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WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY.
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Russians Capture one of the Erzerum Forts

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—On the western Russian front lively reciprocal fire continues. Between Olai and Dalzan our observation shows our fire very effective. Near Dvinsk the enemy used asphyxiating gas bombs. On the Caucasus front, after an explosion caused the day before by our artillery, we captured one of the Erzerum forts. Pursuing the Turks we captured many prisoners, six guns and a large quantity of munitions.

Artillery Duel Italian Front

Rome, Feb. 15. — Yesterday witnessed a lively artillery duel, being especially intense in the Isonzo zone where important movements of the enemy's troops were observed.

French Artillery Fire Munition Depot

Trenches Retaken in Upper Alsace

Paris, Feb. 15.—In Belgium our artillery exploded a munition depot north of Boesinfhe. To the north of Soisson last evening after a spirited bombardment, the enemy infantry attempted a debouch by the road from Tiernay and right bank of the Aisne, but was stopped short by our curtain of artillery and rifle fire. On plateau Vauclere our artillery effectively shelled salient German line. In Upper Alsace a violent bombardment was carried out by the enemy on the advance trenches we had retaken.

Severe Weather in New York

New York, Feb. 15.—Severe cold weather with thermometer two below zero; resulted in the death of eight persons. All traffic is greatly obstructed.

Bye Elections February 26

Vancouver, Feb. 15—Men from everywhere are joining the American Legion.

The bye-elections will take place on February 26.

Divorce and Free Wheat Before the House

New Law for Divorce Rejected

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The problems of divorce and of free wheat occupied the attention of the House of Commons today.

Northrup of West Hastings introduced a proposition for a change in the present divorce procedure, but it was rejected by a vote of 39 to 34.

The resolution on free wheat came up late in the evening; the debate of which will proceed on Wednesday.

Heavy Fighting on Western Front

Germans Capture Half a Mile of Trenches

London, Feb. 15.—The whole western front is the scene of heavy engagements. At some points big guns have been roaring incessantly for days and the infantry engaged in hand-to-hand struggles. Grenade fighting and mining operations played prominent parts in the battles. The Germans followed up their recent success in Champagne by the capture of an additional half mile of trenches around Tahure.

Former Teacher at Bella Coola Married

We regret very much that we are nearly two months late relating the wedding of the late popular teacher of the Lower Bella Coola school, Miss Winifred Pecknold. But knowing that everybody in Bella Coola is interested we make no apologies for telling at this late day the story of the great event as found in the Prince Rupert Empire:

On Tuesday, December 21, the marriage took place between Mr. Fred Emmett and Miss Winifred Pecknold. The occasion was one of unusual interest, Mr. Emmett being provincial constable and his bride, teacher of the school. Both are immensely popular and have endeared themselves to the people of Masset, as much by their personal qualities as by their willing and accomplished assistance at local functions.

The church had been decorated by the school children, a striking and beautiful feature being a graceful arch of greenery encircling the chancel, like a green rainbow.

The marriage ceremony was held at 7 o'clock in the evening, the Rev. W. Crarey being the officiating clergyman. The bride was given away by Mr. Harrison and she was dressed in a suit of blue navy serge with hat of cream satin; she carried a bouquet of roses and made a charming picture as she stood at the side of the great strong man of her choice. Miss Love, appropriately enough, was bridesmaid.

The reception was held at Delkatlah Lodge in the evening, where Mrs. Harrison welcomed alike the bridal pair and the whole world of Masset Inlet. Everybody shook hands with them and partook of wedding cake. Congratulatory speeches were made by Revs. Crarey and Harrison and by Mr. Sherwood, and the evening passed quickly and happily in songs and other recitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett will take up their residence for the future at the Court House.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun on her arrival here Tuesday morning at 12:30 on the southbound voyage was more belated than she had even been before. She encountered the heaviest wind experienced on any of her voyages and on account of which she had to stop two days at Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Passengers for Bella Coola: Thos. McRostie and A. W. Healey, both of Prince Rupert.

The gale that held up Camosun at Skidegate for two days on her down trip is described by the Prince Rupert News as the worst on record. It began on Friday night and lasted nearly all Saturday. At Prince Rupert hardly a building escaped suffering some damage.

