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HEAD OF ALBERTA FARMERS STRONG FOR CO-OPERATION

"Co-operation is the true law of life," H. W. Wood, head of the United Farmers of Alberta, told the assembled farmers delegates at Victoria. "Competition is the false law The race has lived by competition but the social structure will be destroyed if co-operation is not substituted for competition" he declared. and added:

"All co-operation up to now has been a combination forced by competition to withstand competition. That was the first co-operative effort and is aptly illustrated by Germany, biggest and strongest co-operation in the world up to 1914, which was formed for the purpose of destroy the other nations of the world.

"The Allied nations were forced into co-operation to save their lives, and as they formed the greater co-operative body, Germany was destroyed. Co-operation for co-operative ends is the new ideal and is the true spirit of democracy."

Mr. Wood is tall, with a commanding presence. He speaks with deliberation and knows how to drive a point home, the way the average man can most assimilate it. He spoke extemporaneously on co-operation and received a flattering reception.

Group operation instead o f individual effort spelled success. When the day came that the 16,000 farmers of British Columbia went to the polls as one man, just so soon would they become the economic force that nature designed them to be. Full co-operation would not come to them in the next twenty or the next fifty years, but they could be ten times as strong in two or three years as they were today because now their strength was negligible.

"Co-operation,' Mr. Wood concuded, "is the cement which moulds the individual into the groups just the same as the material used by the builder when he takes a multitude of stones, each perfect in itself, and creates a building that is beauteous to the eye and full accomplishes the design of the architect."

WANT B. C. LUMBER SHUT OUT

British Columbia lumbermen are centering their attention on activities going on in Washington, D. C., which call for an investigation into the cost of lumber in regions bordering on Oregon and Washington. According to local men this is regarded as an attempt on the part of sawmill operators in these states to have the government place a tax on B.C. lumber. It is known that some of these mills are feeling the pinch of competition, the operators of which do not take kindly to the immense trade being established by British Columbia firms who are not only getting American lumber prices for their products but are also securing the American rate of exchange which at present runs to 15 per cent.—Columbian.

B. C. FORTUNATE IN FARMERS

British Columbia is singularly fortunate in its farmers, because these are men and women of diversified farm interests, covering the whole range of rural avocations suitable to the various climates and soils of this wonderful province. These various opportunities for the enjoyment of the highest skill and the most intensive and extensive operations have attracted to British Columbia a body of farmers of exceptional intelligence and individuality. These are not men likely to be effaced and controlled by neighboring organizations of larger membership, representing a more narrow range of interests.

If the British Columbia farmers increase and consolidate their organization they will do it to some effective purpose for the advantage of their order. If they choose to em- group in politics it will not be altogther Ontario or prairie politics, but will reflect their own point of view. Whatever they do in politics or out of politics is not likely to be dangerous to the political health of the country. We should not expect them to place themselves as a class in conflict with the other elements of the community in which they live. This is a province where all men have worked together and the farmers are closely related in all kinds of ways with the rest of the population—Vancouver Province.

BELIEVES IN PATRONAGE

Sam Hughes wants the Ottawa House to say 'That in the opinion of this house the best interests of Canada and its peoples would be served, and the principles of responsible government would be maintained, by a system of political patronage wherein appointments to and promotions in both the outside and inside civil service would be brought under the specific consideration and recommendation of members of parliament or the defeated candidates of the party in power always having due regard for the stability of the service, the promotion of deserving officers, and the proper conduct of the business of the service, and that the Civil Service Act be amended in conformity therewith ,and also to place the civil service commission in an unequivocal position consistent with its dignity and importance in a new sphere of action."

Last year 2315 tons of coal were shipped from Edmonton to the other penitentiaries at Prince Albert and Stoney Mountain, and that was taken from three foot vein.

There is talk of there being too many penitentiaries in Canada and the Edmonton one may closed.

At the last report made,the population of the three western penitentiaries, Stoney Mountain, Edmonton and New Westminster, was only 477 in the west with a population of 413 at Kingston, Ont. All the bad men can't be in the west, or else there are a lot 'running loose.'

FOOTBALL MATCH

Abbotsford vs. Mission

Abbotsford jouneyed to Mission on Saturday and took the local team to camp to the tune of 3 goals to 1.

