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WEATHER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.
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Temperature: Maximum, 66. Minimum, 44.
Highest Max. (11th) 76. Lowest Min. (11th) 34
Rainfall, 2.12 inches.

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Munition Depots Fired

Paris, Oct. 21.—The war office issued the following official communication tonight: "The concentrated fire of our batteries exploded large depots of munitions in the German lines north of the Aisne and to the south of Navarin Farm."

Bulgaria Faces Popular Rising

London, Oct. 21.—Despatches from Bucharest indicates that a violent campaign is being waged in Bulgaria over the question of that country's intervention in the war. One of the opposition newspapers according to the despatch, has gone so far as to threaten the King with a popular rising.

Much indignation has been caused in Rumania by Austrian authorities at Salzburg arresting Michael Cantacuzen, formerly Rumanian Minister of Justice, who was returning to Bucharest from Paris. The arrest it is alleged was due to finding of a letter in his possession addressed to Filipesco, leader of the Conservative party.

Rumania May Soon Enter the Conflict

Petrograd, Oct. 21.—The Rumanian envoy who has arrived here on a mission from the Rumanian foreign office, states that the Rumanian army and nation are wholly on the side of the Entente Allies and that Rumania will soon abandon her neutrality. He points out that premature action in the absence of an adequate supply of munitions might have placed the country in a terrible situation. Now that we are almost ready, the envoy is quoted as adding, we can reckon on an army of 600,000 men, which could be increased to over a million but for the question of munitions.

News From Bella Bella

Dr. W. J. Quinlan came up from Bella Bella last Sunday. The cannery at that place which has been fishing fall fish has just closed with a very fair pack.

The doctor had viewed the wrecked Mariposa and he is able to inform the public that 1200 tons of freight will have to be lightered in order to be able to make a proper survey of the ship before any repairs can be commenced.

The Mariposa was making a speed of sixteen knots at the time she struck the rocks, and judging from this the forward part is much damaged. The place of the wreck is not exposed to heavy seas, though there may be some danger of her turning turtle, and as far as it is possible precautions are being taken to prevent this by the wrecking company.

Austo-Germans Use Explosive Bullets

Petrograd, Oct. 21. Official communication says: "When we captured German and Austrian positions in region southeast of Baronvichi, it was found that the enemy was preparing to use aphyxiating gases against us. South of the Pripet marshes we took by assault a series of trenches on the left bank of the Stry below Rafalovoko. On occupation of the village of Kromovoko we captured over 400 soldiers and two machine guns. Austrians and Germans on the left bank of the Stry continue to use nothing but explosive bullets."

Inducement Offered Greece to Enter War

London, Oct. 21.—Great Britain has made a formal offer of the Island of Cyprus to Greece as soon as Greece undertakes to intervene in the war on the side of the Allies.

It is believed the offer will create an excellent impression in Greece since it is an actual present concession and not a mere promise, which Germany might suggest would never be carried out.

Pooling of Coal Shares

Dr. Young's Name Mentioned in Pacific Coast Coal Case

Victoria, Oct. 14. In the case of the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Company against some seventeen defendants, which began yesterday before Mr. Justice Clement, sensational evidence is promised. The afternoon proceedings and this forenoon were taken up by W. J. Taylor in reading the examination for discovery of L. D. Wishard of New York and John Arbuthnot.

Wishard told of the pooling of stock in the orginal company by six large shareholders and the setting aside of $105,000 for political purposes. Mr. Arbuthnot denied that it was for that purpose, but admitted that ten hundred and fifty shares had been given him, above what his proportion was, and that of these, one thousand were for Hon. Dr. Young, who was an old friend of his since 1884, and whom he had promised that if ever he took anything up in this province he would give him an interest in it. The case will last some weeks.

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Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin arrived about two o'clock Sunday afternoon. She brought with her I. Fougner, Indian agent, Dr. W. J. Quinlan, and Miss Stickle.

The outgoing passengers were A. Atkins, W. Linnell and Chas. Lord, of cannery fame; A. H. Tomlinson, horticulturist, and Martin Stenswick.

Iver Fougner returned after a six weeks' holiday spent viewing the wonders of the Panama Exposition and visiting friends in California and Washington. We regret to learn that Mrs. Fougner was obliged to remain at Vancouver, caused by an illness which is not, however, of a serious nature.

Dr. W. Quinlan is back on his periodical visit. His many friends are glad to see him in our midst, although they would be glad if there was no need of his presence.

