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THIS SPACE
FOR SALE

PERSONALS

Mr. Dan Smith spent last week in Vancouver.

Inspector Martin visited the public school here last week.

Mr. Angus Campbell, a young man from Vancouver, has accepted a position in the C. P. R. depot here in Mr. Sansom's place.

Mr. Sansom has resigned his position with the C. P. R. and is going as purser on a boat to White Horse.

Miss Florence McPhee went to New Westminster last week and entered the Columbia Hospital to train for a nurse. Her friends wish her success.

The juice of th eW. C. P. Co was turned on this week.

Mr. Chas. Bell is a visitor to Vancouver and Victoria this week.

Mr. Jack McLean has gone north again for his health.

Irvine King is ill and home from school.

George Martin has been confined to the house fir some time with bron- to the house for some time with bron

Pte. Walker Wallace is laid up again with a sprained ankle. Pte. F. McCallum expects to have ten days' leave and anticipates a trip to Glasgow where he and Walker visited.

Mrs. Trethewey and Mrs. Parton were visitors to Vancouver on Wednesday.

Mrs. Fuller visited in Vancouver on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. Trethewey on Wednesday at 3 p.m., March 13th.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. McGowan on March 1st, a daughter.

The bank inspector was here a short time ago and pronounced Miss Parton capable of going into the cage, and Miss Florence Parton who has been attending business college in Vancouver is accepting a position in the bank here, vacated by her sister.

Mr. McMenemy was asked if his head would swell now, like many of the people who get new cars, and his reply was, "if it does I have paper in my hat I can take otu." and then the paper will come in handy to patch the car with—that is if you call a Ford a car.

The N. P. passenger train travelled over this portion of the G. N. again on Thursday.

Mrs. A. Chedore was a visitor to Bellingham last week.

Pte. Dave Campbell has been visiting at Mr. Dan Smith's this week.

Premier John Oliver, If You Please!

On Tuesday evening last Hon. John Oliver was chosen at the Liberal caucus as Premier of the province of British Columbia. It took three hours voting at the session. The ballot was secret. Five were in the running at the start—Messrs Oliver, Farris, King, Sloan and McLean. It is understood the cabinet is to remain as at the present time, but probably later Barrow of Chilliwack may be made Minister of Agriculture, but at present it is not considered safe to open even that constituency.

The vacancy arising in Victoria owing to the death of Premier Brewster will not be filled during the present session.

The legislature resumed its sessional work on Wednesday afternoon. As Hon. John Oliver has been in close touch with all the legislation outlined for the session no delay is anticipated as a result of the death of Premier Brewster. The latter, while Premier did not hold a portfolio and therefore was not necessarily responsible for any departmental legislation to the extent of naving to introduce it to the house. The Premier will hold three portfolios which formerly commanded two salaries—but the new premier may draw only one salary.

Permier Oliver was born in Hartingdon, Derbyshire, England, July 31, 1856. He came to Canada in 1870 and located in Ontario. He worked on the farm in the summer and in the woods in winter, up to 1877, in which year he homesteaded in Surrey. In 1880 he acquired title to his present farm in Delta. He was married in 1886 and is the father of eight children.

Ridgedale Notes

On Friday evening, March 1st, a public meeting was held in Ridgedale Hall to consider the matter of organizing a Sunday School at Ridgedale. This is a need that has long been felt as many of our children have no means of access to any other school of this sort.

It was decided to open a school as soon as necessary lesson helps and books could be procured; the school is to be run on undenominational lines, using the International Course of Lessos.

Sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Ridgedale Hall.

The following officers were appointed:

Superintendent, Mr. John Overstall
Assist.-Supt., Mr. W. Page.
Sec.-Treas., Mr. Frank Farley.

Teachers: Mrs. Frank Farley, Mrs. Wm. Gurney, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. John Overstall, Mr. John Overstall with Miss C. Page, Mrs. L. Beharrel Mr. Farley and Mrs. E. Farr as substitutes.

