

# BELLA COOLA

## COURIER

WEATHER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.  
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the  
Bella Coola Observatory.  
Temperature: Maximum, 66. Minimum, 44.  
Highest Max. (11th) 76. Lowest Min. (11th) 34  
Rainfall, 2.12 inches.

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### The Venizelos Party in Ascendancy

Rome, Oct. 27.—A rumor has reached this city that the Greek Ministry at Athens has resigned under the pressure of warlike public opinion. If this is true it means that the Venizelos party has triumphed over the peace-at-any-price faction and that Greece will join the Allies immediately. The rumor has not been verified however; the Greek legation has no information of the resignation of the ministry.

### Submarine Torpedoes Turkish Transport

Athens, Oct. 27.—A British submarine on Sunday sank the Turkish transport Carmen laden with munitions in the Sea of Marmora. The Austrian steamer Carmen, of 424 tons was tied up at Constantinople, at the beginning of the war. It is most likely that it was this steamer converted by the Turkish government into a transport that the submarine sent to the bottom. The Austrian steamer referred to was built at Sunderland in 1911.

### British Transport Suffers Same Fate

London, Oct. 27.—An official announcement made public tonight says: "The British transport Marquette has been torpedoed in the Aegean Sea. It is understood that only 99 of the personnel of the vessel are unaccounted for. No further details have been received. The steamer Marquette, before she was taken into the British government service was owned by the Atlantic Transport Company and plied between Philadelphia, Baltimore and London. She was a vessel of 7,050 tons and was built at Glasgow in 1897.

### South Africa's Great Man

London, Oct. 26.—A special cable from Johannesburg says that General Botha's victory at the polls may be even greater than his supporters anticipated. Unless there are surprises in store from the rural districts. The news of General Smuts' victory has been received by wild acclamation in all districts and goes to indicate that Botha's supporters have received overwhelming support.

### Armenians Being Killed Off

London, Oct. 26.—The estimate is made that of 1,200,000 Armenians before the war there remains not more than 200,000. Of these 850,000 have been killed or enslaved by the Turks, and 200,000 are believed to have fled to Russia.

### Greece Has Been Drawn Into the War

London, October 27. Whether with or without her consent Greece has been compelled to engage in battle near the junction of the Greek, Serbian and Bulgarian boundary. This is according to a brief message received here from the Daily Mail's correspondent at Athens. The message reads as follows: "Greek frontier guards have been attacked near Doiran, but repulsed their attackers with heavy losses."

### French Aviator Brings Down Enemy

Paris, Oct. 27. The official communication issued tonight reads as follows: "One of our monoplane pilots gave chase to an enemy aeroplane which he attacked at short range, the German aeroplane was hit in several places by bullets from the rapid fire gun but was able to make landing near Jaulgonne in the valley of the Marne. The two officers were taken prisoners at the moment they were attempting to destroy the machine, this remains intact in our hands."

### Lumber Industry Is Improving

Victoria, October 27. Advices which have been received by the Hon. the Minister of Lands from the Vancouver forest district, speak of the improvement noticeable in the lumber industry as compared with September, 1914. Conditions are much healthier, and the general opinion is that the winter will be a good one so far as trade conditions are concerned. A number of orders from the prairie provinces are being received, prices have become stronger, and a better class of order is being placed. The shingle business is particularly active. The past season has been the driest for many years, and the proximity of many logging operations to slash of eight and ten years accumulation made the hazard extremely grave. In spite of this, comparatively little merchantable timber has been destroyed, and many thousands of acres covered with slash and logging debris have been cleared up safely. During the month of September many logging operations were able to burn their slash, thus safeguarding the timber stands for next season.

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### Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun due Friday evening did not arrive on her south-bound trip until Saturday morning.

The boys who were anxious to learn the latest news from the war camped on the wharf all night. They managed to keep warm and get some sleep by burying themselves in a lot of loose hay left on the wharf for the feed of a shipment of cattle going out.

Mr. J. W. Macfarlane shipped fifteen head of cattle to Vancouver. He accompanied them on the trip.

S. S. Chelohsin came in Sunday at noon. She had a large consignment of freight for here and some passengers. Rev. W. H. Gibson, Mr. J. W. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black of Vancouver, and C. Mellon.

