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Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
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Rainfall for same period, 1.42. Snow, 37.

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No New President

Victoria, Feb. 12.—The Provincial Government denies that anything has been done about the appointment of a new President of the Executive Council.

1600 Miles In 15 Hours

Aeroplane to Cross the Atlantic Between Dawn and Dark

Through the Aero Club of America, Mr. Wanamaker announced last night that Glenn H. Curtiss was building to his order an immmense hydro-aeroplane, in which an attempt would be made this summer to cross the Atlantic.

The route is from St. John's, Nfld., to the Irish coast, and has already been mapped out by Rodman Wanamaker, who made a trip to Europe for that purpose. It calls for 1600 miles of continuous flying, to be done, if possible, between dawn and nightfall of a single day.

Defeat Franchise Bill

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—A resolution calling for votes for women in Manitoba was turned down by the Legislature on a straight party vote.

B. C. A. A. Meets

Basket-Ball and Business

A general meeting of the Bella Coola Athletic Association was held on Thursday evening at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, president H. W. Rolston in the chair. Various important matters were discussed and several amendments to the constitution received the approval of the meeting.

Arrangements were made for providing more seating accomodation for the public who have recently shown great interest in the games staged by the Association.

Several new members were adopted, and the enthusiasm displayed augers well for the prosperity of the organization.

Prior to the meeting the Bella Coola and Hagensborg basket-ball teams indulged in a practice game, which was watched with interest by a large audience, including many ladies.

Hagensborg were not up to full strength, but nevertheless put up a tough fight against their well-balanced and hard-trained opponents. These two teams are billed to meet in earnest at Hagensborg on Thursday next, when a great game is expected.

A meeting of the Bella Coola Conservative Association will be held at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday the 21st inst., in the Mackenzie Schoolhouse.

A full attendance of members is requested.

G. LINDSELL, Sec.

Huerta Orders More Active Campaign

Non-Combatants to Be Diligently Protected

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—A circular of instructions is issued by Provisional President Huerta to the chiefs of all army divisions and governors of states. It recites that the government has begun a more active campaign against the rebels and urges that extreme diligence be observed in giving all possible protection to non-combatants, foreign as well as native, removing them when necessary from the zones of operations.

Strange Disease Falls On People In Church

Grove City, Pa., Feb. 12.—Nearly 1,000 residents of Grove City are suffering from a strange malady which physicians are unable to name. The disease resembles winter cholera and is contagious. Many persons were stricken in church Sunday and were removed to their homes. So many men are ill that several industrial plants are crippled severely. Physicians are baffled as to the nature of the disease.

Opposes Suffrage

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Democratic party is placed on record formally as opposed to national legislation conferring the right of suffrage on women, by Majority Leader Underwood, on the floor of the House.

Representative Underwood declared he believes, with the party, that the suffrage question was for the states and not the national government to determine.

Will Work for a Repeal of Tolls

Washington, Feb. 12.—President Wilson announces that he would use every legitimate influence at his disposal to have repealed the provision of the Panama Canal Act exempting American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls.

Forests for Prairies

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A deputation from the Canadian Forestry Association waited upon the government with a resolution urging the government to afforest lands throughout the prairies.

Another Peace Treaty

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Bryan has signed a peace treaty with Denmark, providing for the submission of any questions in dispute to a commission which is allowed a period of one year for examination and report.

Telephone, Light & Power Co. Plans Further Developments

Annual Meeting Held At Hagensborg

There is little doubt that the near future will see great developments in the system of the Bella Coola Telephone, Light and Power Company.

At the annual meeting recently held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, it was unanimously decided that immediate steps be taken to install a new telephone central at the town, the present central at Hagensborg being found altogether inadequate to the rapidly increasing requirements of the system.

Arrangements are being made for the installation of an electrical plant capable of producing power sufficient to provide electric light for the whole district. Negotiations are now on foot to secure a convenient site for the proposed plant.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, A. C. Christensen; Vice-President, Capt. Thorson; Sec.-Treasurer, H. Jacobsen; Executive Committee, T. Levelton, T. Jacobsen, A. Hammer. Manager, B. F. Jacobsen. Auditors, Rev. H. Sageng and P. Lauritson. A committee was elected for the purpose of revising the constitution and bye-laws of the company.

The financial report of the year just closed was most satisfactory, showing that the company is on a strong financial basis and fully warranting further expansion in the near future.

