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By CISSY

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Government May Not Interfere

In reply to the letter sent by the Sumas municipal council to the government with reference to the attempt made by Sardis residentts to prevent the division of the Vedder river, Hon. John Oliver has written to the municipal clerk, C. S .G. Yarwood. Mr. Olivers letter in part follows: "I am in receipt of your letter stating that you are instructed by the Sumas council to protest against any work being done to prevent the Vedder river again running into its original channel having regard to the fact, as you allege, that attempts are being made by interested parties from Sardis to continue the diversion of the river from its old channel. In reply I would state that I do not see that I have any right to interfere in this matter. If work being undertaken is unlawful the proper course would appear for an injunction to stop it."

Premier Brewster has written that A. E. Foreman the public works engineer, will make an inspection trip over the ground.

Ladies' Aid Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid at Clayburn was held in the manse on Thursday aftenoon last week and the following officers elected.

President—Mrs. F. Seldon.
iVce-Pres.—Mrs. E. Hunt.
Secretary—Mrs. W. Brooks.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Phinney.

The financial statement presented showed that the sum of $175 had been raised during the past year. There was a balance on hand of about $12.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

To the Friends of the Blind in Canada:

In view of the recent terrible explosion in Halifax, and the number of persons who have become totally or practically blind as a result of the same, the several organizations in Halifax for the care and training of the blind find themselves almost overwhelmed in meeting the new conditions which have arisen. Even before the disaster the resources of the Halifax school for the Blind, the Home Teaching Society for the Blind the Maratime Association for the Blind, etc., etc., found it almost impossible with their limited resources to meet the demands upon them, but these demands have been suddenly increased by the necessity for providing shelter, care and training for upwards of two hundred men, women and children who lost their sight as a result of the recent disaster. Under these circumstances it is imperative that an appeal be made to all sympathetic and public spirited Canadians. The best and most effective way of making provision for these sightless people is to immediatelly increase the Blind Endowment Fund so that it may reach a total of $500,000.00. The income arising from such an endowment fund will enable us to meet the problems of the blind in Halifax in a systemaitc and practical manner and would bring to many a one now helpless and hopeless new opportunities to fit himself or herself for the battle of life. No greater need to help the blind has ever arisen in any part of the world and I believe that when the people of Canada fully appreciate the situation generous help will be forthcoming.

The Blind Endowment Fund is in the hands of three trustees, namely the President of the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind, Halifax; the treasurer of the School for the Blind, and the Eastern Trust Co., of Halifax.

A few typical cases of the recent disaster may be cited.

A mother, of 39, totally blind, had a child of ten totally blinded in the explosion who has since died. A second child, aged 12, has lost an eye. The husband, a soldier, is in the trenches overseas.

A woman of 31, now totally blind, is a patient, in one hospital while her little daughter 9 years of age, totally blind, is a patient in another. Two other children of this mother years old, is totally blind, the father were killed in the explosion and two were badly cut but will recover. The

In another family the mother, 35 work.

husband and father was killed at his has lost one eye and a child aged 5 is totally blind. There were seven children in all in the family of whom the remaining six are being cared for by aged grandparents. One of the children is tubercular.

A mother, 45 years of age, now totally blind, had five children of whom one is missing, one lost a leg, one is suffering from other serions inury, and one is totally blind. The father was probably killed as he has been missing since the explosion. The child of their married daughter is also totally blind and badly mutilated

Contributions towards the Blind Endowment Fund may be sent to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mission City or to Sir Frederick Fraser, School for the Blind, Halifax.

MT. LEHMAN NOTES

On Sunday evening last Dr. Wilson superintendent of missions, gave a most interesting address On the Monday evening following the annual business meeting and congregational gathering was held in the church, Mr Dan Nicholson chairman of the school board presiding.

The annual report read by Mr. Gillis the sec-treas. showed that more money had been raised for all purposes during 1917 than any recent year.

The minister, Mr Mitchell, gave the field report, which showed an increase in the attendance at public worship and in interest throughout the field.

Miss Bell, secretary of the Ladies' Aid, in reporting for the organization stated that 1917 was the most successful year since its icneption, having a larger membership and average attendance.

