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Victoria All Agog With Excitement

VICTORIA, Jan. 8.—This city is the political centre of British Columbia. Location and chance ordained that. So, the average voter in the Pacific Province must naturally look to his Capital city to ascertain which way the political winds blow.

The twentieth century has witnessed many momentous years. Comparatively speaking, 1924 may be expected to eclipse all preceding years in many ways, and from a purely political viewpoint this is true.

Before this "New Year" has given way to another, political history in British Columbia will have been made and recorded. And with politics are often considered apart from national and provincial development, the fact remains that the two are one.

It is absolutely essential that at this stage of British Columbia's growth a strong, progressive, virile administration should be in power.

The party system of politics has been the foundation of Anglo-Saxon national life. Just as Christianity revolutionized the world, so have Anglo-Saxon principles of Government and justice dominated, the latter being the logical sequel of the former. The truth of this is forcefully illustrated by the adoption of those principles by practically all progressive nations.

Where third parties—Labor, Progressive, Socialist, Soviet or Independent—have sprung into existence, they have invariably materialized through a temporary disruption of old-line party practices, which have caused a demand for reform—not of acknowledged party principles but a reform from the digressions directly responsible for that disruption.

To-day in British Columbia a third party has sprung into prominence, but the elector alone can decide the genesis of the movement. If founded upon sincerity it will prevail but if grounded in selfish ambition or motivated by the lust of personal profit the movement must naturally fail.

Probably before another winter comes a general election will be held. The wiseacre names September as the logical month. Meanwhile, a Royal commission will pass judgment upon the Oliver government and the Conservative opposition leader. That white elephant, the P. G. E. Ry., is the "ace in the hole," and the political prophet, who is often not without honor even in his own country, forsees the complete vindication of the Oliver administration, as well as the opposition leader, and the consequent downfall of the aspiring McRae forces.

Statements on the floor of the Legislature, from members holding all shades of political opinion, concede the Hon. John Oliver has headed his government with honesty and integrity of purpose. That is perhaps the principle which will result in victory for the government party when the issue is again placed before the electorate.

REFUND CLAIM IS SUPPORTED

The New Westminster and Lower Fraser Valley Branch of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada yesterday went on record as supporting the claim which is being made by automobile dealers throughout Canada for a refund of certain moneys paid by them to the Dominion government under the now defunct luxury tax. It is asserted that a great discrimination was made against some automobile dealers when the luxury tax on automobiles was repealed by order-in-council on December 18, 1920.

According to the resolution passed yesterday, "the facts are that the Dominion government collected the luxury tax on cars that the dealers had on hand, and unsold, when the tax was imposed, and also collected the tax on all cars purchased by the dealers from the time of the imposing of the tax until it was removed; and after the dealers had accumulated large stocks of cars on hand, on which they had paid the tax to the government, the government repealed the tax by order-in-council, without giving them one moment's notice and as the retail prices of all cars are fixed by the manufacturers, the dealers were compelled to lose the amount of the luxury tax as paid in advance, which collectively amounts to about $1,000,000.

Mt. Lehman Poineer Laid at Rest

Another of the pioneers of Mt. Lehman in the person of Mr. H. White, Sr. was called away very suddenly on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a native of England, coming to Toronto, Ont., in 1885 and to British Columbia in the fall of 1889, when he took up a homestead in the heavy timbered land of the Mt. Lehman district, where the family have since resided. The late Mr. White though taking no active part in public affairs was an ideal husband and father and a respected and honored friend and neighbor, always ready with a kind word and helping hand whenever needed which was fully borne out by the number who attended the interment in the Aberdeen cemetery. Besides the widow, three sons and two daughters, Henry Jr. of Toronto, Thomas of Mt. Lehman, Walter of the Cariboo, Mrs. H. Tibre and Mrs. Cortell are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father; also a brother, Mr. E. White of Mt. Lehman, and four sisters and two brothers in England and one sister in South Africa. Rev. Mr. Priest of Abbotsford conducted the service at the house and the graveside. The following were pallbearers. Messrs. H. R. Phillips, P. Coroy, A. Calder, A. Hawkins, G. Ferguson, C. Christianson.

TWO LADY CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

For the first time in the history of elections in Matsqui Municipality, two women are running for election as school trustees, viz., Mrs. E. M. Mutch and Mrs. Lait.

Up to the present no one has been nominated to oppose Reeve Merryfield, and should this continue, there is no doubt that Mr. Merryfield will have the honor of another year in office.

Three contestants are entered for Ward Three, Matsqui: J. Mutch for re-election, and G. F. Pratt and James Huggins as new-comers to the field.

In Ward One, as yet there is no opposition to Councillor Gledhill, and Councillors Bell and Keay are against standing for election.

In the Sumas Municipality J. F. Cook who served as reeve in 1922 and 1923, is again in the running for re-election.

EASTERN STAR LODGE ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Installation of officers took place at the meeting of Abbotsford Electa Chapter of Eastern Star, held on Thursday evening, Mrs. R. H. Eby a Past Matron, acting as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. B. Maxwell, of Vancouver, as Marshall.

Mrs. Webster is the incoming Worthy Matron, and Mr. Roberts as Patron for the new term.

Mrs. Shore, retiring Matron, was presented with a beautiful jewel by Mr. J. A. McGowan, who, in time, was also presented with a small token as Retiring Patron.

TOURIST TRAVEL CALLED CANADA'S FOURTH INDUSTRY

Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the value to Canada of tourist travel. In fact The Winnipeg Tribune declares that "the sale of our scenery" is this country's fourth industry. And it is easy to understand the claim when one remembers that the estimated value of this traffic in Canada last year was $150,000,000 and this year something like $200,000,000. The total number of automobiles visiting the Dominion in 1922 was nearly a million and will have been considerably more than a million last year.

Canadian are well advised to do all they can to cultivate this traffic, whether by the provision of better facilities for reaching the beauty spots that abound in East and West alike, or in other ways. As the Tribune says: "The value of this tremendous augmenting of revenue in Canada cannot be over-estimated. It is not drawn from the resources of the country in which it is spent, or at least only in infinitesimal degree, and is therefore of 100 per cent. value to the Dominion. Nor does it mean any diminuation in the capital stock of the country. For the tourist comes chiefly to admire the view." The main thing beyond that is to keep him in the country as long as possible. Victoria is interested in this phase just now as we all are.

Mr. A. H. Cowling has gone to Victoria to reside.

Committee Reports To Legislature

The legislature, prior to the close of its session, received from Dr. K. C. MacDonald the report of the select standing committee on agriculture. It runs as follows:

This committee held several meetings with members of the Advisory mittee dealt with a number of resolutions, which had for their object the bringings of matters pertaining to agriculture throughout the province to the attention of the legislature. These resolutions were very fully discussed, with the result that your committee feels justified in recommending the following:

Resolutions from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and United Farmers of British Columbia.

