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Rainfall for same period, 2.10. Snow, 10.

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Sheriff Threatens to Slaughter Unemployed

Martinez, Cal., Mar. 18.—"We will shoot down in rows the members of the idle army before we will allow them to land in this county again. I am justified in giving such an order because threats made by the 'army' in Sacramento mark them as a dangerous element. I have a right to protect this county against them and I shall do so even if it necessitates bloodshed.

This is a statement made by Sheriff R. R. Veale, of Contra Costa county, who has sworn in 300 extra deputies, whom he provided with arms and ammunition.

Chief of Police Arnold, of Richmond, near Oakland, has his entire force under arms and provided with automobiles to await instructions from Veale.

Lived Hundreds of Centuries Ago

Berlin, March 18.—A valuable anthropological discovery in the northern part of German East Africa is reported in the Lokal Anzeiger Dr. Hans Reick of the Geological and Palaeontological Institute of Berlin University. It is a fossil human skeleton in a magnificent state of preservation.

This is held to prove that "many hundreds of thousands of years ago a highly-developed race of men inhabited the African continent."

Saw Mill Closes Down

Victoria, March 18.—With the shutting down of the planing and saw mill of the Puget Sound Lumber Company here, one of the biggest industries in the city became idle and 400 millhands are thrown out of employment. Resident Vice-President J. H. Moore is in New York.

Duke of Connaught to Visit the Coast

Vancouver, March 18.—That His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will visit Vancouver some time in September was the information brought back from Ottawa by Major F. C. McTavish, who attended the annual meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association held at Ottawa.

Two Hindus Murdered

Cranbrook, B. C., March 18.—Two Hindus, Brynh Sing and Ramah Singh, were murdered at Bull River, twenty-five miles east of here, and Sabin Singh is under arrest. Other accomplices are being searched for by the police. It is thought the trouble arose over an outstanding religious quarrel.

Portland's Million Dollar Blaze

Occasioned By Tramp's Lighted Cigarette Stub

Portland, March 17.—The terrible conflagration which last week swept the waterfront, was caused, it is believed by a cigarette stub, carelessly thrown aside by some tramp who had sought lodgings in the shelter of Columbia dock No. 2.

The aggregate property loss has been estimated at over $1,000,000, while a number of other large properties were only saved from destruction by the shifting of the wind after the fire had gotten beyond control.

The steamers Glenroy and Cricket which were along side the docks at the time were gutted by fire, the last named being loaded with asphalt, burned to the water's edge.

Several fatalities have been reported, and number of the fire-fighters are suffering from severe injuries.

Budget Speech March 26

Ottawa, March 18.—It is expected that Hon. W. T. White will deliver his budget speech a few days before the close of the fiscal year, which ends on March 31. That will enable him to give a practically complete resume of the year's operations. The speech will be delivered during the parliamentary week which commences on Monday, March 23, probably on March 25 or 26.

Although the minister is receiving many demands for tariff changes, it is not expected that he will have many alterations in the present schedules of duties to announce.

English Women Missing

London, Mar. 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that two English women attached to the station of the China Inland Mission at Lao Hokow, province of Hu Peh, have been missing since that town was sacked and burned by brigands. The two women are the Misses E. and J. Black.

For Discovery of Radium

Toronto, March 18.—Hon. W. H. Hearst, minister of lands, mines and forests for Ontario, introduced a bill in the Legislature providing for a reward of $25,000 to the person who first discovers radium in this province.

The Liberal Leaders

H. C. BREWSTER and JOHN OLIVER

Will Speak at

Colony Hall, Hagensborg
Tuesday, March 30th, at 7:30 p. m.

Mackenzie School,
Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:30 p. m.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S.S. Camosun arrived in port on Sunday evening, bringing a large number of passengers, amongst whom were, Messrs. C. Rainsford, H. Rolston, C. Mills, F. Burroughs, A. Greene, E. Oien, W. McIvor, A. McLean, Provincial Constable F. Broughton and Indian Constable Chas. Tucker.

Mr. Rainsford is visiting the valley on business and is registered at the Grand View Hotel.

Mr. H. Rolston returns to assist in the work of bringing the first year of the Development League's existence to a successful ending.