The roof of the government wharf building was carried out into the bay, the rear of the barracks was stove in, the fronts of several stores were broken with the result that now the glaziers are as busy as the plumbers were during the cold spell. The most remarkable feature of the gale was that a great deal of the damage was done on the lee side of the buildings, while the side directly in the eye of the wind escaped.

But in Bella Coola on that day was a great calm.

Thos. McRostie is no stranger to our people. He has been here in charge of important public works before and is presumably here for the same purpose now.

As stated in our columns before, the approach to the wharf is to be replanked and a new span built in the bridge across the Bella Coola river as soon as the necessary material can be brought on the ground.

A. W. Healy, representing the wholesale grocery firm W. H. Malkin & Co., Vancouver, is paying our merchants one of his periodical visits. He reports a fine passage down the coast after the storm.

D. H. Hoage of Canoe Crossing, left on the southbound steamer for Seattle on a short business trip.

Rev. G. H. Raley, for many years a missionary among the natives at Kitimaat and Port Simpson, is now the principal of the Coqualeetza Indian School at Sardis, B. C.

He has organized a company of home guards at that place. At present it numbers twenty-five members. It is the intention to bring the strength up to fifty. This should be an example to other communities to do something on the same line for their protection when Canada is at war.

Mrs. Saugstad called at the Courier office the other day and reported a busy time at the hospital. She expressed her gratitude to Miss Marjorie Clayton and Miss Addie Gibson for the help they have given her in the work.

Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir—I send you a few lines for publication that the readers of your paper may know how the recruits are spending their time in the training camp.

I take a great interest in reading the Courier every week, with the letters from the other boys who have enlisted. After spending all my life in the country I took a week off in town taking in all the "sights and styles."

I did not join the 102nd Battalion as intimated by Mr. Colwell, but enlisted with the 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery. I like it immensely. Everybody makes it as pleasant as they can for me. I should say us, as another fellow, Herbert Lee from Takush Harbor, who knows several from Bella Coola, joined the same day. The drill was very pleasant and interesting from the first time and we soon got into the different terms.

There was an "ammunition column" being formed in British Columbia and when volunteers were called for I gave in my name, as we heard they would be leaving in a month. We are up to full strength now, a hundred and fifty in all. Ninety-seven drivers, thirty-five gunners, four corporals, six sergeants, four bombardiers and four officers; Capt. Birch, officer commanding. The drill we have is cavalry, being very pretty and much easier than the infantry drill. We expect to leave for England any day, where we will put in about two months more in drilling; then we shall leave for France. I am not quite sure how far we go behind the firing line, but think we go to within a quarter of a mile of it. Harry Burt has joined the column also, so I have an old "tilicum" to talk with of old times in Bella Coola.

We are not complaining, but we are all awfully anxious to get away. "Sooner, the better," is our saying.

I am glad to hear so many other boys have joined the colors, and trust they will have a safe return to Bella Coola. I say good-bye with best wishes to all for the New Year and hope the valley and my friends may prosper, and the war soon be over.

E. Le C. Grant.
10th Field Artillery Brigade,
Ammunition Column, C. E. F.,
Old Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C.

Ivan Estenson has finally sailed for his post of duty at Talleo after having been weather bound for several weeks. He left on Friday last week.

From a private source we learn that our friend A. Blayney of Francois Lake at a recent meeting of the Conservative Club of that district was re-elected its president.

We hope he will do his best to get a new provincial government while he still supports the one at Ottawa.

The Indians of Bella Coola having learned that there has been a petition sent by white fishermen to the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the granting of an additional number of independent licenses have prepared a counter petition. Now it will be for the authorities to use the wisdom of Solomon and give a righteous decision between the contending parties.

Bella Coola, B. C.,
February 9, 1916.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Bella Coola Indians, wish to enter a protest against the granting of more Independent Fishing Licenses at Bella Coola, and base our protest on the following grounds:

1. There are no Japs fishing at Bella Coola, nor has there ever been any working for the cannery.

2. We are more than enough Indians to fill all licenses that are left.

3. We depend upon the salmon fishery for a living: long before any white man was here we fished the Bella Coola river for our food: and when the salmon cannery started we, the Indians, did about all the fishing.

Most of the men who are now seeking licenses are young men who have not been long in the country. We have always lived here: we do not want to beg, but we do ask the right to work and earn our own living as we have always done.

