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CAUCUS STRENGTH OF CITY TO BE CUT BY "P. R."

(From Vancouver Sun)

Victoria, Marh 22.—Are the cities of Victoria and Vancouver to have legislative representation? This is the question which is agitating the minds of the city members at the capital. With the Elections bill half way through committee and the budget expected down within a day or two, the question of the mode of city representation is getting into close range.

So far all the discussion between the rival systems of "P. R." and the ward system have been academic with the arguments piling up in favor of "P. R." as the fair and accurate system to reflect the minds of the electorate. In fact, the provincial Liberal party as well as the National Liberal party is on record in convention as in favor of the system.

But theories do not always fit into facts. With the necessity of getting down to cases some of the city members most in sympathy with the theories and aims of "P. R." have discovered a danger which is causing some of them to do some hard thinking before making a hard decision.

The situation in brief is this. The legislature is composed of 47 members. Vancouver which has one-third of the population of the province is represented by six members; the remaining two-thirds have 41 representatives. Vancouver and Victoria between them—the only multiple constituencies—not half the population have only ten representatives.

Some of the country constituencies are quite small in numbers. One cabinet minister represents less than 500 votes. More than one member, it is said, has less than 400 votes behind him, while one if not more has less than 300. But in caucus or in the house the country member's voice and vote is quite as potent as that of the city member.

"The mountains against the coast" is a well known battle cry at Victoria. In all governments at Victoria there has been a rivalry between the country and the city. It takes shape in partiular against the city of Vancouver. More than once it is said, matters of province-wide importance, such as the provincial university, have been the subject of divisions in which the feelings of the country against the city have been manifest. Without a solid or near-solid representation from Vancouver standing against the other members, it is said that Vancouver has little chance of getting its just measure of legislative favors.

Here is where the argument comes in. With "P. R." in the two cities and single member constituencies elsewhere, it is feared that the cities will fare ill. Take a situation for instance like either of the last two general elections in which the Conservatives swept the country in 1912 and the Liberals did the same in 1916.

In the country constituencies by virtue of the majority vote the country would return almost a solid array of government supporters. In the cities the representation would be divided. That is the virtue of proportional representation—its ability to reflect the popular vote. Vancouver in stead of having a solid five or six behind whichever government goes in, would have probably three government members, two opposition and one independent. Its fighting strength in caucus would be cut in two.

The ragument is used that which ever government is returned, it is essential for Vancouver's welfare that it should have a strong representation of government members, and that so long as the remainder of the province, which is over-represented in any case as compared with the city's representation, is able to return its members by majority vote, that Vancouver and Victoria for their own welfare must be allowed to do the same. The problem is giving some very sincere believers in the theory of "P. R." at Victoria, a rather bad time just at present.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FAVORS TUBERCULIN TEST

Victoria, March 20. — Testimony to the efficiency of the policy inaugurated by the former Conservative government to safe-guard the interests of the dairymen and the public by the prevention of tuberculosis in the cattle herds of the Province was given in the House this week by Hon E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture when he stated that the number of re-actions to the tuberculin test is rapidly approaching to the irreducible minimum. To F. J. A. Mackenzie Conservative member for Delta, the Minister stated that the herds of the Province are singularly free from the disease indicating that the system of inspection had proved a most valuable one. Incidentally he admitted that the present government is following out a practice for which the Liberals were wont to roundly blame the former administration, namely the permitting of the sale of carcasses of animals ordered slaughtered by the government inspectors because of their being infected with tuberculosis. There was a time when the Liberal critics, who sought any and all excuses for criticising the lat government, literally made the welkin ring with their denunciations of the failure of the then Department to adequately safe-guard the public health through the prohibition of the sale of such infected meat. But the practice is still being permitted by the present Department, the Minister admitted.