The society had paid $123 of the manse's debt, leaving just $80 to be paid, which they hope to do within the next six months.

The report of Mr. Albert Thompson superintendent of the Sunday school showed a very great increase in scholars. Miss Flora Gillis reported for the church choir. The ladies served lunch and a pleasant social hour was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hooker of Travis. Alta., are visiting at the home of Mr. Ernest Philips.

Misses Annie Reid and Dorothy Lord of Vancover spent the week end at Mr. Dan Nicholson's.

The many friends of Mr. Percy Phillips will be glad to know he is progressing favorably.

A very successful whist drive in the interests of the Prisoners of War rund, was held at the home of Mr and Mrs. Dan Nicholson on Friday evening, the house being filled to its capacity. The night was an ideal one and the home where it was held is one of the most popular in the community, the genial and hospitable family doing their utmost to assure thei rguests of a pleasant evening. Miss Dorothy Lord was the winner of the first prize and Mrs. Ed Taylor, the consolation prize; Mr. Hugh Douglas won the gentleman's first with Mr. Guy Gibson the consolation the proceeds amounted to $18.70 Guests were present from Vancouver Bradner, Gifford and Abbotsford.

Mr. Harold Nicholson has left for Alberta.

Distribution of Prizes

The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Clayburn Presbyterian Sunday school took place in the church this week. About 60 children sat down to the supper served during the evening.

Mrs. J. C. Clark leaves in the course of a few weeks for Rochester New York.

The electric railway operatnig between the brickyards and the mines of the Clayb r ncompany is now open after having been closed for some time owing to a landslide.

ELECTIONS RESULTS

In Vancouver at the by-elections Mrs. Smith won with a majority of 3,515; inNewcastle Hawthoruthwaite had a majority of 450; in Similkameen, Mackenzie had a majority of 222; in Alberni the Conservative is leading with 30 of a majority.

Food Controller Has Resigned

Mr. W. J. Hanna, the food controller, has resigned, and Mr. H. B. Thomson, of Victoria, has been appointed in his place.

PERSONALS

Mr. Clarence McCallum has been confined to the house for a few days with a severe cold.

Rev. William Robertson went to Vancouver on Wednesday. He was billed for an address at a Scotch concert in St. David's Presbyterian church, South Vancouver.

Mis Violet Maguire is visiting in Vancouver.

Mrs. Martin has been sick this week.

A surprise party was given on Miss Evelyn Nelson last Friday night when about twenty five of her friends gathered. They report having had a good time.

Last Friday afternoon Marguerite and George McGowan were riding on the mill wagon with Mr. Farris. Marguerite jumped off and tripping fell and the wheel of the wagon passed over her leg breaking it near the thigh. We wish the little girl a speedy recovery.

Mr. Morley has accepted a position in a bank in Cuba. A farewell was given him in the Masonic hall on Tuesday night.

Rev. Mr. Robertson's sermon on Sunday evnening next will be "A Silver Lining in the Dark Cloud of the War."

The Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Fraser.

Miss Ina Fraser was home for the week end.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO GUARD THE KAISER

London, Decemger 20.—So closely is the kaiser guarded when he travels by rail through Belgium that his movements are kept even from the railroad officials handling his train up to the last possible moment, according to a correspondent of the Chronicle, who has several times witnessed the kaiser's arrival.

"Whenever the passage of the imperial train is to take place the fact is not known to the chief railiway official until the same day, and to his subordinates until a quarter of an hour before the arrival" the correspondent says. "In the station the lines are all kept free."

Describing one sch arrival of the kaiser's train the correspondent says:

"All workmen on this occasion whether Belgian or German, were dispatched outside, and access to the station was forbidden. This applied to all passengers as well. The military guards occupying parts of the station and environs were ordered to leave their posts and pile their arms. The only persons allowed on the platform were the station master, his employees appointed to work the signals and the military chief. There was no guard of honor, no manifestations whatever.

This clearing of the station takes place at every station through which the train passes, which it does at the maximum regulation speed. At Brussels detrainment took place opposite the Place Rogier, which is a military post since the occupation.

