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WEATHER REPORT FOR MAY.
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: maximum on 22nd, 86; mean maximum, 64. Minimum on 5th, 35; mean minimum. 42.16. Rainfall, 2.22 inches.

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Arrangements for Prince Rupert Exhibition Well in Hand

Considerable Increase in Prize List

Prince Rupert, June 4.—The Northern British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association is making great preparations for this year's Exhibition, which will be held at Prince Rupert on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd.

Plans for a magnificent building 800 feet long by 100 feet wide have been got out by Mr. J. Gilmore, an architect who has lately taken up his residence in Prince Rupert. This building is to have 10,000 feet of floor space available for this year's Exhibition, in addition to the balconies.

The Directors are at the present time in negotiation with a New York firm for the engagement of experts to give flying displays on the newest form of aeroplane. Great interest is taken locally in the work of a young citizen (Mr. F. Bruland), who intends to fly in a machine made by himself. Last year Mr. Bruland was awarded first prize in Class 27, Section 10, for the model of an aeroplane built by himself.

The question of engaging Miss Dorothy De Vonda, the celebrated parachute performer, for a balloon ascension is also under consideration. A special feature is being made this year of the tug-of-war, to be pulled on cleats in the main building. Teams of six men. For this a substantial cash prize is offered. Amongst the other attractions the Directors are hoping to secure Boyd and Ogle's circus company, which includes 150 performing animals. The best known turn in this performance is King Pharoah "the human brained pony."

Arrangements are being made with the railway and steamship companies for the convenience of those coming from distant points.

A large silver cup is being offered for the winning baseball team, and another for the best football team. Both of these events are open to all comers from Northern British Columbia. There are to be rifle shooting contests and also trap shooting at clay pigeons.

Several Indian bands have entered for competition.

The prize list is increased this year to cover some classes which were not included last year.

Nineteen new members have joined the Association in the last few days. The annual subscription is only One Dollar, which confers the full privilege of membership. The very attractive membership badge will be forwarded to each member on receipt of subscription.

Remains of Andre's Balloon Reported Found in Siberia

Stockholm, June 3.—What are believed to be the remains of the balloon in which Prof. Salamon A. Andre ascended from Dane's island, near Spitzbergen, July 11, 1897, in an attempt to reach the North Pole, have been found in a forest in eastern Siberia, according to a telegram received at the Swedish foreign office from Yakutz. Investigation of the reported discovery has been ordered by the government.

The Arctic explorer was accompanied by two scientists, and after leaving Dane's island no report was received from the party.

Huerta Committed to Abandon Presidency

Vera Cruz, June 4.—Reports reaching here through private sources say President Huerta has committed himself to turn over the government to a commission composed of members of the various factions in the republic. He is also said to have agreed to relinquish power to any successor which such a commission might select. The report further says that Huerta's determination has already been communicated to the Mexican delegates and probably to the Washington government.

Only Half As Many Immigrants Coming

Ottawa, June 4.—Immigration to Canada during April showed a decrease of 52 per cent as compared with April, 1913. The total immigration during the month was 35,432, made up of 10,032 British, 11,748 Americans and 13,652 from all other countries. During April, 1913, the total number was 73,285, composed of 25,566 British and 19,260 Americans and 28,459 from all other countries. This decrease is expected to be maintained, it being anticipated that the new arrivals this year will be fully fifty per cent less than during the previous year.

Not Going to Ireland

London, June 4.—There is no truth in the report that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will become Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on leaving Canada. The present arrangements are that His Royal Highness will return to England in October, pass the winter at Bagshot, and journey to the south of Europe for the spring.

John D. Rockefeller's personal property is worth $311,226,347, according to the state tax commissioner. Of this amount $285,000,000 is alleged to be Standard Oil stock.

Lord Strathcona Died Worth Nearly 200,000,000 Dollars

London, June 4.—It is learned that the following figures have been rendered for the probate of the estate of the late Lord Strathcona. Value of personal estate in the United Kingdom, £418,500; personal estate abroad valued at £41,232,500. Total value of the personal estate is £41,651,000.

The duty paid on this amount is £837,838, such duty being payable at the rate of 15 per cent.

The late lord's holdings consisted of Great Northern Railway, United States, $6,600,000; Northern Pacific Railway, $3,380,000; Canadian Pacific Railway, $4,112,000; Bank of Montreal, $645,000; Laurentide Company $466,000; Dominion Steel Corporation, $4,000.