Miss Stickle is the new teacher for the Firvale school. Her sister taught that school last year.

Alfred H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, did not make his visit with us this time as long as it was hoped for. Neither was he able to do as much work as he intended because he was suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia. He assures us that he will be back soon and provide for the instruction of the farmers in matters pertaining to their calling.

Martin Stenswick, after spending two years with us, found it necessary to return to his native land, Norway. He will be engaged in farming, having acquired by purchase and inheritance his father's farm.

A. Atkins, W. Linnell and C. Lord, have spent the summer at the cannery. The community is indebted to these young men for their kind assistance at the social public gatherings held during the summer; and it is the earnest hope of their numerous friends that next spring will see them back at the cannery.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the townsite at their meeting held at Rev. T. C. Colwell's residence last Wednesday, decided to postpone the sale and concert which were announced to be held at the hotel hall today.

The sale will be held some time next month, the date of which will be announced later.

As announced in our last issue the government set apart the 21st of this month (Trafalgar Day) for an appeal to be made for funds on behalf of the British Red Cross Society. On account of the short notice afforded to this community, F. Broughton has decided that the time for receiving contributions be extended to the 26th next.

Mrs. E. C. Clayton, Rev. H. Sageng, and Mr. O. T. Landry, as well as F. Broughton, are authorized to receive contributions.

S. Le C. Grant, Aytoun Ranch, announces that he has for free distribution a few hardy biennial and perennial bulbs. They are Canterbury Bells, Forget-me-nots, Long-spurred Columbines. As long as the supply lasts all comers will receive two of each, six in all.

The lecture at the Colony Hall was not the only event at Hagensborg last Saturday. The Ladies' Aid Society of the lower part of the valley had its annual sale at the hall. The weather had conspired against the success of the undertaking. But the spirits of the ladies in charge rose to the occasion and with the persuasive appeals by the auctioneer, Mr. P. Lauritson, the sale netted $118

Refreshments were served free of charge on the well established theory that man is more tractable when his appetite is satisfied.

R. O. Jennings, road-superintendent, has accomplished the seemingly impossible. He, together with H. G. Anderson, F. Broughton and V. Clayton, has within the space of nine days ascended the mountains, following the winter trail, visited Anaham Lake, and went as far as Tudestan; then returned and explored the wilds of Stillwater and Lonesome Lakes, travelling some hundreds of miles on horseback. He enjoyed the trip immensely, and so did his companions, with one exception, and that was Mr. Jenning's horse. It must be conceded it bore its heavy burden with christian fortitude and patience, hoping against hope that its weighty load would roll off; but it didn't.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings left on Mr. Sutherland's launch Impala last Wednesday for Bella Bella.

News reaches us from Firvale that Mrs. T. R. Astleford died at her home on the 14th of October after a protracted illness. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. The funeral took place last Monday.

Joseph O'Connor of Vancouver, formerly captain of the S.S. Swan of Namu, has been spending a holiday with the Sutherland's. He left a few days ago to join the First Canadian Pioneer Corps with whom he has enlisted for the war.

It is understood the Pioneer corps is already on the way east. It consists of 500 officers and men enlisted on the coast.

Oliver T. Kellog, his brother Iver, and Ivan Estensen went out to their cattle ranch at Talleo last Thursday. They took with them two fine heifers. They will tend stock and clear land this winter.

Church Notice

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

All Are Welcome.

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

PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM AT FLOOD TIDE

In spite of a steady downpour lasting nearly all day and in spite of the resulting muddy roads and a threatening sky, the people of Hagensborg and vicinity, with quite a sprinkling from distant parts of the valley, gathered at the Colony Hall last Saturday evening to listen to a lecture on "Why Great Britain went to war."

Mr. P. Lauritson in a few well chosen remarks introduced Mr. C. Carlson, the speaker, to a crowd which had known him for a number of years. It is not within the province or limit of this account of the meeting to give a synopsis of the speech which lasted nearly two hours and was listened with intense interest by the large audience throughout. Applause was of frequent occurrence as point after point it was shown how Great Britain had lived up to her treaties, had used all her influence and prestige to prevent the great conflagration and, finally, to retain her honor and protect the weak who had put their trust in her, she boldly went forth into the greatest war in history. The speech concluded by the audience singing the national anthem.

