

BELLA COOLA

COURIER

WEATHER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 35. Minimum, 22.
Highest Max. (27th) 59. Lowest Min. (1st) 4.
Rainfall, 3.67 inches. Snow, 2.50 inches.
Rainfall for the year (1915) 34.23 inches.

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BELLA COOLA, B. C., SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1916.

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Collapse of Turkish Empire Impending

Athens, March 7.—The Turks are reported to be removing mines from the Dardanelles. The collapse of the Turkish Empire is impending, the Turks want peace.

Twelve Killed in Zeppelin Raid

London, March 7.—It is reported today that 40,000 German cavalry are concentrating near Ypres.

General Aylmer presses forward on the Tigris to the relief of General Townsend, who is besieged at Kut el-Amara, heavy fighting is in progress.

Lord Northcliffe visits Verdun and expresses himself as very optimistic.

Twelve killed, thirty-three injured and some property damaged was the result of a Zeppelin raid last night down coast from Yorkshire to Kent.

Germans Lose 10 Aeroplanes

Petrograd, March 7.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer bombarded Trebizond. Germans lost ten aeroplanes yesterday in air raids on the Russian front.

Spanish Steamer Sinks

307 Passengers Unaccounted For

Santos, Brazil, March 7.—The Spanish steamer Principe de Asturias with 445 passengers aboard strikes a rock and sinks in five minutes. 143 survivors landed, the others are unaccounted for.

Receives Appointment

Ottawa, March 7.—Commissioner Black, Yukon, appointed provincial lieutenant in 104th Regiment, New Westminster Fusiliers, qualifying in order to secure command of the Yukon corps it is proposed to raise this spring.

Dynamite Found at Regina

Regina, March 7.—Workmen unloading car machinery at the Imperial Oil Company's new plant discovered 3 large sticks of dynamite buried in snow near the plant.

102nd Up to Full Strength

Comox, March 7.—The 102nd Battalion, Northern B. C. Regiment, is now up to full strength and possibly over it. Its main camp will be at Courtenay.

Sloan to Run for Nanaimo

Vancouver, March 7.—It is stated by friends of Wm. Sloan, former federal member for the Comox-Atlin district, that he will be the Liberal candidate for Nanaimo in the next provincial election. It is rumored that he is slated for the position of minister of mines.

Germans Make No Impression

27 Large Train Loads of German Wounded Leave Verdun in One Night

Paris, March 7.—No infantry fighting took place north of Verdun last night. Bombardment in different sectors of Argonne, traversed by the Forest Cheppy and Malincourt-Arocourt roads, is going on. The Germans are making vigorous efforts to capture Fort Tarranes, four miles north-east of Verdun, the French troops are resisting them resolutely and inflicting very heavy losses. Twenty-seven train loads of German wounded left Verdun battlefield last night for Germany.

French Immovable as a Rock

Having failed to make impression at Douaumont and Vaux the enemy are now attempting to break through on the French left at Vacheraurille Wood and Cote-du-Poirre positions without any regard to the cost, by their best troops. The French are standing firmly and holding all ground immovable as a rock.

Asks Congress to Reject Bill

Washington, March 7.—President Wilson asks the Republican members of Congress to help defeat the armed ship resolution. House committee on rules has agreed to bring into the house today a special rule providing for a four hours debate on McLennon's resolution warning Americans off armed ships. William Jennings Bryan and others are actively at work in favor of the resolution.

Brewster Takes His Seat

Victoria, March 7.—H. Brewster was introduced to the House today. A. C. Flummerfelt resigns his appointment.

Death Sentence Commuted

Ottawa, March 7.—The minister of justice received a message this morning from the imperial authorities stating that the sentence of death had been commuted to life imprisonment in the case of Lieut. Coderre, who killed Sergeant Ozaimé.

NOTICE.

The qualified voters of Mackenzie School District are hereby notified that a Special School Meeting, as authorized by the Public Schools Act, will be held on Saturday, March 18th, in the schoolhouse at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing a trustee in place of H. G. Anderson, Esq., who has left the district.

