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LIBERAL MEETING DREW LARGE AUDIENCE HERE

(From the Fraser Valley Record)
It was a large crowd that greeted the Liberal speakers in the Imperial hall on Friday evening last—in fact rather larger than was or could be expected at a time when there was no election in sight. There were a very large number however from outside points—all the way from Coquitlam to Agassiz.

The speakers of the evening were Messrs H. C. Brewster and M. A. Macdonald; and Mrs. Ralph Smith as representing the Woman's Equality League.

Throughout the evening the audience, many women among them, gave the speakers a fair hearing and showed deep attention, but that is like a Mission City audience, as they will always give any speaker a good hearing. Not much consolation can therefore be coming to the speakers or the party on that score, although there is much credit coming to Mission City for maintaining the past record of letting every man have his say and a chance to make good.

Mr. A. Parr, president of the Liberal Association was chairman. Among those on the platform were Mr. D. B. Martyn, president of the Dewdney Liberal Association; Mr. J. H. McNeice of Port Moody, Mrs. R. Smith and several ladies.

Mr. Brewster was the first speaker and began his remarks by stating that "This movement against the government of British Columbia is beyond a political movement, it has a patriotic significance.

"The presence of so many women here tonight indicates to my mind that the political problems of British

Columbia are beginning to act on the home. We are making these little trips into the municipal centres at a time when there is no election in sight and when we can all discuss these questions calmly and dispassionately. We want you to examine the record of the government during its twelve years of power and see if you are satisfied. The functions of good government are or should work out for the benefit of the whole of the people, not a part of the people. We must not spend so much of our public funds today that we are bankrupt tomorrow. It is just as easy for the government to waste the funds of the public as it is for the heir of a fortune to dissipate his fortune.

"I am convinced that the present government is not a Conservative government. Eleven years ago the government published its platform after their meeting in Revelstoke. It was a good platform. No Liberal need have been ashamed of that platform. But I defy any supporter of the government to say that they have fulfilled the promises of that platform, although they have had eleven years to do it.

We have been in parts of British Columbia and we have met a great many people of British Columbia. So far we have been met on a public platform by only one cabinet minister.

"Not long ago Mr. Bowser spoke in Vancouver. He said in the course of his speech: 'When the Liberals are in power they will not repeal any of my legislation.' Why is this great change? I can remember when he declared that he had wiped out the Liberal party. Now he prophesies our return to power. Mr. Bowser has said that the Conservative party is leaving monuments for the people to remember their work. Well, monuments presuppose deacease. (Laughter). One of the monuments they

are leaving is a monumental debt, which you, the electors, will have to pay.

Mr. Bowser says we will not repeal any of his acts. We don't have to. Two-thirds of the time of the legislature is spent in repealing its own acts.

I wonder if you can understand what it means to have a house so tremendously one-sided—two Socialists members against a house of forty-two. Two men can't keep track of the volume of business. The house is voting half the time for things they don't know what they are voting for.

I understand that the people of this section are largely born under the British flag. I want to see what you have to say about a man who enacts legislation which draws the line of demarcation between the British born and the man who comes here at the age of intelligence and takes out his citizenship papers. In order to get on the voters' list, hitherto, both kinds have merely taken an oath that they are British subjects. Now the British subject makes out a paper of one color asserting that he is a British subject. The naturalized subject must make out another colored paper and also attach his naturalization paper. This man's oath is good in any court in the land, but it is not good enough for Mr. Bowser's voting list. Why is this? The penalty for false swearing is 14 years. Now suppose a man takes the chance of fourteen years in jail by swearing falsely that he is a naturalized subject. Why couldn't he jump over this step and swear he is a British subject in the first place? This legislation Mr. Bowser, did not know, disfranchised a large part of the inhabitants of British Columbia. The sons of the naturalized citizens are barred. The son cannot take the oath that he is a British subject, nor can he say he is a naturalized subject. This bill was pointed out to Mr. Bowser. He again tried to correct this legislation. He corrected the law to read that the son must take an oath that he was resident with his father at the time he was naturalized. Now suppose the son was living in some other part of the province when the father was naturalized. He is barred from the voters' lists. This shows that the rubber stamp brigade behind Mr. Bowser did just as he told them and did not read the legislation. They are not to blame. You the electors are to blame. You sent them to the house.

