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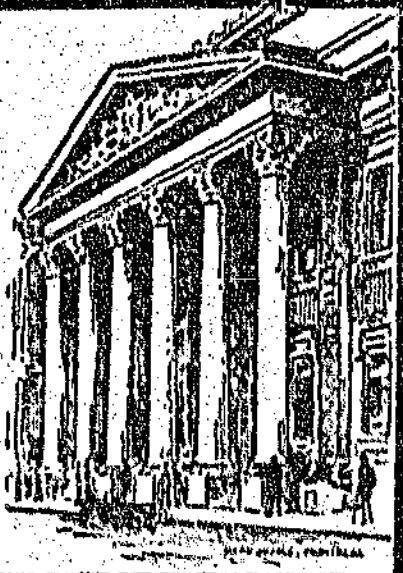
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LIBERAL DEBATE GREAT SUCCESS

At the regular meeting of the Alberni Liberal Association held in the Motion Block on Friday evening last, the business of the evening was, culminated by a debate. The subject chosen was "Resolved that Reciprocity with the United States would be in the best interests of Canada."

As might have been expected, this subject gave full scope for the powers of all parties, and the debate that followed was of the most interesting nature. Mr. Geyard opened for the affirmative, and gave a good outline of the historical and of the question. He traced the various steps that had been taken by the Canadian and American governments looking to the end of establishing reciprocity, and closed with a brief outline of the manner in which the Conservatives had always worked for that same reciprocity until they thought that political capital could be made out of taking the other side of the question. It had therefore the endorsement of both of the political parties of Canada at one time or another, and must have some good in it to have had this support.

Mr. Soule followed for the negative and brought out an array of arguments to support his contentions that it would be better to confine the business of the Canadian people to the limits of the British Empire, and let the Americans trade where they like, and put on all the tariffs they pleased. He did not think that there was any chance of getting the Americans to let go their idea of getting the best of any bargain they made, and he felt sure that if the United States came into such an agreement it would be because they thought that they would get the best of the bargain.

Mr. Harry Hills was a member of the affirmative team, and had a clean cut argument to present, and gave it in a very attractive manner. The whole idea was to be allowed to buy in the best market, and sell in the same way. If this could be found across the line, then go after it. There must be something good in the idea of reciprocity for all parties in Canada had tried to bring it about, and it was only when it was found that political capital could be made out of opposing it that the conservatives had switched around to the other side. The farmer would be better off, the consumer would be better off, and the only person who would have a kick coming would be the manufacturer who was holding up the country. Let him kick all he liked but give us a chance to do business where we find it.

Mr. Motion then took up the affirmative. He traced the experience of the farmers in the northwest. They had pay a high duty for all kinds of farm machinery, and at the same time were closed out of the great market to the south of them. If this market was opened it would be exchanging the chance to trade with seven or eight million people, for the same chance with ninety or one hundred million, and he thought that Canada would get the best of such an arrangement. He repudiated the idea that Canadians could not hold their own in trading with Americans, or any other people, and thought that the suggestion was an insult to the Canadian people. The speaker gave a long array of statistics to show the advantages of reciprocity to the Canadian farmer, and thought that it would at the same time bring some of the manufacturing element to their senses. This element had dominated the country about long enough.

Mr. McMonagle was next to take up the negative side. He repudiated all idea of trying to trade with the "Yankies." They were a lot that would get the best of the bargain, and had better be left alone. There was nothing in the United States that we wanted, or could not produce ourselves if we did want it. What had we to

FIRE DESTROYS ALBERNI CHURCH

Yesterday morning about 3:30 fire destroyed the Presbyterian Church and Manso, and damaged the Church Hall. The Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene, but the fire had got such a hold that it was impossible to save to save the church, and the efforts of the brigade were directed towards the Hall and Manso. The Manso was practically destroyed but the Hall was only slightly damaged. The firemen worked under great difficulties and were ably assisted by a large number of citizens. The Fire Brigade was sent for and responded promptly, and performed good service, being of great service in saving nearby property.

The church was a total loss being valued at \$9,000 and only insured for \$2,000. The Manso was insured for \$700. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Professor and Mrs. Carruthers, also to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fraser, who lost considerable of their personal belongings. The fire is supposed to have been caused by defective electric wires. The Marcon and Lord-Best Blocks, the residence of S. H. Toy and the Clegg photo studios all caught fire but were easily put out. The windows of the Lord-Best Block were broken with the tremendous heat and a section of the telephone cable was melted.

By opening our gates to the manufacturers and producers of the United States, and make Canada the dumping ground for all the surplus products of the country across the line? Better leave things as they are. Free trade within the Empire was a much better idea than free trade with the United States.