During his visits to Vancouver and Victoria, Mr. Rolston has been able to procure information of infinite value to the League as regards several matters of importance to this district to which it has been giving its attention.

Mr. Frank Burroughs who has for some time past been engaged in survey work in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway at Newport, has returned for a few weeks stay in the valley.

Mr. Chas. Mills, the well known representative of the famous firm of Kelly Douglas & Co., of Vancouver, has spent the week visiting the local merchants, and advising them in the selection of their stock to meet the extensive summer trade which is so generally anticipated.

Mr. Ashdowne Greene of the Indian department of the Dominion government is engaged in survey work in connection with the Indian reserve.

Constables F. Broughton and C. Tucker have returned from a periodical visit to the various points in their respective districts.

Ed. Oien, well known as a successful farmer at the "Crossing" has returned to his ranch after spending the winter at Takush Harbor.

Mr. Oien reports that there are at present some thirty settlers on pre-emptions at that place and there still remains some very fine land open for settlement in small patches.

Unfortunately for the future of this place, the speculator has been allowed to get in ahead of the actual settler. One person owns 11000 acres in a place which, situated as it is in close proximity to a number of canneries at Rivers Inlet and elsewhere, and eminently adapted to vegetable growing, should have naturally been reserved for settlement.

The settlers at Takush Harbor will have an opportunity of studying, close to home, the result of the government's wild-cat policy of giving the land speculator a chance.

M. W. Marvin, of Atnarko, visited town during the week. Mr. Marvin reports spring well advanced in his neighborhood. The winter was very mild with only two inches of snow.

The settlers in the Upper Valley are anxiously waiting to hear the amount of money to be expended on trail work in their district. They are asking for a rough sleigh road over which to haul in their supplies, thus doing away with the necessity of using pack-trains. They have been living in hopes of this for eight years and it is full time their hopes were realized.

Development work is proceeding apace on the Klena Klene mineral claims. Mr. G. Dagg who is in town reports that excellent results have been obtained up to now, and that work of a more extensive nature is to be undertaken during the summer.

Mr. Dagg will leave shortly for the mines.

Geo. Dagg and Fred Hendricks have returned from a prospecting trip in the neighborhood of Dean Channel.

On Monday last the second case to be tried in the constable's kitchen (which constitutes the only court-room accommodation in the newly erected police headquarters) was dismissed on account of lack of evidence.

Constable Broughton on his arrival last Sunday brought with him a man charged with the theft of $45. The case was heard by W. H. Gibson, J. P., who decided that the evidence against the accused was altogether insufficient to warrant him being committed for trial at the assizes.

The late arrival of the Camosun on Sunday last was occasioned by the large consignments of freight for the Rivers Inlet canneries.

Don't Forget

the Negro Minstrel Entertainment at the Mackenzie School, **Friday, Twenty-Seventh** inst., at 8 p. m. prompt.

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Come!

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Local Conservatives are saying that there will be a busy time in town when Mr. William Manson our representative at Victoria arrives.

Among the many matters to be placed before the member are: The clearing of streets in the government townsite; rebuilding of the wharf, allowing accommodation for the landing of small boats; trails in the Upper Valley; a bridge over the Nootsatsum River at the old site, giving the settlers a reasonable show to get their products to market.

The names of the persons who are to present these various matters have not been given out. It is hardly to be supposed, however, that any of the Conservative leaders will talk to Mr. Manson about anything so disagreeable; particularly now that these persons have good roads to their own houses. That is apparently the height of their ambition.

These various matters are, one and all, of the utmost importance, and as it is expecting altogether too much of our local Conservative leaders that they should be asked to embarass both Mr. Manson and themselves with matters in which they do not seem at all interested, it were well if some public-spirited persons would take these questions in hand, whip them into shape, and have them ready when the time comes to meet Mr. Manson.

The annual St. Patrick's Day dance took place at the Grand View Hotel on Tuesday evening. A good number of ladies and gentlemen attended on the the invitation of Mr. Frank Hagan, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the party only dispersing at the early hour of 1:30 a. m.

