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SHOULD THERE BE TWO CROSSINGS?

It would appear that it might be a good idea to revive the old question of opening up the crossing at Hazel Street in order to relieve the traffic on Essendene Avenue, which has been in a most horrible condition since the rainy weather set in.

Essendene Avenue crossing is in the centre of the business interests of the town, and instead of being a detriment to traffic, should facilitate the traffic between the eastern and western business portions of the town, or village, or townsite.

As soon as Abbotsford becomes a village, which might happen ere this is in print, the commissioners should get right after the C. P. R. and the B. C. E. R. for better drainage of their tracks. Every person who guides a car across these two tracks will agree that the condition is a shame and a disgrace, and reflects on both companies, and shows the esteem in which they hold Abbotsford citizenship, and business patronage.

There is absolutely no necessity for it, and it should not be tolerated by the business men or the residents of Abbotsford. It is getting worse each year, and shows mismanagement somewhere. It is believed that a wisely worded resolution from the board of trade to Mr. Barrow, or his attention called to it when here, would start something that would change the condition of this crossing of two railways. Until incorporated Abbotsford is a government townsite, under the control of the provincial government, and it is asserted that it is up to our representative to make railways having right-of-way across public highways keep them in good condition. Abbotsford was here before either.

Premier Oliver helped to make the C. P. R. "toe the mark" in Mission City, when he represented Dewdney, which would be a precedent for Mr. Barrow, in the matter of Essendene Avenue Crossings.

If the traffic on Essendene Avenue is too heavy it might be suggested that it be relieved by the opening of Hazel Street crossing, which might be more easily drained.

Now that the Post has opened up the question, will the Board of Trade still pursue the matter, as the condition of the crossings is not a good advertisement to Abbotsford. Is It?

But perhaps after all neither cmpany is really aware of the poor condition of the street at the crossings, but should be.

Another Bank Merger Soon

QUEBEC, Jan. 2. — Hon. G. E. Amyot, president of the Banque Nationale, last night approved the fusion of the Banque Nationale and the Banque d'Hochelaga, stating that an official announcement would be given out in Montreal.

Spoken to regarding the merger of the banks, the representative of the directorate of the Banque Nationale made the following statement:

"A contract has been prepared providing for the sale to the Banque d'Hochelaga of the assets of the Banque Nationale. The agreement stipulates that the Banque d'Hochelaga will look after the circulation deposits and all liabilities of the Banque Nationale.

"The Minister of finance, Hon. Mr. Fielding, has approved of that operation and a copy of the projected contract will be sent without delay to the shareholders of the Banque Nationale, who will be called to meet and give their assent or otherwise to the plan.

ALBION

The Christmas tree fete organized by Mrs. L. Manzer, teacher, proved and delight to old and young. The Community hall was gaily decorated for the event by the young folk of Albion and there were over 200 present, despite the prevalent epidemic of measles. The diverse and excellently executed programme of music and recitation, followed by a dance, besides the distribution of Christmas gifts, kept all merry until the small hours of the morning. A notable spectator, was Mrs. H. Robertson, nonagenarian, as sprightly as could be wished, who received many congratulations.

The cold snap has put a finish to the numerous rose bushes of the city which have been flowering continuously since summer. However, picking roses at Christmas is quite a novelty.

Ridgedale News

One of the best entertainments over presented in Ridgedale Hall was given Thursday evening, Dec. 20, by the pupils of Ridgedale Public School under the efficient direction of Miss Margaret Stenerson assisted by Miss Agnes Lancaster.

The Hall was tastefully decorated in Xmas colors and filled to its utmost capacity, and the audience listened to a splendid programme given by the boys and birls. Much credit is due the teachers for their painstaking care in training the pupils so thoroughly for their various parts.

The programme was as follows: Welcome exercise; Song, "Good Saint Nick," School; Song, "Old Black Joe;" Dialogue, "Painting a Chair;" Umbrella Drill; Song, "The Flag and Three Cheers;" Left March Song, "Come Play With Me;" Piano Solo, Miss Anderson; Recitation, "My Pocketbook;" Exercise, "Merry Little Birds;" Dialogue, "The Deaf Grandma;" Song, "If I Only Had a Home Sweet Home;" Recitation, Marion Bell; Song, "Jack Frost;" Dialogue, "The Day After Xmas;" March of the Xmas Tree; Song, "Good Night;" Dialogue "The Train To Mauro;" Song, "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard;" Piano Solo, Charlotte Rottluff; Good Bye Exercise; Dialogue "An Xmas Courtesy."

Trustee Lancaster acted as chirman.

At the close of the entertainment Santa appeared beside a well-laden Xmas tree and each child received a pretty gift and a bag of candy. Refreshments were also provided for the audience.

Three cheers were heartily joined in for teachers and pupils.

The parents are to be congratulated on the fact that their junior teacher, Miss Lancaster, will remain in the school next year, but much regret is expressed that Miss Stenerson is leaving.

The annual vesty meeting of St. Mathews Church will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening, January 9th.

Calls His Father "Failure"

This exclusive photograph, made recently, shows the British premier's son, Oliver Baldwin, with his pet Finnish wolf. The premier's son is campaigning for the Labor Party and calls the government's foreign policy "terrible."

LARGE AMOUNT IS DISTRIBUTED

VICTORIA, Jan. 3.—Following is a list of the profits from liquor being distributed to British Columbia municipalities by Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, the profits divided totalling $466,331 for the period from March 31 last to September 30.