The question of the advisability or otherwise of the tuberculin test was one on which, formerly, considerable difference of opinion existed. The present Premier, when some years ago he was devoting his attention to his farming operations in the Delta riding, was one of its most bitter opponents. On one occasion his refusal to allow his cattle to be inspected resulted in their being quarantined by the then Conservative Minister of Agriculture. Today that same system of inspection is being carried out with remarkable success and B. C. cattle, the Minister stated, are in the envious position of being almost free from tuberculosis the while the herds of the Prairie provinces are seriously affected because of the lack of a similar strict system of inspection.

WILL COME TO FRASER VALLEY

Prof. H. E. Upton, poultry expert is severing his connection with the Provincial Government, and will take charge of the Poultry Instruction Department of the Amiens Trading Farm of the S. C. R. Board, at Gifford, commencing April 1.

A feature of Mr. Upton's work will be the starting of a model poultry business from the ground up, the students working out all practical details as the flock grows. In aditon to lecturing, Mr. Upton will be field supervisor for the Valley.

SUMAS RESERVE IS OPEN TO SOLDIERS

Sumas Indian Reserve has been purchased by the Soldier Settlement Board from the department of Indian affairs and is open for settlement. Subject to a report by the water branch of the provincial department of lands on the question of the feasibility of irrigation, the Basque ranch near Ahcroft has also been approved for settlement.

Announcement to this effect was made last night by Captain F. C. Brown, local superintendent of the Soldier Settlement Board, immediately after the departure of B. E. Patterson, director of lands and loans who has been here from Ottawa for a week past. Mr. Patterson left for Creston, there to arrange for the allotment of the settlement area cleared under provincial government direction during the past year.

Captain Brown and Mr. Paterson visited the Sumas area together and found 160 acres of splendid soil through which runs the Little Sumas River. The high banks of the river obviate the necessity for special drainage facilities and the dead timber is so easily removable that the clearing will not be expensive. Very little has yet been cleared and the Indians have left the spot for the Lower Sumas Reserve. Captain Brown stated that the area was suitable for subdivision into four farms It is just 55 miles from Vancouver on the Yale Road.

ABBOTSFORD CARRIES AWAY HONORS IN BASKETBALL

Basketball is coming to the front in Abbotsford, and there is no doubt that Abbotsford will have one of the crack teams in the Fraser Valley if the members of the club keep on at the present rate.

Last week Abbotsford visited Haney and left the honors behind, but undaunted they invited Haney here at the earliest opportunity and on Thursday night the two teams met for the second time. The game was a fast one and showed that our own team are made of the right kind of stuff—the kind that wins.

At the end of the first half of the game the score stood 32 to 18 in favor of the visitors; but with the change of referee who proved entirely unsatisfactory the score stood at the end of the second half at 33 to 34 in favor of Abbotsford.

Amid the rejoicing after the game on the part of the home team and their friends, the guests were right royally treated and sent home happy even if they did not take the big score along.

TWO BITS PER DAY FOR INTERNED MEN

Ottawa, March 20.—Prisoners of war interned in Canada are to receive for work done 25 cents a day. Their work consited chiefly of clearing land, building roads and at Spirit Lake, Que. a considerable quantity of pulp wood was also made and sold.

In addition, several parties of prisoners worked on the Canadian National Railway in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island at a time when labor for railroad work was scarce. This work was paid for by the railway at 20 cents an hour less 50 cents a day for prisoners' food, furnished by the railway.

An amount of $160,000 will be required to pay off the total balance of earnings standing at the credit of all released or repatriated prisoners of war.

A man was seen to wipe his eyes with a bunch of bills, this week; of course it is not so extravagant as if he lighted his cigar with a ten-spot, but it shows that a man is safe in Abbotsford, carrying money in his pocket, even if he does show it.

The Carveth Wells entertainment on the 31st should be enjoyed by all good citizens.

Considerable land is still changing hands around Abbotsford and one is almost led to believe that people are beginning to learn to appreciate the fertility of the soil here. Mr. Mike Miller of Mission and Mr. Purvis are among the new owners and residents.

