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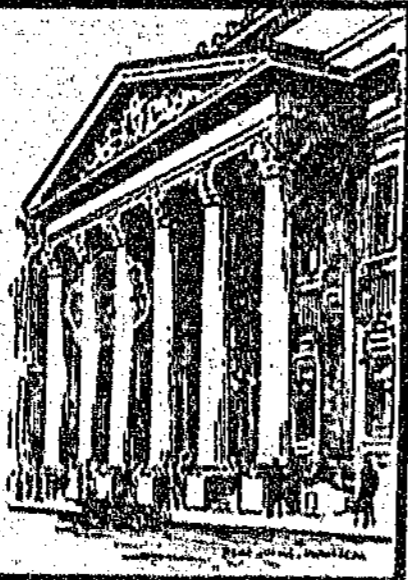
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## PATRIOTIC SOCIETY'S EXCELLENT WORK

The regular monthly meeting of the Alberni Ladies Patriotic Society was held in the English Church Hall on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The report which is given herewith will show the splendid work which the Society has done this winter. From the report of the meeting it appears that the ladies have resolved to send \$50 for the purpose of establishing a bed in the Red Cross hospital in the Old Country. In addition to this the sum of \$10 was voted for the Overseas Tobacco Fund, and will be forwarded by the local branch of that institution. There was a good response to the call for workers, and the Society has a big amount of raw material now in the process of being made up.

### STATEMENT.

Feb. 1st. to April 30th., 1915.

Receipts.	
Proceeds from Whist drives	9 79.20
" " Entertainments	160.30
Donations	30.15
St. John's Ambulance Class	15.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 284.65</b>
Expenditures.	
Wool, flannel, etc. for garments for soldiers	\$120.20
Expense of Whist Drives	17.35
" " Entertainments	21.35
Tobacco for soldiers	6.15
Incidentals	4.47
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 169.61</b>

Total Receipts..... \$ 284.65

Total expenditures 169.61

Balance on hand..... \$ 115.04

April 30, 1915.

Margaret Burke,  
 Treasurer.

### Home Again.

A shrapnel wound in the leg from which he recovered and a bullet wound in the chest were the injuries which Lance-Corporal R. Rushford, of the famous Black Watch regiment, received during his eight months at the front, and the latter has incapacitated him from taking further part in the war. He has returned to his home in Cumberland B. C. passing through Vancouver on Saturday. He was met by a very thankful wife and two children at the C. P. R. station. In the engagement in which Rushford was shot through the chest, only 42 of the 420 men who made the charge answered the subsequent roll call.

### Tennis Club.

Weather permitting, the tennis courts will be opened for play tomorrow, Saturday, May 8. All who are interested are cordially invited to be present, and it is felt that in order to make the coming season a success it will be necessary to secure further memberships. Any particulars required can be secured from the officers or present members who will be at the courts tomorrow.

### Hammering Turks.

A Mithene despatch to the London Daily Telegraph says: "The bombardment of the Dardanelles continued Saturday. Refugees say that the Queen Elizabeth's guns did the most damage to the Turkish trenches. The town of Dardanelles was totally destroyed. The forts in the narrows were considerably damaged, but the action of the fleet was hampered by mines, the clearing away of which has been made difficult by the mobile Turkish batteries ashore. The possession of Gaba Tepehl is expected to enable the Allies to place guns that will silence these batteries.

### Switzer Kase.

A Paris Paper says that as soon as Italy declares war, Germany will invade Switzerland with two army corps.

## FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL MEETING

The Alberni Volunteer Fire Brigade held its annual meeting in the Fire Hall last Thursday evening. The chief business to this fore was the election of new officers for the present year. Chief Forrest was not disposed to allow his name to come up for re-election but was finally induced to come forward, and was unanimously chosen as chief to succeed himself. Asst. Chief, J. W. Mollish, Capt. J. Gerrard, Sec. Treas., E. M. Whyte.

The financial statement for the year showed a balance of \$34.40 after clearing away all outstanding accounts. The matter of taking a hand in the tournament this year was discussed, but was left for further consideration. It is understood that there will be practices every Friday evening beginning tonight, and that an effort will be made to get in some new blood for the purpose of putting the team in its better condition for the competition.

