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Farmers May Form New Political Party

Moosejaw, Sask., Feb. 18.—The proposals to form a third political party to enter the politics of the Dominion was the chief topic at the annual meeting of the Grain Growers' Association held here. It is felt that the two political parties in existence now tend to disunite the forces of the farmers and that a farmers' party be organized and financed by voluntary contributions from local associations.

A strong speech was made in favor of a lower tariff by Mr. W. J. Tregillus, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, in the course of which he said that the people of Canada paid more in direct and indirect charges than the people of any country in the world.

Prince Rupert Deal Made

Prince Rupert, Feb. 19.—The Bank of Montreal has agreed with the city to sell the remaining treasury certificates, totalling $281,000, left over from the 1912 sale. The city will proceed at once with its hydro-electric undertaking.

Governor-General of South Africa Resigns

London, Feb. 18.—Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, formally notified the House that Viscount Gladstone would cease to be governor-general of the Union of South Africa in June. He added that the reason of the governor-general's resignation was purely domestic and had no connection with the events arising out of the recent general strike in South Africa and the deportation of the strike leaders.

First Message to Explorer

Regina, Feb. 18.—Assistant Commissioner Wood of the R. N. W. M. P. states that a patrol which left Dawson City shortly after New Year's Day, is carrying the first direct message sent to explorer Stefansson's party from the civilized world. The patrol is now between Dawson City and Fort McPherson. Sergeant Dempster is in charge. They are expected back in Dawson City by the middle of March and will bring word from Stefansson and his party.

A meeting of the Yeoman's Band of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Wednesday next at 2 p. m., at the home of Mrs. B. F. Jacobsen.

Every member is requested to be present and any interested in the work will be cordially welcomed.

MRS. J. R. MORRISON, Sec.

Prince of Wales Will Make Empire Tour

London, Feb. 18.—Preliminary plans have been drafted for the tour of the British Empire, to be made by the Prince of Wales in 1915. The trip is to include a visit to the United States on the return journey.

Castillo Captured and Executed By Rebels

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.—Maximo Castillo and six of his followers, credited with having deliberately caused the Cumbre tunnel disaster, have been captured and executed near Chocolate Pass, about forty-five miles northeast of Pearson, Chihuahua, according to telegrams received by Gen. Francisco Villa, in Juarez.

The messages were sent from Casas Grandes, he said, by constitutionalist officials. A detatchment of rebel cavalry under Major Juan Samaniego surrounded Castillo's band near the pass, it is reported, and captured seven of them, including Castillo.

Redistrbution May Lead to Tory Split

Prince Rupert, Feb. 19.—The redistribution bill will affect this riding. The constituency of Comox-Atlin will be split, giving one member in the north and another in the south. Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P., has not yet made up his mind which of the constituences he is likely to take and he will naturally have choice.

He would probably choose the Skeena riding as being the most active and having the most patronage, but the local Conservatives claim they will not stand for a non-resident member any longer. Also there are one or two local aspirants who would like to see Mr. Clements go south and give them a chance.

Will Not Participate

London, Feb. 18.—Premier Asquith again refused British official participation in the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held at San Francisco.

"The British government recently considered the question of participating in the exposition at San Francisco, but regrets that it does not feel able to modify its previous decision," he said.

Gift Library Burnt Down By Suffragettes

Birmingham, Feb. 18.—The Carnegie library at Northfield, six miles south of Birmingham, was destroyed by an arson squad of suffragettes. All the books were burned and only the shell of the building was left.

No Hope of Raising Vadso; Lies Too Deep

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Submerged to a depth of 1000 feet, the ill-fated steamer Vadso will not be raised. Manager Beazley, of the Union Steamship Company, after a conference with Captain Logan, of the Marine Underwriters' Association, decided that no attempt will be made, as it would be a feat utterly impossible to accomplish.

It is given out that an inquiry into the disaster when the vessel struck an uncharted rock in the Portland Canal and sank, will be held. The date, however, is as yet not set. Further particulars, it is expected, will be given out at an early date pending the disposition of the marine and fisheries department at Ottawa in the matter.

