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WEATHER REPORT FOR JUNE.
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Canners Must Fight Sea Lions

The salmon cannerymen of British Columbia are finding themselves up against more trouble and prospective troubles this year than ever before from sea lions. The Dominion Government voted an additional $3,000 for the destruction of hair seals. No provision has been made, however, for any bounty on sea lions which are in evidence at the mouth of places where the salmon run, in larger numbers than in any previous year. This is especially true of Rivers Inlet.

Mr. W. D. Burdis, secretary of the British Columbia Canners Association, stated that the managers of the canneries affected have so clearly recognized the seriousness of the depredations liable to be made by these sea monsters that they have assessed themselves $1.50 per boat for their licensed number of boats, and have so raised a sum of $1,050, from which they propose to pay $2 for each sea lion scalp presented to them.

On the Seal Patrol

Rainbow to Be Fitted Out for Bering Sea Service

Ottawa, July 16.—The Rainbow, the flagship of the Royal Canadian navy on the Pacific coast, is to be pressed into active service. At the end of the present month she will put out for Bering Sea to engage in patrol work. A sealing convention signed by Great Britain, Japan, Russia and the United States, calls for joint patrol of the Bering Sea waters for the protection of the sealing industry.

The British warships Algerine and Shearwater were to have taken part in the patrol, but they have gone to the Mexican coast for the protection of British interests there. The Canadian government offered to the admiralty the use of the Rainbow, and this has been accepted.

She will leave the Pacific coast for the northern waters at the end of this present month. To bring the crew up to full strength some men will be sent from the Niobe at Halifax. Commander Hose of the Rainbow will be in charge.

Date of Telkwa Fair Changed

Telkwa, July 17.—With the consent of the Department of Agriculture, the date of the Telkwa Fall Fair has been changed to September 18th and 19th.

The Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association have in hand a lengthy prize list and the Fair promises to be highly successful.

Sports Will Figure Largely at Prince Rupert Fair

Prince Rupert, July 17.—Land and water sports are to play an important part in connection with the Exhibition and Fair on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, and a lengthy and varied list of events is already prepared, including special races for Indians and eleven events for children of graded ages. All sports are open to amateur athletes from any part of Northern B. C.

The tug-of-war for a $60 prize will be a big event, for which several teams have already expressed intention of entering.

Handsome prizes are offered for shooting, trap shooting, football and baseball.

$100 cash prize and a handsome silver cup is to be awarded in the contest for Indian bands, and $50 cash for race for Indian river canoes.

Word has been received at the Exhibition office, from the deputy postmaster-general, that a special date-stamp to advertise the Fair will now be installed in the city post office.

The Agricultural Association has enrolled fifty-four new members within the last few weeks, and subscriptions from outlying districts are coming in fast.

Several important firms on the outside are making arrangements to secure space in the exhibition, and everything points to the occasion being an immense success.

Robberies In North

Man at New Hazelton Walked Off With Cash Register

Prince Rupert, July 16.—Robberies are reported from New Hazelton, 100 miles inland on the G. T. P., and at Port Essington, on the Skeena River. R. G. Cunningham's store at Port Essington was broken into, the safe forced and a sum of hundreds of dollars secured.

On Monday night last week, a stranger entered the office of the Northern Hotel at New Hazelton, picked up the cash register and escaped before the dazed clerk could intercept him. A man oamed Dean has been arrested here on suspicion.

Insurance for Passengers

Liverpool, July 16.—The chamber of commerce here has started a movement with the object of making the insurance of steerage passengers on ocean lines compulsory. The advocates of this policy contended that there would be no difficulty in slightly increasing the passage rates for emigrants in order to cover the cost of the insurance, and that such a step would obviate the necessity of making appeals to the public for funds in the case of disaster.

Believes Karluk's Men Safe

Nome, June 16.—Captain Bartlett, master of the wrecked exploring ship Karluk, who is here waiting for the revenue cutter Bear to take him to Wrangell Island to pick up the shipwrecked men marooned there, says he knows nothing of the reported loss of eight men of the expedition.

He says four men set out over the ice to the cache of provisions saved from the Karluk. These men took 120 days' provisions, and although he does not know what became of them he believes they are safe.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S.S. Camosun made her usual weekly call at this port on Sunday last, bringing a large number of passengers besides considerable freight.

Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton returned home by the last steamer from Victoria where they have been attending college.

Misses E. White and W. Goodwin of Victoria, came up by the last Camosun and are the guests of Mrs. J. Clayton.

Mrs. Davidson, a sister of Mr. Tom Draney, and two children arrived in town by the last steamer from the south. They are paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Draney.

Miss B. Westwood of Victoria, is spending a few weeks in the valley as the guest of the Misses Gibson.

Other incoming passengers by the Camosun included Messrs. V. Clayton, W. Netzyl, W. Lewin and C. Addison.

Sam Colborne of Saloomt valley, left on the last south-bound steamer.

B. Norton, photographic artist, left by the Camosun on Sunday after a stay of over two months, during which time he was kept exceedingly busy.

Tom Englebretson, the well known cattle rancher at Towdistan, brought down a fine bunch of steers which are to be butchered for local consumption.

The animals arrived here in excellent condition in spite of the fact that the trail is extremely difficult to drive cattle over. Were it not for this fact, many of the Chilcotin ranchers would ship their cattle by way of this port.

News has reached this office, from the upper country, that a strong syndicate of business men from the outside has been formed for the purpose of stocking a large tract of land in the neighborhood of Anaham Lake with cattle. Men are already in the country endeavoring to buy cattle and making preparations for the cutting and putting up hay. It is expected that the ranch will be in full operation this fall.

The sockey salmon fishing in local waters shows an encouraging improvement. The pack up to date exceeds that of any other year, except one, in the history of the local cannery.

The first shipment of sockeye salmon will be sent south on the Camosun tomorrow.

It is strange yet true that the spring salmon in these waters average considerably larger than at many places on the coast. Hereabouts they are of a fairly uniform size, weighing from thirty-five to forty pounds. The largest caught this season weighed fifty-two pounds. While quite a large fish, this does not approach the record of three years ago when a local fisherman took to the cannery one weighing seventy-five pounds.

The latest word received from Rivers Inlet says, the run of salmon so far has been poor, but as the season is somewhat later at that place than elsewhere there is still hope of a good run during the next two weeks.

T. Beauchamp who has been engaged in survey work at the head of the valley has gone down the Inlet where he has several locations to survey.

A local syndicate who intend going into the ranching business at the head of South Bentick Arm, are having a large scow built for the purpose of transporting a number of young cattle to the ranch. The scow is being constructed by Capt. Thorson.

The men at the head of this ranching proposition are men of experience, who have made a thorough inspection of the land to be used, and have left nothing undone that can lend to the success of the enterprise.

The recent wet weather has caused considerable loss to several local farmers who were unfortunate enough to have their hay laying in the fields. The welcome change, however, will no doubt save the situation and there will be no shortage of hay this winter.

At the recent annual meeting of the property owners residing in the Mackenzie school district, Mrs. George Young was elected trustee in place of Mr. P. J. Kenyon whose term had expired.

Considerable improvement to the school building and grounds is to be undertaken.

Messrs. O. T. Landry and P. J. Kenyon, arrived back from a two weeks' trip into the Interior on Wednesday.

Mr. Landry, who is the local telegraph operator, made a thorough inspection of the line between this place and Tatla Lake, and installed a telephone station at Anaham Lake. This will minimize the trouble previously experienced on this portion of the line.

Mr. Harold Bennett of Ootsa Lake, writing to the Courier office, says things are looking exceedingly prosperous in that part of the country. He has eight acres of oats and ten of timothy. Crops generally, are looking very healthy.

F. S. Brewer of Ootsa Lake, formerly a frequent visitor to Bella Coola, had the misfortune to contract scurvy whilst engaged in trapping last winter. Mr. Brewer is now able to move around on crutches and hope is entertained for his complete recovery.

Late arrivals from the upper country state that great improvement has been made to the trails by the Indians of Alcatcho, Anaham Lake and Cluskus Lake.

A new trail some six miles and a half in length has been constructed from a point close to the forks of the Chilcotin and Alcatcho trails in the neighborhood of Anaham Lake to the Salmon River Crossing, on the main trail to all northern points. The new trail shortens the distance by some five miles besides avoiding some bad mud holes and long stretches always blocked by fallen timber.

The Cluskus Lake Indians besides improving the trail have even bridged the Blackwater River, which is a stream of considerable size.

