

# BELLA COOLA

## COURIER

**WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY.**  
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.  
Temperature: Maximum, 16. Minimum, 9.  
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### Terrific Struggle Going on for Verdun ENORMOUS LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

Paris, March 1.—Bombardment to the north of Verdun continues with great intensity. East of Meuse the Germans are making violent attacks, and near the village of Douaumont fighting came to a hand-to-hand encounter. The Germans were finally repulsed with enormous losses to both sides. After an intense artillery fire the Germans succeeded in firing the village of Manheulles. The French made a counter attack and regained all the lost ground. In Lorraine the Germans succeeded in taking a small section of the French trenches, but were soon driven out.

#### 45,000 Germans Killed To-Date in Supreme Effort

Amsterdam, March 1.—In one of the bloodiest battles of the war now raging at Verdun the Germans are making a determined and supreme effort to break through the French lines. Intense fighting has been going on for a week and shows as yet no signs of abating. In this one battle the number of German casualties, irrespective of the great number of wounded, captured and missing, are 45,000 killed to-date. Some idea of the terribleness of the ordeal may be formed from the fact that one regiment was organized from the remnants of ten others.

#### French Cruiser Sunk

Paris, March 1.—The French cruiser Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean on Saturday. The estimated number of survivors are 870. Her gross tonnage was 13,753 tons. She had been requisitioned by the French government for naval service.

#### Britain's Losses for February

London, March 1.—Britain's casualties in all war areas during the month of February totalled 739 officers and 17,847 men.

#### No Decision Reached Submarine Policy

Washington, March 1.—Germany's latest submarine communication was discussed in detail at a cabinet meeting held today and also at a separate conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing. No conclusion was reached.

New York, March 1.—Two Italian steamers with mounted guns aboard were allowed to clear today on assurances made by the Italian government that the armament was for defensive purposes only.

#### Britain's Credit Unimpaired

London, March 1.—Chancellor of the exchequer, McKenna, stated today that Great Britain's personal national expenditures for the year are £1,509,000,000. He also said that Great Britain has maintained her credit unimpaired throughout the war.

It was announced in the House that the Italian government has requisitioned 34 of the 39 ships interned in Italian ports.

Henry James, the great novelist, is dead.

#### Captures at Erzerum

Petrograd, March 1.—The result of operations around Erzerum is officially announced as: 235 officers, 12,753 men, and 323 guns being captured. Pursuit of Turkish troops continues.

#### Germany to Try New Submarine Warfare

Berlin, March 1.—Information received from high authority is to the effect that the new German submarine warfare will positively be put into effect midnight February 29.

#### Fighting on Isonzo Front

Rome, March 1.—Along the Isonzo front artillery duels and small infantry engagements occurred. Near Lucinico we took 150 prisoners after a severe conflict. East of Vermigliano we put the enemy to flight.

#### Campaign Against Villa

New Orleans, March 1.—Felix Diaz, with ten thousand men, is preparing for a campaign against General Villa.

#### Vancouver By-Election

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—The final count shows the result of the by-election in Vancouver last Saturday, to be—

Macdonald - 9592  
Tisdall - 5432  
Taylor - 133

Tisdall states: "Defeat by combination of circumstances such as hard times and a desire to have Opposition in the House."

Macdonald says: "It was an honest expression of opinion and a sign of a political revolution in the province."

#### OCEAN FALLS RESUMING BUSINESS

At Ocean Falls a busy city will shortly be brought into existence as a result of the reorganization now being effected of the pulp and paper making plant there, which has been taken over by the Pacific Mills Limited, a company capitalized at \$9,500,000.

Arrangements are now being made for the erection of a paper mill for the manufacture of that commodity, in addition to pulp, and the present plant, pulp mill and sawmill is to be much improved. Before long, following upon the large expenditure of capital contemplated in the erection of the paper mill, and in Turkish troops continues.

### Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun arrived on her southbound trip on Saturday morning at 5 o'clock having nearly regained her schedule time.

The passengers arriving were: A. H. Tomlinson, provincial assistant horticulturist, H. E. Walker, provincial agriculturist, I. Jacobsen, fur buyer, and F. Broughton.

Mrs. Davidson and children left for Vancouver after a protracted visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Oveson of Hagensborg.