By order of the board of trustees,
CHAS. TUCKER, Secretary.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun on the north-bound trip made her presence known by blowing the whistle about 9 o'clock Friday morning, March 3, being about 12 hours behind time. It was not stress of weather that delayed her this time, but the large amount of freight she had onboard.

This is her last trip north of Bella Coola this season. Next trip she will begin the summer schedule by leaving Vancouver on Thursday, March 16th, and every Thursday thereafter during the summer. Bella Coola will mark the end of her run, where she will be due every Sunday.

The passengers arriving at this time were: Vincent Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Linnell and M. C. Lawler.

The departing passengers were more numerous, namely: I. Jacobsen, A. H. Tomlinson, H. E. Walker, Albert Hammer, Jock Williams, Frank Broughton and Antoine Capoose.

Vincent Clayton has spent a few days on a business trip to Vancouver and Victoria and returned on Friday.

W. Linnell who for several seasons has been the engineer of the cannery tug Kwatna arrived. He comes thus early to conduct an extensive overhauling of his craft. He was accompanied by Mrs. Linnell, who will spend the summer here.

M. C. Lawler, another arrival, is a timber cruiser and is here for the purpose of looking over some timber areas staked by Fields Bros., Victoria, some years ago.

I. Jacobsen after securing what fur was held by the local merchants departed for other fields of operation.

A. H. Tomlinson, H. E. Walker and Albert Hammer had been fretting and stewing around town for several days awaiting a lull in the prevailing gale to allow them to take a launch to carry them to Namu. They were all very anxious to reach Victoria in time to attend the Central Farmers' Institute, which was held there from the 8-10th of this month. But the wind did not yield in intensity until the steamer arrived. Although the Camosun would take them in a direction exactly opposite to their desired destination, they being exasperated at the involuntary detention, vowed they would go somewhere, anyhow, and therefore embarked for Prince Rupert. It is to be hoped they have reached Victoria before this and have made their presence felt in the councils of the farmers.

Jock Williams, after having spent a pleasant time visiting friends, very reluctantly took the steamer for Port Essington, where he will be engaged at the Cunningham cannery during the summer.

Frank Broughton, our energetic constable, went to Ocean Falls to get someone into trouble, but it is presumed everybody was law abiding at that prosperous burg as he returned during the week without any prisoners.

F. McRae, timber inspector, came in on his launch on Sunday night; he curtailed the constable's visit at Ocean Falls by offering him a ride, which he gratefully accepted.

In the absence of any information regarding the whereabouts of Lieut. Donald Moore it has been generally believed that he had been killed in battle.

From Prince Rupert Daily News we learn with deep satisfaction that such is not the case, but that the war department reports him as being a prisoner of war in Germany.

B. Brynildsen has been casting about all winter trying to find some place in his extensive possessions where he could expend some of his superfluous energy in extensive improvements. He finally decided to turn the former Palmer House inside out and upside down to make it after an arduous process into a modern dwelling, to be taken possession of as a residence for himself and family. A crew of carpenters are now at work on the premises disturbing the usual tranquility of the neighbors.

The attention of our farmer readers is called to the article in this issue on "Home Dairying," by H. E. Walker, provincial agriculturist. As the number of cows in the settlement does not warrant the establishment of a creamery for some time yet it will be necessary to put up our butter according to the directions given in order to procure for it a ready sale.

In spite of the darkness and almost impassable conditions of the roads a few people gathered at the Mackenzie School on Wednesday evening in response to the invitation to organize a committee to look after the interests of returning soldiers. At about eight o'clock Wm. Sutherland called the meeting to order and explained the objects of the contemplated organization as laid down by the Provincial Returned Soldiers Commission. The meeting selected Wm. Sutherland as chairman, and Iver Fougner,

secretary.

In view of the small attendance and the necessity of carefully formulated plans for the future efficiency of the committee, a temporary committee on organization was after some discussion elected. As members of this committee the following persons were selected: Wm. Sutherland, chairman, Frank Broughton and C. Carlson.