But this did not have the usual effect of dispersing the audience. The chairman in an eloquent speech, amid almost continual applause, expressed his satisfaction with the recital of Britain's story and asked the audience to express the same sentiment by rising to its feet. Which was done under a fresh outburst of applause, then someone proposed three cheers for the speaker, which was given, and then three cheers and a tiger for the Allies. After mutual handshaking and felicitation the meeting broke up about ten o'clock. It is not too much to say it was the most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Bella Coola and was worthy of the great cause which had called it together.

The speech was delivered in the Norwegian language, at its close the speaker was asked to give one on the same subject in English on November 6th at the same place, which was agreed to.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY, OCT. 30

For a number of years the people of Bella Coola have, with some government and outside assistance, been building and equipping a hospital. This enterprise has passed through many vicissitudes, and in spite of the long time and amount of money spent it yet requires some things to make it ready for the reception of more than one or two patients. The reason for this long delay may not be found in the lack of interest or willingness to contribute on the part of the public, but, rather in a lack of interest shown by the different resident physicians in charge.

It is not intended to intimate this lack of interest to be a reflection upon their character or ability, but rather a result of an unpromising outlook for a wider field of operations. Their interest lagged and sooner or later they sought larger fields.

The people of Bella Coola may be congratulated upon Mrs. W. Sutherland's appointment to the position; and as she has been a resident of the place for a number of years beforehand, it is hoped and believed she will continue her stay as physician for a long term of years. Her professional ability is of the highest order; being a graduate with the highest honors from the university of Edinburg, the recipient of 19 medals and a scholarship, as well as numerous prizes in the form of instruments.

Dr. Sutherland is showing her keen interest in the affairs of the hospital by the energetic way she displays in getting things into shape.

For the first time in the history of the hospital a permanent nurse is in attendance, who at present is up to her ears in a thorough overhauling and cleaning up campaign of the place from cellar to garret.

Dr. Sutherland, feeling assured that all the residents of the valley will come to the aid of the hospital as soon as its needs are fully known and understood, announces that Saturday the 30th day of October (one week from today) the hospital will be thrown open to visitors from 3 to 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

An earnest invitation is extended to all our people to set aside that day for the purpose of visiting the doctor, see the hospital and get acquainted with its needs. Tea and coffee will be served to all comers. This gathering will be in the nature of the opening of the hospital. We have not learned of any literary program for the occasion; it will be an informal social gathering, where everybody can take part and discuss matters.

It has been pointed out that the most pressing needs in equipment are a sufficient supply of linen, curtains, some furniture, kitchen utensils, one or two heating stoves, and furnishings of one more ward. The doctor would be glad if those who have linen to spare would bring such to the meeting.

Let everybody now show their appreciation of the new management by turning out in large numbers and thus make the occasion a success.

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WE beg to remind our readers that the Courier having completed its third year the subscriptions of all our early subscribers are now due for renewal.

The management wishes to thank our numerous readers for their support during the past and trusts to a continuance of the same in the future.

The subscription rate remains at $1 per year, payable strictly in advance.

We Reply to "The Week."

The Week charges that the measure proposed by the prohibitionists to be submitted at a plebiscite will not accomplish the results claimed for it. It says it is only "a pretence," that it will not abolish liquor in any sense, etc. We are not prepared to discuss the merits of the Prohibition Act in question, nor do we think it is necessary for the Courier to do so.

The Act proposed is identical with the one adopted by such overwhelming majority in Alberta, and has by the friends of prohibition assembled at a convention held at Vancouver been found a model, which they did not feel called to improve upon. The Week must indeed suffer from a severe attack of conceit, when it dares to impugn the intelligence of this gathering. He also calls the measure a "pretence," which means that these good people of the convention at the bottom of their hearts did not want what they were so urgently advocating; but were trying to deceive the confiding public. It is a pity that an honest, intelligent citizen like the editor of The Week was not present to set things right and get an honest and intelligent measure adopted.

The editor further claims that prohibition increases private drinking and he says that for this reason the results of prohibition are lamentable. That men will bring liquor to their homes and thus their sanctity is invaded, and, he adds, "such legislation has been discredited in this respect wherever it has been applied."

Well, we must admit that we are like the man from Missouri. This may be the experience of the writer of that article, and he says it is, but it only goes to show he has not moved in the right kind of circles. If he really is anxious to arrive at the truth in this respect, we will tell him where he can get it. Let him write the governors of the nineteen different prohibition states of United States, beginning with Maine and Kansas, and follow it up to South Carolina. If these gentlemen who have more experience than we think The Week has, agrees to its assertion we shall be convinced that it is right.