Big Blaze at Hazelton

Hazelton, Feb. 19.—The dwelling and store of Mr. Charles V. Smith was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning.

Nothing was saved. The loss included a big stock of furs. Mr. Smith is an old-time merchant in the Skeena country.

Fiji Becoming Hindoo

Melbourne, Feb. 18.—Hindoos are emigrating to the Fiji Islands in large numbers, according to Mr. J. M. Hedstrom, legislative councillor for Fiji. In many places Indian hawkers and traders and Chinese storekeepers were starving out the Europeans. Those interested in the outlook of the colony regarded the future with apprehension.

Indians were increasing so rapidly that Fiji was becoming a Hindoo settlement. The influx, irrespective of the natural increase each year, was over 4000 annually.

Radium Located Near Vancouver

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Radium, the precious mineral which is worth over $200,000 a grain, has been discovered by Mr. Joseph Z. Lajoie, of Lajoie Falls, B. C., in the Bridge River country, just 105 miles from this city.

Pitch-blende, carrying a quantity of this mineral, was discovered in that district by Mr. Lajoie some two years ago, but owing to the fact that at the time he believed it to be unworkable, he did not stake it till last spring, when he discovered what a precious piece of property he had left unlocated. He immediately staked it, and at present it is in his name.

The vein of pitch-blende is said to run at least 1000 feet. As to the depth of the deposit there has been no estimate made.

It is Mr. Lajoie's intention to commence work on the radium mine this spring, and open up the mine and ship the ore to France or the United States for treatment.

Gets World's Altitude Record

Johannisthal, Germany, Feb. 19.—Robert Thelen, a German aviator, made a world's altitude record here for a flight with four passengers. He attained a height of 9350 feet.

Battle Squadrons Depart

London, Feb. 19.—The departure from home stations of the first and third battle squadrons and the first battle cruiser squadron completes a series of British fleet movements spread over the past month, which have virtually denuded the shores of England of their defensive ring of fighting craft, and at the same time affords the clearest proof of the vastly improved international situation.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

SS. Camosun docked here on Saturday afternoon with the usual large consignment of merchandise besides a number of passengers, among whom were Messrs. D. C. Balfour and L. Raynham.

Mr. Raynham is from Sydney, Austrailia, and comes to join his old-time partner, Mr. Alf. Blakemore.

Mr. Raynham leaves for Vancouver by the next boat to return in the course of a week or two with his wife and family, when they will take up their permanent residence in this town.

The outgoing passengers by the last south-bound steamer included Dr. Inman, eye-specialist of Prince Rupert, and Dr. Sutherland of Vancouver.

Dr. Inman left for Prince Rupert after spending a week in the valley practicing his profession.

Dr. Sutherland who owns considerable town property at this place, before leaving parted with some of his holdings to Mr. O. Landry, who is now making arrangements for clearing of same.

Mr. A. Blakemore is busy on the construction of a building on his lot in the town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Johnson of Firvale visited town during the week.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute followed by a social will be held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Thursday, February 26th, at 2 p. m.

Messrs. S. Le C. Grant and D. H. Hoage will deliver addresses on the work of the recent convention at Victoria.

Refreshments will be served.

Masquerade Ball At Grand View Hotel

A masquerade ball, described as one of the most successful and enjoyable social functions ever held in the town, took place at the Grand View Hotel on Friday evening of last week.

A large number of local ladies and gentlemen accepted the invitation of proprietor Frank Hagan, and many and varied were the costumes, which included both the beautiful and motley. For once could be seen knights and cavaliers with their ladies mingling on terms of friendly intimacy with Mephistopheles. Sweet-faced and innocent flower girls, with no apparent qualm of fear, made merry with wild men, bandits and Indians. Uncle Sam and Japan were seen to be on friendly terms, the question of the Californian land bill being seemingly far from the minds of each. Clowns and high dignatories each seemed to think themselves of equal importance and found equal favor in the eyes of several coy spanish dancing-girls.