Mr. Randolph Saugstad and Mrs. R. Holte, were the outgoing passengers. After discharging at the town wharf the steamer shifted over to that of the cannery and loaded two thousand cases of salmon.

Mr. J. A. Black, representing Messrs. Mackay Smith, Blair & Co., wholesale drygoods, of Vancouver, came up on last Sunday's steamer and called on the local merchants in the interest of his firm.

This was Mr. Black's first visit to Bella Coola and he is very pleased with his stay. He was accompanied by his wife, they left for Prince Rupert on the Camosun.

Rev. W. H. Gibson returned last Sunday from a four month's visit in Britain. He is as hale and hearty as usual and reports having had a fine time. We would be glad to publish in this issue an extended account of his impressions and experiences in the Motherland during these trying times; but will defer doing so until next week as it has been decided that a concert will be given at the hotel hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, where he will give a speech on the conditions as he found them in England and Scotland. He tells us that there is no one there who is the least doubtful of the eventual victory of the allied forces.

As everybody are interested in this all absorbing subject a big turnout is expected to the concert. There will be a collection taken up in aid of the Red Cross.

Randolph Saugstad could not resist the call of his country for men to defend her integrity. He therefore left his home, family and friends last Sunday to enlist for the war. Having spent nearly his whole life with us he will be missed very much, and the whole population of the valley is wishing him a successful career and a safe return.

Martin Nygaard came over from Kimsquit last Monday for a few days' stay visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Nygaard informs us that things are now very quiet at the head of Dean channel. Only a few trappers call occasionally at the cannery

stores there for supplies.

Mr. P. F. Jacobsen has handed us a letter for publication relating to Lieut. S. G. Crichton. He was well known to the Bella Coola people having spent three summers here. He became interested in the place and bought several tracts of land. He was one of the first to enlist for the war and now we learn he was either killed or taken prisoner at the Dardanelles, August 16.

The letter following has been written to one of Lieut. Crichton's relatives in London, by a private soldier who served under him:

"I was extremely sorry to see the name of Lieut. Crichton in the casualty list some time ago. "I had the pleasure of serving with and under him in D company, 7th battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and I would like to assure you of my sincere sympathy with you in what must be a very sorrowful and anxious time. I hope it will be found that he is a prisoner and turn up alright."

"Mr. Crichton was a perfect gentleman while still in the ranks, he was a thoroughly good fellow, would do a good turn for anyone and getting his commission made no difference. I was in No. 16 platoon and he never spared himself where the comfort of the platoon or any members of it were concerned, and the members of the platoon would have done anything for him. We had the utmost confidence in him as an officer and leader; we admired him for his many manly and physical qualities and we had a great affection for him for the number of times he obliged us in very many ways.

"Lieut. Crichton was seen to fall in a Turkish trench when leading on his men—this was at Chocolate Hill on the Monday morning, August 16th—he may be prisoner and wounded in Turkish hands, but so far nothing has been heard."

Mr. P. Lauritson one of our up-to-date farmers is now building a large residence on his place at Hagensborg. His family is not very large, but his friends are so numerous that he needs enlarged quarters to accommodate his visitors.

Saturday evening, November 6th, the Young People's Society at Hagensborg will give an entertainment at the Colony Hall. There will be music, both instrumental and vocal, and a speech in English: "Why Britain went to war." A good time is anticipated.

Mining-engineer Garde, who left Prince Rupert on September 13th for the head of Dean Channel via Eutsuk Lake, arrived at Kimsquit last week. Some anxiety was felt at the lengthened absence of Mr. Garde who started out from the northern city with provisions for only two weeks.

### First Child Born at the Hospital.

Born at the hospital, October 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hammer a son. Mother and child are doing well.

There are more patients at the hospital now than at any other time in its history.

There was considerable murmuring in our patient community on Saturday when the news spread that the steamer brought no mail. Even if there was no urgent need of the mail from business or other material points of view, everybody is anxious these times to learn the state of the war.

