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WEATHER REPORT FOR AUGUST.
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 76. Minimum, 48.
Highest Max. (21st) 90. Lowest Min. (29th) 41
Rainfall, 1.30 inches.

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Germans in U. S. Try Intimidation

Threaten to Assassinate Members of Anglo-French Commission

New York, Sept. 16.—German residents threaten a run on the United States banks and deluge the White House with telegrams from all parts breathing financial slaughter, in their systematic campaign against the floating of a billion dollars loan to France and Great Britain. The campaign against the credit loan has assumed proportion of a country-wide plot, threatening even the personal safety of the six members of the Anglo-French financial commission, who are now being guarded by the police from assassination. Members of the commission, of which Lord Reading, lord chief justice of England is chairman, have doubled their bodyguards.

Costs $17,500,000 Per Day

London, Sep. 16.—The House of Commons moved a vote of credit of one billion and two hundred and fifty million dollars. Premier Asquith announced that an aggregate of nearly three million men had enlisted since the beginning of the war. From July 28th to September 11th, the daily expenditure for war purposes had been $17,500,000.

Supplies From Canada

Ottawa, Sep. 16.—The British war office it is understood will purchase large quantities of hay, oats and other forage in Canada this fall. The purchases will be for the various British expeditionary forces and to a large sum.

Signs of a Big Naval Fight in North Sea

London, Sept. 16.—A despatch to Reuters telegram company from Maasulis, Holland, says: "Heavy firing can be heard in a westerly direction, it commenced at 9 o'clock last night and by 10 o'clock became so violent that windows both here and at Hook of Holland were set rattling."

Russians Driving Germans Back

Cross the River Stripa at Heels of the Enemy and Take 3500 Prisoners

Petrograd, Sept. 15, via London, 16—Desperate engagements have developed on the Stripa, west of Trembowla in the region of the Bourkanovsky wood and the village of Zlotniki. Toward evening our troops reached the entanglements and dislodged the enemy from his trenches by a bayonet attack, capturing the village and wood and crossed the river Stripa at the heels of the enemy. We took over 3500 prisoners. The Germans have been dislodged from Bargueleichal and Ketcherjichka, north east of Svientziany. At the fords of the river Vilaya in the region east of the Warsaw railway, the enemy has been thrown back by our fire.

Bankers in Favor of National Defense

Seattle, Sept. 16.—The American Bankers' Association adopted a resolution offered from the floor of the convention by ex-Congressman Cornelius A. Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y., strongly approving and pledging support to the several state governments, as well as to the national government in all efforts to secure practical preparedness along the lines of national defense. One negative vote was cast.

The Stuart Lake Tragedy

Stuart Lake, Sept. 16. The Coroner's inquest held over J. V. Coward returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and his wife and daughter, charged with the murder, are being taken to Kamloops to await trial at the October assizes.

South Carolina Votes "Dry"

South Carolina, U. S. A.—In dry column majority of 20,000 in favor of state-wide prohibition. Law becomes effective January 1, 1916, and will prevent the sale of beer and wines as well as liquors.

British Submarine Sunk

London, Sept. 17.—Chicago packers claim a loss of $15,000,000 through decision of the prize courts.

One British submarine is reported sunk in the Dardanelles.

Heavy fighting is in progress on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Italian troops landed at Saros and cut off Turkish forces operating in the west of the peninsula.

Balkan States Ready to Join

Bucharest, Sep. 17—Hostilities by the Balkan States are now imminent. Roumania is steadily refusing the transportation of supplies from the Central Allies to Turkey. Austro-German armies as a consequence are massing on the Roumanian frontier.

Fear Winter Campaign

Amsterdam, Sep. 17.—Indications are multiplying that Germany in her dread of a winter campaign is sending out feelers in every direction for peace.

Mexican Bandits Killed

Brownsville, Texas, Sep 17.—U. S. troops after surrounding thirty Mexican bandits received orders to allow no one to escape. After a sharp engagement all the bandits were killed.

Fourteen members of Urbina's staff have been executed.

General Villa's forces are now disbanding. It is feared that Mexican brigands will prove troublesome.

Cossacks Destroy Austrian Battalion

Petrograd, Sept. 17.—Russians have hammered the Teutonic allies back on a 220 miles front between Pripet marshes and the Dniester. Cossacks succeeded in destroying one Austrian battalion and surrounded two Austrian regiments in a swamp and compelled them to surrender.

Ready to Leave Costantinople

Athens, Sep. 17—Turkish government and the Ottoman bank are making preparations to move from Constantinople to the interior of Asia Minor.

Two Austrian torpedo boats are reported sunk; all aboard lost.

British marines distinguished themselves in a hot action on the southern tip of the peninsula. Guns of warships raked the enemy's trenches the marines then captured the trenches and held them against attacks of superior forces.