Splendid music was supplied by Mrs. B. F. Jacobsen, Miss M. Fonceca, Messrs. E. R. A. Russell and P. Gadsden, which added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

A dainty supper was served at midnight, after which, dancing was resumed until the wee small hours of the morning.

The task of the judges, whose duty it was to award prizes for the best costumes, was indeed no sinecure, and only after mature deliberation were the awards announced as follows: Best costume, lady, Mrs. Frank Robinson (evening); best costume, gentlemen, Mr. Chas. Taylor (Dutch boy).

Mr. James Chadwell acted as master of the ceremonies.

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Those bringing or buying baskets do not pay admission fee.

We regret to learn that the bridge across the Nootsatsum River at the old crossing, so urgently needed by the settler, and so confidently expected, is not to be built this year. We can only advise our friends to keep this matter in mind. The government may be able to afford it someday. At anyrate if this government won't build it the next one may, and that may not mean long to wait either.

As there appears to be several important functions billed to take place during the next couple of weeks it has been decided to postpone the Development League entertainment announced for the 25th inst. The date and character of the entertainment will be announced in due course through the medium of this paper.

NOTICE.

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

It seems that among the prominent and illustrious personages who grace this town with their presence, is a famous and fearless professor of aquatics.

On several occasions this summer this intrepid person, always choosing, in his modesty, a time when few people were present to witness his extraordinary feats (not feet), gave excellent and thrilling exhibitions of high diving from the wharf.

Rumor has it that the professor, who by-the-way received his early training in Europe at the hands of champions now past and gone, chose last Saturday for his latest astonishing performance. On this occasion, discarding common procedure but not so his clothes, our local champion executed a wonderful backward summersault off the wharf, much to the astonishment and appreciation of the onlookers.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, our worthy champion failed to take the precaution of first making sure the tide was in before executing his graceful plunge, and consequently finished up in some depth of real Bella Coola mud.

However, we wish him better luck next time. No—we don't know his name.

Excellent sleighing continues, and full advantage is being taken of it. Both saw mills at Hagensborg are hard at it getting in their logs, while the merchant of that town is keeping his team on the road freighting goods from the wharf.

Church Notice

Public Worship of God.

Sunday School - 2:30 p.m.
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Settlers Must Continue to Take "Short Cut" Around

The crossing of the Nootsatsum River has for years been a bone of contention with a large number of settlers in this valley.

Ever since the time that the local road superintendent condemned the site of the original bridge and, contrary to the advice and wishes of the settlers, constructed a new road and bridge, increasing the length of the road by some two and a half miles. Ever since this time, have the people been clamoring for a proper bridge to be constructed at the site of the original one.

In the meantime the settlers immediately concerned, rather than travel an extra two and a half miles of road, at times barely passable for wagons, have kept up a small temporary bridge at the old crossing. This temporary bridge, while in place, was regularly used by the travelling public, including the superintendent of roads and those in his employ.

It was mooted last fall that the road superintendent intended recommending a new route which would eliminate the necessity of crossing the Nootsatsum River.

As the route was known to many of the settlers to be almost impracticable, except at enormous expense, the settlers protested.

On the occasion of a visit by Mr. Manson, M.P.P., the matter was placed before him fully and clearly in the presence of the road superintendent.

Mr. Manson advised the settlers (many of them 20 years in the neighborhood,) to become fully acquainted with both routes before deciding, after which, if they would petition the government through him, their wishes would receive every consideration.

The settlers, taking Mr. Manson at his word, went carefully over the route proposed by the superintendent from end to end, afterwards getting together in public meeting, when the project was heartily condemned and a petition for a new bridge at the old crossing of Nootsatsum River was signed up and despatched to Mr. Manson.

A reply has just been received from the Department of Public Works which briefly states that this work is not to be done. No reason is given. That is left to the people to figure out for themselves.

The people above Nootsatsum and all who travel our roads, are condemned to travel the canyon road until such time as the government is in a position to go ahead again with public works.