Can anyone imagine any telegraph operator in charge of any station throughout the province being unaware of the existence of the Bella Coola telegraph line? Yet such is the case. This unenlightened individual who has been the cause of a considerable financial loss to one of our local subscribers occupies the position of operator at Alberni. This obtuse person, after receiving and delivering several wires from our friend at Bella Coola, when handed a wire for transmission to Bella Coola kindly informed the party wishing to send the message, that there was no telegraphic communication to Bella Coola, and that the message must be sent to Vancouver and forwarded from there by steamer. This may, perhaps, be taken as evidence of the urgent need of some measure to protect the public from the consequence of the ignorance of some government officials.

Last Sunday's steamer brought ten Chinamen for the local cannery, where work is being rushed in preparation for the commence- of fishing.

Church Notice

Public Worship of God.

Sunday School - 2:30 p. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

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

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

Shushartie Bay

(FROM OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT)

The advent of the boisterous month of March finds many of the neighboring settlers busy getting the land into shape for their garden stuff. To quite a number this will be a trial year; others, who have tested the growing capacity of their cultivated patches, are looking forward to a successful result of their effort. Nobody, however, is inclined to doubt the fertility of the soil of Northern Vancouver Island, and everyone reposes great confidence in the future.

Speculation is rife, of course, regarding the road question with all sections, feeling anent bridges and trails is but one degree less keen. Nevertheless, we have an abiding faith in Mr. "Mike" Manson, and our perspective of the rosy glow of the time to come is unshaken. Yet last year's fatalities on this coast go to show the crying need of a means of transportation other than the present one. The existing mail service, though excellent enough in its despatch, is fraught with unthinkable hazards. Old Mother Cary demands too heavy a toll—five lives in one year is a frightful price to pay. The road, when completed, will be a monument to those who died—we speak of them with all due respect—Messrs. Evans, O'Connell and Schultz. Let us hope there will be no more!

There was another bachelor's dance last week at Fisherman's Cove, which I regret being unable to attend. Still, I hear it was a great success. The surpassing arrangements and the excellent musical program usually proved would doubtless render it so. There are some beautiful dancers in the settlement and everyone is enthusiastic. Mrs. R. F. Warren, who takes a keen interest in these functions, has been unable to attend some of the more recent ones owing to her presence at Shushartie. The loss is to Fisherman's Cove.

The first general meeting of the Nahwitti and Strandby Farmers' Institute was held at Nahwitti River on Saturday the 7th inst. The attendance, consequent no doubt to the inclement weather, was only moderate. Mr. J. W. McLean presided.

The minutes having been read and discussed, business—mainly the approval of the constitution and bye-laws drawn up at the previous meeting of the executive—was proceeded with. The president outlined the uses of the Institute and touched upon the constitution of the body according to the Act. On the motion of several members additional riders were appended to the existing bye-laws. These latter and the constitution formally approved, the date of the annual meeting was decided on; and a quarterly meeting was proposed and carried after a little dissention. Other details received attention and following a somewhat lively and lengthy discussion on a minor matter the meeting adjourned.

The proceedings throughout were marked by good will and even temper. The president congratulated the members present upon the success of the occasion.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1914.

If a Corporation Cannot Support Itself, Let It Move Out.

—Webster.

One of the excuses offered by Conservative newspapers as to why the government of British Columbia should guarantee the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, is that by so doing, the government enables the company to borrow money for the construction of their road at a cheaper rate. The argument is, that this will mean that the people living in Vancouver will get lower freight rates from the East.

No sacrifice seems too great to make in order that the people of Vancouver may be benefitted.

The rest of the Province, PARTICULARLY THE NORTH, must in the meanwhile do without developments.

The southern portion of the province has the votes and on that account is being, and has been for years, pandered to by the McBride government.

Truly, the people of Vancouver are solely in need of cheap everything just now, not only freight rates, but that is the fault of no one but themselves.

The question arises, would the fact of Mackenzie & Mann putting some of their own money into the construction of their road or borrowing money on their own account for that purpose, necessarily mean high freight rates?

Would the cost of construction, operation and maintenance be greater if paid for without government assistance than with it? We fail to see why it should be. Yet this is precisely the data on which freight and passenger rates are based.

The Conservative organs that are putting forward this strange argument are of that class that will argue anything, no matter how ridiculous, so long as they are well paid for so doing.

