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PEACE AND THANKSGIVING

PEACE! Peace! On November 11, 1918, the word travelled the length and breadth of the firing line of the Great World War with the speed of shell fire. Men laughed at it with wearied contempt. They had heard that story too often in the years since an arrogant militarism had set out to make Germany the absolute master of Europe and the dictator of the world. Germany's plans were forever shattered, it was true; but Germany was still strong—there would be much bitter fighting before the allies crossed the Rhine.

As the day wore on, officers, almost hysterical with joy, confirmed the news that Germany, defeated on land and sea, with her people at home broken in spirit and sore afraid, was humbly suing for Peace. Little groups of men began to wander in "No Man's Land," unharmed and unmolested, where once their detected presence would have been the signal for a hail of gun and rifle fire. Some shouted and sang snatches of popular songs, others smiled happily but had little to say; others again were grave and silent, overwhelmed by a tremendous sense of relief.

In the hearts of all, noisy or silent, there began to rise a passionate longing for home. Just a few hours ago it had seemed so far away from the frightful noises, the ceaseless routine, the shocks and horrors of the battlefield. The lads from the far-flung borders of the Empire, the boys from across the Channel, all so eager to get to the front before the war should end, were suddenly very anxious to have done with it, to cast aside the paraphernalia of Mars and to tread once more the pleasant paths of Peace. To many the thought of home brought with it thoughts of the comrades who would not make the return journey; the gallant hearts of whom it could be said:

> "In the glory of their manhood they fared forth on a Great Adventure, their hearts aflame with the desire to keep Freedom inviolate and unsullied. They feared not death, and meeting it they won the Victor's crown."

In the great hour of Peace the memories of their fallen comrades came to those who remained, like sweet and tender echoes of sacred and unspoken thoughts. The new era that the end of the war was to usher in, would be all the brighter because of the flower of manhood that had been garnered to make it so.

Peace! Peace at last! The day waned, night began to cast its shadows over the wreckage of war, softening its ugliness until, to inexperienced eyes, the battle front had the appearance of a quiet countryside. There was laughter and gaiety in the trenches; there was exhilaration in the air; men walked freely and openly from trench to trench; they hailed relieving parties with glad shouts and merry jests. It was good to be alive, to have come to the end of the long, long trail, and to have found Peace waiting there.

The War was over.

Memories

How often when the eventide
Has closed the Book of Day,
I walk, in fancy, with the boy
Who sleeps so far away;
I clasp again his little hand
Confidingly in mine,
I know that in his love for me
There is a spark divine.

I see the bloom of manhood glow
Within his steadfast eyes,
I watch the progress of his soul
The birth of enterprise.
I know that soon the world will call
My boy to do his part,
I know that I shall always hold
A place within his heart.

Once more I hear the bugle call,
I see his face alight
With quick desire to take the field
In battle for the right.
"Somewhere in France" he sleeps, but oh!
My watch shall never cease
Until the dawn of that great Morn
Of Everlasting Peace.

William Banks

LOOKING backward we may trace the path we have followed along the Highway of Time to the mile post of the Present.

Here we marched gaily with a song of happiness in our hearts; here we plodded wearily with Sorrow at our side. In vain we try to see the road ahead. Future, secretive and dispassionate, veils it. What matter? There is no turning back. Forward is still the watchword. Hope and Faith are our guides. They were with us in the darker hours of the journey, though we could not always see them nor believe that they were there.

There is much for Canada to be thankful for in spite of all the cares and anxieties that encompass her. Unlike the countries of Europe she is not surrounded by hostile nationalities, each eager to expand territorially at the expense of its neighbors. She is not called upon to maintain a great standing army, either through fear, or through hope of conquest. The people of her Provinces may be jealous and critical of one another at times, but all are united in love for the land of their birth or adoption; all have faith in its destiny. The harvest has been bountiful beyond the hopes and predictions of the spring and summer. There is no fear of famine that stalks with deliberate malevolence in some other lands. Providence and Nature have blessed this country whose possibilities in natural resources are still beyond the calculations of those who love her best.

Thanksgiving Day!

It comes also to mark a day when the whole world woke to the realization that the years of warfare had ended in the vindication of the right of mankind to live in freedom. To many it will bring with increased poignancy the thoughts of loved ones who died that Thanksgiving Day might hold all of its true meaning for those they left behind. The memories of earlier Thanksgiving Days with their merry outings and jolly fireside gatherings, will be hallowed by the prayers for those whose smiles and voices are seen and heard no more. They fought and died for the Canada of to-morrow as much as that of to-day. It is ours to prove that their sacrifice was not in vain:

For their dear sakes we loved and lost,
In silence let us stand
For one brief moment, while we pledge
To this beloved land,
A faith as steadfast and as deep
As theirs who died that we
Might know, through all the years to come,
The joy of liberty.

Thanksgiving Day! Let us greet it in deep and grateful remembrance of all that it means to us as individuals, and to our country which is only on the threshold of the greatness that awaits it if we but do our part, and thus pave the way to still greater things by those who follow us.

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HUNTINGDON

Mrs. Howard Johnson and little son, who have been spending the past two months at the home of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Nicholson, have returned to Chilliwack.

Mrs. J. LaMarshe was the recent guest of Mrs. Tolmie.

Mr. and Mrs. Plaxton visited Vancouver this week.

Mr. Berry of Whatcom was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. McGillivray on Sunday.

Mrs. M. McGillivray and her grandson, master J. LaMarshe, visited at the home of Mrs. F. Carmichael of Abbotsford on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Vedder Mountain have moved into one of Mr. Murphy's houses at Huntingdon.

Mr. M. McGillivray visited in New Westminster on Monday.

Mr. D. W. Henderson, C. P. R. station master here has purchased a residence in Sumas and has moved in.

Mr. J. Caldwell, Sr. of Abbotsford visited Mrs. McGillivray on Tuesday.

Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and in the evening there will be an Armistice service. Special music will be rendered for both services.

Concert and Dance Splendid Success

The concert and dance given in the Orange Hall on Monday evening was largely attended and was an excellent success. The programme contained sketches, songs, recitations, dialogues, club swinging, and music, which caused much delight and many encores.

Altogether the evening proved to many that Abbotsford contains a great deal of latent talent, and all are looking forward to another concert from the local artists.

At the close of the pogramme refreshments were served, and dancing was then enjoyed. Prizes given for the best old time waltz were won by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of the G.N.R. depot.

Upper Sumas W. I. To Hold Dance

At the last meeting of the Upper Sumas Women's Institute it was decided to give a dance in aid of the M.-S.-A. Hospital on December 23rd, in place of having a booth at the annual bazaar of the W. A. of the hospital.

The next meeting of the Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. M. G. Fadden on November 15th. It has been postponed one week on account of the Institute convention.

G. W. V. A. Memorial Service

HAZELWOOD CEMETERY, St. Nicholas

Armistice Day, 1923 at 3 p. m.

OPENING SELECTION — Abbotsford Band.

INVOCATION and PRAYER—Rev. A. H. Priest.

BIBLE READING.

HYMN—"Rock of Ages."

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

ADDRESS—Rev. W. Robertson.

SACRED SOLO—"Lest We Forget"—Comrade J. Downie.

ADDRESS—Comrade F. J. R. Whitchelo.

DECORATION OF GRAVES.

HYMN—"Nearer, My God, To Thee."

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee;
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

DISMISSAL.

All returned Men are asked to assemble at the Cemetery Gates at 2:50 p. m. Uniform and Decoration may be worn.

Party at Whatcom For Young Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Fishlock (nee McGarva) were the guests at a very pleasant party given in their honor at the Whatcom Road Hall Friday evening. A most sociable time was experienced, and the popular couple received the good wishes of all.