Miss Sidney volunteered to donate $5.00, Mr. Overstall $2.00 towards initial expense. Other subscriptions will be gladly received by Mr. Farley Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Reid promised to supply two dozen hymn books and Mr. J. Overstall and Mr. Farley volunteered to supply fuel necessary for immediate need.

We hope that parents and children will join in making this a real live Sunday School and a great factor for good in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rottluff have lately returned from a three months visit in North Dakota and other Western points.

Willie Gurney is confined to his home with pneumonia. Dr. Port is in attendance.

Mrs. J. A. Hargitt of Mission City spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week visiting friends in Ridgedale.

Mrs. R. S. Adams has been visiting friends in Sumas.

The weekly meeting of Red Cross "Willing Workers" will be held with Mrs. F. Farley.

The following supplies were shipped to Red Cross Central Department for the month of February.

24 Pairs Socks.
21 Suits Pyjamas.
25 Personal Property Bags.
24 Towels.
6 Face Cloths.
6 Stretcher Caps.
60 Handkerchiefs.
4 Grey Flannel Day Shirts.

A RECEPTION

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the manse on Wednesday afternoon March 6th when Rev. and Mrs. Robertson and their daughter Mrs. Frazer received from 3 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Hannah Fraser helped receive. Mrs. McMenemy poured tea. Mrs. Bedlow and Miss McMaster served refreshments to the many ladies and gentlemen who called.

A soft answer occassionally betrays a soft head.

Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

W. C. T. U. SOCIAL

A very successful social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trethewey last Friday night, March 1st under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Ferris was appointed to look after the programme which she did successfully, both in quality and in quantity. The contests started the programme delightfully, one thing a whistling contest by the ladies. Mrs. Art Taylor won the prize, a beautiful vinegar bottle, the other a button hole making contest for the men, won by Mr. George Kerr, a tube of shaving soap. The McCallum women must have a knack of teaching their husbands to sew as Mr. Alex. McCallum won last year, hemming a towel. The famous quartette consisting of Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. McInnis, Mr. McCallum and Mr. Langley rendered selections, violin solos were given by Miss Jessie Coogan and Thelma Taylor accompanied by Miss Evelyn McMenemy; recitations were given by Margaret Hutchison and Violet Maguire; vocal solos were by Mrs. Bedlow and Mrs. Hamilton; six young girls in chorus gave two pleasing pieces. These girls who were trained by Mrs. Hamilton were Jessie Coogan, Thelma Taylor, Katie Parton, Isabel McPhee, Dorothy Lee and Leah Davenport accompanied Evelyn McMenemy, Miss Mabel Nelson and Miss Kennedy gave excellent piano solos. Mr. Godson gave selections on the mandolin. Mrs. Parton and Mrs Trethewey each gave a short address; also sang a duet. Rev. Mr. Robertson acted as chairman. Refreshmests were served and collections amounting to about $15.00 were received by the W. C. T. U.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

A very serious accident occurred on the G. N. track near Abbotsford on Monday when the N. P. train which travels over that road from Vancouver to Seattle left here on scheduled time 12:40. There was a slow order over that portion of the road as it was dangerous, but seemed in good order but covered with snow. The track spread and gave away beneath the engine which rolled over and landed 30 or 40 feet down the embankment, a mass of scrap iron covered with mud and gravel The U. S. Railway Mail P. O. followed the engine, dragging with it the baggage car. The smoker plunged slightlyforward, burying the front part of the car in the mud and anchored other two cars on the track. Directly the accident occurred Geo. Hadley the brakeman who was uninjured made his way to Huntingdon when a freight engine was rushed to the scene and removed the injured men to Dr. Clark s hospital, Sumas. Dr. Swift arrived in the meantime and rendered all the assistance in his power. Fireman J. E. Humhpries had both legs broken an was injured internally, dying at 5:55 that evening. J. W. Powers engineer had a leg broken and Fred Baker, express messenger received serious injurise in his head. Conductor E. E. Hamilton and Mr. Burkitt, immigration inspector, were in the smoker and received a nasty shaking up. Mr. Burkitt had his hand and knee hurt.

Mrs. Harry Freeman of New Westminster was the only passenger and escaped with a serious shaking up.