Another principal which Mr. Bowser has incorporated in his laws reverses one of the leading points of British justice. Mr. Bowser's law says this: 'The onus of proof shall be upon the accused until he is proven innocent.' And then he says that we wouldn't repeal any of the laws. (Cheers) I tell you some of his laws wouldn't live a week under a Liberal regime.

Mr. Bowser has prophesied that we would criticise the administration of justice in Mission City. We were in Hazelton when the bank robbery took place. That robbery was the direct result of the political uses to which the provincial police have been put. After the citizens had put five out of the seven robbers out of business, the provincial police arrived. The citizens got six, and the one man left to the attention of the police got away.

Every man in the north carries a weapon. At one hotel at night there were over sixty guns in sight, although there is a law against carrying guns in the statute books. This is not the only case where the police have bungled. There is the case of Gun-a-not chase. One man who was paid to chase an Indian, told me that he heard more champagne corks popping than rifles. The country is full of ridicule for the provincial police. There is a great deal of difference between the management of the R. N. W. P. and the provincial police.

I used to think that I knew something of the land situation in this province. But when I went along the line of the new G. T. P. I found the land filled with the stakes of speculation. You must develop the land but the settler can't get any land alongside the lines. You must go away back into the woods. When you speak of the land you are speaking of a circle of trade. The man on the land is one of a series of units which are interdependent. When the present government came into power the treasury was empty. The government sold off vast quantities of land and the money went to railroads and the treasury is still empty. You have received about \$11,000,000 for your timber lands worth \$400,000,000. Then money was used to keep the work gangs going so that they would be ready for election day. That is the mess of pottage for which Premier Esau McBride sold your heritage.

I have here a list of 144 syndicates owning land along the railroads. I have letters from one broker alone offering me 300,000 acres of land. Wherever the land is held out of productivity there is trouble. Look at England and New Zealand. The land act of B. C. limits the staker of land to so many acres, but it permits a syndicate to stake by power of attorney. So that if you will go through the north woods you will find stakes with names of dummy men and women, whose names are used as proxies. The first case taken to the privy council found that the land obtained this way had been done by a fraud on the land act, supporting our position. This land act is unconstitutional.

Instead of your roads and bridges and trails being constructed by the receipts from the sale of lands, every dollar so spent is borrowed money. The government made a great howl about removing the personal head-tax. This affected the men who never pay any other tax, Hindus, etc, but it doesn't affect the man with lands to pay for.

You remember the fine speeches Sir Richard made when he introduced "the nation builders" Mackenzie & Mann. They are now merely insolvent railway contractors. The responsibility of this province for the C. N. R. is enough to mortgage every farm in the province to the limit if the government takes over the C. N. R. bonds it means that every man woman and child of the province, and counting the population at 400,000, will be responsible for \$500 each. Unless there is a change in the policy of B. C. not only the railway will be insolvent, but the province will be insolvent also.

We have looked in vain for evidence of good government in this province. We can legislate for our dollars and cents and industries, but if you fail to legislate for the moral uplift of the people you are on the road to ruin and public conscience is dead in the province. We need an awakened public conscience that will stay with it and say right is right whether parties go smash or not. (Cheers)

Mr. M. A. Macdonald, who characterized the present government as a "Star chamber of political charlatans" was the next speaker. The Sun says he was greeted with applause when he rose to deliver his address in response to the invitation of the chairman. In opening his remarks, Mr. Macdonald expressed the pleasure it gave him to speak to such

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W. J. Fraser, who was injured at the railway crossing on C Street, Huntingdon, and who was discharged from the Sumas Hospital, has returned to that institution again to have further repairs made to the injured member.

BOY WHO DISAPPEARED HEARD FROM AGAIN

About a year ago the town of Abbotsford had a sensation when it was learned that one of the town's best known youths had strangely disappeared without one word of farewell to anyone, even his aged parents did not know of his intentions. It was at first surmised that he had been accidentally drowned or that he had met with foul play and accordingly a large search party was immediately organized but failed in their efforts to find the missing boy. A year passed by and the matter was partly forgotten by all except the boy's sorrowing parents. The mother, lying on a sick bed one night had a vivid dream in which she seemed to hear from her son, it was all very realistic, but alas, it was only a dream. The next day, however, her dream came true. In the mail there came a letter from an absolute stranger in the state of Iowa, stating that the writer was a friend of the youth and he took it upon himself to write to the parents.

