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sum of money. In the court witnesses were brought in who swore to the writing of Lowe on a certain confession of his doings, and the court thought that enough evidence had been forthcoming to warrant the sending of the case to a higher court, and it was so ordered.

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RIFLE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alberni District Rifle Association was held in the Court House, at Alberni, on Monday evening of this week. The chair was taken by Capt. J. T. Drinkwater with Mr. E. M. Whyte acting as secretary. It was shown that the Club was in good financial condition, having come through the season with something over \$100 after all expenses were paid. A few accounts were presented and ordered paid.

The election of officers for the present year resulted in the selection of Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, Hon. Pres.; Mr. J. G. C. Wood M.L.A., Hon. Vice-Pres.; Mr. Wood-Lee, Capt.; Mr. E. M. Whyte, Sec.-Treas. A committee consisting of Messrs. J. T. Drinkwater, M. Campbell, E. B. Gerrard, George Drinkwater and A. E. Sanders, was selected to attend to executive matters. Mr. George Drinkwater was selected as caretaker of the range, and Mr. M. Campbell elected Chief Armourer, with Mr. E. B. Gerrard as Assistant Armourer.

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe made the presentation of a cup which had been won by Capt. J. T. Drinkwater during the past season, this cup represented the ten highest scores for the official shoots of the season, and was won with an average score of 91 points. Mr. Bledsoe pointed out the many advantages of such an association as the Rifle Club and congratulated the Association on the fact that several former members were now at the front doing their little bit for the cause of right and justice. He hoped that the high record would be maintained, and felt sure that it would be. The Association was a splendid thing, and was doing the very best kind of work in fitting men to take their share of the duties of citizens of a great Empire. It was the training of young men along the lines of clean sport that had contributed in a large measure to the success of the British forces in all parts of the world, and of all of those sports that of rifle shooting was one of the most useful. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to Mr. Drinkwater, and hoped that this would not be the last of these fine average scores to be put on by members of the Association. The matter of the affiliation of the Home Guard with the Rifle Association was then discussed at some length, and as a result several members of the Guard who had not previously signed on with the Rifle Club, took up membership. This brought the membership of the Association up to over eighty, and another successful season is in sight.

Good Work.

Again the Ladies Patriotic Society has made up a large bundle of supplies for the hospitals, as well as things that will be of use at the front. This last shipment includes a number of towels, pillow-cases, and other things that are of use in hospital work, and will be forwarded to the Red Cross Society for such places as are in need of them.

The ladies have had wonderful success in their work along these lines. Hundreds of articles have been made up and sent forward, owing to the fact that all the money received is used for the purchase of raw material which is made up by the members of the Society at a minimum cost. The merchants of the town have quoted low prices for material, and the fact that the making up costs nothing, has put a very large number of goods to the front. It is good work, well done and the ladies are deserving of the highest praise for their efforts.

Getting Ready.

Rome, April 22. - It is reported that Austrians are gathering troops on the Italian frontier to face a possible invasion by Italian soldiers.

BEAVER CREEK LIBERALS MEET

The Beaver Creek school house was packed to capacity last Friday evening when the Liberals of that section of the valley gathered to hear a discussion of the various political questions of the day. Capt. G. A. Huff, President of the Alberni District Liberal Association, was voted to the chair, and in his opening remarks sketched the progress of Liberal ideas and Liberalism in general from the time of William Lyon Mackenzie down to the present time. The remarks of Capt. Huff indicated that he is familiar with the history of the stirring times which preceded confederation, and the foundations upon which our political institutions are built.

Mr. Qufan, on behalf of the Port Alberni Liberal Association, gave an outline of the splendid work which had done down at the salt water town. Beginning with about half a dozen just a few weeks ago, the Association at the Port now had over fifty on the roll, and the number was steadily increasing. The Port Liberals now felt that they could give a good account of themselves when it came to an election be that Provincial or Federal, and he felt sure that no matter what Conservative candidate was in the field that candidate could no longer look upon the Port as a happy hunting ground where votes could be herded at the will of a few "bosses." The speaker concluded by extending a cordial invitation to any of the Beaver Creek Liberals to attend the meetings of the Port Association whenever they found it convenient to do so.