German Aeroplanes Driven to Earth

Paris, Sep. 17.—Artillery duels are now raging along the entire western front. Out of twenty-one battles fought in the air, eleven hostile aeroplanes were driven to earth and wrecked.

Over 400,000 new recruits have been called to the colors.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The S. S. Chelohsin made her appearance during the wee sma hours Sunday morning by arriving about 5 o'clock. She delivered her usual load of freight and passengers and took on salmon at the cannery.

Frank Broughton, provincial constable, returned from a journey to the provincial jail, where he had deposited a convicted sinner against the liquor laws.

F. M. Brewster and family, came back from Brunswick Cannery, Rivers Inlet, where they have stayed during the fishing season. They will make Hagensborg their home the coming fall and winter.

Geo. Dagg, for many years a resident of Bella Coola, but now of Vancouver, passed through here last week from a trip to the Tatla Lake country, where he is interested in some promising mining property. He left on last Sunday's steamer.

Mr. Walter Lang, representing Turner, Beeton & Co., the wholesale drygoods house of Victoria, is a guest at the Bella Coola Hotel this week. Mr. Lang informs us that he finds business quite fair throughout this section of British Columbia.

He will leave on the steamer tomorrow for the south calling on the numerous customers of his firm en route.

Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton, after spending their summer vacation at their home, left by the Chelohsin for Victoria to take up their studies for the year.

Mrs. Hall, of Canoe Crossing, with children left to join her husband who holds a position in the State of Washington.

A crew of men are at work replanking a bridge on the branch of the highway leaving the main road near Draney's house.

Mr. Ivan Estenson of the Talleo cattle ranch, has paid our town two visits the last week. His main trouble seems to be the bad behavior of the engine of his launch, which has developed a habit of refusing to work at the most inconvenient of times.

Latest report has it that the Kimsquit Cannery is still fishing, but the Manitou has closed down for the season. The pack of fish for both these plants are the lowest on record. The Bella Coola cannery will be running for another week at least, as the fishing is fair, and with the continuing fine weather the chances are good for filling all the empty tins now on hand.

The Ocean Falls Co. is busily engaged in construction work at Ocean Falls. We learn that logging operations will start in the spring. There will be given opportunities to such as may desire to take logging contracts. The company will furnish to the contractors donkey engines if wanted.

The City Market of Prince Rupert, owned and controlled by the city, is willing to take as much of our produce as it can handle. It will sell produce received on a commisson of 7 1-2 per cent. with freight and cartage added. At present the following are the prices offered: Good beef, 12 cents per lb.; butter, 27 cents per lb.; eggs, 25 cents per dozen. These prices are net, no commission deducted. Potatoes, $1.15 per hundred lbs.

B. F. Jacobsen was at Talleo Point last week, making improvement on his land at that place. Paul Olsen accompanied him.

Harry Grainger has, for a few days, been busy cutting a trail from the Necleetsconnay bridge up the right bank of the river to Sam Gledhill's house. A wagon road on the level along the bank of the river is being contemplated to take the place of the present road which is almost impassable on account of its long and steep grades.

An impressive and well attended children's service was held at the Mackenzie School last Sunday evening. All the Sunday school children, led by Mr. H. Grainger, superintendent, took part in the program. Rev. T. C. Colwell preached first a short sermon to the adults and then devoted the principal speaking to the children. Nearly all the residents of the town were present.

A new schedule for steamboat service goes into effect 28th inst. The S.S. Camosun will leave Vancouver every alternate Tuesday for Prince Rupert, calling at Bella Coola northbound, on Thursdays, and southbound on Saturdays. Outgoing mail will close Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p. m.

With the new steamboat schedule taking effect it will be possible for our farmers to ship produce to Prince Rupert without any expensive transfers.

Mrs. E. C. Clayton acknowledges the receipt of the following additional sums towards the equipment of the 5th General Hospital C. E. F.

Proceeds from sale of tags:

Mrs. S. Le C. Grant	$ 3.50
Mrs. B. F. Jacobsen	1.00
Mrs. B. Brynildsen	.45
Mrs. A. Livingstone	1.00
Mr. Atkins (2nd instal.)	.10
	$ 6.05
Previously reported	272.25
Total	$278.30

Mrs. E. C. Clayton, treasurer of the fund raised to aid in the equipment of a base hospital at the front, called the 5th General Hospital C. E. F., has received the following letter from the treasurer of the Fund Sub-Committee, dated Vancouver the 8th instant:

We beg to acknowlege receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing postal order for $226; also yours of the 5th inst. enclosing $46.25, and note there is a possibility of a further remittance from you.

We enclose herewith our receipt for same and wish to congratulate you and your workers for the very handsome donation which has been received.

Thanking you all heartily for your efforts on our behalf.—We remain, yours faithfully,

C. G. Pennock.

A Public Meeting will be held at the Mackenzie School this evening at 8 o'clock.