The affair was given by the Women's Institute, of which Mrs. Fishlock is a member.

Mr. H. T. Peters Elected Secretary

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Men's Club on Monday evening.

Plans were made for the holding of a whist drive in the week of November 26th to help to raise funds for the purchase of a stove. Mr. H. T. Peters was appointed secretary, in place of Mr. Johnson, who has gone to Vancouver.

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Alberta has followed the lead of the provinces of Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia and has voted to have government control of the liquor question. It is said that at an early date some other provinces will do likewise.

If British Columbia is to be the pattern for some other provinces it is hoped that our government will not at the present session introduce and pass an act to permit the sale of beer and light wines in licensed places without first submitting it to the people. The people know what they want, and so far our government has stretched the sanction obtained at the last plebiscite quite enough.

The great convention of the provincial party is to be held in Vancouver next month, and the people are promised a recognized leader chosen by this convention and also a platform on which to fight the next election, whenever that may be. Gen. McRae promises that this is to be the greatest convention ever held in the province—a regular people's convention with no proxies. There have been some notable conventions held in B. C. with political objects in view.

Old-timers will remember the Martin Convention in 1900, when representatives from all parts of the province assembled in Vancouver to endorse the platform of the late Joseph Martin who had been called upon by the then Lieutenant-Governor McInnes to form a government after a stormy session in the local house. The old O'brien hall was filled to its fullest capacity, but it was the question of proxies that split the convention—the two decisions afterwards holding their separate convention—one endorsing the policy of Mr. Martin and the other denouncing Mr. Martin. That put three parties in the field for the election which followed shortly after, with the result that Martin had only eight followers in the house, the present premier being the only one now in the legislature who was returned at that time. The late Premier McBride was elected for Dewdney at that election.

It was the proxies from the north that caused all the trouble. If memory serves us right delegates were elected for the Yukon both in the north and in Victoria. It was a question which of these had the right to sit in the convention. Esquimalt was also mixed up in the question of proxies. Whichever side won these delegates had the majority in the convention. E. P. Davis, solicitor for the C. P. R. took a very prominent part against Martin. The fight waxed hotter and hotter until about 10 p. m. the Martin delegates bolted. But for hours before this the convention noise could be heard for blocks.

The disturbing element in that convention was brought in innocently enough, but it decided the fate of the next election.

Later in 1903 a Conservative convention was held which placed Sir Hibbert Tupper at the head of the party, with Premier McBride in power in Victoria. Tupper never led the party in this province except at that convention.

It is notable that the names of both Davis, K. C., and Sir Hibbert Tupper are mentioned in connection with the Provincial Party, and should know what they are doing in the interests of that party in not allowing any proxies at the coming convention in December.

Premier Oliver and Sumas Land Scheme

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—The farmers and land-owners of Sumas will pay for every cent expended on the Sumas Reclamation Scheme, which to date has cost upwards of three million dollars, whether this scheme proves to be profitable or unprofitable.

As long as the Oliver administration remains in power, the people who own the 22,000 acres of land adjoining Sumas Lake will be compelled to pay their full share of the assessment for the work done by the Land Settlement Board, under Hon. E. D. Barrow.

There will be no remission such as was granted in the case of the Matsqui dyking scheme scandal in which, on the eve of an election and when the Minister of Agriculture was sorely pressed by his Conservative opponent, the land-owners there were absolved from paying about thirty thousand dollars which had been piled up by the Northern Construction Company, working under a cost-plus contract with the governmen.

All this was made abundantly clear in a speech delivered by Premier Oliver in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

And on top of that pronouncement, Mr. Oliver frankly confessed that he is not enthusiastic about the probabilities of the scheme proving successful.

He even doubts whether the dykes will stand.

But, he said, he had warned the owners when the project was started that they and they alone would pay for it and as for the dykes—well, they were built with the sanction of the Legislature.

At a crowded meeting in a school house at Huntingdon some three years ago the ranchers of the district attended in a body and met Premier Oliver and Hon. Mr. Barrow.

"The province will guarantee you nothing," declared the premier on that occasion, and, just to make it sink in, Mr. Oliver repeated the statement.

More or less trusting to luck, the ranchers on that occasion voted in favor of the scheme. They had the engineer's estimate to go on,—a matter of $1,500,000. Mr. C. C. Eldridge was one of the few who were sceptical of the project. Seated in front of the fire in the Grand Hotel, Sumas Wash., he was not afraid to state his fears on the feasibility of the scheme. Mr. Eldridge owned a considerable acreage in the area to be reclaimed. He set a price on his property and a close supporter of the Oliver government immediately took him up, and took an option on the property, tendering him a cheque to cover the option. It is understood that Mr. Eldridge has the property on his hands following the refusal of the holders of the agreement to come through with the remainder of the stated price.

Rising in his place in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, Premier Oliver, who was evidently suffering from a bad cold, first referred to the settlement which the province had recently arranged with the federal government in the matter of foreshore rights in Vancouver.

Sumas Lake

Mr. Oliver next touched on the Sumas reclamation scheme which had been described by Mr. Bowser as a reckless adventure. The premier referred to press reports from the interior to the effect that Mr. Bowser had stated that the work of reclaiming a lake between and cost $2,000,000.

"He kept back from his audiences the fact that surrounding that lake were 22,000 acres of the richest agricultural land in British Columbia," stated Mr. Oliver, who also quoted Mr. Bowser as stating that the project would cost in the neigborhood of $3,000,000 before being completed. These statements, claimed the premier, were merely war pictures and misrepresentations of the facts. The work could not be termed successful or otherwise until the lands had actually been reclaimed.

Only an Estimate

The real facts of the case, asserted the Premier, are that the work, with few exceptions, had been carried out under the Dyking and Drainage Act, legislation passed by the Bowser government. The only difference was that the Land Settlement Board had been acting on behalf of the land owners as dyking commissioners for this acreage in the Chilliwack area.

Mr. Bowser—Our legislation never authorized the government to place public funds into dyking areas.

Premier Oliver—That may be true. I was speaking of commissioners under the Dyking Act, and of collecting money from the land owners. I have not the advantage of a university education, but I keep my eye on the hole where the squirrel went in. You can't turn my attention from the main question in this way."

"What are the facts of the case?" asked the Premier. "The landowners called a meeting at Huntingdon at which I was present. At that meeting I told the owners that the estimate of the engineers was only an estimate and that experience showed that engineers' estimates are likely to be vastly exceeded. I also told them that if they went into the scheme it was on the distinct understanding that every dollar of the money paid out would have to be repaid if the value was in the land.

"I see no reason why the government should change its position in this respect," stated the Premier. "That, indeed, is the position under the law passed by my honorable friend. I have it on the authority of a very reliable person that he offered $100 an acre plus all dyking charges for land which was not worth $1 an acre before this work was carried out."

The Premier's Opinion

"I never was enthusiastic about the value of the lake lands," declared the Premier. "I am somewhat doubtful if it is going to be an economic paying proposition to keep that lake pumped out. Mr. Bowser knows that those dykes had to be put up and pumps installed whether the pumps could be operated long enough to keep the lake dry, in addition."

Mr. J. W. Jones—So you are skeptical of the Sumas scheme?

Premier Oliver—I never was enthusiastic. If my friend pumped water for fifteen years as I did he would not be enthusiastic either. The dykes are installed. Whether they will stand or not, only time will show. The building of these dykes, however, had the sanction of this House.

Terrible Handicap

Next turning his attention to Mr Bowser's attack on Mr. Farris, former Attorney-General, Premier Oliver remarked that if Mr. Farris could win cases stated by Mr. Bowser he deserved considerable credit in view of the "terrible handicap" he was working under. During Mr. Bowser's administration, the government won four appeals to the Privy Council, lost seven and withdrew one. Mr. Farris' record showed that he had won six out of seven starts. The present Attorney-General, Mr. Manson, had won three and lost two cases during his regime.