The following lines were hastily penned by a friend of the family and were handed to us for publication:

Mother dreams of her boy far away,
She dreams of his smiles of bygone days.

She hoped as she lay on her bed of pain
That one day she would see her boy again.

She dreamed that a man so kind and good
Took a pencil from the table where he stood,

And she dreamed that her boy bowed his head and sighed—
Then someone awoke her, she, her dream laid aside.

A letter came to her one day from the well known State of Iowa.
The letter read like this:

We're strangers, yes, but brothers too
In the sight of God if our hearts are true.

I am a stranger and I've found it joy
To look after some loved ones boy.

While the boy is with me I'll do all that I can
To make of him a better man.

I'll have him think of his home far away,
And his father and mother who are fast turning grey.

Have him think of those who watch day and night
By the windowpane in the dim star light.

Thinking that perchance he may return home
From that long, tiresome trip he has journeyed alone.

He drifted away like a ship at sea—
Someone stole its sails and let it be

A wanderer on some distant shore
Where we'll never see that ship any more.

Somone caused him to lose that dear mother's love
Like someone caused the ship to lose its sails;

And our Father looks from the heavens above
Listening. Listening to her sobs and wails.

He can see that father failing fast
Since the time the boy had seen him last.

Mother longs for a glimpse of her dear boy's face
Her arms outstretched, ready to embrace.

I hope the time it soon shall come
When she can hear from her dear son

In his own handwriting, 'tis true her Troubles then shall be very few.

—Composed by Miss Mabel Burrow, Abbotsford.

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Our Shibboleth—Neither for nor agin' the Government

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Mission City has been treated to a visit from the big guns of the Liberal party of the province who were accorded a full house and a very attentive audience to all the members of the speaking staff of the evening. As to whether the Liberal speakers made an impression on the hearers of course none are prepared to say, at least this paper is not. Certainly old timers in the province, which have taken a deep interest of the development of the country, would hardly like to believe that the province has gone to the dogs so absolutely as the speakers tried to make out on Friday evening. No doubt the Liberals, not being represented in the house, cannot be as thoroughly familiar with the workings of the legislature as though represented there by half a dozen members, even. And it is also true that no Conservative government is ever likely to meet with the approval of a Liberal party no matter how they try to govern the province.

Granted that the McBride government has not done as well by the province in the past twelve years as they might have, it is shocking to hear from a public speaker such epithets, when speaking of the cabinet, as "star chamber of political charlatans", especially outside of the heated debate of the hustings on an election eve. During the calmness that is supposed to reign between elections when men discuss political questions more calmly and make a tour of the province for the purpose which Mr. Brewster and party are doing, the common ordinary words of everyday life should be strong enough, but then possibly Mr. MacDonald partly forgot himself.

The Liberal party of the province certainly stand in an unique position in the province, with not a representative in the legislature, and the opposition purely Socialist, with the hand of the Liberal leaders, detected, as Mr. Brewster said, in some of the opposition tactics; and the government of the day not as popular as it was when the treasury flowed with milk and honey over the province. But it is not yet the day of election.

With the Fraser Valley Development League looking after the products of the Fraser Valley in the Vancouver and New Westminster markets, and the Associated Boards of Trade dealing with the mutual business interests of the district marketing the products, the Fraser Valley should now be in a better way to prosperity than ever before—coming to her own as the saying is.

