individuals must take a keen and closer interest in the fruit growing industry as a whole, and I trust that after the meeting of this afternoon and tomorrow, when you have exchanged views, you will go out from this Convention thoroughly awake to the fact that to put the small fruit industry on a real business basis, you must regard it as an undertaking appertaining to whole Province, and not as a proposition confined to your own particular districts.

"In dealing with the general situation with regard to the B. C. Berry Growers Association, or the central organization, I might briefly outline its history. As far as the people of Mission, Hatzic and Dewdney are concerned this may be of little interest, as already the particulars have been placed before them, but to you who represent other Local Association, I think perhaps it might be well in the time at our disposal this afternoon to briefly go into the origin and the operations of the organization. First of all let me say that I realize I am addressing an audience of somewhat disappointed fruit growers, and I might say that the operation of the last season has been of such a nature that the small fruit growers as a whole are disappointed and perhaps to some extent discouraged and keeping this in mind I shall seek to deal with the position this afternoon from as reasonable and fair a viewpoint as I possibly can.

"The formation of the Central Organization emanated from a meeting which was held in the City of Vancouver in the Fall of 1919. That meeting had been called by the Gordon-Head Fruit Growers Association. An invitation had been extended to the Fruit and Mercantile Association. Mr. Fisher and myself as representatives of the Fruit and Mercantile Exchange were delegated to attend. Various independent growers were present in addition to the representatives of the Gordon-Head Fruit Growers. A discussion took place as to what working arrangements could be made between the principal fruit shippers for the ensuing year. The Fruit and Mercantile Erchange Ltd. had, however, not given M.r Fisher and myself any mandate to enter into an agreement and the outcome of the meeting was that Mr. Shook moved a resolution, which was carried "That a meeting should be called of all fruit growers Associations for the purpose of considering a Central Organization. "That meeting was held with the result that a Central Organization was decided upon. The B. C. Berry Growers' Association was formed in 1920, but operated only in the capacity of keeping the Local Association in touch with one another, and advising as to market conditions and what sales were being made. Last Fall a meeting of the association was called at Vancouver and the year's work was carefully gone into It was realized that the system followed during the past season, whilst being of considerable service to members, was not adequate. That to establish real unity the Central Organization would have to come into active operation and undertake the sale under one head of the output of members. At that time, however, the Canadian jam market had broken and the canneries who had purchased berries at very high prices, as well as very high priced sugar, realized that they were faced with an enormous loss. The situation as far as the United States was concerned was equally if not more serious. Consequently the directors considered very carefully as to whether the Central Organidation should be actively established. As directors of the Central Organidation we were faced with this situation. We realized that the conditions which would obtain during the season of 1921 demanded absolute control and distribution of method by which there was any hope of avoiding disaster to the industry but we also realized that to seek to form a central marketing organization when prices would be on the down-grade would probably mean incurring severe criticism from the members of the different local associations, when the year's operations were completed. Such results would be regarded as due to central organization and not to the condition of the markets. The directors at that time appreciated the position they were in, "that in advocating active measures it might mean their own elimination, yet they felt that something must be done to help the position which confronted the small fruit grower, and it was finally decided to proceed with the development of the central organization.

"A ballot was submitted to the fruit growers of each local association, and on that ballot was clearly set out the objects and aims of the central organization. The fruit growers were asked as individuals, by signing their names to the ballot, to vote for or against the undertaking The result of that vote, as you know was practically unanimous, only in one or two organizations was there a single dissenting vote, so that after all, the criticism which may now be directed against the central organization by the individual, cannot be criticism of principle but must be criticism of personnel, you having unanmiously voted for the undertaking. It is true however, that a great deal or perhaps almost all the criticism which has been directed so keenly and bitterly, has come from that percentage of fruit growers who refused to ally themselves with co-operation, refused to join their local organizations until they were compelled to do so by conditions which prevailed. It is perhaps regrettable that the control boards permitted that tremendous influx of growers into the organization at the eleventh hour when no preparation had been made to handle them. However, be that as it may, following the lines of co-operation and the spirit of true co-operation it would seem hardly right that the local associations should have refused membership to such growers. This nevertheless placed you local organizations with regard to securing of crates, and to the general handling of your business in a very awkward position. Statistics had been carefully compiled, plans had been made, lines of action had been laid down adequate for the conducting of your business. This inrush of membership swept away the structure which had been erected and necessitated the revamping of all work done, throwing a heavy pressure of preparatory work upon the Locals and Cental Organization, when the fruit movement was practically commencing.