The fact is that Canadian Northern bonds do not look good to financial men. Financiers have become dubious as to the soundness of the investment. For that reason the Province is being "made the goat," by being burdened with the responsibility for the indebtedness of this railroad company that otherwise can no longer find credit with the money markets of the world.

The section of this road between Yellow Head Pass and Kamloops is a very expensive piece of work and cannot be expected to pay for years to come. The section from Kamloops to Vancouver parallels an existing road. The Island section is entirely problematical as regards being a paying concern.

The ferry service between Victoria and English Bluff will be just a bluff for years to come, but as a pre-election promise it has already worked its purpose as far as McBride is concerned.

As a business proposition this McBride, Mackenzie and Mann railway in British Columbia looks like a fake scheme from first to last, conceived for the sole purpurpose of booming real estate prices in the southern cities.

The people voted for high property values. It tickled their vanity. We wonder what they think about present conditions as a consequence of their folly?

To us, the average real estate man in Vancouver and Victoria looks pretty down-in-the-mouth about something. We wonder what it is?

Scores of small business houses have gone to the wall, and the large houses that succeeded in weathering the storm are all tight pinched. So much for the prosperity ensuing from McBride's C. N. R. project up to date.

Not satisfied with handing over the best and most accessible of our agricultural land to speculators, McBride is taxing the people to the actual limit. Finally, as a master-stroke he mortgages the Province to the extent of hundreds of dollars for every man, woman and child of its inhabitants, in order to bolster up the credit of a company which dare not go to the money markets of the world on the strength of its own bona-fides.

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It may take some time for the real facts to overtake the widely circulated misrepresentations of the official slanderers of National Transcontinental Railway and of the Laurier government's connection therewith. But the facts in refutation are being gradually forced from a reluctant government, and are being made public in a series of official replies by the ministers to questions from Liberal members.

One of the main charges contained in the press report handed out by the government was that the former National Transcontinental commissioners had paid over to two parties the sum of $740,000 as a "rake-off" for their share of the profit on two large contracts sublet to other firms.

It was deliberately stated that the former commission had held back ten per cent. of the monies due to the latter contractors and had paid it over to these two parties as clear profit, without the latter having turned a spade.

Replying to a question, the acting minister of railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, declared that this statement was entirely untrue.

For a Royal Commission or a Government to deliberately publish such an absolute "misrepresentation"—not to use a stronger word—is without parallel in the history of Canada.

From this one fact alone may be judged what reliance can be placed on the fairness and truthfulness of the whole report.

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Why not call those railway experts, Messrs. Lynch-Staunton and Gutellius, to the bar of the House. A short examination into their qualifications for the work they undertook would be interesting, and would add a little excitement to what appears likely to be a hum-drum session.

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How many times have we been given to understand that the Province has outstanding to it $13,000,000 on account of land sales, drawing interest at six per cent.? Is this interest being collected? We see nothing under this heading in the estimated receipts for the year 1914-15. The amount due will be $780,000. Perhaps Mr. Manson, when he comes, will be able to give us some information on this point. It will be remembered that the Premier justified the government's failure to enforce payment on the land by declaring that the arrears bore interest at six per cent.

If neither the principle nor interest is being collected we actually have presented various parties with $13,000,000 worth of land.

The people of Canada are sincerely mourning the death of Sir George Ross.

Canada has produced few, if any, more gifted men. With no advantages, natural talents excepted, save those of his own creation, he rose from teacher of a country school to the leadership of the Liberal party in the Senate.

It has been said of Sir George that he was the one speaker in Canada who ranked with Lord Roseberry. His style of oratory was entirely distinct from that of the Eastern schools exemplified in the speeches of French-Canadians and men from the Maritime Provinces, and he leaves no successor in Canada.

Sir George was an honor to the party with which he was so long associated, and a credit to the public life of the Dominion. To him the Country owed much.

Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir—Having subscribed for and read the Courier since its first issue, I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the good work you have done, and while wishing you continued success I request that you will find space for these few remarks.

Some time ago I happened to read in a Vancouver paper, a speech by Mr. H. S. Clements in which he claimed that everything good that ever happened in Canada emanated from the minds of Conservatives. This is of course not worth discussing.