This is a trifling sample of what Sir Richard meant when he said that the progress of public works would not be interfered with except in the interior and "particularly in the North."

However, there are other resolutions and petitions from the people in the hands of the government, which have for their object the saving of money to the government, and this only. It will be interesting to see if the wishes of the people in these matters will be respected.

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Who Did It?

Many and varied have been the attempts on the part of the government organs to excuse the profligacy of the McBride government, and to cast the blame for the necessity of borrowing on to some other shoulders.

The Victoria Colonist at last suggests that the necessity of borrowing might not have arisen had not the Liberal party opposed Sir Richard's request to the Dominion government for better terms.

Any old excuse is better than none, but this is really no excuse at all.

Can the Colonist show that the Liberal party has been responsible for the best agricultural land in the Province passing to the speculators?

Is the Liberal party responsible for the extragance and waste in the expenditure of public money?

Has the Liberal party any use for the army of petty officials and carpet-baggers which go to make up the hind wheels of the government machine?

Who sold the Kitsilano Reserve, paying $300,000, out of which $80,000 went to the hangers-on, $220,000 to the Indians, and the Province did not get the Reserve after all? Was this the Liberal party?

Who sold the Songese Reserve?

Who has allowed the agricultural industry in the province to become stagnated?

Who failed to do anything towards developing our deep sea fisheries?

Who sold the great timber areas of the province to foreign speculators?

Who, with a huge surplus only two years ago, have gone broke, and are afraid to face the consequences?

Who—Oh, what's the use.

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A Strange Notion.

The Liverpool Daily Post, commenting on the recent visit to England of Comptroller Fortesque of the Royal North West Mounted Police, for recruiting purposes, has this to say:

"This illustrates rather forcibly the absurdity of supposing that Canada could furnish both ships and men for the British Navy."

We are not aware that it was intended to man the Canadian Navy from the ranks of the North West Mounted Police.

True, we have heard jocular references to the British "Horse Marines," but the creation of such a force, or utilizing the R. N. W. M. P. as such a force was never contemplated here.

How the Liverpool Daily Post became possessed of such a strange notion is a mystery to us.

The Royal North West Mounted Police force is one thing, and the Canadian Navy would by now have been another, had it not been for milk-and-watery tactics of a government whose motto seems to be "Never do today what you can put off until the day after tomorrow."

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No doubt the people will be delighted to know that they are to pay between twenty-four and twenty-five thousand dollars for the trip taken by Col. Sam and twenty-one officers to Europe last year. No wonder when the government can spend the people's money in this fashion they know nothing of the high cost of living and have no sympathy with the cry for free food. As long as the people will pay for such trips can it be wondered at that those who partake of the people's bounty think that this is the best of all possible worlds.

The High Cost of Living

By T. C.

This is a question that has passed beyond the bounds of individual concerns, and has become a serious concern on the part of governments.

There is one cause to which much attention has been given of late, namely the tendency for people to abandon productive occupations in favor of unproductive ones.

The country is being depopulated and the cities overcrowded.

The farmer leaves the land, where not only is living cheap for himself, but where he is increasing the amount produced, thus lowering prices to the average consumer. When he becomes involved in the real estate business and enhances the price of building sites and homes, be brings about, in a double sense, a cause of the high cost of living.

War must come in for its share of the blame.

The people of the United Kingdom are still paying off the enormous cost of the Boer war. The Italian government is busy extracting from the people $60,000,000 for the late war with Turkey. The American nation have $800,000,000 for the Spanish-American war to settle. Our own Canadian people of either political party are bent on spending $35,000,000 of Canadian money for militarism, and we must not forget that every dollar of this adds to the cost of living to the average citizen.

Our legislators are not paying these enormous sums out of their own pockets. They get the money by taxing our clothing, boots and shoes, farm implements and almost every manufactured article.

Canada is yet young. We are still in the making, and great development work has yet to be undertaken.

Our railroads have cost us one thousand million dollars, half of which has been subscribed, not by the shareholders of the various companies, but by the people. Somehow or other each of us has to meet our share of these bills. This again has a material effect on the cost of living.

