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WEATHER REPORT FOR DECEMBER
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 31. Minimum 22.
Rainfall, .78 inches. Snow, 2.50 inches.

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Russians Unfolding New Plan of Campaign

No Money for Buildings

Victoria, Jan. 21.—Following on a conference of the Board of Governors of the Provincial University with Sir Richard McBride and his colleagues relative to the present position of the educational enterprise and the outlook, the premier intimated that in view of the general dislocation of things as a result of the war it would be necessary for the government to revise its programme in respect to the speedy construction of the university. The grants which would ordinarily have been forthcoming to enable the work of constructing the building to be taken in hand on a comprehensive scale would have to be abandoned for the present and the whole effort of the government and the Board of Governors of the university would be directed towards keeping the original scheme intact pending the return of happier times.

"Down With War."

Rome, Jan. 21.—Popular demonstrations have been held in Vienna against continuing the war. Starving demonstrators marched to the municipal offices crying "Down with war" and tried to erect barricades. They were dispersed by the police.

Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir—There appears to be a persistent rumour which has gained considerable currency in the Province, that my late secretary was associated with the stealing and manipulation of plans of home defence and that the discovery of his complicity therein was the cause of his death. Since returning from my recent visit east I learned that some such rumor had been published in a Seattle paper, but I paid no attention to it other than as a phase of newspaper sensationalism.

It never occurred to me that in British Columbia, where Macrae was well known, any heed would be paid to it. It is a painful subject for me to discuss, but in justice to the memory of one who never betrayed a trust or was disloyal to his country in thought, word or deed, I must state most emphatically that the rumour is without the slightest possible foundation. The circulation of such stories, wilfully or otherwise, is a cruel reflection upon my late secretary and painful in the extreme to relatives and friends. Mr. Macrae had been suffering for many months with a nervous ailment and his untimely death cannot in the slightest degree be regarded as a reflection in any way upon his honour as a man or a citizen.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD McBRIDE.

Russians Repel Severe Attacks

Germans Lose Heavily in Western Galicia

London, Jan. 21.—A Bucharest despatch to the Daily Mail describing the Russian invasion of Hungary says: "During the night of January 16 a Russian force descending from Funoul-Moldier, in the south-west corner of Bukowina, passed over Mount Colacul and advanced as far as Czaneschtie, near Jacobini, where the Austrian artillery was massed. These troops were supported by two other columns and their front extended through Czaneschtie, Jacobini and Pitni. To avoid being surrounded the Austrians retreated toward Jacobini. Fighting continued during night and day of Sunday and Monday and is still proceeding.

An official statement from Petrograd says that in the region north of Rawa two attacks by the Germans have been repulsed. On the evening of January 18th the Germans in the region of the village of Vitkoritze, on the left bank of the Bzura, made an attempt to capture an important bridge. The advance was made under the glare of searchlights, rockets and fires of straw. This attack was repulsed by an effective fire by the Russian artillery. On the same evening in Western Galicia, after heavily canonading our positions south of Radliff and setting on fire two villages behind our positions, the enemy delivered a fierce attack. A large detatchment, advancing in a compact mass, reached our barbed wire entanglements but were compelled to retire with heavy loss. In Bukowina the Russian troops continue successful. They have occupied the village of Ichaneschti near Watradorna, where they captured many prisoners.

London, Jan. 22.—Telegraph from Bucharest, the Daily Mail correspondent says: "A strong force of Hungarian troops are proceeding to the Buckowina frontier by way of Bistritz to arrest the Russian invasion.

To Hold Pacific Islands

London, Jan. 21.—An Australian force is about to leave to occupy the islands in the North-west Pacific Ocean seized by the Japanese from the Germans, according to an official communicaiion received here from the Hon. C. F. Pearce, Australian minister of defence. This move is in accordance with the desire of the Japanese Government.