All Government Vessels Must Be Built in Canada

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Hon. J. Hazen stated that in calling for tenders for construction of vessels for the marine department, he should insist that they be built in Canada.

"My policy," said Mr. Hazen, "is to have all vessels possible built in Canada. In calling for tenders we are insisting that vessels built for the Maritime department must be built in this country. There is no protection for shipbuilding in Canada and the rate of wages is lower in Great Britain than in this country. Canadian shipbuilders are at a great disadvantage. Two dredges are being built at Collingwood at the present time and tenders for ice-breakers just in had a clause that they must be built in Canada."

Colonel Hughes' Trip Cost Canada $24,262

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The trip of the minister of militia, Hon. Sam Hughes, and his staff of officers, stenographers and assistants, to England and the Continent to witness the military manoeuvres cost the Dominion of Canada $24,262. The officers pay amounted to $3,984.

The figures were made public in the House of Commons by the minister of militia. He added that the government did not have to pay the expenses of the wives and daughters of men in the party.

Pugsley Ordered South

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—It is said to be practically certain that Hon. William Pugsley, former minister of public works, will not be able to take his seat in parliament this session. The latest report is to the effect that he has been ordered south for the winter by his doctors.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The SS. Camosun arrived at this port early Sunday morning with the following passengers: Mesdames J. W. Macfarlane and J. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Messrs. Bert Rolston, S. Le C. Grant, I. Fougner, C. Tucker, Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison return after a two weeks visit to Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. Bert Rolston who has spent the last couple of months with his relatives at Victoria returns to resume activities with the various organizations with which he is prominently associated. The local athletic association, which has lately shown such activity and of which he is the president, will especially welcome his return, while the Development League will also appreciate his return to service on the executive board.

Mr. S. Le C. Grant has come back hale and hearty after his labors as delegate to the Farmers' convention and the Conservative convention recently held in Victoria, and will doubtless have some interesting information to impart to the local Farmers' Institute at an early date.

Indian-agent Fougner and Constable Tucker have returned from one of their periodical visits to the different points in their district.

Dr. Sutherland has been spending the week in town on business connected with his townsite property in this town.

Dr. W. R. Inman, eye-specialist of Prince Rupert, is in the valley practising his profession.

The list of outgoing passengers by the last south-bound steamer included Mr. B. Brynildsen, the local merchant, who is visiting the coast cities on his annual buying trip.

Mr. Brynildsen will also attend the Liberal convention at Victoria on the 25th inst., as delagate from the Bella Coola Liberal Association.

NOTICE.

Miss Muriel Fonceca will give a CONCERT at Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Thursday, February 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Admission 25 cents.

Lou Hickman, of the Upper Valley, visited town last week returning home on Tuesday.

Rats—the real live kind—occasioned considerable excitement in the Mackenzie School on a recent afternoon. All operations were suspended by order of the principal, while the male element of the school en masse—the girls ascending the desk-tops—proceeded to attack the enemy, neither giving nor taking quarter. Finis—exit Mr. Rat.

H. G. Anderson and P. J. Kenyon are visiting in the Upper Valley.

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Those bringing or buying baskets do not pay admission fee.

Game wardens Holst of Campbell River and Terrill of Vancouver, called at this port aboard the Camosun on Sunday last on their way to Alert Bay. They had in charge two Japs, a Hindoo and an Indian, apprehended at Rivers Inlet for having violated the game act. The accused were being taken to Alert Bay for trial.

The new installation of gasoline lights are now in place in the Mackenzie School.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Development League will be held at the MACKENZIE SCHOOL on Monday, February 16th, at 8 p. m.

A full attendance is requested.

HUBERT L. HARRIS, Sec.

Local merchants and others are taking full advantage of the snow roads to do their hauling.

The Bella Coola Mercantile Co.'s team from Hagensborg, has been on the road steady all week hauling immense loads of supplies in anticipation of brisk trade in the spring.

Miss Mitchell, of Hagensborg, spent last week end in town as the guest of Mrs. I. Fougner.

SS. Coquitlam docked here on Monday morning with thirty-seven thousand feet of bridge timber to be used on the new bridge over the Bella Coola River. Teams have been busily engaged in hauling this timber from the wharf, the fine snow roads greatly facilitating this work.

Church Notice

LOWER BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Church Service, 11 a.m.
BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service, 3:30 p.m.
Subject: 'Christ as a Teacher.'

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

Shushartie Bay

The long spell of fine weather ended with the passing of January. For the last few days strong westerly breezes have been the order, bringing in heavy swells from the Pacific ocean and rendering the North Island mail delivery a hazardous proceeding.

