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BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET IS AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

About one hundred sat down to the Banquet on Thursday evening representing all points south of the Fraser from Ladner to Chilliwack, New Westminster, Vancouver and Mission City, and that they enjoyed the most sumptuous repast provided by the local board. The banquet started about eight and went strong for about three and a half hours, with not many dull or uninteresting moments. It was a success in many respects.

After the good things had been partaken of with the ladies of the W. C. T. U. presiding, the chairman introduced the speakers of the evening in an entertaining and humorous manner, placing all present at ease for the enjoyable session that was to follow. Mr. James Downie, the blind hero of Abbotsford, sang and was loudly encored, to which he responded enthusiastically, the guests joining in the chorus.

Premier Oliver was the first speaker, and to hear him on the cost of transportation and the reasons put forward for the 50 to 100 per cent higher rates for this province over the eastern provinces, one cannot but admire the bold businesslike manner in which he has taken hold of this matter in the interests of the province, and should he keep the matter from becoming a political question within the province he should have the backing of every citizen of the province in his endeavor to secure equity of freight rates for this province with the rest of Canada. So far he has "had the commendation of his political friends and foes" and there is no reason why this should not continue.

At present Canada by the present freight rates was divided into three great divisions, the division west of the Rocky mountains getting the worst of the deal, "because it was a mountainous country." At this he laughed, as the cost of the C. N. $30,000 less a mile more than the railway from Ottawa to Montreal, where excellent freight rates were given.

British Columbia had contributed much towards the cost of construction of the C. P. R. through British Columbia. The land grants and the cash subsidies allowed for railway construction in B. C. should amply repay the company without the exhorbitant high rates that now prevail.

In 1874 the Imperial government had been approached when the now historical Carnarveon Terms became the all absorbent subject of dispute. The province could again approach the same government if need be but a wrong would be committed that never could be undone if the barrier of the present freight rates were not removed, and the union of confederation would never be realized until such time as three distinct divisions in the freight rates over Canadian roads were removed.

Premier Oliver was most heartily encored many time throughout the address.

Hon. E.D. Barrow, in a most optimistic speech, told of the success of the Sumas Reclamation scheme, and that this success should remove the barriers of criticism which had been hurled against the government expenditure in this undertaking.

The speaker reported that the Premier and himself had visited the district that afternoon and had been on land that, in the history of the district, had never been dry at this time of the year before. 30,000 acres of the best land land in the Fraser Valley would aid production in this province. The province needs more production to prevent the large sums of money from leaving province each year for food products. It was a pleasure to announce the assured success of the great undertaking in Abbotsford the real centre of the Chilliwack riding.

Some $19,000 was due for interest on money advanced on the scheme and at an early date a meeting would probably be held to go thoroughly into the matter with the property owners. The $32,000 of estimated loss of the farmers of the district would be a good basis to start from for taxation purposes.

Mr. Barrow received a round of applause when he stated that the land should be kept for the white race, and not allowed to get into the hands of the Oriental. There were large tracts of land that would have to be subdivided, and this together with the crown lands, would be sold under such arrangements that the lands for all time to come would prevent them from getting into other hands than white hands.

He hoped that the work would be completed next year, when he believed that all would agree that there had been no more practical area for increasing production than the Sumas area.

Mr. W. L. Macken, president of the provincial Associated Boards of Trade said that no scheme of co-operation would be a success unless all taking part would get behind it and push instead of talking too much. He said, "We want more 'peptimists' " whose duty it would be to give their whole-hearted support to the governmen in their schemes for the betternent of the community.

He wished the associated boards of trade for the Fraser Valley every success.

Mr. Geo. E. Kyle gave a most excellent talk on co-operation, and during his talk referred to Abbotsford as the "Hub of the Fraser Valley." He would like to see such co-operation as would prevent the middleman from making millions out of the produce of the province instead of that sum going to the farmers.

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Board of Trade Executive Meets

A better telephonic system for apprehending crimnals in Surrey; improvements in the Fraser River channel, organized publicity to make known the agricultural and industrial advantages of the Fraser Valley; a new bridge at Mission City, daylight saving and a host of other practical topics marked the first quarterly meeting of the new associated Boards of trade of the Fraser Valley which met at Abbotsford on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. N. Hill, president of the Abbotsford board presided. Those present included Secretary W. H. Keary of New Westminster, E. N. Riddell of New Westminster, H. G. DeCanonville of Langley, D. Stratfield of Glen Valley, N. F. Kendall of Cloverdale, H. Alanson, Mission City, W. R. Theal of Chilliwack, J. W. Winson of Huntingdon, J. Brydges of Abbotsford and H. L. Fraser of Ladner.