The train crew were all from Seattle. This was the only time the fireman went over the road and was relieving the regular fireman of Sumas.

MATSQUI SCHOOL BOARD

Richard H. Port, M. D., was appointed medical inspector of the Matsqui schools, at a salary of $180 a year, by the Matsqui School Board at their regular meeting Saturday.

The matter of teachers' salary was laid over for considertation at their next meeting.

The secretar ywas instructed to get in touch with the secretary of the Abbotsford School Board in reference to their account of $192.81 and also the account of the Sumas School Board for $69.31 for pupils attending the Huntingdon school.

The secretary was instructed to Mrs. James Gibson in regard to the care and feed of a horse which the board proposes to purchase to convey Mrs. Gibson's children to Mt. Lehman school. Her children have been attending Jubilee school, which is four or five miles further than Mt. Lehman.

FROM THE FRONT

(From Fraser Valley Record.)

Pte. Topper is reported as gassed.

Pte. J. S. Taylor is suffering from gun shock.

Pte. H. S. Crockett of Abbotsford is reported "Presumed to have died."

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Premier Brewster Dies At Calgary

The hand of death has removed Mr. Harlan Carey Brewster from the leadership of the British Columbia Government. The day—the afternoon—before his death sanguine hopes were entertained that he was surmounting the crisis of his illness, but later in the afternoon he suffered a relapse, and, gradually sinking, he passed away before midnight. The people of the Province have learned of his death with poignant sorrow for he was popular wherever he went, says the Victoria Colonist. The high regard in which he was held by his close friends, and the cordial relations which existed between him and his political opponents, ware a tribute to his personality, which was an admirable one from every standpoint. The late Premier was gifted with deep feelings. He sought with all the power he possessed to do the the right thing for the Province he loved so well, and, while we differed with him in a political sense, or at least with some of his actions, we always entertained the highest respect for his motives and the energy with which he devoted his talents to the good of British Columbia.

It is the personality of Premier Brewster which will survive longest in the memory of his friends. His tenure of office as Prime Minister was not sufficiently lengthy to enable judgment to be passed on the legislation which he was instrumental in bringing into existence. It is a tribute to the man himself to know that he held the esteem and warm friendship of his colleagues in office, and he had earned the deep respect of those who opposed him in the Legislature. Of his honesty of purpose there was never any doubt. He was sincere, and when he deemed any matter a question of duty, nothing could make him deviate from his course. His fellow ministers looked up to him and placed strong reliance on his judgment in matters affecting administration, and he leaves a gap in the Liberal party it will be difficult to fill.

There is a tragic aspect to his passing at this time, just as he was returning from Ottawa after attending a conference of Provincial Premiers, at which matters of high import to our part in the war were discussed. The people were looking forward to his arrival as it was expected some new legislation of a far-reaching character would have been introduced during the present session. His death may not interefere with the measures to be taken, but the fact he will no longer be here to father them, will cast a gloom over the session of the Legislature. Everyone who has followed politics in British Columbia will recall the late Premier's courageous fight against heavy odds on many political questions of the past. His persistency, and the endurance of his faith in his beliefs, were powerful factors in winning for him the adherents who subsequently placed him in power. That his tenure of office should have been so short is very sad, for his career was being followed with high interest from one end of the Dominion to the other.

British Columbia has just cause to mourn the loss of one who had secured such a high place in her regard. He had a staunch and enduring faith in the future greatness of the Province, and believed, with all that courage, which was an outstanding characteristic of his, that he would have been able to do something to increase prosperity and promote the moral uplift of the people whose affairs he conducted. He was a Christian, but he did not parade his Christianity, and for this reason people believed all the more in his sincerity. His death leaves a great void in the political life of the Province and a vacant place in many hearts.

The new premier of the province hales from the Delta and was at the last provincial election elected to represent Dewdney, having to seek a constituency where he was not familiarly known, not the Delta where he had resided for so many years and was familiarly known.