This was one of the prettiest games to watch that the league has yet staged. Both teams put up a great exhibition of football as it should be played, and also conducted themselves on the field as sportsmen should, there being no rough play or wrangling, and the referee's decisions were always accepted without dispute. Mission played a good game but Abbotsford, with a much lighter team, played faster football and came through with the long end of the score. Mission scored first, but Abbotsford soon equalized, a pretty run down and quick passing between Brown and Manny Walters resulted in the latter netting a dandy goal. The same player scored again when he headed througha perfect cross from the right. In the second half Brown, who had been playing a hard and fast game, got his left foot on one and the goal keeper had no chance. Abbotsford team all played well although the right wig needs strengthening. Morgan played a brilliant game at back. The half-back line were all good, Gough touching his old form, while Griffiths keeps improving so that he is now the bestman in his position in the league. Brown has speeded up the forward line and put new life into it, the left wing on Saturday, McPhee and Walters, playing great ball. Abbotsford lined up as follows; McGowan, Morgan and McPhee, Griffiths,— Gough and Walters; Heath, Little, Brown McPhee and Walters.

BASKET BALL IN ABBOTSFORD

Mission City Basket Ball boys and girls too Abbotsford by storm last night carrying away the banner in both the games. We forgot the score but Abbotsford showed that all are good sports even in a losing game Mission has some good players, but "Doughy" Spring says he will make just as good out of the Abbotsford players, only they must practice good and hard.

After the games the the Mission players were made the guests of the evening to a small banquet to which all did justice.

Abbotsford goes to Mission City on Friday next and hope to increase their score so it wont look so one sided.

Abbotsford autos met the Mission players at the Ferry landing and took them back again

Mrs. Gibson, from New Westminster, is the guest of Msr. J. A. McGowan.

On March 5th the Parent Teacher Association will hold a dance and Whist Drive in the Masonic Hall. The proceeds will be for the immediate needs.

Why go to the Drug Store to get your Balsam of Myrrh when you can get it from the agent for less money.*

The officials of the Toronto Metal Works state that owing to the fact that there are more jobs than men at the works this year no strikes are anticipated.

California nets $400,000,000 a year from their tourist traffic and is using every possible means of publicity to get the tourists there, says W. C. Shelly at the Vancouver Rotary club in Vancouver.

Local contractors complain that the price of lumber is too high in B. C., and that the lumbermen do not seem to care whether they get B. C. trade themselves, and say that as long as the present demand on the American side is as good as it is the prices will remain sky-high.

According to the Confederation Act 21 members of the Geological staff should be maintained. Eight have already resigned and others intend to do so.

This does not look well for the mosquito investigation in the Fraser Valley this year.

PERSONALS

Miss Florence Parton was home for the week-end from Sedro Wooley where she has accepted a position in the Bingham Bnk.

Mrs. Parton spent a few days in Vancouver this week.

Mrs. Albert Teng returned from Victoria sooner than she expected on account of the "flu."

Mr. Bannerman sold his ranch on the Vye road and has bought the Molson ranch near Sumas, where he and his family will reside in the future

Mrs. Alex. Ryall has gone to Mission to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence McCallum, who has the flu.

Mr. Sydney Woolgar of Vancouver spent the week-end with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zeigler.

On Friday evening Feb. 20th, the young friends of Miss Thelma Taylor took a surprise party to her home. The evening was spent in games and music and all had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Harrison of Spokane has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Clarence Buker.

Mrs. T. McMillan has returned from Bellingham where she has been visiting for some time.

Mrs. S. Wolgar has returned home from the local hospital after a most successful operation for appendicitis.

On Saturday, Feb. 21st, a football game was played between Misson City and Abbotsford at Mission City the score being 3-1 in favor of Abbotsford.

Clarence Andrews fell from the C. N. R. bridge on Yale road and injured his wrists and head. He is now doing well in the Abbotsfod hospital.

Mrs. Steffin of Chilliwack is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fraser.

Mrs. Shore was a visitor in Vancouver and New Westminster.

Mr. Clarence Nelson of Mission has been visitin his sister Mrs. Currie this week.