Chilliwack	$2079
Port Coquitlam	2517
Chilliwack	6445
Coquitlam	2871
Langley	4687
Maple Ridge	4687
Matsqui	5273
Mission Municipality	1084
Mission Village	1084
Pitt Meadows	494
Smithers	802
Sumas	702
Surrey	6445

Motor Licences

The distribution of motor license taxes for the year 1923 was as follows:

Chilliwack	$1304
Port Coquitlam	1588
Chilliwack	4058
Coquitlam	1808
Langley	2951
Maple Ridge	2951
Matsqui	3320
Mission Municipality	2582
Mission Village	682
Pitt Meadows	311
Smithers	505
Sumas	442
Surrey	4088

Pari-Mutuel Profits

From the pari-mutuel profits of 1923 the municipalities receive the following:

Chilliwack	$ 992
Port Coquitlam	1203
Chilliwack	3090
Coquitlam	1373
Langley	224
Maple Ridge	2247
Matsqui	2523
Mission Municipality	1966
Mission Village	519
Pitt Meadows	237
Smithers	381
Sumas	337
Surrey	3090

MILNER BASKET BALL TEAMS VISIT ABBOTSFORD TEAMS

Two friendly games of baskeball were played in the theatre hall on Thursday, with the Milner teams.

The first game played was between two local teams, named the Mill team and the C. P. R. team and was great fun both for the players and the spectators, the Mill team winning by a wide score.

The intermediates were next to play and the game ended in a win for the home team of 30-15.

The last game, that of the Seniors B. was a fairly good exhibition of play, and again ended in a win for the home boys of 26-16.

On the 12th the intermediates and the seniors B. will go to Mission City to play the corresponding teams there.

Mrs. J. Brydges and family have returned from visiting friends in New Westminster.

PROVINCIAL PARTY IS ORGANIZED

At a meeting held in the Bank of Montreal Chambers on Wednesday evening, a local branch of the Provincial Party of B. C. was organized, with the following officers elected. President, H. R. Brown; 1st Vice-president, G. F. Pratt; 2nd Vice-president, W. J. Ware; Secretary-treasurer, T. Irving.

The executive committee is comprised of the following, Messrs. C. Clausen, K. Kay, A. Desmazes, T. Williams and J. J. Sparrow. The representatives to the District Central will be the president and secretary.

W. I. AT CLEARBROOK ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Clearbrook Women's Institute was held in the Community Hall, Poplar, on Thursday afternoon, with a good attendance.

Election of officers for the coming year, resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Wilson; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. Green; 2nd Vice-president Mrs. Lait; Secretary, Mrs. Heywood; Treasurer, Mrs. Stady.

The members are arranging a splendid programme of demonstrations and interesting attractions for the coming year, and to complete these arrangements a meeting of the directors will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilson within the next two weeks.

FINE PROGRAMME AT SCOTCH CONCERT

A fine programme of songs, and music was rendered at the annual Scotch concert held in the theare on New Year's Eve. On account of the cold weather some of the expected artists were prevented from appearing, which was much regretted.

At the close of the concert a jolly dance was held and greatly enjoyed.

GIRLS' TEAM WINS IN GAMES AT CHILLIWACK

The local teams of basketball players, journeyed to Chilliwack on Wednesday evening, and in three games played met defeat in two. The game between the seniors B. ended in a score of 53-19 for Chilliwack. The young business men's team played a splendid game and extra time was allowed, so as to break the the score. Again the Chilliwack team won by 14-10.

The Abbotsford ladies' team came home with flying colors, having won by a score of 9-7!

Donald Bennedict, who has been elected as representative of the Tuxis Boys' for the south side of the Fraser River, left for Victoria on Tuesday evening, where he will attend the Parliament of the Tuxis Square.

Mrs. D. R. Keehn of Bellingham is the guest of Mrs. T. McMillan.

WEDDED HAPPILY

Cupid Scores Again

CLARKE—NELSON

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews W. Nelson of Matsqui, on December 28th, when their second daughter, Ida May Nelson of Vancouver became the bride of George Pilcher Clarke of Vancouver. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hadfield of Vancouver.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Robertson of Abbotsford in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke will take up residence in Vancouver.

ENJOYABLE PARTY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Miss May Stady, who is spending her holidays at her home here, was the hostess at a very enjoyable house party on Wednesday evening. Games and dancing were indulged in, and later dainty refreshments were served. Those present included Betty West, Evelyn Nelson, Freda Nelson, Ruby Farrant, Verna Stinson, Elsie Stady, Daisy Stady, Mae Wilson, Jessie Coogan, Gladys York and Thelma Taylor; Harry Keen, Charles McIntyre, Will Logan Laura Coogan, Jimmie Wilson, Alex McCray, Will Hutchinson, Fred Taylor, Harry Taylor, Lloyd Vannetta and Maurice Brydges.

Catching the Unwary

The mayor in a small town in Ohio, says the Argonaut, had six stout sons, with whom he loved to parade the market place. They furnished him with the basis of a mathematical joke.

"A fine family you have," strangers would often say. "Is this the whole of it"

"No," the mayor would reply. "I have two sisters at home for each one of them."

"What!" the visitor would exclaim, rapidly counting the sons. "Twelve daughters!"

"No indeed! Just two!"

Miss M. Smith of Chilliwack spent the holidays at her home here.

Gasoline Tax is Is Now in Effect

Gasoline jumped 3 cents a gallon while holiday-makers were celebrating the advent of the new year. Monday a motorist could stock up his tank at 25 cents a gallon. Today it will cost him 28¢.

The 3-cent gasoline tax is in effect. It is stated that the public had done very little stocking up in advance of the new tax. Whether this was due to the superlative honesty, the small size of their gasoline tanks or forgetfulness induced by the holiday excitement, there was no statistics to demonstrate.

Compensation for the motorists is to be found at the provincial police office where the auto licences are issued. More than 1000 of the new black and orange plates for 1924 had been issued up to last Monday night it was stated by Constable W. H. Handley, who is in charge of the licence bureau at Vancouver.

At the same time as the gasoline tax went on the license fees were reduced 25 per cent., so that car owners have a nice task in figuring out where they stand.

One Fliver owner yesterday reckoned that he was a loser by $9.50 on the deal. His license last year cost him $22.50; on the gasoline purchased by him last year his tax would have been $15, he estimated. He saves $6.50 on his license and pays $15 more for gasoline. He is a man who uses his car very little.

One who travels the road a great deal will have to pay much more gasoline tax and that is the idea of the change, to make the user of the road pay for its upkeep in the proportion that he uses it.

