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BRIDGE QUESTION COMES UP AT LAST BOARD MEETING

(From Fraser Valley Record)

Monday night the Board of Trade held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers with a good attendance.

Among the questions brought up for discussion was the correspondence between the board and Mr. F. B. Stacey, M. P., of this district, who resides at Chilliwack.

His lett ers are as follows:

On December 26th he writes as follows:

I have carefuly examined the Do-Fraser River bridge at Mission and requesting my assistance in securing the co-operation of the Dominion Government in the construction of the same.

I fear that my task will be a very difficult if not an impossible one under the terms of your proposition.

I have carefully eamined the Dominion "estimates" and can find nothing whatever in the way of "precedent."

I will meet at once with the rejoinder that such work is purely provincial and not within their jurisdiction.

There is one case however where assistance has been given viz: in the building of a bridge across the Capilano river in N. Vancouver. In that proposition the cost was equally divided between the Dominion the Province and the Municipality and the argument was of course that it was not a commercial enterprise but an accommodation to tourists who come from all parts of the Dominion.

In this proposition you ask the Dominion to finance two thirds of the cost and then collect half of that by toll from the traffic both municipalities as such being eempt. If I have correctly understood your proposition my firm conviction is that the Department would not favorably consider it I would at once be asked why the Dominion should undertake that work for Misison and not also for hundreds of similar points thru-out the Dominion.

I must ask you to furnish me with such reason as will enable me to convince the Department that the Dominion should endorse your resolution.

Then again on January 9th after receiving reasons from the secretary of the Board of Trade Mr. Stacey sends the following:

In reply to your last letter I may say that as your representative I shall be pleased to submit any resolution you present to the proper officials.

You are however mistaken I think in stating that I can accomplish what you desire.

My own firm conviction is that your proposition is an impossible one

It is both unwise and unfair for me to say one thing to you and believe another

A bridge would certainly be a convenience and it might draw a part of the tourist traffic from the south and it would be a desirable thing for the coast city tourist traffic in making the circuit, but all of these things will not induce parliament to assume the responsibility of building the bridge and shoulder two-thirds of the cost You may secure endorsations from Boards of Trade or Municipal Councils, but that does not furnish a resaon or reasons why the Dominion Government should build the bridge and really I would long hesitate before assuring the Department that it was as much a Dominion measure as the "building of the Welland canal." I would be quickly advised that the construction of canals was by constitution a federal measure, whereas the building of roads and bridges was a purely provincial matter.

I greatly regret that I can give you no reasonable hope of success. It would be a fine thing to have such a bridge, but I am fully satisfied the Dominion Government will not build it.

A reply in regard to the above question was also received from the provincial government through the minister of public works, who instead of giving a direct reply called attention to the fact that the government was putting on a larger ferry.

HELD ANNUAL MEETING AT HATZIC YESTERDAY

The Fruit & Mercantile held their annual meeting at Hatzic on Wednesday afternoon with a fair attendance, ther being about seventy present including some fifteen Japanese.

The financial report for the nine months was read, showing a gross profit of $11,000 and a net profit of $7500 for the nine months' business. The report was passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. J. B. Cade and seconded by A. E. Dann that the present directors be nominated for the year 1920, which was carried.

The officers are:

President—W. J| Manson.
Vice-Pres.—A. E. Catchpole.
Sec.-Treas.—Geo. H. Moody.
Directors—J. M. Cox, A. C. Fishor J. H. Lawrence and J. A. Tupper.

Also Messrs Kudo and Uida representing the Japanese.

It was also decided to appoint an advisory board or committee with representatives from each district.

An appeal was made to old stockholders for additional subscriptions to stock of the company which was unanimously responded to and about $1500 was immediately subscribed.

The chairman stated that further appeals would be made later.

The meeting then closed.

Dame Rumor has it that several of our young ladies will shortly want a real nice wedding cake. Don't ask who, just have a little patience.