It was suggested that the permanent committee when formed should include in its work also the collection of contributions to the Red Cross and Patriotic Funds.

It is the intention that the organization committee elected will meet immediately, and as soon as it is ready to report a public meeting in some centrally located place will be called, so that everybody in the valley may have an opportunity of taking part in the proceedings.

Without transacting any more business the meeting adjourned shortly after 9 o'clock.

The need of rubber boots for pedestrians has been very urgent during the greater part of the week. There came as a reminder of the winter a fall of snow of about eight inches and on the top of that a downpour of rain. The snow prevented a large quantity of the water from being drained off, with the result that every hollow of the ground were filled with the water. Those who had to walk abroad without rubber boots confined their excursions to carefully selected routes, with very indifferent results.

The telephone and telegraph lines in the valley have been down the last few days and consequently no news received from abroad.

Antoine Capoose, Indian trader at Anaham Lake, brought down a large shipment of furs from the interior last week. It was estimated to be worth about \$7000. He boarded the steamer to bring it to Vancouver. The catch of furs has been uncommonly good this winter.

Tollef Saugstad has resigned from his position as engineer at the Johnson Mill. He will be succeeded by Frank Strain.

The mill has been shut down for a few days this week, partly on account of the weather. The lull in sawing gave Mr. Johnson an opportunity to add some needed improvements to his plant.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.

Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

Preacher for Sunday - Rev. W. H. Gibson.

All Are Welcome.

Partisan feeling does not run very high in Bella Coola this year. The result of the by-elections in Vancouver and Victoria, with singularly few exceptions, is giving general satisfaction. Everybody thinks there is need of a change in government.

Herbert Sutherland, who has been residing at the doctor's residence since last summer, has established bachelor quarters at his former home. It is feared that the state of being a bachelor has become chronic in his case as he seems to prefer to be alone.

The renewed operations at Ocean Falls have had their influence on our community already. Quite a number of the Indians have gone to Ocean Falls, as they have been assured that they can secure handlogging contracts from the company.

Fred Hendricks has left for Ocean Falls in expectation of securing permanent work.

Frank Broughton, provincial constable, on his recent visit to Ocean Falls had his plans so well laid and evidence so conclusive in his possession against a party for the violation of the Game Act that he felt justified in asking J. W. Macfarlane in his capacity as justice of the peace to accompany him. And his confidence in the strength of his case proved justified, as the magistrate imposed a fine of \$50.00 on the party accused.

Prince Rupert City Market.

In the endeavor to bring the producer and consumer nearer together without superfluous middlemen and the deduction of needless expenses and profits from the prices realized for products sold.

Prince Rupert, following the example of many other cities, has established a city market, under the management of a city purchasing agent. The city is prevented by its charter from directly engaging in mercantile enterprises, but in order to safeguard the shipper it requires the manager to give the city a bond of \$2000. The market clerk must deposit the proceeds of the sales in a bank to the credit of the city treasurer, who will remit to the producer after deducting 7 1-2 per cent. commission and the cartage and freight from the amount of the sales.

It is desirable that shippers communicate with the city market the kind and quantity of goods they have for sale in order that the market does not become glutted and prices demoralized.

If the farmers will co operate with this enterprise much benefit will result both to producers and consumers.

The Courier

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, MAR. 11, 1916.

Cause of Tisdall's Defeat.

In the Conservative papers at hand the editors are trying to explain to their readers the causes of the defeat of Mr. Tisdall in Vancouver.

But the main reason: public dissatisfaction with the administration of the public affairs by the government, they will not admit.

It is very seldom that a respected citizen who represents a constituency in parliament and receives the distinction of being elevated to the cabinet, in seeking the endorsement of his constituents meets with defeat.

As against the contention of the News-Advertiser we maintain that the vote in Vancouver was decidedly a condemnation of the government.