Dies by Dynamite Route

Nelson, June 4.—Tying a stick of dynamite around his neck, H. Chisholm, a miner, committed suicide at his claim near Kaslo.

Lynching Bee for Militants Foretells Doyle

New York, June 4.—Sir Conan Doyle, the British novelist, accompanied by Lady Doyle, arrived at New York on the White Star liner Olympic.

Mr. Doyle said England had stood all it could from the militant suffragettes and he anticipated "a wholesale lynching bee." "The English government," he said, "follows public opinion and thus far public opinion has not demanded the entire suppression of the suffragette. But it is on the point of doing so and when the English mob is thoroughly aroused, it is not a respecter of sex."

This is the first visit to this country for 20 years.

Agree on Terms

New York, June 4.—A peace treaty will shortly be signed by United States and France providing that all questions which cannot be settled by diplomacy be submitted to an international commission for investigation, during which hostilities shall not be entered into.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun arrived in port on Sunday afternoon with a lengthy list of passengers besides a considerable amount of freight.

T. Garrett, representing the well known firm of Gault Bros. of Vancouver, spent last week in town on business with our local merchants.

A. J. Bates, of The Ames Holden McCready Company of Vancouver, made his first visit to this place last week. Mr. Bates travelled up the valley as far as Hagensborg and expressed himself as agreeably surprised with the excellent progress made by the farmers.

A. May came up from Vancouver on the last steamer. He intends going in to Mr. Lewin's ranch on Salmon river where he will spend the summer.

Among the many passengers by the Camosun was Mr. Sinnett, representing Jas. Thompson & Son, wholesale drygoods merchants of Vancouver. This is Mr. Sinnett's first visit to this town.

Gus Swanberg left last Sunday for Ocean Falls where he intends working on a large boom of logs. He will return as soon as his job gives out.

A enjoyable entertainment in aid of the Orphans Home at Paulsbo, Washington, was held at Hagensborg on Tuesday evening. Mr. P. Lauritson and Miss M. Wall both spoke regarding the work of the institution. A splendid musical program was rendered by local artists, several items being enthusiastically encored.

A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the singing of six children from the aforementioned institution who have been adopted by families resident in the valley.

The attendance being large it is gratifying to know that a handsome sum will be donated to such a worthy cause.

Road work is proceeding apace throughout the valley. Foreman Draney has moved his camp from the town and is now engaged on the road to the new Bella Coola river bridge.

Bridge-foreman Ellison has the new span in the Saloomt bridge well under way and expects to be finished in the course of another week.

Foreman Svisdahl and his gang are employed on road work in the Saloomt valley and are showing good results.

Foreman Hoage is in charge of a road grading gang about the twenty-three mile post and is making good headway.

Above the Crossing Frank Johnson has a gang at work on much needed improvements to the road in the neighborhood of Mr. Graham's ranch.

Max Heckman is continuing the road this side of Stouic.

Walter Ratcliff of Stillwater, has a gang at work on the Hotnarko river, where he has already put in three new bridges and is now engaged in improving the trail.

Word of a fire in the Upper Valley was received in town on Monday last. Fire warden Lunos proceeded to the spot with several men and with the assistance of Max Heckman's road gang, succeeded in preventing it from doing any serious damage.

Latest reports say that about two miles of country is burnt over, but the fire being confined to the sidehills no serious loss has resulted. The fire is now extinguished and no further danger is anticipated.

Spring salmon fishing, which commenced a couple of weeks ago, is very good. Some good catches have been made and the fish taken are particularly large and of fine quality. With warmer weather a good run is confidently expected.

Crop prospects throughout the valley are particularly bright. Garden and field crops are further advanced than has been the case at this season for many years.

Evidence of the early spring and the extremely favorable weather is furnished by a sample of meadow grass which has been received at this office from Mr. Gyllenspitz's ranch, some forty miles up the valley. This grass which was cut on the 18th of last month measures three feet, ten and a half inches in length.

Rev. T. C. Colwell after attending the Methodist conference at Kamloops has gone east on a visit to his relatives. He expects to return during the latter part of July.

During Mr. Colwell's absence his work in the valley will be carried on by Rev. W. H. Gibson, assisted by Capt. Wm. Stephens and Mr. E. Whitehead.

Indian-constable Chas. Tucker left town on Monday last for a trip to the Interior. It is his intention to visit the various Indian villages under the Bella Coola agency, and so familarize himself with the conditions and requirements of the Interior Indians.