Mr. I. Jacobsen of the firm of Jacobsen, Goldberg & Co., Vancouver, dealers in furs, is in town in the interests of his firm. He says that there is a good lot of furs in the country and that in some kinds the market prices are fairly good.

The enterprising merchants of Hagensborg, MacKay & Brink, are at present having a quantity of ice cut and stored in anticipation of warmer weather.

Fred Covey of South Bentinck Arm fame, arrived in town Tuesday morning in the face of a strong wind. After laying in a stock of supplies he returned to take up his work of supplying the Ocean Falls Co. with logs.

With the lengthening of days and the beginning of spring our constable, Frank Broughton, seems to be developing unusual activities. From his vantage ground at Bella Coola he pounces upon his prey at some out of the way place away from here, but the victim is generally brought to Bella Coola for further treatment or molestation. This week he is off to Ocean Falls to bring some culprit to justice.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlton at their home, February 29th, a son.

Ed. Grant, son of S. Le C. Grant, who left Bella Coola to enlist last December is already on his way across the ocean to join the forces at the front. He has, as related in the letter we published from him two weeks ago joined the ammunition corps.

His brother Fred, who has been on the battle line quite a time, writes praising the excellent treatment the Canadian soldiers are receiving from the military authorities.

Frank Broughton returned from Ocean Falls last week where he had been called to investigate a

case of killing game out of season. He arrested Charles Ostrom and brought him before Mr. Gibson, justice of the peace, who found him guilty of violation of the Game Act to the tune of \$75.00. Mr. Ostrom, in common with many others, finds that meat comes very high in this neck of the woods.

#### WELL KNOWN LOGGER FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

West Hartrem of Kimsquit, on landing at the long point in Labouchere Channel on February 25th found on entering the abandoned loggers' cabin at that place the dead body of a man frozen to death. Mr. Hartrem on making the ghastly find left immediately for Bella Coola where he notified Constable Broughton. Mr. Broughton went out there on Monday. Upon examination he found that the deceased was a logger by the name of Axel Anderson and that he had been dead about three weeks.

It seemed that he had landed at the place in an exhausted condition and, apparently, he had been unable to make a fire of sufficient size to warm him up, nor to collect the boughs usually used in the making of a bed. He had tried to remove his shoes and socks to have his feet thawed out, but had failed. The body was brought in to Bella Coola on the 29th. Rev. Gibson officiated at the funeral at Bella Coola and Rev. Sageng conducted the services at the Hagensborg cemetery.

The late Axel Anderson was a man well and favorably known on this part of the coast. He was about 55 years of age, of a good family in the old country.

Gerhard, the 12-year-old son of A. C. Christensen, met with an accident on Tuesday. In helping some boys to unload a heavy piece of timber from a wagon which, proving too much for their strength, slipped from the grasp of one of them with the result that Gerhard's hand was caught under the timber and two bones were broken near the base of the little finger.

West Hartrem of Kimsquit, who is here on business is prevented by the strong wind from returning home in his launch.

Bella Coola's great obstacle to a more rapid development has been its remoteness from markets and infrequency of steamboat service.

The matter of market will, with resumption of business at Ocean

Falls, be a thing of the past. Mr. A. B. Martin, the manager, says that Ocean Falls will require all the garden truck Bella Coola can raise for years to come. He recommended that Bella Coola appoints an agent who will take the business in hand. Mr. Martin wants to open business relations at once by having prices submitted.

#### Are You Interested?

It will be difficult for soldiers returning from the war, whether they are well, sick or disabled, to adjust themselves to conditions which in many respects will be new to them. They have on enlisting renounced place and position, on returning they will find these places filled by others, or they find themselves incapacitated by injuries received from performing their former calling. The country owes it to them as a debt that they be found suitable employment similar to that which they have given up, and that they be taken care of as the wards of the nation. This may be found a great problem which will tax the ingenuity, the patience and perseverance of them to whom the task be delegated.

The government of the province has appointed a Returned Soldiers Commission to supervise this work. This commission has decided that the men returning shall find homes in the communities where they resided before enlisting. On arriving there a committee organized for that purpose shall receive these men and lend them every assistance.

The primary object of the local committee will be to find employment for all who are able to work and to exercise supervision and care of them, or in other words "to look after them."