The Western Call, a newspaper of Vancouver, supporting the government in an article on "The Real Issue," immediately before the election, enumerates the good points in Mr. Bowser's pre-election program and then says:

"Now if the new ministers are defeated that will be notice to the government that the people have no confidence in their program and that they must not go on with it." The Western Call

argues that a defeat of the ministers would mean that the people, not of Vancouver, Victoria and Rossland only, but of the whole province, had no confidence in the program and therefore a defeat would be a notice on the government not to go on with it.

The Handwriting on the Wall.

The election in Victoria on Saturday last proved to be another landslide in favor of the opponents of the government.

This gives Mr. Brewster a slightly larger percentage of all the votes cast than that Mr. Macdonald received in Vancouver.

In another article in this issue mention is made of the News-Advertiser's assertion that the vote in Vancouver was not a condemnation of the government.

The legislature which is now in session at Victoria does no longer retain the confidence of the people and is a travesty upon a "government of the people, for the people and by the people," and the longer they usurp the powers of government the more they will call down upon themselves the indignation of an outraged people.



by the rank and file throughout the province, it reveals a desire to bestow a well-deserved rebuke upon the government, which no doubt will be further emphasized in the general election by a summary dismissal from office; and the trust which they have so flagrantly abused.

It is not to be expected that the government supporters care to admit that the voters of the province are dissatisfied with the government. They think it is not to their interest to do so. If it is admitted by the government that the people have lost confidence in them, they would according to our system of government have to dissolve the parliament at once and order a general election.

Premier Asquith has found it necessary to repeat the terms on which the Entente Allies are willing to conclude peace. In the House of Commons on February 23rd last he said:

It has been charged repeatedly by the government supporters that the Liberals are a lot of hungry politicians clamoring to get at the public crib; but if the government retain its hold upon the offices after having received such castigation as they did in these by-elections, they exhibit a hunger for office that cannot be rivalled by their opponents.

Peace on Righteous Terms.

At this writing for more than a week the bloodiest battle ever known has been raging around Verdun in France.

The Germans in a supreme effort to break through the French lines have shunned no sacrifice. A military critic states that of 300,000 Germans engaged at the beginning of the battle probably very few were left after a week's fighting.

The noise of the cannonade and bursting of bombs and shells was so terrific that the soldiers could not hear themselves speak, the light from the exploding shells made night as bright as day. During and through this horrible holocaust thousands of wounded were scattered over the fields of battle for days exposed to snow and cold, suffering unspeakable pain, and nothing could possibly be done for their relief because of the hail of shot and shell.

Although after more than a year and a half of fighting we are getting hardened to the misery wrought, yet all the people are earnestly longing for peace. And yet even though peace is wanted it must be on righteous terms.

