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WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL.
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Rainfall, 2.43 inches.

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Canadian and Indian Troops Brilliant Work

London, May 27—Canadian and Indian troops on Sunday night repulsed with the bayonet a German attack near Richebourg. After destroying the wire entanglements by means of artillery fire the enemy launched a vigorous attack and succeeded despite severe losses in reaching our trenches, says a Central News despatch. They were met with an inferno of rifle fire before which they wavered, then the Canadians and Indians leaped from the trenches and met the German advance with the bayonet as the latter swarmed up to strengthen the attacking forces. Colonials fighting with terrific vigor simply bowled attackers off their feet and pursued them into the open. Our losses were heavy but the defeat suffered by the Germans was severe, both morally and materially.

Two British Battleships Sunk in Dardanelles

London, May 27.—Admiralty's official statement. The battleship Triumph while operating in support of Australian and New Zealand forces in Gallipoli Peninsula was torpedoed by a submarine and sank shortly afterwards. Majority of officers and men reported saved.

The admiralty also announce the sinking of the Majestic by an enemy's submarine while supporting the army on Gallipoli Peninsula. Nearly all the officers and men were saved.

Duel in the Air

Paris, May 27.—A German aeroplane was brought down today at Braine. The pilot of the French machine, which defeated the German aeronaut, was awarded the military medal for his achievement and the officer-observer was promoted.

Explosion at Nanaimo Mine

Only Thirteen Men Escape Unhurt—No Hope for Entombed Men

Nanaimo, May 28.—A disastrous explosion occurred at the reserve mine of the Western Fuel Company at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, just after change in shifts. At time of explosion there were thirty-six men in the mine and of this number thirteen escaped unhurt and reached the surface safely within an hour. Four others were recovered shortly afterwards of whom three were dead and one fatally injured. This left nineteen men unaccounted for and there is no hope of any of them being saved.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

The Young People's Missionary Society of Hagensborg had a very pleasant outing at the Noosatsum meeting house on Saturday last. At 11 a. m. the people gathered at the meeting house where a missionary program was given. The meeting was presided over by Hjalmar Schulstad.

It opened with a song by the audience, followed by a prayer led by Mr. H. Hanson. Speeches were given by C. H. Urseth and P. Fredland. The Bella Coola string band rendered several pieces of music. After the program was over lunches were brought out and spread in the open, under the firs and cedars of the primeval forest. The gathering was voted highly enjoyable and was well attended.

It is definitely decided that Rev. W. H. Gibson will spend his vacation in the old country. He leaves San Francisco on the S. S. Kronland June 9th.

J. Fall, C. E., has returned from a trip made to examine feasible routes for a wagon road from Bella Coola to the interior. He went through the whole length of the Stillwater Valley and found good grade all the way. He thought, however, that it would prove to be a rather expensive undertaking to build a road through there, because considerable rockwork would have to be done.

The Executive Committee of the Bella Coola Liberal Association will hold a meeting at the home of Mr. B. F. Jacobsen, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 2 p. m.

Important business to be transacted. All members are requested to attend.

B. Brynildsen, President.

NOTES FROM NAMU.

The cannery tug Swan has returned from New Westminster where it wintered while undergoing extensive repairs.

Mr. T. D. Pattullo called in here last Thursday the 13th inst. on his way back from Rivers and Smiths Inlets, where he has held successful meetings in the interest of the Liberal party. He held a very well attended meeting here in the evening and made a favorable impression. He said that he had virtually canvassed the whole of this district now and feels satisfied that the Liberals will carry it by a substantial majority.

We are pleased to see A. F. Gothard back from the hospital and at his work, nearly as well as ever.

The Government has laid a three-plank walk from the wharf to within 300 feet of the lake at an outlay of about $175.00. The sum appropriated was not sufficient to complete it.

A number of our people have been over to Aristazable Island and staked land for themselves. They intend to go into the sheep raising business.

The far reaching influences of the war are even hampering the fishing industry in this remote part of the Empire. There is considerable delay experienced in getting the needed quantity of tinplate.

Bella Coola Celebrates Empire Day

The 24th of May was celebrated with its usual elaborate features at Bella Coola. For weeks beforehand committees have been at work planning and laboring for the success of the celebration; to make it worthy of the occasion. And it is very gratifying to everybody that the efforts of the committee have been successful beyond the hopes of the most enthusiastic.