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe was then introduced, and proceeded to review the present situation from a political standpoint. It was his opinion that the Federal election could be looked for before the Provincial event, and for this reason he would slightly change the original intention of his remarks, and pay rather more attention to Federal than to Provincial affairs.

The speaker then took up the situation at the time when the Borden government assumed the reins of power. Certain pledges had been made by the Borden Government, and they been kept? The matter of the Civil Service was the first dealt with. Figures were quoted to show that for every Liberal discharged by the Borden Government or who had resigned since that government came into power, at least two Conservatives had been appointed to take their places. In many of the departments were away higher than that, ranging through the various percentages up to a point where it was found necessary to replace one Liberal with over one hundred Conservatives. The new appointments since October, 1911, were 25,013 against 13,400 dismissed and resigned, showing a net increase of 12,147. These figures assisted in explaining why, with everything pointing to a receding prosperity the Borden Government has increased the cost of services chargeable to revenue from \$88,000,000 in 1911, to \$127,000,000 in 1914, and \$140,000,000 in 1915.

All this had taken place under the government of a Premier who had promised, if elected, to institute "Civil Service Reform," and in making that promise had said:

"To use the power of filling positions in the public service as a reward for party service, without regard to the character and capacity of the individual selected, is a gross breach of a solemn public trust. A private trustee so dishonoring his office would be subject to punishment by the criminal law."

The words were those of Premier Borden. The record was there for all men to read. It was for each individual to make up his mind as to how much credit to give to the future promises of such a government.

Mr. Bledsoe then turned to the ques- (continued on page 4.)

REWARD OFFERED FOR KILLER

Quite a number of valuable dogs have been put out of the way of late. They appear to have taken the poison route out of this vale of tears. The City Council wishes to obtain knowledge of the person or persons who assisted these canines to the happy hunting grounds. For the purpose of securing the information a reward of \$10 is offered by the Council for a quiet tip that will lead to the discovery of the poison planting person. This was ordered at the last meeting of the Council.

At the same meeting Messrs. the Mayor, Ald. Hills, Blakmore, Plaso and Best were appointed to sit on the Court of Revision, which will be held on May third.

Mr. J. G. C. Wood, M.L.A. appeared before the Council on behalf of the West Coast General Hospital with a request that the contribution of the City take the shape of a lump sum rather than the present method of striking a rate and making the payments as the taxes came in. Mr. Wood made an analysis of the business conditions at the hospital in such a manner as to clearly indicate the advantage of the method he proposed, and the Council will try to so arrange matters for the present year.

Owners of dogs were asked to take notice that all dog taxes must be paid by May 10, or legal action would be taken in the matter.

The position of the Council with regard to High School matters was discussed, and an effort will be made to get the situation cleared up in time to start the next term.

Dominion Election.

There is a report to the effect that June 28, has been selected as a date for the Dominion elections, and all the political machines are being oiled up for the occasion. While June 28, is as good a date as any other for an election, every day in the year is the time to select something from the many tempting offerings of Mr. Rochester, the family butcher. He has something that will fit all shades of appetites, and if you fail to find something that will suit you the only thing to do is to consult a doctor.

Optical Work.

Mr. R. Kaplansky, the Nanaimo optician, proposes to make regular visits to Alberni in connection with his work. The details will be found elsewhere in this issue. Dr. Kaplansky is a skilled specialist and can be consulted with perfect confidence.

PERSONAL POINTERS

Mr. J. Phelan, General Supt. of the Western Division of the Dominion Government Telegraph Service, arrived in Alberni on Saturday from Victoria on a tour of inspection of the lines as far as Uchucklost. Mr. Phelan was accompanied by his daughters, and while in the district they paid a visit to several of the show places of the surrounding country. The party took in Sprout and Central Lakes, and were highly delighted with the beautiful scenery at both places, and expressed a hope that in the near future they would be able to return for a longer stay in the district.