There is ample room for both organizations. One thing at a time and that done well is always a very good rule, and the past attempts of an organization has been to attempt too many things. That which will appeal to the producers of the Fraser Valley more than any one thing that we know of is how and where to successfully market the products of the Valley. In the past, and it may happen this year again, is the growing of products with no proper or systematic manner of marketing with profit to the producer. The idea of bringing into the markets of Vancouver any kind of product that is to be found in plenty in the Fraser Valley, does not make for the prosperity of the various communities contiguous to Vancouver and New Westminster. It has been shown that products of the Fraser Valley have been lying rotting on the ground while at the same time foreign cabbages, potatoes, etc., have been sold on the markets of Vancouver and New Westminster. If the B. C. product were properly marketed this would not be the case. The quality of the Fraser Valley product is the best grown—wholesome and fit to grace the table of any British Columbian citizen, and there is no earthly reason why the very large part of the money sent out of the coast cities should not be distributed among the farmers of the Fraser Valley. A couple of millions distributed this summer and fall would help most wonderfully in making the coming winter a very comfortable one for the son of the soil who lives in the Fraser Valley. It is up to the commissioner of the Fraser Valley Development League when appointed to solve the problem, assisted by the Valley League, and make the producers of the Fraser Valley more numerous and also more prosperous.

MR. LOWERY, TAKE A VISIT.

There is one person in this province whom we would like to see at work. Col. R. T. Lowery, editor and financier of the Greenwood Ledger, is the man. Each week he edits a couple of columns of concentrated news, humor and philosophy under the heading of "Western Float". It is safe to say that more people read that column with more real interest than any other column in any other paper in this province. It is the week's news boiled down and spiced to suit the taste of the most finicky reader. Lazy editors throughout the province, as Lowery's good stuff with their long shears and their readers thank them for it. We don't blame the aforementioned lazy editors and we'll stab our own shears into Western Float whenever we feel like it, whether the colonel likes it or not.

We would like to see the old boss at work. We would like to know how he does it between drinks. In our mind's eye we have him pictured as a six-and-a-half-footer with eyebrows sticking straight out in front and with a jaw that would cause John L. to edge over in a crowded street car. But at that we may be wrong. He may be an

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a large audience as had assembled that evening. A few years ago, he said, it would have been impossible to have assembled such a gathering to listen to a political discussion, ex-

cept when an election was in progress. The reason why such a large number as he saw before him could be gathered now was because the people were beginning to realize that the McBride government had been playing fast and loose with our provincial heritage, and that it was necessary that they should be immediately dismissed from office.

Mr. Macdonald, dwelt at some length on the merits and demerits of the system of party government, and he pointed out that, as conducted in this province, the system had been open to the developments of tendencies not at all desirable. The tendency had been especially developed by the Conservative government and the leaders of the Conservative party in this province to place the interests of the party before the interests of the country, and to follow the party regardless of the public acts of the government.

UNCLE WALT ON STATESMEN

They do not sow they don't reap, they do not shear the gentle sheep, or milk the sad-eyed cow; they do not build, they do not till, they toil not in the noisy mill, nor guide the mule-drawn plow. We've heard them tell us we are grand, the bone and sinew of the land, and we have cheered and grinned; but words were all we ever got from all that smiling statesmen lot, for they all sell in wind. We take our produce to the store, and haul it twenty miles or more, to get provisions tinned; but statesmen get all things they need, the very finest goods, indeed, and all they pay is wind. We work till we are halt and blind, and if we get a month behind, threats in our ears are dinned; but statesmen do not work at all; they loaf in palace and in hall, and square the bill with wind. They drink the noblest wines of Spain, and eat the butter of the Dane, and fruits from tropic Ind; the luxuries of every land are evermore at their command, and all they pay is wind. What chumps we are to toil and strain, and worry till we go insane, supporting such a group of parasites, who live, at ease, while we are spavining our knees to get the children soup!

In Mrs. Smith the Woman's Equality League has a most excellent champion for their cause and with Mrs. Smith back of the Woman Suffrage plank in the Liberal platform, one would imagine that the Liberal party would be the gainers thereby. It might be that the Woman Suffrage would be one of the strongest planks in the platform as public opinion is getting stronger and stronger in favor of giving the women of British Columbia a voice in the political make-up of the province. Now that the poll tax has been done away with there are a certain class of voter in the province who is not interested to any great extent in the government of the province, certainly not in the financial workings, and that is the non-property holder, who can sell his vote to any party and be the gainer thereby. Surely a woman with a family, or owning property is more entitled to the rights of citizenship in this respect, but has no say. If then as Mrs. Smith says the 20th century is woman's she should have a voice in saying who shall govern the country.