The annual celebration of this day at Bella Coola has for years been the only important one between the cities of the south and Prince Rupert, and therefore has always drawn large numbers of visitors from outlying places. Already on Sunday morning the 23rd, the first arrivals made their appearance as the steamer Hope of Beaver cannery tied up at the wharf. The other crafts that brought people bent on observing the day in a befitting manner were S. S. Chelohsin with contingents from Kimsquit and Namu, the tug Kimsquit from Kimsquit, and the steamer Swan from Namu.

Among the many friends arriving we were especially glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Charles Draney, who have been present at the Empire Day celebrations in Bella Coola for so many years that it would be hardly polite to number them.

The weather was nearly perfect; a slight haze checked the heat of the sun, towards evening rain threatened without materializing.

Arriving on the grounds at the Indian village the booths erected for the lunch counter, conducted by the ladies, and the novelty stands in charge of W. Galienne and J. Johnson, were the most conspicuous and attractive features in sight and drew everybody of caucasian extraction. This means that the aborigines had places of refreshments of their own. The most popular person aside from the ladies was Mr. Galienne, who was continuously and persistently inviting the crowds to display their skill in trying to hit nigger dolls. His persuasive and optimistic manner was found so irresistible that he always had an admiring and interested crowd in attendance, and always several persons who vied with one another in knocking the dolls over. And those who by chance hit the dolls were rewarded by either an orange, a cigar or a bag of peanuts. The receipt of this highly successful enterprise is said to be $85.00. About mealtime and at all or any other time when the men and boys needed refreshments they would invite some one or more of the fair sex to the lunch counters and partake of the excellent and substantial food served by the ladies. That the appetites of the people were healthy and the purses plethoric is testified to by the fact that the receipts here were slightly in excess of $100.

If the constable had not been otherwise engaged Miss Mitchell would have been arrested for practicing the black art. By the occult science of palmistry she read the fortunes of the curious and amorus swains and damsels to the tune of 50c each. She managed to rake in $12.00.

We are very glad and everybody else no doubt are the same, that the receipts of the lunch and novelty stands were so large and that the efforts of Miss Mitchell were so successful, as the monies all go to the Red Cross War Fund. It is no doubt that the knowledge of this fact swelled the receipts considerably.

Time and space would fail us if we went into a detailed account of all the different feats of strength, endurance, skill and agility shown in the numerous sports, which were an all day and ever interesting feature. The Indians and the whites in good fellowship contended for the mastery with varying results. The whites excelled in swiftness of foot, while the Indians displayed the greater strength of muscle, as notice for instance in the tug of war which proved to be the most exciting of all the sports. In the first contest the Indians were defeated after a comparative short pull, but in the second, which lasted for 22 minutes, the whites were forced to yield to their opponents although only fractions of an inch at a time.

Another outstanding feature of the sports was the pole high jump. A number of both whites and Indians took part and wonderful strength and endurance were shown as well as the height to which they all attained. But some one had to win and this time it was Gilbert Jacobs, an Indian, who took first prize, with Theodore Livelton a very close second. On the whole it seemed the Indians showed the most grace in this contest. The winners in the sports are as follows:

Five mile race, J. Hoage, D. Kelly. Indian girls race, Bertha Schooner, Cissie Mac. Boys race, R. Brynildsen, Louis Evilsison. Pole high jump, G. Jacobs, T. Levelton. Girls race, J. Gibson, Lily Gordon. Slow bicycle race, T. Levelton. Quarter-mile (boys) B. Grant. R. Levelton. Obstacle race, A. Brynildsen, O. Fosbak. 100 yards dash, T. Levelton, V. Clayton. Men's hurdle race, T. Levelton, E. Grant. Pie race, G. Jacobs, A. Hood. Indian pony race, W. Davis, J. Edgar. Horse race, V. Clayton, C. Stark. Bolster bar, J. Gordon, A. Schooner. Quarter-mile, T. Levelton, J. Hoage. Tug of war, Indians vs. Whites, tie. Spoon canoe, Indians beat the whites.

Speech by Dr. W. J. Quinlan.