Road-superintendent Robert Jennings and Mrs. Jennings, of Prince Rupert, spent the week in the valley.

Mr. Jennings, in company with Mr. H. G. Anderson, visited the various road camps throughout the valley, and inspected the work accomplished up to date.

Alf Blakemore returned on Tuesday from a short prospecting trip up the Necleetsconnay valley. His trip was necessarily of short duration owing to the fact that a grizzly bear had impolitely carried off his cache of supplies. Alf is vowing vengeance on that bear.

Messrs. E. Peterson and H. Swanson arrived in town from the Upper Valley on Tuesday. They have been fortunate enough to find good locations in the neighborhood of the Sugar Camp on the Old Slide trail, where they mean to take up residence right away.

Church Notice

LOWER BELLA COOLA: Church Service, 11 a. m.
Mr. E. Whitehead will conduct the Service.

Church Service - 7:30 p. m.
Preacher for Sunday—Rev. W. H. Gibson.

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

Big Game Hunters Secure Excellent Specimens of Bella Coola Grizzlies.

If further proof is required that the country adjacent to Bella Coola abounds with big game it is provided by the recent experience of a party recently returned from a two weeks trip to the head of South Bentick Arm. Messrs. A. Houstoun and J. P. Fell, of Vancouver, are ardent sportsmen, each having had experience with big game in many parts of the world. Determining this year to give the Bella Coola country a fair trial, they showed excellent judgment by first engaging as guides Jesse and Fred Hendricks, who, from years of experience on this coast have learnt all there is to know about the haunts of big game, and can always be depended on to provide excellent sport.

The party left for the hunting grounds in Mr. Houstoun's power boat, Jolly Mac, which handsome craft was left in charge of captain and crew to await the return of the hunting party who wasted no time in getting their outfit ashore and hitting for the headwaters of Taleo River. Arriving at the foot of the glaciers, within easy distance of the chosen hunting ground, the party prepared camp. Inclement weather precluded any serious hunting for several days, in fact on only two days were the hunters permitted to get far away from camp. During the two days, however, no less than eleven grizzly bears were sighted, of which Mr. Houstoun succeeded in securing two and Mr. Fell one.

One of the animals which fell to Mr. Houstoun's gun was an immense beast scaling at least 1600 lbs., but the manner in which it succumbed to a single shot from that gentleman's 280 calibre Ross rifle, showed of what that gun is capable when in the hands of an adept.

Both gentlemen were provided with cameras, and the collection of excellent photographs secured will long serve to remind them of the beauties of this district. A magnificent spectacle was witnessed in a tremendous snowslide lasting nearly half an hour. which the party describes as a most awe-inspiring sight.

Messrs. Houstoun, Fell, and party, returned to Bella Coola on Tuesday afternoon, the two first named leaving for Vancouver with their yacht in the evening. Before their departure, the two gentlemen entertained their guides and packers aboard the Jolly Mac, and whilst expressing the highest appreciation of the services of all hands, expressed the hope of a return in the fall, the scene of the hunt to be decided later by the brothers Hendricks.

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Government Ownership of Railways.

"To adopt the principle of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the Province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase." So reads part of clause 1 of the provincial platform of the Conservative party of British Columbia, as adopted at the Revelstoke convention in September, 1902.

It is well known how the McBride administration has pledged the credit of the province to the extent of approximately $200,000,000 to assist railway enterprises owned by private individuals. It is well known that the last guarantee was granted to the Canadian Northern when that company was bankrupt and could have no hopes of completing their transcontinental system without seeking further aid from the Dominion government. Everyone is aware that, in spite of the denial by Sir Richard McBride, the control of Canadian Northern rates throughout British Columbia is to pass from the Province to the Dominion railway commission.

Does anyone know of an instance where the provincial government has an option to purchase any railroad which it has financially aided? Can anyone tell of an instance where any effort has been made towards government ownership of railways? Rather have we the worst case in history of ownership of the government by railways. Yet this is one of the most important planks in the platform which the present government used to delude the people in 1902.

Local Conservatives must surely know of what the platform of their provincial party consists, and they must know equally well that absolutely no effort has been made to carry out a single plank of it.

Knowing this, they must realize, however humiliating it may be to admit it, that they have been fooled and bamboozled for the past twelve years.