With the close of the main debate several others took part in the discussion, and a very interesting evening closed with a feeling that much light had been thrown on an important subject.

It was resolved to hold only one meeting a month for the summer, and these will be called for the second Friday in each month until further notice.

Next meeting Mr. Prescott has promised to give an address on the business and financial outlook of the country at the present time. This will be well worth hearing, and there should be a good turnout on that occasion.

City Council.

At the regular meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday night, Mayor Hill occupied the chair and all the Aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Gibson. Indian Agent Cox, wrote the Council stating that he had received permission from the Indian Department to have a hydrant installed on the Opechesah No. 1 Reserve, this was left in the hands of the hands of the Public Safety Committee for action. Mr. E. M. Whyte waited on the Council for the necessary permission to enable the Rifle Club to hold rifle practice within the city limits.

Ald. Blakemore gave notice of motion to amend By-law No. 14, Section 46 to cover this by adding the following words: "Unless a permit is first obtained from the city authorities." Ald. Harvey seconded this and it was given a first and second reading and put through the committee stage with Ald. Pineo in the chair. The committee reported the amendment complete without amendments, the bill was then read a third time and will come up for final consideration at the next meeting.

The acting clerk was instructed to put a notice in the paper re the cutting of noxious weeds.

The regular services of the St. Andrews Church will be held in the Hall next Sunday.

GERMAN PRESS ON U. S. NOTE

Berlin, June 13.—The Berlin morning papers generally comment more or less extendedly on the American note along the lines followed by the Saturday evening papers.

While there is a general disposition to recognize the friendly tone of the note and the fact that it makes further negotiations possible, the press is divided, roughly, into two parties, one of which appears to be disposed to enter into negotiations looking toward a compromise on a new basis, while the other, by implication or expressly rejects any departure from the course hitherto followed. Among the representatives of the latter line is Tagliero Rundschau, which says:

"The note therefore is calculated to postpone the settlement of German-American relations and not bring it about. The friendly tone we acknowledge, but the decision that the sinking of the Lusitania was unparalleled in modern warfare seems opposed to the character of upright friendship."

The Rundschau defends the sinking of the Lusitania and in conclusion declares:

"And the watchword is 'The torpedoing will go on.'"

The Kronk Zeitung emphasizes Germany's right to prevent the shipment of munitions to an enemy by any means.

Count von Hoventlow is the Tages Zeitung says:

"If President Wilson persists in his refusal to recognize the German declaration of a war zone, we are not able to conceive of an agreement or even a real understanding."

"President Wilson brushes aside the chief part of the German note, as unimportant. When President Wilson appeals for morality and human rights let him extend those motives first to American munitions. Germany cannot abandon the use of her best implement of war, merely in order that Americans may sail the war zone on British ships."

Launch Trip.

Mr. Joe Drinkwater, the owner of the Central Lake "Ark Hotel," has made an arrangement which will appeal to all who like a little outing, and an occasional basket of trout. He is going to run his launch up the lake on Saturday afternoon and leave it there until Sunday evening, so that those who wish to take advantage of the splendid fishing at the head of the lake can have an evening and a morning fishing at that point for the price of one trip instead of two, as formerly. There is no doubt that this will appeal to a large number who know the fine sport to be had at the head of the lake.

Just now the Central Lake port is at its best; better get busy before all the big ones are caught.

For those who wish to camp at the head of the lake there is the "Little Ark" which is snug and comfortable. Here, a bed, cooking outfit, boat and everything except grub, is to be had for a dollar a day. Bring your own grub, cook it as you like, and then you will know who is to blame.

Engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Leslie, to Mr. Alfred A. Brown of Myrhyr, Wales. Mr. Brown is now with the C.P.R. Construction Corps at the front.

Concert.

Miss Wright, assisted by well known local talent will give a concert tonight in the Lord Best Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church. Come and assist the ladies at 8 p.m.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - June 18, 1915

NATIONAL BUSINESS

JUST now the financial papers of the Eastern portion of the country are paying a considerable amount of attention to the general aspect of the business situation. While the general opinion appears to be that there is an improvement in the volume of business as a whole, there are not lacking those who plainly point out that we need something more than this to put the country back on a basis where general prosperity can be expected.

The financial Post of Toronto, opens the ball by remarking:

"As we have been pointing out repeatedly, Canada needs more business, more farm production, more employment, more settlers on the land, but the ministers responsible for these departments are not, for various reasons, doing what is absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the country. For these very practical purposes the very best men available should be secured. They must be men of proved energy experience and executive capacity.