While resting from the sports during the hour set apart for luncheon Mr. F. Hagan mounted the rostrum and announced that Dr. W. J. Quinlan, who should need no introduction to a Bella Coola audience, would deliver the speech of the day. Dr. Quinlan was greeted with an ovation. In clear-cut language he told the attentive crowd the reason why the Empire Day is a national holiday throughout the British world, it is to celebrate the cohesion and unity of the Empire. He reminded the listeners that this is the most crucial of Empire Days, and that, because of the great struggle now going on, we as Canadians must assist the Empire with soldiers, food, money, and steadfast fidelity. He touched upon the utter foolishness of attacking the persons and property of citizens of German descent, and advised that such warlike people should go to the front and fight. He concluded by saying: "The upholding of the dignity of the Empire, the cause of right, honor and integrity must be maintained at all costs, in the words of our immortal bard, Lord Tennyson:

"Not once or twice in our fair island story
"The path of duty was the way to glory."

Cablegram Sent to the King.

By an arrangement made by the secretary of The Over-Seas Club, London, with Mr. Charles Tucker local secretary of the organization, the following cablegram was sent to His Majesty the King:

"Those taking part in the Empire Day gathering at Bella Cooa, B. C., Canada, send their loyal greetings to the King. They one and all believe in the justice of our cause and are confident of the ultimate triumph of our arms."

Second Day's Events.

The second day of the celebration found most of those who had been present the first day away to their respective duties, and only a few of the younger generation interested in shooting and baseball remained. Without going into details it may be stated that a shooting match took place on A. C. Christenson's grounds north of the town. There were 21 contestants. The winners of first and second prizes were Vincent and Davenport Clayton respectively.

It seemed very difficult to gather the members of the different baseball teams, but after a delay of more than two hours a spiritless game was played by mixed teams of Indians and whites. The Indians especially lacked training and the result of the game was without interest and is not known to us.

Space forbids mentioning the names of the many men and women who contributed of their time, means and strength to the enjoyment and financial success of the celebration. They one and all worked harmoniously together, and the consciousness of work well done is their best reward.

The Concert.

As a fitting end to an enjoyable day, many of our residents and visitors participated in a concert which took place in Grand View Hotel. Bella Coola has the reputation of being a cheerful giver, nor did she belie herself on this occasion. Audience and performers turned out in full force and Mr. Charles Lord made a capable chairman, beseeching and commanding by turns and keeping all in the best of humor.

The program opened with a mandolin selection by Mr. H. Sutherland, who responded to an enthusiastic encore. Next followed the chairman with a few remarks, in which he announced the receipts of the day, most of which are to go to the War Fund.

Mr. Lord's announcement was received with expressions of deep satisfaction, after which the program proceeded merrily on its way, the next item being a solo by Miss Hallowes. Miss Pecknold followed with a recitation and encore, and in turn, was succeeded by Mr. Louis Svisdahl who, with his accordeon solos, brought down the house.

A juvenile performer, Master R. Macdonald, recited a selection which touched a sympathetic note. Messrs. Atkins and Lord gave a fine rendering of "Larboard Watch," and were followed by Mr. Arthur Hallet with a recitation on "The difficulties of sawing blasphemous Bill McKie." This operation was so appreciated that an encore was demanded and responded to.

Next to occupy the platform was Miss Addie Gibson who sang a very pretty song, and then a beautifully rendered pianoforte selection and encore by Mrs. Wm. Sutherland charmed all her listeners.

Mr. Harry Grainger gave a thoroughly-appreciated recitation. Misses Mitchell and Pecknold sang a duet, and Miss Hallowes captivated her audience with a vocal solo, but, not being prepared for an encore did not give them that further pleasure. Next came Mr. Louis Svisdahl with a song in which many joined, not to help him out but because it appealed to them so strongly. After responding to an encore, he surrendered the platform to Mr. Atkins, who sustained his reputation as a soloist, but, alas! because of his vociferous exertions in the cause of victory during the tug-of-war, earlier, felt unable to respond to the frantic appeals for "more".

Miss Pecknold gave another elocutionary selection, which was followed by a song from the repertoire of Mr. Charles Lord. Then came Mr. H. Grainger with a vocal solo "The Best Old Flag on Earth." This, with "God Save the King" ended the concert, which, with the help of Misses Gibson and Macdonald and Mr. Lord as accompanists, was as pleasant as ever held in our midst.

An enjoyable repast was then served, after disposing of which some of the company meandered home 'neath the pale moonlight, while others remained to trip the "light fantastic toe" till Chanticleer, more forcibly than politely, heralded a new day.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

All Are Welcome.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1915.