Mr. W. J. Manson has been appointed local agent for W. C. Curtis & Son, of New Westminster, who are agents for the Dominion Life Assurance Co. and also the London Guarantee Fire Insurance Co. See Mr. Manson before taking out insurance.

Mr. J. A. Hargitt returned from a pleasant trip to California, on Tuesday, looking fully ten years younger after his trip.

HOT ELECTION THIS YEAR

The contest for reeve of Sumas municipality is sure to be a hot one this Saturday, and unless the Post is badly mistaken the same old reeve will occupy the chair for the next twelve months. It could be otherwise, but Reeve Fooks is the best reeve that Sumas has had for a long time, and that is saying a whole lot too. But, why turn a good man out if he is in the running?

Reeve Fooks' record as reeve has been good for the municipality and if he is elected there is no doubt what he will do during the coming year and that the work will be carefully looked after. A new man, no matter how excellent, would be without the former experience of a councillor in the municipality.

In Matsqui municipality it is not likely that Reeve McCallum will meet his Waterloo this year even with two opponents in the field. Canvassing is however very strong and unless the Post is mistaken a number of men will come nearly promising to vote for more than one for reeve and find that only one is the limit.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor

Dear Sir:—

I noticed an item in your last issue entitled "Predicts 35 cent eggs" in which it stated that there are 10,000 more chickens in the province this year than last year and therefore a lower price in eggs is to be looked for if feed prices case up.

It would be well for the public to know the source of prediction in this case, "wholesalers predict, etc."

It is well that the public should know a few facts in connection with the egg trade

(1) B. C. has never produced more than 50% of the eggs required for her own consumption.

(2) The increasing cost of feed makes any large increase in poultry flocks in the near future very unlikely.

(3) The newly formed co-operative association "The Poultry man's Union of B. C." is working to secure fair profits for the poultrymen, and the wholesalers is out after the scalp of the Union.

When the death of a co-operative association has been decided on one or all of the following methods may be adopted:

(1) By attempting to draw away its members by offering better prices than the Union is giving.

(2) By importing large quantities of the articles in question from outside.

(3) By the wholesale slaughter of prices.

I know that the first two methods have already been adopted and the third may follow.

If a big drop in the price of eggs takes place it will not be due to a natural market based on cost of production, but because someone has been performing an operation.

Let us stand behind the poultrymen's union for on its success depends a stable future for the poultry business.

Thanking you for your valuable space.

I am sincerely,
C. McDIARMID.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The W. I. of Mission City held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 13th in the library. The following are the officers elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. L. J. Solloway.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. McIntosh.
Directors—Mrs. Webb and Mrs. McLeod.

Any old car will go through the mud these days—go to the bottom.

PERSONALS

Miss J. Alanson visited her friend Miss Gwen Sumner on Thursday.

Mr. T. Griffin has taken Mr. Longfellow's position as agent at the G. N. depot for a time.

The bridge gang is back on the Great Northern again repairing the bridges between Abbotsford and Kilgard at present and later will go on east. It is expected the work will take all summer.

The Bradner and Abbotsford foot ball team played at Abbotsford on Saturday. Abbotsford won, 1-0. Abbotsford won the league cup. The league consists of Chilliwack, Sardis, Bradner, Mission City and Abbotsford. Abbotsford is some smart place.

Last week the editor made a mistake. It was Mr. and Mrs. David Fraser, not Donald, who were in Vancouver for a few days.

(That's not right. The editor made no mistake; it was the lady stenographer.)

Miss Parton is considerably improved in health and is back on the Bank staff again.

Last week there was a raffle at the mill for twelve White Rock hens and three roosters, belonging to the late Mr. Clay. Willie Hutchinson was the lucky one, getting the bunch for $1.

The Christmas tree for the English church Sunday school children was held at the home of Mrs. Salt last Friday evening. Quite a number of children, including tiny tots, were present and some of the parents. All assisted with refreshments, gifts and a little Chrismas stocking was given to the children. All had a merry time.