We therefore pray that you will give our case your most serious consideration.

(Signed) PETER ELLIOTT.
ALBERT KING.
REUBEN SCHOONER.

The weather has made a complete turn about. From the most severe winter weather it has changed into that of spring. Rain has fallen and the snow has melted and the unprecedented thick ice on the rivers broken up.

Last Monday, with a rush and a roar the ice in the Necleetsconny river came tumbling down past the town. There was some fear it might jam at the bridge, but it happily went through, but to block up the river half a mile lower down. In the river in front of the hotel it formed a huge dam backing up the water into the road and forming a lake in the river opposite Morrison's residence. For pedestrians to pass along the road in that vicinity without being encased in a diving suit is to get wet.

The school children are, at this writing, enjoying a holiday because the teacher cannot get to the school across the inundated road.

The services at the Mackenzie school last Sunday night were conducted by Cecil Lancaster in the place of Rev. W. H. Gibson, who we regret to say is confined to the house by an attack of influenza.

The schools at Hagensborg and Lower Bella Coola have been closed for several days by order of the inspector on account of the prevalency of influenza.

We are glad to learn that Rev. T. C. Colwell has been appointed chaplain of the Comox-Atlin regiment with honorary rank of captain.

His many friends congratulate him upon his appointment.

According to latest reports the Prince Rupert Company of the 102nd Battalion is being rapidly filled. Men of all professions and callings are joining. They are all represented: ranchers, loggers, fishermen, hunters, trappers, prospectors, miners, etc. In order to be up-to-date in all matters they have decided their crest shall be a maple leaf with an Indian head in bold relief and the words, "102nd North British Columbian, Canada."

Their slogan is, "Warden's Warriors."

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SATURDAY, FEB. 19, 1916.

Systematic Contributions.

No one now living has witnessed a time when destruction of things of great value has been so colossal and carried on for such extended period. This waste is caused in a gigantic struggle to preserve things which are counted of the greatest value in the lives of free people. Hence everybody living in the countries fighting the Teutons are involved and must also be duly interested. If everybody are involved it should not be necessary to point out that all are in duty bound to take their share of the burdens imposed. We cannot all go to the war, nor would it be wise if such a thing could be imagined. Some must stay home and furnish the means to carry on the war and to help repair the ravages caused by it.

This is a task which will require extraordinary efforts on the part of every person not incapacitated by age or sickness.

And the efforts must not be spasmodic, but carried on systematically and continuously as long as required.

The one great duty devolving upon us at home is to provide for the wounded, to contribute towards the carrying on of the work of the Red Cross.

Heretofore Bella Coola has contributed liberally in proportiun to the means of the people towards this end; but the contributions have been irregular. In this respect there must be a change. Every ablebodied person should in the future set aside a definite amount every week or month, and in order to make this possible to be willing to go without things which in the past have been held to be requisite for comfort.

Contributions to causes not connected with this overshadowing issue of the war had better be discontinued in order that our own people, "our own household" as Paul puts it, may not be neglected.

Arrangements will shortly be made to give everybody an opportunity to contribute certain amounts at definite periods to the Red Cross Fund, and of this opportunity all patriots will avail themselves.

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Results of Prohibition.

There is a saying that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

So also we may with equal force say that the proof of the value of Prohibition is found where it is enforced.

The campaign for Prohibition in British Columbia is going on apace, and many are the voices raised in warning of the dire results which will follow if the measure becomes law. And on the top of it all we are told of the injustice and unfairness of such a law and the hypocrisy of those who advocate its enactment.

The prohibitionists in rebuttal point to the beneficial results obtained wherever Prohibition has had a fair trial; but such arguments seem to make no impression on the antis.

Probably one reason for this is that the places mentioned as Prohibition territory have been situated quite a distance from British Columbia, and thus the arguments have been dissipated by the remoteness of the happy conditions. This trouble has now been done away with. The State of Washington, adjoining our own province, has been under Prohibition from the first of January this year and, therefore, there exists now no reason why anyone who wants the truth of the efficacy of such a law may not be able to obtain it at first hand.