Eight Boards of Trade including all on the south side of the river and Mission City on the north have paid the regular fee of $5.00.

At the first meeting of the board the question of the dredging of the Fraser River came up for discussion and the secretary was instructed to write the railway commission and also the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa. The railway commission acknowledged the receipt of the communication, while Mr. King, Minister of Public Works wrote in reply a long letter outlining the policy of the Fraser River. He stated that the work which the dominion government were responsible for was "limited to the needs of navigation." Considerable discussion took place and a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Theal, Winson and Alanson to work with the New Westminster Board of Trade to go thoroughly into the question of improving the channel of the Fraser River.

No action was taken on the question of daylight saving though a debate ensued when the chairman reported that the B. C. E. R. had agreed to alter its train service to meet the new time, on the recommendation of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers.

"We should oppose it. The farmers of the Valley don't want daylight saving," urged Mr. Kendall. Though both Langley and Surrey are said to be exposed to the new time, it transpired that at a recent meeting at Chilliwack, where 84 out of 86 present were members of the Milk Producers' Association, daylight saving was approved. As the B. C. E. R. is said to be taking the views of the Milk Producers as the views of the Valley, the meeting thought it unwise to interfere.

Surrey Board of Trade brought up the anomaly that if the police or customs officers at Pacific Highway or Douglas have to be called, it must be through the exchange at Blaine.

"The Dominion government phones are on a United States exchange and lots of people won't call up the police to give information because they don't want to get stuck with the cost of the long distance call, explained Mr. Kendall. The resolution of the Surrey Board asking that these phones be put onto the Cloverdale exchange was approved.

The chairman brought up the question of getting out a booklet to advertise the advantages of the Fraser Valley. Daily enquiries for information are said to come in from Alberta and Saskatchewan and as far afield as Iowa. Some of the books will be sent to the Agent-General's office at London for British enquirers. A committee composed of Secretary Keary and Mr. Winson are to look into the matter of getting out a booklet.

Mr. Brydges made a suggestion that all the rejected sewer pipe made by the Clayburn Works should, instead of being broken up at the works, be made available at low cost to farmers for underdraining. He said that the manager of the Clay-

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PERSONALS

Mr. Wm. Dennison of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of his two sisters, Mrs. J. K. McMenemy and Mrs. G. N. Zeigler.

Mrs. H. Fraser is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Steffins of Chilliwack.

Miss G. Hill of North Vancouver is spending a holiday with her friends, Miss Grace Kennedy, who is home from Victoria at the present enjoying a rest.

Mrs. G. N. Zeigler returned on Wednesday from Vancouver where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. R. H. Eby nd Mrs. M. M. Shore were visitors in Vancouver on Tuesday.

Miss Vivian Peel of New Westminster was the guest of Mrs. Ralph Gilmour last week.

The manw friends of Mrs. A. M. Ham of Clayburn will regret to know that she is ill and has gone to Vancouver for treatment.

Mr. R. H. Eby and Mr. J. A. McGowan attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. held in Prince Rupert this week, as delegates from the Abbotsford Lodge.

Mrs. Stinson spent the week-end at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Cummings of Murrayville.

Mr. and Mrs. McMenemy and Mrs. Weatherbee and daughter Doris motored to White Rock to spend the day, Saturday.

An enjoyable dance was held in the Harrop Hall last evening, to increase the funds for oiling the streets.

Mrs. Conway, Sr. was in Vancouver this week attending the wedding of Rawden of Central Park.

At a special meeting of the Orange Lodge held last Saturday arrangements were completed for the annual celebration on the 12th of July. Two special cars will leave Abbotsford early in the morning and will go through direct to New Westminster. The Abbotsford Band which has been secured for the day will accompany the picnicers on the special train. Round trip tickets will be on sale in the near future.

The annual Church parade of the Orange and True Blue lodges will take place on Sunday morning. Members of both orders will attend divine service in St. Matthews at 11 a. m. If convenient the local band will be present.

The popularity of the Abbotsford Band is inoreasing daily, during the week they have rendered selections at three public functions and were enthusiastically received at each occasion.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. A. of the M. S. A. Hospital was held in the Bank of Montreal Chambers on Tuesday afternoon. Accounts were passed for payment and general business transacted. Splendid reports were received from the visiting and flower committees. It was decided that the W. A. will not meet again until the third Wednesday in September.