To Invade Servia

German Troops and Siege Artillery

London, Jan. 22.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the new army formed for the invasion of Servia includes a German contingent numbering eighty thousand men with a full equipment of heavy siege artillery. Definite operations are expected to take place at an early date.

Attacks of Enemy Are Repulsed

Paris, Jan. 22.—An official communication states as follows: "The enemy violently bombarded our positions to the north of Notre Dame Le Lorette, following with an attack at 5 o'clock in the morning, which was repulsed, In Champagne regions, two small woods north of Beauiejour were occupied by our troops, the enemy delivering an unsuccessful counter-attack. In Argonne, the Germans made a strong attack on our line in neighborhood of St. Hubert. After a violent bombardment of our trenches the enemy's infantry delivered an attack but met with a destructive fire from both our infantry and artillery, forcing them to retire with heavy loss. Heavy fighting continues in the region of Hartmonn-Weilerkopf. On other portions of our front there is nothing of importance to report.

Germans Move Big Guns

Amsterdam, Jan. 21—The Germans continue to remove their big guns from Ostend to Heyst. Two 28-centimeter guns were transferred on Sunday. These changes that are taking place indicate that in the event of an advance by the Allies along the coast, no attempt will be made to defend the present positions before Ostend, but that the Germans will fall back nearly to the border of Holland.

A Rude Shock

London, Jan. 21.—Truth says: "The confidence of British investors in Canadian undertakings has received some rude shocks during the past year or two, but in some respects this case (the Dominion Trust Co.) is the worst that has occurred. The director has passed away, but it is to be hoped that the misdeeds will be brought home to some of the other responsible directors and officers in Canada.

Russians Form New Plan

Trench Fighting Too Slow

London, Jan. 22—The Russians are unfolding a new plan of campaign says the Daily Mail correspondent at Warsaw, and within a month's time a fresh offensive will develop. It will not be the ordinary trench fighting, but of a character particularly suited to the composition of the Russian army in which cavalry takes such an important part. Under the new plan operations are contemplated which will extend over at least six months.

Holland Expected to Protest

London, Jan. 22.—It is expected that the government of Holland will make a protest against the violation of the neutrality of that country by German aerial raiders. Reports from Amsterdam show that in the recent aerial raid by the Germans, the "baby killers" passed over the outer Freizan Islands both on their outward trip and their return. Although in this instance only four people were killed, the public indignation is roused to an even higher pitch than the Scarboro raid.

Activity in German Fleet

London, Jan. 22.—According to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen, a flotilla of German destroyers and submarines left Heligoland Roads on Wednesday and news from many sources indicates considerable activity on the part of the German fleet.

German Plan Fails

London, Jan. 21.—Frederick Bennett at Petrograd wires: "The Russian advance through North Poland prevent the Germans from establishing their winter headquarters on the Vistula River, the failure of which means that the German forces will be dangerously exposed to attack.

Says Germans Are Beaten

Paris, Jan. 21.—It is officially reported that in a recent interview the two French generals Fonch and Dutbal declared emphatically that the Germans are beaten, and that the Allies could break their lines any minute they wanted to. The Allied armies are waiting for the word to advance, and when the word comes Germany will be crushed.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin made her usual weekly call at this port on Wednesday, her passenger list on this occasion being very small.

Among those leaving for the south were Mr. John G. Walker, who has been delivering a course of interesting lectures throughout the valley, and Mrs. Parker, who has been spending a three months visit with her brother, Mr. Harry Sinclair of the Crossing.

Many of our readers will be interested to learn that Mr. Wm. C. Cullen, late in the employ of the Ocean Falls Co. as paymaster, is now at Winnipeg in training for active service.

The power-cruiser Charles Todd with Indian-agent Fougner on board left port on Monday for a visit to the neighboring Indian reserves.

The annual meeting of the Bella Coola Farmers' Institute took place in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Tuesday afternoon. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, T. P. Saugstad; vice-pres., D. W. Hoage; sec.-treas., A. Hammer; board of directors, H. Haakenson, W. H. Mackay, A. Svisdahl, and S. Le C. Grant.