"And yet, in spite of this record, the leader of the Opposition has the audacity to sneer at his successors," concluded Mr. Oliver.—Columbian.

Mr. Oliver dug out some of the finance department files of 1915 to ridicule Mr. Bowser's promise to restore the credit of the province whereas during the past few days provincial bonds had been sold on the market in the same terms as Dominion issues. These letters showed that in 1913 provincial bonds had to be peddled through the towns of Kansas, a brokerage commission of 4 per cent had been paid and the underwriters had to be given a margin of several points, he declared.

Bowser Confident

"That was during the war," said Mr. Bowser.

"Other people had to borrow during the war too," said the premier, "but the broker's letter says that investors had not much confidence that the funds of the province were being handled economically and referred to the $10,000,000 rural credit act."

The premier took one loan given under this act where the recipient had immediately left the province with the $1245. The government appraiser had valued the property on which money was loaned as worth $4500, but the land settlement board had only been able to get $600 for it. "That's like your man Jackson of Chilliwack who made away with $10,000," interrupted J. W. Jones.

"If we made bad loans we must have been following the example of our predecessors," replied the premier.

Mr. Bowser said he was going to reintroduce the policy when he got back into power.

"Thats what I was expecting," said the premier. "Does he think the people are going to be sympathetic to his offer of his services for the last time as he says?"

"We'll be back just as soon as you dare go to the people," was Mr. Bowser's rejoinder.

Burde to Rescue

The premier accused Mr. Bowser of criticizing the Prince Rupert court house expenditure and of denouncing the spending of money on Delta roads when speaking in Prince Rupert. A remark of Mr. Bowser in a speech in the north country that Mr. Oliver had never been able to be elected twice in the same constituency was denied by the premier. "I have been elected four times in the Delta," he said, "and it does not add anything to the prestige of the assembly for the leader of the opposition to be branded as a deliberate falsifier."

"Loud cheers from the government benches," commented Major R. J. Burde, who later moved the adjournment of the debate and will speak on Monday.

PREMIER OLIVER SAYS EARLY ELECTION REPORT IS MERE FABRICATION

VICTORIA, Nov. 5.—Reports that a general election will be held in January are said by Premier Oliver to be mere fabrications of fertile imaginations. The government has two years more to go before an election is necessary, and the premier's interpretation of public opinion is that the electors are quite satisfied with things as they are.

SHAVES AND HAIR CUTS TO INCREASE?

VICTORIA, Nov. 5.—According to word that is filtering here, the proposed Bill that is designed to legislate barbers into one of the learned professions is weakening, due to lack of support from original boosters. If reports are correct, the pospect of dollar haircuts and half dollar shaves does not appeal to the people. Bob-hair-cutting, under the new law's revised costs would run to a dollar, also. Barbers who thought the idea was good,—at first,— are now beginning to ask if it will really benefit them. It is seen that the little shops would be virtually extinguished and the benefits would only reach the few. As a substitute it is suggested that the municipal laws of hygiene and control would serve every logical purpose, without giving an exclusive board the chance to have a rake-off on salaries, expenses and arbitrary prices.

PREMIER OLIVER WILL INVESTIGATE

VICTORIA, Nov. 5.—Following the publication of charges in the Searchlight, the organ of the McRae party, to the effect that heavy over charges were permitted to the contractors for the P. G. E. completion under the regime of Hon. John Oliver as Minister of Railways, Premier Oliver has intimated his intention of asking the Public Accounts Committee to fully investigate the matter.

"It is my intention to go before the committee as a witness and let them ask me everything they like just as I did last year when Mr. Bowser started to circulate stories to the effect that there was something wrong with our liquor purchases," said Premier Oliver.

Indications are that the Public Account Committee will be the storm centre of the Legislature. General McRae has offered to pay the expenses of an independent audit of the P.G.E. accounts, while Premier Oliver has countered with the assurance of a subpoena for the production of General McRae's informant, E. J. Rossiter, late accountant for the Railway branch, and has also added Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. to the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. W. J. Bowser occupies an anomalous position as he is a member of the Committee and is between the fire of General McRae and the Government.

WHO PAID FOR BOWSER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES?

"The Premier seems to think that I should not spend my honorarium as Opposition leader on travelling expenses. Yet I know of nothing in the statutes that forbids me doing such a thing. It would be just as reasonable for me to suggest that the Premier use the $1,500 he receives and over and above his ministerial salary as a gift to the hospitals... The $2,000 which I receive is to be used as I see fit, and if I think that I can serve the province better by visiting various parts of the country during the year than by sitting in my office it is my duty to spend it that way. I am at any rate not in the habit, as is my friend, the Premier, of putting down my expenses on a voucher to be paid by the government. Why, when a minister can do that he finds it more profitable to travel than stay at home and Mr. Oliver and his associates are acting accordingly."

COLONIST HAS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

VICTORIA, Nov. 6.—On Monday morning Mr. C. L. Shaw assumed the managing editorship of The Daily Colonist. Mr. Charles Swayne continues as editor-in-chief.

Mr. Shaw, who is 26 years of age, commenced his newspaper work nine years ago with the Colonist at a time when his grandfather, the late C. H. Lugrin, was managing editor. He started as office boy and later emerged as a "cub" reporter. He is probably the youngest managing editor of a prominent daily newspaper in Canada.

The Daily Colonist was established in 1858 and for the past twenty years has been the property of Mr. Sam H. Matson.

W. I. CONVENTION TO BE HELD

The Conference of Women's Institutes of the Lower Mainland is fortunate indeed in having Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Chief of Child Welfare Division, Federal Department of Health, as one of the speakers.

"Dr. Helen" as she is affectionately called by many of the eastern Canadian women, welcomes this opportunity of meeting the western women, particularly the mothers of children. Members of all organizations are cordially invited to be present at any or all sessions.

The Provincial Department of Health has made arrangements for an additional day, Friday, November 9th, which will be devoted entirely to health problems. The functions of the Federal Department of Health and its relation to the Provincial Deparment will be fully explained.

It is hoped that as many residents as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity not only to hear Dr. MacMurchy, but to meet her personally. As time is so short members of the various organizations are asked to accept this announcement as a personal invitation.

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

Canada now takes third place, according to her population, among the exporting nations of the world, it is shown by figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Canada's exports in 1922 stood at $100.63 per capita with only New Zealand and Australia showing a higher percentage.

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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

An Argument for the War Loan

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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SHILOH FOR COUGHS

MT. LEHMAN

Mrs. McLean, from Wartime Sask., with her little daughter, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Raynor. Mrs. McLean intends making an extended stay at the Coast.

At a special meeting of the W. I. directors, Mrs. Bell was appointed official delegate to the Lower Mainland W. I. conference in place of Mrs. Roy Lehman, whose unexpected trip north prevented her from attending. Mrs. Fearn is the Institute delegate and leads the discussion on W. I. work and methods.

On Nov. 11 morning service in the Presbyterian church will commence at 10:50 o'clock, so that the two minutes of silence may be observed at 11 o'clock. All services that day will be in keeping with the national thanksgiving. The ladies have arranged to decorate the church for the occasion.

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The dry rot is common in stored potatoes. Last winter it was very prevalent in cellars and store houses in Western Canada, and caused much loss. It is the most common cause of storage rots in Western Canada. The dry rot goes deep into the potato. The surface of the decayed part is usually wrinkled and white mouldy growth are often present. When the potato is cut open cavities are often present in the decayed part. There is usually no unpleasant odor, which accompanies rots caused by bacteria.