Co-Operation.

We notice quite a number of loads of potatoes passing down to the wharf at this time of the year, and this is a cause of reflection on our part.

It is not always wise to wait until the last moment before marketing the main crop. Things might happen, which would knock the bottom out of the market and the hard working farmer would find himself unrewarded for his labor, and also very likely in sore straits to meet his obligations.

We admit it is very difficult for the farmers in Bella Coola to keep track of the markets and be able to seize the right time to send their produce out. But we believe there is a remedy at hand which by earnest effort and co-operation can be put into practical operation.

The provincial representative of the Department of Agriculture who visits our valley at such frequent intervals and who, we are glad to say, shows a decided interest in the welfare of the farmers, should as an addition to his duties look into the state of the markets. He should hold meetings whenever he had anything of a public nature to communicate or discuss, he should counsel as to the crops that will bring the largest reward, look up markets and advise when and where, in his judgment, it would be best to sell the produce. Our farmers should be taught to co-operate, as for instance — in raising a certain crop, of a uniform kind and quality, and also in the marketing of the same.

It is too late to co-operate in the raising of crops this season. But it is not too late, nor too early, to examine what is being done along these lines in other places, and to lay plans for the future.

There is a constantly increasing valuable amount of information gathered for the improvement of the methods of farming in all its branches; but it is found very hard to communicate this knowledge to the farmer so as to have it applied. The agricultural colleges, the experimental farms with the bulletins scattered do not accomplish the good hoped for. The knowledge does not appeal to the farmer with sufficient strength to make him even read the bulletins, far less make any practical use of them.

Much of this information is found to be impracticable under local conditions, and difficulties of many kinds crop up to hinder its application.

To overcome this difficulty, the United States Department of Agriculture have now a fund set aside for the part payment of salaries of farm demonstrators in all counties that apply for such officials. These farm demonstrators are called County Agriculturists and are under the direction of a State leader appointed by the Department of Agriculture. The leader, with the approval of the county commissioners, appoints the county agriculturists and directs and assists them in their work.

The first thing the newly appointed agriculturist does is to get thoroughly acquainted with all the conditions for farming in his district, learns from the most successful farmers their methods and reasons for their success. This knowledge combined with the thorough theoretical and practical education that he has and the information which he knows how and where to find, he formulates plans for the best crops to raise, and advises the farmers both privately and at meetings in everything that pertains to their calling.

He becomes the leader, the organizer and director of the farmers. They can in that way be enabled to co-operate as a whole and by such co-operation get the maximum return for their labor. It is by practical co-operation on some such lines that the farmers of Denmark have obtained such signal success. Farmers of America who still are at the bottom of the list in the amount of crops raised to the acre, can with their intelligence and industry attain by education and co-operation of this kind to the head of the farmers of the world.

These traveling agriculturists in the employment of our pro-provincial government could, we believe, become such organizers, leaders and advisers to the farmers each in his district.

Let the Farmers' Institutes take the matter up and discuss it.

DECLINE SUBSTITUTES

An Historical Empire Day.

Empire Day has come and gone. Enthusiasm and patriotism ran high at the celebration held in Bella Coola and as we feel assured it did all over the British world. There has for the last two weeks been an appreciable depression felt over the reverses which ours and the other allied forces had suffered at the hands of an unscrupulous enemy. The forcing back of the lines at Ypres and the Russian reverses on the eastern front, show the marvellous vitality of the foe and these, together with the loss of lives in the Lusitania disaster, brought home to us the realization of the seriousness of the conflict as nothing else before.

We are glad though to note that as the war progresses the attitude of the neutral world is becoming with every day, decidedly more and more favorable to the Allies. At the writing of this article Italy, one of the parties to the Triple Alliance, is on the point of lining up her great army and navy on the side of the Allies. This, together with the strong sympathies of other nations are sources of strength which will count in the decision of the issue. But there is yet another factor in favor of the Allies which is even stronger than these, and that is the strength which a righteous cause gives. The noblest and the best in the land are willing to make the greatest of sacrifices for that which arouses a righteous wrath, the lofty enthusiasm and noble patriotism. A clear conscience is the strongest factor in the defense of our land and our honor.