OWNERSHIP AND CRUELTY

The easiest philanthropic workers had to beat down the barriers of belief that a man's property was his to do with as he choose, whether that property was house, wife or child. When Richard Martin, scarcely one hundred years old, introduced into the British Parliament, of which he was member for Galway, a bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals he was greeted by ridicule in the form of catcalls, barking and braying.

Over the mantel in the president's room of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. is a partrait of Richard Martin as he doubtless looked when, unfastening his gloves, he raised his eyes to his colleagues and offered to meet in duel each one who had met his proposition with a laugh. It was two years before his bill became a law, and some years before the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized in England. This was the first anti-cruelty society in the world. The work spread to the Continent, where Henry Bergh, returning from a diplomatic mission to Russia, studied its methods. Returning home, he organized in New York, the first American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Teaching men that the right of ownership in an animal did not carry with it the right of abuse, opened the way to teach him that cruelty to wife and child could also be dealt with by the community. Mr. Bergh soon there after organized the first society for the prevention of cruelty to children in the world.

COMMENCE REPAIRS TO TRAFFIC BRIDGE

PORT COQUITLAM, Dec. 24.—This morning the pile driver and government gang commenced driving piles for the bridging of the hiatus on the traffic bridge cut through by the weakening of the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge eleven days ago. The pile driver is an antique, the hammer being operated by a man at the top. Meantime a long suffering public continues to slide gingerly along ice-covered planks on the C. P. R. bridge to reach the depot or transact business with the western portion of the city or forlorn bachelors to reach the only two "eating houses" in town.

Game Fish Swim up Stream

It's easy to drift as the current flows
It's easy to move as the deep tide goes;
But the answer comes when the breakers crash
And strike the soul with a bitter lash
When the goal ahead is endless fight
Through a sunless day and a starless night,
Where the far call breaks on the sleeper's dream,
"Only the game fish swims up stream."

The spirit wanes where it knows no load;
The soul turns soft down the Easy Road;
There's fun enough in the thrill and throb,
But life in the main is an uphill job;
And it's better so, where the softer game,
Leaves too much fat on a weakened frame,
Where the far call breaks on the sleeper's dream,
"Only the game fish swims up stream."

When the clouds bank in—and the soul turns blue—
When Fate holds fast, and you can't break through—
When trouble sweeps like a tidal wave,
And Hope is a ghost by an open grave
You have reached the test in a frame of mind
Where only the quitters fall behind,
Where the far call breaks on the sleeper's dream,
"Only the game fish swims up stream."

RECLAMATION OF THE KOOTENAY FLATS

Along the still waters of the Kootenay this year a survey of far reaching interest has been under way From time to time short notices in the press have indicated that this or that engineer from Idaho has been in East or West Kootenay, but little that is official has been made public.

Nevertheless, history is being made in the somewhat remote region of British Columbia which borders the state of Idaho. There lies on both sides of the boundary lines wonderfully rich meadow land to the extent of over 40,000 acres in Canada and a little less Kootenay this vast area is a flood in the state of Idaho.

Owing to the narrow basin of the plain at certain seasons, which some years, drains off early enough to enable the farmers on its borders to try out its soil for farm produces. So fertile has this area proved to be that great interest is taken in the possibility of its reclamation. And it is with this end in view that engineers from both countries have been working this year.

The project really reaches back into the early days of this province and reads like a romance of those stirring times. In the year 1885 a concession for the reclamation of the Canadian portion of these lands was obtained from the B. C. government by W. A. Bailie-Grohman, an English man, who saw the vast possibilities in these rich meadows were it possible to prevent the floods covering them.

The floods occur for about five weeks in June and July of each year. Every third year the floods are exceedingly high, while every fifth year they reach their highest point. This condition is due to relatively narrow basin of Kootenay lake and the narrowing of the lake in four places between the main lake and its junction with the Columbia at Castlegar.

