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WILL NOT COST PROVINCE ONE RED CENT SAYS BARROW

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—A prediction that the Sumas Lake Reclamation scheme will not cost the province "one red cent," and that eventually it will means millions of dollars in agricultural production rather than buying these products from the United States, was made by Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, in reply to the criticism that has been levelled against his department from the floor of the House and also in view of the unrest being displayed by the landowners themselves.

The minister claims that the adverse publicity given the scheme during the present session of the Legislature was nothing else but opposition and third party propaganda and also from the non-resident landowers who number 89, of which 30 are resident in the United States.

Non-Resident Owners.

These non-resident landowners had not a dollar on the scheme and they are now attempting to seek government aid in reducing the assessment which must be worked and collected by the government before the equity held by the Land Settlement Board is wiped out and the ranchers on the uplands can claim they have full ownership in the property reclaimed or made immune from the annual floods.

"Explains" Extra Cost.

In attempting to explain the wide difference in the estimated cost, $1,800,000, and the actual cost, which will, according to the minister, likely reach $2,800,000, Mr. Barrow stated that special precautions were taken to afford future protection to the settlers on the lake bottom lands and also said weather conditions during the past two winters had held up the work and had rendered additional outlays necessary. The annual cost of maintenance, including pumping, depreciation, repairs, wages, etc., would be around $60,000.

Deferred Interest

The minister recommended that interest of the undertaking, which has already reached $80,000, shall not commence until January 1, 1924. These interest charges and sinking fund assessments will range anywhere from 83 cents per acre per year on the lowest. This is merely an estimate, however, and may go higher, especially when charges for schools and the building of a main trunk road through the property reclaimed, are taken into consideration.

The minister of agriculture said that the Sumas Lake area promises to have a population of the size of Chilliwack, and also that the land reclaimed would duplicate the production of the Garden City, quoting opinions of A. D. Paterson, M. L. A., Delta, and John Yorston, Cariboo, two Liberal farmer members.

Plans Astray.

Plans used in estimating the cost of the work when the scheme was first taken in hand by the Land Settlement Board evidently went astray, for the minister of agriculture stated such plans would not have given a margin of safety. This accounts for the increased cost of the Marsh Construction Company's contract which was on the unit basis. The minister further stated that the landowners were fortunate in not entering into a agreement with the Seattle firm prior to the war, for such a scheme would have been doomed to failure, in view of the difficulties experienced by the Land Settlement Board since they took over the scheme.

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—Full details of the Sumas reclamation scheme, its, cost, the expected method of repayment and the government's policy towards the land owners affected, were given to the legislature yesterday by Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture.

The total cost, he said, as estimated at present with the main features of the work completed, would be $2,800,000. The bottom lands which were flooded every year and which had no value except that given by the dyking would have levied against them a capital charge of $107.50, according to estimates worked out. Sumas land that was originally deeded for $1 to $5 an acre had been sold recently for $100 an acre plus the dyking charges, which, he said, proved that this charge was not more than the land could bear.

About 2000 acres of high land, he said, would have to bear a capital cost of $21.20 per acre. This land was probably not flooded more than once in 20 years. Another 2000 acres flooded a little more often would be charged $25.77 per acre. The next 2000 acres in elevation which were flooded probably twice in three years, would be charged $62.22 of the capital cost.

Everything below that, the 24,000 acres flooded every year without exception, would be assessed $107.50.

FARMERS GATHER TO LAY DEMANDS

VICTORIA, Nov. 12.—Representative farmers of the province are in the capital preparing a memorandum to be submitted to the agricultural committee of the legislature on Wednesday. Three main proposals have already been formulated. They ask for organization of a provincial savings bank, readjustment of the basis of assessment of farm lands so as to lay less stress on improvements, and a continuation of educational work for the furtherance of co-operative marketing.

The board is also renewing its application to have two farmers added to the game conservation board and to have an experimental farm established in central British Columbia.

The advisory board will meet the executive of the United Farmers of B. C. on Tuesday to discuss the representations to be laid before the legislature, and will meet M. B. Jackson, K. C., M. L. A., chairman of the game conservation board, the same day. A conference has already been held with the forest branch, resulting, it is stated, by members of the board, in removal of several misunderstandings. It has been arranged, they say, that more elasticity will be given to the regulations covering the burning of slash so as to meet the varying conditions in different parts of the province.

ABBOTSFORD'S FIFTH QUEEN CONGRATUATED BY FRIENDS

Of special interest to the residents of Abbotsford is the fact that the first in the line of Abbotsford's Royal family was born in Tacoma on Armistice Day, when a baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brix.

Mrs. Brix was Miss Marie Scotsvold, and was the fifth Queen of May for Abbotsford. Their many friends extend heartiest congratulations.

Property Owners Draft By-laws

Over forty were present at the regular meeting of the Property Owners' Association held in the Bank of Montreal Chambers on Thursday evening.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been adopted, the committee appointed to draft up bylaws for the association gave a report that the following bylaws had been prepared for the sanction of the members:

That the name of this association be known as the Abbotsford Property Owners' Association.

Object to promote the growth and prosperity of Abbotsford and to further the community spirit.

The officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and three of a committee, to be elected annually. Four will constitute a quorum, and an auditor is to be appointed independent of any other officer.

The annual membership fee is to be 50¢ payable in advance.

The members are to consist of property owners, their wives or husbands.

The meetings of the Association to be held the third Thursday of each month. Special meetings to be called by committee.

The annual meeting of the Association to be held the 3rd Thursday of February.

Alterations and additions to bylaws to be made only after one month's notice has been given.

Order of business proceedings.

These bylaws were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The secretary reported that the copies of the Village Incorporation Act had been obtained and distributed, as decided upon at the last meeting.

The president Mr. J. J. McPhee, then called upon Dr McQuarrie of Mission City, who told of the results Mission City was getting out of incorporation. He pointed out that while the taxes were not higher to the individual than formerly, more improvement had been done in the townsite than in any other year under the present government supervision, and there was still a substantial credit in the Bank. The speaker gave sufficient figures to date to show that incorporaion in the instance of Mission City had not been a costly venture and was working out to the entire satisfaction of all.

He said that the commissioners had tried hard to find one man with a word against incorporation, and had failed, which is proof enough considering that when the project was first discussed, ninety per cent of the citizens were against it.

Dr. McQuarrie went on to give the amounts of assessment of each trade and business and very kindly answered all questions asked by interested persons present.

Rebekah Lodge Entertains Friends

Under the auspices of the Pear: Rebekah Lodge a very pleasant military whist drive and dance was held in the Masonic hall on Friday evening. There was a good attendance and first prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Mr. E. Leary and Mr. Smith. Consolation prizes went to Mr. McBride, Miss M. Hill, Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. A. Brown.

A mystery prize was given to the person who was sitting on the chair marked with the letter "D" and this prize was also won by Mrs. A. Brown.

NEW BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS FORMED IN FRASER VALLEY

CHILLIWACK, Nov. 13. — The Chilliwack Valley Basketball League, which last year aroused unusual community interest in the indoor game, has been reorganized this winter with an additional division and six more teams. The new attraction in the series this winter will be an intermediate division with new teams from Cheam, Atchelitz, Sardis and 47th Cadets.

A schedule for the season is being drawn up. It will not include a play-off series, the winning team in each division being decided by points secured in the regular schedule. Col. A. L. Coote is the Hon. President of the league and has donated a trophy to be competed for in the new division. Perpetual challenge shields were donated for the other divisions last year. Dr. Moore, the energetic manager of last winter's series, is president, and Miss Beth Muir secretary of the league.

Memorial Service Sunday Afternoon

Armistice and Thanksgiving Days were very fittingly observed in Abbotsford by the holding of special services and functions.

On Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Hazelwood Cemetery, St. Nicholas, with a very large attendance. The rain which threatened hold off during the service, and the programme in keeping with the day was nicely carried out.

Addresses were made by Rev. W. Robertson, and Comrade F. J. R. Whitchelo, prayer offered by Comrade A. H. Priest, hymns sung and the graves of veterans decorated.