The Fraser Valley Record takes the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Oliver to the high position to which he has risen, not because we believe he is in any way particularly more fitted for the office of Premier of this great and glorious province, but owing to the fact that he is Dewdney's representative—at least he was elected as such, how well he has done the representing act we leave it to prominent men in all parts of the riding, some of whom supported him last election, but who at the present time consider it one of the very unwise acts.

Hon. John Oliver first received political birth in the Martin election, winning over Speaker Thos. Foster and Mr. J. W. Berry, in 1900, and represented that riding or nine years. Later he was styled as leader of the Liberal party but the McBride railway policy was much superior to the Oliver-Jardine railway policy and John Oliver went back to the Delta to grow spuds. Several times he tried to be elected for the Delta but Lieut. Frank Mackenzie always sent John back to grow more spuds. In 1916 Honest John Oliver sought new territory in Dewdney, where he thought the electorate was easy and by bluff and promises; and the fact that the 'time for a change' was at hand, he was elected.

As Premier of this province Hon. John Oliver has a glorious opportunity to retrieve the past and make himself the most popular man at the head of affairs in the history of the province. Of course he won't take our advice—he never did, or he would be still following his honorable occupation as a farmer, which we understand he does know something about.

We hope that the new Premier will see that the roads of Dewdney are kept in as good repair as they were before he was elected to represent Dewdney. also assist the farmers and fruit growers in fighting the mosquito pest and as much for the other parts of the province and if he does this we will overlook the neglect of the past.

The late Premier Brewster fought against patronage but in Dewdney we believe there was a little running rampant, and jugding by what we have seen we believe in this respect the poliry of the new Premier is, 'to the victor belongs the spoils.'

We do not laugh enough. There is nothing more pleasant to the ear than the merry laugh of the happy, joyous person, and nothing drives away gloom and care like a good hearty laugh. Laughter and good humor make a happy pleasant home and a cheerful bright home is the greatest safe guards against temptations for the young. Parents should guard against this and spare no pains to make home a cheerful spot.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friends.

Any community can endure a coward who is afraid to do wrong.

Distribution Charge Too High

What it costs to get Peach Jam From the Local Station to the Wage-Earner's Table.

This paper has already printed two articles giving exact figures to show the comparative cost of manufacturing certain foodstuffs, what it costs to bring them long distances to this city, and what it costs to distribute them in the city.

It is clear that the third item embraces apparently far too large a proportion of the final selling price of the goods. In this period of war it is especially desirable to consider whether this local charge can be reduced. The food controller at Ottawa has already taken the issue under advisement with reference to milk.

The report of the milk committee of the food controller's department at Ottawa, was issued on Nov. 24, 1917. The document shows evidonce of a careful and minute survey deals with the increased cost of production, and particularly with the excessive spread in prices between the producer and the consumer. This difference they refer to (page 6) as the "Distributor's Spread," and according to evidence submitted, varied in different localities from 2.75 to 6.50 cents per quart.

The distributor's spread is attributed to an unnecessary overlapping in delivery and the report comments upon the attendant diversion of a great number of men and horses from productive employment. The Free Press in this and preceding articles demonstrates that this excessive distributor's spread at the point of consumption is not confiend to milk, but is equally burdensome to the consumer as far as other necessary commodities are concerned.

The milk committee, after reciting in detail the particulars of this extravagance "distributor's spread" makes its recommendations, which it is only fair to assume, will be adopted, in hwole or in part, and the effect will be t oreduce the price of milk to the consumer, b yorganizing the present wasteful methods of distribution.

The object in publishing these figures is to draw the attention of the food controller and the public to the facts, in the hope that some release from this unnecessary and burdensome distributor's spread may be lifted from the shoulders of the consumer.

For years the excuse, in the west for high prices, has been the railway freight and this excuse, like charity has served to cover a multitude of burdensome costs. The figures show the actual freight costs. The additional expense that burdens the dinner pail rests with the distributor's spread.

Canned Beans

	cents
Beans, Dominion canners, manufacturers price, Mont.	12 11-12
Railway carriage, Motreal to Winnipeg ,1416 miles	1 1-12
Cost of distribution, Winnipeg car to consumer	6
Retail cost at Winnipeg	20 ....