The dry rot is caused by fungi which enter the potatoes through bruises or wounds. The threads of the fungus grow in the tissues of the potato and cause the rot. The white mouldy growths on decayed parts are the threads of the fungus which have come to the surface and which produce millions of spores at 97.04. In July another $2,000,- (seeds). These spores may cause rot in sound potatoes if they reach a place where the skin is broken. Dry rot does not usually attack potatoes before digging, but rather when they are placed in cellars or store houses. The dry rot fungus may live in vegetable matter in the soil, and tends to increase when potatoes are grown year after year.

The best means to prevent losses from the dry rot is to avoid bruising or injuring potatoes in digging or in storing them. All the rubbish or old dried potatoes should be removed from the cellars or store houses before the new crop is stored. It would also be advisable to spray the walls and other parts of the store houses with a solution of bluestone (1 lb. bluestone to 10 gallons water). Potatoes should not be grown in the same field year after year, but other crops should be used so that the dry rot fungus will not increase in the soil. The dry rot develops much more rapidly in warm and moist air, so potatoes should be placed in cool and dry storage soon after digging. The cellar or store room should be kept as cool as possible without danger from frost. Cool storage is perhaps the most useful means to avoid losses from dry rot, I. e., about 35-40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The best means of preventing dry rot is briefly as follows:

1. Select good seed from healthy hills or from fields that show no disease.
2. Plant seed in fields in which potatoes have not been grown for several years.
3. Handle the potato crop carefully to avoid injuries.
4. Remove all refuse of last year's crop from cellar or storehouse.
5. Place the potatoes in dry, cool storage soon after digging.—Experimental Farms Note.

How the Jury Stood

Five days had passed, and still the jury were in a deadlock. Dinner time came, and the court attendant poked his head into the jury room and asked the usual question: "Well gentlemen, twelve dinners as usual, I suppose?"

"No," roared the foreman, "bring in eleven dinners and one bale of hay."

Bowser Pays His Respects

VICTORIA, Nov. 2.—Details of how the Oliver government had not only borrowed $4,000,000 since last January but owed the bank $3,-965,000 secured by short loans, were laid bare in the House yesterday afternoon by Hon. W. J. Bowser, K.C., Leader of the Opposition, who for two hours flayed the administration and concluded with a challenge to the Premier to call a general election and test the feeling of the electorate as to whether the government should be endorsed.

Every minister of the Crown and their respective departments came in for a grilling, Mr. Bowser taking them one by one as he gave evidence of the wanton borrowings and inefficiency on the part of the ministers who continue to revel in the squandermania which, if not checked, would soon bring the province to a position facing bankruptcy.

Commenting on the return of Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, from Europe, Mr. Bowser claimed the brokers would not have another busy spell selling more British Columbia bonds and the firm of Gillespie, Hart and Todd would come into their own. Asking the question as to what the Minister's trip was about, the Opposition Leader stated that a rumor was about that it was for the purpose of attending a Sinn Fein convention at Dublin. Cables came that the province was to have a bank of its own and that the government was going to guarantee Coast Range Steel bonds. Mr. Bowser asked the honorable member to enlighten the House on these subjects.

Unenviable Reputation

As to his recent trip through the northern country, Mr. Bowser stated that a man up there had remarked that the Premier would go down into history as the greatest tax collector the world had ever known. The proud boast of the government of having more sinking funds than any other province was explained because they had floated more loans.

Just as soon as the last session of the Legislature closed, the finance minister floated a loan of $2,000,-000 five per cent. bonds at 95.783, while New Brunswick floated a loan the same month for $1,650,000 at 97.04. In July another $2,000,-000 loan was placed.

"Four millions since we left last year," remarked Mr. Bowser," and that's not all. They are working out their credit at the Canadian Bank of Commerce by borrowing on treasury bills payable in three months. They owed the bank $1,-473,000 in January, which they renewed until April 3. By order-in-council they authorized an issue of debentures for $500,000, which added to the bills at the bank, amounting to $1,973,000. Have they paid?"

Staggering Figures

He said the government owed the bank on March 27, $2,423,000 and on April 3 only $1,823,000. The difference was paid with a three months' note. Further sums of $25,-000, $50,000 and $50,000 were borrowed, until on July 3 the bank was owed $2,548,000, or over a million dollars more than in January.

Other amounts were borrowed, said the opposition leader, and the total was run up to $3,033,000. A loan of $2,000,000 was floated and the bank got some of this, because on July 3 only the sum of $2,223,000 was renewed at the bank, payable October 2.

"How did they pay?" he went on. "By renewing and borrowing $1,-500,000 more. On January 2 there falls due $3,965,000; so we are $2,492,000 worse off than we were in January. Why? Because one of the minister's short-term three-year loans, which we advised against, fell due and he had to go to the bank last Thursday to get money to pay it. There is no daylight ahead; things are getting worse all the time. The bank is owed $3,965,000, loans were floated for $4,000,000 and we are $7,965,000 in the hole. And more will be borrowed from the bank between now and January 2."

No Wonder Taxes Go Up

Mr. Bowser remarked that the government still had power to borrow $11,455,000. However, every time money was borrowed interest had to be paid and sinking funds provided. It was no wonder taxes were going up.

Mr. Bowser spoke of the reported settlement of the Indian reserve question and hoped that a statement would be presented showing acreage given up.

He questioned the right of the minister of lands to abandon provincial property, referring to the foreshore agreement recently made. This was a matter for the Imperial Government, he counselled.

"It seems rather odd to me that the Premier cannot promise any relief on the personal property tax, when a delegation approached him, but the minister of lands and Hon. Mr. Lapointe can sit in on a half hour's chat and swap public properties in our harbors that were given us by the B.N.A. Act," said Mr. Bowser.

He reviewed the king's speech seriatum. Mining and fishing were said to be good and there were no forest fires at all. All as the result of the Oliver administration, he jibed.

Mr. Bowser referred to the prospective completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, repeating his opinion that the line should be finished to Prince George.

Sumas Lake

The opposition leader said the Sumas reclamation scheme, which cost $3,600,000, was a failure and now the farmers affected were afraid they would have to stand the entire cost, which they had anticipated would only be $1,500,00 They now wanted a committee appointed to set a fair tax, on the basis of what the reclaimed lands could stand.

"What will be the government policy," he asked. "The whole thing was a rash election promise made so that the minister of agriculture could win his by-election."

Mr. Bowser turned again to the P.G.E. Railway question, saying his criticism of the government's borrowing stopped construction. On the other hand, he had voted on two occasions in favor of the completion of the line to Prince George. The government said in 1920 that Prince George would be reached that year; they were three years behind their schedule.

"When will you build?" he asked. "You are starting in to build roads, bridges and public buildings and the freight rates issue should help win an election."

The Youngster From the North

Mr. Bowser then directed his attention to the attorney-general, who he said came into office with a flourish of trumpets, appealing to the moral forces to watch his fire.

"He reminds me of a spitting back-firing Ford," he jibed. "He back-fired on the bootlegger, the warehouse man, on the further export of liquor. He back-fired on Stevens, going to slay him in one speech. He back-fired on the Senate and they slew him. He was going to make Beattly look sick. Then he finally back-fired on the breweries. What has it amounted to? Nothing but gas."

Turning towards the attorney-general, he asked. "What about your criticism of the Dominion Trust when in opposition, and your promises of blue-sky laws? What about the terrible state of the L. R. Steel investors? If that had happened when we were in power the rafters would have rung with oratorical denunciation."

Ruled by Caucus

Mr. Bowser said the Liberal caucus decided who should be minister of public works and who attorney-general, while the Premier waited in his office or the decision. He wondered if the caucus was proud of that day's work.