During the recent cold spell, 22 degrees of frost were registered and the mercury dropped to 10 above zero. This test was made at the residence of Mr. A. George, which on account of its high situation, should prove pretty accurate.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper Nixon and family of Vancouver were the guests of Mrs. Nixon's mother, Mrs. B. Nelson, on New Year's Day.

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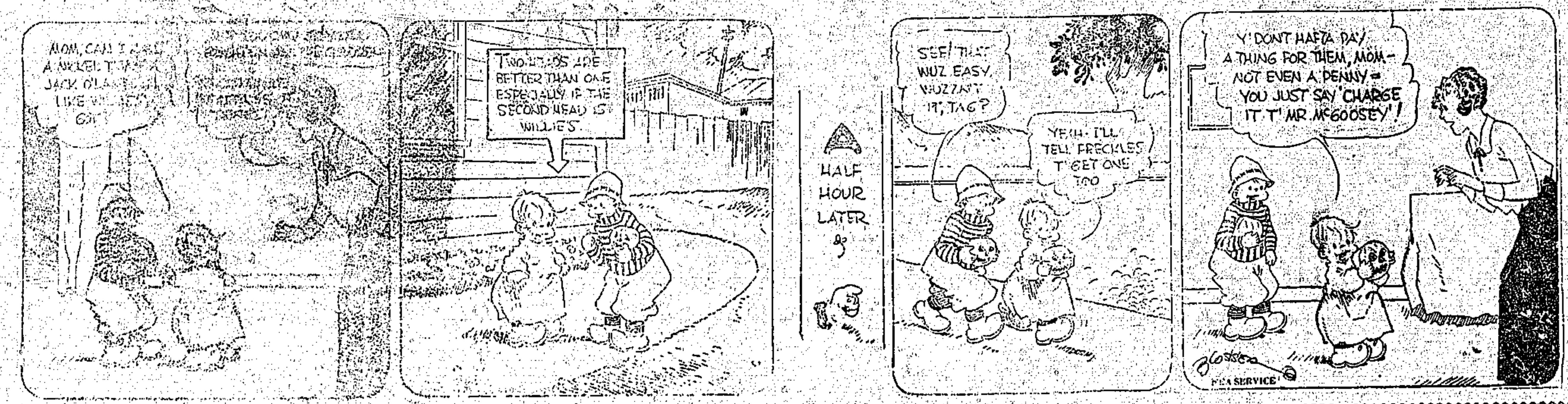

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With the New Year there are many questions [illegible] come up for discussion and either [illegible] out to a great success, or placing [illegible] with a more convenient [illegible] forever. We have in mind [illegible] institutions that have been built up by [illegible] striving after something better than we [illegible] the present time; after something that will facilitate methods of reaching our governments with greater ease and stronger assurances of success. We have them in all small communities of the Fraser Valley, and also in other parts of the province. We refer to the Union of B. C. Municipalities, the Associated Boards of Trade of B. C., and we could include the Good Roads League.

These institutions supported by voluntary fees, are certainly founded upon the right ideas, and should be instrumental in assisting in those matters which pertain to the betterment of the community as a whole. But there has crept into these institutions an influence at once strong and selfish of its own interests, and should those questions not meet with the approval of the larger bodies, the resolution of any small community has a hard and thorny path to trod before it reaches those for whom it was intended—the Dominion or Provincial Government, particularly the latter, as the major part of our direct hopes depend on that body.

The meetings held in Vancouver and Prince Rupert just previous to the last provincial session will bear out that resolutions passed by local bodies and sent to these central organizations for endorsement had strong opposition did they not meet with the approval of the stronger and self-styled more influential community represented at these meetings. This should not be the case, and until this is put an end to the Union of B. C. Municipalities, the Good Roads League and the Associated Boards of Trade of B. C. will not fulfil the objects for which they were first organized. What chance has a small country organization in any one of the annual meetings of these institutions with a large selfish community which has a stronger representative there? Communities of like size or nearly so would accomplish more and with greater facility than when linked up with a two or three or more to one representation. The resolution may be of value to the rural district but the city might think it entirely at variance with some of the interests of the larger community.

How many times have representatives of your Board of Trade, representatives of your municipal council, or the delegates to the Good Roads League, returned and reported at the next meeting, failure or partial failure of a resolution sent to the central meeting for endorsation? Quite often? No need of quoting instances, is there?

There is very little need of delving very deep into matters of the past in connection with any one of these organizations, as no doubt they have all accomplished something, but they are not functioning in the best interests of all the communities they represent, and will have to be rejuvenated, reorganized and differently constituted during the coming year in order to be of value to the province as a whole.

We pride ourselves on our modern civilization, the freedom of the press and the freedom of the individual, but are we as free as we make ourselves believe we are? Did not British freedom get an awful shock in B. C. when the Attorney-General introduced at the last session of the legislature his amendments to the Public Inquiries Act? The far reaching effect of the amendment which provides, in effect, that when any person asks for an enquiry into any public matter, that person is himself subject to an enquiry as to his motives and record.

Imagine this in municipal politics. No municipality is free of factions, who do not agree at all times. Imagine a former reeve or councillor not agreeing with the present administration—they generally don't. He criticizes and charges them with extravagance in the building of a road, or payments of salaries, or road machinery, or some other matter of importance to the ratepayers. He does this either through the press or in a public meeting. The reeve or councillor, at whom it is aimed, says all right, Mr.——— (a dozen names of familiar municipal politicians could be inserted) we will have those charges investigated if you wish, but first we will find out who your grandfather was, if he stole sheep, smuggled, or was a horse-thief; where you were born, and whether you were born with a silver, or a porridge spoon in your mouth; where you got your money; and did you get it honestly, or did you grab it to the detriment of the interests of some other fellow; why you abuse your wife and children (he may not do this but inquiry could be made into it); how you come to own your automobile, and is it paid for; and a thousand and one other suggested matters into the opponent's past; and all before the real enquiry is taken up against the reeve or councillor. The same would apply to a trustee board. In other words, as the scope is far-reaching, any procedure to belittle the accuser may be suggested or taken up, then the inquiry into the municipal charges taken up. Who wants the "skeleton" brought out into public? The amendment to the Public Inquiries Act is a powerful slam at British freedom and British justice, and we do not think that even the McRae and Tupper charges, bad as they are, even warranted it. We would rather have seen Bowser sent into private life; or Oliver relegated to the oblivion of Delta, and Sloan sent back to the Yukon, rather than that the amendment of the Public Inquiries Act be placed on the statute books of B. C.—a shame and a disgrace we are inclined to believe, to the Oliver government, and to the electors.