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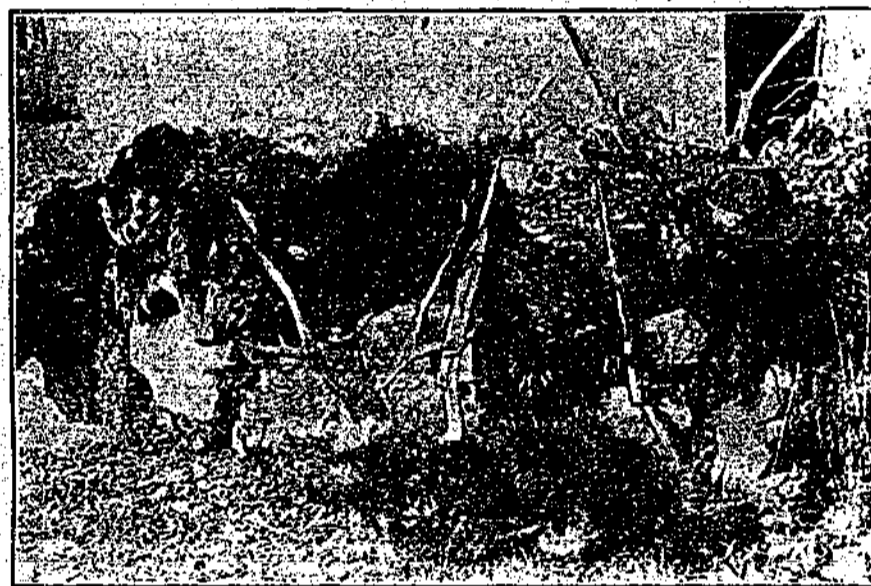
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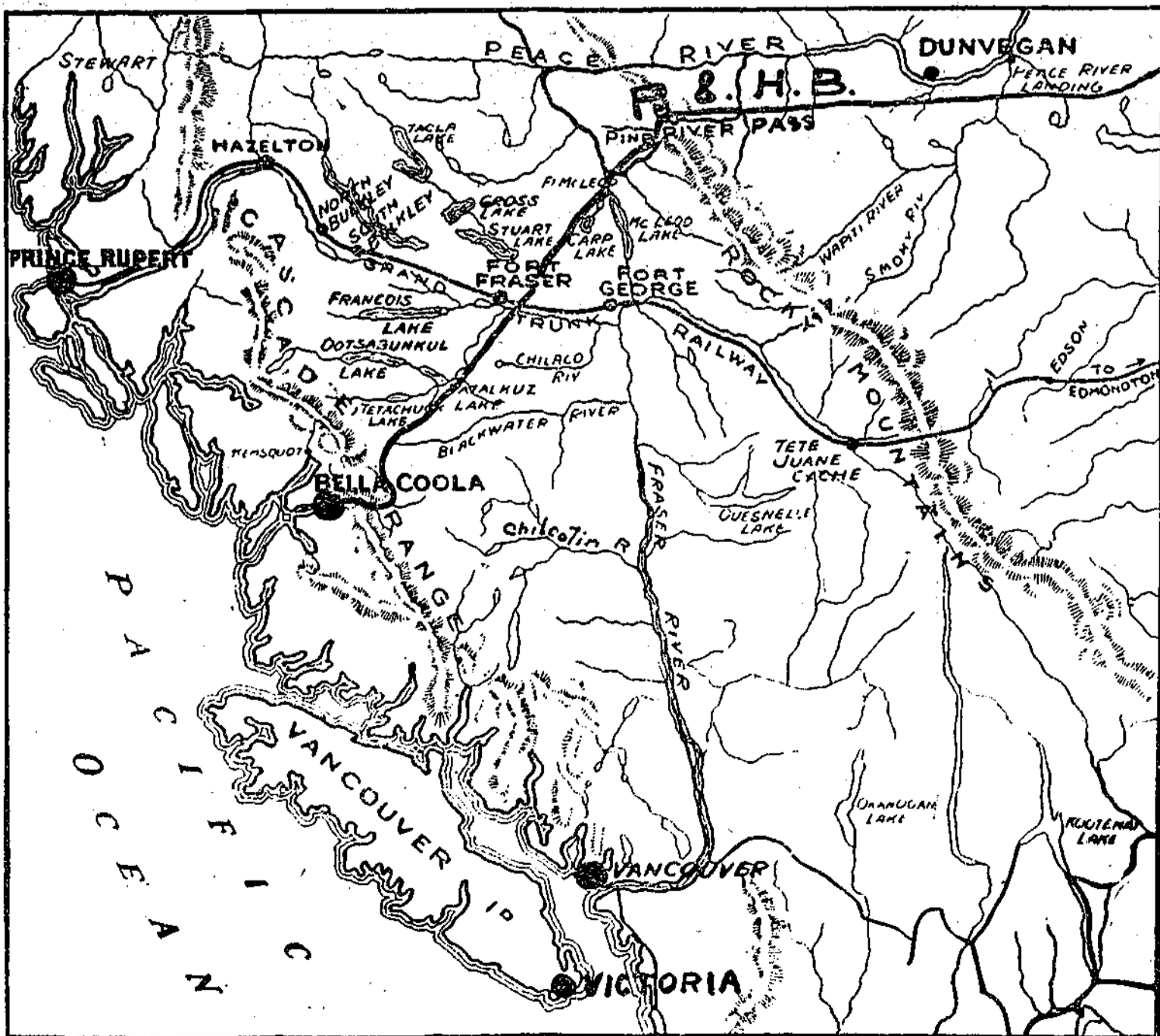
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Fraud Exposed.