It is a well known fact that all the trails in the adjacent part of the Interior have been made by Indians. Witness the sleigh road from Anaham Lake to Alcatcho, a distance of about 45 miles.

This year the government intend to spend a paltry three hundred dollars on Interior trails in the country tributary to Bella Coola, but while the powers that be are searching for a good Conservative to do the work (no matter whether he knows the country or not) a few Indians are doing in a few weeks what would take the government months and cost the public thousands of dollars.

Ed. Oien of the Crossing, who also has a ranch at Takush Harbor, has arranged for the purchase of a fine bunch of heifers from Mr. W. Lewin who has been operating a cattle ranch on Salmon River. Mr. Oien left for the upper country on Wednesday, with a party of four, to take over the cattle which he will drive to this place for shipment to Takush Harbor by the S. S. Camosun on August 9th.

Local readers will no doubt be greatly interested in the following which has been received from Miss W. Pecknold, teacher in charge of the Lower Bella Coola School.

Miss Pecknold who is taking the summer course at the high school in Victoria writes as follows:

"At present, what are supposed to be the largest summer courses of instruction ever held in Canada, are being carried on in Victoria. Almost 600 teachers are enrolled, the weaker sex being the stronger in numbers, although quite a number of men are at present in camp, training as cadet instructors, and these will eventually help to swell the total.

"The new high school is, as all who have seen it know, a splendid edifice, not only in appearance but in equipment, and is enough to make many educationists from remote districts, turn positively green with envy, as a striking example of all the apparatus which they have not got nor are likely to obtain.

"The classes were opened by addresses from the Minister of Education, the Superintendent of Education and the Premier. These were interesting, pithy and showed sympathy with the work of the teacher.

"Owing to the unprecedented response to the invitation to these classes, the work laid out has had to be curtailed a little as there are so many divisions to be attended to.

"In our course of instruction we are having the pleasure of listening to lectures by experts on apiculture, poultry-raising, gardening, etc. I fully expect to keep a bee and a chicken when I return to Bella Coola, and also have serious intentions of growing a cabbage. But perhaps I am already a host in myself as far as greenness goes.

"Yesterday we made (or tried to make) an insect net and a mixture of potassium cyanide and plaster of paris in a bottle, for killing insects. Incidentally I planed a piece off my finger and tore my dress, thereby carrying to extremes the fashionable "slit" effect. Oh, yes, I'm having a ripping time.

"Altogether, everyone is having quite a busy period and the prevailing note is cheerfulness and enthusiasm. Every minute of the day is filled up with some-in the nature of work and we feel it is worth while attending the classes. I am looking forward to the rest of the lessons."

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Worse, and More of It.

TOURISTS ENCOUNTER HEAVY WEATHER IN NORTHERN B. C.

As the Courier recently predicted, Hon. W. J. Bowser and Hon. Wm. Ross have already found that their tour of the North is not to be altogether a fair weather cruise. Opening their campaign (for such is the real nature of their tour) at the little town of McBride we read that the Attorney-General's delicate sensibilities were sorely outraged by a person in the audience who had the audacity to suggest that all was not exactly on the square in regard to the granting of liquor licenses by the government. This seems to have caused Mr. Bowser to wax wrath, for we learn that after stoutly repudiating the suggestion the Attorney-General adopted his favorite role of a fifteen cent tinpot imitation of Napoleon and "glared so persistently at Mr. Wade that the latter attempted to apologise."

It is well known that Mr. Bowser has this consistent glare down to a science. He has repeatedly found it effective in controlling the few members of the Legislature who have, from time to time, felt it their duty to criticize the actions of the government. We warn Mr. Bowser, however, that he will find men in the North, lots of them, who will refuse to be bluffed into submission by even the combined glare of half a dozen such as he.

Should he visit this valley and hold a public meeting, he will meet numbers of Naturalized British subjects who are even today glaring at the very name of Bowser.

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From McBride, Mr. Bowser and his party proceeded to Fort George, where they were met by that august personage, Wm. Manson, M. L. A., who led off at the subsequent meeting by handing out bouquets to his stalwart comrade in Bowser's Brigade of Rubber Stamps, John A. Fraser member for Cariboo. We are sorry to hear that his efforts, so well intented, caused only unconcealed mirth, but it really served him right, he should not wander so far from home. If he must make himself ridiculous he should not do it before strangers. It lowers the prestige of the people who elected him. We ask him to remember this and be more considerate in the future.