Other questions hurled in rapid succession were: "Shall we abolish the personal property tax? Shall we reduce the amusement tax? What does the minister of railways do?"

"He cannot make up his mind whether to finish the P. G. E. or not," he continued. "First he must make a survey along the line starting out personally to find out something about the province. I thought that was settled when you took the road over, when you contracted with the Northern Construction Company and when we voted you $4,000,000 in 1920 and $4,000,000 more in 1921."

Mr. Bowser said the people would have many reasons to keep green the memory of the Oliver government, a staggering debt, the Oliver school and the Oliver town, the quiet laying of the corner-stone of the Prince Rupert court house and the laying of the University corner-stone. The latter would be paid for out of the cost-plus contract of Colonel Ryan.

The opposition leader said the minister of lands would go down in history as the man who got the mills of Port Angeles busy sawing British Columbia timber, which now gives work to many British Columbia men abroad.

"He will go down in history as the man who spent $4,000,000 on the Southern Okanagan scheme and will not get enough returns to pay interest on the money borrowed," added the speaker.

Mr. Bowser called the minister of public works the "spendthrift of the government, the cost-plus minister," who had yet to see any work undertaken finished within the estimate or within the contract price. Extras always cropped up and the contractor looked after them on the cost-plus basis.

Mr. Bowser paid his respects to the minister of agriculture whom he was glad to see back from his Old Country "joy-ride," a trip taken when his wards, the farmers, needed advice and help.

"Whenever I look at my honorable friend I feel that he must be suffering from some gastronomic disturbance," continued the opposition leader, "and now I am sure of it. The agent-general must have shown him the sights of London and had him partake of some dish at the "Chesire Cheese" which did not agree with him, as immediately upon his return he wanted to deport our farmers. I want to warn him that before the Sumas Lake farmers are through with him he will wish he were south of the 49th parallel."

More Globe Trotters

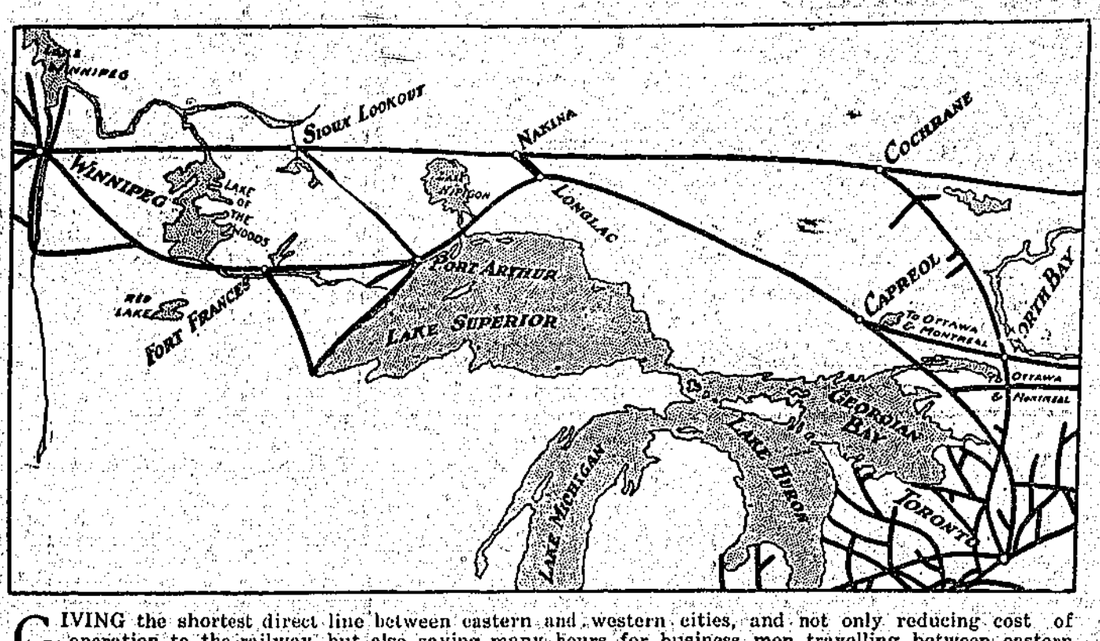
Mr. Bowser congratulated the government upon the "safe" return of Mrs. Smith and spoke of the "excellent publicity agent" the woman member had while abroad.

"What was her mission?" he asked, adding that Mrs. Smith was a missionary without a policy.

"She was reaching out for immigrants about as suitable as the minister of lands' half-pay officers from India," said Mr. Bowser, adding that he understood through press dispatches from Ottawa that Mrs. Smith's "pilgrimage" was to be an annual one.

"Another voyageur has returned," he remarked, referring to Mr. Farris. "The constitution had to be amended to allow for this joy-ride to London, but a little thing like that does not disturb his democratic government. I want to congratulate my friend upon losing all his cases but one."

NATIONAL WAY SAVES MANY HOURS



GIVING the shortest direct line between eastern and western cities, and not only reducing cost of operation to the railway, but also saving many hours for business men travelling between eastern and western Canada, the Long Lake cutoff of the Canadian National Railways will be ready for operation on December 1st, it is expected. By constructing 30 miles of a cutoff, joining the former Canadian Northern main line through Ontario with the Canadian National Transcontinental line, a saving of 70.2 miles will be made in the distance between Winnipeg and Montreal, while the saving between Winnipeg and Toronto will be 102.6 miles. Instead of having to follow the bend of the former Canadian Northern line down to Fort Francis and Port Arthur, trains to Toronto will travel over the Transcontinental line to Nakina and thence down the cutoff to Long Lake, the most northerly point of the Canadian Northern former main line. Business men travelling to Montreal from Winnipeg will thus save three hours, and those travelling to Toronto slightly over four hours.

LOCAL PAPER ADS GIVE BEST RESULTS

Advertising in the hometown paper is the best investment a local merchant can make. Charles E. Blackwell, an Okanagan, Wash., merchant, said by many to be the most successful country merchant in the state, recently expressed himself at the Unity Day conference thus:

"There are many lines of publicity that the country store can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his hometown paper. I venture to say that if the money spent each year for fancy calendars and other knick-knack give-aways were invested (I say invested, not spent or donated) in carefully planned newspaper publicity, the actual net returns to the advertiser would be ten times as great, to say nothing of the advantage the small town paper would derive from the additional and much needed revenue."

When merchants who know, speak as Mr. Blackwell does—and all who are succeeding speak thus—a newspaperman need not feel that he is asking anything in the way of a favor when he seeks the advertising support of every hometown merchant and businessman.

There isn't any use blinding ourselves to actualities. Carefully prepared advertising in the local paper DOES BRING BUSINESS TO THE TOWN AND HOLDS IT. Poorly prepared advertising, or none at all, in the local paper loses business and drives interest away.

Enough money is spent each season by merchants who never use the columns of the local newspaper, for calendars and other advertising geegaws and doodads, which are given away, to pay for "ad" space in the local paper for a whole year. Not a large "ad" perhaps, but large enough to permit the merchant to speak to our large number of subscribers once a week for fifty-two weeks. Any merchant ought to be able to see the possibilities through such a privilege.

HOW CAN THE FARMER DETERMINE THE BEST VARIEY TO GROW

The Experimental Farms throughout Canada may be relied upon to to give valuable advice with regard to the most promising variety of grain to grow in the district or province in which a given farm is located.

The districts in Canada, however, are so immense that only general information regarding the suitability of a variety for a given district can be given by an experimental farm. This is especially true when a farmer has peculiar conditions on his farm. It then becomes imperative that he make a further test under his own conditions in order to determine the sort which suits those conditions most satisfactorily.