Percentage

Manufacturers cost	64.58
Railway frieght	5.42
Cost of distribution	30.00
	100

Peach Jam

	cents
Jam, peach, Dominion canners manufacturing price, Montreal	18 1-3
Railway carriage, Mon. to Winnipeg 1416 miles	71-100
Cost of distribution, Winnipeg car to consumer	10 287-300
Retaili cost at Winnipeg	30

Percentage

Manufacturers cost.....	61.11
Railway freight	2.37
Cost of distribution	36.52
	100

Raspberry Jam

	cents
Jam, black raspberry also black currant, Dominion canners manufacturers price, Montreal	20 5-12
Railway carriage	71-100
Cost of distribution, Winnipeg car to consumer....	8 131-150
Retail cost at Winnipeg....	30

Percentage

Manufacturers cost	68.05
Railway freight	2.37
Cost of distribution	29.58
	100

A special car of Portage la Prairie farmers, bound on a sight-seeing trip to the Coast, were in the Okanagan last week. The Manitoba farmers are presumably inspecting orchard lands with a view of making purchases.

The woman who has ceased to weep is no longer young.

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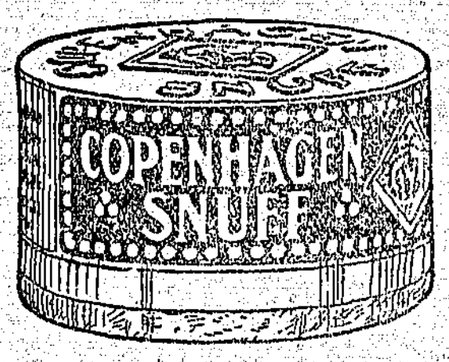

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HONOR ROLL

Abbotsford and District has done magnificently in sending her sons to fight for the freedom and rights of the British Empire and her Allies.

The following are the names:

W. A. Ferguson, killed.
H. E. Lloyd, killed.
J. McDonald, killed.
H. R. Gray, killed.
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.(
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)

Wm. Hunt (killed)
Joe. Willet (wounded)
A. G. Adams.
E. Anderton.
J. Aitken.
H. Arnold.
F. Beale.
Steve Beebe
C. Bayes.
Hilliard Boyd.
Ed Barrett.
J. Bousfield.
W. Bowman.
Wm. Bonar
A. A. F. Callan.
J. H. Campbell
W. Campbell.
Tom Campbell.
E. Chamberlain.
Alex. Chisholm
Fred Colbourne
T. Davis.
T. Donnelly.
J. Downie.
Paul Dutase
Andy Ellwood.
Wm. Evans
Norman Evans
Geo. Fadden
A. A. Fermour.
J. Fermor
S. Finch.
J. Fraser,
Clarence Gazley.
D. Geddes.
E. B. de la Giroday
H. Gordon.
H. Grimley.
J. Hands.
G. E. Hayes.
A. Hicks.
O. Hicks.
Robt. Higginson
Matt Higginson.
A. Hill-Tout.
Charles Hill-Tout
Willie Hill-Tout
V. Hulton-Harrop.

K. Huggard.
Ed Hunt
H. Johnston.
J. Kirkbride.
S. Knott.
Henry Knox.
W. Laird.
Geo. E. Leary
Roy Mains
Louis Di Lalli (wounded)
David Mathers
T. Mawson.
Frank McCallum
J. McCormack.
Kenneth McGilivray.
Stewart McGillivray
H. McKinnon
Wm. McIntyre
Matt Nelson.
Peter Pearson.
T. Perks.
R. Peters.
T. Porter
S. Ramsay
John Rhodes
M. Rhodes.
N. Rucker
Geo. Sharp.
Robt. Sim.
H. Skipworth.
John Sinclair.
R. Smart.
T. Smeeton.
H. D. Straiton
A. Teng.
W. W. Thaw
T. Usher.
Walker Wallace
Gordon Walters
Harold Walters
Thos. Walters
Andrew Wells
A. Williams.
J. O. Williams.
Percy Wilson.
Warren Welch

? 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.