"The space in front of the station which is always forbidden ground to passengers, was occupied by several motor cars. As soon as the kaiser entered his car the small fleet ran swiftly to the Parc Rue Royale, where the kaiser stayed several hours

"During the presence of the kaiser the officials always display the utmost nervousness in fear of anything taking place, and they always breathe a sigh of relief when their master is gone. The fact that even the military are obliged to retire and pile their arms seems to suggest a distrust his own army."

Mr. Ernest Phillips of Mt. Lheman was in Mission City this week.

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It is unfortunate that the great good which patriotic Russians could do and would have done is being neutralized by their treacherous and treasonable countrymen.

Had Russia remained steadfast the period of the war doubtedly would have been shortened at least by a year. Literally millions of men would have escaped death and mutilation that now must be sacrificed because of Russia's breaking down.

How great must be the disappointment and humiliation of those who would carry on the war when they realize that their nation is being placed in the outlaw class on a page of history almost as black as will be the record of the infamy of Germany!

In the City of Vancouver they are again in the throes of an election—a provincial bye-election—and they are having a real good time admiring the most excellent qualities of each other. How would Vancouver feel if there were not an election of some kind every little while? Some surely would feel lost.

In the present election two soldiers are running against a woman candidate. Both the soldiers and the women are entitled to representation in the provincial house. but bad that two representatives of the Returned Soldiers should come into the field. One would surely get good support but two in the field do not create much public sympathy, and it is likely the lady will be drawing the salary for representing Vancouver at Victoria.

It was quite cute of the woman to come out as an independent candidate.

The B. C. Fruit Growers at their meeting in Victoria have brought forward the question of Chinese labor on the farm during the period of the war. Many people in the Province are very much in favor of Chinese help, while others are not. It is certainly an open question with much for and much against the introduction of this kind of help. There certainly is need of some kind of help but whether the kind asked for will solve the problem remains to be seen. The great trouble with the Oriental is that he wishes now to control the labor market. He is getting quite an adept at this.

We want B. C. to be a white man's province no matter how painful it may be for some people to recognize this. Apart from this Chinese labor is all right.

There is no mystery in the fact that it has been published in many of the newspapers that a very large number of the of the soldiers and sailors of the nation are Roman Catholics. The great fraternal organizations of these churchmen has joined with the Y. M. C. in providing suitable places of recreation in the various training camps and in the war zone. This activity on the part of the Knights of Columbus led to the publishing of the fact that between thirty-eigh tand forty per cent. of the volunteers of the United States army and navy are Catholics. We presume there is another reason for printing this, one made necessary, no doubt by the fact that bigots throughout the country have ever attempted to reflect upon the national loyalty of Catholics. It has been held to be a proper answer to show that in all of our wars many thousands of Catholics have enlisted and that they are enlisting in vast numbers to contribute their lives and their power to the overthrow of German tyranny. The reason other denominations have not been classified is, therefore, self-evident. Nor is there room for legitimate criticism because there has been an announcement of the number of Catholics under arms as soldiers and sailors of this nation.—America-Reveille, Bellingham, Wash.

Some People Might Call This "Jolly Well Awkward."

Editorial in the Florida Times-Union.

In an editorial on "The Unused Talent," the Greenville News quotes the following from a writer named Gray:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear,
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

The News does not give Mr. Gray's initials or tell where he lives, but the lines he wrote are so pretty that we expect to hear from him again. There is a flaw, however, in what he wrote—due doubtless to haste. It is so patient that it will appear to the average reader, and so we feel that pointing it out is almost a work of supererogation. But for the sake of those who are not quite up to the average we mention the fact that it is in the third line. A flower is not born; it blooms.

It would be permissible to use the word "born" instead of "blooms" if the meter required it, but it dosen't. In fact the meter would be improved by the use of the correct word. Using the word "born" it is necessary to run two words together and cut out a syllable. It must be read "flowris." The line as read must be, "Full many a flowris born to blush unseen," while if it were written correctly the elision of a syllable and the running together of two words would not be necessary. It would read: "Full many a flower blooms to blush unseen." Any one will readily see that the last form is better than the first.