Mr. J. J. Skinner's new 40-foot gasoline boat arrived at Shushartie on Sunday. We are pleased to report that he has obtained the contract for the weekly mail delivery between Shushartie and Cape Scott, including Nahwitte and Strandby.

The bachelor's dance at Cape Scott on January 23rd was a great success, over eighty attending. These functions have become very popular, especially since the advent of Messrs. Webber, senior and junior, with their wounderful musical ability.

Mr. J. C. Visch has been appointed postmaster at Fisherman's Cove. This is a new appointment, the post office having just been established there.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Carl Suvik, of Cache Creek, is well on the road to recovery after undergoing a serious operation at the Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster.

A Farmers' Institute has recently been formed at Nahwitte River, with Mr. J. McLean as president.

The Nahwitte Conservative banquet was a very successful affair, about thirty being present. An excellent dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bragg who had charge of the arrangements. Mr. J. T. Lockwood, Mr. McLean and Mr. A. Wilson rendering fine contributions to the musical program.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 14, 1914.

The Public Knows the Reason

We read in the press of other provinces than our own that the period of financial stringency is about at an end. At the same time the British Columbia Government offers the conditions of the money market as an excuse for the drop of $3,000,000 in the expenditure for the next fiscal year.

While admitting that "some of the newly-projected works, such as new highways in the Interior, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH, may have to be deferred until next year," Sir Richard McBride with that wonderful air of calm indulgence, endeavors to explain away the reasons by a most touching little deliverance on "the obtaining monetary conditions."

This is all very well as far as it goes, but it does not go very far.

Sir Richard should not assume that the general public are ignorant of the real cause of his government's present inability to do anything towards opening up the Province by undertaking the work most needed—the construction of bridges and roads that start somewhere and go somewhere. The North needs these things, but Sir Richard says that, owing to "the obtaining monetary conditions, such works, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH may have to be deferred.

With millions of dollars laying in the treasury just two years ago, the public were justified in looking forward to a long period of earnest endeavor on the part of the government in providing reasonable means of access to the vast fertile areas of the province. Areas which our premier and his ministers, by their contradictory utterances, have clearly demonstrated that they know very little about.

Three millions have vanished and practically nothing has been done towards this end.

Lavish expenditures have been made on ornamental structures, as for instance the new wing to the Parliament buildings in Victoria, and in sending party friends in the guise of royal commissions to the four corners of the earth in search of information which anyone could obtain at the cost of a few postage stamps. Information, which obtained at enormous cost, is not to be earnestly considered for a year hence, if indeed ever.

Sir Richard must know that the general public are not unaware, that the reason why the development of the province must needs be deferred, is directly owing to the period of reckless waste and mismanagement on the part of his government.

The fact is that if Sir Richard were to be frank with the public, he would tell them that public works throughout the whole province, which were suspended before the last appropriations were exhausted, will have to be practically abandoned until, after an extended period of strict economy, the province may be in a position to proceed with them again.

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Wrong Again.

"In dealing with the published reports of what the Liberal papers termed the triumphant march of their leaders, he said that it had been stated that in some places 700 people were present in the halls to listen to their addresses. Anyone who is acquainted with the district knew that the maximum capacity of these halls did not exceed 200."—Wm. Manson, M. P. P., for Skeena, in the legislature.

Mr. Manson has spoken. We can quite understand how exercised he must be to see the time rapidly approaching when the Liberal leaders will invade the Skeena District. Well may he endeavor to disparage the work which Mr. Brewster and his colleagues are carrying on.

We would remind him, however, that did he possess the consciousness of having done his duty by the people of his district, he would not now need to be giving such anxious thought to the movements of his political opponents.

Could he not think of anything better to talk about, that he must quibble about the size of the audiences Mr. Brewster and his colleagues have addressed?

Is there nothing concerning his district to which he might devote his time? We think so.

However, as frequently is the case when Mr. Manson makes a statement, he is entirely wrong. He has shown plainly that he is as ignorant of the conditions obtaining in our flourishing interior towns, as he is of the conditions obtaining in various parts of his own district. Bella Coola Valley not accepted.

The fact of the matter is that Mr. Manson, like several other members of the legislature, hates to know that the public are getting wise. Several members have already commenced hedging, in order to retain some standing with their constituents. Mr. Manson has not thought of that yet.

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No Danger.