1. We recommend, for the consideration of the government, that the interest on unpaid taxes do not exceed 8 per cent. per annum, and Board of Farmers' Institutes and representatives of the United Farmers of British Columbia, members of the Beekeeper's Association of British Columbia and the Honey Producers' association, representatives of the Wholesale Produce Merchants, Poultry Producers' Co-operative Exchange and president and members of the Associated Growers of British Columbia, as well as a number of other persons interested in agriculture.

During these meetings the com- that arrangements be made to receive taxes to the instalment plan.

We recommend that full information be secured and made public with regard to the rural credit system as it applies to the needs of British Columbia.

3. We endorse the attitude of the government in its endeavors to secure cheaper freight rates to the coast from prairie points on grain, and recommend that strong endeavors be put forth to secure a substantial reduction in rates to the coast from the interior points of the province.

4. We recommend that a tax be placed on gasoline, with certain exemptions as are named in the proposed bill.

5. This committee is of the opinion that the most rigid economy should be exercised in the expenditure of public moneys generally and in providing public works and services only where absolutely necessary, and to this end that there should be a cessation of demands from organized bodies for expenditure of money upon measures in which such bodies may be interested for the time being.

6. We recommend that intending settlers be given the fullest information regarding the conditions existing in the province, and that new settlers be established only in districts where transportation facilities already exist.

7. We recommend that the provisions of the "Sheep Protection Act" be strictly enforced, with a view to affording protection to flockmasters and obviating losses in flocks through the depredations of stray dogs.

8. Your committee has from time to time received gratifying evidences of a desire on the part of rural and urban residents of the province to purchase British Columbia products and respectfully urge that every effort be made to further this co-operative spirit between distributors and producers.

9. Your committee recommends that, in view of the apparent inequitable taxation for school purposes throughout the province, any survey on educational subjects which may take place will include the subject of taxation for school purposes.

10. Your committee notes with pleasure the gratifying success resulting from the efforts of the department of agriculture in establishing certification of seed potatoes, and congratulates the success of their recent show.

11. Your committee further considered resolutions received from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes which resolution had already been discussed with the various departments concerned, and strongly recommends that every effort be made to find a solution of the problems concerned. These were regarding the following: sheep industry; amendment to "Sheep Protection Act"; "Water Act" amendment; potato extension work; local fair radius; printing of information re rural-credit situation, Asiatic census. vance.

Big Political Battle in B. C.

VICORIA, Jan. 4.—A political battle, the like of which seldom has been seen in the Province, is now on. It is not a private fight, but promises to be a free for all with broadsides, raking shots, boarding parties and hand to hand encounters, with no quarter given or asked.

For some time past, A. D. McRae and his political associates have been levelling charges of wrong-doing and mismanagement against the Government and the Leader of the Opposition, culmination in definite charges that Hon. W. Sloan and Mr. W. J. Bowser had each received $50,000 from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in 1916.

Hon. W. Sloan made a demand on Premier Oliver that a Royal Commission be appointed and the request has been fully met by Mr. Oliver.

So fully has it met that the Attorney-General has amended the Public Enquiries Act to allow the commission to explore the records and motives of the parties making the charges, including the origin of Provincial Party funds, nearly all of which have been put up by McRae.

The Premier, Attorney-General Manson and Hon. W. Sloan, in speaking in the Legislature recently outlined some of the high lights of the career of the "unscarred veteran," General A. D. McRae, in connection with such exploits as Port Mann townsite; the Saskatchewan Valley Colonization Company; the Pacific Whaling Company and other stock promotions.

Referring to the charge that he had a working agreement with Mr. Bowser, Premier Oliver said.

"That statement has absolutely no foundation in fact, and yet this man is appealing to the electors of this country with a publication the first words of which are 'Let there be light'. I echo that—'Let there be light'. Let it shine upon myself and upon Mr. Bowser and I propose that it shall shine with equal brilliance upon the men who are impugning my motives and my conduct today."

MR. F. J. R. WHITCHELO NAMED AS DELEGATE

At the regular meeting of the Abbotsford and District Board of Trade held on Monday evening, routine business was transacted and discussion of interest arose. There was a small attendance, and it was decided to adjourn the meeting to the evening of January 21st, when a joint meeting of the Board and the Men's Club will be held in the Parish Hall, and election of officers of the Board for the coming year will take place.

The financial statement given by the secretary, showed a small credit at the end of the year.

Mr. F. J. R. Whitchelo was named as delegate to attend a quarterly meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade held in New Westminster on Friday.

COL. PECK DECLARES RUMOR AS ABSURD

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—"The report is absurd and ridiculous." This is the way in which Colonel C. W. Peck, V. C., Conservative candidate for The Islands constituency, describes the rumor that was put forward at the recent Liberal meeting in Sydney to the effect that the colonel's friends were putting him forward as leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in succession to Mr. W. J. Bowser.

Colonel Peck added that he did not believe that any of his supporters in Sydney had ever said anything of the nature attributed to them.

B. C. WILL PRODUCE OWN PIG IRON

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—That British Columbia will become at no distant date a producer of Pig Iron is the opinion of Hon. Wm. Sloan, Minister of Mines, and to further this end the Minister secured the sanction of the Legislature to expend $2,000,000 in five years in bounties on the production of pig iron in British Columbia from British Columbia ores.

It will be remembered that the Legislature passed a resolution asking the Federal Government to take similiar action.

Government engineers state that a furnace has been designed capable of producting from magnetite ores a sponge-iron readily convertible into Pig-iron at a cost below local market quotations.

BRADNER

On Saturday, December 29, the members of Mt. Lehman Community club presented their three act comedy "A Family Affair," to a capacity audience in the Bradner school. The play, which was much enjoyed, was well presented, the various parts being portrayed with masterly effect. Those taking part were Miss L. Owen, Mrs. S. Harvey, and Messrs. Carr, Harvey, Marsh and McAskill. A short musical programme was also given, including a selection by the Mt. Lehman orchestra, a song by Mr. E. V. Ling, and a song by Miss Doreen Jelley. After the concert the orchestra played for dancing and an enjoyable evening was spent.