PERSONALS

Miss Grace Kennedy spent the week end at her home here.

Miss Emiline Alder, Cloverdale, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bedlow.

Mrs. (Rev.) Robertson returned on Thursday evening from a very pleasant trip to San Diego.

Mr Enyard, of Chilliwack, has been through the district pruning the orchards.

On Wednesday evening the W. A. of the G. W. V. A. held a social evening in their club-rooms. Mrs. Sumner arranged for the programme. Mrs. Parton acted as hostess-in-chief and Mr. J. A. McGowan was chairman in the absence of Mr. F. J. R. Whitchelo. In the contest which was interesting to all, Mrs. Thornwaite and Mr. Ray Weir won the first prizes and Miss Margaret Smith and Mr. F. Browning received the consolation prizes. After the musical part of the programme, lunch was served, followed by dancing. The W. A. extend a hearty vote of thanks to all who helped to make the affair a success.

Mr. Gilquest, Vancouver, was the guest at the home of Mrs. Fraser over the week-end.

Mr. Currie was a visitor in Vancouver this week.

Mrs. Lamb is visiting her daughter Mrs. (Dr.) Swift.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Fraser on Wednesday afternoon but the attendance was not as large as was anticipated.

Mr. J. Fraser has accepted a position as book-keeper in a lumber mill at the northern extremity of Vancouver Island.

The W. A. of St. Matthew's church will hold a sale of work in the Masonic hall at an early date.

On Thursday evening the Misses Steede went to Bellingham to hear the most famous violinist of the world, whom they heard several years ago in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Johnson are moving to Huntingdon where they will reside in the home formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cobley.

Mrs. Malcolm McGillivray visited her daughters, Mrs. Fred Carmichael and Mrs. Walter Well, on Wednesday

Mrs. Kennedy has returned to the ranch for the summer.

EXPRESS TRAINS ON THE VALLEY BRANCH

The prospects of the B. C. E. R. operating a "limited" train service over the Fraser Valley branch of the system is being seriously considered in several of the leading centres of the Valley, and it is possible that a conference will be requested in the near future between representatives of the company and delegates from the various settlements with a view to securing this improved service.

It is proposed that the company operate two express passenger trains daily over the system; stops being made only at points where an agent is stationed.

Once the voltage on the Valley brach has been raised, it is expected that a better service will be available both for freight and passenger traffic.

It is put forward by those advocating an express service, that a reduction in the running time of certain trains would mean greater travel between the country and the coast cities and therefore would be of advantage in a business way.

TEACHER RESIGNING

Mr. J. A. Mather, B. A., who became principal of the Abbotsford Superior School at the beginning of January has sent in his resignation, as he has accepted the principalship of the Enderby high school, where his duties will begin after the Easter holidays.

Mr. Mather came from Saskatoon, Sask., where he successfully taught for several years. He was succeeding well in Abbotsford and there is much regret at his leaving. He gives as his reason for leaving that he was unable to get a house here for his family, who were obliged to reside in North Vancouver.

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OWN SUPPORTERS CRITICISE THE OLIVER GOVERNMENT

Victoria, March 20.—The speeding up by the government of its legislative programme at this late stage in the session has doubtless been the result of some strong criticism directed at it by its own supporters. Gossip has it that at more than one recent caucus session some of the upcountry members have not been backward in rapping their party heads for their failure to be better prepared for the session. The Legislative bill of fare is comparatively slim one this year and yet it is further behind than for years past. Any hope that the session will end at the end of the month has disappeared despite the fact that members were confidently counting upon the end of the two months period seeing them on their way to their homes. The budget promised ten days ago is yet to make its appearance. The latest prophecy is that it will be down next Wednesday. Night sessions will then be inaugurated. The financial proposals of the government are sure to be keenly debated. The opposition has been securing a mass of information bearing upon the administration's operations and is well primed to give the proposals critical investigation. Chief interest in the budget centres in what the government will propose in the way of granting further sources of revenue to the municipalities for which the latter have been urgently pressing. Predictions at present are that the hand-out, if any, will be a slim one, the government proposing to retain every possible source of revenue for itself to meet the everincreasing outlays on the growing machinery of government it is building up to the benefit of a host of officer holders, but at the expense of the already heavily tax-burdened community. Hardly an act comes down now that provision is not being made therein for more officials and more expenditures on account of administrative service, a service already attained to proportions never before reached in the history of the Province.