And when the real cause of its failure to arrive was learned, the indignation was strong and deep. It seems that the Bella Coola mail had arrived at the Prince Rupert post office for transmission on the Camosun to Bella Coola. Through some misconception on the part of some official in Vancouver an order came for the postmaster at Prince Rupert to return it to Vancouver. When the agent of the Union Steamship Co., Mr. Barnsley, learned that the postmaster refused to send the mail on the Camosun to Bella Coola he told this official that if the mail was sent to Vancouver the people of

Bella Coola would not get their mail for another ten days. But the automaton who had this matter in charge refused to send the mail to its destination and sent it to Vancouver. Hence the indignation.

The Bella Coola Temperance Society, with headquarters at Hagensborg, has, after the summer vacation, again resumed its regular meetings. The first meeting of the season was held last Sunday afternoon at the Hagensborg Church, with a large attendance.

It was presided over by Mr. O. C. Olsen the president, and Mr. Hjalmar Schulstad as secretary did all the scribbling. An invitation to join in the prohibition movement was received from Henry Birks & Sons, Vancouver, which invitation was accepted and the secretary instructed to communicate this fact to the prohibition committee's organizer, Dr. McGuire.

The program was long and instructive. It opened with a song by the audience, then a song by a quartette. Mr. P. Lauritson made a speech, which was followed by a song by the audience. Rev. H. Sageng gave a reading from the "Saloonkeeper's Ledger," which contained strong indictments against the liquor traffic. After some more singing the meeting closed after a session of two hours. It seemed that if the shades of evening had not begun to fall about this time that the meeting would have continued for quite a while longer.

### An Open Letter to Mr. Wm. Manson, M. P. P.

When a person is employed by a public body to perform some important function it is expected that at certain periods he shall make a detailed report of what he has done.

The Skeena Electoral District has chosen you to represent it in the law-making body of the province. As such representative of the people in a government of the people you have, to a very large extent, the control of all the public monies expended by the province in your district.

The end of one season's activities is now drawing to a close and, furthermore, the term for which you were elected is also nearing its end, it is therefore in the interest of the public that you, through the public press, give an account of the discharge of your duties as the paid servant of the district.

It has not been customary heretofore to ask for an account of this service in such detail as we are going to ask you now.

You may find several reasons to advance why our request should not be complied with, or you may even ignore our request altogether. But we believe that if you, in the language of one of the papers supporting you, are "fair, square and above board" you will give the account asked for by us on behalf of your con-

stituents of Bella Coola. We want a detailed account of the expenditure for public works for this year, namely:

The cost, the nature and extent of work done at and on the Bella Coola wharf under the different foremen;

The amount of money expended by each of the five road-foremen employed in this valley and at Anaham Lake;

The cost of deflecting the course of the Necleetsconny river;

The cost of superintendence;

The cost of accounting;

The travelling expenses of the road-superintendent and helpers in detail of each trip in connection with public works at Bella Coola and Anaham Lake;

The reason for and cost of engineer Fall's trip to the interior;

The reason for and cost of assistant-engineer Bell's trip to Bella Coola; and

How far the wagon road has been extended this year in the valley.

It will not be difficult for you to obtain this information as there are accounts kept of every item asked for. By the writing of a few letters and buying a few stamps you can easily perform your duty to your constituents in this respect. If possible, we would ask that you reply before the middle of December next.

### Church Notice

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

All Are Welcome.

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

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SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 1915.

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.

Why Compensation?

The liquor interests see the coming of the day when the people will not allow a business in their midst, which is doing no good, but is continually tearing down what others are building up.

In their distress of mind at this, to them, gloomy prospect they are now appealing to the generosity and fairmindedness of the public for compensation; they want the public to reimburse them for losses sustained in ceasing to despoil and ruin people.

So far they have existed only on sufferance, they have in regard to their business been in the same position as a merchant, who is conducting business in rented quarters. He may have occupied the place for generations, built up an honorable and prosperous business in the neighborhood and been a real asset to the community. But the owner for, what to him seems good reasons serves notice on the merchant that after a certain date he shall want the premises vacated.

This breaking up of the merchant's business may be his financial ruin, but the courts would not allow him any compensation.

And things as bad as this happen right along in all walks of life. People from no fault of their own are thrown out of employment and deprived of their livelihood, but there is no compensation.

If there is no compensation for others when they lose their income, either from loss of business or employment, it does not seem reasonable that this business, the liquor business, should be entitled to damages when the country decides it will not renew the license for it to conduct business within its border, on its

premises, any longer.