In times past it has been found almost impossible to enforce Prohibition in large cities, because a majority of their people have been hostile to it and, therefore, the officers entrusted with the enforcement of such law have been very slack in doing their swern duty, because they are to a great extent dependent on a majority of the votes of the people for their positions.

In spite of such a drawback it is found after one month's trial that Seattle, the second largest city on the Pacific coast, is having the law well enforced and is experiencing highly beneficial effects from it.

The Seattle Star publishes a statement showing that "while during the old days the arrests for drunkeness never were less than 12, under the new law they average less than one a day."

Business of nearly every kind

has felt a great revival as a result of money being used for other purposes than booze. Morris & Co., packers and provisioners, say that during the first 17 days of January they sold more meat, eggs and provisions than during October, November and December. Markets and grocers all over Seattle report similar increase."

"Quite a change has come over Seattle during the month. Everywhere it is noticeable. The predicted calamity has not arrived."

"Healthiest outlook in years in the building line," said A. P. Linden, treasurer of the Puget Sound Savings and Loan Association, "home building I mean. Our building loan department is booming and when the weather breaks you will see some activity that will make you open your eyes."

Let us have the same kind of boom in British Columbia. Russia is having it in spite of the war.

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A Deathbed Repentance.

There are people who, because of the recent re-construction of the government, have been beguiled into the belief that there will now be a change for the better in the administration of provincial affairs; and they will therefore support the Bowser government in the next election, believing that the members composing it are men who are able to extricate the province out of the difficulties in which it has been placed by the mismanagement in the past.

We believe that the reliance which these people place in the administration is altogether misplaced, and that if it should come to pass that the majority of the voters hold similar views and returns to power the Bowser regime it will be found to be a misfortune to the province.

In the light of the fact that after several years of mismanagement now when the people have become thoroughly aroused and disaffected and an election is at the doors the Bowser cabinet promises a business government, whatever that means, must in the eyes of sensible people seem nothing but a deathbed repentance or a professed reformation to escape defeat. With the exception of one, the members of the present government have all had a share in the mismanagement of the past, and should therefore be held responsible. If they deny their responsibility they may be asked why they consented to and even defend the acts complained of. On the other hand if they contend that they in the past have acted according to their best judgment, the deplorable condition of the province is proof positive that they have neither the business ability needed to carry on the government nor enough to be the representatives of the people in the legislative assembly. In either of these cases it will be the height of folly for the people to return them to power.

In some instances it may be well to overlook wrong doings in the past and give the offending parties another chance, in the belief they will turn over a new leaf. But that is only in cases where there is a sincere repentance; an acknowledgement and confession of guilt with a promise to do better accompanied by strong evidence of being able to do so.

These elements are wholly lacking in the Bowser government. They do defend their every action of the past and will try to harmonize their future plans accordingly.

Risking the danger of being considered superstitious or something equally bad, we assert our belief that there is a Nemesis awaiting every unrepentant wrongdoer.

If the present goverment is returned to power, we hold that the voters of the province will be equally guilty, because they approve of their deeds by giving them their support. And in that case the Nemesis will overtake the province as a whole. Its condition will continue to go from bad to worse, until there is a change for the better on the part of the people.