It oftens happens that some physical pecularity of the district prevents a problem that does not arise in a place 4 or 5 miles away. Rust may be had in a small area; new land may be coming under cultivation; it may be hard to get varieties with sufficient strength of straw on heavy, wet, peaty soil. All these are local problems that the individual can solve for himself in the following way: Write the nearest experimental farm and obtain information as to what varieties are likely to be most suitable; then purchase at least five pounds of each of these. A greater quantity however would be better. Five pounds is sufficient to sow one run of seeder about 18 to 25 rods long. If it is intended to seed down grass and clover with the grain, it is best to block the outside spout on each end of the grain drill and drive so that the wheel follows the second drill mark instead of the first as is normally the case. In this way the seeder will cover all the ground with grass seed and leave a 14 in. path between the varieties which are seeded.

During the growing period, observations should be made as to the behaviour of the varieties under test, so that by harvest time a fair idea may be gained as to which variety appears to suit local conditions best. If considered necessary, in order to be surer of the yield, a few strips—from 5 to 10 are recommended—each one rod long, may be cut out of chosen rows in each plot. The heads obtained from these strips may then be threshed and the grain weighed. The weight of grain so obtained from one plot may be compared with that from another as further evidence of he relative standing of the sorts tested. It does not take long to cut the heads from a strip one rod long nor does it take long to thresh, and for the little trouble involved, one is able to determine what variety is most likely to give greatest returns under the conditions considered.

The experimental farms are always willing to give advice and whenever possible to co-operate in solving local variety problems. Do not hesitate to write to the nearest Dominion Experimental Farm when you need advice on a variety for your district.—Experimental Farms Note.

The Real Reason

English Girl: "You American girls have not such healthy complexions as we have. I cannot understand why our noblemen take a fancy to your white faces."

American Girl: "It isn't our white faces that attract them, my dear; it's our greenbacks."

Comforting

Johnny: "And so, Auntie, you're a real old maid?"

Aunt Anna: "Yes, Johnny dear, I'm a 'real old maid.'"

Johnny: "Well, never mind, poor dear auntie—I'm sure it isn't your fault."

MORE TELEPHONES PER HEAD IN B. C. THAN ELSEWHERE

British Columbia still maintains the record among the provinces of Canada of having the greatest number of telephones to the population, says Telephone Talk. According to the return issued last month by the government at Ottawa, there is a telephone to every 6.6 persons, the other provinces ranking as follows: Ontario, one telephone to 7.4 persons; Saskatchewan, 8.2; Alberta, 9.2; Manitoba, 9.2; New Brunswick, 14.4; Quebec, 14.4; Prince Edward Island, 17.2.

The record has been held by this province for a number of years, and a better showing is constantly being made. The report points out that Saskachewan has had the greatest increase since 1914, with Ontario next, but this only shows that British Columbia has always been well supplied with the telephones, and the annual development has been steady with the object of keeping pace with the requirements of provincial expansion.

When one realizes the ramifications of the telephone systems in British Columbia, it is not to be wondered that this province stands well to the front among the provinces of the Dominion in this respect. Telephone lines reach to all sections, the greatest development of course being on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, where the percentage of telephones to the population is quite high.

ELECTRIC CAR ON RAILWAY

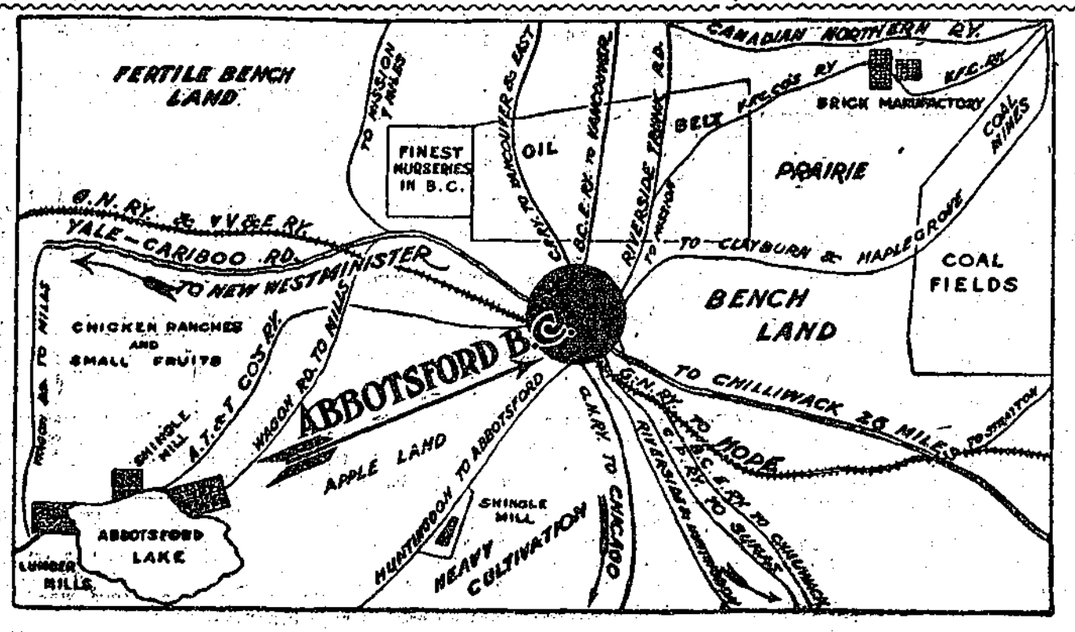
An electric unit car, the first of its kind in Western Canada, has been placed in service between Winnipeg and Transcona by the Canadian National Railways. The car, which is operated from storage batteries, permits of a frequent regular service with a fifteen minute run between these two points. It carries 100 passengers and is capable of obaining a speed of 40 miles per hour, operating for 120 miles on one charging of the batteries.

The Busy Man

If you want to get a favor done by some obliging friend, and want a promise safe and sure, on which you may depend, don't go to him who always has much leisure time to plan, but if you want your favor done just ask the busy man.

The man with leisure never has a moment he can spare; he's busy "putting off" until his friends are in despair. But he whose every waking hour is crowded full of work forgets the art of wasting time—he cannot stop to shirk.

So, when you want a favor done, and want it right away, go to the man who constantly works sixteen hours a day. He'll find a moment, sure, somewhere, that has no other use and fix you while the idle man is framing an excuse.



Cold Storage Service

Always prompt, polite service at White's Butcher Shop, such attention naturally go with an up-to-date Cold Storage service as we give. We always want you to get what you pay for. Our service is at your command.

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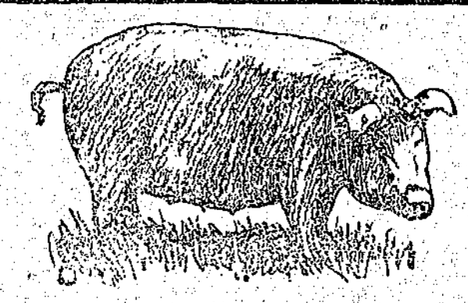

I See a Big Pig

If you are preparing Pigs so that they will make the best of Pork when killed, you need some of our Pig Feed to do it properly

Straw, a ton $15.00

which pigs must have to be healthy and thrive

J. J. SPARROW

Essendene Avenue *ABBOTSFORD, B. C.*

PERSONALS

Three new members were added at the regular meeting of the O.A.W. Club held on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall.

Mrs. Adams of Sumas was the guest of Mrs. G. R. Wright on Sunday.

Mr. Stewart McPhee of New Westminster enjoyed a few holidays at home this week.

Mr. C. Spring visited New Westminster on Wednesday.

Word has been received from Mr. Howard Trethewey that he has reached his destination in Ontario, and that he expects to be married on Thanksgiving Day, November 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Farrow, accompanied by Mrs. D. Rucker, motored to Bellingham on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. C. Coogan visited her sister, Mrs. Elmer Campbell of Bellingham at the week-end.