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL IS GIVEN BY LADIES' AID

An enjoyable strawberry social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid was held at the Manse on Wednesday evening. The programme opened by selections by the local band, which were much enjoyed. Instrumentals were then very creditably given by the Abbotsford Orchestra. Other items on the programme included the following: Mrs. Bedlow, (vocal solo); Mrs. Whitchelo, (vocal solo); Miss M. Hutchison, (recitation); Mr. Thorne, Sr. (vocal solo); J. Downie, (vocal solo); Mrs. J. Parton, (recitation).

All the numbers were good and received encores. Rev. W. Robertson was chairman for the evening. The refreshments were lovely, served on the spacious porch of the Manse.

Services will be held in St. Mathew's Anglican Church at Abbotsford every Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. A. Harding Priest, vicar.

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We talk about Canada as a nation within the British Empire, but the question arises are the public men of Canada of the right kind to build up a nation? In this question both Liberal and Conservative are considered as one. Are our public men safeguarding the interests of the common people or the capitalist. It is not the intention to answer this question in this editorial, we are just getting inquisitive.

A nation to be a nation that its residents or citizens are proud of should give employment, and steady employment to a varied class of men and women, who are contented with their lot. This is hard to do under present conditions but it is the duty of our public men to ever work to that end.

Does it make for nation building that the product of the soil when placed upon the market should have to compete with the same kind of product from another country, especially if that country does not permit of the same privilege. The growers of Canada—of British Columbia—find that their fruit, owing to the doing away with the anti-dumping clause, has to compete with American fruit in their own country. Will the growers be satisfied with this?

On Vancouver Island there is to be found some of the best steam coal to be found anywhere. Today it is said that the coal miners are working only eight days in the month, and that the day for B. C. coal mines prosperity is past. And what is the cause? Engines on railroads use oil; paper mills use oil. Oil may be cleaner but it is taking the place of what a product of this country could very well fill. Is it nation building to give preference of work to a foreign country?

Up the coasts of B. C. there is what is called the "closed towns", where only employees of American or other foreign capital are allowed to do business. Numerous and various reports come to hand of how the men are treated in these towns, and if only a part be true it does not make for contentment and prosperity among the working men and women. Is it nation building to permit also the profits to go out of the country? Is it not on a par with the non-taxation of the Oriental money that leaves for the east coast of another continent than our own?

Again is the kind of autocracy practiced in the closed towns in the best interests of a democracy?

Is it nation building to permit Oleomargarine to come into Canada to compete with a class of men—the tillers of the soil—who are the backbone of any country. Maybe this is why there is a Progressive party in Canada now?

These are a few of the things we should consider in nation building.

ST. LAWRENCE HIGHWAY

Mr. T. L. Church (North Toronto) said: May I be permitted to ask the Prime Minister one or two questions in regard to the St. Lawrence Waterways project? A great many applications are coming in for copies of the International Joint Commission relating to the enqury whch has cost Canada a million and a half. That report has been printed in the United States and I have received telegrams from a number of public bodies in my district asking for copies of it. I think it is in the public interest that this report should be circulated, as the facts speak for themselves. I think the report should also be printed in Canada, and sufficient copies distributed to inform the public who are so interested in this scheme affecting the Great Lakes. I would also like to ask if it is the intention of the Government to have printed the correspondence which has been laid on the table at the request of the hon. member for West York (Sir Henry Drayton). I refer to the correspondence between the government of the United States and the Canadian government on this question; and further, whether opportunity will be afforded the House, before Parliament prorogues, of discussing the policy involved in the report referred to and the action taken by the government.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King (Prime Minister): In regard to the report itself, copies were laid on the table at an early stage of the session as my hon. friend knows. It was then intimated that the government had a supply of printed copies, copies printed in the United States and supplied in large numbers to our government. I think it is probable that all requests thus far made for copies have been met from this supply. If the government should find that it is not possible to meet al the requests for copies of the reports from its available supply I think the report should be printed in Canada as well; but it is an extensive report to reprint and if without embarrassment that amount of expense can be saved I believe the government would be justified in saving it. However, let me make it clear that if requests are made to the government for copies of the report in printed form beyond the supply available the government will consider the advisability of printing further copies.