The regular meeting of the local branch of the G. W. V. A. was held in their club rooms on Tuesday evening, with a very large attendance and considerable business was transacted. A motion was made and carried that the Woman's Auxiliary to the G. W. V. A. be officially recognized, as up to the present this had been omitted. Discussion as to enlarging the membership and taking in as many as possible, resuted in a resolution being passed that any comrade who had served in his Majesty's forces or in the Allied forces in the recent or any other war be accepted to membership but the association reserve the right to reject any who may be undesirable. In connection with clause 77 of the constitution a resolution was passed that the association be left free to disucss politics, and not be bound to any political paty; and be free to endorse any candidate whom they may deem advisable. The sending of a delegate to the Dominion convention of the G. W. V. A. to Montreal to be held on March 22nd and it was decided to to send a proxy from Chilliwack. A resolution from Pt. Grey in regard to the housing scheme was endorsed by the meeting. Notice of motion was given to change the meetings of the G. W. V. A from the second and fourth Tuesday to the second and fourth Mondays. In the future the board of trade will hold their meetings in the G. W. V. A club rooms as will also the Athletic Association. It was decided that the small sum o fone dollar charged for meetings being held in the rooms which were notd irectly connected with the G. W. V. A.

Rev. Dr. Smith principal of Westminster Hall, Vancouver, will preach the anniversary services in the Presbyterian church Feb. 29th. He will give an address on Divine Healing, the next evening in the church.

Mr. Anstey, provincial high school inspector will speak on the consolidated school question in the Alexandria hall on March 11th. The Parent Teacher Association requets the interest of all the community.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the G. W. V. A. will hold their monthly meeting in club rooms on Monday March 1st.

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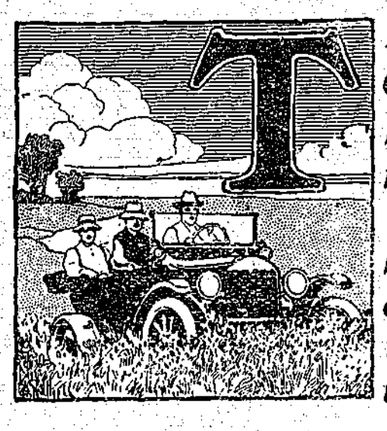

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It is likely that the provincial government will have to adopt some kind of a Good Roads policy if the Good Roads representatives from all parts of the province, are determined to sit on the steps of the parliament buildings until something is done towards giving the people beter roads.

However it is just dawning on the present government that the methods of ten or fifteen years ago are not now up to date in giving the desired roads. The automobile is blamed for breaking up the roads and we often hear those who have charge of the roads 'cusing' the cars for putting the roads out of shape. The present roads were probably built for the horse and wagon, but the automobile has come to stay and the roads will have to built to suit the modern twentieth century traffic of the automobile and the truck. It may cost more to build the roads but the people will have to pay more taxes.

The present roads are such that it costs the automobile driver real money for tires and gasoline--neither gasoline nor tires giving value to the owner that they would were the roads in beter condition--built for cars. So the difference in the cost of travelling between good and poor roads might just as well go in taxes to the government to help build good roads, and then the pleasure of travelling would be greater.

Years ago it took three teams to haul over the roads what some of the moderate sized trucks of the present day take in one load. Figure out the difference in cost of hauling two or three tons a distance of say ten miles. Three teamsters, three span of horses their feed and harness, together with wear and tear. It seems with the truck today, even with higher taxes and god roads the people would be better off.

Delegations to Victoria are received by the government very courteously, which would indicate that the heads of the departments are in the near future expecting favors from the people.

President Wilson, even although his government has not signed the Peace Treaty, cannot keep from dabbling in European politics. Someone should give him a tip, not to get his fingers burned.

The bridge across the Fraser at Mission-Matsqui is the all absorbing topic of the district. Some people are always counting out the cost. Let's all forget the cost and devote our energies to getting the bridge. Money is only 'filthy lucre' at the best but a bridge across the Fraser would be the real thing.

The Mission Council are to be commended for the way they are going after new road machinery. The next step is to have good roads, and it would appear that the proper way is being adopted, even if it does cost now. When the roads are all paved land will be worth twice as much as it is today.