The people are waking up, however, to a real understanding of the conditions brought about by the McBride government. Public sentiment is aroused "particularly in the North," which part of the province has been most unjustly treated in the way of appropriations for purposes of development. The Skeena district has contributed very largely towards the revenue of the province and has had no fair return, and can hope for no better treatment until represented by a man who is prepared to fight our cause honestly and fearlessly, and who will refuse to be subdued by a frowning glance from any man, not even Attorney-General Bowser.

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One of the reasons given by Mr. Borden for granting further assistance to the Canadian Northern Railway Company is that it is absolutely necessary in order to save the western provinces from the consequences of their policies.

Recent developments strongly evidence the foresight of the late Hon. R. G. Tatlow and Hon. F. Fulton, who left the provincial cabinet in 1909 rather than be party to a contract which they saw would be against the best interest of the province.

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The Hon. G. P. Graham hit the nail on the head in the debate on the C. N. R. guarantee. Why do not Mackenzie and Mann put their own money into the system? If it is not good enough for them—and they are the best authorities on the subject, being the only men behind the scenes—it surely is not good enough for the people of Canada. The way to inspire public confidence is plain.

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Civil servants will be pleased to know that the Borden government promises to take up the bill affecting them, sometime this session, or next, or the year after.

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Much ado is made of the fact that Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, looped-the-loop six times in a monoplane. Winston always has been a loop-the-loop artist. He looped it exactly twenty-seven times when the Canadian navy question was under discussion, and we have no reason to believe that he will not do some more looping before that question is finally settled.

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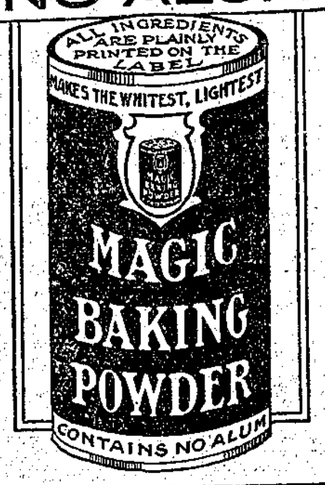

Early History of British Columbia

By James Codville, a fifty-eight'er

A GHASTLY FIND.

Yes, it was a ghastly find, that which was found near Lac La Hache on the Cariboo road some years ago, and although a mere handful it represented all that was left of a once honest, industrious, kind hearted old soul, by name Hance.

Hance was a German by birth, a Canadian by adoption, and a baker by trade. He came here from Goderich, Ontario, where he had by a long industrious course of toil accumulated a sufficient reward to secure to him and his frau (for they had no family) a snug home and a small cash deposit in the bank. He had no cause to fear the wolf at their door if all things went well with them; but here was the trouble, all things did not go that way long. In an evil hour his big soft heart got the better of his judgment, he signed for a friend, and had for years after to mourn "man's inhumanity to man." The immediate consequence of his rash act was his having to let the accumulations of years hard toil and thrift, his cozey home and the society of his good wife, all pass from him (for a time at least so he hoped, but for ever so it proved.)

The old man arrived in British Columbia in the year 1863, and not finding things to suit him in Victoria or yet on the Fraser river, he passed on up the country to Cariboo. Here he opened out a small restaurant and supplied pies and coffee at all hours. Here after various ups and downs he succeeded by his industry, cleanliness and affability, to establish a good business and to once more be able to lay something by for a rainy day. Once more the god of fortune seemed to smile on the kind hearted old man, and once more did he lay out plans for his future guidance and comfort, and he once more saw in his day dreams his new home, built on new ideas and experiences, with its foundations standing on the rock of good resolutions not to sign again. His dear old frau sitting by the earth knitting, and he once more returned from a forced pilgrimage a wiser and a happier man. In this frame of mind from morning to night the old man seemed to live a charmed life. He was always cheerful and happy and ever ready to crack a joke or bestow a smile on all he came in contact with.