Here in Bella Coola Valley exactly the opposite rule applies. Who ever heard of anything of benefit to this community originating from a Conservative source. True we have had a Conservative club for many years, but what it has ever done to warrant its existence has not yet come to light. Neither individually or collectively have the Conservatives of this place ever shown any activity in advancing the interests of the community. Witness the Colony Hall at Hagensborg, the telephone system, the hospital and many other things. What part have the Conservatives played in these matters?

It is not by their idleness alone that the local Conservatives have retarded progress in the valley, but more by their wonderful faculty of "knocking," and so destroying that which it required much honest effort to acquire.

Six years ago, some of the settlers decided that the time had come when a resident doctor was needed, and set about doing something.

The men entrusted with the work labored conscientously and with considerable success. They secured a doctor, a doctor's house and a hospital were built and everything went well, slowly but none the less surely.

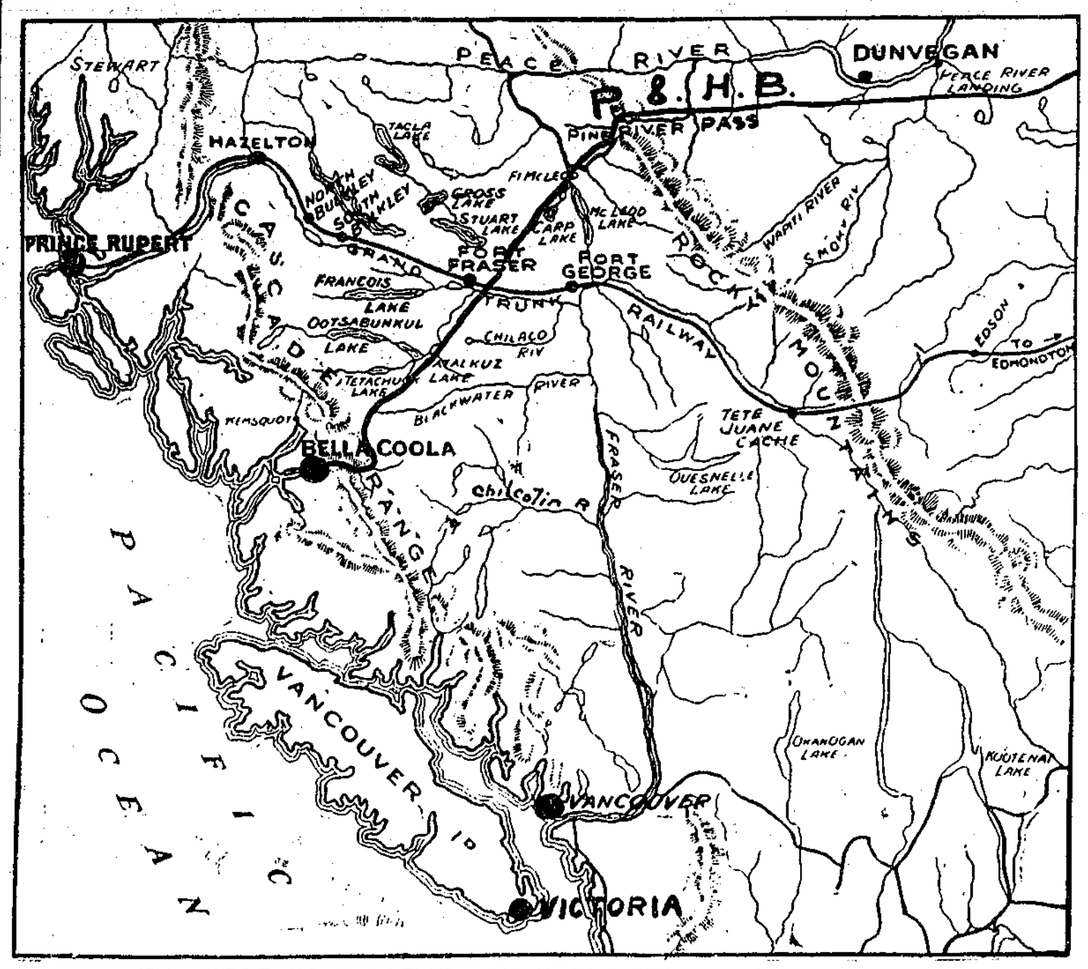
Just at this time the thought struck the Conservative element that they would try their hands at running things, seeing that the hard work was done. How they have run hospital matters for the past three years and with what disastrous results is too well known locally to need mention.