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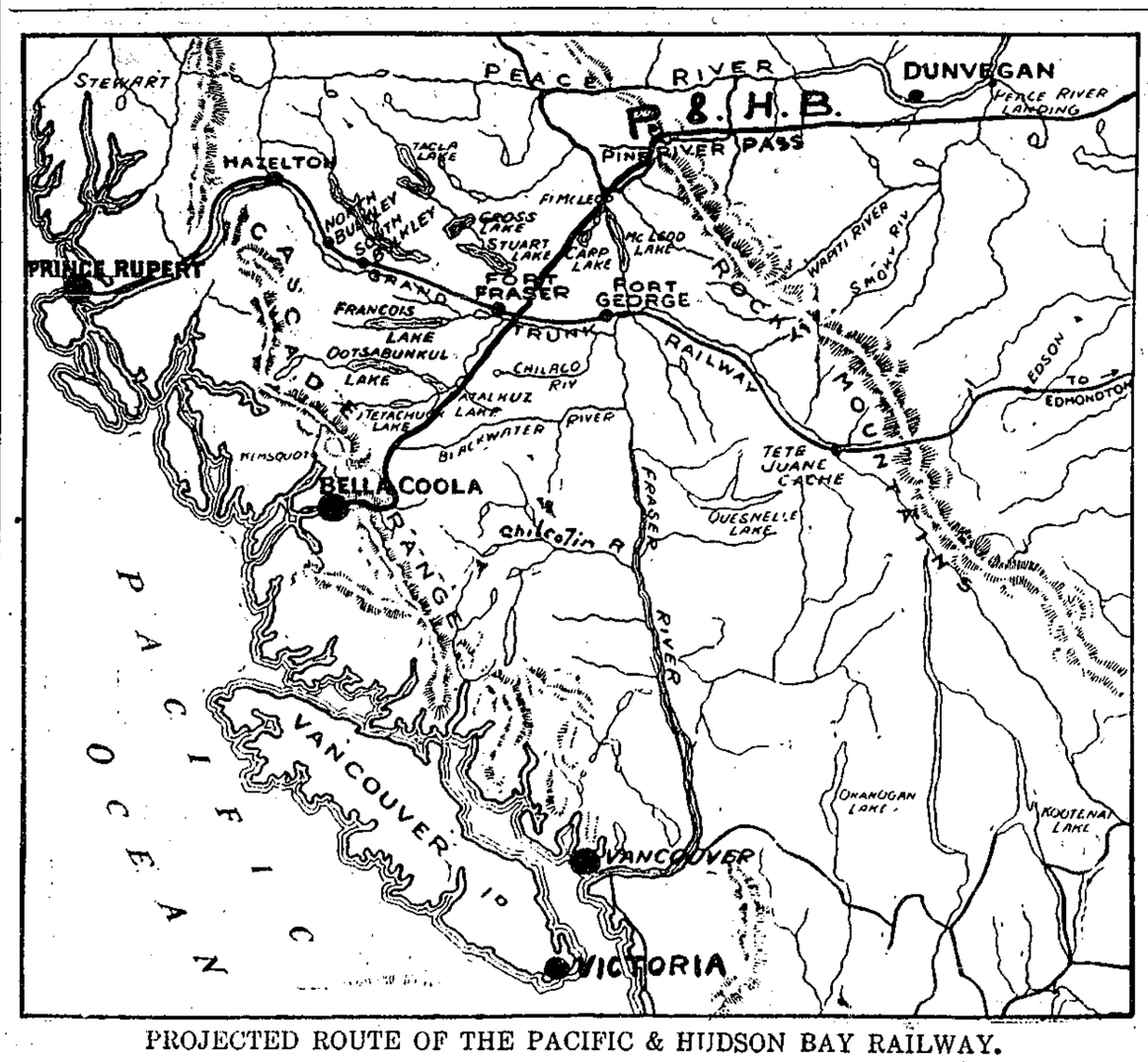

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Render Unto Caesar

By C. A.