Is it any wonder then, that he was looked on as a man coining gold? Could one be surprised to hear that men with an evil eye had marked out this good old soul as theirs to plunder if they could without violence? For none but the most depraved could harm such a good samaritan as he. But we all know how tenderly disposed such men are when they are bent on getting your gold. Their motto is to get it any way and by any means. Thus time went by, weeks turned to months, and the gods still smiled on Hance and his business. Old friends stuck to him and new ones were ever enrolling themselves until, far and near, Hance's restaurant and its proprietor were known to all and patronized by many, among whom were some of the best men in the mines. The dollars rolled in and the old man looked happy, but there was a skeleton in the cupboard. Let us unearth him, friends, and see what is the trouble. Here we have it. The old man having been fooled once has lost confidence to a great extent in human nature, and instead of banking his gold or expressing it ahead of him, he clung to it as he does to fond hopes of getting safely home and being able to enjoy himself once more. Gold so pleasant to have has now become one of his troubles. One, I said, for there was another. His frau was ever writing for him to return home. They now had enough gold to keep them for life, and the sad experience of past times would prevent further risks or trouble. He had now $5000 in hand and could sell out for $3000 more, and now the question of the day, hour and minute was "to sell or not to sell." A decision was wanted and it came; the frau was ill. Friends had to pen the missive, "Come home, Hance, if you want to see your Katrine alive." Bernard's expressman had toote horn just as the boys were going into supper. Hance r letter but was too busy to to it for the time, but a glance at it after a wh its contents was all th needed to bring things to a to make a sale, and to put i in motion at early dawn morning.

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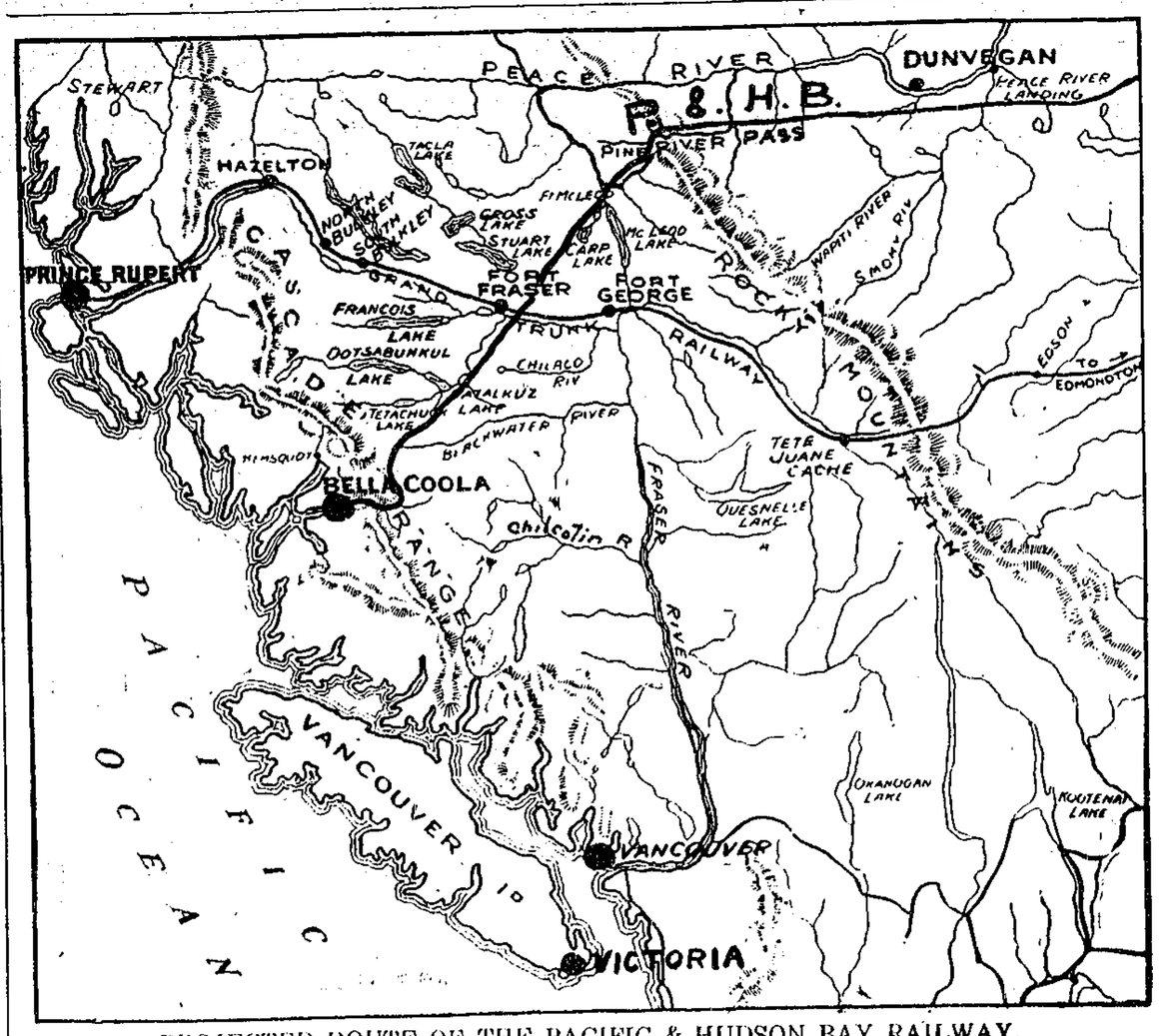