Some people want to blow smoke in Mars' eyes in order to communicate with her. Those people must have an idea that Mars is some kind of a moral reform crank.

OUR VICTORIA LETTER

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not rightly make.

Premier Oliver answered the charges as to the borrowings by saying it was all due to the poor financial condition in which the late government left the province; he raked up the old charges of mal-administration in the dealing of that government with the P. G. E. and C. N. R. and declared that the resources of the province had been dissipated by being given away to friends of the then administration. He asserted some $9,000,000 had to be borrowed to meet obligations left by the Conservatives and of the balance of the borrowings, the money had been devoted to purposes of a productive nature, such as the land settlement schemes, soldier re-habilitation, etc.

Mr. Bowser's criticism of the land settlement policies of the government were evidently telling ones for they moved the Minister of Agriculture who admitted he had not intended taking part in the debate to take the floor. The net result was a reluctant admission that to a very considerable extent the opposition leader's charge was well founded. The latter had asserted that the work of the Land Settlement Board at the Merville and Creston soldier settlement areas had proved so costly through inadequate management that an undue financial burden was being cast upon the veterans who would settle there. He doubted whether, in view of the excessive cost, due to inefficient administration, the soldiers, even if they consented to pay the province the price asked for the land, would be able to secure from the federal authorities loans on anything like the valuations fixed by the Province. Especially did he instance the Creston area where, he stated, some 2500 acres of useless lands were included in the area secured by the Board and is being developed along with the good land for soldier settlement purposes. Was the cost of that useless land to be chargd up against the veterans, he asked?

Mr. Barrow was forced to admit that at least 1,000 acres quite unsuited for agricultural purpose, is included in the Creston area, that it was to be turned into holdings and the cost would be charged against the soldier settlers. On the point of the Christian ranch near Kelowna, another area secured for soldiers at a cost to the province of $33,000 of which $9,000 went to the president of the local Liberal organization as a rake-off, Mr. Barrow failed to reply to Mr. Bowser's query as to whether the profit to a Liberal heeler was also to be charged up against the soldiers. So far as the Merville settlement was cocerned Hon. Mr. Barrow confined himself to general statements asserting the veterans now there are enthusiastic over the prospects, but he explained how it came to be that they have so far refused to accept the Board's figure of cost, that the federal authorities have refused to advance funds in loans based upon the valuations made by the province. He admitted that twenty-five per cent of the men originally entered upon that scheme have quit. "Misfits" he called them. To Mr. Bowser's assertion that up to date some $333,000 has been spent on the Merville operations to clear some 147 acres and yet not a single soldier has been settled there. The Minister admitted that perhaps mistakes had been made for the scheme was really an experiment, but valuable lessons had been learned, he said. To Mr. Bowser's declaration that it would be most unfair to charge the returned men with this over-expenditure and that the only fair and proper course for the government to adopt was to shoulder it, charging it up to "incompetent administration", neither the Minister nor the Premier vouchsafed any reply, nor did the opposition leader's demand for the dismissal of the present head of the Land Settlement Board, Mr. Nelems, on the score of incompetency, draw forth a reply.

No beter commentary upon the justness of Mr. Bowser's charge that the Land Settlement Board's operations have been a failure could be had than the fact that today (Saturday) Mr. Nelems tendered his resignation which has been accepted. The board has been in session for a number of days and on Friday a majority of the members passed a vote of want of confidence in their chairman and demanded that the government should dismiss him. Mr. Nelems' resignation followed. It is no secret that his autocratic methods and his refusal to accept recommendations from the practical members on the Board created differences which ended in an open rupture and the demand for his removal from the office of chairman.

Premier Oliver, in his speech on the address, took occasion to reply to the charges made by Mr. G. S. Hanes, Liberal member for N. Vancouver, to the effect that, through his obstruction of the work of the government inspectors sent out to check up the assets of the P. G. E. the Premier had permitted valuable properties, which should have come into possession of the Province under the terms of settlement arrived at in 1918 between government and the P. G. E. interests, to be lost. The premier roundly berated the member suggesting he was afflicted with lunar madness, and asserting that the province got everything coming to it under that settlement, but that it had never been intended that equipment and plant of the contractors had been conveyed under the arrangement, inferring that any plant not taken over came under that category. Mr. Hanes, however, claimed that fully $100,000 worth of assets rightfully the province's have been lost, and he informed the House he was ready to make good that assertion if the Premier would only grant the investigation he had been asking for.