While the conflict is on, while the soldiers at the front and sailors of the fleet are risking health, limbs, liberty and life, let the civil population remain firm in its resolve to supply the means to the great end, and if in no other way, each in his own calling; each man and woman doing their duty to the best of their ability, disdaining opportunities to enrich themselves at the expense of their fellows.

In the words of the London Daily Telegraph: "We know the character of the enemy, we know the full righteousness of our cause, we know also the goal which lies before us."

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The Opinion of United States

A people at war may sometimes go too far in denouncing the enemy, and the terms which our press have used against Germany's methods, may to cooler minds have seemed rather strong.

Let us therefore measure our feelings with those expressed by a neutral, one of the oldest and best journalists of the world, Col. Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in which he says in part:

"To find a parallel to the reign of terror which Germany instituted in Belgium one must go back to what we are accustomed to call Dark Ages. As set forth in the Bryce Commission's report, the story of German crimes and misdeeds is sickening, the indictment is something terrible. There is presented the picture of a prostrate land over which cruelty and lust walked hand in hand in devastating companionship.

"Had the cruelties, the atrocities, set forth in the report, been perpetrated by an army which had got out of hand, they would have been bad enough. They are infinitely worse than that, for their perpetration was a feature of a policy intended to minimize future resistance. The reign of terror of a mob is horrible, but how much more horrible is the reign of terror of a Government that deliberately, and of malice aforethought, lets loose on a people the wolf-pack of evil passions!

"The torpedoing of the crowded Lusitania was but the transfer of the spirit that outraged and desolated Belgium from the land to the sea. The intent was equally ruthless, but the setting was more spectacular. All these evil deeds were done by the soldiers and sailors of a nation that boasts of its own 'culture' and has much to say about ... 'barbarism', done not by ... fians that follow armies, ... done under orders sent out ... or inspired by headquarters.

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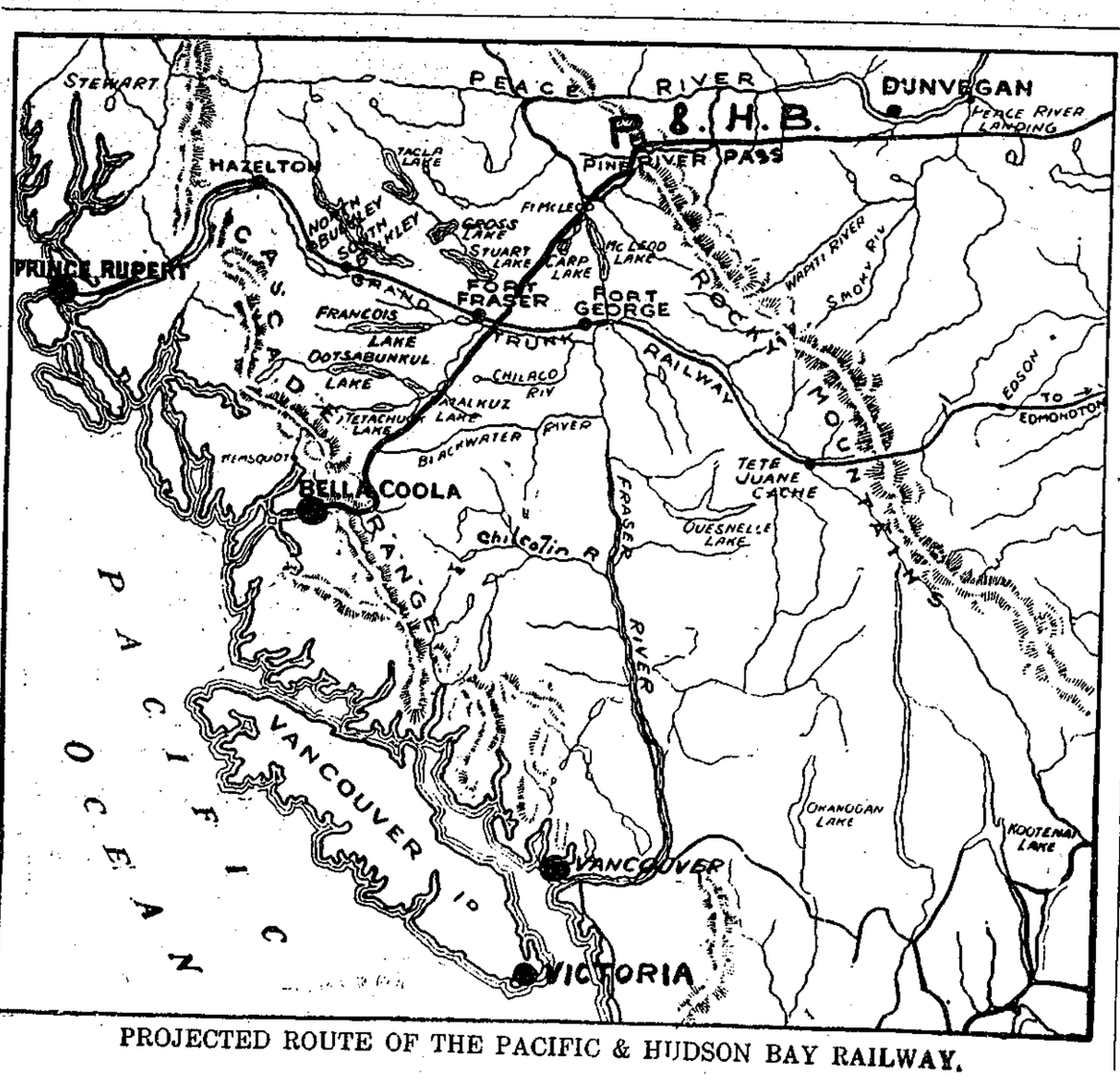