M. James Downie, our blind hero, sang "Lest We Forget" in a very effective manner.

As the band were not able to attend, the organ from the Presbyterian church was taken down for accompaniment of the singing.

Organization of Junior Football

On Tuesday evening a most enthusiastic and well attended meeting took place in the Bank of Montreal Chambers, for the purpose of organizing the Abbotsford Junior Football club. There is no senior club this year on account of the school grounds being unavailable, and it was thought advisable to keep the sport alive in the district by some means. Abbotsford has always taken the lead in football matters up to the last season or two, and the town has received much publiciy from its football doings.

On account of its central location, league meetings have always been held here, but the town having no senior club this season, these meetings are held elsewhere. A junior league is to be formed in the Valley, comprising Abbotsford, Matsqui, Mission City and Langley. Negotiations are now under way with the idea of getting the league started at the earliest possible moment and it is expected that one or more of the officials of the B. C. J. F. A. will be present.

The club as at present constituted should go ahead well. At the meeting held on Tuesday. Mr. G. L. Heller was appointed Hon. President, Mr. Hughes, President, Mr. Millard, first Vice-president; Mr. Priest, second Vice-president; Mr. D. Benedict, third Vice-president, with Mr. M. Brydges as secretary-treasurer.

The club committees are strong and efficient, and the idea of the boys and their management is to make a good sound club, with the welfare of the team as a whole, rather than as individuals, the object. The team will be under efficient supervision, and all possible assistance given to boys who work hard for the benefit of the club, and judging from the friendly matches already played, the team is worthy of every support. It is hoped that the townsfolk will do everything possible to encourage the boys, as clean healthy sport is well worthy of the best support that can be given, and from the point of view of the boy's future, is more than a good investment.

It is planned to hold several socials during the season and the work and interest of the club will not begin or end on the field of play. The club desires as many members as possible, and any practical assistance to the club will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Basketball Season Soon to Open

Basketball has commenced in earnest in Abbotsford, the first practise being held in the theatre hall on Thursday evening.

A meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday evening when final arrangements were made for fitting up the hall and deciding practise hours.

Those wishing to practise may obtain their membership tickets from members of the executive committee.

It is expected that a friendly game will be arranged with Hatzic to take place in a few days.

HIGH SCHOOL STANDING FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Division 1. Per cent. 97.

Grade XI. (Matriculation Class)—A. Kask, J. Kask. D. Benedict.

Grade X.—V. Stinson, N. Pernoski B. West.

Division II. Per cent. 87.

R. Baker, I. Bourke, N. McPhee.

MARJORIE E. GILLEY.

Many Costumes at Masquerade Dance

The annual masquerade Armistice dance of the G.W.V.A. held in the theatre hall on Monday evening was an unprecedented success, and the committee in charge are to be congratulated upon the splendid arrangements, and the patronage given the affair.

The hall was crowded to such an extent as to make dancing almost impossible, and the gathering presented a very festive appearance, costumes of every conceivable kind being worn.

So characteristic and varied were the costumes as to make the decision of prize winners very difficult for the judges. Acting in this capacity were, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Downing, of Vancouver, Captain and Mrs. Benning-Day and Mr. Wattie.

For the lady's fancy costume. Miss Daisy Stady won the prize, dressed as a harem lady. Mr. R. H. Eby, representing "Aunt Jemima" of pancake fame, easily won the lady's comic prize. The prize for the lady's most original costume went to Miss Annie Nelson, whose representation of "The Bat" was exceedingly good. Many other of the ladies' costumes deserve special mention, especially, "Powder Puff," "Chinese Lady," "Dutch Girl," "Spanish Dancer," "Pierette" and others.

The costumes worn by the gentlemen were also very original and well carried out. Prizes were won as follows: Gent's fancy costume, Mr. J. Watson, dressed as a "Highlander;" comic costume. Mr. M. M Shore, who very ably filled the call as a negro minister. The most original costume was decided upon as that worn by Mr. George Langton, who looked the part of a "Zulu Chief."

Worthy of mention also were the costumes of the "Sheik;" "Pierrot;" "Cow Boy" and "Spanish Couple."

The music for the dance was rendered by Heun's orchestra and was exceptionally good.

The sum of about $300.00 was taken in, the expenses amounting to nearly $125.000 so that a nice margin will be left for the relief work of the G.W.V.A. and the carrying out of the work in hand.

Mrs. A. Gant, mother of Mrs. Arnold, underwent a critical operation in the M.-S.-A. Hospital last Saturday, and is reported as progressing favorably. Mrs. Gant is visiting here from Alberta.

Huntingdon and Vye

Miss Ella Fraser of the University of B. C. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser of Vye over the week-end.

Mrs. Brokovski, Sr. of the Vye Road is visiting friends in Vancouver.

Mrs. S. J. Bates spent Wednesday as the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. McGillivray.

Mrs. Alex McDonald of Murrayville is visiting Mrs. G. E. Davis.

Mrs. Chas Crawford, well known in this district, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Murrand of Mission City, who recently resided at Vye, have the sympathy of a large circle of friends here, in the loss of their baby boy, who died on Friday, November 2nd.

Master Louis Head of Vancouver was the guest of Kenneth Brokovski over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Berryman of Prince Rupert are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rudge.

On Friday evening the ladies of St. Pauls Church and the ladies of the Huntingdon Women's Institute gave a Thanksgiving dinner in the corner store. There was a large crowd availed themselves of the opportunity to partake of the nicely cooked meal. The proceeds will be divided between the Ladies' Aid of the church and the Women's Institute, the latter donating their share to the M. S. A. Hospital, in place of operating a booth at the coming bazaar.

Mr. A. D. Mathison of Prince Edward was the guest over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rudge.

MRS. MARY MILLER ADDRESSES MEETINGS

Mrs. Mary T. Miller, evangelist and faith healer addressed two meetings here on Wednesday, one in the afternoon in the Parish Hall and in the evening in the Presbyterian Church. Both gatherings were large, and much interest was manifested.

Mrs. Miller is a very able speaker, and held the interest of her audiences throughout. Mrs. Miller goes on from here to Seattle, where she will take a short rest, having worked steadily for the last fourteen months as an evangelist.

Services will be held in St. Mathevery Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. A. Harding Priest, vicar.

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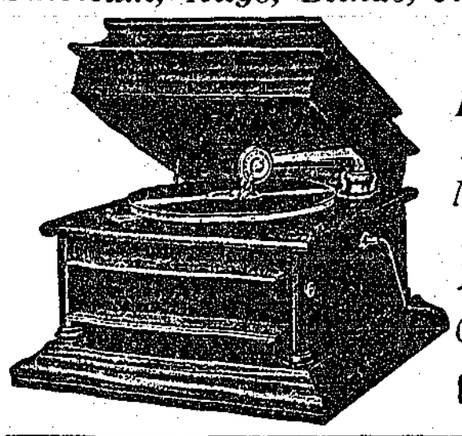

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1923

It seems hard to understand the British politics this far from the centre of the Empire, but we can always draw some conclusions. Premier Baldwin of Great Britain is about to announce a general election again, if he has not already done so by now. He has three years in which to hold power yet if he feels inclined. Why should he wish to stake his political reputation on a general election now?

In British Columbia Premier Oliver can in a pinch hold another session besides the one now doing business. He does not wish to stake his political reputation on a general election at the present time, and says it is silly to think that he will appeal to the people before he has to.

Of course Premier Oliver is credited with the statement that he loves his job and that he is geting more money out of it than he ever got out of a job before, and he intends to hang on just as long as he can, for fear (of course he didn't say this latter part) he would not get back.

But it does seem hard to get through one's head how a great statesman at the head of affairs in Great Britain should be so careless about holding on to the reins of power, and our own premier in B. C. would not think of giving McRae or Bowser a half chance to handle the treasury of the province, unless it be, that John O. thinks he has some kind of a divine right to be the supreme guy on the job in this province.

We have always been told that British politics were different than what politics were in Canada, and we are beginning to think that we were told right.