As to the second question concerning the printing of the papers that were laid on the table a day or two ago, it will be a pleasure to have them printed.

As to fixing a time to discuss this matter further, I think the House has already debated it for three or four days of the present session. I would not like to promise my hon. friend an opportunity to speak again on that subject, but we will take the matter into consideration.

Mr. Church: Do I understand rightly, in view of the reply given to the government of the United States, that no further action on the findings of this report is contemplated by the Canadian government?

Mr. Mackenzie King: I think my hon. friend is as well able to read the reply already given as I am to interpret it. That reply stated that the government did not think it advisable to take up the matter at this time; it did not go beyond that.—Hansard.

FIRE RATES HELD TO BE 40 PER CENT. TOO HIGH

The Employers' Association, which has been investigating the cost of fire insurance in British Columbia, has issued a statement in which it says that:

"After compiling exhaustive figures it is prepared to prove to the Board of Fire Underwriters that the premiums charged in B. C. are 40 per cent. too high.

"The B. C. Board of Fire Underwriters and the insurance companies," says the statement, "have been scaring the public into paying these excessive premiums, for many years with the worn-out statement of conflagration hazard, to such an extent that they have collected $8,800,000 excessive premiums in the last five years, and if complete records are procurable for the last 12 years, it would possibly amount to $14,000,000.

"The first compilation of figures was presented to the board in the early part of May and was only intended to show the difference in the premiums and surplus of this province compared with the other provinces of Canada.

"It was pointed out that B. C premiums were only 15 per cent. of the premiums of the four eastern provinces, and that our surplus was 131 per cent. and for the seven provinces other than B. C. our premiums were 11 per cent. of their premiums and our surplus was 50 per cent of their surplus and that our population was only six and one-quarter of the population of Canada.

Figures To Be Given

"The Employers' Association has requested the underwriters to allow it to place before them the exact figures, which are taken from the Blue Books issued by the provincial and Dominion government, showing the immense profits which the insurance companies have made.

"In June, 1921, at the underwriters' conference at Niagara, it was decided that the rates in B. C. must be reduced and they have only just statred the re-rating of the large risks of this city.

According to the last Blue Book issued by the superintendent of insurance of the provincial government it is shown that the net premiums were $5,427,798, that the net losses were $1,643,167—the difference a the companies' favor for that year were only 30 per cent. of the premiums and this ratio of losses to premiums has been maintained for 12 years.

Rates Is Parallel Case

"What has become of the enormous profits of this insurance? There is no doubt that B. C. is paying the losses of Eastern Canada.

"This is almost parallel to the railway discrimination case. These enormous surpluses have been obtained by the insurance companies for at least ten years, but records are not available before that time. Out of these immense sums conflagration hazards have, no doubt, been accumulated or if not they should have been.

"The Employers' Association is prepared to prove to the board and the public that these foregoing deductions are correct and that a reduction of at least 40 per cent should be given to insurers and that 25 per cent of that should come into effect immediately, making it retroactive to the first of the year. In view of the claim of the Employers' Association that the companies are collecting $191,000 per month too much, it is felt that this request is fair.

Labor Saving Urged

"The board companies are making a great boast that they can save the province, through re-rating $300,000 per annum. The Employers' Association claims that the citizens of this province should be saved the amount of $2,300,000.

"The Fire Insurance Underwriters have not shown any willingness to meet the Employers' Association," the statement concludes, "and discuss those figures, which have been prepared in very great detail from official records only."

1922 FRUIT MARKET OUTLOOK

Financial conditions on the prairie are not suficiently free to predict an immediate return of the healthy buying conditions prevalent during 1919 and 1920. They are however much improved from the depressed conditions prevailing last fall. The advance in wheat prices, the abundant spring rain and the hopeful outlook for a good crop in most places has tended to inspire confidence, although it has not placed any money in circulation.

In small fruits the outlook is good. The jam contracts which have been made for strawberries at 10c per lb. has insured a profitable outlet for berries unfit to ship. This price is equal to $2.00 per crate for locals or berries consumed on the home market and $2.50 f.o.b. shipping point for carefully selected shipping berries. This price refers to refrigerator car lots of shipments, which is the only safe way to send berries to the prairies.

Raspberries should go considerably higher than these figures, as the crop is less than 50 per cent. normal. Logan and Black Berries may run about the same as Straws this year.

Beyond the berry season we have considerable anxiety. The competition from U. S. points will be keen owing to the factional war going on there between Rural shipping organizations and the scarcity of money.