There is one point more in the same article we will examine. He argues it is necessary to have the liquor evil amongst us in order to strengthen the character of the people. "Man is not strengthened by the removal of temptation, but by resisting it." And so he concludes it is right and necessary for society to put pitfalls, stumbling blocks and temptations in the way of humanity. We really wonder if that man ever read his bible or went to church. He lives in a land professedly christian and yet he dares to proclaim such theories!

There is only one power abroad who deliberately defies God and tempts men, and we do hope The Week really cannot mean that it allies itself with that power. We cannot believe that anyone who prays "and lead us not into temptation," will deliberately put that thing in the way of his brother. It really smacks of blasphemy.

We make this assertion, it is not necessary to have war to develop courage, endurance, etc., in a nation, but these virtues develop just as well if not better in times of peace, as this war has proven. Neither is it necessary to have the bar in order that character be developed.

The state need not worry that there will not be enough temptation to develop character without the bar.

In spite of all the childish arguments brought against prohibition the liquor traffic is doomed. "Our God is marching on."

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The Dead Have Risen.

As has been stated before in these columns, the Conservative press has fully expressed the

ROYAL YEAST MAKES PERFECT BREAD

opinion that "The Crisis in B. C.," now so well known that it is not necessary to explain what it is, has by the masterly reply given it by Hon. W. J. Bowser last July, been buried so deep that it never would be heard of again. These fond hopes have been completely blasted. On the 1st of this month at Vancouver the spokesmen of the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland resurrected the "old thing" and now it again walks the earth, spreading terror to the evil doers and their political supporters.

We know and admit that these are strong words and should not be used under ordinary circumstances; but we will say to our critics, "please take and read the full report of the proceedings of the meeting referred to and then you will, we believe, say our words are not too strong."

Remember, that the speakers there were not politicians seeking public preferment or men who were to gain by the downfall of the government in a political sense.

They were ministers of the gospel who were backed by over sixty of the ministers belonging to the Union, who all live either in Vancouver or the immediate vicinity. Dozens of other ministers throughout the province are in full accord with the stand taken by the Ministerial Union, and this fact alone gives a weight to the statements made at the meeting which cannot be ignored or put aside.

We reproduce the very strong expressions made by "The Sun" of Vancouver, at the beginning of its report of the meeting:

"Never before in the history of this or any other province of the Dominion has such damning evidence and irrefutable statements of fact been adduced against the government of the day, as were submitted to an audience that more than filled Dominion Hall to its utmost capacity, by Rev. Dr. Mackay, Rev. A. E. Cooke and Rev. R. F. Stillman, representing the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Never have speakers had such close and attentive hearing. For over three hours the big audience listened attentively, breaking into applause when point after point was made."

These ministers of the gospel who have a sacred calling and therefore in self-interest if nothing else, must walk more circumspectly than the lay sinners, and who would suffer professionally in stepping over the line of propriety, they frequently at this meeting branded statements by the Attorney-General as "deliberate falsehoods" made in an effort to hide the real conditions from the public.

We hope these speeches will be published in pamphlet form and scattered broadcast over the province in order that the vorers may fully realize that there is indeed a crisis in B. C. and that love for the welfare of the land should tower above love for party and friends, and determine their action in the next election.

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Are the People to Blame.

Quite often when deplorable political conditions are discussed expressions are made to the effect that the people themselves are to blame and are generally agreed to on the theory that in our system of government the people are the rulers and express their will through their representatives.

We do not agree to this proposition. It is not to be expected that the general public shall be so well versed in all matters pertaining to the administration of the affairs of state that they should be able to hold intelligent opinions on every problem that crops up. And even if it for a moment might be conceived that the people were so eminently superior in point of education, knowledge and information, and what else might be required, yet there would be no unanimity of method of what to do in every case; there would be such a diversity of opinions that action would be impossible.

The people cannot be blamed for conditions which they do not control or understand the reason for It is of the highest importance for the welfare of the state that the people are well educated along practical lines and it is not necessary to state that most civilized countries recognize this fact and provide for such education; but even an enlightened electorate is not sufficient to give the country a good government and avert the dangers of graft and misrule.

Every land must have men who have a capacity for statecraft, these men, together with this natural ability, must also be honest and industrious. To these men the people should entrust the management of their public affairs, keeping at all times a close watch upon their way of fulfilling their duties.