The Sumas Dyking Scheme does sure appear to have reached the political stage at the present time. If half of the reports that we hear are true it is a wonder that the scheme has gone as far as it has. To local people in the Fraser Valley and especially in this district the scheme looks now as though it would be a success in saving the land which has heretofore been flooded every year. There are two sides to the question, one the protection given and the other the financial end of the scheme. As to the former we feel quite satisfied with the present outlook.

As to the aspect of the case it is to be hoped that finally it will be arranged somehow so that the land which has been protected will not be bled to the last drop for taxation to pay for this great dyking scheme. It has been somewhat of an experiment, and in that case it was expected that it would cost more than at first anticipated, and the provincial treasury will have to bear a part of this experiment.

Let us not get too far into politics in regard to this matter or it will put the farmers of that district in a position that they will eventually have to give up their land, and thus defeat the first object of the dyking of the land. Land will stand just only so much taxation and beyond that point the farmers would be subjected to something that they could not carry out.

"The cost of building and maintaining good roads seems so great that many taxpayers are inclined to lie down and say they simply can't be afforded. Yet before taking that attitude, it is well to reflect on the returns that a good road brings.

"The news that a certain town or district has good roads spreads for many miles around. Motorists drive that way when out for pleasure, or will go in that direction when seeking a trade center. They will go many miles out of their way if they can strike a good road into some business center.

"The convenience and comfort of a good road is thus a magnet that draws trade and business, that spread prosperity into the surrounding country. It makes a town seem a live one. The streets in its business center are well filled with visitors, while a town with poor outlying roads finds visitors going elsewhere. It costs something to solve the good roads problem, but it costs more not to."

There is hardly a session that the Senate of Canada does not put the brakes upon some grafting proposition that has got by the House of Commons without any appearance of understanding of its possibilities. Last session was no exception, there being several schemes of wanton extravagance cut out or trimmed by the upper house. Always on these occasions there is an uproar from a section of the press which would forthwith abolish the Senate; and the less informed the press the greater the roar. The old adage of the empty barrel is exemplified.

One of these graft bills of last session is brought to mind by the news despatches of a few days ago intimating the completion of the Long Lac link to connect the old Canadian Northern line with the National Transcontinental at a point north of Lake Superior where these roads were only twenty-nine miles apart. Because of this gap there could not be interchange of traffic except by long detours, and the Dominion government roads had to use the Ontario railway at very great expense to route traffic to Toronto and Montreal. This little line then already under construction was included in a bill passed by the Commons covering in all twenty-five railways in all parts of Canada. Many of these lines were recognized by the Senate as simple grafts, the product of the political board appointed by the Mackenzie King government as the advisers to Sir Henry Thornton the head of the national railways. The bill gave this political board authority to proceed with these undertakings in whatever order they like, at any time within three years, the limit for completion being set a August, 1926. The expenditures were to be solely under the control of the board with no audit by the officer to whom parliament looks for supervision of public expenditures, and there was no limit to the amount of the expenditues. Everything was left o the political board, and what was virtually a blank cheque for a total estimated at not less than one hundred million dollars was proposed to be issued to these worthies.

It is not surprising that under these circumstances the Senate asserted itself. The Conservative leader demanded of the government that separate bills for the several proposed lines be introduced, so that the Senate might allow to go unchallenged a few roads for which there was urgency and as to the rest deal with them according to their merits, one at a time, with proper safeguards for the auditing of the accounts. The government declined, trying to bull-doze the upper house with the threat of popular wrath if needed lines were delayed ;and the Long Lac link was mentioned as one of these. The Senate's answer was that abundant authority existed for the completion of this link without the passage of the monstrous bill presented. That such was the case is now evident, because within four months of the killing of the bill in question the link is completed and the Western members of parliament will travel over it on their way to attend the next session.

A club held over the heads of the British Columbia senators was the fact that the schedule to the bill mentioned the Okanagan branches to Kelowna and Lumby, and the Vancouver Island branches to Cowichan Bay and to the timber limits on the West Coast. The money involved in these was stated at three million dollars (the estimate for the Long Lac branch was two million). As to the Okanagan branches, all but four miles of the 105 miles had been graded already, and the rails to lay on this grade had been ordered. Plainly there was no necessity for an extraordinary bill of this kind to secure the completion of these Okanagan branches; the authority that had sufficed to make the grade and put in the bridges, and to order the rails, would enable the rails to be laid when they arrived; and consequently the Senate was not moved by the threat that these deserving projecs would be held up if the whole scheme of graft were not sanctioned.

Experience shows that the result is always the same when parliament or legislature lets go of control of public expenditures. In our own province the Pacific Great Eastern railway is a conspicuous example. In this as in so many other undertakings to be paid for out of the new taxes of the Oliver government, political boards not controlled by the legislature make the expenditures, and make them on the "cost-plus" plan which under Oliver appears to have meant "plus" far in excess of the whole necessary "cost." The members of the legislature not supporting the government have protested in vain during the whole period of the plunder, and having been refused access to the accounts of the contracting company they have been without the documentary evidence to prove what all observers believed to be the evil case. The same with the Sumas scheme, where again the "plus" far exceeds the estimate of "cost" upon which the unfortunate settlers saddled themselves with the incubus. It is fortunate for Canada, that there is at Ottawa an independent Senate, wideawake to the possibilities of ambiguous bills and resolute to act when occasion demands.—Columbian.

"Unless immediate and drastic measures are taken to stop the export of raw wood and losses from forest fires, Canadian newspapers will be importing high-priced newsprint from the United States within five years. American paper companies are closing down practically all cutting operations in their own country, and are quickly transferring all wood operations to the Canadian side, so as to save their own supply and thereby put Canadian mills out of business as speedily as possible, exports of raw wood from Canada having already increased 150 per cent. in June, as per government report."—Redcliff Review.

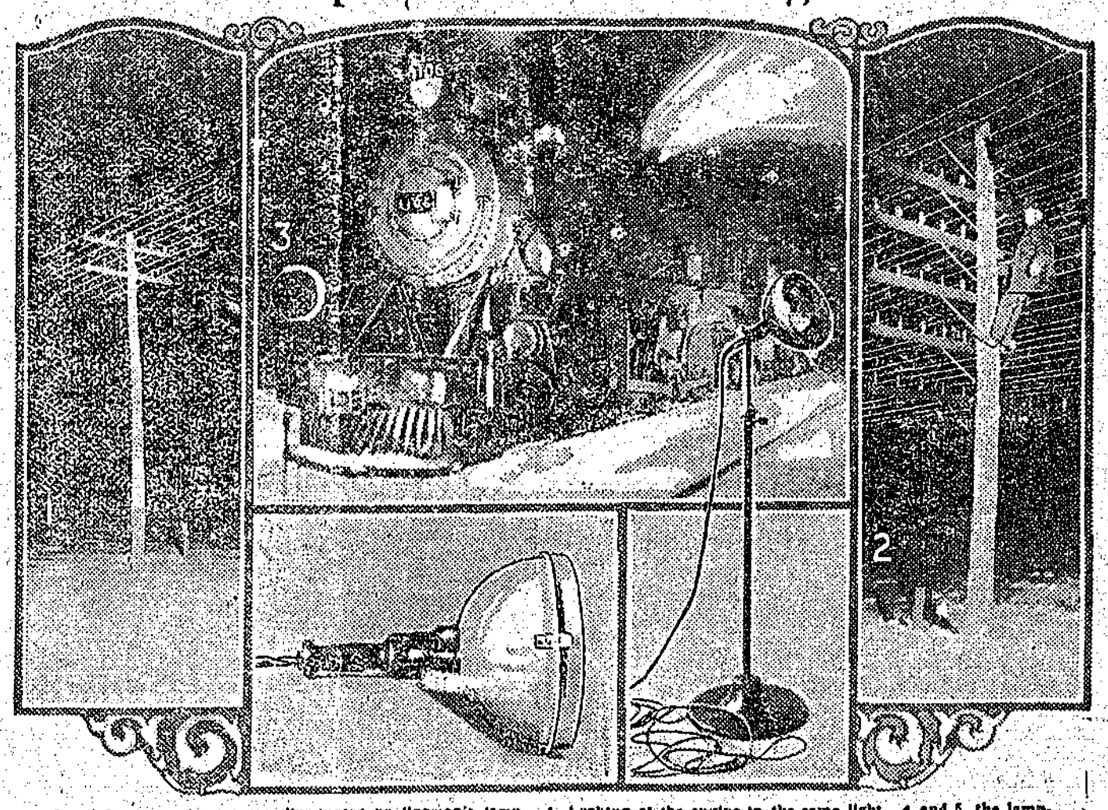
Young man, don't swear. There is no occasion for it outside of a printing office, where it is useful when the paper is behind time. It also comes in handy in proof-reading and is "indispensable" when the ink works badly and the press begins to "buck"; It is sometimes brought into use when the foreman's mad; and it has been known to entirely remove the tired feeling of the editor when he looks over the paper after it has been printed. Outside the printing office it is a foolish habit.—Ex.