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The thanks of Hospital Board are due to the following persons for various gifts to the Hospital lately:—

Mrs. Roseborough, raspberry canes; Dr. Hillon, ornamental shrubs, gooseberry bushes, currant bushes, and strawberry plants; The Ladies of the Port Alberni Branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, rosebushes, plants and flowers; Mr. Beale, vegetable and flower seeds; Mr. Hartridge, cabbage plants; Mrs. Barr, fish.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - April 23, 1918

WAKE UP

FROM Victoria and other portions of Vancouver Island, reports are coming in regarding the advance guard of the tourists from the south of the line.

Owing to conditions in Europe the American and Eastern Canadian will not be much inclined to make the summer trip across the big pond. There is an attraction on the Pacific coast in the shape of the Panama Exposition, and, with this disability on the one hand and attraction on the other there should be a great influx of visitors to the coast this year.

When the trip to California is finished there will be a general desire to visit British Columbia on the return journey. Many of these people would no doubt like to see more of Vancouver Island than will be on the programme of an ordinary trip to Victoria. These tourists could in many cases be induced to extend their pilgrimage to other portions of the Island.

No doubt other places will see that such inducements are forthcoming. These tourists will have money to spend in considerable amounts. Their run to the Alberni District would, no doubt result in the leaving behind of many dollars. Now these dollars would come in very handy just at the present time, but we will miss our share of them unless something is done to place the name of Alberni, and the attractions of the surrounding country before them. Here is a chance for the Board of Trade to wake up from its long nap and get busy.

CANDIDATES

IT is probable that the wish is rather to the thought but there has been, of late, an attempt on the part of our Conservative friends to run the bluff that so hopeless is the Liberal cause felt to be in the Province, there will be great difficulty in securing even a few Liberal candidates to contest the various seats. In answer to this the following will be of interest:

"The prospects for the Liberal candidates throughout British Columbia, as derived from letters which I have received from all parts of the Province, assure me that conditions are certainly bright. Candidates will be placed

in the field in almost every constituency."

This statement was made this week by H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party, upon his return from a tour through the Comox riding, and it sets at rest the allegations which have been made of late that the Liberals would be unable to find enough candidates. In Lillooet there was a rumor that the Liberals would be unable to wage a fight there and that Archibald McDonald, the Conservative nominee, would be elected by acclamation. This is not the case however. A candidate will be found for this district as well as enough of the others to give our friends not only a run for their money, but if all the signs fail not, it will be a run in which many of them will be elected to remain at home while a good Liberal takes over the political cares which the McBride supporters have been compelled to resign. Don't worry. There will be quite enough candidates to make it interesting for all hands, as well as some of the Government cooks.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Berlin professor has found a means of converting straw into food. It is to be hoped that he put aside a few bales for himself while making the experiments.

Sir Richard McBride is reported to have suffered from a severe chill, contracted when he first arrived in England. Must have had a pretty cool reception.

However, there are quite a number of people willing to do all they can to make things warm for him just as soon as the date of the election is fixed.

Leading German newspapers are announcing in all seriousness that "The command of the North Sea is held by the German Navy."

Whereupon an American writer is reminded of a little story of a man who acquired a suffragette for a wife. Said wife chased him under the bed one day and stood alongside demanding that he come out and fight.

"I won't come out," he replied, "I refuse to come out. I will be master in my own house. I will stay here as long as I like for all of you."

"Command of the North Seas"
--Yes, a whole lot.

The Vancouver Journal, which reflected the opinions of Mr. Joseph Martin, and some other matters of an equally lurid nature, has joined the "bone yard" where may be found the remains of many another journal started to fill a much more real want than the Martin publication.