One of the most excellent plans of developing the Fraser Valley is to elect good councils and good trustee boards. Elect men who have a just appreciation of the responsibility placed in their hands. Good councils and good trustee boards are builders for future prosperity.

It will be surprising if even the love of Premier Oliver for his office and the emoluments attaching thereto, will surmount the total lack of confidence in the government that characterizes the attitude of the people of the province.

In the closing day of the session most deplorable signs of weakness on the part of the government were so obvious that they amount to symptoms of impending dissolution. After the big fight of Hon. W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition, and W. K. Esling, M. L. A. for Rossland, on behalf of a wide-open enquiry into P. G. E. Railway charges, Premier Oliver funked the issue, after promises that he never presumably intended to keep.

What makes matters worse is that Speaker Pauline should have refused to do his ordinary duty when Mr. Bowser and Canon Hinchliffe attended to expedite business in connection with the resolution, by actually turning his back upon the members and later leaving the chamber as if deliberately stifling any possibility of free discussion.

Thus affairs with the government have reached a parlous state and it will indeed be unexpected—and impertinent—if this is not the last session of the presen regime.

Choice of the Fraser River Canyon route for the "missing link" in the trans-provincial highway, in preference to the Hope-Princeton route over Allison Pass, is understood on good authority, to have been made by the provincial government, and its selection in this respect is to be officially announced in the legislature in the course of the next few days. The announcement is expected to be made either by the end of the present week, or early next week. It is also rumored that in view of the very controversial nature of these rival highway routes, the government may defer, for diplomatic reasons, the announcement until nearly the close of the session.

Information to this effect was brought over from Victoria by a member of a delegation which has been supporting the Hope-Princeton route. He had been shown facts and figures in support of the Fraser Canyon route, which both as regards initial cost of construction, and particularly in the average time which this route would be available for use in the year, as compared with the Allison Pass route, had not only convinced the members of the provincial executive, but he admitted, had also convinced him that the choice was perhaps the best under the circumstances.

While a considerable saving in initial cost will also be effected by the adoption of the Fraser River Canyon route, which takes in a considerable portion of the old Cariboo trail, it was intimated to this upcountry delegate by members of the provincial executive—and in fact, has been publicly announced—that it will be only a matter of a couple of years until an alternative highway will have to be built over the Hope-Princeton route. Meantime, efforts will be made by means of careful surveys to find a route with a lower altitude for motor traffic from more than six or seven months in the year, which is conceded to be the maximum that the Allison Pass could be traversed without risk of considerable delay and trouble.—Journal of Commerce.

FULL ENQUIRY IS WELCOMED

VICTORIA, Dec. 29.—Declaring that he welcomed the fullest enquiry into the chages and allegations of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and those contained in the Searchlight, the organ of the Provincial party, W. J. Bowser, K. C., Conservative leader, last night said that the efforts of General McRae and his following were directed to making it appear that he and Premier Oliver were united in their opposition to any investigation into the affairs of the P. G. E. Mr. Bowser scoffed at the idea, went at length into the history of the legislative debates on the P. G. E., and quoted voluminously from the proceedings of the House to show that time without number he and his following had made every effort to probe the relations of the company with the government.

Mr. Bowser referred to the confidence the electors of Vancouver had shown in him.

"These gentlemen with certain political aspirations are not going to walk over my dead body," he declared. "I have had twenty years' experience in public life and my back is against the wall. It is the first time my private character has been attacked. I welcome that commission. If I am guilty I have no right to represent Vancouver and to be the leader of the Conservative party. I hope that commission will be appointed soon.

"I want Gen. McRae and the Provincial party to put their witnesses in the witness box where they will perjure themselves if they say I got a single dollar from Foley, Welch and Stewart," Mr. Bowser stated. "I have as good a right to my reputation as any one. These ambiguone gentleman accused me of a criminal offence. If I received that money I should be in the penitentiary. Hon. Mr. Sloan can take care of himself. Why can't they play the game? Before they signed any such petition as presented to the Premier, they should have produced their evidence.

Mr. Bowser said that the day following the Premier's announcement of the receipt of the petition asking for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges against himself and Hon. Mr. Sloan the Conservatives in House had unanimously decided the the House had unamimously decided the only course was to follow their leader and demand a Royal Commission. Hence the Hinchliffe resolution to that effect, a resolution which, he claimed, the government for nine days side-stepped and on the final day of the Legislature it was side tracked by Mr. Speaker Pauline leaving the chair while Messrs. Bowser and Hinchliffe were on their feet demanding that the government take action.

Col. "Cy." Peck, V. C., nominated as the Conservative candidate for the Island constituency, also adressed the gathering, which was remarkly large in view of the season of the year.

CONSULAR SERVICE NOTICE

The American consul at Fernie reports the receipt of general instruction No. 812 from Washington, D. C., a part of which is of interest to shippers and the general public. The instruction announces that the following classes of merchandise will be admitted to the United States without the necessity of a consular invoice.

1. Merchandise not exceeding $100 in value, including such merchandise imported through the mails.

2. Household effects used abroad and personal effects, not imported in pursuance of a purchase or agreement for purchase and not intended for sale.

3. Articles sent by persons in foreign countries as gifts to persons in the United States.

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Fairy Tales Come True for Teacher Who Read 'Em

$500,000 Fortune Left to Young School Teacher By Fairy God-Father

ELIZABETH WURTHMANN, BUSY IN HER CLASSROOM

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. —For months Miss Elizabeth R. Wurthmann, school teacher, has been reading fairy tales to her pupils.