The government will, through the Provincial Commission, be in constant touch with the local committee and render any and all assistance in their power; such as finding employment where none can be procured at home, take care of the sick, give technical training to the permanently disabled so they may be able to do congenial and useful work, and to place in permanent homes or hospitals those who will remain invalids for life.

The Provincial Returned Soldiers Commission has asked Mr. Wm. Sutherland to see to it that a committee such as indicated above be appointed for Bella Coola and the surrounding district.

He has decided to call a public meeting to place the matter before the people for their information and deliberation and for

them to appoint the committee. The meeting will be held at the Mackenzie School, Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 7:30 p. m.

The interest we have for the soldiers will be shown in the size of the attendance at this meeting; therefore, everybody must come, ladies as well as gentlemen.

#### FARMERS' MEETINGS.

A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, and H. E. Walker, provincial agriculturist, have been visiting various parts of the settlement since their arrival here Saturday morning. Last Monday they held two meetings at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg. The first meeting was held in the afternoon. It was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by John Widsten, the vice-president of the Farmers' Institute, who in a few opening remarks called attention to the importance of more energetic efforts being made towards the clearing of land in order that the cultivated area be enlarged. He then introduced Mr. A. H. Tomlinson, who launched into an interesting and elucidating exposition of how to raise and market potatoes.

As we intend to give a synopsis of the lectures given at these meetings in future issues of the Courier we will for the present confine ourselves to the reporting of the meeting.

He was followed by Mr. H. E. Walker, who told the farmers how to carry on dairying. It seemed the audience never would tire and told the speaker to go on, but at 5 o'clock Mr. Walker stopped and said he would try and finish at the evening session.

The night was dark and the road muddy, the result of which was that there were a few persons less present at the evening meeting than in the afternoon.

It was opened just before 8 o'clock by the chairman calling on Mr. Tomlinson, who then discussed fruit culture. He was followed by Mr. Walker, who continued his talk on dairying until ten o'clock. The chairman in closing the meeting thanked the speakers for the very able and interesting way in which they had handled the subjects discussed. Before dispersing the audience sang the National Anthem.

#### Church Notice

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SATURDAY, MAR. 4, 1916.

Forerunners of Victory.

The very large majority which the Liberal candidate, Mr. M. A. Macdonald received over his two opponents in the by-election held in Vancouver last Saturday was more of a victory for clean government than the most optimistic Liberals could have anticipated.

Mr. Macdonald's vote was 9592; Tisdall's, 5432; and Taylor, 133. Macdonald's majority over Tisdall being 4160; Macdonald receiving almost two to one of all the votes cast.

Every lover of a clean administration will rejoice in this result as it shows the determination of the people to turn out of office men who have squandered the money and other resources of the province in the past and therefore cannot be trusted to turn over a new leaf and give us a business government in the future, even if Mr. Bowser assures the people that such would be the case.

It must not for a moment be assumed that the landslide in Vancouver is a victory of the Liberal party over the Conservative. There was no issue of a partisan nature of sufficient magnitude to divide the voters on party lines.

Only the dyed-in-the-wool Conservatives voted with their party; but every Conservative lover of clean methods in our administration who was able to rise above party voted for Mr. Macdonald as a protest against the many iniquities of the McBride-Bowser government. The example set by Vancouver, it will be safe to say, will be followed by nearly every constituency in the province and the results of the general election will be a rebuke to the old administration as decisive as the one received by the Roblin government in Manitoba.

In the face of these facts it is clear to every fairminded person that the Bowser government has lost the confidence of the country and that it is the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the parliament and order a general election forthwith.

The Lieutenant-Governor has, in the last year, on account of some acts of a seeming partisan nature laid himself open to a suspicion that he has been a pliable instrument in the hands of the government. As matters are shaping themselves now he cannot afford to rest longer under

such a cloud. He must rouse himself, assert his royal authority and give the people the opportunity to express by their votes the kind of legislation they want in the next session of the legislature. The people do not want their present representatives any longer. That point has been settled by the result of the election in Vancouver.

The Result in Rossland.

The by-election in Rossland resulted in the election of Lorne Campbell, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of twelve. This will in no case minimize the result recorded against the government in Vancouver.