POSTMASTER RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE

Webster's Corners, March 22.—Long years of service as postmaster of Webster's Corners, during which time he has operated a general store, Mr. J. M. Webster has sent in his resignation to the postal authorities. Known throughout the countryside being one of the old timers of the district, Mr. Webster's decision to throw up the post of looking after His Majesty's mails will be generally regretted by his many friends far and wide.

Writing to the Columbian Mr Webster sets forth his reasons and incidentally voices the opinion of many postmasters throughout the Fraser Valley, when he says:

"I consider it a duty to you and to the public to inform you of my resignation of the postmastership of the Webster's Corners post office, which will take place on April 30. Old age, infirmity, and other matters in connection with my long service compels me to retire. I do not retire on account of having made a fortune, at the business. Far from that, but I can truthfully say that a have conscientiously done my duty to the best of my ability, connected with that position. A divine messenger sent direct from heaven could not do that. So I say farewell to that business. Yours respectfully, J. M. Webster."

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All other individuals, who during calendar year received or earned $2,000 or more.

Every corporation and joint stock company, whose profits exceeded $2,000 during the fiscal year ended in 1919.

CLASS 1
Forms to be used in filing returns on or before the **31st of March, 1920.**
Trustees, executors, adminstrators, agents and assignees must use **Form T 3.**
Employers making a return of the names and amounts paid to all directors, officials, agents or other employees must use **Form T 4.**
Corporations and Joint Stock companies making a return of all dividends and bonuses paid to shareholders and members during 1919, must use **Form T 5.**
NOTE.—Individuals comprising partnership must file returns in their individual capacity on Form T 1 or T 1 A.

PENALTY
Every person who is required to make this return, who fails to do so within the time limited, shall be subject to a penalty of $10.00 for each day during which the default continues—and all such penalties shall be assessed and collected from the person liable to make the return in the same manner in which taxes are assessed and collected.

Time Limit
All persons in Class 1, as shown hereon, must file on or before the 31st of March, 1920.
All persons in Class 2, as shown hereon, must file on or before the 30th of April, 1920.

General Instructions
Obtain Forms from the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors of Taxation, or from Postmasters.
Read carefully all instructions on Form before filling it in.
Pre-pay postage on letters and documents forwarded by mail to Inspectors of Taxation.

Make your returns promptly, and avoid penalties

CLASS 2
Forms to be used in filing returns on or before the 30th of April, 1920:
All individuals other than farmers and ranchers must use **Form T 1.**
Farmers and ranchers must use **Form T 1 A.**
Corporations and Joint Stock companies must use **Form T 2.**

PENALTY
Every person required to make a return, who fails to do so within the time limited, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five per centum of the amount of the tax payable.
Any person, whether taxable or otherwise, who fails to make a return or provide information duly required according to the provisions of the Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of $100.00 for each day during which the default continues. Also that any person making a false statement in any return or in any information required by the Minister, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding $10,000, or to six months' imprisonment or to both fine and imprisonment.