While admiring the generous spirit shown by the "Courier" in crediting to Sir Richard McBride a disposition of welcome towards opinions not shared by himself, the writer cannot altogether agree with this. Rather does he feel compelled to attribute this apparent disposition on his part, to a lack of any deep or abiding convictions on any subject or fundamental principle of government, other than what appears to him "policy" for the moment.

"An ardent Imperialist," you say. At one time a champion of Provincial rights. At the present time being guided with an eye single to the benefit of the Federal Government. The coal question will, I think, illustrate this.

Three years ago Dr. G. A. McGuire, M. P. P., of Vancouver, brought to the attention of the local government the apparently high price of coal in the province and asked for a commission to investigate. The Premier replying, almost tearfully deplored his inability to do anything. It was, he said, a matter for the Dominion Government to deal with.

Later, after the change of government at Ottawa, Dr. McGuire again brought the matter up, this time being received with

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a cold stare and silence.

The people of Vancouver showed their appreciation of Dr. McGuire's efforts by electing him at the head of the poll, even over the high and mighty Boss Bowser. At this, the Premier promptly reversed, and at least appointed a "bluff commission." This clearly shows the course independent opinion must take before receiving any consideration from him.

Speaking in Victoria recently, Sir Richard replied to the charge that the Province was being overrun with Federal and Provincial commissions, in a rather curious manner. He claimed this was made necessary by the absence of an opposition in the legislature.

This would almost suggest that Sir Richard entertains grave doubts as to the advisability of acting on the advice of his supporters. But has Sir Richard ever given his supporters the impression that independent opinion or criticism was welcome? All evidence points in the other direction.

Mr. Wm. Manson, member for Skeena, speaking in reply to the speech from the throne, a year ago, had an excellent opportunity to raise himself above a mere party hack.

He might, by an appeal to his friends for a higher ideal in public life, have demonstrated that a government could keep its hands clean, without an opposition gun being held under its nose.

He might also have instructively set forth the conditions and requirements of his constituency.

Apparently considering it the royal road to preferment and favorable notice, he occupied the time of the House in songs and praise to his leader, which, in much better taste, might have been sung at a banquet at the private expense of himself and friends.

Sir Richard McBride referred recently to those who are beginning to view with alarm conditions as they are developing throughout the Province, as "calamity howlers," saying that he had no use for "corner lot speculators."

This is no argument or reply to many anxious people, who have quite as much intelligence, and just as much confidence in the natural worth of this Province as he himself as ever possessed.

It is variously estimated, but the writer would be surprised to know that less than fort-five thousand people have left this province within the past six months.

They were not all "corner lot speculators."

The writer has seen their effects piled in the freight sheds at Vancouver, and there were considerably more tool-boxes and wash-tubs than pianos.

The truth of the matter is, that living is so expensive in this province, that anyone facing a period of unemployment, takes his savings and goes where he can secure more for his money.

The one argument and charge that the McBride government cannot get away from, wriggle or bluff as they may, is that they have not only failed to do that which might reasonably be expected of them towards getting producers on the land at a pace with consumption of agricultural products, but they have materially assisted in creating conditions possible and profitable for the "corner lot speculators."

With the amount of provincial credit which is being expended in securing capital for railroad construction devoted to road building, ten times as much agricultural land would be opened up.

We have motor trucks on the market capable of conveying ten, fifteen and even twenty tons of freight, which on reasonably good roads, would permit transportation at a cost not greater than the rate now charged by the railways.

Given such roads and service, not only would produce be brought to the consumer, but manufacture would spread out, taking advantage of cheap water power, land and other natural advantages, rather than being tied down or staggering along with enormous fixed charges in capitalized land values and expensive power.

At a love-feast held at Prince Rupert in honor of H. S. Clements, M. P., and himself, Mr. Wm. Manson is reported to have said that the opposition to the government's land policy was for nothing more than political reasons.

Now Mr. Wise-man, a dog may sometimes bark up the wrong tree. Did you ever see a dog barking to the sky and smelling coons where there was no tree?