HOSPITAL DONATIONS

The M.-S.-A. Hospital management acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of December:

From the Hospital Bazaar, 7 boxes of apples; 45 jars of fruit; 1 boxes of candy; 1 box carrots; 3 gramophone records; 1 pair child's slippers; cake and cookies; 1 pumkin; 1 Fountain syringe; flannal and flannelette remnants, sent by the Simpson Co., of Regina; Donations from other friends, cream and holly, Mrs. Goldsmith (Aldergrove); 4 Electroplated platter covers; H. Fowles (Gifford); game, Messrs. Wells and Derraugh; magazines, Mrs. Rogers; magazines, Mrs. Brydges; papers and magazines, Mr. J. Downie; cream, Mrs. T. Jackson; turkey, Abbotsford L. M. and D. Co.; $5 for gramophone records, Miss O. Wilson (San Francisco); Mrs. Moret and family, the following nursery supplies, 2 baby pillows, 4 baby pillow cases; 2 vests, 2 dresses and 4 barracoats.

The sum of $9.80 was collected by Miss Annie Moret, to be used to purchase nursery supplies; to which the following contributed: Mrs. J Doutaz, 25¢; Albert Moret, 25¢; D. Hillhouse, 50¢; Mrs. J. Moret, 50¢; Mrs. G. Heller, $1.00; Mr. T. Walters, 30¢; Miss A. Moret, 25¢; Anon, 50¢; N. C. B., 50¢; G. D. S., 50¢; H. P. Knolls, 50¢; A. M. King, 50¢; T. A. Firlotte, $1.00; Mr. I. Wilson, 50¢; Mrs. P. Gourand, 50¢; Henry Triadore, 25¢.

Rev. W. Robertson and Mr. A. McCallum attended a meeting of the Presbytery held in the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, on Tuesday.

HUNTINGDON

HUNTINGDON W. I. RE-ELECT OFFICERS

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Symonds on Tuesday afternoon with a splendid attendance.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year, Mrs. Winson as president, and Mrs. Symonds as secretary-treasurer.

It was decided by a large majority vote that the Huntingdon Women's Institute and the Huntingdon P.T.A. amalgamate and the ladies of the combined organizations will entertain their husbands and friends at a concert and banquet to be held on February 15th.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Davis at Vye Station.

ST. MATHEWS CHURCH HOLDS VESTRY MEETING

The annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mathews Church was held on Wednesday evening, with a large attendance.

One encouraging feature of the report was the fact that the apportionment to the diocese has been paid in full, a matter of $146.00.

Very favorable reports were given from the various organizations of the church, and the following officers were elected for the year: People's Warden, E. A. Barrett; Rector's Warden, H. F. Thorn; delegates to the Senate, Mr. G. F. West and Mr. H. F. Thorn; Secretary-treasurer, S. F. Thorn; Sidesmen, Messrs. G. F. Pratt, N. Hill, A. M. King and P. Atkins; Assistant Sidemen, Messrs. D. Lovedar, F. G. Sharp, O. W. Benedict, F. C. Beresford, H. T. Peters, A. H. Horn, R. R. Brown and L. N. Ambrose.

LADIES WILL BE HOSTESSES TO MEN'S CLUB

A pleasant evening was spent at the Men's Club on Monday. Next Monday evening, the ladies who were entertained by the gentlemen of the Club last season, will be the hostesses to the gentlemen, and the evening will take the form of a social and dance.

The programme will be entirely under the management of the ladies.

Every man is at his best when he adds enthusiasm to whatever he honestly believes.

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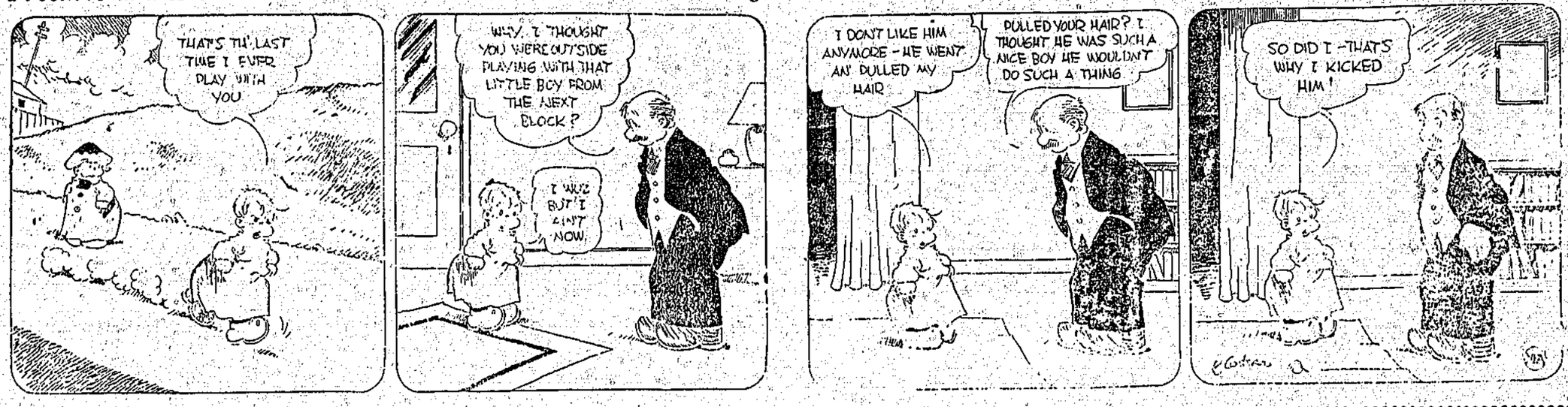

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It looks as though the municipal elections would be hotly contested in many parts of the Fraser Valley, which is of course a healty sign for the future of each one of these districts. Each year a candidate for municipal council or reeve has to come before the people for the purpose of giving an account of his stewardship for the past year and if he has not done all that the elector thinks he should have done some one else is put in his place, or if he wins on a tight run it is likely he will watch his P's and Q's much better for the coming year.

Governing a municipality nowadays is not as hard a business as it was some years ago. There is more money to spend on our roads and bridges. It has always been the cry that there was not enough money to carry out the requirements in the developing of the Fraser Valley municipalities. Since each municipality gets quite a donation at the end of each six months municipal matters should run much more smoothly.

It used to be the cry that no municipality in the Fraser Valley was large enough and to tax the ratepayers for the necessary money to build all the new roads and sideroads required, as well as to purchase right-of-way, would be to put the farmers out of business. The liquor money, the pari-mutuel and the motor licence donations giving a municipality such large sums—almost equal to the whole revenue from taxation a few years ago,—should go a long way towards putting the roads in shape so that the farmer on the back road will no longer have to do so much pleading for a few dollars to enable him to reach the main roads.

Old-timers—the pioneers—in the Fraser Valley should soon see many big changes—even greater than they ever expected.

During the idle moments of some of our citizens these days there is no doubt that many are wondering when the next election will take place and greater wonder still who the next premier of the province will be. Who will it be? The Liberal will say that it is to be John Oliver. The Conservative will want Bowser; and the followers of the new party will want McRae. Who will carry away the honors?