Miss Florence McPhee of Burlington, Wash., visited her home here during the week.

Miss Wineburg visited her home in Vancouver over the week-end.

Mrs. Chas. McInnes of Langley Prairie was the recent guest of Mrs. A. McInnes.

Mr. Brackman of Port Alberni, V. I., has accepted the position as teller in the Royal Bank.

The first regular meeting of the Abbotsford Property Owners' Association will be held on Thursday evening, November 15th.

On October the 25th in the M.-S.-A. Hospital a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Beaton of Matsqui.

Mr. W. Roberts visited his son, Charlie, in Bellingham on Thursday. Charlie, has been very ill but is reported as improving.

Mrs. D. Emery of Port Alberni, V. I. visited friends in Abbotsford this week.

Reeve Merryfield and his sister, Mrs. Ferguson, of Mt. Lehman, attended the Orange concert in Abbotsford on Monday evening.

Miss Elsie McPhee tendered a very jolly Hallowe'en party to her pupils and their parents at Whatcom recently. Hallowe'en games, contests, singing and dancing were thoroughly enjoyed by young and old.

The theatre hall has been engaged for the annual dance and concert at the New Year. After the close of the business section a very enjoyable social and dance was held.

Miss Evans is spending a Thanksgiving holiday at her home in Sardis.

Master Warren Holly was discharged from the M.-S.-A. Hospital following an operation and is progressing favorably.

The regular meeting of the W. A. of the M.-S.-A. Hospital is to be held on November 21st, and it is requested that there be a good attendance, as business of importance in connection with the bazaar to be held on November the 30th, will be taken up.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. Coney on Tuesday afternoon, when general business was transacted and a social time enjoyed.

At the meeting of the boys' Taxis Club held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, Mr. D. C. Durrant addressed the boys on law, giving very interesting facts and information. At the close of the meeting the boys enjoyed a game of basketball.

At the close of the Eastern Star meeting on Thursday evening, the members of the Lodge were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. T. McMillan. The party contained twelve, and after refreshments had been served, a social hour was spent.

Members of the A.F. & A.M. visited the Sedro Wooley Lodge on Thursday evening, and report a very good time.

The Clayburn football team are playing the Mission team in Mission City to-morrow (Saturday).

Mrs. A. M. King and daughter, Irene, are spending a few days in Vancouver.

Seven auto loads of members of the Pearl Rebekah Lodge of Abbotsford attended a whist drive of the sister Lodge at Mission City on Monday evening. The visitors were given a royal welcome, and had a very jolly time.

Mrs. Joe McCallum of Vancouver is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCallum.

At the meeting of the Wyona Club of the C. G. I. T., the members made further plans for the arrangement of the candy stall at the forthcoming hospital bazaar. The resignation as secretary, was received from Thelma Taylor, and Jessie Coogan was appointed in her place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCallum of Mission City are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCallum for Thanksgiving.

Miss G. Leatham of Vancouver was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Downie.

Among the Abbotsford folk who are spending Thanksgiving at the coast are Miss Elsie McPhee, Miss Mutrie, Miss Wineburg, Miss Archibald, Mrs. Manning and Miss Gilley

Jubilee Anniversary Held at Chilliwack

The Jubilee Anniversary service of the St. Thomas Church, Chilliwack, was held on Monday evening, when Bishop dePencier and clergy of diocese were present.

An unique feature of the gathering was the presence of two of the members of the church at the time of dedication in November 1873, Mr. Horatio Webb and Mr. John McCutcheon, who acted as sidesmen at the service.

At the close of the service a reunion of old and new members was held, when many interesting stories were told of early days in Chilliwack and the Fraser Valley.

Rev. A. H. Priest and Mrs. Priest of Abbotsford attended the anniversary.

STEVENS—CASE

The wedding of Leslie Stevens and Pearl Case of Clayburn was solemnized at the Presbyterian Manse, Abbotsford, on Thursday afternoon, at 4 p. m., the Rev. W. Robertson officiating.

Mr. Edgar Stevens acted as best man and Mrs. Edgar Stevens as matron of honor. The bride looked charming in a travelling suit of navy blue with hat to match and carried a bouquet of roses. After a short honeymoon spent at the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will take up residence in Sumas City.

ST. ANDREWS AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual business meeting and social of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening.

Officers were appointed for the coming year as follows: Hon. Pres., J. A. McGowan; Pres., C. Wallace; Vice-pres., J. Mutch; Chaplain, Rev. W. Robertson; Sec., W. Stewart; Treas., W. Rodgers and Piper J. Duncan. The executive committee is composed of the following: Messrs. Richmond, Lindores, McGillivray Paterson, Heller, Coots and Thompson. It was decided to hold a St. Andrews night on December 1st in the Masonic Hall.

Poultrymen Appoint Advisory Committee

There was a large attendance of poultrymen at the meeting held in the Bank of Montreal Chambers on Thursday evening. The chief business of the gathering was the appointment of an advisory committee to work in conjunction with Mr. A. George, the local manager of the Co-operative exchange.

A representative was appointed from each district, viz., Mr. W. H. Hill-Tout for Poplar and Peardonville; Mr. V. Harroway, for Abbotsford and District, and Mr. L. Smith for the Matsqui district.

Arrangements are being made to hold meetings in Peardonville and Matsqui in the very near future, at which the managing director of the Co-operative Exchange, Mr. G. C. Milnes, will speak. A resolution was passed, which is to be sent to the B. C. Poultry Association, asking for a reciprocal tariff between the United States and Canada on shipments of eggs. At the present time eggs can enter the U. S. from Canada with an eight cent duty while eggs coming to Canada from United States are charged only a three cent duty which greatly hampers the export of eggs from the entire Dominion. In B. C. at the present time there is produced 100 to 120 carloads more eggs than can be consumed.

Were there a reciprocal tariff between United States and Canada the B. C. eggs could be shipped to Montreal and Eastern parts, where the market is good, and the 5 cents saved on the duty would pay the freight East.

Some idea of the efficient work of the Co-operative Exchange can be gathered from the actual figures given out, showing that up to the present year not more than 30 carloads of eggs have ever been shipped out of B. C. in a single year. This year 100 carloads have been exported through the Exchange alone.

Poultrymen of the district are planning to exhibit at the 8th annual poultry show of the Fraser Valley, which is to be held at Mission City on November 20 to 23rd inclusive.

Mostly prize birds and utility classes will be entered from here. Mr. C. McDiarmid of Mission City is the secretary this year, and all entries are to be made not later than the 13th inst, all exhibits to be in place by the evening of Nov. 19th.

Sumas Council

WHATCOM ROAD, Nov. 7.—At the November meeting of the Sumas Council on Saturday the Nelles road extension east to the Lawson road was established, and also the Eldridge road from the McDermot road west to the Cole road. After discussing the correspondence with the road along the high level dyke bank, the council decided to proceed no further with the matter at present.

The request of the Highway Signals Co. to erect Reflecto mirrors at all dangerous curves was granted without question.

The Clayburn-Straiton road which runs through unorganized country and is kept up by the municipality and the government on a fifty-fifty basis, is now in bad repair. As the council has spent $400 this year and the government has contributed nothing, the clerk was instructed to ask the Public Works Department to make the road good for the winter.

A drainage scheme for Section six was presented by Messrs. Fadden, Peyton and Porter whereby a large area will be benefitted by a ditch dug to Sumas River, incidentally draining portions of the Maher and Whatcom roads.

There is not time now to comply with the legal notice terms of the Ditches and Watercourses Act, and finish the work this year. A mutual agreement was drawn up, therefore, on a plan to cost approximately $1720. The council undertakes to contribute $440 on the completion of the ditch to the satisfaction of its Board of Works.