Most of the children believed them. But she never did. School teachers are grown up and know better.

But now she has changed her mind. She, too, believes in fairy stories, for a dream of childhood has come true. A fairy god-father has left her a fortune which will give her luxury for the rest of her days.

She became a school teacher because she hates to wash dishes. Now, she will never again have to wash 'em, or do anything else she doesn't like.

For she is the heir of a $500,000 fortune left by Louis T. Lehmeyer, 92, who had been the best man at her grandmother's wedding in Germany 75 years ago.

For many years the old man lived alone on the top floor of an old house on the East Side of New York. He became ill suddenly and was taken to the charity ward of Welfare Island Hospital.

Elizabeth and her family tried to have him moved. But he was too weak.

No one had an inkling of his wealth. When his will was filed, at was found that he left the bulk of his estate to the 21-year-old school teacher, who, some say, reminded him of her grandmoher.

But the fortune isn't going to Miss Wurthmann's head. She will continue teaching her children, and reading fairy tales to them until the school year ends.

Then she plans to go travelling, perhaps, to find a Prince Charming, just as they do in the other fairy tales.

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CAT SHORTAGE IN FRASER VALLEY

ALDERGROVE, Jan. 2.—Judging from the persistent enquiries for cats and the difficulty in filling those requirements, there is a distinct shortage of "tabbies" in more than one rural district in the Fraser Valley. Poultrymen, especially, are complaining of depredations upon feed supplies by rats and mice, and the "impossibility" of securing cats to combat the plague.

"Why don't you use your own cats?"

"Because we have none; our cats have mostly died off from some mysterious disease—they just mope, decline food, and are found dead."

Not in Favor of Proposed Change

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

A petition is being circulated in the district asking that no change be made in the size of the berry crates for the coming season, as is contemplated by the government. The petition will be presented at the annual meeting to be held in Chilliwack on the 16th.

It is claimed that increasing the size of the crate will make a difference of some three pounds of berries. It is considered that the present size is a better shipper than what could be expected under the proposed change where more fresh berries are put into the hallock.

It is very important to give berries all the chance possible of arriving in good shape on prairie markets, and local growers are very decided in not wanting the larger crate, not because of the increased number of pounds of berries to be sold at the same price, but because it endangers the quality of the berries at point of destination.

REEVE MAKES GRIM DISCOVERY

Amendments to the Public Enquiries Act, passed at the last session of the legislature, will apply to municipal as well as to provincial affairs, in the opinion of Reeve McLean of Burnaby, who arrives at this conclusion after considering the effect of the amendments in question read in conjunction with Section 475, Sub-section 2, of the Municipal Act.

The amendments to the Public Enquiries Act provide, in effect, that when any person asks for an enquiry into any public matter, that person is himself subject to enquiry as to his motives and record. Reeve McLean now discovers that, whether wittingly or not, the legislature has created a condition under which anyone asking for an enquiry into municipal affairs is liable to be subjected to such an inquisition.—Columbian.

PLANT BURNS AT ALDERGROVE

Damage estimated at $10,000, was caused at the mill of the Rerrie Lumber Co. at Aldergrove late on Sunday afternoon when one end of the plant and a large quantity of finished lumber, which was piled up ready for shipment, was destroyed by fire. The entire mill would have undoubtedly been a prey to the flames had it not been for the efforts of a volunteer fire brigade made up of residents of the district and the employees of the mill. Practically every resident of the community turned out, and although hampered by an inadequate water supply they succeeded in confining the fire to the one end of the structure, through the expedient splitting of the building into two sections. This served as a fire break.

The fire is thought to have originated in one of the refuse blowers from a spark from the burner which became lodged in some try shavings. Fanned by the draft, the flames were carried to one of the electric motors and soon one end of the mill was in flames. The loading deck was also located at this end of the mill, and was piled high with between 250,000 and 300,000 feet of lumber ready for shipment. Every foot of this was burned up and it was here the greater portion of the loss was sustained. The total loss is partly covered by insurance.

Mr. George F. Pratt who is attending the University in Vancouver is spending the holidays at his home here.

Parlor Show at January Meeting

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

The regular meeing of the Mission City Poultry Assn. will be held in the Agricultural Hall on Monday evening, January 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

It has been deemed advisable to change the date from Jan. 8 to 7, on account of the Provincial Poultry Show starting on January 8th.

The meeting is to take the form of a parlor show. The breed to be shown will be leghorn. Any person can show whether a member of the Association or not. Each exhibitor is eligible to four birds, such as one cock, one cockerel, one hen and one pullet, but may exhibit one or more birds if not able to show four. Any variety of leghorn may be shown and four of each variety is allowed.

Birds will be judged and first, second, third and fourth prize ribbons will be awarded. Entries should be made as soon as possible to the Secretary of the Association, Mr. A. D. McRae.

Birds should be in place if possible by 6 p. m., January 7th. Arrangements are being made for a special speaker for the evening. The genial President of the Association will be on hand.

For Protection Of Nicomen Island

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

The residents and property owners on Nicomen Island are, at last, to be afforded some measure of relief, by the department of public works, from the threatened floods. Some protective mattress work to divert the river current from the danger points, is now being carried out by day labor, and in addition, a $40,000 contract has been let by the department to the Vancouver Pile Driving and Contracting Co. for further extensive protective work to be undertaken at once. Their contract calls for the placing of 5,000 cubic yards of brush mattress along the exposed bank of the island for a stretch of 1,600 feet. This mattress will be 60 feet in width and will be heavily weighed down with rock, it being estimated that at least 14,600 tons of rock will be required for this purpose.

Manager D. King of the Vancouver Contracting Company states that a start will be made on the work as soon as equipment, comprising tugs, pile driver and scows, can be assembled at the island. The work will be rushed to take advantage of the winter period of low water and will be completed, it is expected, within three months.

WOULD LIMIT LOADS

PITT MEADOWS, Jan. 2.—A suggestion that will seriously handicap commercial traffic on the Dewdney Trunk road comes from the public Works department that loads shall be limited to 4000 pounds net. At present some of the trucks carry 15,000 and 16,000 pounds, and the jitneys are a fluctuating quantity The next council will deal with this matter, as well as with others bequeathed to them by the present council.