There are many people throughout the province who have flocked to the side of the new provincial party, believing that in so doing they were to have purity in politics, turn out the professional politician and have new, clean, men making laws for the province. If we are to take in all that was said in the legislature at Victoria during the last few days of the session, or even only a part of it, we might come to the conclusion that the purists were already in power. If we cut the accusations in half we might still think that men who had not yet sat in the provincial legislature were a mighty lot worse than those already there now. Where there has been so much smoke there must be something doing.

It is our candid opinion that had the provincial party went along organizing, left out the Searchlight charges, and when the time came for an election still continued sane criticism of those in power, that the provincial party would have had full control at Victoria. But when it comes to smearing "mud" or what looks like it over so many of the prominent politicians on both sides it does not look like a healthy victory to us for the new party.

Premier Oliver's chances of winning when he goes to the country next are very much better than they were six months ago. He has the whip hand to a certain extent in the coming commission and is not the politician we have always considered him if he sits meekly by and allows himself to be condemned to a possibility of 14 years in penitentiary. We don't think there are any lawyers in the province of British Columbia or even the Dominion who can convict Premier Oliver and Hon. W. Sloan of the charges laid against them. In the first place we all would hesitate to think that they were really guilty. There are a large number in the province who absolutely disagree with the policy of the present Liberal party of this province and their only ambition is to see the other fellow in power without sending any Liberals to jail. We never read of a Liberal who wanted to give up his liberty in that way. Most Conservatives would be quite content if Premier Oliver were relegated to the quietude of the Delta after the next election.

Well, you say, we must have some one at the head of affairs in this province. Will it be the Conservatives? Here the leader appears to be the stumbling block—so many people "do not like Bowser". Why? No man in British Columbia politics heretofore has stood more abuse politically than has Mr. Bowser, yet he is still in the ring, bright as a new dollar bill, and very much alive and able to take care of himself. Still in politics when some of those, who years ago condemned him have passed entirely out of public life. If the people think it is time for a change, and many do, the province would be in safe hands under a government with his leadership; that is, of course, if he does not have to go to penitentiary for 14 years.

In the shuffle it will be hard to tell who will be at the head of affairs after the next election. We used to think that Premier Oliver was not up to his job that he did not spring on an election last summer before the new party became thoroughly organized, but time appears to be telling its own tale—at least it is giving us something lively before the election, and Oliver's chances of being elected again as premier after the next election look much better right now than they did six months ago.

The next most exciting thing in provincial politics to the McRae inquiry is the trouble so many find in chosing a leader for the Conservative party. First it was a Victorian, then it was Vancouver's representative at Ottawa and now it is Cy Peck, V. C. Why should all or many Liberals be so anxious for the Conservatives to have another leader than Mr. Bowser? The reason is plain to see. No man in politics on the opposite side to Mr. Bowser has the grip of political affairs as he has, and with a view of eliminating the party from all chances of gaining power in the province until another leader with equal ability can be secured.

In an address by Rev. A. H. Moore, M. A., delivered during a course in journalism held at the University of Toronto, on "The Mission of the Weekly Newspaper," this significant paragraph was given: "The metropolitan daily gives its readers a picture of world news at a glance. I heard Premier MacKenzie King say one day that the daily newspaper is designed to give to the hurried man of affairs a glance a world events as an interlude between courses at the breakfast table, and is then cast aside as he rushes out to his daily duties. Not so the weekly. It is a visitor to the home. It is kept until time for leisure reading is found. It goes into the homes where it is read from first to last. It comes into intimate contact with the people and can therefore deal far more intimately with personal and community affairs. Because he realizes this and appreciates the importance of small incidents as well as great events, the editor of the weekly paper is not impatient of these details, personal items and local news of every description and character. He knows that somewhere he is cheering some heart that feels its loneliness and isolation, that he is enabling some neighborhood to express its corporate life, to realize its existence and to feel that it, too, is an intergral part of the great world of affairs."

Sixteen members of the British House of Commons are ex-convicts. In every case, of course, on account of what they insist has been a political offence. Some of these for example have become involved in trouble for refusing to pay that portion of the local taxes which they have deemed represented the amount expended in sectarian education. At least three members of the House have been in trouble through their conscientious objection to performing military service and have been deprived of the domestic vote although eligible for election to parliament. One caustic critic suggests that a more interesting scene than these men at dinner would be a gathering of commoners who ought to be in prison.

Hoax: "Do you believe that thirteen is an unlucky number?

Joax: "Well, all the people who lived in the thirteenth century are dead."

Judge—What name?

Prisoner—Smith.

Judge—Occupation?

Prisoner—Locksmith.

Judge—Lock Smith up.—Philadelphia Bulle-

THE ADVANTAGES OF BEEKEEPING

Bees can be kept in town or country, by young or old, rich or poor. For one entering the business on a large scale with more than one apiary, the country, of course, is necessary where larger sources of nectar are available. A few colonies can, however, be kept on a small town lot or even on the roof of a house for the bees will fly to a distance of two or three miles for nectar. Bees can be kept in situations which are useless for any other enterprise.

There is scarcely a spot in Canada where a few colonies of bees cannot be kept profitably. An abundance of nectar secreting flowers with a high average of favorable weather for the secretion and gathering of nectar makes Canada an excellent country for beekeeping.

Almost anyone can keep bees, and without investing in land or expensive equipment a man or woman who has the aptitude can learn to produce an article of food that is unsurpassed for quality and which will keep in good marketable condition even from year to year. It is difficult to state the amount of honey that will be obtained from an apiary, as this will vary in different locations and seasons. Most localities, however, will be covered if it is put at from 50 to 150 pounds per colony in an average season. With proper management one or two colonies will yield enough honey for the average family.

Beekeeping affords a pleasant outdoor occupation during the best season of the year. As a hobby for office men it provides a profitable and interesting recreation. For teachers and students it offers an occupation for the summer vacation, which is educational and remunerative. Many students have paid their way through college by keeping bees during the summer. Many are finding it a profitable auxiliary to other lines of work. As an exclusive business, many find it worth while.

Beekeeping not only gives one a crop of honey and a little wax, but fruit and flowers are also benefitted by having bees in the vicinity of their orchards and fields. Larger crops of fruit and seed are obtained by cross pollination of the blossoms, and honey bees are important agents in this work.—Experimental Farms Note.

LAYING AVERAGE IMPROVES

The most striking feature of the Third Egg Laying Contest at the Agassiz Experimental Farm is the average production per bird of 199.-85 eggs as contrasted with 180, the bird average for the two previous contests. Another marked feature is the difference between the line-up of birds in the first contest as compared with that in 1922-23.