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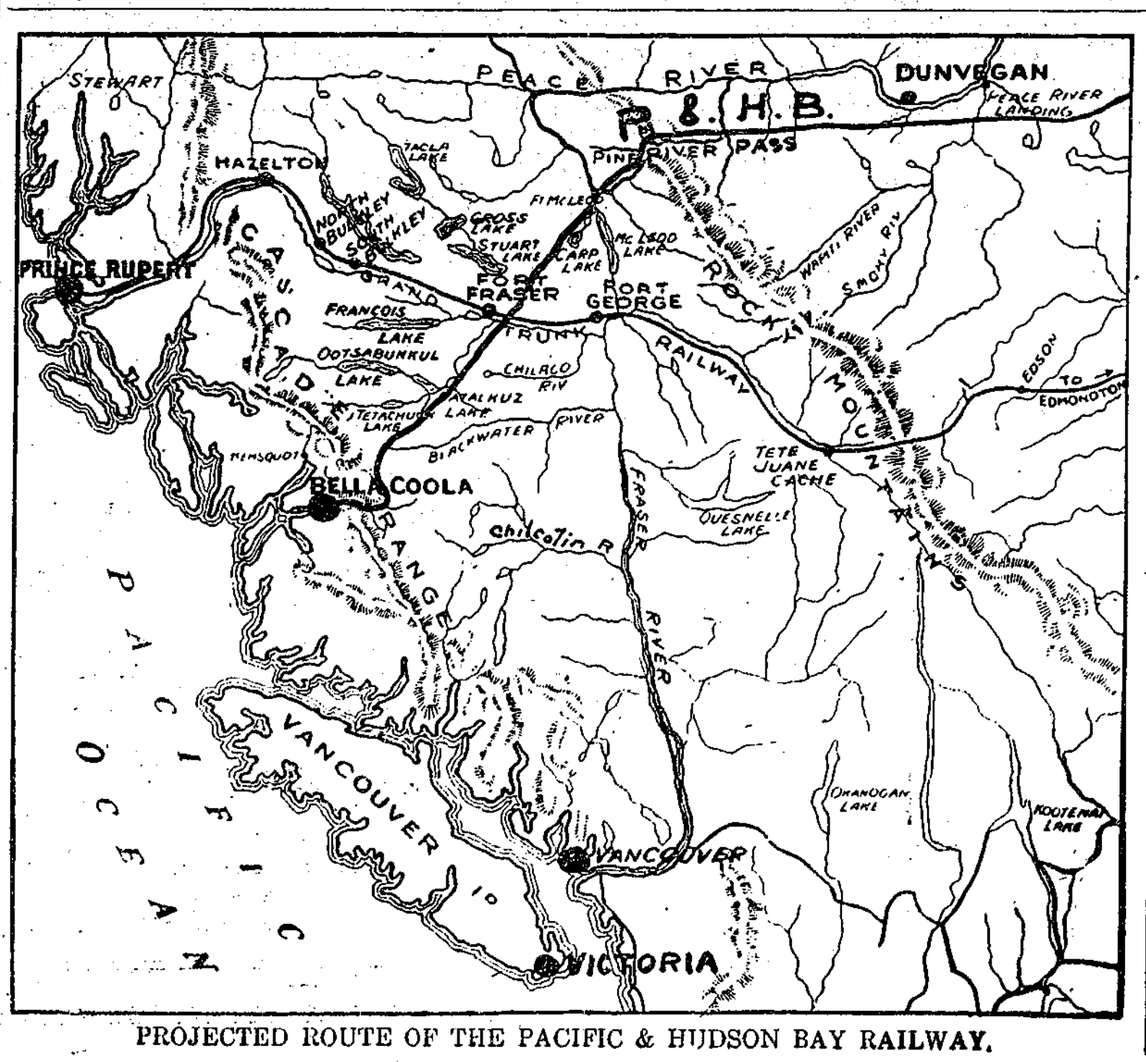
It may seem that a person complaining because of the needless expense incurred in holding a cabinet meeting at Kamloops is picayunious or over critical; but at the same time it should be pointed out that a business go-



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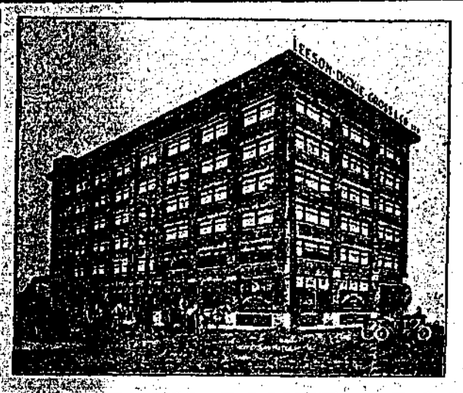
It took the intrepid authors of the pamphlet some time after the blow received to readjust their forces; but the interval occupied in making preparations for renewed attacks upon the looters of the province has been well spent, and we predict that the "Crisis" and its chief spokesmen will be factors which the government will find are not dead but more active than ever. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again."



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Of course it should not be necessary to state that we for a moment believe Mr. Tisdall would have lent himself to the work in question if he had known the consequences of his act.