Prohibition is an established fact in numerous states, provinces, countries and communities throughout the world, but the common sense of the people has not to our knowledge in a single instance allowed the outlawed traffic any compensation.

It is really an effrontery to ask it; and it is only those whose interests are bound up in the traffic or whose appetites demand its continuance, that are clamoring for it. We do not reimburse a man for the losses he may meet in stopping to rob and ruin his customers, even if he has been licensed to do so.

This is one argument against compensation, but there are several others to which we may revert later on.

Co-operation of a Different Kind.

In these days the principle of co-operation presents so many advantages that it is often discussed in public papers and the press. We have all heard of the great success of co-operation on the Rochdale principle developed in England. There, a few poor weavers started a store with a wheelbarrow load of merchandise and in a few years it grew into a great business. The reason it prospered was not because the promoters were experienced business men, but because their enterprise contained a sound principle.

Attempts to start business on the same lines on this side of the Atlantic have invariably failed, at least as far as we have learned. It would be idle on our part to discuss the reasons for this. We may have our theories, but they are of no value because they offer no remedy.

In view of the many failures in co-operative mercantile enterprises we are compelled to look in other directions for the solution of how the farmer is to obtain his goods with as small a tribute to the middleman as possible.

He has of late years turned to the departmental stores which, as far as Bella Coola is concerned, are far away and to deal with them is very cumbersome; and at the same time it is not exactly

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doing justice to the local merchant. It must be conceded that the local merchant fills a real need in the community and cannot be spared without great inconvenience.

He keeps a stock in the neighborhood which, always can be drawn on without any long delay. He as a rule will accommodate his customers with credit for shorter or longer periods, an accommodation on his part which is seldom appreciated.

He must get accustomed to the practice of the very persons he has accommodated and who probably do not pay up in reasonable time, passing him by and purchasing large quantities of goods for cash at the departmental store.

These are not ideal conditions and there ought to be a remedy; and we think one could be found, if the persons concerned would meet in an accommodating spirit and discuss the problem.

At this point we would like to make it plain that this article is not inspired because of the close connection between this paper and a mercantile institution, but is written by the editor with the sole desire of offering a solution to this problem which may prove of benefit to all concerned.

The farmer, as well as others, must economize, and when he finds he can save money by sending away for the articles he needs it is not reasonable to expect him to do otherwise.

We believe if the local merchant was treated by his customers in the same way they treat the department stores, viz: cash payment with the order, that he

would be able to reduce his prices. If he could depend upon receiving the bulk of the local trade, this would be another item making reductions possible.

If all who are interested would see how much they are dependant on each other and how much better it would become in every way if they could work together, we really believe that if they, in such a spirit, would meet and discuss (and not cuss) things the farmers and the merchants would by each yielding a few points, be able to take care of all the mercantile business at home without helping to build up institutions in far away places.

Our advice is, therefore, get together as soon as possible.

Interesting and Distressing.

On account of part of our mail failing to reach Bella Coola we are not in receipt of a full account of the disclosures in the case of The Pacific Coal Mines, involving Hon. H. E. Young, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education in the Provincial government.

It seems to be established that \$105,000 was paid over to Dr. Young in the shape of shares in the Pacific Coal Mines Company. This money was, according to testimony given in the case, given to secure favorable consideration from the government for privileges applied for by the company.

If the case is such as outlined above we fully agree with the sentiment expressed in the following editorial from the Vancouver Sun of the 20th instant: "Dr. Henry Esson Young is still minister of education and provincial secretary. He is the man who received \$105,000 worth of stock gratis in a company doing business with the government.

"Dr. Young is known as the Hon. Dr. Young, not because of his character, but because of the position he holds. Is he entitled to be called the Hon. Dr. Young after the recent exposure? Was he ever entitled to be called that?"

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questions of importance to people of British Columbia. silence on the part of Sir Richard McBride will be the most prompt reply."

This question arises in mind: was Dr. Young's influence sufficiently strong to swing government into giving the company the favors asked for? It was, then the next question Did it require \$105,000 to obtain his support?