Vancouver was the home city of the premier, his great stronghold. In the last election he had a greater majority than the other members elected in that city. The government candidate, Mr. Fisdall, is one of the most prominent and highly respected business men of the city; who, apart from his connection with the Bowser government, was one of the most popular of Vancouver's citizens. But he was judged by the company he associated with and was turned down.

Lorne Campbell occupied a similar position in Rossland, a mining centre in the Kootenay. He had been Rossland's representative in the legislature for a number of years, he had now been elevated to the highly influential position of minister of mines and he came to his constituency asking its endorsement.

Rossland naturally believed that its member in his capacity of minister of mines would prove a very great help to its leading industry and therefore felt it would be quixotic on its part to turn him down and so he was returned, but the handicap of the Bowser outfit was so strong against him that his majority was just large enough to elect him. If there should be any errors or irregularities discovered the small majority of twelve may be wiped out.

In any case the verdict is unmistakable, Bowser and his followers must go.

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Moses B. Cotsworth Vindicated.

Rev. A. E. Cooke in his speech in the Dominion Hall, Vancouver, February 4, made extensive references to the libel case decided against the authors of the pamphlet "The Crisis in B. C." It is not possible within the limits of a short newspaper article to give a detailed account of the evidence which the Ministers of the Lower Mainland had in their possession to prove the truth of the statement complained of by Mr. A. Lucas in his suit against the ministers. Suffice to say that some of the evidence was barred out by the court and some of the other was contradicted by such witnesses as Sir Richard McBride, Mr. Mara, one of the members of the commission who, with Mr. Cotsworth, had dealt with the delinquencies of Mr. Lucas, and by Mr. Lucas' own sons.

Mr. Cooke gave reasons sufficiently strong to convince his audience, and we think also those who will take the trouble to read the speech, that they had good grounds for making the statement which the court decided to be libellous.

Mr. Cooke did not find fault with the court or jury. The weight of the evidence as given by such witnesses as those mentioned above was against Cotsworth who had furnished the ministers with the material for "The Crisis in B. C."

It was in the interest of the government and all the other witnesses to throw discredit on the authors of the obnoxious pamphlet.

That part of the trial where

the judge in his charge to the jury took occasion to speak disparagingly of Mr. Cotsworth's character, we will quote, and is according to stenographic report of the trial as follows. The judge said: "Who is Mr. Cotsworth? What has he said that you can believe in view of the evidence that has been given here, from the premier of our province down to the last witness for the plaintiff? There is no use mincing about it. It is for you to say whether Mr. Cotsworth is not the ordinary everyday untruthful man. That is the short word for it." Mr. Cooke adds, and when our counsel took exception to that last sentence, his lordship replied, "Yes, I meant a liar. You can substitute that expression if you like."

After quoting the judge as here stated Mr. Cooke presented to his audience the evidence in his possession of who Mr. Cotsworth really is; and this evidence was furnished by learned societies such as the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological Society of London, the Royal Society of Canada, and by great and prominent men as Sir Sandford Fleming, Dr. Wilfrid Campbell, Geo. Allen and Unwin, publishers, James Birch, Lord Mayor of York, Richard Westrope, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Sidney Fisher and Hon. H. E. Young. The query now is: are we to believe that Mr. Cotsworth whose whole life in Britain was a record of industry, intellectual superiority and irreproachable integrity, whose most intimate friends in this country testify to his moral character in highest terms—are we to believe that he has suddenly stultified his whole career and become a common liar and a fraud, guilty even of perjury?

The members of the Ministerial Union are not the gullible fools the government and its friends pretend that they are.

The Conservatives in this province have adopted the same tactics as they of Manitoba. In trying to turn the public's attention away from the wrong doings of the machine in power they endeavor to besmirch the character of those who expose the rottenness of political conditions in