The three pupils of Miss Alice Steade who tried their theory of music in November got their reports last week. Evelyn McMenemy, in rudiment passed. Kittie Taylor, Mt. Lehman, and Lillian Ball, of Clayburn, in grammar of music both passed The examination papers go to England to the examiners, thus the reason for the delay of the reports.

Mrs. Todd and Miss Han are the teachers for the year in Huntingdon.

The Misses Steade and the teachers of the two primary classes gave a concert in the Rose theatre on Monday night in aid of the fund for the Sumas public library. The hall was filled to the door, several standing. There were a number of selections by the pupils of the Misses Steade, and they also gave the toy symphony. The school teachers had drills, little dances and songs, all very good and greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Jackson played the violin in the symphony.

The Eastern Star Lodge held their meeting in the hall last Thursday night. It was election of officers and Mrs. Eby was installed in Mrs. Longfellow's office, as she has moved to White Rock.

Miss Edna McMaster left on Thursday morning for her home in Bellingham, where she intends to reside. Miss McCrimmon and Miss Baxter have charge of the telehone office.

Mrs. Coogan is spending a few days in Vancouver.

A Burns' social will be held at the home of Mrs. Fraser on Monday, 26th inst., instead of a concert on the 23rd as first spoke of.

Mrs. B. Hill from Lynn Valley, spent the week end with her sister Mrs. N. Hill, Aobttsford.

Mrs. Jimmie Downie will give an address on Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church on "Deaconess' Work," as they had it in London, England, in connection with the Forward Movement, of which she was a great worker and has a great story to tell.

Mrs. Swift visited her mother and sister in Vancouver last week.

The Woman's Auxilliary to the G. W. V. A. met last Monday afternoon. It was installation of officers for the year. Mrs. McMenemy resigned from the presidency and Mrs. Parton was given the office. All other officials are as before.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. McMenemy Wednesday afternoon at 3 o clock sharp, Jan. 21st.

Mrs. Thomas visited in Abbotsford last Thursday and Friday and attended the Eastern Star Lodge.

The movie company that were in town on Tuesday took some pictures of the business places and also of the dancers in the hall after the show. Will we recognize them on the screen

There is to be a dance in the Alexandria hall Friday night, Jan. 23rd to celebrate Burns. Our little Scotchman, "Jimmie" will be Burns. A six piece orchestra from Blaine will furnish the music. Everybody come.

Mr. J. A. McGowan is chairman of the financial drive of the Forward Movement, and is arranging his committee of assistant workers.

Mr. E. Gazley fell on a circular saw on Tuesday at Kilgard and got badly cut.

The annual church meeting was held in the church last Thursday evening, there being a very good attendance. All reports were read and were very satisfactory. The treasurer for the Sunday school reported money in the treasury. The Ladies' Aid treasurer has over $100 in the bank to start the year with. Over $500 has been raised by the Ladies' Aid. The church treasurer has over $100 even after the General Assembly at Hamilton raising the minister's salary this year. The managers here were able to pay it and then have a sum left.

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Will Have to Start Boosting Good and Hard—

If the people of the Fraser Valley want the bridge across th Fraser for traffic instead of the Mission-Matsqui ferry there wil have to be a regular campaign of boosting systematicall brought to bear not only upon the present parliaments but upo prospective members and prospective governments.

It is reported that the leader of the opposition in the provincial house will shortly address a public meeting at Mission City and why not get his candid opinion on the matter after showing him the necessity for it. When the leader of the federal opposition, MacKenzie King comes west, if he ever does, arrangements should be made to show him also.

We have yet to convince the Dewdney representative that a bridge is required. A letter sent him by the board of trade was referred to his minister of public works, who in turn kindly referred to the nice new ferry that the government was building That was getting away from the question altogether. The ferry in the meantime is an absolute necessity, and so is the bridge.