These contractions are not sufficient in themselves to cause the rise in the lake of from eighteen to twenty feet; but an additional obstruction is found in the natural dam forming the rapids below the Grohman creek, known as the first rapids. These rapids are a short distance below Nelson and beyond this are the wonderful Bonnington Falls.

Mr. Bailie-Grohman's scheme was daring in the extreme and was so considered by the powers that checkmated him. His idea was to divert the Kootenay into the Columbia at Canal flats near the headwaters of the Columbia by building a canal between the two rivers, a distance of about a mile. This dam with lock gates was actually built but was never tested as at this time the C. P. R. mainland was being built in through the Columbia in accordance with surveys which did not allow for the possibility of the diversion of the run-off from about 1825 square miles of the upper Kootenty watershed, into the narrow canyon of the Columbia.

A change of plans would have been costly and tedious so on the protest of the railway company the provincial government annulled the Bailie-Grohman concession. Disappointed at this point the intrepid speculator began the work of excavating at Grohman creek but this was given up because, to quote Mr. Bailie-Grohman, he discovered he "had bitten off more than he could chew." He then turned over his interests to the Alberta and B. C. Exploration Co., Ltd., which ill-advised and misled by insufficient data, abandoned the widening of the outlet and attempted a partial reclamation by means of dykes. The levees were of insufficient size and cross section and were destroyed by the first flood.

During the many years since, engineers on both sides of the boundary have been interested in this vast engineering project and it is said that Mr. Bailie-Grohman from the seclusion of his English home still watches the development of his pet scheme.

The Creston Board of Trade has always advocated the undertaking of this project and has done much to keep the matter before the provincial government. Pleasant relations have always been maintained between its members and the members of similiar associations in Idaho. The Land Settlement Act and the settling of returned soldiers in this district has served to stimulate further interest in these 40,000 acres of cleared land already for plow could the floods be stayed. Constant effort has at last been rewarded and under date of Sept. 22, 1919, an arrangement was entered into between the province of B. C. and the Dominion of Canada by which the federal government requested the government of the United States to enter into agreement under authority of which reclamation of the above mentioned lands might be accomplished on terms and conditions just and equitable to all concerned.

Later it was arranged that prior to this agrement being entered into, a joint investigation should be made under authority of both governments for the purpose of determining the facts and demonstrating the feasibility or otherwise of the scheme, its scope, approximate cost and benefit.

This explains the engineering activities along this waterway during the season just past. In the meantime the oldtimers discuss with more recent enthusiasts the difficulties of the project and disappointments of the past, while the duck hunters of the towns in the neighborood forget the outside world completely in excitement of bagging the flocks that feed on the wild rice of the flats near Kootenay landing and up towards Bonner's ferry.

Should the report of the joint investigation be favorable there need be no delay in getting on with the undertaking as the State of Idaho already has a drainage act similiar to that enacted in B. C. with the power to spend the whole or any portion of the money raised under the assessments in a foreign country, so that the lands in Idaho are enabled thereby to contribute to the cost of reclamation beneficial to Idaho land which may be carried out in Canada.

In 1912 preliminary surveys were begun in B. C. and in 1915 similiar surveys were undertaken in Idaho and at the international Drainage Conference at Creston in 1917, the Hon. John Oliver said: "If the practicability and feasibility of the undertaking is demonstrated, then it is up to this government or any other government to get on with reclamation."

The desirability of this vast area for farming purposes cannot be doubted. The cost of reclamation even at a hundred dollars an acre would be small in comparison with what must be spent in clearing wooded land in this district.—The Trail News.

BUILD SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE

PORT COQUITLAM, Dec. 24.—Grant & McDonald have resumed operations in clearing the river of the broken Canadian Pacific Raliway steel bridge and debris barnacled thereto. It is welcome news to the residents that the Canadian Pacific Railway have determined on a single snap bridge across the Coquitlam river, raising it above the level of the former bridge and grading the line correspondingly. The government traffic bridge is still closed.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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J. H. KING,
Minister of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
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December 1st, 1921.