The attendance far surpassed any previous record, well over one hundred members using the privilege of the ballot. If this can be taken to indicate the increased interest taken in matters pertaining to farming in the valley, this place undoubtedly has a bright future as regards that industry.

Mr. J. N. Cran, late manager of the local branch of the Bank of B. N. A., has been appointed to the management of the branch at Lytton.

Mr. E. R. Russel is employed in the accoutant's department of the Vancouver office.

Local weather conditions are perfect for all outdoor pursuits, and many farmers are making good progress in land clearing. The absence of snow is, however, hampering the saw-mills from getting in their supply of logs for the coming season's trade. Skating is once again the order and is being greatly appreciated especially by the children.

The B.C.A.A. had an exciting basketball game the other evening when for once the Hagensborg team succeeded in beating Bella Coola.

Karl Brink left on a business trip to some of the neighboring ports on Monday last. His business may necessitate a visit to Vancouver before his return.

Those who attended at the Mackenzie School on Tuesday evening were well repaid by the exceedingly interesting lecture delivered by Mr. John G. Walker. The subject of the address was the anticipated disintegration of Turkish empire as a result of its suicidal entrance into the great war. Mr. Walker dealt with the subject from the Bible standpoint, emphasising the fulfillment of the prophecies and predicting that ultimately the last stand of the Turks would be made at Jerusalem. The manner in which the speaker dealt with a somewhat difficult and delicate subject showed keen insight and considerable study.

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Mr. M. W. Marvin of Atnarko, arrived in town on Wednesday morning for a short visit. He reports that never in his ten years experience has he seen such a mild winter in the Upper Valley. There is as yet no snow and the temperature is hovering around freezing point.

H. G. Anderson is visiting at Bella Bella.

Capt. Barker and H. B. Brenton came up from Vancouver a week ago by the Chelohsin and returned south on Wednesday after a week's shooting at Kwatna. They expressed themselves as well pleased with their trip both as regards the weather and the numbers of ducks and geese which fell to their guns.

A meeting of the local Ladies Aid convened at the home of Mrs. J. R. Morrison on Wednesday, when the work for the coming year was outlined. A large amount of material was distributed among the working members which in due course will be disposed of for the benefit of the cause to which the society in lending its efforts.

Rev. T. C. Colwell left town early in the week for Namu, Bella Bella and Kimsquit.

W. C. T. U.

The Youman's Band will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Clayton, on Wednesday 27th, at 2:30 p. m.

All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Sec.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

All Are Welcome.

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

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1915.

Dictated by Duty.

The Attorney-General is feeling uneasy. He is losing his grip and is fast being driven into a corner from which he is trying vainly to extricate himself. His latest attempt to repudiate his responsibility in regard to the losses sustained by the depositors in the Dominion Trust was made at a Conservative meeting at Kerisdale. Here Mr. Bowser is reported as saying "The inspection of trust companies does not come under my department, but that of the finance minister, and the blame, if any, should therefore not be put upon me."

Mr. Bowser denied ever having said that he knew that for two years the Dominion Trust Co. had been insolvent, but admitted saying that from the liquidator's report it was apparently so.

He did not attempt to deny that to his knowledge, both as Attorney-General of the province and as legal adviser to the company, the company had been permitted to continue taking the people's money on deposit for a year after the last shadow (and only a shadow) of legal right to do so had been swept away by an act passed by the provincial legislature.

In spite of this Mr. Bowser is reported to have stated that the course he had taken in regard to public affairs was that "dictated by duty."