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They are an uncharitable lot, those fellows at South Fort George, judging by the way they treated the stranger within their gates.

Of course poor Billy Ross is always in trouble and must be getting used to it. But fancy one of those tiresome Liberals daring to land on both of the Honorable gentlemen present with both feet at once. And fancy the whole gathering (with the exception of those on the platform) cheering him on. Then as a climax, fancy this unhospitable person moving a vote of censure on the government. But worst of all, just fancy the chairman of the meeting, in the presence of the little Napoleon himself, not daring to put the motion. Then, lest we forget, let us try to fancy the feelings of the Attorney-General and the Minister of Lands.

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But wait, Mr. Bowser speaks. We do not read of him glaring Sidney Fay into submission. Mr. Bowser is nothing if he is not a judge of character, and he knew that he had no such man as John A. Fraser or Wm. Manson to deal with. So he fumed and roared and freely perspired, until someone struck with compassion moved a vote of confidence in the government. But alas for Mr. Bowser, this kind-hearted person's intention was treated with scant respect, for he was promptly howled down, his motion was unseconded and was therefore not put to the meeting.

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Mr. Bowser is getting to know the people of the North. He is finding out for himself. As he becomes better acquainted with conditions (particularly in the North) the more clearly will he read the handwriting on the wall.

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Woman's Suffrage.

A very interesting article on "The History of Woman's Suffrage" appeared recently in the

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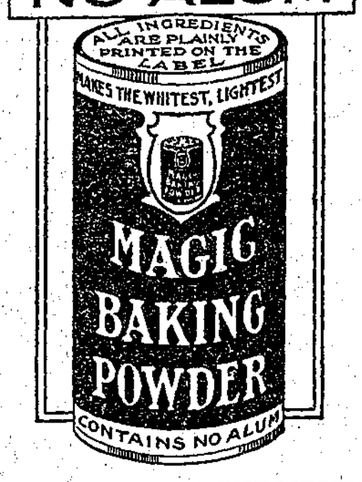

Grain Growers Guide, Winnipeg. Even in conservative old England, the writer claims that women possessed the franchise before the passing of the first reform bill in 1832, and it was the substitution in that bill of the words "male person" for "man" that deprived them of the right. In 1850 an act was passed making the word "man" in all acts of parliament mean both men and women. Now in the reform bill of 1867 the words "male person" were abandoned and the word "man" used again. This seemed to restore to women the right to vote, but the courts decided that the word "man" meant "men *only* for the purposes of voting, but men and women for purposes of taxation." In 1870 a woman's suffrage bill passed the House of Commons, but was evidently killed by the Lords.

In 1884 another such bill was killed by the premier. In all, thirteen woman's suffrage bills have been introduced into the British House of Commons, none of which reached a third reading. From 1867 to 1884 the women of England collected 3,000,000 signatures in favor of their demands for the suffrage. Thus, for over half a century the matter was agitated by peaceful means. Only when the movement came to be regarded by the public as a joke, militant methods were adopted by a section of the women agitators.

In the United States, equal suffrage is enjoyed in ten states. In Wyoming the women have voted for forty years.

Equal suffrage came in South Australia in 1895, and has spread so rapidly that since 1908 the whole of Australia has stood for woman's suffrage.

The women of New Zealand were conceded the vote twenty years ago.

Women vote also in Norway, a portion of Hungary, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

The writer recently met a native of New Zealand and asked him how woman's suffrage was working in his country. "The people of New Zealand," he replied, "would not dream of withdrawing the suffrage from women. They use the ballot in about the same proportion as the men. The women have helped to purify public life, none but clean men can be elected to positions of trust. In ten years," he continued, "we expect that the last vestiges of the liquor traffic will be rooted out." No wonder a certain class of politicians are afraid of women's votes.

By way of application to the situation in B. C., what are the women of this province going to do? They complain, and with justice, that some of the laws that bear upon their most cherished and vital interests are antiquated, onesided, and even brutal in their unfairness. They seek such changes in these laws as will afford better protection to their homes and their material interests.