Our federal representative says that it is an impossible task for him to take up with the Union Government. He requires a thorough convincing it seems before he will even say one word about it to the other members at Ottawa. Further he wants a pre cedent. He quotes the Capilano, which he says was not a "commercial enterprise, but an accommodation to tourists who come from all parts of the Dominion." We all appreciate the tourist traffic, but to build up the country's business we would suppose that a commercial enterprise would come ahead of accommodation to tourists.

But when a proposition, like the Mission-Matsqui bridge comes under both that of an accommodation to tourists and is also a commercial enterprise, we believe it gives the proposition a much stronger reason why the bridge should be built. Last season there were about 9,000 automobiles with over 34,000 people, visited B. C. These came by way of Blaine into the province and were worth about $3,000,000 to the city of Vancouver. With the almost assured completion of an excellent road on the north side of the river and a bridge across the Fraser, there is no doubt but many tourists would return to the United States by way of Stave Falls, Mission, Matsqui, Abbotsford and across the line at Sumas, thus relieving the traffic at Blaine to some extent and giving the tourist variety. He would see one of the largest power plants on the coast, which has the unique position of giving power to cities of the United States. This route would be a popular one with tourists, it is believed. And If there were also an excellent highway on the south side of the river, the circuit of up the north and down the south side of the river would make a nice afternoon run for the tourist while staying in the province, besides proving an all-round pleasure route for the people of Vancouver and New Westminster, for the entire year. The route claims some scenery too, besides seeing the fertile Fraser Valley.

As a commercial enterprise the present growth of the districts on the north side of the river require a more convenient mode of crossing and recrossing the Fraser River. The ferry runs every forty minutes. Should a ferry be missed a wait of forty minutes is the result; or should the ferry be overcrowded the same result follows. We venture to say that, while convenient, it is true, that the present schedule of the ferry has cost the farmers of Matsqui and the fruit growers of Mission City many thousands of dollars during the last few years in lost time. This would not be the case if there were a bridge across the Fraser.

The Munroe Doctrine Not Recognized—

Not having signed the peace treaty the United States has lost a grand opportunity of having the European countries and the world recognizing the Munroe Doctrine. This seemed to be a very important matter with the people of the United States at different times in the past. The time may come when it would have been highly important to have had the European countries committed to the Munroe Doctrine. The opportunity seems lost now.

Changing the Road Systems—

The Mission and Maple Ridge councils are both talking of making changes in the method of procuring better results in the building of roads. One man with a gang of men is to have charge of the spending of the municipal money, but the farmers of each district will have the opportunity, when the gang comes to their place on road, of working, but cannot as in the past delay the work until such time as they are real good and ready. This will undoubtedly be watched by the other municipalities, and if it works well will undoubtedly be adopted.

Want a Large Number of Residences—

Everywhere throughout the Fraser Valley there is lack of house accommodation, now that the war is over and increased work going on. Mission City has long had a dearth of houses. Abbotsford has it is reported at the present time applications for some fifteen houses to accommodate the families of men who expect to work on the Sumas Dyking scheme. Transient business like this is good for any small town and some scheme should be adopted to relieve the situation. People who once live in the small towns get a much better impression of the country and is an education of the possibilities of tilling the soil, especially during these times of the H. C. of L.