The Hon. W. H. Bowser is quoted as saying in Vancouver that if the government were forced to collect the $13,000,000 outstanding on account of land transactions, a panic would occur throughout the province.

The question now arises, was it this same fear of bringing about a panic which caused the government to refrain from collecting, on the public behalf, the money due them when the sum was only five millions or less?

Mr. Bowser's argument should also apply to the levying of taxes from various other sources. Yet these were collected and no panic ensued.

If the collection of $13,000,000 will cause a panic, what are we to look forward to when the amount is increased two-fold. Too terrible even to contemplate, according to Mr. Bowser.

We do not, however, agree with Mr. Bowser in this matter.

We do not think that the enforced payment of this sum within a reasonable period would cause any great inconvenience among those who owe the money. Not with those who had bona-fide intention of colonizing the land. The others, well, if a panic amongst these wildcatters is the only thing that will leave to us the remainder of our arable land, then we say let it come. It can only affect those concerned anyway, and will probably result in large tracts of the best land being recovered for the bona-fide settler.

In his remarks on the speech from the throne, the Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, made use of the following words: "We do not propose to winnow chaff. We shall simply have to wait the slow process of time and mortality, until the Senate of Canada is brought into accord with the popular will."

Which means that until the Grim Reaper lends his help, the government does not intend to do more than mark time.

Probably never before has such a ghoulish pronouncement passed the lips of a public man.

What kind of a government have we anyway?

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The government at Ottawa is busy telling the people that there is no want, and at the same time trying to help the unemployed. The modern political motto seems to be, let not your right hand know what your left hand does.

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Possibly one of the most delightful days in the Commons this session, will be when Col. Sam Hughes tells why he thinks armories should be as numerous as postoffices.

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"Why should we send to New Zealand for our butter?" asked Mr. Tisdall in his speech a few days ago. If the member for Vancouver will promise not to give us away we will tell him why we do it. It is because we want butter.—Victoria Times.

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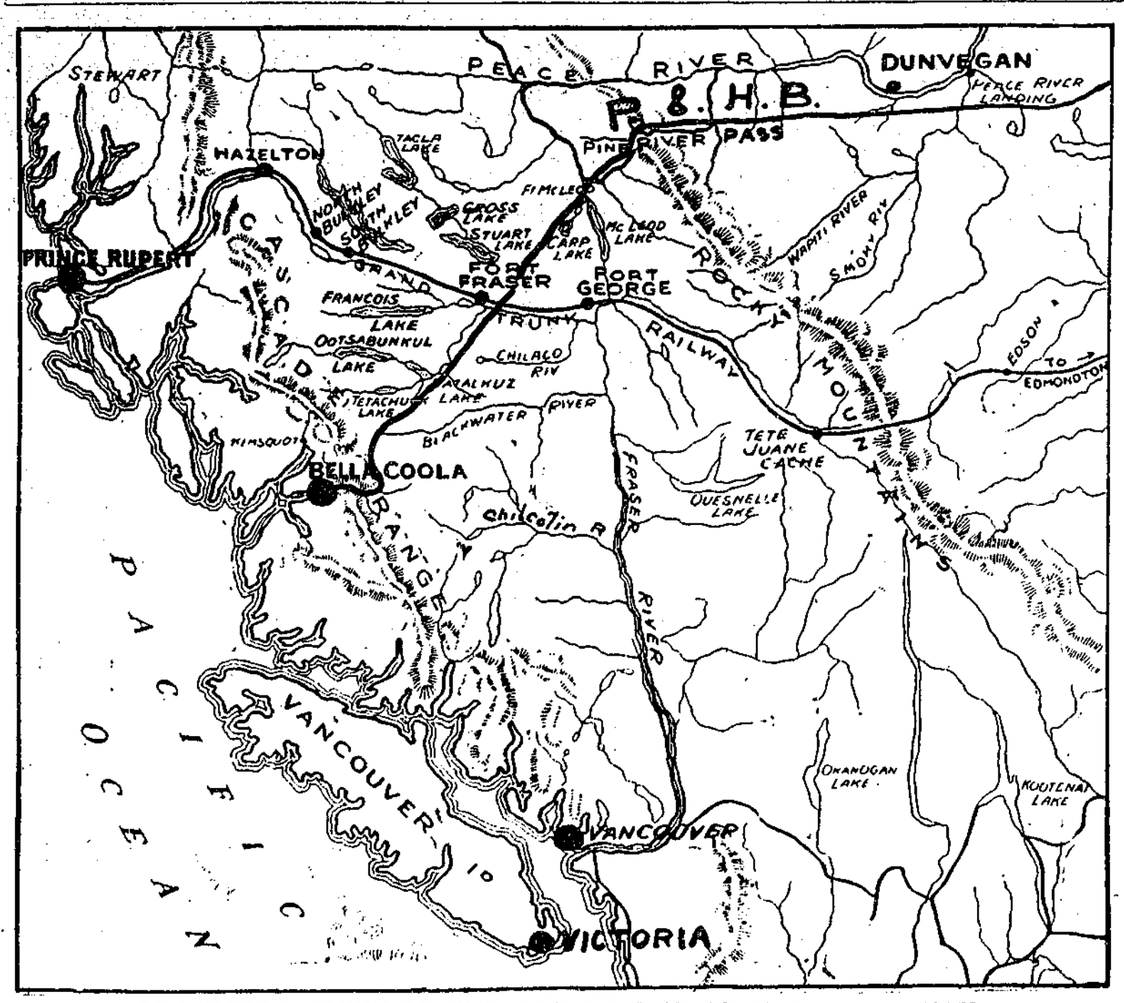
Men of the Liberal faith cannot understand a convention run along the line of a mutual admiration society. Liberals are famous for a stubborn independence of thought. They carry their independence right on to the floor of the convention. Consequently there is no room for boss rule. Moreover, a Liberal convention is a school of statesmanship. It is the furnace in which the progressive legislation of the future is prepared, and reports of that gathering are always proclaimed to the world. Why do not the Conservatives do likewise? Are they ashamed of what they have done, or is it that they have done nothing?—Prince Rupert News.