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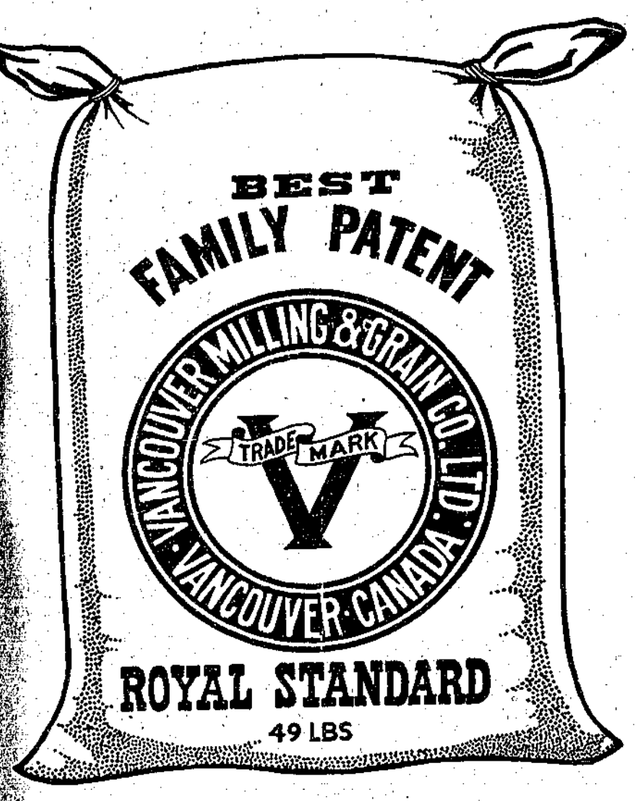

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Lizzie: Aye, I mind Jock.

Jock: An' Monday, Lizzie. An' I drapped in on Wednesday as weel?

Lizzie: So ye did.

Jock: An' I was here on Thursday an' Friday, an' I'm here again the nicht.

Lizzie (coyly): An' ye're verra welcome, Jock.

Jock: Lizzie, dae ye no' smell a rat?

He: Yes, I am a soldier. I helped England win the Boer war.

She: Is that so? Which side were you on?

Might Be Cheaper.

Perhaps it would be cheaper if the country did own the C. N. R. Even if the road were run at a loss it wouldn't cost the country more than it is doing now —Ottawa Free Press.

No Snap.

Being head of the government isn't the snap that some people imagine, and it loses all semblance of jollity when leading members of the party not only balk on following the leader, but in addition to this, begin shying rocks at him and his policy.—Brockville Recorder.

All the old romances of the Northwest Mounted Police are recalled in the latest orders to an inspector to make the long northern treck and punish the murderers of Radford and Street, who fell before the Esquimaux after a quarrel in which it is not too certain that the white men were blameless. Three years is the limit of time given to the inspector for his duty, which, hard as it may appear, will no doubt be accomplished.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." The Prince of Albania has discovered the truth of the saying. He has not been given a chance of showing what he can do in the way of government. His boisterous subjects who never have submitted to the Turks are not likely to give way at once to a German prince. They don't appear to understand the new system of government by law instead of force. They have been used to the latter so long that they are unable to resist the temptation to apply it to the new ruler. The revolution is put down to the Turks, but the Albanians had a hand in it.

Visitor (to police-constable on duty)—What does the Chaplain of the House of Commons do? Does he pray for the members?

Police-constable—No, sir. He comes into the House, looks round at the lot, and then prays for the country.

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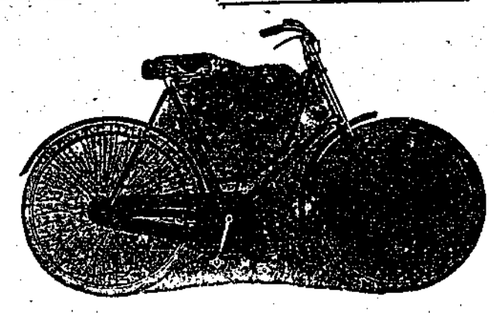

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