And if there is just cause for complaint it should be pointed out, and if there is no improvement forthcoming others should be substituted who would not commit the same errors complained of in their predecessors.

One trouble in party politics is that one party will condone even the gravest errors in the public servants, while the other party is always finding fault even when there is no real necessity for it.

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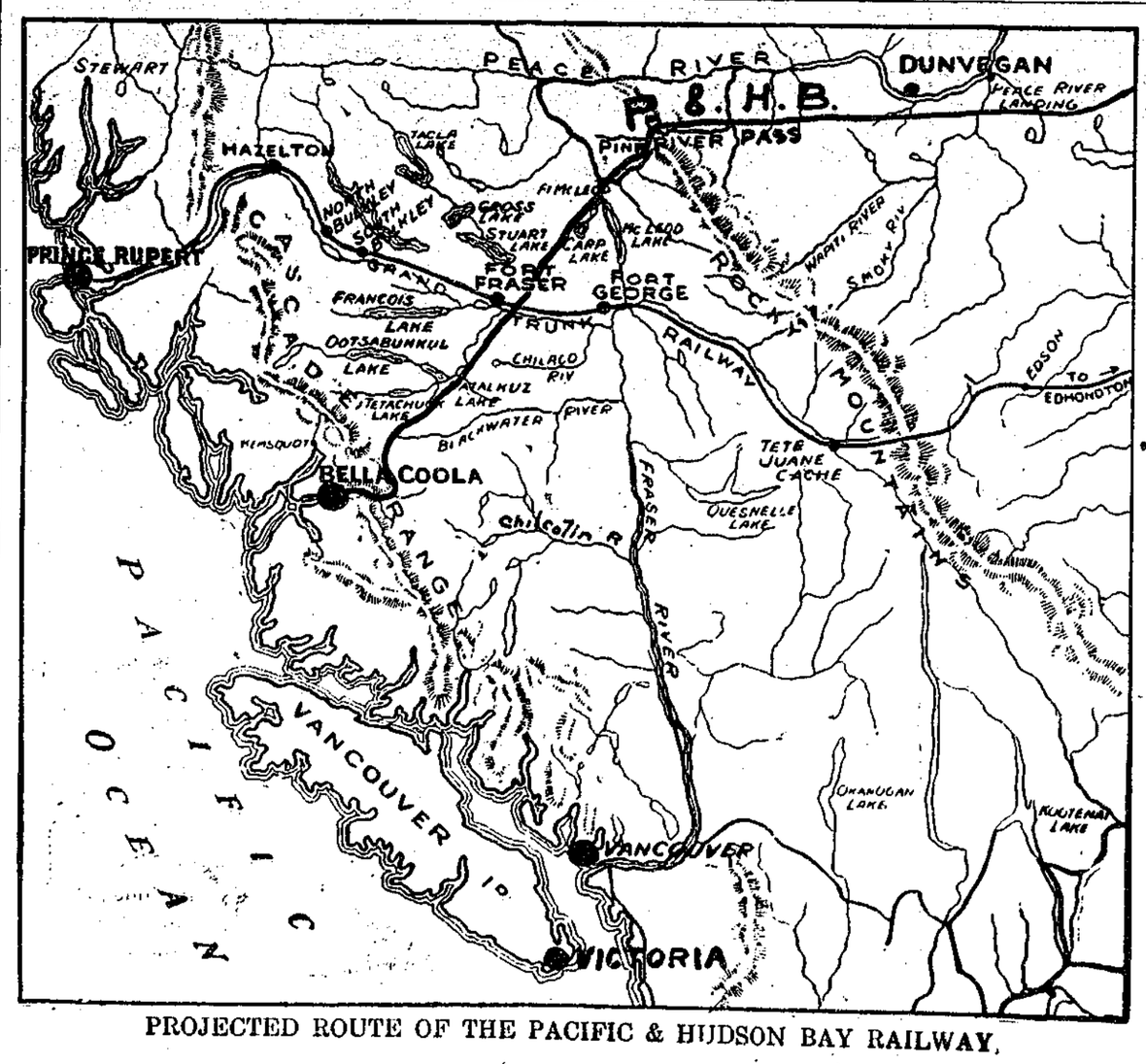
Patriots These.

About three years ago a royal commission was appointed to enquire into the values of the various Indian reserves, or some such thing, and, after nearly three years of untold hardship on sea and land these valiant gentlemen are staying right with the job. Their tenacity is wonderful in face of the dangers to be faced in the mountains, on the rivers and on the sea.