In 1920-21, nine breeds were represented comprising 26 pens of 10 birds each. Again in 1921-22, the same number of breeds was represented with 29 pens, while the contest just completed carried six breeds only and numbered 36 pens. The progress of reduction of breeds has been the result of self-elimination. In an egg laying contest the individual must be a layer of high order. High producting females are generally less numerous in the general purpose breeds than in the purely egg-producing types. The breeds that have withdrawn are of the general-purpose class and their places have been largely filled by the Single Comb White Leghorn which is the generally predominating breed of British Columbia.

As is evidenced however by the results of the last two contests, won in each case by a Barred Rock pen, excellent layers can be developed in a general purpose as well as in a specialized egg-laying breed. The highest bird in each of these contests respectively, while the highest bird in the first contest a White Leghorn, had but 283 to her credit. This last year was one in the leading pen for that year which had an average of 224 eggs. The highest Barred Rock in the pen that won the 1921-22 contest made a record of 297 eggs with a pen average of 260. The highest bird in the Barred Rock pen that won the contest just completed, layed 284 eggs with a pen average of 238. These figures show that the strain within the breed is an important factor in poultry breeding that should not be lost sight of.

The experimental farm authorities are hoping that breed competition should not be further curtailed in the Agassiz contest as general purpose birds are just as necessary to farmers as the most specialized egg type.—K. MacBean, Assistant to Superintendent, Experimental Farm, Agassiz, B. C.

The Joy of Hearing a Voice

When you are travelling, evening brings lonesome hours. You would be glad if it were possible to pack your grip and find yourself instantly at home or among your friends. You cannot make this quick visit, but at the nearest telephone "Long Distance" will send your voice back where you want to be. When you hear the voice, you feel its presence. The voice is the person. That's why nothing can take the place of the telephone as a medium of communication. You feel you are with the person to whom you are talking.

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CONDEMNED CHINESE SHOT, BUT SURVIVES

Few doctors in Canada have ever attended a condemned prisoner whose execution fell slightly short of being successful, but Dr. T. H. Williams, formerly of Winnipeg, now of the Canadian Methodist Hospital Chungchow, West China, tells a good one.

"We have had quite a few wounded cases, and one of the latest was a man who was ordered to be executed and was shot, at close range. The bullet entered the back of his neck and came out below the angle of his mouth on the right side. When darkness came and he was not dead, his friends brought him to me, saying he had paid the penalty and now they wished me to heal him up. We operated and he made a good recovery. Men are so often wrongly condemned, and so very often the judge is infinitely more of a rascal than the prisoner — so we don't make any inquiries as to why or how a man is injured by a gunshot! A few days after he was brought in, the officer who condemned him came in to see a friend of his in the same ward. The condemned man was warned and escaped detection by pulling the bedclothes over his head."

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HUMPY'S MISSION

"Humpy," said Mrs. Skinner the other morning to her eldest and only son, "I wish you were like other boys."

"What's the matter with me?" was asked.

"You are not what is called a responsible boy."

"Huh! I would like to see the boy who is more responsible than I am?"

"But when you go on errands I can never tell when you'll get back or what will happen to you."

"If things happen it's because I was born for a cowboy and you won't buy me a lasso or a gun. What do you want done?

"There's that stepladder your father borrowed off the German grocer on Elm street two weeks ago and promised to return next day. If you were a responsible boy I'd have you take it home this morning and when you got back you'd find a nice, hot ginger cake waiting for you."

"Mother, dear, get that cake in the oven at once. Your son will be back here inside of twenty minutes."

"And you won't do no fooling on the way?"

"I will walk as straight as a preacher."

That stepladder was ten feet long. The German grocer, who was five feet high, made use of it to reach a heigh of fifteen feet and thus see what customers entered the store of his rival a block away. Humpy started out with it on his shoulder, but he hadn't gone half a block when a woman stopped him to say—

"Young man, what are you switching an old stepladder around on the street that way for? You didn't miss my nose by more than an inch.

"I've got to carry it, haven't I?" asked the boy.

"No, you haven't. A stepladder is meant to be dragged along instead of carried. Your mother must be a very silly woman if she told you to carry it. If you had broken my nose you'd have gone to prison for life."

Humpy put down the ladder and looked at it for a minute and then saw that the woman with a nose was right. Like every other boy in America, he had a bit of rope in his pocket, and in a few seconds he had attached it and was galloping along within ten feet of the stepladder, the latter wabbling behind him. He must gallop instead of walk. He couldn't turn the corner slowly and sedately, with a look ahead to see who might be coming, but he must utter a whoop, increase his speed and go around with a whew. There was ice on the sidewalk, and a fat man was gingerly picking his way. Boy and ladder struck him, and with an "Oh, my soul!" he went down. He struck the stepladder and rolled off on Humpy, and the two were yelling and struggling, when a man came out of a nearby bakery and took a hand. "I see how it was," he said as he gave Humpy a cuff on the ear. "This fool of a boy was running with his head down and plumped into you, Mr. Smithers."

"Yes, he meant to kill me!" shouted the fat man, who had got a heavy jolt.

"No; I didn't," replied Humpy. "I was just carrying home this stepladder."

"Carrying? You mean you were dragging it. Whoever heard of a boy dragging an old stepladder a hundred feet long on the street? By George, but you have got sawdust in your head! Mr. Smithers, if you want to prefer a charge of attempted murder against him I'll hold him and yell for the police."

"He may be a fatherless lad," replied the fat man as he rubbed a skinned elbow, "and so I'll let him go this time. He must do different, however. He must carry that ladder under his arm." Boy, do you hear me?"

Humpy heard and agreed and walked off with his burden. When a boy attempts to carry a ten foot stepladder under his arm, it's going to stick out at least four feet ahead of him and the same distance behind. It isn't going to balance, but one end will tip up and then the other. Humpy made slow headway for a block, and then the wind turned him and his burden half-way around just in time to collide with a little woman on her way to a ten cent store to see if pianos were included in the stock. She staggered against a fence and went down on her knees, while the boy fell against a shade tree, and she was the first to recover and sweetly say:

"You blundering young idiot, but if I wasn't a born lady with a stiff knees I'd boot you clear across the Gowanus canal. What do you mean by such conduct?"

"N-nothing, ma'm."

"Don't n-nothing, ma'am me, you unhung young villain! After dislocating my shoulder and breaking two of my ribs you don't mean nothing! Oh, if I hadn't been born a lady I'd twist your fool neck for you! Where you going with that man killing thing?"

"Just down here a ways," replied Humpy.

"Then you put it on your shoulder. You must have an ioditic mother to send you on the street with a stepladder like that. Why didn't she hire a flatcar? Go on with you!"