Let us just see how this works out. In 1913 a bill was introduced in the legislature conferring upon the Dominion Trust Co. certain powers denied it by the federal parliament. The Attorney-General knew that the bill was unconstitutional, and admits that he advised his colleagues to that effect. But nothing was heard concerning it from either him or them on the floor of the assembly. He allowed the bill to be passed knowing it to be unconstitutional, and is reported to have stated that he kept silent for fear of causing a split in his party and the defeat of the government. His course in this respect was dictated by a sense of duty, but only to his party and not to the public interest. He could not be true to one without damaging the other, so he chose to stand by his party and betrayed the public trust.

For a whole year the Dominion Trust Co. operated under powers conferred by illegal legislation of which Mr. Bowser was fully cognizant, until in March 1914 the act was repealed under pressure from Ottawa. From March 1914 the company was deprived of the last vestige of right to take deposits, but was allowed to continue its reckless and lawless course, and Mr. Bowser, according to his own admission, knew this. Again he was undoubtedly guided by a sense of duty, but to his own private business concern in its connection to the company, and not to the public interest.

Mr. Bowser entered into illegal transactions with a handful of Indians regarding the purchase of an Indian reserve. He allowed $80,000 of public money to be paid to two men, one of whom untill shortly before the transaction took place, held a prominent position in the firm of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge. The Indians got their price, $220,000, the aforementioned persons pocketed $80,000 between them and the province is refused a title to the land. The Indians still own the reserve. Where was the Attorney-General's sense of duty, or for the matter of that, common sense of any kind?

Mr. Bowser as Attorney-General closed the doors of the jails to certain persons who had been sentenced to imprisonment under the criminal code. By this act he deliberately obstructed an effort to cleanse our cities of commercialized vice, and was the means of these persons being turned free (after having been sentenced to imprisonment) to carry on their nefarious traffic. Where was his sense of duty? The Attorney-General must indeed be possessed of a depraved imagination to ever suggest that such behaviour on his part has been in the public interest. Let him take care lest he add insult to injury.

He asks for fair play in regard to his responsibility for the Dominion Trust affairs. What kind of fair play did he allow the company to show to its victims? What kind of fair play did he show to the naturalized British subjects throughout the province by his last amendment to the Elections Act?"

What kind of fair play did he show to the coal miners of Vancouver Island? What is the Attorney-General's idea of fair play, anyhow?

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The management of the Courier is in receipt of a communication from a local reader, who was once upon a time an ardent Conservative, completely enamoured of the McBride-Bowser machine methods as practised at that time. Our friend has apparently changed with time. The decreased flow of easy money from the provincial treasury may possibly account for change of front.

The communication while conveying much information seeks still more. Some of the information sought is more or less of a private nature and therefore we are precluded from according such through the medium of these columns. But most of our friend's enquiries pertain to the local Conservative party and their doings throughout this valley.

In respect to the work of the several Conservative organizations up and down the valley, we may say we see very little of it. We state again that we are not in the confidence of that party, no do we wish to be so. We are happier and better satisfied to stay out. There are times when we feel inclined to, and as a matter of fact we do sometimes talk matters over with certain of the more enlightened officers of these several organizations, but these talks we keep strictly to ourselves. Although concerning public matters these exchanges of opinion are kept stricly private for many and obvious reasons.

Our esteemed friend comments on the Courier's report of the annual meeting in connection with the Bella Coola General Hospital, and enquires why a notice of this meeting was not inserted in the Courier. He complains that a large number of people were left in ignorance regarding the date and place of the meeting and knew nothing of it until it was over.

As regards the report, we find on enquiry that the information was obtained from the president of the Hospital Board by a member of our staff in the regular way of news for this paper.