The State of Illinois has undertaken (at an estimated cost of about two million dollars) a soil survey of the State. Every parcel of land in the whole State will be visited and examined by an expert, and the owner or tenant advised and instructed in better methods.

The friends of the movement claim that the increased returns and improved quality of produce should in one year more than pay for the survey.

In this province, almost every one is familiar with many cases where men, who could ill afford the loss, have bought lands with the object of mixed farming, only to discover that they were subjected to severe summer frosts.

The writer has talked with men, who have gone to the lands department in Victoria, seeking information, receiving what appeared to them to be a "steer" to some speculator who had a stand in with the department.

We are boastfully reminded of the thirteen million dollars outstanding on account of land sales, and bearing interest to the government.

It is within the mark to say that nine-tenths of this land is being held by speculators. Thus the government renders assistance to the speculator, without even the questionable advantage of participating in the profits.

The writer has what would appear to be reliable information of lots purchased at the government's land sale in Prince Rupert, without a cent being put up until the properties were turned over at enhanced values.

In the next issue the writer will submit his views on the present unsatisfactory conditions surrounding expenditure of public funds in the valley.

No cure-all-ills plan or scheme (the solution must at all times rest with the people themselves,) but an endeavor to show how the people may secure the power and opportunity for betterment of conditions which they do not now possess.

BROKEN PLEDGES.

If there is any government organ daring enough to claim that Mr. Borden has kept his pledges, will it kindly inform a waiting public when he

1. Appealed to the country on the naval issue;
2. Created a Western division of the Railway Commission;
3. Transferred the natural resources of the three Prairie Provinces to their respective Provincial governments;
4. Nationalized the telegraph and telephone systems of Canada;
5. Did away with the spoils system;
6. Created a great chilled meat industry;
7. Purified election, provided for the prompt hearing of election petitions, appointed a prosecuting officer to ferret out, expose and punish all electoral wrong-doing;
8. Practised economy and reduced the public expenditure;
9. Took over all the terminal elevators of the country;
10. Reformed the Senate?

These are some of the pledges. There are others all broken. Halifax Chronicle.

Canada now imports eggs from China, one thousand cases having arrived on a recent trans-oceanic steamship. Butter from New Zealand and eggs from China, and yet Mr. Foster is trying to locate markets for the products of Canadian farms!

Except for politics Satan would lose his grip on some men.

A horse dealer was trying to sell a horse afflicted with heaves, and said to the prospective buyer: "Hasn't he a fine coat? Isn't it a dandy?"

"His coat's all right, but I don't like his pants."

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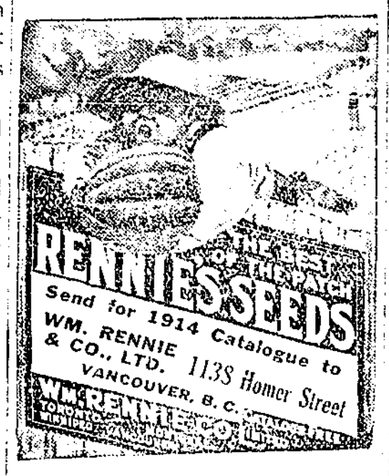

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Tokyo, Feb. 18.—The House of Representatives has adopted the budget, which provides an appropriation of $62,000,000, spread over five years, for the expansion of the navy.

Stefansson Thinks Karluk Is Safe

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Vilajamar Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, has sent a despatch to the government from Collinson Point announcing that he and his three companions, who were ashore near Point Barrow when the Karluk was carried out to sea in the ice, have joined Anderson's branch of the expedition in winter quarters. Stefansson still believes the Karluk and crew are safe.

Organizes New Service

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A great organization of power boat fleets through out Canada is about to be undertaken by the militia department under the direction of Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia.

While not all of the arrangements are made, the scheme has so far been worked out by the colonel that it is proposed to organize service fleets in the maritime river and lake communities, which will place launches, small cruisers, or other boats which their owners enroll at the disposal of their country in time of war or need.

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