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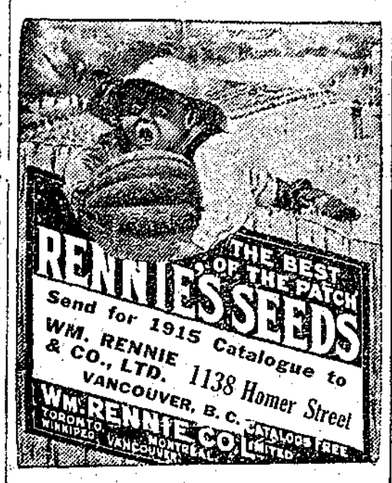
How Germans Treat Prisoners.

A Scot marching with other prisoners of war through Lille, France, made signs to the crowd that he had no cigarette papers. A lady sent her little boy to purchase some and gave them to the prisoner. A soldier of the escort stopped the child, and when the lady renewed the attempt herself she received a stamp on her foot from the butt of his rifle. An old man in the crowd protested, and, taking the papers, handed them to the Highlander, who thanked him. The Boche did not dare to hinder him, but turned on the prisoner and struck him. The Scot looked the brute straight in the eye and deliberately spat in his face, to the applause of the bystanders.



REAL HEROES.

Whenever a great sea tragedy occurs the survivors always relate how bravely the captain and deck officers acted as the ship was sinking to her doom. But it is seldom that anyone ever sings the praise of the men down below, the engineers and stokers, who, in remaining at their stations, are usually drowned like rats in a trap. It is one of the peculiar ironies of fate that the navigator should be able to go to his death in a spectacular manner, while the engineer meets what appears to be an ignominious end.

When the list of survivors of a sea catastrophe arrive there are very few names of the engineering staff mentioned. The engineer and his staff consider it their duty to remain below until there is no hope of saving the ship, and they usually entertain this hope so long that there is no possible chance for their escape. In the three great disasters of the past four years the engineers and stokers have stood with their hands on the machinery or with shovels in their grasps, watching the water creep up around them, first to their ankles, then to their knees, then to their waists, then to their armpits. At this juncture many try to find their way to the deck, but they are usually too late. An explosion below, through the action of the water on the boilers, sometimes snuffs out the lives of many of the heroes who work in the bowels of the ship. They are down below and they cannot even catch a glimpse of the doings above.