In B. C. the shippers are divided into two strong rival camps and it is uncertain at present whether war or peace will result when they commence shipping. So far the Western Jobbers (both Nash and Independent) have been working together harmoniously. We trust this will continue.

For some time back considerable unrest has been manifest amongst the Independent Jobbers of the West, owing to the alleged domination by the Mutual Brokers of the Nash Houses who controlled many sources of supply. During the week ending June 10th a meeting of the Independents was held at Winnipeg and the matter fully gone into. Representatives of the Okanagan United Growers and the Scott Brokerage Company were present. A unanimous decision to unite the Growers Sales Agency and the Scott Brokerage under the joint control of the O.U.G and the Western Jobbers was arrived at—each to have a 50-50 say in all marketing matters and share on the same basis on profit and loss account. Temporary officers were appointed and some matters are still left to settle. We have not sized up all the advantages and disadvantages of this new move. It does gives united shippers an assurance of outlet for their wares and also gives the Independent Jobbers an assured supply. It has all the ear-marks of being a mutual brokerage concern and as far as the writer knows it is the first time on record where a mutual understanding has existed between shippers and jobbers through a jointly controlled brokerage medium.

CAMPERS GUILTY OF KILLING THE FOREST

Apropos of the wholesale destruction of forest areas already this year by careless campers and other users of the woods, the Canadian Forestry Association puts this query to every Canadian lover of outdoors.

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DOMINION FRUIT TRADE COMMISSIONER

J. Forsyth-Smith, Fruit Trade Commissioner, for the Dominion Government, with headquarters at Liverpool, England, is paying an official visit to Canadian points. He passed through Calgary last Thursday en route to Vernon, B. C. No doubt Mr. Smith will arrange a series of meetings at British Columbia shipping points. Exhibitiors at the last apple show held at the Crystal Palace should make it a point to hear Mr. Smith and get first hand information on the awards and how they were made. We would like to have his verbal opinion on the matter of how English grown apples of varying sizes packed in out-sized box with ends stuffed with excelsior won the first prize as the best box of cooking apples packed for commercial purposes, and how the Canadian runner up for the first class did not secure a first prize in this class. Without reflecting any on the cooking quality of these prize winners we think that a regular sizing and stuffed ends should bar any exhibit from the premium prize on a commercial display. Our brother growers in Britain would get more from the educational value of an exhibition if the grading, sizing, packing were given their fair value in points. Such a method of awarding prizes would bring the present low standard of the British pack up to competitive requirements quicker than by biased judging. If this year's managing of the exhibition could give assurances, that independent judges would act and arrange a definite score card, we feel sure that something of an educational and beneficial nature would result.

RE DUMPING CLAUSE COPY

The following telegrams speak for themselves:

Calgary, June 15th, 1922.

G. E. McIntosh,
Acting Chief Fruit Division,
Ottawa,

Is dumping clause enforcable this year. Please wire this information for Bulletin tomorrow.

(Signed) J. A. GRANT,
Markets Commissioner.

Ottawa, Ont., June 16, 1922.

J. A. Grant,
B. C. Markets Commissioner,
Calgary, Alta.

Your wire fifteenth old dumping clause based on selling price at point of shipment still in effect, but amendment of last year repealed May 23rd, last.

G. E. MCINTOSH.

A Detriment To The Industry

We have been called up by several newspaper people who receive ads from private individuals and companies offering berries at a quoted price direct to the consumer. We are asked whether or not these advertisers are reliable. The terms of the sale are f.o.b. shipping point. The advertiser may be honest and ship only such quality of produce that may appear good at time of shipment, but after three or four days journey in a hot car, with perhaps one or two transfers and delays, who can say the condition the shipment will arrive in.

We have no hesitation in saying that consumers get better value by buying through regular channels of trade, as they have their eyes to guide them in buying and ample protection if the wares should turn out to be other than represented.

Our office is in constant recipt of complaints from alleged victims of individual shippers. In general we believe these shippers honest and not deserving of the censure given them by disappointed consumers. During five years' experience we have concluded that this method of distribution is a failure and only results in giving the impression that all berries from the province are arriving in bad condition. Such is not the case. It is seldom that a complaint is made when pre-cooled berries are shipped in refrigerator cars. Of course all L. C. L. shipped berries do not arrive in bad condition, but the proportion is too great for us to encourage it.