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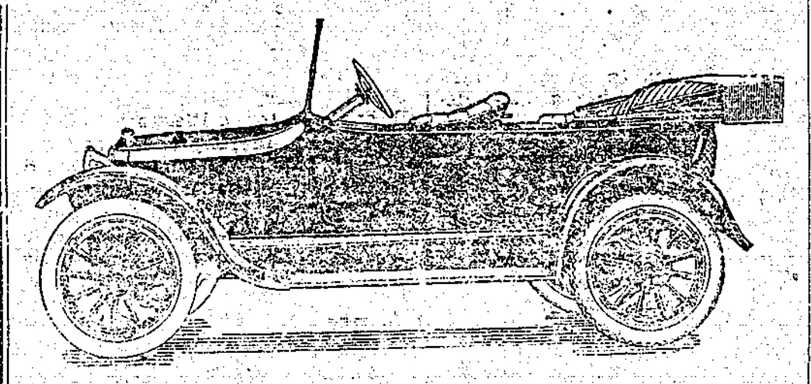

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RESULT OF KENT ELECTIONS

P. Morrow was elected reeve of the Kent Municipality at the special election held on Saturday. Reeve Morrow had as opponent Mr. George Nichols. Contests were held in three of the wards, the results being as follows:

Ward I. Acton Kilby defeated Jas. Duncan; Ward II., W. K. Williamson by acclamation; Ward III., Duncan McRae defeated A. M. McPherson; Ward IV., Clarence McDonald defeated William Mackie; Ward V., George H. Shaw, acclammation.

The trustees elected were— Miss Agassiz, James Duncan and A. C. Webster. G. H. Shaw was elected police commisisoner by acclammation

ABBOTSFORD WAS DEFEATED

The Abbotsford basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of the Haney team at Port Haney on Friday evening last, the final score being 47 to 12. A return match will be played in Abbotsford on Thursday, tonight.

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OUR VICTORIA LETTER

Victoria, March 20th.—Into the limbo of things forgotten has passed the incident which last week enlivened the House proceedings for a passing moment when Attorney General Farris "sprung" that cable message upon the Legislators in an abortive effort to relieve his pent up feelings at the expense of the Opposition leader, W. J. Bowser, K. C. Designed as a crushing retort to the telling criticism of the failure of the administration of the Game department under the charge of his dentist chairman, Dr. Baker, and in retaliation for Mr. Bowser's able attack upon the manifold weaknesses of the new Elections Act, the cablegram into which the Attorney-General read the insinuation that the former had when he cabled to Sir Richard McBride on Sept 16th, 1916, "I want 130 votes to elect me" been demanding that the then Attorney-General the wrongful production of votes to make up Mr. Bowser's home deficiency, had proved a veritable boomerang. The insinuation by the Attorney-General was promptly replied to by Mr. Bowser whose explanation was, on the face, so palpably sincere and reasonable that the Premier was moved to rush to the defense of his Minister in a lengthy harrangue which, while it breathed resentment bristled with insinuations and inuenda and covert charges against the opposition leader, left a bad taste in mouths of members. The Premier's efforts convinced no one, not even the most rabid of his party followers, and comment in the Legislative corridors made it clear that in the opinion of members the Attorney-General's move in introducing the cable and seeking to make political capital thereof was ill-advised and reflected no credit upon himself or the government, and certainly cast no discredit upon the opposition leader. Summed up, it proved to be just another of those peevish outbursts for which the Attorney-General is becoming noted, an ebulition of childish petulence he displays when opposition thrusts get home.

Mr. Bowser's statement to the House on Monday to the Attorney-General's attack was temperate in tone, convincing inits logic and within simply made. Unlike the Minister, Mr. Bowser's manner was frank and open. But there was sting to his statement when he challenged the Attorney-General to fight out the issue at the coming elections in Vancouver, the city he has represented for seventeen years, in which period, he asserted, he had never taken part in a crooked election and where no different opinion had ever been held of him until the Attorney-General, in 1916, had insinuated that his money was behind the Seattle pluggers. It was quite true, Mr. Bowser said, that it was possible to read into a perfectly innocent message an evil suggestion, if such suited the political purposes of members of the government but, he concluded, "I dislike to wipe out the frenzied joy which the honorable members showed at the end of the Attorney-General's speech, and which looked as if the whole matter had been rehearsed previously in their caucus, but if they knew the Attorney-General as well as I do I think the next time they had better stage something more conclusive, and have some other member of the cabinet chosen to do the work who will, at least, read the cable in its entirely."