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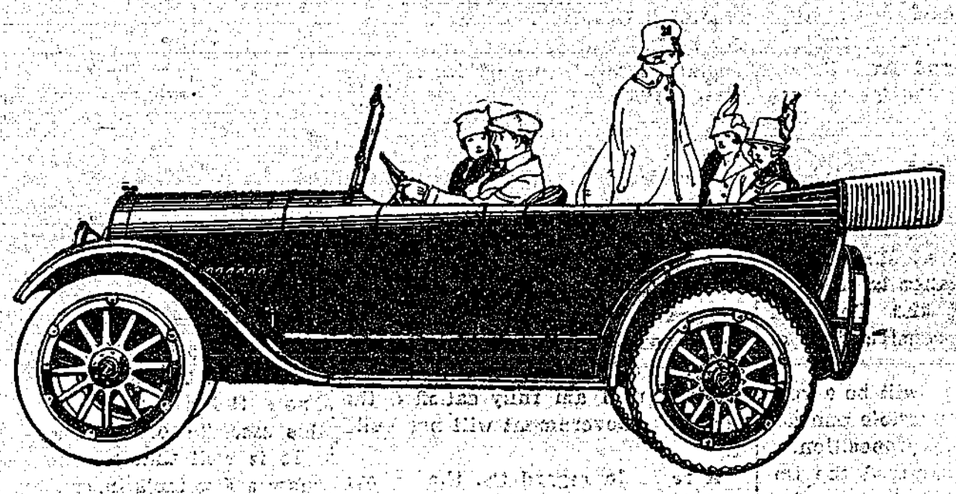

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BY ELECTIONS ILLEGAL

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Legal opinion differs as to the status of existing election acts of Canada and rumor has been rife as to the probability of a new franchise measure being brought down during the coming session of parliament.

It is contended that whatever may be the desire or intention of the government in the matter, the temperance forces may demand a new act, for should a vote be taken in any of the provinces for provincial-wide prohibition under the amended Scott Act before the repeal of the War Time Election act, the vote (being a federal one) would have to be taken under the terms of the act.

This, however, is not the only question that comes up in this regard. In the opinion of Alexander Smith, barrister of Ottawa, and probably one of the best authorities in Canada on electoral laws, anyone elected under the by-election act of 1919 is not entitled to sit in parliament, and if he does so, he is liable to heavy penalties.

Mr. Smith sets forth his views as follows.

Section one of the War Time Elections act states that the said act is to be in force "during the present war and until demobilization after the conclusion of peace." The last sentence of this act declares that the Dominion Elections act 1916, as amended by the War Time Elections act, "Is for the period of the war deemed amended."

The Dominion By-elections act 1919 makes no reference whatsoever to the War Time Elections act, but it distinctly states in the last section that "in case of such a by-election, Chapter 20 of the acts of 1918, an act to confer the electoral franchise upon women, shall not apply.'

Section two of the Women's Franchise act provides that the said act shall be read with the Dominion Elections act 1906 and the War Time Elections act 1917.

The By-elections act 1919 does not in any way profess to amend, supercede or repeal the War Time Elections act, but the government a few months ago passed an order-in-council to the effect that for the purposes of this act the war was to be considered over.

War in an actual existent state of things is a fact in itself and the order-in-council is but a subterfuge. War was on in many countries in 1917 ceased in all of them and has peace been declared with all of these countries? If so, and if demobilization is complete, then the By-elections act is effective, but otherwise it is not. The result of this confusion is that should a vote be asked for any of the provincial legislatures for provincial-wide prohibition, that vote would, as the law now stands, be under the War Time Elections act.

The effect, however, of the by-elections is more confusing, for no person elected under its provisions is legally entitled to sit in the house of commons. He is liable to heavy penalties if he does, for the war is still on in a few countries.

The by-elections could have taken place under the War Time Elections act.

Dewdney Doings

Mr. Dougal McDonald was a visitor to the coast on Saturday.

Construction of the new bridge across the canal at Dewdney Pumps has just begun. With Mr. John McKamey, government road superintendent and crew on the job.

Percy Davis was on business to the coast Thursday of last week.

Mr. Glen Cox spent Sunday of last week with his parents here.

Mr. W. G. Hairsine and family have moved from their property here and will reside with Mr. Hairsine's brother for the time being. Mr. Hairsine has sold his ranch through the Soldiers' Settlement Board to Mr. Harry Skipper who will take immediate possession.

Mr. Cyril and Miss Cecial Foley are spending a few days of this week at the coast cities.

Hay baling is nearing its end for this season.