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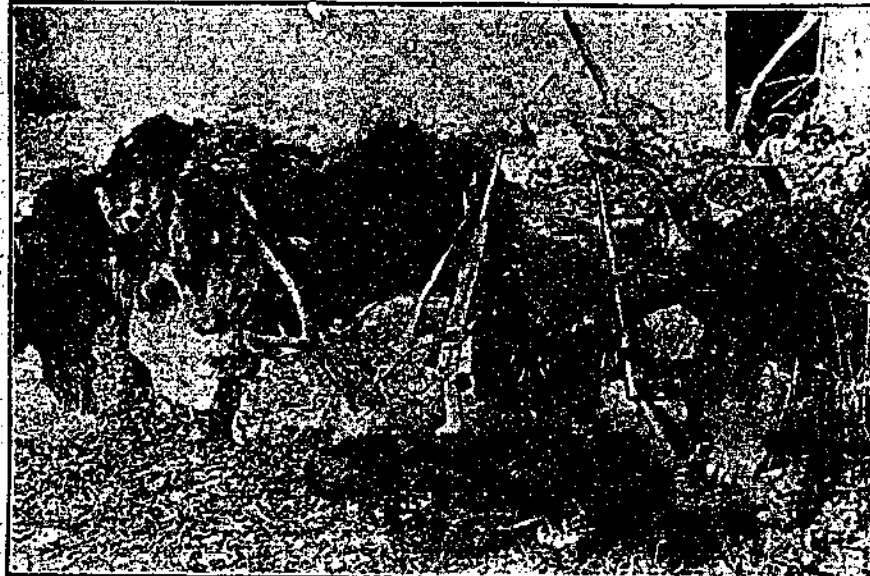
its members have received very scathing pronouncements from the presiding judge.

Our readers will still remember the case related in our columns quite recently where Mr. Young, then a member of the government, had received a gift \$105,000 worth of stock in a coal company. The court in re-

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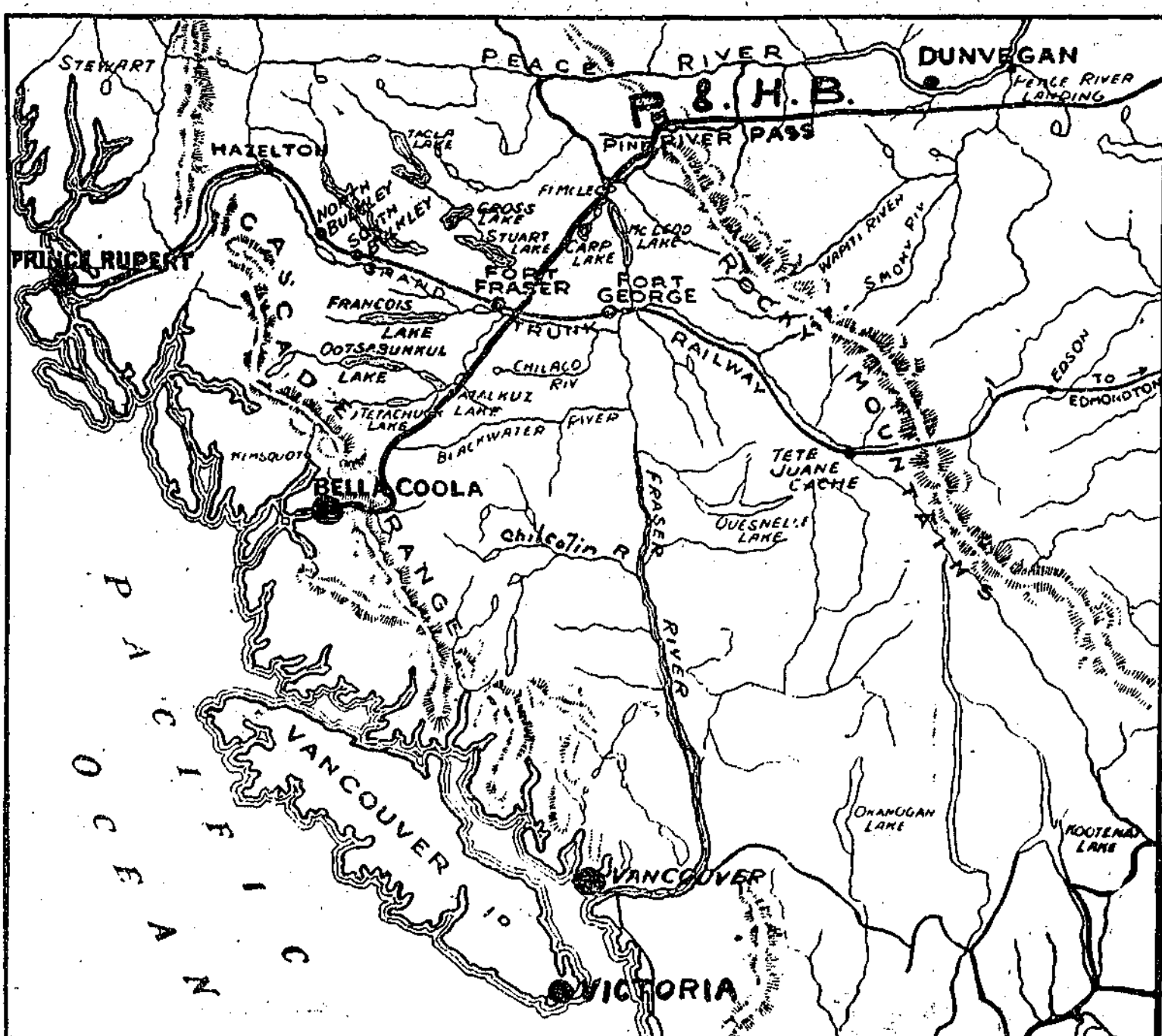
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dering judgment in the case made some very caustic remarks on that deal indicating that he did not believe this transfer of stock had been made for friendships sake, as Dr. Young and members of the coal company alleged.