They seek the suffrage also that they may help to purify public life, to banish from our cities the destructive influences of social vice and the saloon, and to make this province a decent and safe place for the upbringing of children. Why are they denied? In California, Washington, Oregon and Alaska, under the Stars and Stripes, women enjoy full voting rights. Why in the matter of progressive legislation, bearing directly on public and social morals, does B. C. under the British flag lag behind? The answer comes readily. It is because our province is controlled by men devoid of high moral principles, whose sympathies have been shown to be with the loose and disorderly element of society rather than with those who stand for decency

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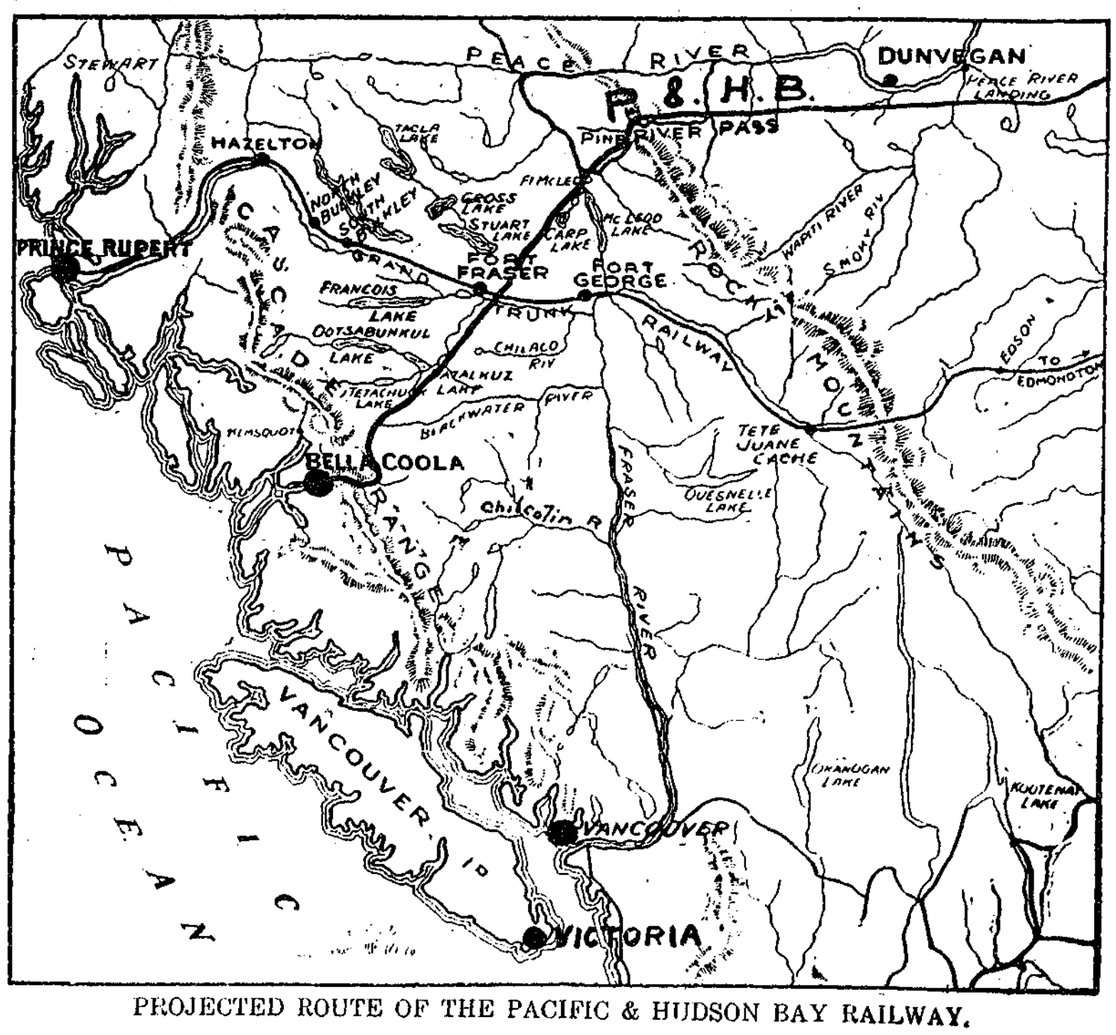

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Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

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By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, July 3, 1914.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—63892. July 18—25

Australia is going in for more submarines, destroyers and fast light cruisers. Canada's naval policy consists of two training ships and a department at Ottawa to which has been transferred control over the fisheries. What the issuing of cannery licenses has to do with a naval organization only Sir Robert Borden knows.