Hump shouldered the ladder and moved on. More of it struck out before and behind. It turned this way and that. The ends swayed up and down. Bump! This time it was a policeman. He was standing on a fixed post—that is, it was so fixed that he had a saloon on one side, a poolroom on the other, and right in front was the house of the widow he was courting with a view to marriage. He couldn't have been fixed better. His back was toward Humpy and his face toward the widow's, with the saloon in the corner of his right eye, when the stepladder hit him and shoved him against a lamppost and skinned his nose.

"Now, by the side whiskers of my grandfather, but I've got you!" he shouted as he turned and seized him by the coat collar and shook him and the ladder all around.

"I was just carrying this home!" howled the boy.

"Yes, I see; just on your way to rob some bank by getting in by way of the transom. Sneaky Dick, I know you."

"My name is Hump Skinner, sir, and I live"—

"Sneaky Dick, I've made the capture of my life. I shall be made a sergeant for this. Drop that thrashing machine and come along with me, and if you try to make a run for it I'll fill you with ten pounds of lead."

"But I'm only carrying this stepladder to the German grocer's. He knows me and my father."

"Then come on down there, but if you think to fool me then look out."

The ladder was leaned up against the lamppost and the two set off. Arriving at the grocery, the proprietor nodded his head and answered the officer, "Yah, dot poy vhas named Skinner, und he don't rob no banks."

"Make sure, grocer. This is a very serious case."

"Then he can go, but let this be a warning to him not to look so much like Sneaky Dick."

"But where vhas dot stepladder?" asked the grocer.

Humpy ran to get it, but it had disappeared, and a little girl explained.

"Please, young sir, but a tramp carried it off. He said he wanted to step up in the world and that if you came back to tell you to always carry a stepladder in your vest pocket."

BROTHERS GOOD SHOTS

AGASSIZ, Jan. 4.—The members of the Agassiz Rifle Range Association closed the year with a successful turkey shoot on Monday. There were seventeen birds at stake and they were well distributed among the competitors at the close of the competition. Harry Wilson was "high man" for the year with an average of 89. He was closely followed by his brothers, Len and Bert, for second and third places. The association had a membership of 62 during the past season.

The fact that a farmer, Ezra Osterhout, of Murray township, Ont., left $15,000 to Methodism, recently attracted note in the press and was sent on the telegragh wires through out Ontario. Leaving an estate valued at over $80,000, the testator gave amounts up to $5,000 each to relatives, and legacies of $5,000 in cash to each of the following. Methodist Missionary Society, Methodist Educational Society and Methodist Superannuation Fund. Three brothers, two of them ministers living in Vancouver, are the executors.

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.

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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.

Canadian Women Serving Abroad

Raising $427,206 in the year, the Methodist W.M.S. supports 123 Canadian missionaries now in the field at home and abroad, according to the Annual Report which is being issued to nearly 1,600 Auxiliaries in local churches through the Dominion.

Thirty-nine Canadian workers in China are assisted by fifty-five Chinese teachers and eleven Bible women. In Japan are thirty-five Canadian women and 120 Japanese teachers, supported by the society.

In Japan forty-seven factories are open to the workers who are leaders in demanding proper sanitary and moral safeguards for the many thousands of girl operatives.

In China during the year one girl has volunteered to go out as missionary to the tribes on the Tibetan border.

"Our supreme opportunity is in the homeland and is being courageously met by an heroic band of forty-nine missionaries in forty-two centres among Orientals, Indians, Austrians and may other races," writes the president, Mrs. M. M. C. Lavell, of Kingston, Ont., in a foreword to the forthcoming Report.

Organized in 1881, the society has now 13,861 life members and 48,815 annual members.

Night owls get up with the early birds.

Here and There

Exports in Canada's inter-Empire trade last month exceeded imports by over $12,000,000. Against imports from 26 countries belonging to the British Empire, amounting to $15,713,000, Canada exported goods amounting to $27,888,000.

Noel Victor Fearnchough, aged seven weeks, son of a farmer of Morrin, Alberta, the youngest child on record to travel alone, left pool, England, in charge of officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamship Lines throughout the trip.

An experiment in shipping Canadian peaches to England has proven successful. The peaches were packed in small boxes and placed in cold storage, reaching London in fine condition. There is likelihood of an increased demand for Canadian peaches.

Representative of the best sheep and swine blood of Great Britain, 33 animals imported from the Old Country arrived in Regina, Saskatchewan, recently. There were 19 sheep and 16 hogs in the shipment. The animals were bought by the government for farmers in the province.

Canada's highest lookout station has been completed and will be ready for use next year. It is situated on Mount Cartier, near Revelstoke, British Columbia, and is 8,623 feet above sea-level. It will be used for the detection of forest fires and for meteorological and other observances.

The Canadian McIntosh red apple is the champion dessert apple in the British Empire, so judges at the Imperial Fruit Show, which opened in Manchester recently, adjudged. They also decided that Cox orange pippins, from British Columbia, on the whole, are the best of the sixteen exhibits from overseas, and winners, therefore, of the "Daily Mail's" fifty-guinea cup.

What is declared to be a world's record for the transportation of grain has just been achieved by the Canadian Pacific Railway. In one period of 24 hours there were moved from Winnipeg for the head of the lakes 1,776 loaded cars. The best previous record, also held by the Canadian Pacific Railway, was 1579 cars, moved east on October 25th, 1921.

One thousand young buffalo will be taken from the Dominion park at Wainwright, Alberta, and turned loose in the north in the region in which wood buffalo are found, Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, announces. This will prevent the slaughter of these animals made necessary by the increasing size of the Wainwright herd.

A dispatch from London says that the gold medal of the British Dairy Farmers' Association has been awarded to the Government of Ontario for its collection of dairy produce, including bacon, dead poultry and eggs, at the Dairy Show held there recently. First prize in the colonial farming section, namely the silver medal was won by the Ontario Beekeepers' Association of Guelph, and the bronze medal was awarded to H. Leclere, of Montmagny, Quebec.

FRASER VALLEY BOARDS TO MEET AT WESTMINSTER

The annual meeting of the Fraser Valley Associated boards of trade is to meet at New Westminster in the city hall on Friday afternoon, Jan. 11. Permission has been granted for the use of the city council chamber in answer to an application by Secretary N. F. Kendall, Cloverdale.

OTTO HAPSBURG, 10, PLAYS SOLDIER AND EUROPE AWAITS ANOTHER WAR

BY MILTON BRONNER

PARIS, Dec. 25.—"I am a king," says a little boy named Otto—and he means it.

"This is a crown," he says, as he puts a gilded bauble on his head—and he believes it.

"This is my royal sword," he says as he plays with a toy sabre—and he fully intends to use it.

And as a result of this little boy's declaration, Europe—still staggering from the World War—may once more wit in the next ten years be drencheed in blood, and brave men by hundreds of thousands may be doomed to early graves.