The inference to be drawn from the remarks of the judge would be that the deal was for political purposes, and it is presumed that Hon. W. J. Bowser was afraid that the transaction reflected somewhat upon the integrity of Dr. Young and therefore found it expedient to dismiss him from

the cabinet. But knowing that he himself was not invulnerable he appointed his late colleague to the chairmanship, with a fat salary, of a board to look after the welfare of returned soldiers.

And now another case which has been in the public eye a long time through the instrumentality of the Liberal press, has received its stamp of disapproval from the law courts.

There has been trouble between two parties connected in the celebrated Kitsilano deal, in which the government paid out \$80,000 to H. O. Alexander and H. Reid

in commission for an afternoon's work. A half-breed, Joseph Cole, sued Reid for one half of his share of the commission, which was \$40,000. The case was decided in favor of Cole and now Reid will have to fork over \$20,000 to his client and we have no doubt he will know where to find it.

The court in summing up the case says in part: "The lavish commission the government allowed to be included in the price was little short of scandalous in light of the marvellous celerity and unanimity with which the Indians got through with the pow-wow and the signing of the surrender. It seems inconceivable that such an afternoon's work alone could be so handsomely compensated for. Disagreeable surmises may arise in one's mind in surveying the unpleasant features of the whole transaction."

In view of the light thrown upon the transaction by the evidence adduced, the court finds that the government could recover the whole of the \$80,000 paid in commission, as Reid and Alexander could not possibly have earned it. The court further stated:

"Reid's course was indefensible; but still more amazing was the assurance said to have been given by a member of the government of British Columbia, that if the twenty Indians interested in the Kitsilano reserve could be got to give options for the acquisition of their rights in it for a payment to them of \$10,000 apiece the government would purchase such options for \$300,000."

Transactions of such nature as related above are not isolated cases, they are only the ones brought out by the light thrown on their tainted character by the courts of the land.

Persons who are guilty of such transactions reveal through their character that should forever bar them from public confidence, and it is in our mind inconceivable if the electorate of British Columbia will, with their votes, further endorse them for office.

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August 20.—The Arabic was sunk, with the loss of 59 lives, three Americans.

October 6.—Berlin disavowed the sinking of the Arabic, and pledged that no liners would be sunk without warning, and that lives on board would be safeguarded.

II.—AUSTRIA.

Nov. 7.—The liner Ancona was sunk, with loss of 200 lives, 27 Americans.

Nov. 10.—Vienna admitted that an Austrian submarine had sunk the Ancona.

Dec. 29.—Vienna disavowed the Ancona sinking, and pledged the safety of lives at sea.

III.—TURKEY.

Dec. 30.—The Persia was sunk without warning, and more than 200 persons, one an American Consul, lost their lives.

Jan. 10. Germany denied that her submarines were operating in the Mediterranean, where the Persia was sunk.

Jan. 21. Austria denied that her submarines were concerned in the sinking.

Jan. 24. Turkey assumes the responsibility for sinking the Persia.