It is sure a great election dodge.

The Revelstoke Review has reached our sanctum sanctorum. It is a bright newsy paper and well printed showing of advertisements and also well printed. It is Mr. W. H. Bohannon's latest venture in the journalistic field and if he keeps on he will be giving Revelstoke the best paper the town ever had, and that is saying some too. He is an experienced newspaper man and knows how and what pleases a community. Long live the Review.

The board of trade of Vancouver has been after the wild cats of Vancouver and wants the poor creatures choked off as they are too numerous. They live on oil. There is only one wild cat in Mission City and Walter has that chained on the house top where it does no person any harm. Vancouver could take a lesson thereby.

The question of good roads in B. C. is an important matter, as good roads mean good schools well filled churches, and also a prosperous people. The roads of the Fraser Valley have greatly improved during the past five years, yet there is room for improvement. Our roads in the Fraser Valley compare favorably with the roads of the State of Washington.

It will be good news to the people of the Fraser Valley to know that the contract for the Pitt River bridge has been let and it will be better news when it is announced that the bridge has been completed. Then the next event will be the tram line.

There should be no doubt as to where the office of the commissioner for the Fraser Valley Development League should be. It should be where the products of the Fraser Valley is marketed.—in New Westminster on market day, and in Vancouver on certain other days of the week; with several days to be spent throughout the Valley finding the total area of the various products for the coming year, and advising the farmers accordingly.

Perhaps the market commissioner could induce the managers of the market in New Westminster to have delivery for the products purchased by the ladies of New Westminster on that day. The time is past when any woman will purchase vegetables on the market and carry them home.

relieve this province from the maladministration of a government which we cannot afford in the public interests to tolerate any longer. And, sir, I believe that this sentiment of independent thought and judgment, and of independent criticism which I am endeavoring to arouse, is making great headway in this province to day.

It was evident, Mr. Macdonald said that the spirit of revolt was abroad among the people. The people were getting sick and tired of machine politics and Mackenzie & Mann policies. Of this the shrewd Sir Rich and himself was well aware, and as a consequence he had been offering to imitate himself on his country's altar by showing a touching willingness to accept an appointment as high commissioner in London.

In support of this contention that there was a strong undercurrent of deep rooted dissatisfaction with the present government, Mr. Macdonald went fully into the financial condition of British Columbia today. He was justified he said, in stating that no government in any province of Canada had had a more favorable opportunity to establish a record which would redound to the credit of them selves and promote the development

Reflection would lead to the belief that excessive partyism as had been practised here was responsible for more political corruption and loose pernicious legislation than any other influence. It could distribute graft from the public treasury to party henchmen; it could sanction and condone land frauds with impunity; it could allow a Matson to get its hands into the public treasury and by value not received make off with \$75,000 or a Reid or an Alexander with \$40,000 each. The government could do this because it realized that the party would support it; the rank and file being party men all the time at all cost.

Mr. Macdonald contended that the Liberal party did not appeal for support on narrow party grounds. It appealed to all; to the best judgment of the people regardless of party affiliations.

"We say at the present time, not in any dogmatic way, but simply as an argument for you to accept or reject according as you believe it, sound or unsound, that the McBride government in the public interests should be defeated at the first opportunity; that it is too much to ask the electors of this province to tolerate it any further; that the waste, extravagance, graft and exploitation, both of the natural resources and the public credit by alarming railway guarantees should be ended. These are a few of the issues. These are the changes we make. It is for the electors to say if they are well founded and if they are then let us unite—men of all parties—in order to do some much needed political house cleaning, after which the house itself can be set in order. Sir, there was never a time in the history of the province when there was greater need that partisanship should be cast to the winds, and all good citizens, all good business men who have a stake in the province, who have made a study of conditions, should unite to

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THE TRAMP SITUATION IN B. C.

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of course, search of work, and trust to work. One evening not long ago our policemen while standing at the station saw as many as 60 or 70 on one freight train, all bound for the east. It used to be "go west young man and grow up with the country and possibly at one time or another these young men went west, but they failed to grow up with the country. The struggle was too hard or the 'booze' too strong and they dropped by the wayside.