CANDIDATES FOR REEVESHIP

MAPLE RIDGE, Dec. 31.—Municipal politics will be lively after the New Year festivities are concluded. There will be a "bonnie fecht" between Reeve McIver, who stands for a fourth term of office as reeve and Councillor John B. Martyn, who aspires to take his place.

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 depression, a stringent money market,—also what Sherman said about war.

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

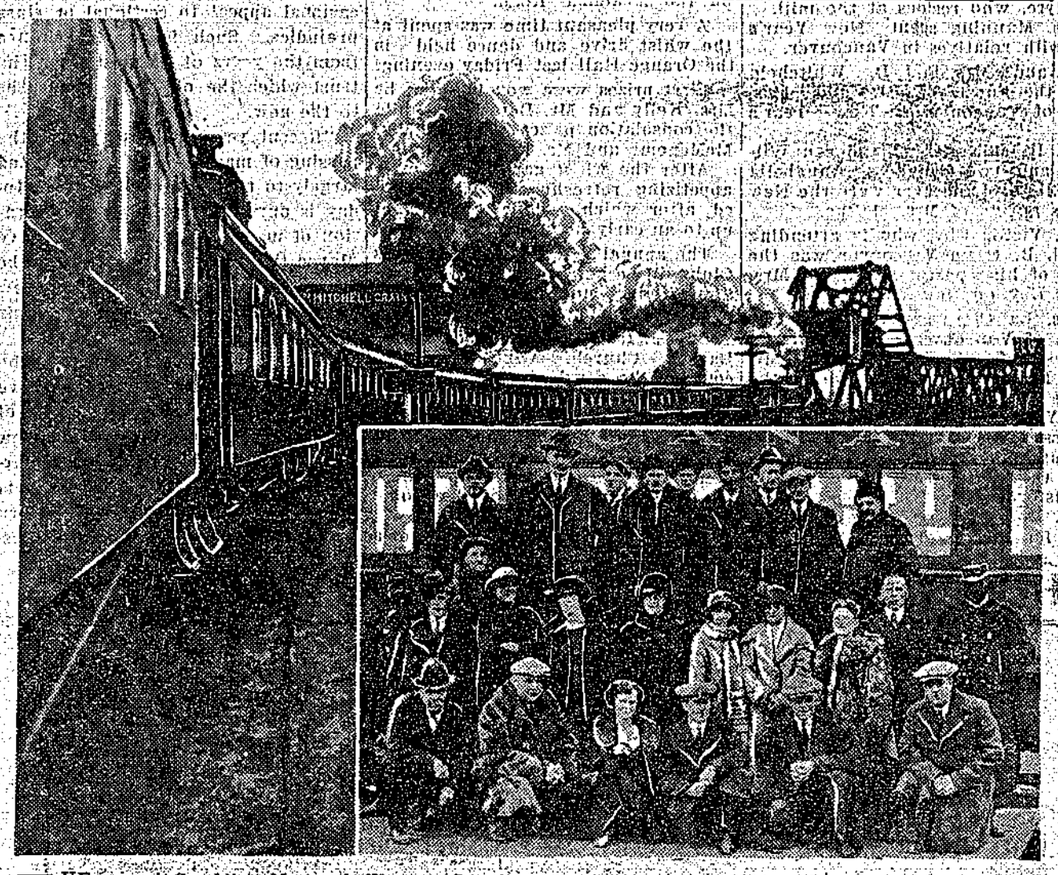
He wanted a ship—how would he get it? Answer—"Advertise!" And he did—flung a shirt from the top of a pole.

The first advertisement brought no returns.

But Crusoe wasn't discouraged. He changed the "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.

CHRISTMAS AMID OLD HOMELAND SCENES



THE second Canadian National Railways train leaving Winnipeg for Halifax to connect with steamships sailing for United Kingdom ports. Several hundred Western Canadians took advantage of the special rates and special trains arranged by the Canadian National, which allowed them to leave Winnipeg as late as December 11 and yet reach Britain in time for Christmas. Inset is a group of Edmonton people aboard the second tourist special.

GLAD TO RETURN TO DEATH HOUSE, SAYS CONVICT, FREE FIVE YEARS

DOMINICK DELFINO

BY JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
Nea Service Staff Writer

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 31.—"It wasn't worth it."

Dominick Delfino, who for five years kept the electric chair waiting while police scoured the United States and Canada for him, sat before a little pine table and drew imaginary circles on it with long thin fingers.

For Dominick is back in the Lackawanna county jail again and his spectacular escape of five years ago, wherein he battered one guard over the head, held two others at bay and staged a running gun fight with a fourth, is in small danger of being repeated.

Besides—

"It wasn't worth it," says Dominick.

And thus does this wiry Italian, with the beautwrested from life.

Life was sweet on that morning of February 4, in 1918, when the last guard crumpled up with a gunshop in his arm and Dominick burst out of prison doors.

New Struggle Begins

And then began a struggle of a different kind. It was a bitterly cold day and Dominick, in his thin prison shirt and trousers, was freezing. A mile and a half away from the jail he gathered courage to knock on a door.

"Please, missus," he called, "I am freezing."

"Go away, you big bum," said the woman.

A quarter of a mile further Dominick tried again. This time he had better luck for though the woman was suspicious she gave him a ragged coat.

And now the police were searching the roads. Dominick lay down in the snow behind hedges and shivered until the police had gone by.

Little Laughter; Much Shivering

By hopping freight trains and doing an occasional day's labor Dominick worked his way into Canada. The stations and fences were all full of the pictures of one Dominick Delfino, who had escaped from prison and for whose return $1000 would be paid.

Dominick put peroxide on his hair and eyebrows and stuffed out his lips with cotton.

"One thousand dollars! Why don't YOU try to git that money?" said a passerby to Dominick one day. Dominick laughed, but he shivered.

Little by little Dominick worked his way west to Vancouver. Sometimes he had good jobs and then he went to the theatres and concerts. As much as possible he tried to keep in with the police so he would know when they were looking for him.