In order to make certain that there can be no possible error in their findings, they make return visits periodically, with commendable zeal. During the last few months they have visited this far northern land several times, and are here again. On this occasion, they have chartered the Chelohsin for the trip in order that the trials of the journey might be brought down to a minimum. Incidentally the cost of the Chelohsin to the commission is $700 per day, but what care they, the good work must be carried on regardless of cost. Two years ago they chartered the Queen at a total cost of something like $13,000, just to show what they really could do when they felt like it. After making a trying trip to Port Essington they proceeded to the wilds of Port Simpson. Logically their next stop would have been somewhere up the Naas, but someone of the party must have wanted to see what a train looked like, so they put back to Prince Rupert, just to get another glance at civilization before continuing their hazardous work.

An Indian commission must travel, and the government test of anything is its cost, that is why such prices were paid for binoculars, foundered horses, etc. The higher the price, the better the article. The test of the work of a commission is the



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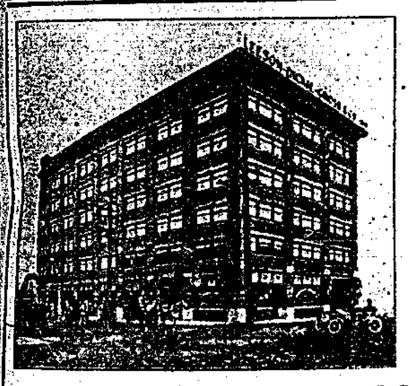

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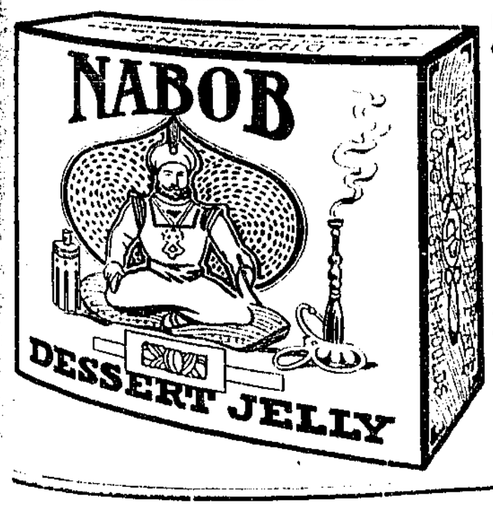

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Germany's Awful Crime.

The German attack on the British submarine E-13 when the latter was aground on the Danish coast serves to call attention to the difference between neutral territory and neutralized territory.

Denmark is a neutral state. The attack was a violation of her sovereignity, for which she has a right to exact apologies and perhaps damages. Yet, except for some circumstances to be mentioned later, the incident was not particularly reprehensible in itself. It did not endanger neutral lives. It was merely a manifestation of the fighting man's natural desire to be at his enemy. English ships have done similar things, so have American ones, so have the ships of all maritime nations. It is wrong, but not unpardonable.

Belgium, on the other hand, was not merely neutral, but neutralized. Her charter of national existence pledged her to keep her territory from being used as a base from which to attack any neighboring power. She was obliged to fight, if necessary, to carry out this pledge; and Britain, France and Prussia signed a solemn agreement to respect Belgium's neutrality themselves and see that all others did so.

Belgium kept her agreement—nothing more than the German white book is needed to prove that. France and Britain kept theirs. But Germany, successor to Prussia, broke her oath, and attacked and ruined the country she had sworn to defend. This is the unpardonable treachery to civilization which has made the German government well-nigh an outcast on earth.—Exchange.

Britain Aroused.

Mr. Charles Humbert, writing in the Paris Journal, describes the vastness of the effort which the English are making, both with their fleet and their army. He praises the energy and the skill which they have displayed in improvising a machinery of war that can vie with that of Germany.

"England's mobilization of her industry is a marvel," he says. In England everyone knows that the factory hand is as indispensable as the soldier at the front. Indeed, in the trenches their comrades tell those among them who are skilled workers that it is their duty to go back home.

"Victory is now the one and only thought of the British people and the overseas Dominions are heart and soul with the mother country. Those who sometimes incline toward pessimism should go and spend a few days in London. They will come back filled with a new enthusiasm by the sight of the tenacious spirit of this people."