There must be something radically wrong with the make-up of the present generation that eight per cent of the population of the west are travelling gentlemen with no occupation.

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Mr. Walter Wells made a flying trip to Chilliwack Wednesday.

Mrs. McNab spent a few days this week visiting friends in Vancouver.

Miss Mabel Burrows, of Nooksack, Wash., is at present visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. Gazley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill-Tout have returned after an enjoyable trip to Toronto and other eastern points.

Mr. F. J. Boulter, the popular C.P.R. agent here, has assumed his duties after having enjoyed several week's holidays.

Visitors at the Manse on Tuesday were Mrs. Gardner, Miss Morse, and Messrs. Birrell and Harmon, all of Huntingdon.

Abbotsford and vicinity was visited by a heavy hail storm Wednesday. The shower of ice, though severe, did no damage to the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. T. DeLair have returned from their honeymoon trip and will now take up their residence on their farm near town.

Mrs. H. Gazley, who has been confined to her home for the past several months, is now slowly improving and we hope to report her complete recovery in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smith left today for Seattle where Mrs. Smith will meet her parents from Ohio. The party will then return to Abbotsford where Mrs. Smith's parents will visit her for some time.

Mr. S. Kravoski, who is now in St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver, was operated on recently for an abscess of the bone of the leg. Mr. Kravoski is now improving rapidly and expects to be home again in a week or ten days.

A number of Abbotsford Odd Fellows will journey to Chilliwack tonight where they will be initiated into the Rebekah Order of the lodge. These members will then be in a position to institute a Rebekah lodge here which will be welcome news to many Abbotsford ladies who are desirous of joining.

Mr. J. Sanson, C. P. R. checker at this point, has returned from a two month's sojourn at Nakusp where he was employed by the company in the capacity of the inspector. Mr. Sanson states that the land and climate of the Fraser Valley is ahead of anything he has seen in the interior of the province, and further stated that some of the so-called fruit lands that were being sold around Nakusp and Nelson at sums ranging from \$300 to \$400 an acre may be all right if it were not for the fact that in order to get down to the soil it was necessary to dig through a foot or more of sand. This is vastly different from soil conditions in these parts.

Mrs. J. F. Boyd leaves today for Milwaukee, Wis. where she will witness the graduation exercises of the Kindergarten Teachers' Normal class in which her daughter will be a participant. After these exercises Mrs. Boyd will proceed to Green Bay, Wis., for a brief visit to relatives. Mrs. and Miss Boyd will then leave for Winnipeg where Miss Boyd has been appointed Playgrounds Supervisor for the two months of July and August. Mrs. Boyd will meet Mr. Boyd's mother, from Hanover, Ont., at Winnipeg or Edmonton and the two ladies will then come through to Abbotsford.

"KING GEORGE" SOCIAL WAS A BIG SUCCESS

That the social given by the Woman's Auxilliary at the residence of Mrs. Boyd was a grand success goes without saying. The affair had been planned for the spacious lawns that surround the residence of the hostess but weather conditions on the evening were such as necessitated an adjournment indoors.

The residence was appropriately decorated for the event. Japanese lanterns surrounded the electric lights and shed a soft radiance over the merry-makers. The evening was made particularly enjoyable by the very excellent music provided by Miss Jackson, Violin; Miss A. Steed, piano; and Mr. Rix, collo. There were no vocal numbers rendered as no programme had been prepared, it being originally intended that the orchestra be located on the verandah. Ice cream, strawberries from Mission District, cake, tea and coffee were the good things provided for those present who numbered about one hundred and twenty. The social, which is the first of the summer series to be given by the W. A. was brought to a close at 10:30, the success of which was attested by the fact that the next one, to be held at the residence of Mrs. H. Alanson is being eagerly looked forward to.