Competition increases business, creates more business, improves quality and service, while a monopoly stifles production, kills initiative, retards progress, and in many cases destroys any desire for improvement.—The Business Printer.

Just when apples were slipping out in good quantities to consumers with outlook for fair returns to the growers, comes the dull thud of the report that the bottom has fallen out of the prairie market as result of overlapments to distributing points there. Here again it would appear that the Independent shippers can take all the glory. They not only kill the market for themselves but kill it for others as well. We have the condition here of some independents getting quotations which would not allow anything to the grower, while others continue to send their fruit in spite of the fact that it is daubbed with red ink before it starts.—Ex.

One-sixth of our incomes are paid in taxes today. That is the cost of being governed. The average cost of city government and civic administration is $40 per head per annum. The dominion government takes also $40 per capita and the province $12. That is to say, "laid on an average," the comibned taxation is $92 per head of population.—Brandon Sun.

New Lamp Facilitates Night Work



1 and 2, views of wires as illuminated by lineman's lamp. 3. Looking at the engine in the same light. 4 and 5, the lamp.

IN the past interruptions to telegraph service caused by damage to outside wires could only, in the majority of cases, be rectified by daylight, when the damaged section could easily be located. There is no doubt this was a disadvantage which delayed the recovery of interrupted services. Where the trouble may have been anywhere along the line between points some 20 to 100 miles apart it was not possible to take care of the interruption especially at night. To overcome the disadvantage due to night interruptions to its wires, the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraphs provided a special electric light and all the linemen on the System were equipped with it, enabling them to successfully take care of interruptions and do their work at night as well as by day. The special light is provided with its power from the locomotive dynamo turbines with which all Canadian Pacific locomotives are equipped.

The special light in itself is of simple construction, the power is derived from the dynamo turbine from the locomotive which provides electricity for the illumination of the headlights and cab lights. A headlight globe is used and an especially designed reflector throws a beam sufficiently strong to allow working operations at a distance of 600 feet. The conducting wire attached to a socket in the cab of the locomotive is of sufficient strength to enable the operator to work any place within two car lengths of the locomotive. There is also a semi-permanent stand to which the lamp can be attached for the convenience of men working at night on bridges or, in fact anywhere that requires a steady flow of light. The lamp can also by interchange of globes be used where there is a domestic current, but not with such good effect.

As there is so much that can affect the Telegraph System, such as fire aurora, lightening, snow, wind and rain, the advantage of being able to locate the source of trouble cannot be overestimated and time and time again, when the lines have been seriously damaged during the night, it has been found that the electric hand lamp, which is now used throughout the System, has been of great benefit. During the past winter when the service experienced a considerable number of interruptions the lamp was often used during snow and sleet storms and not in one instance is it known of its having failed to meet all services put upon it. There is no doubt that the perfection of this lamp has been a decided progressive step in telegraph maintenance at night.

W. I. CONVENTION

The Lower Mainland Women's Institutes in conference in Vancouver this week visited the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association plant on Wednesday afternoon, where Mr. Parks, manager, gave a talk on "Co-operative Buying and Selling." Following this a visit was made to the Girls' Industrial Home on the invitation of the superintendent, Miss M. Bains.

An account of the formation and work of the board of directors was given by Mrs. Barber, who stated that the board had been organized and held its first meeting on January 6 of this year. A woman's exchange was talked of at this meeting and it was decided that the matter should be discussed at the next convention. A total of $185.20 had been received by the board and the balance now is $132.20. Mrs. Barber thought that the board had not yet justified its existence, though the secretary expressed her opinion that with the co-operation of the various institutes, the board might be made a great power.

Following the publicity report presented by Mrs. McFarlane of Haney Institute, she advocated more support for Canadian magazines. As a result of the discussion Mrs. E. H. Tomer was appointed to prepaire a questionnaire for the institutes concerning articles for Canadian magazines and publications.

Mrs. A. Jenkins of Agassiz presented the report on industries, saying that she had sent out questionnaires for the institutes concerning the best methods for marketing various products, and had received interesting answers and suggestions in return.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. G. C. L. Reid of the Central Park Institute and the response was the singing of the Institute ode. The resolution committee included Mrs. R. H. Richardson, Mrs. K. Porter, Mrs. G. Green, Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Loami. The secretary for the season was Mrs. H. Croft.

A banquet was served in the Art League hall, under the direction of the South Vancouver, Lynn Valley, Point Grey and Central Park institutes. The reception committee included Mrs. J. R. Brown and Mrs. E. H. Tomer. Seated at the head table were Mayor Tisdall, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. J. Muirhead, Mr. A Capon, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. B. J. Sharp, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. T. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Judge J. H. MacGill, Mr. F. Barber Miss M. Bains, Mrs. J. A. Gillespie, Mrs. Osborne, Dr. Jean Carcon, Mr. N. A. Harkness and Mrs. V C. McLachlan.

At the evening session His Worship Mayor Tisdall gave an address of welcome, while Mr. J. A. Cunningham, president of the B. C. Manufacturers, also gave words of welcome. The speaker of the evening was Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture. Mrs. Thomas Todrick presided at the banquet.

The musical programme arranged by Mrs. H. Card included piano selections by Miss Summerfield; reading, Miss Violet Murray; vocal duet, Miss Margaret Matheson and Mrs H. Chard and musical monologue by Mrs. Fred Wi...

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MR. MENZIES IN NEW ROLE

VICTORIA, Nov. 9.—One of the surprises of Thursday's sitting of the Legislature was the slating handed the government by Rev. Thomas Menzies, Independent member for Comox, whose record during the past three sessions of the House has been to have voted consistently with the administration. Mr. Menzies had not a kind word to say in a speech delivered yesterday. He criticized the Minister of Agriculture for his hesitation in answering a query on Wednesday relating to the cost of the Sumas Lake scheme. The public demanded to know the facts, he claimed. There was also a whisper of heavy expenditure on the South Okanagan irrigation scheme, which was first estimated to cost about $900,000, but which has cost $2,500,000 and the work was only half completed. The total cost of the latter scheme might well reach four to six million dollars.

Mr. Menzies came out flatfooted in a demand for an embargo on the exportation of logs and pulpwood. There was no reason, he contended, for American companies to import such lumber and give employment to hundreds of men south of the American border when such mills could be established in Canada.

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Mission Wins League Game With Clayburn

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

Mission came through with another win on Saturday last when they out-played the Clayburn eleven 6 to nil. The game was the first home game in the League for Mission and helped to boost the average to 4 points in the standing.

Both teams started out well and for the first 15 minutes there was nothing to choose between the two teams. Both goal keepers were called upon to save during the time and it was only after D. Galliford had beat the opposition with a nice drive that they showed signs of weakening. C. Galliford notched another one soon after and half-time found the home team leading by two goals.

The second half saw the Mission forward line working their combination to a nicety and when the final whistle blew, Mission had a total of 6 counters to their credit, Cox having scored twice, while Hamilton and Elliott each bagged one.

The Mission defense played a wonderful game and it is due to them that the Clayburn boys were turned back scoreless.

Why Not The Canadian Teachers?

"Canada" is a weekly illustrated journal published in London, Eng. Under the head of "Opportunities in Canada" appears the following:

Teachers for Western Canada

"As a result of the heavy harvest, conditions are looking brighter for the future in Western Canada than at any time during the past few years. This applies to every department of activity, and, among others, teachers will be in demand about March, 1924.