Mr. H. Frederickson's outfit has pulled into the last and largest job in the district that of Mr. Hamilton Reade's.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir:

Now that the nominations are over and the council for 1920 practically elected I would remind them of the pledge given boys that went to the front. The council has the gift of various offices, the Clerkship, Collector and Assessor, municipal constable and Collector of Road Tax.

The ratepayers would like to see these offices filled by returned boys.

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Dear Editor and Public:

I understand that annual meeting of the Fruit and Mercantile Exchange will be held on 14th instant at Hatzic Hall.

How much this organization will benefit for those who grow berries, surrounding district of Mission and Hatzic, are far beyond my power to express. Without this corporation, nobody can assure our safety from starvation, owing to the present high prices of commodity and maximum of labour wages, at least we shall be enslaved under fearful hand of capital.

Fortunately, those gentlemen who have sympathy for fruit growers have organized the corporation and invited us to join.

How can we refuse or hesitate for the invitation? We all decided to come under the flag of the Fruit and Mercantile Exchange.

The birth of this organization was given last spring so that she is very young, not more than one year old. But already shown us her ability at last season, and we can expect more coming season.

One thing I wish to the corporation is that every officer should remember that he is a protector of fruit growers. Then, there is no doubt, but one way to the success.

If the editor would permit me to write a little more at this occasion for introducing of our Japanese Farmers' Association, I am nothing but a member aforementioned, so that the following is only my personal opinion.

This Japanese Farmers' Association is established just because the most of us are unable to command English language No other reason which necessitates us for forming our own association.

I am sure all of us have a mind to live our lives here in this country, so that we are always striving to learn your manners, customs and education Our children are attending to the public schools or higher one, while young boys study English at home or at private night schools.

In near future, I believe we do not require our own association of the present because coming generation could adopt English for their own language just as so well as English speaking nation.

Thanking in advance to Mr. Editor with anticipation of giving this letter a space of your precious paper.

Yours very truly,
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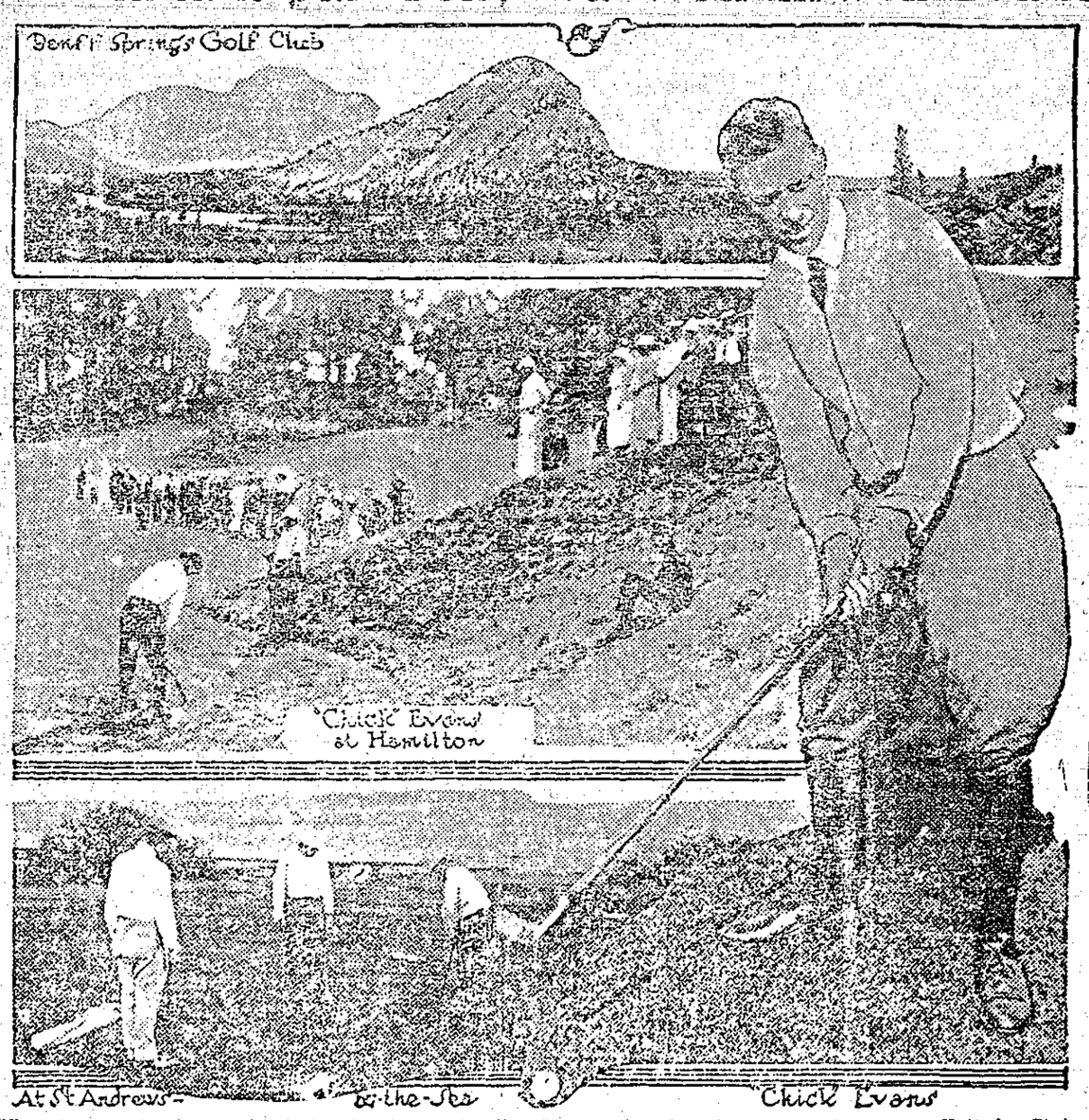
"Canada is par Golf," Says Champion Evans