ABBOTSFORD CAN BOAST A FINE FRUIT-FARM NOW

Of all the well regulated fruit ranches on this side of the river in the district surrounding Abbotsford probably the most desirable tract is that owned and operated by Mr. D. H. Nelson, located but a scant half mile from the very centre of town. Out of what was practically virgin forest five years ago, Mr. Nelson, by dint of much hard labor and perseverance, has transformed about forty acres into a well kept, fruit bearing orchard. Trees that were set out five years ago are now loaded down with fruit, especially is this true of some peach, cherry and plum trees. Apple and pear trees are not in bearing but next season should see the whole orchard, numbering in the neighborhood of one thousand trees bearing fruit. Mr. Nelson, being an experienced nurseryman and horticulturist, is of the opinion that it is much more profitable to cultivate the larger fruits in preference to berries, and with that end in view is devoting his whole attention towards the rearing of what promises to become one of the finest orchards in the entire Fraser Valley.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC DESPITE UNFAVORABLE WEATHER

An out of doors holiday was planned by the Presbyterian Teachers' Training Class last Wednesday, the King's birthday, at Atkinson's Point beyond Kilgord, but as the rain came down in great showers the merry-makers decided to go to Whatcom road to the Municipal hall. Some forty young people congregated, the larger number going over in Mr. Rucker's big hay rack. The party reached the hall at 11:30 and immediately prepared dinner from the bountiful baskets of the ladies. After dinner a number played ball and others went for a swim, thus the afternoon soon passed away. The picnickers reassembled to supper at 5:30 after which speeches were made, songs were sung and a merry good time was enjoyed. The national anthem was heartily sung and all then journeyed homeward feeling that a good outing had been had.

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Ben Way, from Vancouver
Joe Baines, from Kilgord
Lorne Jackson, from Vancouver
J. M. Clark, Abbotsford
John Lockhart, from Vancouver
A. Lehman, from New York
B. H. Lees, from Vancouver
Bert Lindsay, New Westminster
C. F. Robinson, New Westminster
Jno. Elliott, from Vancouver
W. Hill, from Vancouver
H. Brown, from Vancouver
F. Elliott, from Vancouver
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LIBERAL MEETING AT MISSION

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ial welfare of the people than the McBride government had. The years during the long period of the McBride tenure of office had been growing years, years of great expansion and development; years of golden opportunity when revenues were buoyant. As a consequence the government's record should have been a splendid one. Yet, Mr. Macdonald asked, what is the financial state today?

They had been compelled to admit that a boasted cash balance in the bank of about \$9,000,000 scarcely over a year ago had disappeared; that in two years they had been confronted with the enormous deficit of \$13,000,000 in excess of estimated expenditure over our revenue they had been forced to report to a loan of \$10,000,000 not to increase the capital wealth of the province but to provide for ordinary expenditure. If this government so fond of appointing commissioners, would appoint one to investigate the public expenditures in this province it would reveal a condition, Mr. Macdonald predicted, of waste and petty graft which would shock the moral sense of the people.

In saying this he was not making random statements he contended. He said he could point to electoral districts where the enormous sum of half a million dollars had been spent in three years apparently for building roads and bridges. A review of the reports of the minister of public works containing the number of the miles of roads constructed or repaired would cause the people to wonder whether it had not been railway building that had been in progress. This was the condition all over the country. He had been told time and time again, he said, by responsible men located in the district where this saturnalia of waste had been going on that 50 per cent of efficiency on the work was altogether too high an estimate.

Look over the public accounts for the past two years, Mr. Macdonald said, consider the millions of public money spent under the loose political methods which prevailed apart altogether from the graft bills paid to the Matsons, the Reids and the Alexander, and you need not be surprised at the alarming financial condition which these administrative prodigals find themselves today.

Mrs. Ralph Smith next addressed the meeting on behalf of the Equality League.

For thirteen years the Woman's Equality League had been to the government and had been turned away each time without the request for the suffrage granted. The Liberals had promised that when they got into power that they would give women the privilege to vote. She had firm faith in the Liberals and the party.

One of the reasons advanced against woman suffrage was that the men did not think it right for the women to go to the polls. But in all walks of life the men were met by the women—they married them, they jostled up against them on the street they bought from the men, they lived with the men, and why not vote with the men.

NOTICE

Application for the position of Market Commissioner will be received by the secretary of the Fraser Valley Development League, Box 149, New Westminster, up to Monday noon, June 15th. Applicants to state qualifications, salary expected, and their experience, if any, in any similar line of work.

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Public Worship 7:30 p. m.
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