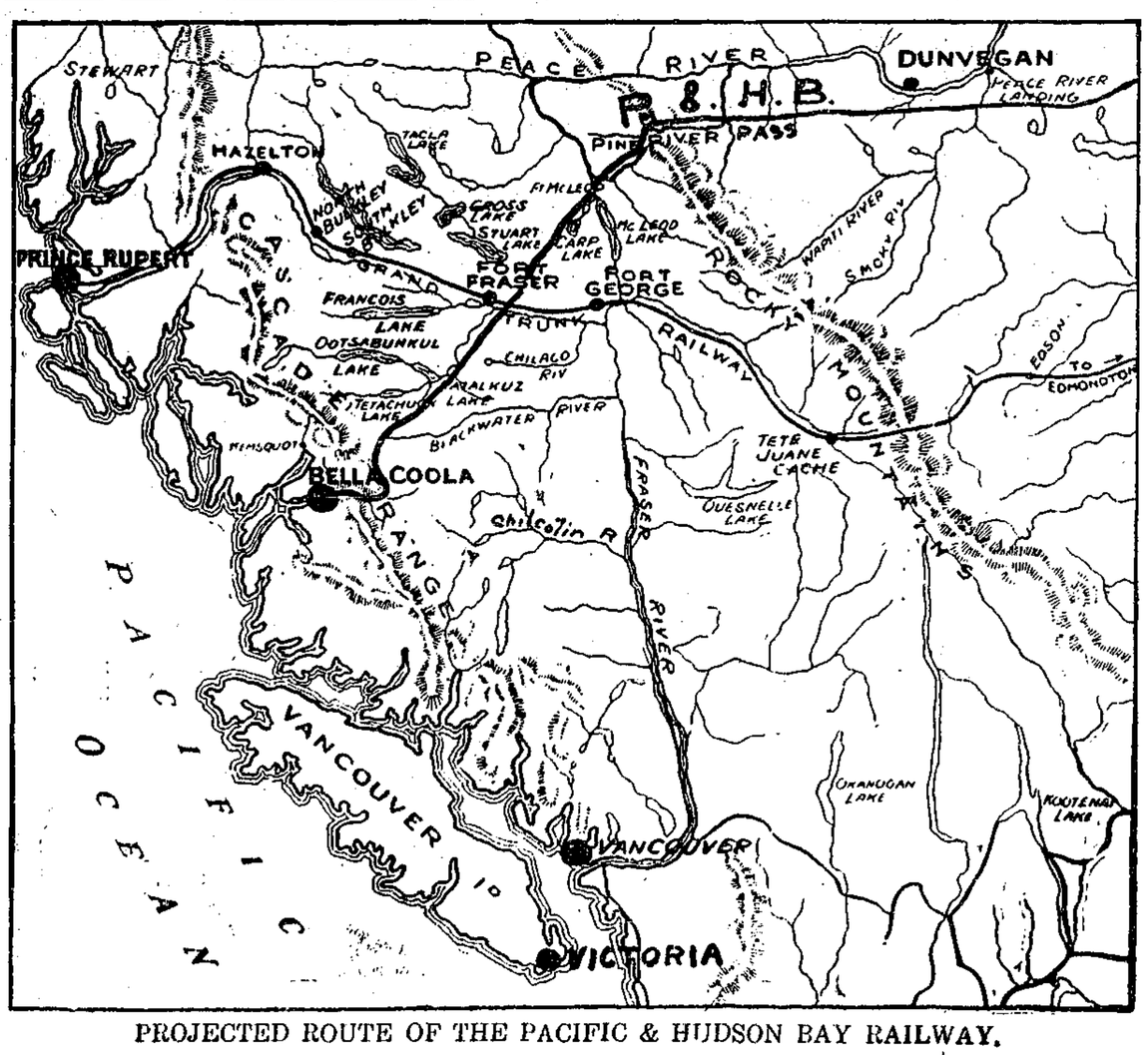
In respect to the failure of those responsible to properly announce the meeting by inserting a notice in this paper, there may be many reasons most of which are not hard to discover.

The Courier is strenuously opposed to the present administration for reasons which any reader may easily understand if he will. The Bella Coola General Hospital is a Conservative institution and is run as such, and it would therefore be foolish to expect notices of this nature to be inserted in the Courier, even if by so doing a full meeting would be assured. Where ignorance is bliss, etc., etc.