It is probable that Mr. Gray, whether a member of the staff of the News or not, is a member of the staff of some newspaper. Newspaper men are compelled to write rapidlly. They dash off what they write and send it in without revision. This necessity of newspaper work gives newspaper English a lack of the finish that is possible in writing for the magazines.

Notes From Hatzic

Great sorrow is being felt throughout the district over the death of Mr. Hodgson, who was one of the oldest and most respected residents of Hatzic. Following his removal to the Vancouver General Hospital, where X ray examinations showed the serious consequence of his recent accident, little hope had been held out for his recovery, and death occurred on Sunday in the presence of his wife and family. The deceased was well and favorably known in the Fraser Valley, where he has engaged in farming for 25 years and his untimely demise will be greatly regretted by a large number of the old-timers in the Valley, who were his closest friends.

Funeral service and burial will take place on Wednesday morning, following the arrival of the morning train from Vancouver. Burial ceremony will be performed at the Hatzic cemetery where the deceased will be laid to rest. Funeral services will be held in the hall at 10:30 a.m.

The sympathy of the district is extended to Mrs. Hodgson and family.

The Hatzic Shingle Mill will resume activities at the first of the month.

Great excitement was caused at last Sunday's afternoon service in the hall, when the woodwork behind the stove was discovered to be afire. Prompt measures, however by some members of the congregation, succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any damage had been done. Luckily the unexpected happened at a time when the building was occupied or therwise we might have had a sad tale to relate.

The Badmington club entertained Mission visitors at their afternoon session on Saturday. The visiting players were treated to refreshments during the afternoon. The D. R. O. also participated. Thanks girls. Do come again.

While chopping a stick of wood, Mr. Arthur Hitch miscalculating the distance between his foot and the wood and inadvertentlly swung the axe, which caused a nasty foot cut that will reqire some time in heating. All of which goes to show and prove that which we have always demonstrated, that splitting wood is a most dangerous practice and should be done away with altogether.

Election day passed off very quietly at Hatzic and only a small vote was polled. The results appear to have been satisfactory to most everybody who has expressed themselves thereon. Mr. Knight was given a handsome plurality of first choices here as also Mr. Catherwood and Mr. Ferguson.

Gnr. R. O. Fisher of Vancouver, spent the week end here.

HATZIC WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

On January 17, the annual meeting of the Hatzic W. I. took place in the Hatzic hall. Owing to the stormy weather there was only a small attendance. After the annual reports had been read and adopted the election of officers for the coming year was proceeded with as follows: President, Mrs. Ferguson; first vice president, Mrs. Miller; second vice-president, Mrs. Ketcheson; sec.-treasurer, Mrs. Fipp; director, Mrs. J. Stratton. Refreshments were served by he outgoing officers,after which tthe president for 1918 occupied the chair for the rest of the meeting.

NOTES FROM RIDGEDALE

The "White Way" of North Matsqui does not dazzle our eyes of late. The "Controller" has cut out lights in eastern cities and has been at work here.

The 'bard of Mission' claims fruit growers looked brown after recent sleet storm. No doubt they had the "dark brown" taste next day.

Too bad to see the Mission "live wieres" lying in the gutter. A good brace(r) helps a whole lot these days.

Standing on main road other morn one could see Str. Skeena loading Matsqi hay at Riverside. C. N. R. train rushing to the metropolis with Matsqui milk an dC. P. R. speeding along with His Majesty's maiil to Matsqui; truly, we are getting more like New York every day.

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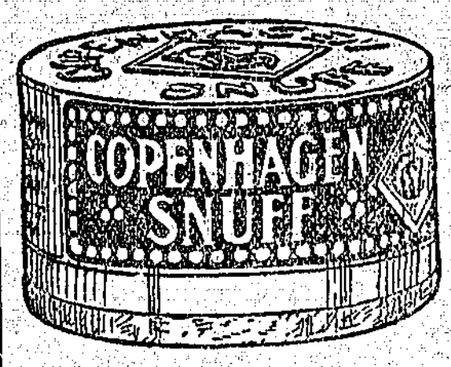