Other little Ottos and other little boys by other names play at being king in this old world, but it is only child's play with no other ploting behind it. But this little ten-year-old boy happens to be Otto Hapsburg and he is spurred on in his dream by his ambition mother and by two separate intriguing cliques of elder statesmen, generals, nobles and clergy. For this little Otto is the eldest son of the late Ex-Emperor Charles of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and of the Ex-Empress Zita.

He lives in a humble house, but he dreams of palaces.

He has only two pairs of pants—his "Sunday best" and his everyday ones—but he dreams of royal ermine and scarlet.

Died in Exile

Get the background: when the World War was over Charles of Hapsburg, his wife and his little ones were exiles living in Switzerland. His one-time empire had been carved into pieces. Austria was one little state—a republic. Hungary was another little state, under the dictator Admiral Horthy. Slices of territory were given to Roumania, to Italy and to Jugo-Slavit. A big hunk was erected into the new republic of Czecho-Slovakia.

Goaded on by his restless, ambitious wife, Charles made two abortive attempts to regain the throne of Hungary. The last time he was packed off to Madeira where he died in exile. His last "putsch" nearly started a new war. The great powers announced that they would not allow a Hapsburg to sit on the Hungarian throne. The Little Entente—Rumania, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia—prepared to mobilize their armies and invade Hungary.

After the death of Charles, Zita was allowed to return to the continent, the king of Spain granting her domicile in his country. Remember that the kings of Spain have Hapsburg blood in their veins. It is the origin of the famous pouting, protruding lip all Spanish kings have—the Hapsburg lip.

Fifty wealthy Spanish Basques bought for Zita a simple little house at Lequeitio, near the famous watering place of San Sebastian. Here she lives in gentool semi-poverty and here young Otto is being reared as kings' sons are. He is being taught the fine manners of royal courts, their etiquette, their regard for precedence. He is being educated so that Hungarian and German, French and English are all easy for his tongue.

EX-EMPRESS ZITA AND HER SON OTTO, HOPE OF HAPSBURGS.

Clever Mother

And in the meantime his clever mother is busily engaged in playing off the Hungarian Legitimists against the Austrian Royalists. Not long ago the news filtered in to Hungary that the Austrian Royalists had the inside track at little Otto's "court". They were stressing the German language and the Austrian political ideals. Thanks to their machinations many of the Hapsburgs had gone to Lequeitio to swear allegiance to "King Otto".

As a result Count Andrassy and other Hungarian Legitimists hastened to the little town. Count Apponyi, at present lecturing in the United States, is also expected to take a hand. They want to place a Hungarian noble in charge of Otto's education. They want him trained especially in Hungarian language, literature, legends and political history. They believe that some day if the Serbs and Bulgars clash or if Poland and Bolshevik Russia get into war, the time will be favorable to put Otto on the Hungarian throne and later annex Austria.

They believe they can get away with it if they present the great powers with what is called a "fait accompli"—a thing that has been accomplished. The Turks did it. The Hungarians dream of the day they will also.

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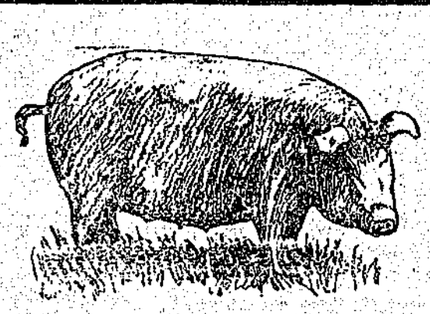

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. R. Whitchelo attended the funeral of Mr. Whitchelo's uncle, Mr. Henery Bird, which was held in Vancouver on Thursday.

At the regular meeting of the Abbotsford Caledonian and St. Andrews Society, held on Saturday evening, the members decided to commemorate the birthday of Bobbie Burns, January 25th, by the holding of a dance. An address on the life of the celebrated poet will be given by Mr. J. A. McGowan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maguire, and two little sons of Winnipeg, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. R. Whitchelo. Mrs. Maguire is Mr. Whitchelo's sister.

The members of the Abbotsford Tuxis Square Club are invited to be the guests of the Tuxis Square Club of Mission on Saturday afternoon. A game of basketball will be enjoyed, and later supper will be served to the boys.

The regular meeting of the Abbotsford Ratepayers' Association will be held on Thursday evening, January 17th, when matters of importance will be brought up.

A short meeting of the Wyona Club of the C. G. I. T. was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening.

In honor of Mrs. R. Maxwell of Vancouver, Mrs. M. M. Shore entertained at an Eastern Star tea on Friday afternoon, when a very pleasant time was experienced.

Mrs. W. Hillier (nee Miss F. E. Trethewey) who has spent the past week in Abbotsford, will leave in a few days to take up residence in Bellingham.

Mr. A. George, who has been attending the Provincial Poultry Exhibition, held in Vancouver this week, returned home on Friday.

The Trethewey residence has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Trethwey.

Mrs. A. Purvis and daughter, and Mrs. Purvis' mother, Mrs. Sturdy, of Huntingdon have gone to Los Angeles, California, to spend two months.

Mrs. H. Fraser was the guest of Mrs. Collinson of Vancouver over the week-end.

Mr. R. J. Shortreed, president of the Farmers' Telephone Company, visited Victoria this week, making application for the renewal of charter rights for the company.

Miss Seldon of Kamloops spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents in Clayburn.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed at the regular meeting of the Loyal True Blue Lodge held on Monday evening. General business was dealt with, and three applications for membership received.

Members of the O.A.W. Club met in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening and spent an enjoyable time. Miss Dorothy Lee and Miss Gwen Sumner were the hostesses for the evening.

Miss Mamie Bennett entertained at a jolly house party on Saturday afternoon, when a number of little friends were her guests, and had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell of Sumas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. McMillan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McNeil and family have gone on a visit to Okotoz, Alberta, where they will be the guests of Mr. McNeil, Sr.

Mrs. C. L. Miller spent the week-end as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cummings of Murrayville, and attended the funeral of Mr. A. Nicholson, which was held on Sunday.

Mrs. A. George has returned home from visiting friends in Seattle.

The annual meeting of the Abbotsford and District Berry Growers' Association will be held in the Bank of Montreal Chambers on Friday evening, January 26th, when election of officers will take place.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Johnson on Monday. General business was transacted and a pleasant afternoon spent.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held on Monday evening, January 21st, when reports from all branches of the church work will be made.

The Ladies' Aid spent a very nice afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. J. R. Whitchelo on Wednesday. Business of the Aid and the Women's Missionary Society was dealt with, and plans discussed for the work of the coming year.