Our correspondent remarks that only two persons from Bella Coola town attended this meeting, the president and the secretary. Perhaps other townspeople had not known of the meeting. Then again, we know cases of Conservative meetings in the past where the less persons attending the better it suited the purpose. It is just possible that this Hospital meeting may have been of that order too, although our own experience is that our townsmen do not take kindly to attending meetings of any kind.

Our friend who now writes us seems so well posted on the inner workings of the local Conservative party that his questions put us in rather an embarrassing position. Yes Sir, we know that they think they can accomplish much, though we have not noticed any great effort put forth as yet. The "Bunch," business men and roadbosses opposed to the Courier. Yes, we know that too—but they do not seem to have much of a pull judging by their success. While we thank our friend for the information, we wish to say we are fully alive to the work of the "Bunch," and will deal with them when in our opinion the proper time has arrived.

Some of those despatches from Holland can be believed even if the geography does describe it as a low-lying country.



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Talks to the Premier On Livestock Figures

Open letter to Sir Richard McBride.

Hon. Sir,—I have read with a great deal of interest the published report of your statements of the remarkable production of the mines, the forests, the fisheries, agriculture and horticulture. Sir, I am delighted to be told by so eminent an authority that the total production of agricultural products for 1914 reached a value of $27,366,000—$3,385,000 in excess of the value produced in 1913. The minister of agriculture is to be congratulated upon the wonderful ability of his officials, displayed in the collection of the information upon which your statements were based.

"The mere fact that a large portion of the produce of 1914 is still in the possession of the producer, and unsold, in no way prevents these wondrous officials from fixing definitely quantity, quality and value.

"Officials possessed of such wonderful foresight as well as hindsight, find it unnecessary to consult the producers. I have questioned a number of our large producers, in the Delta, and I have found none who furnished any information as to his produce to any government official.

"Being of an inquisitive disposition I turned up the report of the commission on agriculture, and I found on page 359 a table headed thus:

Table 5.—Home production, agricultural products; values, 1913.

Total live stock - -	$19,990,860
Total dairy products	2,593,404
Total meats - - -	1,083,572
Total fruits and vegetables	4,118,555
Total eggs, honey -	1,765,608
Toial hay, grain, etc.	8,572,820
Grand total - -	$38,124,819

"I frankly admit that my education was sadly neglected when I was young, otherwise I would have no difficulty in realizing that $27,366,000 in 1915 was larger than was $38,124,819 in 1913.

"Dear Sir Richard, I am told that it cost a lot of money for

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Get rid of your auto before the Germans conquer us. The German name for garage is kraftwageninstellraum.

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A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Vancouver. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, within 30 days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is January 2nd, 1915.

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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.

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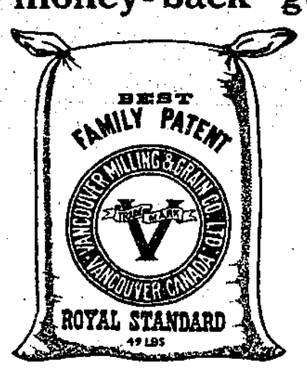

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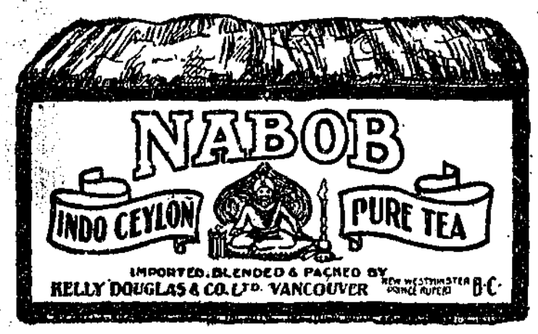

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Talk to the Premier On Livestock Figures

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that commission on agriculture, and that the report they made is worth the whole of it, and naturally I thought the report would be very instructive, and so it is, and when I read that the total value of the live stock produced in 1913 was $19,990,-860, and that the dead stock (dressed meats, including cattle slaughtered for tuberculosis) was valued at $1,083,572, I realized that I had much to learn, and like a crab I went backwards until I came to page 354 of the Report, and there I found that amongst agricultural production of 1913 were the following animals:

"Brood mares, 6451, value, $1,186,807; one and two-year-olds, 4785, value $573,459.