The chorus of denunciation against existing conditions under Prohibition has added to this week by Major Burde, Alberni, and J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Newcastle, both of whom asserted that in the face of the experience gained since the present act came into operation, it was time for a change. They declared the act is being everywhere openly violated and they urged that some measure of government control be put up to the electors for their approval. They scoffed at the idea that the Attorney General's suggestion to confine any changes in the present act to the limitation of the size and number of prescriptions would be productive of any real results. Their suggestion was that if the government did not possess courage to tackle the question irrespective of party advantage, that it should give the people an opportunity of expressing their views.

Premier Oliver may give Sidney a donation for their fire department.

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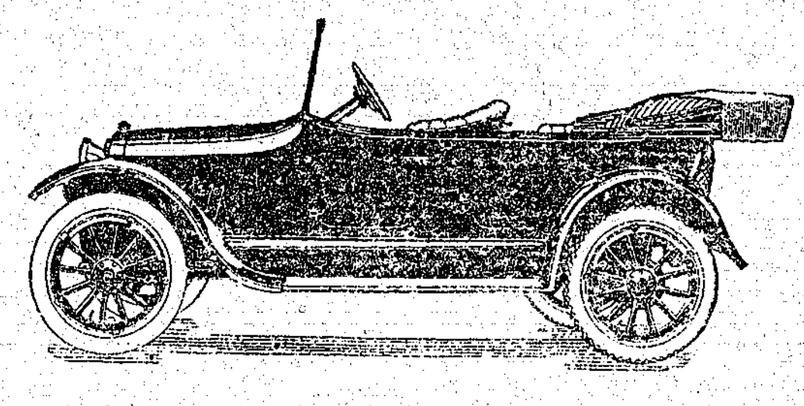

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OUR VICTORIA LETTER

Victoria, Feb. 21—This week has seen an end to the Legislative forensic debauch which, under the guise of the debate on the Address in reply to the speech from the Throne, has broken all records in point of time devoted to it. Three weeks of talk to the exclusion practically, of any real business. At least it has served the purpose of permitting the government time to get along with the preparation of its legislation, now considerably behind its schedule. While tangible results, insofar as the well-being of the province is concerned, are not discernible, it is probable that from now on some real business will be done.

Undoubtedly the feature of the week's happenings in the House has been the coming into action of the "big guns", the leaders of the government and the Conservative opposition. Comment in the corridors indicated that the honors went to the energetic and keen-witted opposition leader whose criticism of the administration was forceful and logical while unmarked by acrimony. The Premier, too, displayed his wonted ability to defend his position and he showed an unusual amount of good humor, his erstwhile political rancour being less marked. But it cannot be said there was any display of originality in his defence. To Bowser's slashing criticisms of the government's failure to redeem its pre-election pledges, of its lack of any initiative other than in taxing to the utmost limit the people of the province the while its expenditures are steadily mounting, the Premier retorted with a re-hash of the old arguments that whatever defects are apparent in the present administration of affairs, they are all due to the actions of the previous government. But not all, either. The Premier had discovered there is something wrong with the people of the Province. They are, he said, averse to hard work which they consider beneath them. He advised them to doff the broad-cloth and don the overalls. As Mr. Hawthernthwaite, who ended the debate, suggested the Premier's admonition to the people of B. C. might appear at first sight a timely one were it not for the fact that to a great extent it was the present administration's failure to initiate policies of a progressive, development nature, that accounted for the fact today there are thousands of men anxious to work who are unable to secure employment.

The opposition leader devoted considerable time to a criticism of the financial record of the government. The so-called surplus of $1,010,000 claimed by the administration and its Minister of Finance for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, he likened to a smoke screen sent up to obscure the real situation, a surplus, he said, gained by the simple expedient of charging some $2,224,000 to capital account and converting a real deficit into a surplus. The real fact was, Mr. Bowser stated, that outlays for that year aggregated $12,112,000 and receipts $9,887,000 leaving an actual deficit of $1,181,000. The government was running its business at a loss borrowing to make surpluses and then charging such borrowings to capital account to hide the fact. A mere book-keeping surplus it was, Mr. Bowser claimed.