Mr. Bowser's motion that his statement be made part of the records of the House moved the Premier to offer an amendment designed to give him opportunity to come to the rescue of his discomfited minister, an amendment calling for the tabling of all cables passing between the late government and the then Agent-General in connection with the overseas count. Here was another opportunity for Liberal members to sit back in anticipation of further developments. On Tuesday Premier Oliver spoke to his amendment. Summarized his remarks were a re-hash of all the hard things the Liberals have been wont to say about the opposition leader couched in the characteristic bull-dozing manner of the government's head who, however, was careful to say he was making no charges. He pointed to the fact that some cables which, he said, had been exchanged at that time because the cable company's accounts showed they had been paid for, were not available, a sinister circumstance, he opined. He admitted the opposition leader's explanation might be all right, he was not prepared to say it wasn't, but it looked queer to him. In fact the Premier spent an hour telling the House that he had his doubts. He did exactly what Mr. Bowser suggested would be done by anyone, especially a hide-bound Liberal, who desired to do so, that is read into any meaning it suited his political purpose to do. But the Premier's statement was not without its interesting features. For instance in regard to Mr. Bowser's reference to the plugging scandal and to the fact that the former Attorney-General (M. A. Macdonald) had had to leave the government, the Premier naively retorted that that gentleman had been at fault only in that he had accepted campaign funds from the C. N. R. personally, "rather than through an intermediary". In view of the fact that Mr. Macdonald has persistently been endeavoring to convince a skeptical public that that donation was not from the C. N. R. at all but from Dr. Mackenzie, a personal friend, the Premier's version was a frank admission to say the least. The Premier also felt called upon to apologize for the demeanor of his Attorney-General who, he said was prone to speak in heat.

The Premier's amendment was accepted by the House the opposition supporting it. With its passing closed an incident which, while it entertained the galleries for two days, delayed the more serious business of the Legislature, the while failing to create that sensation which its author, the Attorney-General, intended it should.

lights this week, they being more beautiful than those seen for some time. The aurora played havoc with the telegraph lines running east and west. The weather has not the appearance or feeling of spring since Monday night.

GRANTS ANNUAL PASSES.

C. P. R. Encourages Loyalty in Service.

The C.P.R., to encourage loyalty in service, and recognize the principle of co-operation has, through the president, Mr. E. W. Beatty, announced a new departure which will, doubtless, be much appreciated. This is the granting of annual passes to officers and employees and their wives under the following classifications:

Employee on a general superintendent's district, who has had continuous service for a period of not less than ten years, will be granted an annual pass good over district on which employed.

Such employee, who has had continuous service for twenty years and over, will be allowed annual pass good over eastern or western lines upon whichever employed. Employee of any other department of the service will enjoy the same privilege as above, stating the territory over which pass is desired. Head office employees who have had fifteen years' service will receive annual passes over eastern or western lines where employed. Women employees are to be treated the same as men in this connection. This action expresses the policy of the C.P.R. to aim at the contentment and loyalty of the employees of whom there is an army of 40,000 at present, including all classes.

The Pension Fund, a free gift of the company, was the thought of Lord Shaughnessy. The employees contribute nothing. Already the operation of the fund has wrought great benefit. The effect of it has been to increase the contentment and loyalty of the employees, to give the sense of mutual co-operation and to stimulate the general purpose and interest of the company. There are many all over the system on the Pension Fund, which offers protection in declining years. Millions of dollars are involved in the operation of the fund since its inauguration.