"6451 brood mares, 4785 one and two-year-olds and 29,523 other horses produced in one year and yet there are people who are reported to have said that your government have done but little for agriculture.

"Sir, your government has undoubtedly been slandered, and the reason I say so is that I find that under the wise guidance of your minister of agriculture (who only takes an interest in stock and bond, and accident insurance as a side issue) that B. C. produced in 1913 of dairy cattle, 27,378 full grown milch cows of a value of $3,326,946, besides 8,729 heifer calves (never a bull) and more wonderful still, 11,-257 other heifers of a value of $675,420.

"Yes Sir, and even the beef cattle produced 17,920 calves and 87,570 other cattle of a value of $6,843,595.

"Yes, and in the good old year 1913 there were produced in this wounderful province of B. C., in the tenth year of your most illustrious government, no less than 4,838 brood sows, as well as 25,179 sheep of all kinds and ages. And if there are any doubting Thomasses, I will refer them to pages 354 to 359 inclusive, of your Agricultural Commissioners' Report, and they will be convinced that Old Jacob, with his peeled willow stakes, knew very little about the live stock business.

Dear sir, if you could only spare the officials who prepared the figures you used in your newspaper interview, and the officials, or other persons who prepared the figures quoted above, to go to the assistance of the liquidator appointed for the Dominion Trust Co., they would have no difficulty in figuring out a surplus, much to the relief of everybody concerned.

"What's that? You can't spare them." "Got a deficit of your own to work over before the House meets?" Too bad. I did hope you could have spared them; but it is true McKenzie and Mann's interests (how much will it be for the coming year?) must be attended to first.

"So sorry, Dick, that you forgot to tell that reporter that unemployment and starvation were purely imaginary.

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REFLECTIONS.

To the Editor.

I'm thinking Mr. Editor
Of the year that's dead and gone,
And counting, like a creditor,
Our balances one by one.

While mem'ry takes a glance behind,
As far as I remember—
These are the thoughts come first to mind,
From Janu'ry to December.

Through our Dominion Jacky Frost
Bites hard on chilly fingers,
While here, the rascal at the most
In playful gambol lingers.

Hardly has Winter well begun
With skatings, sleighings, meetings,
When o'er the mountain peeps the sun
With its bright Sping-time greetings.

Our cannery now gives welcome toil:
A call from "Sainte" to sinner,
To help secure the Ocean's spoil,
And many a toothsome dinner.

Then comes the twenty-fourth of May,
Its happy, joyous faces;
Our patriotic Empire Day,
And blending of the races.

No scorching rays on man, or grass;
The sun now hid, now shining,
So those who count the clouds that pass,
Should note their silver lining.

From East to West our Valley runs
Between two mountain ranges;
So felt no dread of German Guns
Or "Old World" war time changes.

School, home, and field along the way
Appear in frequent order—
No ten miles howitzer can say,
"I come to storm your border."

We heard instead of soldiers' stride,
Our Empire's mighty rally;
And hearts went out in love and pride,
To those who left our Valley.

Nor desolated home, nor mead,
Like our poor Belgian brothers;
Plenty of everything we need,
And something left for others.

Nor lost the art in old, and young,
Of music, song, and fiction;
And Autumn turns the song that's sung
To evening benediction.

One drop means not the ocean vast,
Nor summer but one swallow,
Yet one live thought upon the Past
May gild the year to follow.

Thanks, Mr. Editor, and so
These lines which I deliver,
Suggest the thoughts which ought to flow
To God, our bounteous Giver.

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