Consistency was not a trait of the government, Mr. Bowser averred, as he pointed ou to the fact in the three years of office the present government has almost doubled the debt of the province jumping it from slightly over $18,000,000 in 1916, to about $32,000,000 today. He recalled the criticisms of the present Premier was wont to direct against the former administration for its borrowings, but the fact was, as shown by the Price-Waterhouse audit, an audit made by the present government when it assumed office, that the late government had something substantial to show for its outlays. Capital assets of $39,000,000, an excess of $16,000,000 over capital liabilities were shown by that audit. Today that excess has shrunk to $13,000,000 through the borrowings of the government, borrowings designed to create paper surpluses but unproductive of real benefit to the people. While that audit had been undertaken primarily with the idea of disclosing wrong-doing by the late Conservative government, the fact was Mr. Bowser said, it had proved a certificate of character. The tremedous borrowings of the present regime, coupled with the fact that it had applied the financial thumb screw to the point where the people are being taxed to the limit, was ample demonstration, he believed, that the claim of efficiency in its financial operations was one the government could

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DOINGS AT VICTORIA

This week a deputation of Prohibitionists waited upon the government and offered amendments to the Act. Chief of these were the appointment of an independent commission of three to administer the Act, the limiting of the amount of liquor that might be kept in a private dwelling to two quarts per month and two gallons of beer, and the easing of the present rigorous penalty of a jail term of six months for the first offence of selling liquor to a fine of not more than $500, nor less than $300, the jail term without the option of a fine to be applied to a second offence

Further evidence of the growing disposition on the part of members on the government side to assert their independence and run contrary to the administration, was furnished this week when a division, the second of the session to date, took place following a short but heated argument on the action of the Attorne-General in refusing to supply information in response to opposition questions. Mr. Pooley, Esquimalt, asked for details of disbursements made by Dr. Baker chairman of the Game Conservation Board, for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919. The Attorney-General replied the figures could be secured from the public accounts. As the public accounts referred only to the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, the reply of the attorney-general was quite inaccurate. Mr. Speaker ruled the reply was a proper one and that if the opposition wanted further information they must ask for it in the way of a motion for a return, a ruling Mr. Bowser strongly objected to by asserting the opposition would insist upon its rights. The Speaker's decision was appealed against and the Conservative opposition found support from the soldier members and from Messrs Wilson, Rossland, and Anderson, Kamloops, the last named showing a marked inclination to assert his independence. The vote was 25 to 15, the opposition obtaining the largest taly it had received since the present government assumed office. Mr. Anderson, too, came out in the direct opposition to the government when, in the debate on the motion presented by Mr. Hawthornthwaite calling for government to grant tax exemption on homes and homesites of veterans and dependents up to an assessed valuation of $2,000. He criticised the evident disinclination of the Premier to meet the request even though as he pointed out, the House last year had gone even further by approving of a recommendation of the select committee on soldier rehabilitation that such exemption should be granted up to $5,000. Mr. Anderson declared the Premier could well afford to accept the suggestion by Mr. Hawthornthwaite especially as government has already dicriminated in favor of a certain element of the returned men by amending the pre-emptor's Free Grants Act relieving those having Crown grants from the payment of taxes, and has also provided for a rebate of $500 to veterans buying land.

Messrs Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, of Victoria, the firm of which Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, is a leading member, walked off with a nice plum in the shape of the insurance upon the P. G. E. property to the amount of no less than $2,241,970, and they got it despite the fact that, while tenders were called for by the government, they did not tender but were awarded the insurance at a figure considerably higher than that bid by well known insurance concerns. This is information secured by the opposition through questions asked of the government. It is one outstanding instance of the importance, from the opposition standpoint, of the right to quiz the government. Only by that method can the intimate details of government administration, and its solicitude for its friends, oftentimes be secured.