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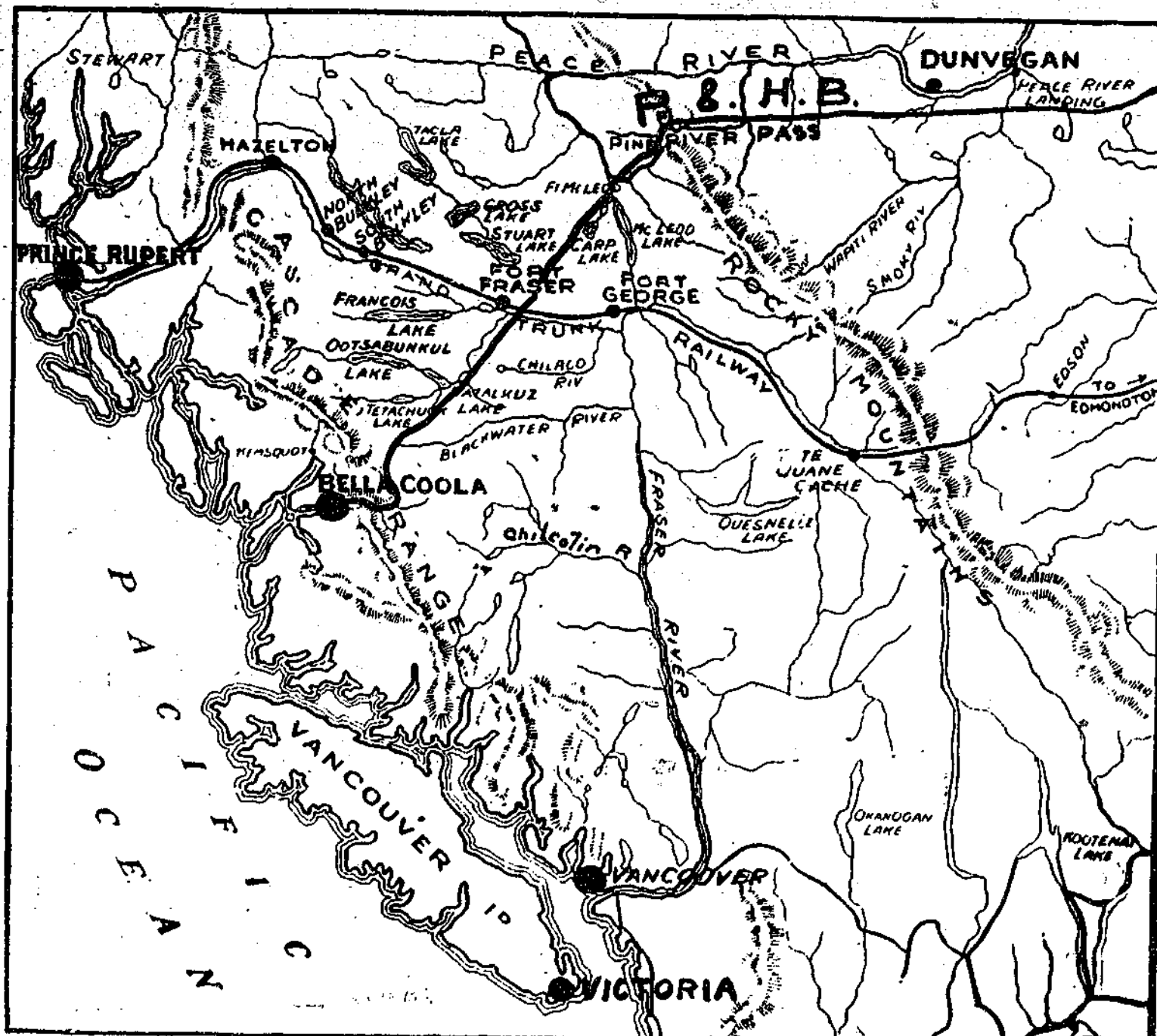
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**Our Government Neglected to Take Part.**

A conference of representatives from all the provinces to discuss the problem of providing for disabled soldiers was called to be held at Ottawa the 18th of October.

The conference was held and attended by Premier Borden and many others of the most prominent men of the provinces. British Columbia was the only province not represented.

In scrutinizing the different newspapers coming to our office, we read appeals to the people to make sacrifices of various kinds to assist in carrying on the war and in relieving the resultant distress. And we believe the people are rising to the gravity of the situation and responding nobly to these appeals.