The original hospital board, among other things, secured through the Hon. H. E. Young, under whose care the many small hospitals along the coast co[illegible] a sum of $500 per year for [illegible] resident doctor.

Now Wm. Manson and his p[illegible] have succeeded in having [illegible] amount of this annual grant [illegible] duced to $300. This is the [illegible] Mr. Manson seeks to wreak [illegible] vengeance on a people who h[illegible] plainly shown that they have [illegible] further use for him as their p[illegible] liamentary representative.

The hard work in connecti[illegible] with the hospital was accomplis[illegible] ed before Wm. Manson w[illegible] foisted onto the Skeena distri[illegible] as government agent, and he h[illegible] set about deliberately to undo [illegible]

The government was prepar[illegible] to assist the old hospital boa[illegible] even further, and would u[illegible] doubtedly have done so had n[illegible] the appearance of Mr. Mans[illegible]



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on the scene blocked all progress, with the result that the men who had the work in hand dropped out in disgust. The Conservatives have run the thing ever since and with as little credit to themselves as benefit to the place.

By some mistake three Liberals have been now allowed to get back on the hospital board, and to get even with the people who elected them Mr. Manson at once had the doctor's allowance reduced from $500 to $300.

It is up to this community to see that no Liberals are elected to the board next year or Wm. Manson may have the remaining stingy $300 wiped off the estimates, and Bella Coola will then be minus a doctor.

OLD-TIMER.

Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir—I hear a bridge is being built across the mouth of the Bella Coola River, and like the Chinaman, I want to know "what for." Since there is only one family living across on the south side we can hardly expect that the government would build a bridge for them. When the petitions which the bulk of the settlers have put before the government of much needed improvements up the valley, and when a number of settlers have been here 10 years and not even got a wagon road. What then is the reason that this much maligned government is shedding its bankrupt bounty, unasked, unlooked for, undesired?

Let me put the question Mr. Editor, at whose instigation and for what reason is this bridge being built?

J. C.

Atnarko, B. C.

The Courier deems it its duty as a public journal to publish all letters received which have any bearing at all on matters of public interest. We cannot give our correspondent J. C. the information he desires, and can only advise him to address any enquiries regarding public works to the local Conservative Association, whose duty it is to know everything in regard to these matters.

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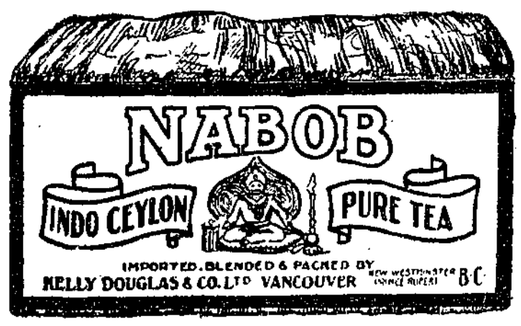

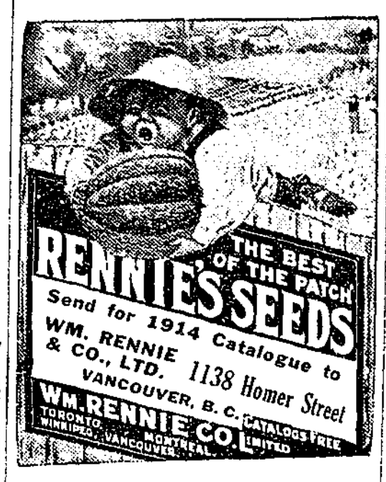

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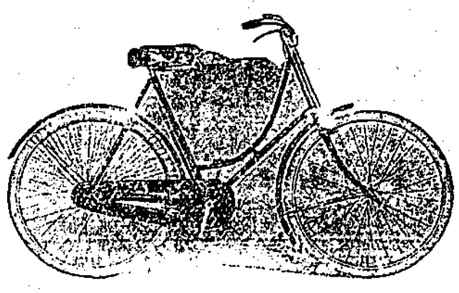

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