The claim of Mr. Sid Clarke of Abbotsford for $42 damages, was not allowed by the council. Mr. Clarke's cow had been impounded and was lamed by a nail in the foot which the owner states was picked up in the pound. The evidence of the poundkeeper not being confirmatory, the council did not accept the bill.

Reeve Atkinson, with Councillors Frith and Boley, will constitute the court of revision of the voters' list on Dec. 10. The regular December meeting will follow the sitting of the court immediately.

Missionary Society Met on Wednesday

The Ladies' and Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. Hutchison last Wednesday. The ladies decided to hold the annual Thankoffering meeting on November 15th, when special speakers will be in attendance.

The Women's Missionary Society are asking for donations of vegetables, fruit and clothing for the "Girls' Rescue Home" in Vancouver. Donations are to be left at the home of Mrs. J. E. Parton between the 10th and 14th of November. After this date the articles will be forwarded to the home.

At St. Matthews Church on Sunday evening Rev. A. H. Priest will preach a special sermon in keeping with Armistice Day, and extends an invitation to all returned men to be present.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on

Friday, the 23rd November, 1923

for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, twelve times per week, on the route between

Abbotsford
and Railway Station (C.P.)

from the 1st January next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Abbotsford, B. C. and at the office of the District Superintendent of Post Service.

District Superintendent's Office,
Vancouver, B. C.
12th October, 1923.

J. F. MURRAY,
District Superintendent.

Lays Blame on The Municipality

MOUNT LEHMAN, Nov. 5.—Claims and counter claims occupied most of the time of the Matsqui council's meetings at the municipal hall on Saturday.

Mr. J. G. Glazebrook of Bradner claimed the responsibility of the municipality for an accident happening on Oct. 31, on the International Highway near Bradner. He was driving slowly down when he saw a heap of dirt ahead. Two men stood beside this. They did not signal in any way, so he thought the road was clear, but ran into an open culvert. The repair bill was $27.50, which he thought the council should pay. The bill was carefully itemized by the New Westminster firm that had repaired the car and the Reeve considered many of the items bore little relation to the accident.

The municipal clerk stated that the workmen told him they had to jump for their lives when the car appeared and had no time to give warnings.

Councillor Keay had not heard of the accident until the day before the council meeting and suggested an adjournment of the claim until he had seen the foreman and workmen. The matter will be taken up again at the next meeting on Oct. 1.

In their logging operations at Dennison it was reported that at company of Hindus had gone over the boundaries of the property they had leased and were cutting the timber on road allowances and municipally owned land. Chief of Police T. H. Lehman, a qualified lumberman, was sent to cruise the cut and estimated it at 100,000 feet.

The council, to this report, billed Gunda Singh for $100. The Hindu's excuse that he is not responsible because he had sub-let the contract, is not held by the councillors, who intend to sue if the bill is not paid.

The loan of $315, made to the Matsqui Farmers' Institute to enable them to make purchases of stumping powder, is now due. The council, however, agreed not to press for immediate payment, but expected the institute to cover interest charges. This has been agreed upon.

The Orange Lodge at Mount Lehman, desiring electric service at the Orange Hall, requested permission from the council to erect a pole line along the Mt. Lehman road. This permission was granted.

Mr. N. Nelson, having property along the extension of the Hallet road at Gifford, cannot reach it without crossing a slough. He offered to build a bridge himself over the slough if the council would give him the timber discarded from several repaired bridges in the district He would cut stringers from the woods. Councillor Mutch readily closed in with the offer.

Constable Wilson was promised further assistance on the Riverside road extension if funds allowed.

The question of re-dividing the wards was again discussed by the council. The Matsqui folk, and some on the hills, think that the dyked area should have a ward of its own. This arrangement could be made only by changing every ward boundary and cutting the municipality into five, instead of four, wards. As the question might be controversial, the councillors agreed to take no action at present, but to take the voter's opinion by means of a plebiscite at the next municipal election.

Hiawatha Club Entertain Mothers

The girls of the Hiawatha Club of the C.G.I.T. entertained their mothers at a pleasant Hallowe'en party in the Parish Hall, last Monday afternoon.

The guests were entertained by a very nice impromptu programme, after which refreshments were served. Among the mothers present were Mesdames McGowan, Knox, McPhee, Rucker, Whitchelo, Hutchinson, McNeily, Snashall, Daily and Sumner and Miss Archibald.

Miss Jessie Todd of Vancouver is the guest of Mrs. A. McInnes and Mrs. W. Harkness during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Pegg of Vancouver has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Dwight Rucker and family are preparing to move to Blaine to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole of Central Park spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Conway.

Christmas Cake

How about that Christmas Cake you are going to make? Only six weeks till Christmas is here. We have everything that goes into it and with it too, except John Oliver's Special. Raisins, Peels, Currants, Spices, Sugars, etc. QUALITY is high and PRICES are low.

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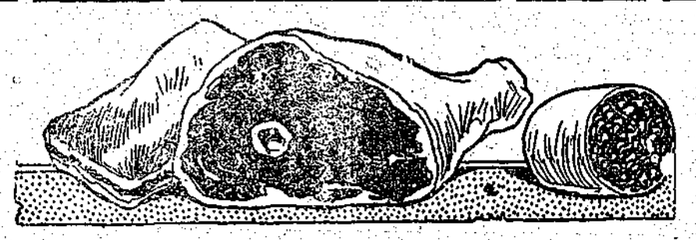

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CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

Board of Trade Hears Reports

The regular monthly meeting of the Abbotsford and District Board of Trade was held on Monday evening, Mr. J. A. McGowan acting as chairman.

Favorable reports were given by the convenors of the Street Lighting, Fire and Pound Committees. In regard to the latter, it is expected that Mr. George Gough will be appointed as poundkeeper.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the road foreman, V. Sayce, that repairs and improvements were needed to be made to certain sections of the sidewalks around town. A communication was read from the Associated Boards of B. C. reminding the local Board of the coming convention of the Boards of Trade of B. C., which is to be held in Vancouver on November 15, 16 and 17, and which will be attended by representatives of the Abbotsford Board.

The regular meeting in January, which is the annual meeting, will take the form of an open meeting, at which speakers from outside points will take part.

In reply to an enquiry, made by Secretary, H. Eby, in regard to the beet sugar industry in the Fraser Valley, a letter was read from the Provincial Department, stating that as yet no experiments had been made in the Valley as to the sugar contained in the beet crops. The information was also given that a beet sugar factory necessitated a very large investment, and that at least 18,000 acres of beet crops would be needed for its substance.

A motion was passed endorsing the stand the Abbotsford Property Owners had taken in regard to Village Incorporation, and promising support and co-operation in furthering the project.

A resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Peck and family was also passed.

HOSPITAL DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER

The following donations have been received at the hospital during October and are herein gratefully acknowledged:

Flowers, Mrs. Millard; ducks, Mr. W. Wells; grapes, Mr. Fooks; fruit and vegetables, St. Margaret's Church (Bradner Harvest Home); cream and chicken, Mrs. A. Goldsmith (Aldergrove); flowers, Mrs. Zeigler; vegetables and potatoes, Mr. A. Ostrum (Gifford); honey, Clearbrook W. I.; game and apples, Mr. W. Wells; old linen, Mrs. A. McPhee; apples, Mr. Lovedar; apples, Mrs. N. Nelson (Pine Grove); flowers, Miss Rodgers; tomatoes, Mrs. Thornthwaite (St. Nicholas); $3 for nursery supplies, Mrs. McGowan.

Rev. Mr. George of Central Park visited at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Conway this week.

Mrs. Stanley Ney of Vancouver has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Rev. W. and Mrs. Robertson, at the Manse.