We may be mistaken and we hope we are, but we cannot recall a single instance where our provincial government has done one act to render assistance or to relieve the situation.

The reason for this aloofness we may think we can guess, but be that as it may, in any case it is open to severe criticism.

In the matter of the conference referred to it would not have been very hard for the government to have taken a part by sending a representative. Hon. W. J. Bowser is touring the eastern provinces at the people's expense, for what reason will probably never be explained to the taxpayers. But whatever he has to do, it seemingly must be more urgent that ordinary government matters, because he could not spare the time to attend the conference although he was requested to do so by his chief, the premier.

Even if the conference carried on its work just as efficiently without our government's co-operation as with it, yet it would have shown our keen interest in what concerns our province as well as the others, if Hon. Mr. Bowser had spared a day or two of his valuable time in at least listening to what the others planned, and promised the co-operation of the province in which he holds so high a position.

We are really coming round to the conviction that our province is so involved financially, that its revenue is not sufficiently large to pay the ordinary running expenses and the interest of its debts. It has nothing to spare for the relief of distress beyond what was voted by the last legislature. When the rest of the provinces through their representatives, and the Dominion through Premier Borden himself, met in conference to plan how to care for the disabled soldiers returning from the defense of our homes, our government finds neither time nor means to take part.

The conduct of this government is getting on our nerves. We have very likely too many articles in this issue reflecting upon the government, and some of our friends will find fault with us for it; but the distressing circumstances of our province and the attitude of our government through it all is our defense.

Britain has enlisted 3,000,000 volunteers for the war; Canada only 175,000. Canada can enlist 400,000. Will she do it?

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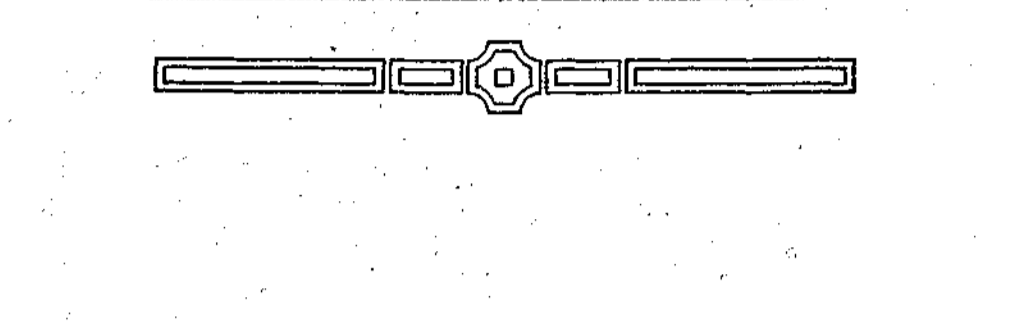
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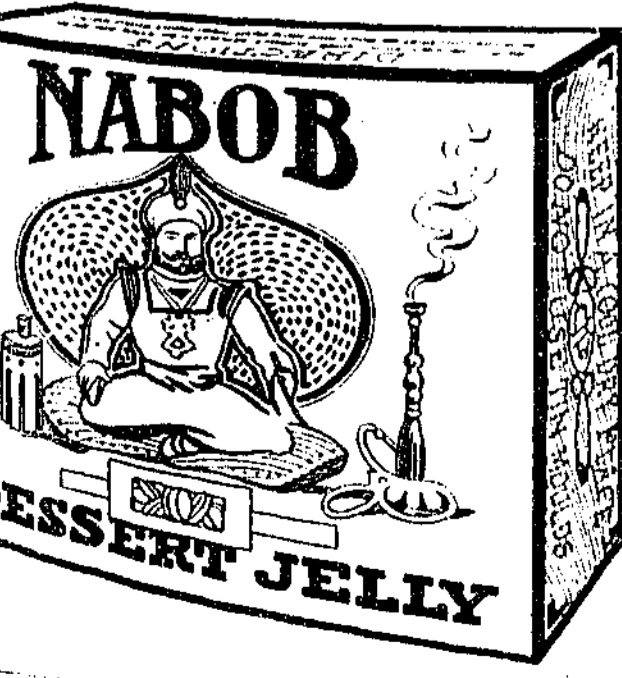
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