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BEAVER CREEK LIBERALS MEET

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tion of the need of an election at the present time. The Horden Government had a year and a half to go. No vital questions were to the fore. The Opposition had wheeled into line and were backing the Government in its efforts to take the part in the great struggle now going on, which the importance of the Dominion demanded. A truce had been proclaimed and kept so far as the opposition was concerned. What need then to bring about a bitter partisan conflict when the men of all shades of political faith were fighting the common enemy shoulder to shoulder in the trenches of Europe. In the Old Country it was a fact that the Asquith Government would reach the end of its term in a few weeks, but no suggestion of an election had been heard, and there is no doubt that such a suggestion would be resented in the strongest manner by the British People as a whole. So should the suggestion of a Dominion election be resented, and if forced, should be contested to the last ditch by those who are tired of a government which does not hesitate to place political gain before the needs of their country at such a time of national stress.

How efforts to make use of the war for the enrichment of a few political leaders had been carried out, was the next matter dealt with, and a number of the investigations now going on explained.

The fact that much of the present taxation, so called "War Tax," was really the raising of taxes to cover waste was then outlined, and the statement made that if the Horden Government had been careful to get full value for the money expended on the war there would have been no need for any special war taxation.

Turning to the matter of Provincial affairs the speaker took up the Liberal Platform. It had been stated that the Liberals were lacking in constructive policy. That all they could do was to tear down. What had they to offer to rebuild? The various planks of the Liberal platform were then read and explained. At the same time they were contrasted with the manner in which the same business was, and had been transacted by the McElbride Government.

The meeting concluded with a request that the people take to doing their own thinking, and not be satisfied with getting their ideas ready built by any party, or boss. If this was done to a greater extent, the result of the next election, be it Federal or Provincial, would reflect the fact that the country as a whole was ready to demand a change, and that change they would have.

At the close of the address a number of questions were asked. Mr. S. R. S. Hayne wanted to know what policy Mr. Brewster would favour in regard to the burning of slashings. He was requested to save his questions until Mr. Brewster himself could answer them. Mr. Woolsey attempted to defend the land and timber policy of the McElbride Government. He thought that it was the source of much revenue that would have been lost by other methods. Mr. Hledsoo stated that it was a question of a "pawm shop prosperity." The pledging of the great natural resources of the people to a purely speculative element for the sake of a little temporary gain. The Liberal platform called for the timber to be surveyed and put up to the actual users in open competition.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and speakers.

Corporation Of The City Of Alberni.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Court of Revision, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessments as made for the year 1915, will be held in the Council Chamber, Alberni, B. C. on Monday, May 3, 1915, at 10:30 a. m.

Any person desiring to make complaint against the said assessment must give notice in writing to the assessor, stating cause, at least ten days prior to the sitting of the said Court.

Dated at Alberni, B. C., this 10th day of March, 1915.
 P. R. C. Hayne
 Assessor.

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It is with much pleasure that we are able to report the West Coast General Hospital will not be cut out of a provincial grant this year as was for a time expected. When it is known that instead of a quarter of a million dollars for hospital purposes as provided last year, there are only a few thousands to be had this year, it certainly looked like hard sledding for our local institution.
 The following letter will tell the entire story of the efforts on behalf of the Hospital and the success which has attended the same:
 J. G. C. Wood, Esq., M.L.A., Alberni, B. C.
 Sir,
 With reference to your letter of the 9th ultimo, I must draw your attention to the fact that owing to the prevailing conditions, there also a great many demands upon the finances of the

Province at the present time, and also to the fact that while some \$250,000.00 was provided for hospital purposes last year, only \$10,000.00 is available for such purposes for 1915-16. For this reason I am unable to comply with your request for the full amount of \$1,200.00 asked for as a grant to the West Coast General Hospital, but in view of the representations that you have made, the Department will give this institution, in addition to the \$500.00 already granted, a further sum of \$1,000.00. A cheque for this amount is enclosed herewith.

I trust that the Hospital is prospering; if the people as a whole take as much interest in it as you and the Board have always shown, I have no doubt as to the success of the institution.

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 H. E. Young,
 Provincial Secretary.

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