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Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir,—Whilst fully endorsing the sentiments expressed in the letter from Cape Scott Farmers' Institute through the secretary, Mr. S. Wadey, and especially with regard to the amount appropriated for Strathcona Park, I should like to call attention to what, I think, is a slight error. The Shushartie appropriation for the year 1913, quoted as $15,000, did not actually total half that amount; and as the Shushartie district includes the considerable settlement of Nahwitti—a region extending as far west as the Cache River—with a population of over sixty, Mr. Wadey's estimate falls short of the actual number by a large percentage.

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Woman's Suffrage—continued.

and order. Well may the old question be asked, "who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?"

The woman's suffrage bill introduced at the last session of the legislature was treated as a subject for ignorant jest by the government and its servile supporters.

There is a course open to the women of this province. The Liberal party in B. C. pledges itself if elected to power to grant equal suffrage. This is an important plank in the Liberal platform. Let the devoted women who seek a better order of things rally round this party. Let them work for it in every possible way and so help to get it into power, for then only will they see the realization of their hopes.

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Hear our local representative addressing a public meeting in this valley, how he professes extreme pleasure at the large attendance of ladies. How often has he smilingly avowed that women should interest themselves in politics, and otherwise attempted to bluff them into thinking that he considered them quite intellectual.

What did he do when the woman's suffrage bill was before the legislature last session? He voted against it. Mr. Manson does not think that women are capable of taking an intelligent part in public affairs. He does not think they have brains enough to understand politics. That is probably why he likes to see them at his meetings. But then perhaps Mr. Manson would have favored the bill had he dared, but we have heard of the "Bowser glare" and who can stand before that? Not Mr. Manson.

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Who Tells the Truth?

Hon. W. R. Ross is reported by the Conservative press, as saying at McBride that "as a matter of fact only five per cent of our available lands have been disposed of to purchasers."

Whether or not this statement is true depends upon the amount of agricultural land the province contains.

Mr. R. E. Gosnell, the government statistician who is entrusted with the compilation of The Year Book of British Columbia places the amount at 15,000,000 acres. Government advertisements say 20,000,000 acres, while the Attorney-General, scorning such authority, proudly boasts of 103,000,000 acres.

A government inspired article recently appearing in the London Daily Mail says, British Columbia has area of 240,000,000 acres, of which ten per cent is said to be arable." That is 24,000,000 acres.

From the year 1905 to 1913 we find the government alienated 6,000,000 acres, which, according to the government statistician, is just about 40 per cent of our total available agricultural land.

Taking the government's own estimate of 20,000,000 acres we find that 30 per cent has been sold by the government.

Taken on the basis of Mr. Bowser's estimate the statement of Mr. Ross would appear to be nearly correct. But Mr. Bowser's estimate is absurd and shows either wilful perversity or crass ignorance or both.

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In April and May, 1913, the total immigration was 146,000, in round numbers. In April and May, 1914, the immigration was 68,000. In percentage the decrease was 53, according to official figures given out by the Ottawa government. Since Borden rule has brought such depression and widespread unemployment in Canada, it is fortunate, perhaps, that this large falling off has taken place, but the very fact that it has come shows how Canada's former march of marvellous progress has been checked under the administration of the present government. Under Laurier rule, there was a constant increase in immigration and abundance of work at good wages for all who would come to Canada.

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Liberalism grows steadily stronger in Saskatchewan. In the recent by-elections, a riding which had been Conservative since the creation of the Province returned a Liberal member, turning a Conservative majority of 44 in the last provincial elections to a Liberal majority of over 300. In another riding, a Liberal majority of something more than 100 became a Liberal majority of nearly 300. Throughout the Prairie West, the Liberal Party is gaining with every month. In Manitoba, the Conservative cause is saved only by the disgraceful tactics of the Rogers' machine, the most notorious and unscrupulous political organization in the Dominion, which has put forth every effort of trickery and corruption to prevent the downfall of the Roblin Ministry.

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M. Henri Bourassa will have many sympathisers when he expresses doubts as to the real patriotism of the flag wavers. It requires no sacrifice to wave the flag, but when real work is demanded, that is different, and, judging by precedents, M. Henri Bourassa's doubts are justified.

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