Requests have been forwarded to the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, 13, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. I, from various Wesyern Canadian points for 70 teachers to sail at the latest about February 24. The teachers are sent by this society to local committees in the West of Canada who are interested in this particular phase of work, and every care is taken to see that the teachers are placed happily as far as is humanly possible."

Here is an opportunity for B. C teachers without a position, and the teachers of Canada are not on the job if they allow people on the prairie to go without teachers when there are so many idle ones It was thought that the Teachers' Federation was to see that all our teachers were placed.

The course of business, like that of true love, never seems to run altogether smoothly. It's full of twists and turns and sudden kinks It's a long trail from the inception of a winning thought to the point where achievement is marked by cash in the bank.

FARMERS IN SERIOUS PLIGHT

VICTORIA, Nov. 9.—The present Oliver government hght do well to fulfill its promises in regard to the Harrison Mills-Agassiz road before it goes out of office, was the suggestion offered in the House yesterday by John McRae, Conservative member for Yale, who made a spirited but not bitter speech in support of his contention that things are not entirely right in British Columbia. While not attacking any particular member of the cabinet, the resident of Agassiz brought out some telling points as to conditions that exist in his own riding, and even went so far as to say that the farmers were suffering to such an extent that the wholesalers of Vancouver should be branded as criminals and immediately haled before the courts of justice.

Mr. McRae was strongly against the personal property tax and fully agreed with the requests he had received from the retail merchants in his riding that such an enquiry should be abolished. The member for Yale challenged the government to produce all books connected with the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

During his thirty-six years in the province, Mr. McRae, stated that with the exception of the big flood in '94 the farmers were never in such straits as they are today. The members of the Legislators come to Victoria to remedy conditions and on their arrival they find that the people in the cities are paying four times the price paid to the farmer for his produce. The member for Yale classed the wholesalers of Vancouver as criminals and said that all should be prosecuted for gouging the people.

Mr. McRae spoke against any immigration scheme until the present settlers are more contented citing instances of where for the first time in his experience farmers of his riding had been forced to go to the Prairies to harvest the wheat crop in order to pay their taxes and grocery bills.

He stated his strong sympathy with a petition from every retailer in his riding against the personal property tax. It was most unfair. If a man was making money the income tax was a means of securing revenue.

Side Stepping.

The member for Yale accused the government of sidestepping the construction of the Harrison Mills-Agassiz road. "There is an election looming up," he stated "and I want to ask the government to at least fulfill one promise before they go out of office." (Cheers from the opposition benches).

Mr. McRae called upon the government to stage a fair and open investigation in the matter of the books of the P. G. E. railway and the Northern Construction Company.

"If the government has nothing to hide, why don't they take the advice of the second member for Victoria (Mr. J. Hinchliffe) and allow an investigation?" he asked. "If you don't, I have real serious doubts but what the premier himself will fail at the next election. If you want to put McRae out of business, do this."

Chorus from the government members: Which McRae.

Mr. John McRae: Oh, you can easily put me out of business.

SAYS CHARGES WILL BE PROBED

VICTORIA, Nov. 10.—Conservative efforts to have a real probe into the relations between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the Northern Construction Company, contractors who were doing construction work on the provincially owned railway line until work was shut down over a year ago, may or may not result in success. While Premier Oliver, in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, announced that it was the purpose of the government to order a searching investigation into the affairs of the company, as urged by the opposition members. Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, speaking in the debate, intimated that if it should appear from the audit of the railway company's books that there have been any irregularities in the accounts of the construction company, then it might be advisable to have a full and complete audit of the latter's account with the railway company.

Premier Oliver, as soon as the House opened yesterday, stated that the fifty-four charges mentioned in the current issue of the "Searchlight," were to be fully investigated.

TOTAL OF $44,421 RECEIVED IN TAXES

MAPLE RIDGE, Nov. 5.—The auditor's statement for nine months ending September 30 has been issued and shows the municipality in excellent standing. The taxes with arrears collected amount to $44,421, or, less arrears, $37,232. To this has to be added, for October, approximately $2000 for current taxes and another $2000 for arrears. Included in the receipts were $1086.90 for tax sale lots sold, belonging to the municipality; trade licences, $1852.50; share of government liquor profits, $9338.51. Expenditures on roads and bridges were $22,488.23; administration expenses, $5910; soldier's memorial monument, $1500; road machinery, Ford truck, $884; hospital fees, sundries and aids, $867.55; health account, $573.29; street lighting, $504; donations and grant, $450.

Weekly Letter From Victoria

Special to The Abbotsford Post

VICTORIA, Nov. 13.—Another dyking scheme has gone wrong. Such schemes have become a habit in British Columbia and may not cause any great amount of surprise but for the fact that some day, and this not in the distant future, the taxes will be raised to meet such mistakes as have been caused by the Oliver administration in recent years. The latest one is the South Okanagan Irrigation scheme which was originally intended to cost $935,000, according to estimates computed by William Young, an employee of the government. Engineer Latimer, who has been in charge of the work during the past three years, was even more cheerful about the "small" expense. His figure first read $615,000 but this was regarded by those knowing the district as being too conservative. Now the details are beginning to come out. To date, a total of $2,947,071 has been expended on the scheme and the end is not yet. Of the 13,000 acres of land estimated to be within the dyking district, only 1562 are at present receiving assistance in the way of water. The entire scheme promises to engulf upwards of from four to six million dollars before it is completed—if it ever is completed.

"We know not what the morrow will bring forth," answered Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, to a query on the cost and the possibility of the province having to assume the expense of the work, made by J. W. Jones, South Okanagan. The scheme promises to be a lasting 'monument" to Mr. Pattullo, who, two years ago, painted a rosy picture of the value of the project and how it was going to be constructed within the estimate. Mr. Pattullo has a long way to go to catch up with Hon. E. D. Barrow on such costly blunders. The minister of agriculture has a few to his credit as witness the Creston area at Camp Lister, the Merville soldier settlement on Vancouver Island, the purchase of the Christian ranch near Kamloops and better still, the Sumas Scheme which has eaten up $3,000,000 and like Johnny Walker, is going strong in the way of money.

UNVEIL SHAFT AT COQUITLAM

PORT COQUITLAM, No. 12.—Unveiling of the cenotaph erected by citizens of Port Coquitlam to the memory of the fallen heroes enlisted from here for services in the Great War, was carried out with most impressive ceremony on Sunday afternoon, Right Rev. A. U. DePencier, bishop of New Westminster officiating and delivering the invocation, assited by the local clergymen, Rev Messrs. A. Turner, H. S. Hastings and W. J. Mark. A large assembly was gathered in the public square, where the memorial stands, and though weather conditions were unsettled and a silght rain fell at times the services were completed as planned, before he handsome shaft, which will stand for generations a tribute to fellow citizens who made the last sacrifice.

Three thoughts, said Bishop DePencier, in his inspiring oration, he wished to draw to the minds of his hearers, in reflecting on the record of the men they were here gathered to honor—first, the readiness of response to the call of patriotism and duty; second, the cheerfulness under difficultiees which had so notably marked the service of the men who had gone to the front, third, the courage animating these men.

A firing party from Mission City members of the 47th Battalion was present to officiate, under command of Lieut. R. F. Haigh and Sergt. A. Derbyshire. Lieut. Arthur Mars, mayor of Port Coquitlam, called the honor roll of the dead, whose names were inscribed on the memorial, with the words "Their Name Liveth Forevermore" below.

The notes of the Last Post were sounded, the final hymn was sung, many handsome wreaths and offerings were placed at the foot of the shaft, and Bishop dePencier pronounced the benediction, after which the National Anthem closed the exercises.

RAISE LEVEL OF DAM

Contracts for raising the level of the Canadian National Railways dam at Hanna, Alberta, have been let to W. S. Tomlinson, of Winnipeg, it is announced. The object of the work is to increase the water capacity of the reservoir.