### Liberal Meeting.

The Alberni District Liberal Assn. held a meeting in the Motion Block on Wednesday evening of this week. The chair was occupied by President Huff who explained that several communications had been received from other parts of the district, and that it was the intention to discuss the political situation and arrange for a convention.

After some discussion it was resolved to hold the convention at Parksville, and the other parts of the District will be communicated with at an early date. Committees were struck and the work organization put forward in a number of ways.

A large number of members from the Port were present and the meeting was a great success.

## PERSONAL POINTERS

Dr. Tolmie, Dominion Live Stock Inspector, paid a visit to Alberni this week in connection with some business for the Farmer's Institute. While here the Doctor took a run over the valley and gave his opinion as to the animals required to bring up the local stock to a higher level.

The Scougall brothers are paying a brief visit to Alberni. Tell you what. Those uniforms look swell and no mistake.

Mr. R. Kaplansky, of the optical department of the B. Forcimmer Jewellery Company was in town this week looking after the wants of a number who were in need of work in his line. Mr. Kaplansky reports a very busy session, and that he will return in the near future.

### Crop Competition.

The annual Field Crop Competitions for this district is now in shape for entries. These have to be in the hands of the secretary of the Farmer's Institute. Mr. Whyte, not later than May 20. Oats to the amount of one acre and potatoes to the amount of one quarter acre, or more will be considered. The plot of ground intended for the competition has to be staked off, and indicated to the Secretary at the time the names are turned in. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Farmer's Institute. The prizes are \$20 for first, \$15 for second and \$10 for third place.

The names for the junior competitions have to be in by May 10. These are for those over twelve and under eighteen, and call for one tenth of an acre of potatoes. The prizes are: first \$10; second \$8; third \$5, combined scores, field and certified report.

## LOSSES GREATER THAN CALCULATED

A telegram received on the coast this week from Ottawa states that private messages received in the capital from London indicate that the casualties among the Canadians in the fighting of a week ago north of Ypres were even greater than has been calculated. According to these messages the list will run into a total of 6,000 including over 600 killed and 2,600 wounded. The missing it is stated will run close to 2,000. A German official despatch of several days ago claimed that 1,000 Canadians had been captured. This would indicate that a large number of those described as missing may later have to be added to the dead.

The eye witness story written by Sir Max Aitken makes it clear that the 13th and 14th Battalions of Montreal were probably harder hit than any other battalion of the Canadian division. In the view of officials at head quarters here, the 13th and 14th are no more as units. They were either wiped out or taken prisoners. These may be for the most part the 1,000 prisoners the Germans claim to have taken.

### Fence Dodger.

Our old friend Pete Johnston has won his stripes, and is no longer a high private. It appears that a charge was ordered that took the boys right up to some German barbed wire entanglements. Pete was first man through the fence, and his movements attracted the attention of the commanding officer who happened to witness the slick manner in which Johnston cleared the wires. Later Pete was called up, and explained his methods to the officer who promptly decorated him with a stripe, and ordered him to instruct the other men in his tango stop.

### Court Of Revision.

Mayor Huff and Ald. Pineo and Hills sat as a Court of Revision on Monday to hear the appeals from the assessment for the year. A number of protests were put in but some of these were withdrawn, and one ruled out for not being in time. Of those treated the reductions were Lot 2, Block 2, reduced from \$2,100 to \$2,000; several lots in D. L. 137 reduced from \$75 to \$50, as these were in a gully and did not appear as valuable as the surrounding property. The C. P. R. land across the river being \$5 acres of D. L. 5 reduced from \$150 per acre to \$75 per acre.

All other appeals were dismissed, and the Court adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

### Good Sport.

Several parties took advantage of the new jitney service and made for out of town sports for the week end. Of these some went to Sproat Lake where there are reports of good sport in the trolling line on the Lake, while the fly was used with success both at the mouth of the lake and at Two Rivers arm. At the Sproat Lake falls there were a number who tried their luck with varying fortunes. The general report was too many fishermen and too few fish. Central Lake got its share of the fishermen, and these got their share of the fish, so they came home quite satisfied. No report as to the attitude of the fish with regard to the matter.