It must have been with considerable shock to their feelings the good people and journals who defend the liquor traffic discovered that the petition presented by the Merchants Protective Association to the government protesting against the granting of the people of the province a chance to express their will on the question of prohibition, contained nearly 20,000 bogus names. It really must be humiliating to a respectable honest citizen that in his earnest endeavor to help and defend what he believes to be a worthy and legitimate cause he finds he has been associating himself with a group of dishonest and altogether unworthy people. It is very hard for these disinterested defenders of the liquor

traffic, however, to become convinced that the traffic is bad and that as a consequence the class of people conducting it are and by necessity must be bad too. A tree is known by its fruits; the liquor traffic is known by its blighting effect upon those engaged in it and its customers. It was asserted by the antis that the petition in question contained the names of 34000 bona fide voters, this number being a majority of all the voters in the province. As a sample of the reliance to be placed on this assertion it may be stated that out of 1000 Vancouver signatories only 378 were qualified voters.

The Vancouver World has this to say in regard to this attempted fraud upon the people:

"This petition, we now see, is nothing more than a barefaced and deliberate attempt to mislead the people and the government of this province. It is a cheat, an impudent bluff, quite worthy of the liquor men who fathered it. And when we remember that it was got up for the purpose of preventing the people of British Columbia freely recording their opinion on a great public and patriotic question, namely, whether they want the iniquities of the liquor traffic to continue in their midst, the outrageous nature of the imposition needs no further emphasis.

The petition is worthless. It is discredited beyond recall. No government can pay the slightest

attention to the demands of persons who stoop so low to achieve their own selfish ends, and to continue to make their selfish profit out of an immoral and debasing traffic.

The people of British Columbia will know how to deal with them when the time comes."

The Premier Is Determined.

It goes without saying that the result of the election in the premier's home town was a great disappointment and probably also a surprise to him.

It is therefore natural that he may have been somewhat disturbed mentally and may have in the heat of the moment, said things which he, upon mature reflection, would find inconsiderate.

To people who are accustomed to the usages of a government of the people it does, in view of the decisive stand taken by the only people who were consulted upon the subject, sound rather out of place for the leader of the government, the acknowledged dictator of the legislative assembly, to make the assertion which the News-Advertiser attributes to the premier. To quote the News-Advertiser:

"We will proceed to carry out the policy which we have mapped out," announced Premier Bowser last evening, when asked what would be the effect of the defeat of Hon C. E. Tisdall, Minister of Public Works in the new cabinet. "Of course at the time when he made this statement he was ignorant of what would take place just one week later at Victoria. But if he adheres to his determination as he expressed it at the moment of great disappointment and willfully defies the public opinion as expressed at the polls he will at some future time have occasion to rue it.

War Ravages Repaired.

Richard Harding Davis, the well known author, says that recently in visiting the area in France covered by the Marne campaign it was difficult for him to realize that this section had been touched by the hand of war. All the fields are under cultivation, the fences are in their accustomed places, the buildings have been so deftly repaired or rebuilt that it is hard to believe that most of them were wrecked by shell fire. Even the bridges across the river have been rebuilt. France is repairing the ravages of war with astonishing industry and skill.

Home Dairying.

By H. E. Walker, Provincial Agriculturist.

The question is often asked, "Why is it that Creamery butter almost invariably brings a higher price than that for the home dairy?" and there is no denying the fact that a large quantity of dairy butter of an inferior grade is placed on the market which lowers very materially the general average price. The following notes are intended to draw the attention of the home butter maker to some reasons why the creamery is able to command a better market.

At the outset it may be men- (Continued on page 4, column 2.)

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