Mr. H. V. Rankin of Vancouver and Mr. C. Olde of Chilliwack visited at the home of A. Taylor on Wednesday evening.

The Embroidery Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. J. Gray next Tuesday afternoon.

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How welcome his check, when it reaches our sanctum, how it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance. We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him—the steady subscribed who pays in advance.

Remember, the only thing in the world that is really what it is cracked up to be is ice.

Wouldn't it be great if a suit lasted as long as the vest.

Ottawa is to Appoint Judge

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—The Royal Commission, who will conduct an investigation into the administration of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, will be appointed by the Federal Government, it is understood now.

The Provincial Government, it was explained at the Parliament Buildings today, has no power to appoint a judge to carry out the enquiry. Such an appointment can be made only by the Federal Government. The Provincial Government, it is understood, wishes to have a judge carry out the investigation so that the findings of the inquiry may be received without question by the people of British Columbia.

The Provincial Government has the whole matter under consideration now and it is expected to recommend the appointment of an investigator shortly.

BEER CLUBS TO BE ABOLISHED

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—Beer clubs throughout British Columbia will be abolished by February 1st under regulations now being drafted by the Liquor Control Board, under the amendment to the Act brought down by Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General at the recent session of the Legislature.

Only legitimate clubs which exist for the benefit of members and not for the profit of owners will be allowed to keep liquor on the premises.

The present beer clubs, most of which are proprietary clubs, will be considered "public places" after February 1st, and it will be illegal to have liquor of any kind, including beer, on the premises.

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—More than $680,000 has been spent in wages and material on the new government drydock at Victoria during the past year and satisfactory progress is being made, it is stated by J. P. Forde, district engineer of the Dominion public works.

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NATIONAL PARKS ARE GAME SANCTUARIES

THE National Parks of Canada are a haven for wild life; where guns and hunting dogs are forbidden and where the animals have come to look upon man as their friend rather than as their destroyer. As a result wild animals are increasing in the national parks of Canada and the graceful deer, the lordly bison and the always interesting bear live at peace in their natural habitat without molestation.

At Jasper National Park in Alberta, which is 4,400 square miles in extent and the largest of Canada's national parks, bears, deer, moose, mountain sheep and goats abound, and the visitor finds also great numbers of smaller animals such as beaver, squirrel and others which are becoming quite tame since they realize that they are protected.

At Wainwright, on the main line of the Canadian National Railways, east of Edmonton, there exists one of the finest demonstrations of the feasibility of game conservation, for there, in the buffalo park are some 8,000 animals, the growth from a herd of 716 which was purchased some sixteen years ago by the Canadian Government and allowed to multiply in peace. So great has been the development of the herd that this fall 2,000 of the surplus animals had to be slaughtered and in the spring another 2,000 young buffalo are to be moved into the northern hinterland and allowed to roam at will there under conditions where they also will be safe from ruthless hunters.

In addition to buffalo, the government has at Wainwright large numbers of elk and yak, which are fast becoming unknown animals except to the adventurous hunter who was prepared to go miles beyond the limits of civilization, and these animals also are multiplying in the conditions under which they are being kept.

Visitors to Jasper Park at the present time find cinnamon, brown and black bears very numerous; if they go far enough afield they may reach the haunts of the grizzly, still within the park limits. Deer may be found browsing within a stone's throw of Jasper Park Lodge, the bungalow camp hotel operated by the Canadian National Railways and cariboo are reported to be becoming more plentiful year by year. The "bighorn" mountain sheep grazes peacefully along the lower slopes of the great mountains which rise on every side, while the more timorous mountain goat may be seen on the higher slopes, making his way over precarious footing and seeming to challenge the camera enthusiast to climb up and include his picture in the collection.

By means of the sanctuaries which have been given to various animals, the younger Canadians growing up today can now and in the future see for themselves, specimens of various big game animals which a few years ago were threatened with destruction. And since Canada was almost the last native haunt of many of these, such as the buffalo, the educational value alone of the sanctuaries is great. The experiments already made have shown that such animals as the buffalo can readily be propagated in captivity and in their case also, the revenue derived by the government from the sale of buffalo meats, hides and heads from the animals which it has become necessary to kill, will, it is estimated, go a long way towards paying for the cost of the experiment and the upkeep of the National Parks.

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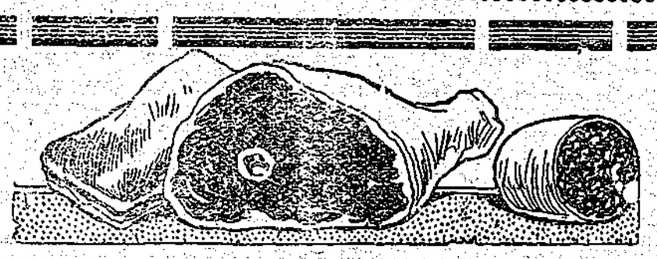

PHONE **C. SUMNER**

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

Judge Poultry on American Standard

(From Fraser Valley Record)

At the last regular meeting of the Mission Poultry Association, a very instructive evening was passed.

The meeting took the form of a Parlor show of Leghorns, although the entry for this class was not a very large one, some very fine Exhibition and Utility birds were shown.

The President of the Association judged the birds according to the American Standard of Perfection, and also explained the winning points in each bird, and pointed out the difficulty a poultry judge has to contend with in judging.

The winning birds for the show were, 1st, cock, W. T. Abbett; 1st, hen, J. M. Kirk; 2nd and 3rd, hens, W. T. Abbott; 1st, pullet, J. M. Kirk; 2nd, pullet, W. T. Abbott; 3rd and 4th, pullets, J. M. Kirk.

The next meeting of this Association is to take place some time in February, when all breeders of Barred Plymouth Rocks will be given a chance to show what kind of birds they have.

The meeting adjourned by all the members extending a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. McDiarmid for the capable and instructive manner in which he explained the winning points in the Leghorn class.

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

WEDDING BELLS

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INNIS—JACKSON

On Sunday, January 6th, a very pretting wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, when their youngest daughter, Laura Jean Jackson, and Mr. Robert M. Innis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the Rev. J. H. Hobbins officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Ada Pearl Jackson. The duties of best man were performed by the bride's borther, Mr. E. J. Jackson.

After the ceremony Mr. H. J. Cameron sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Pearl Jackson on the piano.

After refreshments were served the happy couple left to take the train to the South where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside at Port Moody. They were given a rousing send off with best wishes by all their friends in Cedar Valley.

BUILD $4,000 BARN

AGASSIZ, Jan. 4.—The B. C. Hop Company recently completed their new barn to replace the one that was destroyed last September with a loss of seventeen horses. The new barn is forty by one hundred feet long and has 32 stalls and a granery on the ground floor.