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INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Victoria ,March 20.—Substantial increases are provided in comepnsation paid by the workmen's compensation board to dependents of workmen fatally injured, in the bill introduced by Attorney-General Farris To the dependent widow of invalid widower without children, from $20 and $35 per month; where there are children, to each child $7.50 instead of $5, with a total limit of $65, compared with the present $45; children where there is no parent, the present $10 is increased to $12.50 per month where there is no widow or widower or children, but other dependents, such as parents, the $20 now paid is increased to $30. Other increases in other cases are allowed on a proportionate scale. All increases are effective as from the first of the present year.

SUGAR SUPPLY IS STILL SHORT

Local retailers are much exercised over the sugar situation. They claim that there is still an acute shortage in Mission City and that the utmost difficulty is found in getting even a limited supply. This, notwithstanding the fact that Blythe D. Rogers is reported to have told the commission at Victoria that there is now an adequate supply of sugar for the needs of the province, and that no further shortage is anticipated.

A coast paper has the following to say: "But the retailers assert that there is not a pound of sugar in the refinery, and although cargoes are on the way including one from the refinery and other importations from China and Eastern Canada, at the moment stocks are greatly depleted. On the strengt h of Mr. Rogers' statements, consumers are demanding sugar from the retailers, and when they can't get it relations are apt to become strained."

CLOSED SATURDAY AT NOON

Notice to Horseshoers, Etc

At a meeting held at Abbotsford recently by the Blacksmiths of the Fraser Valley it was decided that all blacksmith shops be closed on Saturday at noon, until Monday morning at 8 a. m.

It was decided that 48 hours a week was long enough to labor at the forge and in accordance with the above notice Messrs Fraser and Dyer wish to say that beginning with April 3rd their blacksmith shop will be closed for business at noon.

All work welcomed at all other times and the best of service will be extended to their many customers.

PRIVATE BILL TO SAVE LIGHT

Victoria, March 22.—If daylight saving comes before the legislature this session it will almost certainty come as a private member's measure with city and country members mixing it on the floor of the legislantre regardless of party. This is the concensus of opinion on the matter at Victoria.

Premier John Oliver said that his government had not considered the matter. His manner gave the impression that the government will not likely consider it.

Attorney-General Farris was even more communicative. "The government has not considered daylight saving, and I do not think it will," he said. He pointed out that it can hardly be made a government measure as the rank and file of both parties are divided on the subject.

A move is now on foot in the legislature to have one of the city members bring in a private member's bill for daylight saving and let the House debate and vote on it in a "free for all" contest. Just what form the proposed bill will take is not decided. In all probability the bill will give the municipalities power to declare daylight saving within their own municipal jurisdiction.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS AT VICTORIA HOUSE

Victoria,March 20—The past week has seen the Legislature get down to some real business and progress has been made with legislation so far brought down. Chief attention has been paid to the new Elections Act in connection with which it early became apparent that the opposition criticism has produced marked effect. The strong declaration by Mr. Bowser against the proposal to grant the franchise to Japanese veterans who served overseas had brought forth the excuse from the government that it was not to be taken as a declaration of policy but merely a concession to the request from the G. W. V. A. in Vancouver to extend to the Japs the vote. Just how such a provision incorporated in a government measure which had been fully canvassed in caucus before it reached the House, could be construed into anything else than a considered policy of the government was not explained. The opposition which in almost every section of the Province and by every class in the community has been voiced against the proposal has made it abundantly clear that Mr. Bowser, in his attitude, has expressed the unanimous opinion of the people of the Province. While the definite announcement has not, as yet been forthcoming it is practically a certainty that the obnoxious clause will be eliminated.

There is, too, the other point to which Mr. Bowser directed his protest, the section which nullified the whole elaborate machinery for safeguarding the counting of the absentee vote and rendered the act wide open for election irregularities similar in nature to those which startled the country in the spring of 1916 when the plugging scandal at Vancouver was unearthed. It is the provision whereunder, if the original applications for registration are not available before the returning officer at the count of the absentee ballots, the provisions of the act requiring comparison between the affidavit of the voter as signed on the back of the envelope containing the absentee a comparison designed to prevent personation, need not be made. This calm wiping out of the very essence of the whole system of safe-guarding the absentee voting aroused a storm of protest from the opposition members who declared it was the real "joker" in the bill. The Premier admitted he did not like it himself and promised that before the bill got through its committee stage there would be an amendment to strengthen the section.