"Canadian golfers are hard to beat, but Canadian hospitality cannot be beaten," declared Charles ("Chick") Evans, Jr., amateur and open champion golfer of the United States, after he had returned from the Hamilton and Scarborough Golf Clubs. Canadian experts in these clubs had compelled him to play his best to win, and then both clubs had made him a life member. Canada, in my opinion," he added, "is par golf."

About the third week in June Evans hopes to make his fifth trip to Canada to play for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross. Other noted golfers who may go along are Francis Ouimet, Jerome D. Travers and John G. Anderson. The cities visited will be Montreal, Ottawa, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea and Toronto.

Canada has a string of well-planned golf courses from the Atlantic to the Pacific, ranging from seaside links at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea on the Bay of Fundy to the Banff Springs Golf Club, Alberta, where the golfer can play his game at an altitude of nearly a mile. Going farther west he can play the Vancouver and Victoria golf clubs where the altitude is not far above the sea and where the golf enthusiast can play the royal and ancient game every month in the twelve, because the Japan current decrees that there shall be no "winter killed" greens.

This year will be the greatest in the history of Canada and the United States so far as international golf is concerned. Ten of Canada's best golfers will play against ten of the best from the United States at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, Ontario, on July 25th, and the Canadian Seniors, who won the Duke of Devonshire's Cup in a match against the United States Seniors, will defend the cup in a return match at Apawamis Golf Club, Rye, N.Y.

Champion Evans has a very high opinion of Canadian golf courses, and of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in particular. "This club," he states, "is one of the very best links in North America. It 'swings well,' and is a thorough test of golf."

The St. Andrews-Algonquin Golf Club at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea is an 18-hole links, 6,000 yards in length, and there is also a 9-hole links near-by. The long course resembles some of the best seaside links of Scotland. Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Winnipeg, Calgary, Victoria and Vancouver are all great golfing centers. At the Banff Springs Golf Club on "The Roof of the World," the golf is excellent and the scenic surroundings unsurpassed in beauty.

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