Agreed with Her

"Johnny," said his teacher "if coal is selling at $6 a ton, and you pay your dealer $24, how many tons will he bring you?"

"A little over three tons, ma'am," said Johnny promptly.

"Why, Johnny, that isn't right," said the teacher.

"No, ma'am, I know it ain't," said Johnny, "but they all do it."

A farmer boy and his best girl were seated in a buggy one evening in town, watching the people pass. Nearby was a popcorn vendor's stand.

Presently the lady remarked: "My that popcorn smells good."

"That's right," said the gallant "I'll drive up a little closer, so you can smell it better.

Here and There

Shipments over the T. and N. O. Railway during the month of May amounted to 329.15 tons of silver ore.

The movements of the mackerel schools will, when observed, be broadcasted from radio apparatus erected for the purpose by the Canadian Marine Department.

Mrs. Dan Otto, of Stratford, Ont., set 33 eggs and hatched 34 ducklings from them. One egg was apparently of the double yolk variety and both yolks were hatched.

A new direct passage service between Canada and northern Ireland has been inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd. Three steamers have been assigned to the route.

James Edwards, of Port Robinson, declares he has a chicken out of this year's hatch which out-freaks most chicken freaks. This one has four legs, four wings, two backs, two necks but only one head. It has been preserved in alcohol.

One hundred and fifty families are to be brought into British Columbia and settled under private enterprise in the valleys east and south-east of Fort George, W. A. Lewthwaite announced, following his return from England recently.

A Swedish scientist claims to have perfected a process for the manufacture of "artificial wood from 50 per cent. sawdust and the balance chalk and chemicals. The product is as hard as oak, and can be planed, sawed, bored, nailed, painted, stained or polished. It will not deteriorate in water.

A start on the actual work of electrifying sections of the Canadian Pacific Railway's main line through the Rockies may be made next year. D. C. Coleman, vice-president of western lines, says that traffic demands and financial conditions would determine when a start would be made.

The decision of the Government of the province of Quebec to grant a bonus of $4 per acre for land cleared will result in an approximate outlay of $250,000. Clearance in the past few years has amounted to approximately 40,000 annually, but the total this year is expected to be 60,000 or more.

Speaking to the Canadian Club in London, Eng., recently, E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, contrasted the "irritating tortoise-like slowness" of Canada's population policy with Australia's progressiveness. "We Canadians would be wise to keep our gates open for brains as well as brawn," he said.

One hundred and fifty delegates of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association will tour the British Isles next summer, and hold their annual convention in London, according to decisions reached at the final meeting of the convention here. The party will leave about the first of June, and will attend the British Empire Exhibition. The tour will last about six weeks.

Up to the end of 1922 dividends paid by the gold and silver mines of northern Ontario amounted to over $123,135,000. Cobalt camp was discovered late in 1903 and hardly began producing until 1905. Dividends paid out of Cobalt mines amount to $93,863,820, which represents practically 50 per cent. of the gross value of production. Porcupine mines have paid $28,472,988.

George E. Buchanan, of Detroit, head of the "On to Alaska with Buchanan" movement, will have 52 boys and 24 adults or members of the boys' families when he personally conducts his party from Vancouver July 18 via Canadian Pacific "Princess" steamer. Buchanan thinks, with President Harding, that a trip to Alaska is a liberal education to any boy who takes it. He puts up one-third of the expense, the boy earns one-third and the boy's parents put up the remaining third.

Only once in the history of Canada was the gold production record set in 1922 exceeded, and that was in 1900, when the Yukon placers reached the peak of their yield. During 1922, 1,263,364 ounces of gold were mined in the Dominion. The value is set at $26,116,050, an increase of 36% over the previous year's figures. In 1900, 1,350,057 ounces of gold were mined and the value was $27,908,153.

Canada's trade is climbing ahead. Total trade in the three months ending June was $462,544,438, an increase of $110,841,056 over the corresponding three months of last year. For June alone total trade was $179,720,516, an increase of $44,944,732 over last year. Domestic exports in the three months increased approximately $50,000,000 and imports approximately $61,000,000.

A college professor who was always ready for a joke was asked by a student one day if he would like a good recipe for catching rabbits.

"Why, yes," replied the professor. "What is it?"

"Well," said the student, "you crouch down behind a thick stone wall and make a noise like a turnip."

"That may be," said the professor with a twinkle in his eye, "but a better way than that would be for you to go and sit quietly in a bed of cabbage and look natural.

BRADNER

A jolly Hallowe'en dance was held on Friday last in the Bradner school, under the auspices of the Community Club. During the evening an excellent repast was served by the social committee, Mesdames Carmichael, Jelley and Loach, assisted by Misses L. Aspinall, H. Manuel, B. Manuel, I. Jelley, V. McDermid, B. McDiarmid and C. McKinnon, all appropriately dressed for Hallowe'en. The room was beautifully decorated with motifs and colors suitable for the occasion by Miss D. Lockie. After supper a handsome piano scarf was raffled for the benefit of the Community Club funds and the sum of $16.50 was realized the lucky winner being Mrs. Maltese of Rand. The Princess orchestra was in attendance. A good number of visitors from outside points were noticed, including some from Vancouver, Dennison, Mt. Lehman and Abbotsford. An enjoyable time was spent. The committee in charge of the arrangements were. Miss Lockie, Mrs. A. Karr and Mr. L. C. Gardner, assisted by Messrs. N. Auburn and N. Brough.

MT. LEHMAN

Under the auspices of the Mt. Lehman Community Club a concert will be given in the Orange hall on Friday, November 16. The chief feature of the programme will be the delightful sketch, "Mr. Bob," which will be presented by members of the Bradner Community Club.

Mr. J. W. Satchell and his bride, nee Miss Flora Gillis, have returned from their honeymoon spent in Seattle and other American cities, and are now at their home. On Monday, Nov. 5, the many friends of the happy couple paid them a charivari visit and spent a most enjoyable time.

Miss Edna Bates has left for Vancouver, where she expects to remain for some months.

"Take my seat, madam," he said with a bow and a smile.

"O, thank you very much," she replied and turned toward the seat.

Then, smiling genially again, she asked. "Where did you get up from?"—St. Paul Dispatch.

WOULD AMEND MUNICIPAL ACT

VICTORIA, Nov. 14. — Seeking several amendment to acts relating to municipal government, the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities will meet next Monday at the City Hall, Victoria, where the entire business of the convention at Prince Rupert in August will be gove over. The Parliamentary committee will interview the Government regarding the gasoline tax, mothers' pensions, changes in the Hospital Act and amendments sought to the Municipal Act concerning the care of indigent sick and burial of the destitute.

One of the subjects on which the committee was instructed to endeavor to secure a change of legislation, is Mothers' Pensions. The criticism levelled against the Act is that it excludes a widow owning a house at an assessed valuation of over $1,500 regardless of the number and age of her children. This, it was claimed by the convention, eliminates many worthy applicants.

Changes are also sought in the Municipal Act regarding the burial of the poor and destitute. It is desired to make the municipality of which deceased was a member, responsible for burial expenses when no person appears to claims the body. A change in the Hospital Act is sought to make municipalities responsible only for the poor and destitute who have been resident in the municipality for twelve months.

"SANIPRACTIC" BILL IN HOUSE

VICTORIA, Nov. 10.—The chiropractors are renewing their appeal to the Legislature to give them a legal status to practise their art of healing. This time their case is strengthened by association with them of the entire sanipractic profession, including masseurs, dietitians, physicial culture experts and others.

R. H. Neelands, member for South Vancouver, introduced their bill in the House yesterday afternoon under the heading of "The Sanipractic Physicians' Act." It was given first reading and will come up for debate next week.

Mr. Fred Parton of Hammond spent the week-end at his home here.

"Mother Williams" of Broadway

(1) "Mother Williams" with her New York friends, and (2) at the Canadian Pacific Windsor Station.

OF course you have visited New York, and if you have been to New York you have been to Times Square; but while you were there did you notice the neat little old lady who was acting as sales agent for the "Billboard" outside the Putnam Building? If not you are not in the show business because everyone in the show business knows "Mother Williams." Likewise the police, for it is known to all of them that "Mother Williams" is on speaking terms with Commissioner Richard Enright, and more than one "cop" indebted to the old lady—she is seventy-two years old—for her intercession with the commissioner on their behalf.