Mr. J. S. Cowper, secretary of the Depositors' Committee of the Dominion Trust Company, told the story as follows in a speech held at Vancouver a few days ago:

"It may surprise you to learn that it was Mr. Tisdall himself who introduced the Dominion Trust petition for the illegal charter to the 1913 legislature. That bill was sent up for scrutiny to the private bills committee whose duty it was to scrutinize it for illegalities. This was the committee which failed to acquaint the house of the illegal clause permitting the acceptance of deposits, but instead recommended to the house to pass the bill. On that committee were two Vancouver members. Dr. McGuire was one; Mr. Tisdall was the other.

"Was it in ignorance these men passed that bill? Mr. Bowser stated to the committee of depositors that he had suspected that Arnold was intent on slipping one over the government and inserting a deposit clause in the provincial charter. 'I sent a solicitor from my own department,' said Mr. Bowser, 'and he reported that there was a deposit clause in the charter. I told my solicitor to see the members of the private bills committee and point out to them that the deposit clause was illegal, and he came back and reported to me that Arnold had got all the members of the private bills committee lined up, so that they were all unanimous in insisting on passing the bill with the illegal clause in.' Mr. Bowser's excuse was that he could not have opposed the bill on the floor of the legislature after it had received the endorsement of the private bills committee without defeating the government. His duty of course was clear. Of the two evils he chose the greater. It was better to let the institution go on as a lure and decoy to thousands till it should crash to the ground and bring down with it the hopes and fortunes of thousands. Better that than to defeat the government. That's 'business,' that is.

"If what Hon. Mr. Bowser stated is true, and I have no reason to doubt it, Mr. Tisdall and the other members of the private bills committee forced that Dominion Trust charter through the legislature for some reason or other in the face of Mr. Bowser's opposition and to please Mr. Arnold, though advised by a member of the attorney-general's staff that the bill was illegal."

A representative in parliament is there to take care of the interests of the people. Mr. Tisdall in the instance related above did advisedly and deliberately, against the protest of the legal adviser of the province, betray the trust placed in him by those who elected him; with the result that hundreds of them lost their savings in the wreck that followed.

From now until the general election the battle between the government and the opposition will know no truce.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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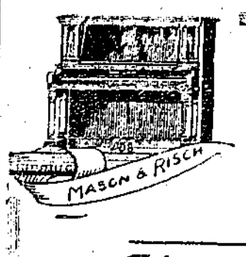

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Many of your readers have no doubt experienced the difficulty in getting top prices for the butter they have turned out. While every care may have been taken in handling the butter the results have not fulfilled expectations. We cannot here enumerate the probable causes for discouragment, but we can go into one feature which caused the dairymen of Ontario, and parts of this province, to change their methods and adopt the Creamery plan.

It is well known in the butter line that uniformity is the chief desirable point in butter. Uniformity is only possible with a Creamery. In making the butter, the Creamery can regulate the quality, appearance, et., in which the individual dairy man cannot, we do not mean to imply that the individual is incapable of doing so, but as the individual handles only a small amount, his weighments and measurements would be so small that he would probably find himself adopting the hit or miss system of guessing. In the handling of butter by the Creamery, guessing is eliminated and actual measurements substituted thus ensuring a finished article which is more uniform than that made on the farm. Furthermore, each dairyman probably has a favorite method of making butter and that method is just a bit different to the one followed by his neighbor, it is apparent, therefore, that butter made at two adjacent farms may be, possibly is, possessed with no degree of uniformity; one may find a good local demand and the other may not. The local demand, however, presents a very meagre living, and one farmer alone with a respectable size herd could cater for the entire local market.

The export market wants butter and is importing it from points as remote as New Zealand. A part at least of this market could be supplied by Bella Coola and the aim and object of this article is to point this out to the farmers and dairymen in Bella Coola. Being favored as we are with a climate and fertiilly of land capable of producing on a small acreage all the feed that would be required to stall feed milking cows during the cold months, an abundant flow of milk is assured. The right strain and breed of cows capable of producing a large per centage of butter fat in the milk can be gradually worked up on well established lines. By adopting the lines laid down by the Dominion Experimental Station the product of butter in this valley should be second to none both as regards quantity and quality.

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It must, however, be distinctly stated that dairying means work, daily work, if the best results are to be obtained. If this line is made a business there is no reason why it should not prove a very remunerative undertaking. Don't keep cows, make cows keep you. We cannot eat our cake and keep it, the same holds good with cows. Ship out or butcher all steers; keep the heifers and the heifers will in turn keep you.

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