A German at Wieman was sentenced to three days imprisonment for giving a cigarette to a French prisoner. It is a wonder they did not crucify him for so far forgetting his nationality.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL MINING RIGHTS of the Dominion, in MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN and ALBERTA, the YUKON TERRITORY, the NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES and in a portion of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

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The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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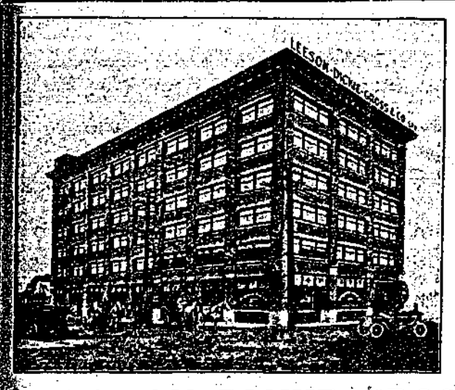

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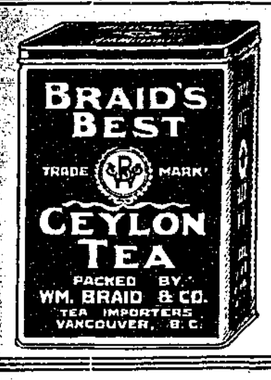

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Mr. Pattullo's Defense Against Misrepresentation.

Editor,
Bella Coola Courier.

Sir,—I notice from an issue of your paper that Mr. William Manson has been telling the people of the Bella Coola Valley that I am opposed to the Liberal platform favoring "public ownership of public utilities," and that he cited as a proof, that I was opposed to the city of Prince Rupert carrying out its own hydro-electric project.

All the water powers adjacent to the city of Prince Rupert, with the exception of Wark Channel, were given away by the Government to private corporations. Even Woodworth Lake, the source of our present water supply and our present power supply, had to be purchased from a former president of the Conservative Association in Vancouver. This deal cost the city $15,000, and was carried through at the time that Mr. Manson was mayor.

A company known as the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company, owns all the other valuable water powers adjacent to the city. In view of this fact, and to the fact that the Woodworth Lake power is so small a water power, I considered it advisable during the time that I was mayor, to submit to the people two propositions. One was, to carry on their own project, and the other, to enter into a bargain with the Hydro-Electric Company. This bargain gave the company no rights whatever in the city. The city was to take power at the gates of the city. At the end of the term of the agreement, there was nothing whatever that the city would have to pay the company. I recommended that an agreement be entered into with the company, for several reasons:

1. The city would be saved an investment on a temporary power.
2. The cost to the consumer from the company, would not be more than, if as much, as taking power from the city.
3. It would be the means of having large outside interests endeavoring to secure industries to come to Prince Rupert.

There were several other minor reasons, which need not here be recited.

I did not try to foist anything on the city. I simply put up to the city two propositions, and asked the electors to render a decision.

But what, pray, has been the attitude of our friend Mr. Manson? I was one of the delegation from the city of Prince Rupert who fought before the executive council in Victoria for the cancellation of the water powers acquired by the Hydro-Electric Company. We urged that the Government which gave away these rights, should buy them back, and we went so far as to say that if the Government did not buy them back, the city would do so, if the Government would so authorize, the city to pay to the company just what they were out of pocket.

During the interview Sir Richard was questioning a representative of the company along lines designed to make it appear that he, Sir Richard, was very much in favor of the city's case. He did pull the wool over our friend Mr. Manson, because Mr. Manson interjected as a conclusion to be deduced from Sir Richard's remarks "That makes the matter very simple, all that it is necessary to do is to buy the company out."

Thereupon Sir Richard turned upon Mr. Manson in disgust and replied "Do you think this Government is going to buy out all the wildcats in British Columbia." Manson was squelched in the most scornful manner, and has remained squelched ever since, while the Government which Manson supports is in the position of having by act of the Legislature, enabled a company to exploit certain water rights, which the Prime Minister considered to be "wildcats". The Government was also in the position of having done everything it could to obtain the very highest prices from real estate in Prince Rupert, yet the water powers adjacent to the city, were called "wildcats". Doesn't it look like getting money under false pretences?

We find further, that as late as this year, a prior right to water on Wark Channel has been given to a company, over the rights of the city of Prince Rupert. It seems unthinkable that such a thing could occur at this time, but Mr. Manson lets the Government "put over" anything they like regarding this north country, and still supports them.

Let me say, Mr. Editor, that I stand solidly upon the plank of the Liberal Platform regarding the ownership by the public of public utilities. But Mr. Manson supports the Government that gives away the rights which renders public ownership possible.

Since I was last in the Bella Coola Valley, I have covered a great deal of the balance of the district. All over the district I have found universal distrust of the Government. No attempt is made at argument by my opponents, but the moment I leave the district, henchmen of the Government circulate misrepresentations regarding myself personally. However, this is to be expected of a Government as unscrupulous as that now in office.

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