The candles she burns at the "Church of Mother Divine" for her proteges are innumerable. Many a heartsick girl has been stopped by "Mother Williams" and sent on her way with enough money to tide her over until the long-sought-for-engagement was secured, and the same is applicable to actors, for on more than one occasion she has been seen to "slip them change." Nor has she cause to regret it, for with her it is always "just a little loan until you sign up." Today she probably knows and is known by more producers and actors than any other woman in the country, for few, if any on Broadway, ever pass without a word of greeting for "Mother Williams" and a "God bless you" from her.

Her kind old Irish heart will respond to every tale of suffering for "Mother Williams" knows. Mary Bridget Ann Williams was born in Toronto seventy-two years ago, the daughter of a prominent real estate man. At the age of eight she lost her mother, after whose decease she accompanied her father on a tour of Europe that included a stay in Ireland and a four year visit to London. Returning to Montreal, Miss Williams later became a well-known and successful teacher of music, and it is with great pride that she points to several of the present day celebrities who received their fundamental training at her hands.

In 1887 Miss Williams found herself alone in the world. The following year she went to New York where she supported herself by her music until advancing age made it impossible to continue as a teacher. From then on, until she became a sales agent for the "Billboard" and was taken under the wing of its proprietor, she did as best she could, but always smiling, and giving, perhaps, more to the world than she received from it.

Recently she took a little journey under the protection of the Canadian Pacific Railway. For two weeks she visited her old friends in Montreal whence she had travelled with the primary object of caring for her father's grave. From there she went to Toronto where her mother's last resting place was ministered to. A wonderful, cheery old lady. Is it a wonder that they call her "Mother Williams" on Broadway?

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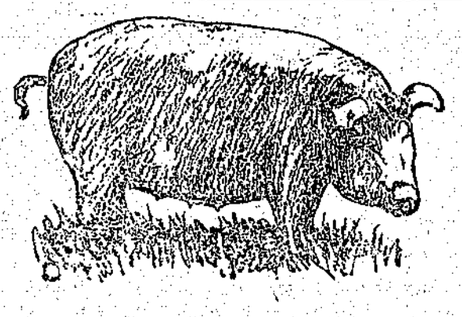

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PERSONALS

Mr. Victor Eby and Miss M. Garson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eby over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson and Mrs. A. McPhee attended a supper and concert in Murrayville on Monday evening

Miss Vivian Peele of New Westminster was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilmore over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith were visitors in Vancouver over the week-end.

Mrs. Wm. Fox of Vancouver spent the week-end as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parton.

Mrs. W. Coutts was a visitor in Vancouver at the week-end

Mr. and Mrs. H. Alanson and family of Mission City visited at the home of the Misses Steede on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. P. R. Edwards were the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Zeigler.

Mrs. Lamb and daughter, Miss E. Lamb of Vancouver, were the week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Swift.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Knoll were visitors in Bellingham over the week-end

The Embroidery Club is meeting twice a week at the present, in order to complete the work in hand for the Hospital Bazaar. On Tuesday the ladies met at the home of Mrs. E. A. Barrett, and on Friday they were again entertained by Mrs. W. J. Gray.

Mrs. Stady, who has been visiting in Vancouver, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, who were residing in the residence of Mr. A. C. Salt, have moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Toller. Mr. Wattie and family are moving into the house which Mr. and Mrs. Simpson vacated.

Mrs. Worth and Mrs. McLennan of Vancouver were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King.

Miss Agnes Gillen and Mr. James Gillen of the B. C. University, Vancouver, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McNeil gave a farewell party to the men of the G. N. R. bridge gang on Wednesday evening. Cards and dancing were enjoyed, and later an oyster supper was served.

Mrs. Walters entertained a few friends to dinner on Tuesday evening in honor of the birthday of her son, Gordon. After the repast had been enjoyed, the evening was spent in cards and music.

Next Wednesday afternoon is the date for the regular meeting of the W. A. of the M.-S.-A. Hospital. It is requested that there be a good attendance, as plans for the annual bazaar to be held on November 36th will be completed.

Miss F. E. Trethewey visited Vancouver this week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Insley and daugater of New Westminster spent the week-end as the guests of Mrs. P. Insley.

Mrs. J. Brydges and son Maurice visited in New Westminster at the week-end. Mr. Brydges returned home with them to spend the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Downing of Vancouver were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. R. Whitchelo.

Mr. Frank Sutherby of Ladner s visiting friends in town.

Miss Francis Benedict visited at her home here over the week-end. She was accompanied by Miss Florence Chapin of Vancouver.

Thomas Menzies of Cumberland, supervisor of the Cow Testing Association, has been transferred by the government to Abbotsford and will carry on this work here.

The date set for the holding of the Upper Sumas Women's Institute dance in aid of the M.-S.-A. Hospital is set for November 23rd.

Mrs. A. Gurrie visited in Vancouver at the week-end.

Mr. J. J Vannetta was home over the week-end from New Westminster.

Mr. A. McInnes has returned to Wyatt Bay, after visiting his home here.

Mrs. D. Gillis of Vancouver was the guest of her sister Mrs. T. McMillan.

Miss Annie Nelson of Vancouver is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ben Nelson.

Mrs. Bradley and children of North Vancouver spent the holiday with her sister, Mrs. W. Harkness.

Miss May Campbell of Vancouver visited her aunt, Mrs. A. McInnes over the week-end.

Under the auspices of the Abbotsford Men's Club, a whist drive and dance will be held in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening.

Mrs. Jack Insley of Central Park, two sons and little daughter, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. P. Insley.

An auto party consisting of Mrs. R. Gilmore, Miss Vivian Peele, Mrs. W. Fox and Miss Katy Parton visited Bellingham on Monday and attended the Armistice functions.

Mrs. A. Gurrie had as her guests on Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freeman of Bellingham, Miss Ryan of Vancouver and Mrs. Veneable: New Westminster. Mr. Freeman was at one time proprietor of the Abbotsford Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Collinson of Vancouver visited Mrs. F. Fraser over the week-end. Mrs. Collinson will remain here for a short while.

Members of the teaching staff of the Abbotsford school attended the Fraser Valley Teachers' convention in Chilliwack today.

Mrs. S. Bedlow assited in the choir of Strawberry Hill and Newton Churches at the Armistice services.

Mr. I. H. Kendall of Vancouver visited his sister, Mrs. W. Peck, recently.

Mrs. Bowser, wife of Mr. Bowser, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, has come to Abbotsford, and will reside in Mr. Hills' house.

Miss L. McKinnon and Mrs. A. B. Fraser visited Vancouver at the week-end.

Miss J. Wattie visited in Vancouver on the holiday.

Miss Fisher, who has been teach- in New Zealand during the past year, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Farrow over the week-end.

The Misses Valrie and Dorothy Conway of Chilliwack were the guests of their grandmother on Thanksgiving.

Mr. R. Wattie of Vancouver visited his home here on Monday.

At the regular meeting of the M.-S.-A. Hospital Board held on Wednesday evening, a committee was apopinted to go into the matter of shorage of water for hospital. The operating room is now remodelled and again in use. A vote of sympathy was tendered to Mrs. W. Peck and family in their recent sad bereavement.

Rev. Mr. Congden, who has been the pastor for the past three years of the Conferated Church at Sumas, visited at the Manse this week. Mr. Congden has been in Spokane, and expects to go to San Francisco.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. S F. White, in the loss of Mr. White's sister, Mrs. Whitely of Cloverdale, who passed away suddenly in the Royal Columbian Hospital last Wednesday.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of a beloved husband and father, Pte. George Edgar Davis, who passed away, Nov. 16th, 1921, at Sumas Hospital, Sumas, Wash.

Gone from us, but not forgotten
Gone where there's no toil, no pain;
But his memory shall be cherished
Till in heaven we meet again.

Inserted by his wife and children, Jack, Ileen and Edith.