As a matter of fact there are fine trout in the rivers just now, but the water is still a little high, and it takes quite a lot of fishing to capture a good basket. For those who are willing to work there are excellent chances in many directions. We may expect to find the outside sportsmen coming in from now on, and they will not be disappointed if they get busy.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - May 7, 1918

**HITTING HARD**

THE Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland has of late been engaged in an investigation. This investigation has to do with the administration of the affairs of the Province of British Columbia by the McBride Government. From Vancouver the results of this investigation to date are contained in the following report:

"God knows what further iniquity will be found upon proper investigation. Will any man with an ounce of brains or a grain of honesty, knowing these facts, think for a moment we should keep quiet? Never in the history of humanity has there been such desperate need for the investigation of a government. They have stripped this country to the bone. If we allow them to get back into power for another five years they will pick the very marrow out. I appeal to the conscience of every man and woman to insist upon a thorough inquiry so that the public plunderers may be brought to justice and to see that they bring back to us and to future generations what is the rightful heritage of this country."

The above peroration of Rev. A. E. Cooke, before an audience which crammed Hamilton Hall to the doors to listen to the result of the investigation of the clergy into charges against the McBride government, was greeted with a tremendous uproar of indignation against the government. Applause at the speakers remarks lasted many minutes. When it had subsided somebody shouted, "Again" and there came another outburst of applause.

Probably not in the history of all the public platform criticism levelled at the McBride government has an audience listened to such an address of criticism, backed up by documentary evidence, original letters, files from government records and copies of suppressed government information as was given out by Rev. Mr. Cooke, who acted as the spokesman of the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland, and the investigating committee comprising Rev. N. A. Harkness, president; Rev. A. E. Cooke, secretary; Rev. R. F. Stillman, Rev. J. S. Henderson, Rev. W. S. A. Crux and Rev. A. M. O'Donnell.

At the close of the meeting a record of the maladministration in pamphlet form compiled by Mr. Cotsworth, chartered accountant, was sold for five cents a copy to assist the Union in defraying some of the expenses of the inquiry which has been going on for months. The title of the pamphlet is, "Crisis in British Columbia; an Appeal for Investigation."

The evidence brought before the big audience showed the alienation of millions of dollars' worth of the resources of the province; how the land grabbers have operated with the connivance of government officials; how the coal barons have acquired title to great areas; the extravagance of the administration; the reckless over capitalization of companies and generally a record of things merely hinted at in print before but there compiled from official and private records.

All of which leads us to wonder what more there is to be said along similar lines, but surely that is enough.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Stick, Brothers, stick with care; A war tax stamp in the right corner.

A one cent stamp for each letter in addition to the two cent fare. Post cards take of ones a pair.

Each check a two cent stamp must insure;

Or it costs you fifty bones to square.

On stuff your inwards to repair, Pay one tax stamp on each quartale.

Or you will be pinched for fair. For soap to make your face more fair.

It's one tax stamp on each quartale.

To distant points you may repair With five cents stuck on a five bones fare.

If for a sleeping car you care, A ten cent stamp will help you there.

Scan with care the bill of fare, It's thirteen cents for champagne there;

A pint or less is one quartale. When doubt gives you to despair

Stick war tax stamps most anywhere.

Stick, brothers, stick with care; In the right corner—not everywhere,

Or the postman will cuss and swear.

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**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 average 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 excel 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.

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"If yez don't mind, yez might close this 'Gates Ajar.'"

The Turkish question: Which of the Allies is to have the wishbone?

### 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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1. All contributions to campaign funds to be open for public inspection at any time, and the use to which they are put to be clearly indicated.
2. The appointment of a non-partisan civil service commission to make all appointments to both outside and inside service.
3. The abolition of patronage in every form; all purchases to be made in the open market and on regular business terms.
4. The publication of a regular quarterly bulletin, giving full details of all monies expended by the government.
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.