Soldier's Wife Expresses "Gratitude"

A grateful tribute to the splendid work being done by the Canadian Patriotic Fund in Vancouver is contained in the following letter,and there are many women throughout Canada who can say as much for other branches, and you would have to travel no further than Mission:

"Dear Sir—As one of the many wives of soldiers, allow me to express my deepest gratitude for the great and noble work that is being done by the Canadian Patriotic Fund here in this city. I, a beneficiary, am especially grateful,for though the government would sometimes heedlessly make mistakes, causing much inconvenience and discomfort, not so with the Canadian Patriotic Fund, whose cheque can be relied upon to arrive promptly and without fail on the stated date.

"Perhaps the citizens of Vancouver do not realize what this means to the woman left behind amongst strangers, with children to provide and care for. Sometimes the soldier's wife is criticised for looking smart and well dressed, but should she be blamed if through care and a certain cleverness with her needle she is able to present an appearance approaching that which she had when her husband left a good position to go overseas?

"Anything we receive from the Fund brings comfort to the wives and children during the absence of the loved ones at the front, and we are truly grateful."

Late Premier's Career

Hon. Harlan Carey Brewster, the seventeenth premier of British Columbia to hold omce since the province entered Confederation in 1871 was born n the seaport town of Harvey, in the County of Albert and province of New Brunswick, on November 10, 1870, the son of Gilbert and Amelia Brewster. He was therefore in his 48th year at the time of his death. His father was for many years collector of customs of the above port and was a shipbuilder and owner; his mother was a member of the Wells family, one of his brothers beisg the late Professor James E. Wells, of McMaster University Toronto. The late premier's ancestry was Scotch and English. He completed his boyhood education in the schools of his native town and later he finished his scholastic education in Boston. In his early manhood he left his home town and went to Boston, where for some time he was engaged at the trade of printer on one of the newspapers there. He was always proud of the fact that as a prcatical sailor he qualified ror mate's papers as a deepsea navigator

The late premier came to British Columbia over twenty-five years ago an entered the employ of the old Canadian Pcaific Navigation Company as purser in which highly responsible position he gained the respect and confidence of the company, his fellow officers and the travelling public. He aiso served on some other vessels in the same capacity. Then he was for a considerable time in the employ of the late Thomas Earle, M. P. for Victoria, as a sort of physician to sick business. Mr. Earle, as no old-timer need be reminded, had one of the largest tradisg connections on the north Pacific Coast, and it was a part of Mr. Brewster's duties to audit the affairs of the coast trading posts, straighten out the tanoles which some of the traders got into and generally -awaken new life in their business. In this he was eminently successful.

From this he went north to take charge of a salmon cannery on the Skeena river, where his management speedily made itself felt.,He had a great deal to do there as well as in other parts of the province, in stimulating the development of the province, especially in the fishing industry. Then he became one of the owners and manager of the Clayoquot Sound Canning Company, Ltd., the plant of which is situated on Kennedy river, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He accomplished what so many claimed when he started was an impossible task, that of eliminating the Oriental both in fishing and canning, and he had the proud distinction of being the first canner whose output was caught and handled entirely by white and Indian labor. He was the first to introduce what is known as the sanitary system in which the cans are soldered by machinery instead of the old style of soldering by Chinese and Japanese.

It was in 1907 that Mr. Brewster entered public life as a legislator, when he was elected for Alberni over Hon. William Manson. In 1909 he was re-elected, being the only Liberal elected to the legislature when Sir Richard McBride went to the country on his railway policy. At the general election in 1912 he was not again a candidate in Alberni. He contested a seat in Victoria with R. T. Elliott, K. C., as a running mate.