Clayburn

Mrs. Richard Hughes of Clayburn entertained at an informal tea on Thursday afternoon. Among the invited guests from Abbotsford were Mrs. A. McPhee, Mrs. Benning-Day and Mrs. J. Brydges.

In commemoration of Armistice Day a concert was held in the Clayburn school house on Monday evening.

The chairman, Mr. Bell, gave a very appropriate address on the meaning of the day, after which a fine programme was given, "Felix Penne" and a musical party from Vancouver assisting.

Mirth producting sketches were given by Messrs. McClelland and Moore, recitations and songs by Miss Hilda Morton, solos by Miss Dorothy Lewis, Miss Dorothy Dennison acting as pianist.

The school was very prettily decorated for the occasion and the concert was a splendid success.

Last Saturday Clayburn football team played the Mission City team at Mission City and lost with a score of 6-0. On Thanksgiving Day the South Hill team of Vancouver played Mission City and won 3-2.

Mrs. Leonard Smith of Matsqui, who underwent an operation in the M.-S.-A. Hospital recently, is reported as progressing very favoably.

MR. ELWOOD NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH IN FOG

While driving in the fog last Friday evening, Mr. Elwood of Chilliwack had the misfortune to run off the road, and the car overturned into the ditch, and lay on its side against a telephone pole.

Mr. Elwood sustained a broken nose, a badly cut wrist and minor injuries, and had a miraculous escape from death. He was on his way home to Chilliwack, and after he had received medical attention from Dr. T. A. Swift was conveyed to his destination.

ABBOTSFORD HAS LARGE NUMBER OF SOCIETIES

Abbotsford, according to its size and population, is one of the best organized towns in the Fraser Valley. The activities of the town are centered around the following societies:

Board of Trade; Property Owners' Association; Abbotsford-Sumas Agricultural Association; Abbotsford Band; W. A. of the M.-S.-A. Hospital; St. Andrews and Caledonian Society; A.F. & A.M. Lodge; I.O.O.F. Lodge; Order of the Eastern Star; Abbotsford Men's Club; Hospital Board of M.-S.-A. Hospital; O.A.W. Club; Embroidery Club; Wyona Club of C.G.I.T.; Hiawatha Club of the C.G.I.T.; Boys' Tuxis Square Club; Beaver Trail Rangers; Loyal True Blue Association; Fruit Growers' Assn.; Loyal Orange Lodge; W.B.A. of the Maccabees; Pearl Rebekah Lodge; W. A. of St. Mathews Church; Junior Football Association; The Liberal Association; Basketball Association; Junior and senior choirs; Mission Band; W.C.T.U. Society; Women's Missionary Society; W. A. of the G.W.V.A.; The G.W.V.A.; Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church and Chancel Guild of St. Mathews Church.

LADIES RECEIVE MANY DONATIONS

The ladies of the Women's Missionary Society take this means of thanking all who contributed articles of food and clothing for the Girls' Rescue Home in Vancouver. The response to the appeal for donations was very generous, the list of contributors being as follows:

Mrs. A. McCallum, sack of apples and canned fruit; Mrs. W. Hutchinson; apples, Mrs. L. Farrow, canned fruit; Mrs. H. Fraser, sack of potatoes, canned fruit; Mrs. Thomson carrots; Mrs. Sparrow, canned fruit and jellies; Mrs. A. Ryall, canned fruit; Mrs. McMenemy, honey; Mrs. Burns, cash donation; Mrs. Parton, canned fruit; Rev W Robertson, apples and vegetables; Mrs. Rowley, donation of two barrels for shipping the articles in.

PART PAYMENT ON DEPOSITS IS MADE

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 14.—The Standard Bank, which on Saturday made public its decisions to pay Home Bank Depositors their first 25 per cent. dividend, was literally besieged with Home Bank depositors yesterday. Crowds of men and women jammed the corridors and the teller was engaged all day paying out the first money many of them had seen in months.

Other local financial institutions got in touch with Joseph Dambra, president of the Home Bank Depositors' Association, and volunteerred to do anything in their power to facilitate the payment of a 25 per cent dividend.

Of 59 separate Home Bank Depositors' Associations, the local organizations is the only one that has been successful in persuading a bank to make a 25 per cent. advance on savings accounts.

BEER AND WINE LOCAL OPTION

VICTORIA, Nov. 14.—The sale of beer and light wines in licensed premises is to be decided by local option, according to the rumor which is circulating through the corridors at the British Columbia legislative buildings. Cities and municipalities are to have the opportunity of testing the feeling of the people by the submission of a plebiscite, but the government forces will not introduce the proposed measure as one sponsored by them.

Arrangements are understood to have been made between certain members of the House for either J. W. deB. Farris or Ian Mackenzie to introduce the measure, and thus strengthen the hold the party has obtained in Vancouver. All of which recalls the $86,000 "slush" fund which was said to have been subscribed by the Vancuver hotelmen and jitney bar proprietors just prior to the 1921 election.

Failure on the part of the Vancouver Liberal members to "produce the goods" in the shape of a beer clause in the Moderation Act, has caused no little heart burning among these members and dissatisfaction among those who subscribed to the fund. During the past three sessions, attempts have been made by private members to secure permission to introduce the clause, but these moves have been of no avail once it was pointed out that such a measure involved the expenditure of public funds, and as such can only be introduced by a member of the cabinet as a government bill.

Local option will circumvent the difficulty, it is believed. It will allow Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster to take a note on the proposal once a petition has received a sufficient number of signatures. Should these and other cities vote in favor of the amber beverage, adjoining municipalities would, it is believed, follow suit.

Apart from this phase of the situation, however, it is understood that the move towards local option was favored by Attorney-General Manson at the 1922 session of the House and such a step would have been taken had not a former Attorney-General, Mr. Farris, put in his oar and politely informed the government that his prestige in the Teminal City was at stake.

"You refused me assistance three years ago, when I tried to get by with a beer clause," Mr. Farris informed the cabinet, or words to that effect. "Now with Manson occupying my seat, he wants to step in and gab all the credit that I am rightfully entitled to."

Just how the Opposition benches will view the local option proposal has not yet been disclosed, although the Conservative members, it is recalled, were almost a unit in voting against any beer clause legislation unless it were sponsored by the government. Had the administration taken the bull by the horns and introduced the measure, the probability is that the word would have gone forth from the Conservative committee room for the members to vote as they saw fit.

SCHOOL EXAMS INJURE HEALTH

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 14.—The Local Council of Women voted $108 towards the linen fund of the Royal Columbian Hospital at a meeting this week.

The resolutions to be taken up this half-yearly session were read at the meeting. Two of these resolutions are endorsed by the council. They are: "Be it resolved that the National Council of Women make application to the Federal Government for the enactment of restrictive legislation which would forbid or regulate under permit or license the importation and use of old second-hand material called 'quilt stock' used as filling for mattresses, pillows and cushions for domestic use;" and, "Whereas the competitive examination for grading in the public schools coming as they do at the end of the school years are detrimental to the health, physical and mental, of the student, and in the cases of nervous temperament are often ineffective tests of the ability of the child or the extent of his or her knowledge, therefore be it resolved that the monthly report cards sowing the full year's work be taken as a basis for grading and that similar monthly reports of progress be continued though the high school."

BEE KEEPERS WILL FIGHT AMENDMENTS

VICTORIA, Nov. 14.—The existing strained relations between the B. C. Honey Producers' Association and the B. C. Bee Keepers' Association will be aired before the Agricultural committee of the Legislature on Thursday morning, Nov. 15. The Bee Keepers' Association is said to be lined up against the proposed amendments to the Apiary Act which were introduced in the House last week by Hon. E. D. Barrow and which will lead to more stringent regulations pertaining to foul brood It is understood that the B. C. Honey Producers' Association are in favor of such amendments and any opposition to these will most probably be fought out in the committee room.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stefin of Chilliwack visited at the home of Mrs. H. Fraser over the holiday.

Mrs. McLean of Vancouver gave a very interesting address at the annual Thankoffering Meeting of the Women's Missionary Sociey, held in the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening. There was a fairly good attendance, and the offering was the largest yet received.

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