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

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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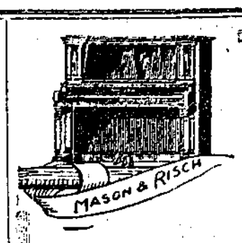

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USE OF LIME ON THE LAND.

A. H. TOMLINSON, Assistant Provincial Horticulturist.

Most soils, except of alkali formation, are the better for liming at least from once in three or five years, depending on the sourness, acidity of the soil, or class of crop being raised. On the coast and islands of British Columbia liming of the soil is needed, particularly the north, where peat, moss and vegetable soil largely exists, or new land which has been recently covered with forest growth.

For coastal valleys like lower Bella Coola, where much river bottom as well as timbered lands are found, the soils contain a high per centage of humus, i. e., decayed vegetable matter. The soils are rich in plant food, but such is not available for plant use.

The addition of lime in some form will bring about a chemical change in the soil. New compounds will form which be available for plant food. Various insoluble compounds will break down and become soluble. Plants can only make use of plant food which has been made soluble.

Furthermore, liming aids bacterial action which is very necessary in rendering plant food available. The much needed soil bacteria (Azotobacter) which "fixes" the nitrogen of the air in the soil flourish well in a sweet or slightly alkaline (limed) soil. The legume or pea or clover family, bacteria function only in non-acid or sweet soils. These bacteria cause phenodules to form at the roots of the legumes and are of necessity for the well being of that crop.

CLASS OF LIME TO USE.

Calcium oxide, or what is known commercially as: quick, caustic, burnt lime stone or builders' is without doubt the best form of lime for Bella Coola and coast soils. It is sold in air tight barrels holding 200 lbs. This lime if it has been kept free from air and moisture will be in lumps and unslaked. Should the barrels have been long opened and the lime become slaked, it has been subject to exposure and is thus less caustic and slow in effect or action. Such lime should cost less than that which has not been so exposed.

This quick lime may be powdered or ground and spread over the land at once. Grinding may not be practicable, hence the lime must be water slaked. This may be done as follows:

The lime thrown out of the barrel and placed in small heaps over the field. For a ton of lime to an acre, place 40 heaps of about 50 lbs. each at equal distances apart over the acre of land. Coast and island soils need this amount, or more, but Bella Coola half a ton will do for an acre. Over the heaps scatter damp soil about 2 inches deep. In about two weeks the lime should be in a powdered form, i. e., it will have become slaked and thus fit to be scattered over the land.

WHEN TO APPLY LIME AND HOW TO WORK IT IN THE LAND.

The Fall is the best time to apply lime, although such may be done at any time when opportunity offers.

It is not wise to plow in the lime, but rather harrow it in and incorporate the lime with about 3 or 4 inches of the surface soil. Lime compounds have a tendency to sink, therefore harrowing is preferable to plowing.

VALUE TO CROPS AND SUMMARY OF USES.

Lime, especially the caustic form, destroys various plant diseases that may exist in the soil as well as destroying eggs and pupa of certain insects. It helps to prevent such as clover sickness. Renders plant food available, makes sour or acid soils sweet. It helps to make infertile land productive. Brings about chemical and bacterial changes in the soil. It causes manure and most fertilizers to be of more value.

Value of Wood Ashes.

The preceding article by Mr. A. H. Tomlinson on the value of lime in agriculture is for this locality very timely. A considerable portion of the cultivated area in this valley is in need of a corrective of this nature. Some farmers may feel they cannot afford to pay out ready cash for lime, even if they admit the need of it.

The Farmers' Institute should take this matter of obtaining lime under consideration. Anything that makes for increased production is essential to good farming, and in this case would be a good investment.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star has an article on the high value of wood ashes as a fertilizer and claim it will, if applied properly, give similar results as lime. In this place, where the timber is heavy, the amount of ashes obtainable in the clearing of land is considerable and should, on account of its high value as a fertilizer, be saved. The Family Herald says in part:

"In addition to their potash they contain some two per cent. phosphoric acid and from twenty to thirty per cent. carbonate of lime, enhancing their fertilizing value and making them, in a sense, an allround fertilizer for supplying the mineral elements required by crops. And, further, they correct acidity, a quality detrimental to the thrift of most farm crops.

"From twenty-five to fifty bushels of wood ashes per acre will furnish from 60 to 120 pounds of potash, the latter an ample dressing for even very light soils. Their application is best deferred till spring, broadcasting preferably on a quiet damp day, on the ploughed land and incorporating with a thorough harrowing.

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