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E. O. Collinson, killed.
A. Ames, killed.
J. F. Green, killed.
Chas. Wooler, (Killed)
A. Witchell (Killed)
M. Mallalue (Killed)
R. Hughes (Killed)
H. Green (Killed)
O. Kidwell, killed.
John Gillen, (Killed)
Sergt. C. T. McPhee (K'l'd)
Geo. Knox, died, pneumonia.
A. J. Munro, (Prisoner)
L. Trethewey, (Gassed)
Wm. Morgan (Invalided)
S. McPhee (Wounded)
D. Campbell, (Wounded)
Albert Davenport (Wound'd)
F. Brown, invalided.
Sid Montgomery (Killed)
J. L. Sansom, (Returned)
Joe Mathers (Killed)
Arthur Croke, (Prisoner)
E. A. Chapman (Killed)
T. M. Hutton, (Killed) M. M.
Stanley Attwood (Killed)
A. C. Dudden (Shell Shock)
M. W. Copeland (Gassed) M.C
A. F. Flumefelt (Killed)
Robert Gillen (Wounded)
G. N. Gillett (returned)
G. Gough (Gassed)
A. Healey (Returned)
C. Hulton-Harrop, M. C.
Fred Knox (Wounded)
P. D. McLagan (Killed)
J. C. Parton (Killed)
A. Pegram, (Wounded)
Maj. B. Pottinger (Killed)
B. W. Suthern (Pris. of War)
Walker Wallace (Wounded)
J. Welch (Died of Wounds)
Percy Wilson, (Returned)
Manlius Zeigler (Returned)

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Jo. Willett
J. O. Williams.
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? What are we, who are left behind, going to contribute towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund, as our share, to equal the sacrifice of those who have died or enlisted for Overseas Service. Give a monthly subscription.

DO BONDS BECOME PAYABLE WHEN RY. CEASES OPERATIONS

Premier Brewster Touched on Interesting Point at Meeting in Victoria Re P. G. E. Railwya

Victoria, Jan. 22.—Hon. H. C. Brewster returned here today from a tour on the mainland and will early go into consultation with Hon. John Oliver, presumably on the P. G. E. situation. In his speech at Vancouver last evening the premier touched on a new point in the problem relating to the railway and its position with the government and the bondholders. The Prime Minister mentioned the posibility of a contention being advanced by the lawyers that the P. G. E. bonds of more than twenty million dollars would now fail due and have to be taken over at par when they had sold at less than 80 in the market.

Bringing Bonds Due.

Inquiry into this phase of the matter today recalls that in the agreement with Foley, Welch & Stewart there is contained a clause to the general effect that in case the railway closes up business the bonds then become payable, no matter what the date of maturity on their face. The object of this provision doubtless originallp was to provide a club to compel the company to maintain operations.

But under the new developmentts of the lawsuit between the government and the company, the latter may wish to precipitate a crisis and the possible definite closing up of business operation on the P. G. E. becomes a matter of much significance. A lawyer said today that the company might now decide to quit and practically "pull out" of the railway. The object, if this were done, would, he said, be to force the government to deal with the bondholders. Also Mr. Pat Welch might in view of lawyers be in a better position to enforce rights of possession as builder of the line. The question of what lien he would have against the railway, and thus against the government, also enter into the tangle.

That the government is giving much attention to possible developments may be judged from a speech made a few days ago at Alberni by Hon. John Oliver. He intimated he had come into possession of some interesting news regarding the P. G. E. matter and after consulting his lawyers he might be prepared to speak publicly. Yesterday he gave out a statement for publication covering part of the ground at least.

Ocer of Settlement.

An offer of settlement made by the representatives of Foley, Welch & Stewart and rejected by the minister of railways, sets out the complet list of assets, amounting to $22,456,553 which the railway company would be prepared to turn over to the government in consideration of a release of all obligations.