The opposition scored a point, too, when their assault upon the growing practice of Ministers of the government taking to themselves powers rightfully pertaining to the Legislature or, at any rate, t othe Lieutenant-Governor-in-council, forced the Minister of Mines to make an important change in the bill to amend the Mineral Act whereunder provision was made for placing reserves upon iron ore lands upon advice of the Minister, to whom authority was given to lift such reserves when he saw fit. This was the measure which, Mr Bowser had claimed, would so prejudicially affect the prospectors of the Province and which was extending the harmful policy already inaugurated by the Minister of Lands whereby the latter secured control of the administration of the coal and petroleum lands of the Province. The bill, as drafted, would have permitted the Minister of Mines to lift a reserve without any public notice and dispose of the lands in any manner he might see fit. Mr. Bowser urged that when a reserve was lifted due public notice should be given and he was heartily supported by Mr. Hanes, North Vancouver. As a result of the criticism directed against the measure; an amendment was brought in by the Minister providing for the public notification thus eliminating any possibility of secret negotiations between the Minister or government and any individual or syndicate who might desire to secure control of such ore lands.

On account of their entry for the Mainland challenge cup against South Hill, the Bradner football team have been suspended from the B. C. P. F. A. and fined $50. This decision was made at a meeting of the B. C. P. F. A.

The Bradner team was notified, together with other organizations in the Fraser Valley league, that no out side plays would be tolerated. They decided to take chance against South Hill and met defeat. It is unlikely that the fine will be forthcoming, as the club is not strong in a financial way, and what money is in the treasury will be used in the work of battling against other teams in the Fraser Valley league.

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BASKETBALL NOTES

(From Fraser Valley Record)

A large number of Basketball fans attended the rink on Friday night and watched their favorites go down to defeat from the two Westminster teams who played here that evening.

The first game was between the Mission City girls and a crack team from the Westminster high school and was one of the best games seen here yet this season, and although the home team were defeated they had their opponents playing the game all the time. Westminster's combination work was a big feature of the game. The final score was Mission 8, Westminster 14.

The teams were, Mission City. Guards, Mises Lawrence, Cox; centre Miss B. Verchere; Forwards, Misses M.Noble, E. Catherwood.

Westminster—Gua rds, Misses E. Purkiss, F. Purkiss; centre, Miss D. Gamon; forwards, Misses Bryer, M. Seymour.

Referee—D. Galliford.

After the girls game the seniors took the floor and the fans settled down to enjoy a fast clean game, and they were not disappointed. From the start till the final whistle the game was a whirlwind of passing and checking with enough shots at the baskets to keep the fans in an uproar.

Although defeated by a score of 21 to 18 the Mission City boys have nothing to be ashamed of, as the visiting team was the strongest aggregation that has been seen here this season—in fact with the exception of one of their players, they were the same palyers who won the Provincial championship last year. Their combination work was a pleasure to watch, but the close checking of the Mission guards prevented them from scoring oftener. The visitors converted five penalties into baskets, against two for Mission. Field goals broke even, 16 all, Shiles, for the visitors was the star goal getter, having 9 points to his cerdit. Eckhart, for the home team, also had 9, although had he not been suffering from a severe cold, his score would have been higher. Allan, at guard, played a stellar game, and it was his close checking that kept the visitors down, he also had 4 points to his credit. Beaton's check must have had some insside information on Bill's ability to score on the least provocation, as he sure did check him close, only allowing him to score once. Both Hughes and Galliford played a consistent game.

The game was absolutely devo'd of any roughness, and Referee Galliford's decisions were never questioned.

The visitors were treated to an informal dance after the game and all return ed home with the best of good feeling.