The Victoria firm with which the Finance Minister is connected was awarded the insurance on the government owned railway equipment at a rate of forty-two and one-half cents per hundred. Bds were called for and the following concerns tendered: United States Fire Insurance Company, New Jersey Insurance Company, Stuyvesant Insurance Company, the

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Insurance Company of Pennsylvania all bidding 35 cents per $100; the Home Insurance Co. of New York, 50 cents, and the British Crown Assurance company, an old country concern with assets of $90,000,000 forty cents. But despite these lower figures, Hon. Mr. Hart's concern got the business for a Yankee company they represent.

Another item of interest was that the Victoria Daily Times, a staunch Liberal paper and supporter of the government was paid $1500 of public money for publicity matter supplied by the government and published in a recent special edition.

OF SERVICE TO NATION

One of the automobile's most valuable services to the nation isthe manner in which it has made farm life more attractive, says Stuart and Millar, local dealers in Chevrolet pasenger and commercial cars.

"Not only has it placed all farm products within easy reach of the city markets. It has also put the farm family intouch with centres of social activity and progress. The auto enables the farmer to accomplish greater production in less time and with less effect. It enables him to turn over his products quickly and to better advantage. Therefore it affords him the enjoyment of greater profits. His trips to town are more frequent because more convenient. He has more opoprtunity to grow familiar with modern improvements represented by city life and with interesting things and people to be found there. His outlook is not limited to his acres. The effect of this is reflected in his home. Living comforts and conveniences and even luxuries heretofore associated only with towns are becoming commonplaces of the modern farm house. Not only do these things make life more pleasant for the farmer himself they make his home more attractive for others to visit. Here again the automobile does its part by putting farmers with in easy reach of their neighbors and interesting friends in the cities. At work or at leisure the farmer who is equipped with motor transportation is fully abreat of the times. More and more people have taken to farming as the advantages of the automobile have been realized. The effect has benefitted all who depend on the farm for supplies."

GOOD ROADS MEN INVADE VICTORIA

The government of Victoria is threatened with an invasion of good roads enthusiasts from all over the province on Tuesday of next week, and the following day. The Good Roads League of British Columbia has sent out a call to all it branches for delegates to come to Victoria on those dates, when the league will present to the government and the legislature in session the various demands that have been voiced at past conventions of the league and not yet acceded to by the powers that be.

These demands will be backed up by the large and influential convention which will wait on the legislature and will then go into session to await immediate action on the demands. Although it is expected that the convention will be in session for two days only, it is hinted that should action be delayed by the legislature the delegates might take up permanent quarters on the doorsteps of the parliament buildings until action is taken.

This convention is apart from the annual provincial convention of the Good Roads League, which will be held at the same place is but two days previously to the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.—Sun.

Mr. W. J. Manson addressed a meeting of the fruitgrowers at Chilliwack on Saturday last.

The growers formed an association on similar lines to the Hatzic Association with a capital of $20,000.

Mr Manson will address a meeting at Whonnock this evening, where a branch of the Maple Ridge association will be formed.

The Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. King on Tuesday afternoon.

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The contract for the cold storage at Hatzic has been let to Mr. B. Davidson, which was the lowest tender.

The new building will be 150x60, and two story high including the basement, with a capacity of 600 tons When completed the basement will have a further capacity of 300 tons. The basement will not be completed this year.

The upper story will be ready for business about the end of April. It contains five rooms.

The excavation work is completed and building operations will begin almost immediately.

The basement walls will be of cement, while the upper story will be of Clayburn hollow tile.

Mr. T. Barrett was a visitor in Vancouver for a few days this week

Will Re-organize Land Office

Victoria, Feb. 24.—Complete reorganization of the Provincial Land Seetlement Board will probably follow the resignation of the chairman, M. H. Nelems.

Hon. Mr. Barrow stated yesterday that he was not yet in a position to make definite announcement with regard to the plans to be followed in carrying on the work of the Land Settlement Board. He would say nothing in regard to the appointment of a new chairman and when asked if the work of the board would be conducted in the future on the same lines as in the past, said that radical changes would be made.

Getting Awfully Thirsty

Heading in Vancouver paper says says "Driest February in past ten years for Vancouver." Yet a car load of booze is supposed to be reaching the Terminal City every day.