HOME PRODUCTION

In some of our provinces there is cetrain legislation restrictive of agricultural production. It may be necessary under normal conditions but in times of national peril such laws should be suspended or amended. Then, too, most of the Provinces control their own game and fish laws the supply of food could be considerablly increased by making use of game and fish to a greater extent than is possible at present. If these laws were carefully considered in the light of urgent need for food and special regulations put in force with a view to utilizing to the utmost every available source of food supply while the present emergency continues. The keeping of hogs within the limits of Canadian municipalities has been strongly advocated, but is practically prohibited by existing municipal restrictions. The people living in suburban areas adjoining the cities and towns of Germany maintain an draised in this way nearly half a million hogs in excess of the total hog production of Canada. Poultry-keeping within municipal areas, under reasonable restrictions, would also be of general benefit. Legislation controlling and reducinng the number of useless dogs in the country would do much to promote production of sheep.

Small lot gardening should also be encouraged. In this way an abundant supply of fresh vegetables would be assured and land now devoted to market gardens could be used for the grain crops. This year the idea ought to be not merelly to grow potatoes, but to grow good potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. Last year thousands of city people did a little gardening for the first time. This year their epxerience will be of value and the results should be in proportion to their proficiency.

Mrs. Duguid, formerly of Mission City, but more recentlyl of Vancouver, was recently married to Mr. Macdonald of Burnaby.

The food controller states that new standard flour will be nearly one-third cheaper. He issued a warning to householders that a run on now was unnecessary, and would be found to be unprofitable.

Higher prices for potatoes than those now prevailing will not be permitted. The food controller has sent notification to that effect to all wholesale handlers, stating that any atempt to secure higher prices will be dealth with promptly.

An ample supply of binder twine for Canadian requirements this year at reasonable prices has been assured as a result of an agreement between the United States food administration and the Mexican sisel growars of Yukatan.

There are plenty of fish in the sea that can be taken and sold far below the current prices. A protest is on foot to distribute this fish as far east as Winnipeg. It is claimed it will cost only about eight cents per pound.

A Word of Sympathy and Advice

The fruit growers, farmers and ranchers of the Fraser Valley will receive the sympathy of everyone on account of the damage done to their orchards by storms in the latter part of December. According to reports many thousands of trees are utterly ruined, having been broken down by the weight of rain and sleet which froze to the branches. Let us hope that on further examinarion the damage will not prove so great as at first reported. Doubtless the sufferers have by this time been able to examine and determine what trees are past redemption and how many may have a chance of recovery.

Here we would like to offer a word of advice, says Garden Orchard and Farm, of Vancouver, B. C. It is that so far as the home gardens are concerned at any rate, every effort be made to repair and restore as far as possible. Many trees badlly broken and twisted may probably be repaired. Broken branches may be staked up in many instances, the splintered parts bound with sacking and plastered with clay and dung mixed, and by this means many trees may possibly be put in shape to bear a crop next season and for several seasons. Every broken branch treated in this way should be pruned considerably, both to reduce the weight and lessen the demand on the parent trunk for the fractured part cannot transmit the rising sap in sufficient quantitiees to support the full head of the branch.

There is a method of tree training in vogue in older countries, by which the branches are bent or tied down in order to induce fruitfulness. It is practiced much with shy-bearing pears and with many kinds of apples. In some cases known to the editor, trees that would not bear fruit when allowed to grow upright at their own free will have been converted into fruitful subjects by the bending and tying down of the branches.

We are mentioning these points to encourage efforts to save a number of trees and get some fruit while the young ones planted between the rows are coming on.

It is the "western way" to look at the bright side of things and even while the house or store is burning to begin planning to rebuild and start afresh.

The fruit growers of the Fraser Valley must remember this and at least start repair work at once. It will be a heartless, tedious business perhaps, but the best should be made of every bad bargain. The wrecked ship, worn and battered on the rocks is often salved, repaired and put to work again. The sunken hull is often raised to sail the surface of the sea and again carry profitable cargoes.

The spirit which prompts this must be carried into the wrecked orchards and by propping up here, binding there and pruning all round, trees which now look hopeless may possibly be preserved to provide many a dish while a younger generation of trees is coming forwarad to take their places.

We write this without a full knowledge of the disaster, which we fear it is, but in the hope that we may thereby encourag many tree owners to look for the silver lining which may be found behind the blackest cloud.

The municipal elections are over once more and no duobt the best men have been elected.

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