PRAIRIE MARKETS BULLETIN FOR 1922

We have made arrangements with several new correspondents at points that have not been heard from for some time. These correspondents will furnish the wholesale prices prevailing during each week. All the pincipal points will be included. The prices quoted will be the average wholesale price and will be quoted from the lowest to the highest prices that sales are made at, but not to include sales made to country points. Sales to country points would be higher than city sales owing to the added expense in making them.

We invite shippers and growers who are not receiving returns compatible with the infomation furnished in the Bulletin to get in touch with us, so that the matter can be explained and justified. Leaving this discrepancy until the end of the season for explanation is not satisfactory either to this office or the shipper.

The f.o.b. shipping price quotations will be featured from all competitive points. This will give growers an idea of what others are quoting and should serve as a guide to them. In glut times quotations often fail to make a sale, and if the car is rolled unsold, it is difficult to say what price it may realize as it may finally become a consigned car with price uncontrolled.

We will furnish the Bulletin free to all bona fide fruit growers in B. C. who may apply for it.

JOINT ROUTING OVER C. P. R. AND C. N. R.

J. A. Grant, Esq.,
Markets Commissioner,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Mr. Grant:—

You will no doubt be pleased to learn that the Canadian National Express Company have consented to concur in joint rates from Dominion Express points common or exclusive in British Columbia to Canadian National exclusive Prairie territory, basis of $3.20 per 100 lbs. This of course applies to carload traffic and tariffs will be issued immediately. Under this arrangement facilities for the distribution of British Columbia fruits will be greatly improved.

Yours truly,
G. E. McINTOSH,
Acting Commissioner.

Rev. E. T. Rowe of Vancouver was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Salt.

Week In Calgary

Several noticeable changes in the fruit markets have been noted in retail circles since our issue last November. The business formerly conducted by Mr. S. G. Freize was taken over by Mr. Goode of Lethbridge. Mr. Goode has now sold out and the premises occupied by a Grocerteria from the string managed by Mr. Jenkins.

The Frico string of Grocerterias have taken over the premises vacated by Mr. Jenkins.

Several new fruit stands have started including Mr. A. Harvey of the Western Market, who is handling British Columbia fruit almost exclusvely and is working up a nice business.

The first B. C. Strawberries arrived a week ago last Friday. They were consigned to the Vernon Fruit Company and sold for $6.00 per crate. Prices slumped immediately owing to the soft condition in which all the early berries were arriving. Hood Rivers were not up to the usual standard—while the pack was good, they too were soft and many were jobbed.

Hood River Strawberries have completely cleaned up in Calgary. Some of them were jobbed as low as $2.00 per crate. We examined one or two hallocks of these berries and found them decidedly faced. The 4x4 finish on top were the only berries of that size in the packet, most of the remainder being nubbins. We mention this to show that all packs from the other sde of the line are not perfect. These were distinct violations of the Fruit Marks Act.

This Week's Calgary Wholesale Prices:

Apples, Imported, Fancy Winesaps	$3.25
B. C. Strawberries, per crate, $3.25 to	4.00
Imported Black Tartarian Cherries, per 8 lb. box	3.50
B. C. Gooseberries, 24 pt. crates	3.50
Walla Walla Rhubarb, $1.75 to	2.00
B. C. Rhubarb, per lb.	.04
Ripe Tomatoes, Missippi	3.50
B. C. H. H. Tomatoes, 4 bsk. cr.	7.50
Cucumbers, doz.	3.00
New Potatoes, Imported, lb.	.07
Asparagus, Walla Falla, 10 lb. crate	3.25
Spinach Local, per lb.	.08
Potatoes, Local, T. $18.00 to	20.00
Onions, Imported, per 100 lb. sacks	6.00
Crates, about 50 lbs.	3.25
Leaf Lettuce, Radish, Green Onions, per doz.	.29

ACTION APLENTY IN "THE WOMAN GOD CHANGED"

There is action aplenty in "The Woman God Changed." It is the sort of dramatic action that thrills the blase spectator and makes him sit up and notice. Every scene however, is consistent and the logical sequence of incidents is highly artistic. Here are some of them.

When Anna Janssen, a beautiful dancing girl, sacrifices her career to become the common law wife of the man she loves.

When, maddened by his neglect and her jealousy of another woman, she kills him and makes her escape to Tahiti where for years she lives in fear of avenging justice.

When she is finally arrested by Thomas McCarthy, a detective and placed on board a steamship to return home for trial.