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BELLA COOLA HAS REASON TO COMPLAIN.

Sir,—I have been a close reader of your paper since it was first published, and I notice in nearly every issue there is something about the roads through this valley.

To people on the outside it must seem that there must be some cause for these complaints, or else that the people of Bella Coola are chronic "kickers."

Perhaps it would be well to go over the ground, so to speak, and let those people on the outside have a better understanding of the matter.

It is common knowledge that the Bella Coola Valley was first settled by a colony of hardy Norwegians, and according to the terms of an agreement, the provincial government was to provide them with a road through the settlement.

Prior to the year 1909, the government had no settled road policy other than that, and even that was not carried out.

The annual appropriations were small, and were supplemented by much gratis work on the part of the settlers. In fact, a man to be anyway sure of work on the road had to furnish his own tools. So it is plain to be seen that the local foreman was not justified in undertaking any work of a heavy nature, and naturally followed the lines of least resistance, as the small sums doled out by the government were not sufficient to keep the existing road in decent shape. Nevertheless much excellent work was accomplished.

With the spring of 1909, however, we see a change. A permanent road-superintendent was appointed and a permanent poli-

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cy seems to have been laid down by the government.

I will quote from memory part of an article which appeared in one of the Victoria papers which give some grounds for the supposition that the government had adopted a settled policy in regard to road building. "J. W. Macfarlane, a railroad engineer, has been appointed superintendent of roads for the Bella Coola division of the Skeena District. A vigorous policy will be followed in road construction into the Interior, to connect with the Cariboo District system of roads, thus affording the Chilcotin ranchers and farmers an outlet to the coast," and much more along the same lines.

So the people of Bella Coola were led to think they were at last going to have a road that would start from somewhere and go somewhere.

To what extent their hopes have been realized the people of this place know full well, but the people of the outside probably don't, so I propose to tell them.

It must be remembered that prior to 1909, it was possible to drive a team with a strong wagon not too heavily loaded, from the steam-boat landing at Bella Coola to Firvale P. O. (formerly Sloan), which according to present measurements is a distance of 30 1-2 miles.

What progress has been made during the past five years, with fat appropriations?

If the road had been properly surveyed, it would no doubt be straight, instead of following the old wagon path. However, the road is being hitched over a little every year, so it is only a question of time and money until it is straight as it should be.

During 1909 several crews were put to work at different points from tidewater as far up the valley as fifty miles, and much of the slashing done at that time has been left to grow up with brush worse than ever.

A weak attempt at grading was made at the Bella Coola end of the road the same year. The Canyon bridge over the Nootsatsum River and the "short cut" around was commenced. So closes the first year of "vigorous policy."