Our governments are formed on the wrong lines. Men are elected to fill cabinet positions because of their party standing, the influence they wield and the power they have to control electoral districts and not because of their capacity to administer their departments efficiently. They are expected to handle their department, primarily with a view to political advantages, in securing for their party the maximum number of votes."

Coming further west the problem of the unemployed looms up on the financial horizon, and has to be dealt with. As the coast is reached this problem becomes more and more of a burning one and the solution is not yet at hand. Dealing with this feature of the business situation, the Winnipeg Free Press takes the following view of the unemployment problem:

"The path of solution is the land. This is so obvious, so insistent and so obvious as to preclude argument. But as to what form the land policy to be decided upon shall take permits of a vast amount of discussion. Indeed, the problem is so difficult and so beset with dangers and pitfalls, that the very best brains of the Dominion, the highest

business ability of the Dominion and last, but not least, the keenest sympathies of the Dominion must be enlisted in its solution.

Many settlement projects are visionary; nevertheless a reasonable and practical project can be evolved if we are determined to evolve one. There is still a considerable amount of homestead land and it is seriously suggested in many quarters that this remaining homestead land would lend itself favorably to a land settlement scheme of 40-acre farms, a new homestead policy one might aptly call it. It is estimated that to see these men over the period which would necessarily elapse before the point of self support was reached would cost, per family, from six to eight hundred dollars, or an annual interest charge of from thirty to forty dollars. This advance, not more than a thousand dollars, all told, per farm, could in all likelihood be repaid within ten years, when, after two or three years the men became self-supporting. For the harvest they could probably leave their farms and assist in the grain growing districts.

The Free Press does not put forward this scheme as heaven-sent, adequate and conclusive but it appears to us to have much to recommend it and be deserving of consideration. Moreover, it would prejudiced other settlement proposals. One of the absolute essentials of this or of any other scheme for placing the unemployed upon the land is expert supervision. The occupants of the forty-acre farms we have described would need the sympathetic assistance of agricultural expert and upon this the success of the scheme would largely depend."

Dealing with this the Financial Post concludes by remarking:

"Months ago when there were thousands of unemployed in Canada, and when thousands of farmers needed them, the Financial Post urged the Dominion Ministers of Labor and Agriculture to get together on this great question. We suggested that Mr. Crothers organize the out of work, while Mr. Barrell lined up the farmers needing help, with in each case, the assistance of the Provincial Governments.

These gentlemen have let a great opportunity for the doing of something practical for Canada and the Empire slip by them.

Dr. Roche, Minister for the Interior, has, in this regard, a serious responsibility on his shoulders. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of our hard-earned money has been expended in bringing these out-of-work people to Canada. Numbers of them were farmers in Europe, the Free Press points out, yet, through indifference or neglect of duty on the part of our Ministers of Labor and Agriculture, we are letting many of these people, on whom we spent so much money in bringing to Canada, to slip away to the States. The country is losing money as long as these two ministers refrain from doing practical work.

The suggestions of the Free Press are workable, but our highly esteemed ministers, who undoubtedly honor their constituencies by representing them lack the administrative experience and have not the capacity to adapt themselves to serious executive work."

PRACTICAL POINTERS ABOUT ALBERNI

Alberni is reached by train from Victoria. Connections are made with Victoria, running through to Alberni on every other day. Passengers from Vancouver City can connect with this train at Nanaimo.

Alberni is also reached by steamer from Victoria, and in the summer months there is no more delightful trip than this up the west coast of Vancouver Island and along the picturesque Alberni canal.

The Island trunk line of the C.N.R. is now building from Victoria to Alberni.

Land prices as to acreage varies from \$20 to \$100 per acre for bush land and from \$100 to \$400 for land that has been cleared and brought under cultivation. Prices are governed by quality and location, and land can be had in any quantity.

It has been found that mixed farming pays best. On plots of from ten to twenty acres fruit growing, dairying, poultry raising, hogs and cattle will all pay well.

In Alberni will be found the usual advantages of a progressive Western Community that has faith, and the courage of its convictions. There are a number of good stores carrying a wide range of goods, schools, churches, the Alberni Advocate, newspaper, and a number of athletic and social clubs.

The climate is as fine as can be found on the Pacific Coast, taken the year round. The rainfall is less than that of the City of Vancouver, the frosts are light. There is seldom frost enough for skating or snow enough for sleighing, and when either of these comes it only lasts a few days. For the summer and autumn months there is nothing in the world to equal the Alberni weather.