When the steamship is wrecked by fire and explosion, Anna and the detective being the only survivors.

When they float on a spar to an island and after years of association espouse each other.

When a vessel is sighted, McCarthy who loves his wife, refuses to light the signal fire because he fears to lose the woman he loves. Anna herself lights the fire and both are rescued.

When Anna is convicted of manslaughter and sentenced by the judge to the permanent custody of her husband with whom she returns to their island home, both regenerated.

Archie Conway and Joe Heath were visitors in Vancouver on Tuesday.

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BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

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The mayor of Bellingham is one of his characteristic speeches which are now becoming so familiar to the gatherings on the south side of the river, gave a most excellent illustration of how Mt. Baker could be sold a thousand times to tourists and the community still retain Mt. Baker. He was most heartily received.

Among the other guests who spoke were the various presidents of the Boards of Trade represented at the gathering, all acquitting themselves as excellent representatives of the districts which called them 'President of our Board of Trade.'

The successful banquet closed with a toast to the ladies and coupled with this were the names of Messrs. Payne and Houlgate of the Vancouver Board of Trade; and the singing of "Old Lang Syne."

Previous to the banquet the band rendered a service that was highly appreciated by the local people as well as the visitors to the town. One stranger was heard to remark, "Just think of it this little town is able to support a creditable band." Other complimentary remarks were heard, which go to show that the contribution of the band helped to put Abbotsford on the map at a time when there were so many strangers within our gates.

Board of Trade Executive Meets

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burn works had reported that a large quantity of such pipe could be set aside at a low price. The Board thought that it was a matter for the Farmers' Institutes to handle direct as in the case of stumping powder.

The plight of the Nicomen Island soldier settlers was discussed as the result of a resolution from the G. W. V. asking for protection of the dykes and an alteration to their condities so as to enable them to move from one property to another. The Board disposed of the matter by moving that the request of the G. W. V. A. be given a sympathetic reading and referred to the Navigation Committee. Secretary George of the Abbotsford Board of Trade pointed out that the soldier settlers were not placed on the land by the Soldier Settlement Board, but that each man chose his own land and that in most cases it was lack of proper farming knowledge rather than the fault of the land where men had not proved successful.

After the meeting, the visiting delegates made a tour of the district by motor.

The property owners on Essendene from the Royal Bank and including the Gazley block are discussing the question of having that part of the sidewalks cemented, which according to the scheme spoken of and planned would be done for very little more than the replanking of the sidewalk. So far it is understood that the majority of the owners are very much in favor of it, and the government may be aproached in the matter at an early date. Cement would be permanent it is thought while planks become dangerously dilapidated.

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT VYE STATION

A sad accident occured at Vye Station last Saturday whereby James Weatherhead, the brakeman on the B. C. Electric freight train, was killed.

When the regular noon freight train was slowing down to unload wayside freight at Vye, in some unaccountable manner, the unfortunate man lost his balance and fell beneath the moving cars and was terribly crushed.

The late James Weatherhead was 67 years of age, a resident of Vancouver and had followed railroading for many years. He is survived by a wife and one son of Vancouver and five married daughters all residing away from home.

The funeral was held in Vancouver on Wednesday, under the auspices of Pacific Division No. 267 of the Order of Railway Conductors.

STRAWBERRIES SHIPPED GREEN AND SHORT WEIGHT

The condition of strawberries shipped this season by B. C. berry growers is being freely commented upon, and not too favorably, by wholesale dealers both here and in Calgary, as well as government officials. During the early part of the season many growers picked green in the hope of getting top prices, but they found that immature stuff would not sell.

The following comment on the situation is contained in the current circular of Acting Commissioner Geo. E. McIntosh of the fruit branch at Ottawa:

"Reports received from all markets to which Ontario berries have been shipped state that they are arriving for the most part in very poor condition. The boxes are only partly filled and contain much green and dirty fruit.

"The imports into Canada of United States strawberries this year have more than doubled those for a number of years past, and the fruit—clean, well colored and in well-filled boxes—brough good prices throughout the season. Consumers are therefore apparently prepared to pay a fair price for good, well-colored berries which have been properly picked and packed in boxes which arrive on the markets properly filled. They are again, however, demonstrating their unwillingness to buy, except at a very great discount, the majority of local shipments received to date.