At the provincial Liberal convention held in Revelstoke in 1913 Mr. Brewster was unanimously elected as the leader of the party, and he at once set about its reorganization. The result of his work and of the confidence of the public in him as a man was his succession to the position of premier. When Mr. Bowser made up his mind to challenge an expression of the opinion of the electorate here by taking Mr. Flumerfelt into his cabinet, necessitating a bye-election to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Sir Richard McBride the Liberals of the city unanimously selected their leader to contest the election. At that time he was one of the four candidates in the field in the interests of the party for the general election whenever it should come. He secured a large majority over Mr. Flumerfelt, and with his confrere, Mr. M. A. Macdonald, who had been elected a short time before at the by election in Vancouver, he sat in the 1916 session of the Legislature, the last of the old administration. The result of the general elections held on September 14 of that year are still fresh in the memory of the people of the province. At the head of the Liberal forces Mr. Brewster swept the country, his party being returned to power by an overwhleming majority, the first occasion on which a Liberal administration was returned since th einception of party government in British Columbia in 1903. The government took office on November 1916, and since then Hon. Mr. Brewster directed its affairs in a manner which had gained him the confidence of the people of the province. Of his career in office little need be said, as his record has in the past fifteen months is known to all. In the House he displayed a faculty of getting at the essentials of any question before the Legislature, and was a keen and able critic when in opposition.

He brought to the consideration of political issues and the affairs of the country the same ordinary business principles by the following of which he had made a success of his own affairs. His high sense of personal and commercial honesty and honor, his frankness and candor showed him to be a man emiuently fitted for the post he had attained.

The late Premier was of the Baptist faith and a member of the First Baptist church. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Pacific Club.

The late Premier Brewster, whose wife predeceased him by five years, leaves to mourn his loss four children. The eldest, his son Raymond, is now on active service overseas, leaving here in July last. Of his three daughters, Edna is attending Moulton College, Toronto, and the other two Marjory and Anne,both young, have been at home. He left two brothers and a sister.

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Regret Expressed By Leaders

Hon. John Oliver, acting Premier when the news of the late Premier's death reached him, expressed his sense of loss in feeling terms. "I, with other members of the Cabinet have been severely shaken by the news tonight. I can scarcely realize that Premier Brewster is gone. We have had close personal and political relationships for years, and what, I may say, were more than close relations since he entered the Legislature. I feel as if I had lost a brtoher. When we got the news it was all the more shocking because it was so unexpected. We had been led to believe, from messages we had received earlier in the day, that the Premier had passed the crisis and was on the fair road to recovery and return to the Province. Hence it is that I can hardly yet appreciate the fact that we have lost him."

Opposition leader, Mr. Bowser pays the following tribute to the late premier: Personally I have always regarded him as a fine type of citizen and while we have been politically opposed, I have always regarded him as essentiallly a man of fairness in criticism, a strenuous opponent, but always straightforward, and a man whose personality everywhere won for him friends. Every member of the Opposition regarded the Premier most highly, and despite political differences, looked upon him as a personal friend. H is loss at this juncture will certainly be severely felt, not alone by his confreres and party, but by the whole province. It it is all the more regrettable, because the late Premier was just in the prime of life and there appeared to lie before him many more years of useful work for this province. The sympathy of every one will go out to his family in their bereavement."

HATZIC W. I. AND HATZIC FRUIT GROWERS

(From Fraser Valley Record.)

A meeting of the above associations was held in the Hatzic Hall on March 5th when Miss Perry, National Service Secretary came to discuss the question of Fruit Pickers. In the unavoidable absence of both the President and the Vice-President of the W. I., Mr. Moody was voted to the chair and ably presided.

After some discussion re prices for 1918 compared with those for 1917 and hearing some suggestions from Miss Perry with regard to plans being formulated, the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Mr. McTaggart and seconded by Mrs. Henry, That Miss Perry urge the Government to undertake to form registration bureau for the Fruit Pickers in all districts, the government to assume all financial obligations connected with same.

That the Fruit Growers will do all they can to help the Pickers on their side and that the price suggested per crate is the best they can give. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Noble and seconded by Mrs. Fripp, That Miss Perry be asked to come back to Hatzic after her visit to Victoria, to report progress. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Noble and seconded by Mr. McTaggart, That a vote of thanks be given to Miss Perry and the W. W. C. A. for their efforts on behalf of the fruit growers. Carried

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