Once he slipped out a side door just as the police were knocking at the front.

No matter where he turned, no matter where he went there was always the fear of a heavy hand being laid on his shoulder.

Once, years ago, there had been a girl, Elisa, that Dominick was building a home for. But the home had burned down and Elisa married somebody with better luck.

Now, comparatively safe in Canada, Dominick's thoughts turned again to home and children.

"But that wasn't right," he says. "How could I bring my unhappiness to someone else?"

Then, a few weeks ago, in Nelson, British Columbia, someone thought to ask Dominick how he happened to get into Canada. Dominick couldn't produce the necessary papers and they threw him in jail. The alternative was a fine of $150.

Friend Gave Him Away

Dominick wrote to his friend, Joe, for the money. Once, in a burst of loneliness, Dominick had told Joe what his real name was and how he had broken from prison. The temptation was too much for Joe. Joe tipped off the police.

Now, though still protesting his innocence of the murder of Dominick Morobito, the clime of which he was first convicted, Dominick doesn't much care what happens.

"It wasn't worth it," he says, "those five years spent in fear and loneliness. It is better to face things as they come. Once I had a dream. I thought people were chasing me and I ran into the church. Then, from above the altar, Jesus spoke to me. He said, 'Why are you afraid, Dominick? Nothing can take you from my hand.'"

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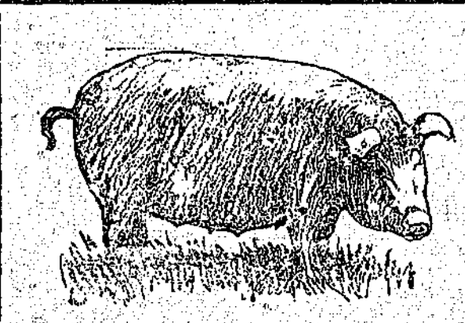

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PERSONALS

Mrs. McIntyre and son Charles of Vancouver are the guests of Mrs. McIntyre, who resides at the mill.

Mrs. Manning spent New Year's Day with relatives in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. R. Whitchelo were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bray of Vancouver on New Year's Day

Mr. H. McNaughton and son William, and two daughers, Annabella and Ella of Vancouver were the New Year's guests of Mrs. McRae.

Mr. Victor Eby, who is attending the U. B. C. in Vancouver was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eby on New Year's Day.

Mrs. La Clire and daugher, Valenine, of Vancouver, and Mr. M. McEwen of Vancouver, and Mr. John McRae of Agassiz were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McRae at New Year's.

Miss Daisy Farrant, who is attending business college in Seattle, spent the holidays at her home in Abbotsford.

Mr. Robert Trethewey left last week for Davenport, Iowa, where he will attend the Palmer School of Chiropractic.

Miss Elsie McConnely of Vancouver is visiting her parents, who live on the Mckenzie Road.

A very pleasant time was spent at the whist drive and dance held in the Orange Hall last Friday evening.

First prizes were won in whist by Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Beresford, while the consolation prize went to Miss McMenemy and Mr. D. Smith.

After the whist games were over, appetizing refreshments were served, after which dancing was kept up to an early hour.

The annual meeting of the Men's Club will be held as usual next Monday evening, no meetings having been held during the holidays.

Rev. J. R. Robertson paster of St. David's Church, Vancouver, will conduct the services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next.

Mr. Ellis McClenahan of Seattle was a recent visitor at the home of his parents here. Mrs. McLenahan returned to Seattle with him where she will be the guest of her son, Thomas McClenahan.

Mr. H. P. Knoll left for Victoria on Sunday evening, having been called there on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bennett and children, spent New Year's as the guests of friend in New Wesminster.

Miss Annie McPhee, of the nursing staff of the Vancouver General Hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McPhee, this week.

Friends will be sorry to learn of the illness of Miss Helen Olsen, who is confined to bed with measles, in the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

Mr. James Gillen, who is attending the U. B. C. is spending a holiday as the guest of his mother.

Master Walter McInnes is visting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. Campbell of Vancouver.

Messrs. W. J. Gray, E. A. Ryall, E. Kask, T. Kask and F. Taylor motored into Vancouver on Sunday and attended the concert given by the John Philip Sousa Band.

HUSKY PUPS BORN AT CHATEAU FRONTENAC

1 and 4—"Over the Top." 2—"Makwathie. 3—This pup gambols over his tale. 5—"Negik" was born in April and is considered the most promising of the litter. It will be seen that wolf blood runs strong in his veins.

THE Hudson Bay dog team which has been such a popular feature in connection with the winter sports activities inaugurated by the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec three years ago, shows promise of future teams of exceptional merit. Two very fine litters have been produced. On the morning of April 15th, the Indian who is taking care of them was delighted to find that Wobska, a beautiful white female husky, had presented as her contribution to Quebec winter sports, three pups which very much resemble wolf whelps. One very fine pup developed rapidly and was named Negik. Wobska was jealous of the attention showed the family of her team mate and, not to be outdone, presented the Indian with a litter of eight. Great hopes are entertained for the future of this litter as wolf blood runs strongly in the veins of Makwathie, the sire, a splendid beast of some 100 lbs. with shaggy grey coat, long vulpine muzzle, pointed ears and pale amber eyes glinting through narrow slits. Makwathie was born in the wilderness north of Lake Superior.

The Indian is already making plans for the training of this last litter and expects to have them partly broken in before the first snow. This is usually done by taking a trained leader and placing her in harness with the pups. At first, traces are attached to a light birch log and the initial try out usually results in a wild scramble, the pups going in various directions with the leader turning around with a puzzled look as much as to say "what's it all about." The tangle is straightened out to the accompaniment of a chorus of yelps but gradually the young ones come to understand what is expected of them, and as the team becomes more proficient the weight of the log is increased. By the time a sleigh can be used they are able to draw heavy loads. In the North Country they can draw with ease on a broken trail a hundred pounds per dog.