"The fruit branch strongly urges strawberry growers to give more attention to the picking, packing and shipping of their fruit. It pays to put enough berries in each box to assure that when they arrive on the market they will not have settled lower than the top of the box."

HARD WORK IS PRICE OF SUCCESS SAYS SEENA OWEN

A wide-eyed, winsone blond girl faced D. W. Griffith not so long ago and asked for a try-out on the screen.

"Oh, you'll never do for the screen," that director said. "you are too calm and have no emotions apparently."

"Well, Mr. Griffith," answered Seena Owen, bravely, "if you think I'm calm you just ought to see the way my heart's fluttering, for I am scared to death you won't take me."

And that was the winning card for it was ample evidence of her acting quality. This same quality has been developed consistently in each of that pretty young woman's screen appearances, until it has reached its zenith in her latest undertaking, the leading role of Cosmopolitan's new production, "The Woman God Changed," which will be shown at the Abbotsford next Saturday, July 1st.

"Of course, there are many ways to get on the screen," Miss Owen averred one morning on the studio floor, still breathless from the exertion of one of her big scenes, "but there is only one way to stay. I mean hard work, both mental and physical. Work while you're on the set, whether in a small part or an extra role. Watch your director. Study his purpose. When you're not in the scene don't go off for a nap or a bite to eat, but sit as close as possible and keep your eyes and ears open and your brain operating. There is always more, and yet more, to be learned, about the film game for everyone in it."

E. K. Lincoln, a well known player, is the leading man in "The Woman God Changed." The support is excellent.

A public meeting is being arranged for Thursday, June 29th, at 8 p. m., in the G. W. V. A. rooms when Mr. William Pascoe Goard will give an address of particular interest to parents having children of school age. Mr. Goard is a well known lecturer in the old country and a great treat is in store for all those who attend the lecture, which it is hoped will be a good turn out.

Mr. H. H. Hawkins and Mr. R Bobock of Central Park spent the week-end at the home of Mr. A. S. Conway.

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LATE SEASON

The Berry season is now in full swing. Wednesday last there was an express load of over 600 crates—including transfers to other points out of Calgary. The air cooled cars are now in service. So far the berries have not been arriving in good condition—many being soft and some mouldy. This softness must not be confused with over-ripeness. None were over-ripe.

It begins to look as if many growers who shipped in iced cars were reverting back to L.C.L. shipments. This is a great mistake. Berries coming L.C.L. are dragging at $3.25 wholesale while the car lots going to Nask. are netting $4.00. The growers of Straws should make every effort to load in the refrigerator cars pre-cooled before loading. We already have had complaints coming from different parts of the Prairies that berries L.C.L. are arriving in soft condition. What will this mean when the peak of the season is reached. We again repeat that the only practical way to reach a widely scattered market with perishable fruits is by the way of pre-cooling and refrigeration.

BETTER PROSPECTS

Winnipeg is doing bigger business in the fruit this year than it has done for two years past. Strawberries have been an abundant and cheap crop in the Southern and middle Western States, prices have ruled low and about 35 cars have been distributed from Winnipeg alone.

The Jobbers are looking forward to the B. C. deal with much enthusiasm, and the Mutual Brokers are paring no pains to have an effective distribution. Service is their motto, which means selling at best price and prompt returns. The Western Jobbers are very sympathetic with the B. C. Berry growers and have signified a willingness to co-operate to be full in securing a good distribution. The only incident that may make their efforts unavailing will be the limited volume to be moved this year. The Markets Commissioner visiting Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Medicine Hat and found the same sentiment everywhere.

The Berry deal of 1922 promises well.

The wedding was solemnized recently of Mr. Arthur Foxall, for some time a music teacher here, a few years ago, to Miss Nan McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. McLean, the Rev. A. Archibald officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Foxall are both very active members in musical circles in Vancouver.

We heard the old welcome sound on the street yesterday for the first time in a month: "It's raining."

BARRETT—GREENING

The wedding was quietly solemnized at the Manse last Saturday afternoon of Minna Greening and Walter Barrett, both residents of Abbotsford. Rev. Wm. Robertson officiated. The couple were unattended.

A bazaar and strawberry social will be held in the G. W. V. A. rooms on Wednesday, June 28th from 3 to 10 p. m., when ladies' dresses and aprons, children's dresses and aprons will be sold. Music will be supplied by the local orchestra, and the band wil be in attendance.

The Sumas Flower Show which was to take place on Saturday has been postponed on account of the mosquitoes.

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