During 1910, some grading and gravelling was done from the town to about a half mile above the first bridge crossing the Bella Coola River, (a distance of some two and a half miles,) but only in patches. About three quarters of a mile was slashed and graded between the 23 and 24 mile posts, and some slashing done above the Crossing (24 miles from tidewater.) With the exception of a small amount of trail work nothing was done above that point.

In 1910, road work boomed. A gang worked around the town a short time, another at Hagensborg, another between the 18 and 19 mile posts, another at the Crossing and Gibson's Cabin. Some small bridges were put in on the Upper Atnarko and some bridge timber was got out for the Canoe Crossing bridge.

In 1912 thanks to the railroad surveyors, we got in a straight piece of road. The first good honest piece of work since the introduction of a "vigorous policy." Some grading was done at Hagensborg for a distance of about one mile. The Canoe Crossing bridge was constructed. and about a mile of adjacent road graded. A bridge over the Kahyhlst River was completed and a sleigh road opened as far as Mr. Gillenspitz's ranch and some trail work in the upper valley.

1913 was a very busy year, most of the time being spent "kink-locating" in the lower part of the valley. In the spring efforts were made to squeeze the water out of the road with a big roller. Some grading at Hagensborg and a little slashing on the Saloomt side of the river. Two miles of grading above Canoe Crossing bridge. The road extended about 1 1-2 miles above Gillenspitz's ranch, and the season's work was ended with another attempt to use the road-roller as a wringing machine and also a little mud-mixing with the grader. This latter, just after the fall rains had commenced. Evidently intended as a little reminder to the farmers of the ability it requires to make a mud hole.

Now, after five years of the "vigorous policy," what have we got?

Well, we have two dump-carts, two wagons, a team of horses, a roller, a grader, a gasoline donkey engine and other scrap iron. If you have a good team, a strong wagon, and don't load too heavy, you may, by careful driving, go about six miles further than you could five years ago. And, my friend, I would not have you lose sight of the fact that you have the privilege of travelling 2 1-4 miles further to get from the wharf to Firvale, formerly Sloan.

So much for the government's "vigorous policy" towards a road through to the Interior.

Before passing an opinion, one must drive over this *streak of abomination* called a road, hub deep in mud, as it was last fall. Then pass judgment on the criticisms of the people of Bella Coola.

The government has been granting large appropriations to Bella Coola year after year. How long can this be expected to continue?

If the money is put to no better use than in the past, it will take about 17 years before Mr. Marvin and his neighbors can hope to drive to town, and perhaps two generations before a connection is made with the Chilcotin wagon road.

The writer heard the Hon. W. H. Bowser speak to the Bella Coola people some six years ago, when he stated that the government carried on the affairs of the Province on strictly business lines. But show me a business firm that spends money without receiving any return, as has been done here in regard to road work, and I will show you a firm that will go "broke" and be borrowing money, just as the government is doing today. And fellow taxpayers don't forget that you and I have to pay the piper.

I think, if the above is carefully read, it will be plainly seen that the people of Bella Coola Valley have just cause to kick, and kick often and hard too.

A through road to the interior country is what is needed. There is no place on the Northern Pacific Coast where such a road can be built as cheaply as at this place.

This work will never be accomplished by making a short patch here and there, with long stretches of unworked road between, so I say, let the people continue to agitate for a road through the valley that will go somewhere.

Yours truly,
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MR. SETTLER

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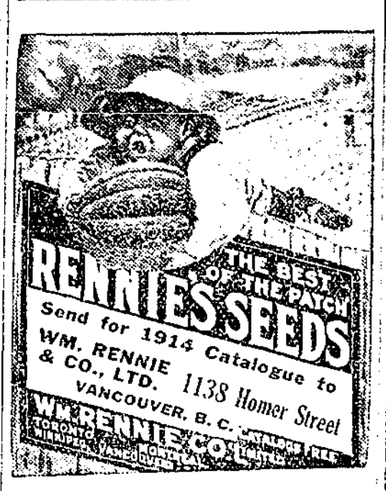

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Labor Influx Predicted

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The shipping rate war is likely to lead to a large increase in the immigration of Europeans of the laboring class. This may result in lower wages being paid to laborers in Canada. Further reductions in third-class passage rates are anticipated.

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It Is Impossible, Says German Foreign Secretary

London, Feb. 10.—Sir Edward Grey's speech at Manchester, in which the foreign secretary emphasized the impossibility of the "leading horse" slackening in the armament race, was followed by a declaration by Herr Von Jagow before the budget committee of the German Reichstag that a naval holiday was impossible.

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