NO COUNTRY IS MORE FAVORED

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Premier King sage to the people of Canada.
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"In no part of the world will the New Year dawn upon a people more favored than those of our own Dominion. In the Orient, in the near and Middle East, in Europe, the early light will again reveal to multitudes much of uncertainty and insecurity. In a world thus perturbed and still convulsed with old passions Great Britain and the self-governing Dominions stand forth as the one community of free nations between which there is mutual trust.

"With the United States, our great neighbor to the south, enjoying like security within herself, the British Empire is happily allied in bonds of a friendship scarcely less enduring. Within our own borders the common interest and the common goodwill still supersede the occasional appeal to sectional or class prejudice. Such is our inheritance from the years of the past, such the trust which the old year bequeaths to the new.

"Recent years have witnessed the passing of many who contributed largely to the inheritance which today is ours. Of the present generation of men and women who have played their part in helping to make our country what it is, not a few are now beginning to rest from their labors.

"To the men and women of the younger generation, those who have health and strength and power of service on their side, the New Year, therefore, comes with a clarion call to take some worthy part in their country's affairs; to work while it is yet today for the preservation of all that is higher and best in our national life and our national influence. Let it ever be remembered that no life is too obscure and no home too humble to make its contribution to the national good. Nowhere, more than across the vast expanse of our broad Dominion, will the bells and the dawn of the New Year proclaim with greater truth:

"How fair a lot to fill,
Is left to each man still."

BOY'S PARLIAMENT OPENS THIS WEEK

The Boys' Parliament will open this week in Victoria, and promises to be an event of importance for the boy life of the province. Morrison Fish will represent the whole Southern Okanagan, and the Similkameen, having won his election, in which Harold Bowering, of West Summerland, was his opponent.

Contrary to the general conception of the idea, this is not a mock parliament, but rather a conference of senior boys, representing organized groups in the Sunday Schools all over the province. The representatives are elected by ballot in the various centres, and their duties at Victoria are to discuss in parliamentary form the problems of boys in all relationships.

The Lieutenant-Governor will open the House and the government has placed the legislative building at the disposal of the parliament together with permission to use the services of the officials of the government building as needed.

from the department of education.

More British Columbia geography is to be taught in the schools of the province, according to a statement contained in a letter received by the Native Sons of British Columbia

Here and There

Fifty cars of fish were shipped this season from Lesser Slave Lake to various points in Canada and the United States, the majority going to cities in the Eastern States. These shipments were practically all whitefish, the coarser varieties being disposed of in the local markets.

Showing a record increase over the figures of last year, grain loadings in the Western Provinces since the commencement of the crop year, September 1st, aggregate 82,219 cars, representing 136,958,448 bushels, as against 80,828 cars loaded, or 130,287,194 bushels, from September 1st to October 14th, 1922.

That the future prosperity of the Maritime Provinces, as well as the whole of Canada, depended on the routing of Canadian trade over Canadian railways and through Canadian ports, was the view expressed by Dr. Murray MacLaren, M.P. for St. John, speaking recently in his constituency.

Tens of thousands of caribou are trekking southwards through Yukon Territory for the winter. Bands of them have passed through the outskirts of Dawson City. For a hundred miles down, bands of caribou can be seen swimming the Yukon river and sometimes surrounding canoes and steamboats as they pass.

Part of the 15,000 feet of moving pictures taken for the Dominion archives by the Arctic expedition in charge of Captain Bernier, which has just returned from the northern regions, are to be shown in Quebec City shortly. They contain interesting incidents of the life of the Eskimo and typical scenes of the Northern land.

Up to the end of June, 1923, according to E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Company had disposed of 18,194,737 acres of agricultural lands, for which an average price of $7.87 per acre was received. During this period the Company had, by direct effort of its own, secured the settlement of over 100,000 farmers in Western Canada.

A splendid hunting year with a late open fall is reported from British Columbia. A world's record Osborn caribou was killed by D. W. Bell, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The length of the head was 65⅛ inches, spread 55 inches and thirty-eight points. A party of three, of whom Bell was one, bagged nearly 100 pieces.

A total of 40 round voyages to the port of St. John, New Brunswick, constituting an increase of six over last winter's figures, is announced by the Canadian Pacific in a newly issued schedule of operations for the winter port. The S.S. Montclare will be the first liner to leave St. John after the close of St. Lawrence navigation, sailing for Liverpool on December 7th.

Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., the hero of the Japanese disaster, who commanded the Empress of Australia when that ship was in Yokohama harbor at the time of the earthquake, has been fittingly honored by the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is to command the company's steamship, the Empress of Canada, when the ship leaves New York, January 30th, on a world cruise.

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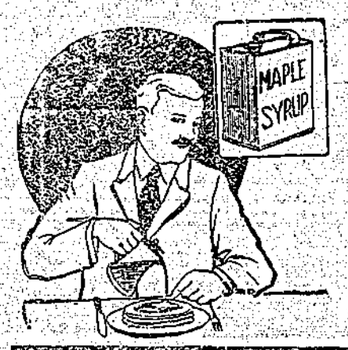

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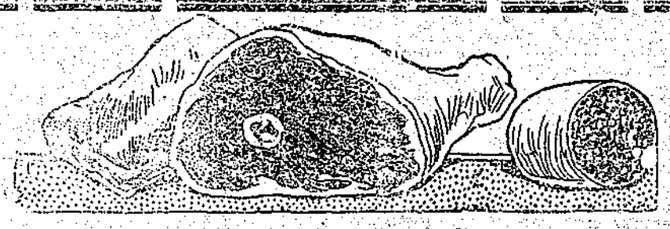

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ORANGE ORDER HAS A CHRISTMAS TREE

(From Fraser Valley Record)

A most pleasant Saturday evening was spent in the Orange Hall on Saturday evening when the members gathered together to spend their annual Christmas treat. Nearly a hundred presents hung on the tree.

Mr. W. G. Gamble, P. G. M. opened the proceedings, and was followed by Mr. J. A. Catherwood, M.L.A. Capt. Walker of the Mission-Matsqui ferry made a splendid Santa Claus.

A supper was provided after the entertainment.

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

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