Alberni is the outlet of one of the largest and most fertile valleys on Vancouver Island. In the District will be found a vast wealth of timber of the finest kind, coal, iron, copper, marble and other commercial stones, brick clays and other materials.

There are numerous attractive opportunities for the manufacturer and investor. The Editor of the Alberni Advocate, Alberni, B. C., will be glad to take these matters up with you. Write to him for particulars.

In the meantime it is quite in order to ask what our own Provincial Government proposes to do to meet the situation, the growing gravity of which is beyond question.

We need an answer, and we need it bad.



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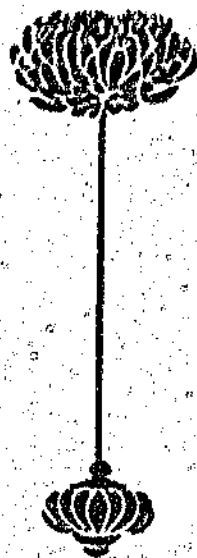
Noxious Weeds Act.

That all parties within the Municipality whose property is infested with thistles or other noxious weeds are hereby warned that unless the same are cut on or before July 1, 1915, that the City will have the same done and charge the cost of so doing against the property.

J. Forsytho,
Acting City Clerk.

Good News.

The many friends of Jack Clarke, J. W. Houslip and W. Redford will be pleased to hear that word has been received from them stating that they are recovering from wounds received.



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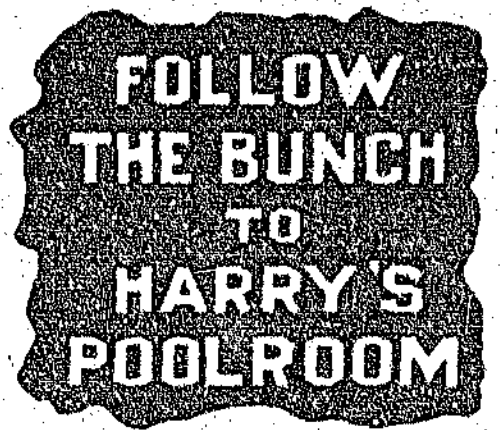
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Rifle Club.

At a well attended meeting of the Alberni District Civilian Rifle Assn. arrangements were completed for the construction of a miniature range on the banks of Roger Creek, provided permission is granted by the City Council to shoot there. Mr. E. M. Whyte, the Secretary was instructed to wait on the Council and ask for the necessary permission to hold rifle practice on the property owned by Messrs. Freeze, Spence and Patterson.

Fined.

For creating a disturbance at the residence of Mr. C. C. Luke, Robert Konnor appeared before Magistrate Kirkup on Monday, and was fined \$10, or in default, 30 days.



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Service.

Father Wood, of Victoria will hold Mass at the Catholic Church at the usual hour Sunday June 26.

Greene's Home-Bake Bread at The Alberni Trading Stores and Thomson's General Store.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WORK AND WORKERS.

Until further notice any person desiring employment, and those who wish to hire help of any kind, will find the columns of the Alberni Advocate open to make known their wants to the public without charge. The service is free. Make use of it.

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For Sale.—8 five acre blocks, 40 acres, away below the Government Agent's assessment in lot 111. Apply to James Beck, P. O. Box 128, Victoria.

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5. We agree to ask for a commission to investigate the affairs of the province that the real facts may be known and the hands of the government left free to restore the credit of the province and develop its great resources for the benefit of the people.
6. Wherever the findings of this commission show that the resources of the province have been alienated by fraud, to take such steps as shall restore them to the people while protecting the innocent investor.
7. The encouragement of agriculture by loans on easy terms, by making accessible scientific information as to the nature of the soil and climate and other conditions of each region, the encouragement of co-operation and by every legitimate means to make rural life as attractive and profitable as possible.
8. The development of mines, forests and other great natural resources of the province by encouraging the actual producer and making as difficult and unprofitable the activities of the mere exploiter and speculative investor.
9. The improvement of the conditions of the working classes by doing all possible to assure a reasonable wage, fair working conditions and decent surroundings for all classes of labor, providing for compensation for the injury or death of the worker and taking such steps as shall eliminate the suffering now falling upon the workers in times of financial depression.
10. Local option for the control of the liquor traffic.
11. Equal suffrage for men and women.
12. The fair and impartial enforcement of the law.
13. The protection of innocent investors by rigid inspection of all companies.
14. A rigid and impartial enquiry into the financial position of the P.O.E. and C.N.P. railways and the disposition of the moneys already provided, and if necessary the government to take over the roads and complete them in the interests of the people rather than to continue the present policy.