The object of the meeting is to discuss the advisability of organizing a branch of the Red Cross Society. As everybody is interested in matters connected with the war a large attendance is expected.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the townsite will have a Bazar at the hall adjoining the Bella Coola Hotel, on Saturday the 23rd of October.

Bella Coola and Rivers Inlet Machine Gun Fund

The Soldiers in Urgent Need—

If your name is not on this list, let it be on the next. $1000 wanted.

I have the pleasure of enclosing list of subscriptions received towards the Machine Gun Fund. Residents of Bella Coola Valley may send contributions to either of the members of the subscription committee who are: S. Le Grant, B. F. Jacobsen, C. Carlson, M. W. Marvin; for Rivers Inlet, Mr. Gunnar Saugstad; or to the secretary-treasurer, who will acknowledge all receipts through the press.

O. T. Landry, sec.-treas., Bella Coola and Rivers Inlet M. G. F.

Amount previously acknowledged..$986.00

The following subscriptions received from Rivers Inlet per G. Saugstad:

Alfred Jensen	15.00
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R. J. Woods	5.00
F. W. Brooke-Smith	5.00
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Church Service, 7:30 p. m.

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SATURDAY, SEP. 18, 1915.

THE "COURIER" IS THREE YEARS OLD.

WITH this week's issue the Courier enters upon its 4TH year. It was established at a time when every indication pointed to an era of great development at Bella Coola in anticipation of the building of a railroad to the East, with this point as a terminus. The war came and the promoters found it impossible to raise the money necessary and, therefore, the project was relegated to the rear, with a probability of it being again brought to the front when the war is over and normal conditions again prevail. But the Courier found a long stretch of territory unoccupied by any newspaper, and therefore felt it had a field to cover and also that it had a mission to fulfill.

The field extends for hundreds of miles, from Prince Rupert to the Gulf of Georgia and the country adjacent; its mission is to work for the development of the province and the promotion of every good cause, that will tend to the betterment of present conditions.

Our humble efforts in these directions have met with gratifying success by the kindly reception given our paper by the public, as evidenced by the long list of subscribers, which in spite of hard times, shows no sign of being reduced. It is our intention to continue the good work, and we hope that as long as we adhere to our ideals, the public will be found still supporting the Courier and recommending it to others. We do not expect to be able to please everybody, opinions will always differ; but we hope to retain the respect of our opponents by using only fair arguments and means in dealing with the issues and events of the day.

Height of Germany's Ambition.

During our recent sojourn in the United States we met several highly cultured gentlemen, who expressed hopes that Germany would be victorious in this war, because in her was bound up everything that was really worth while both in civilization and christianity. According to their wide outlook, with the defeat of Germany the world would suffer a loss irreparable and would return to some extent to conditions similar to those of the middle ages.

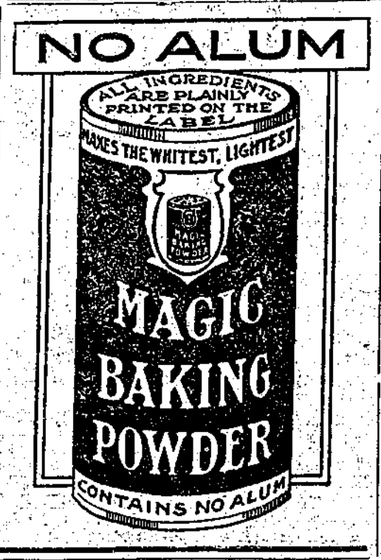
These same superior people had inside knowledge of the causes of the war, their keen insight had been able to look below the surface and had found it was "perfidious Albion" which was to blame. But the time is fast coming when these men of lofty minds and superior knowledge will find that they are as liable to be deceived and misinformed as their more humble brethren.

When the cloud and smoke of battle are cleared away, the distractions of the tumult have subsided and an impartial history is written of the greatest of world tragedies, it shall be found, as the evidence already indicates, that Germany started this war to extend her power and dominion over not only Europe, Asia and Africa, but also over the whole of the Western Hemisphere both North and South America.

The bold activities of the German-Americans in United States are evidences that they rely on being supported by an arm stronger than that of the country to which they have sworn allegiance. They dare, through their representatives, even use threats against their adopted country. Alphonse G. Koelba, president of the German-American Society of New York, on returning from a mission to Germany declares in an interview: "In a just cause German-Americans would stand behind America, but in an unjust cause they would not fight unless they took up arms against America. I know that because I am president of their society."

The central committee of the National Liberal party of Germany says: "The result of the present war can only be a peace which, by the extension of our boundaries east and west and overseas, secures us militarily, politically and economically against new attacks and repays the heavy sacrifices the German people have so far made." The Berliner Tageblatt reprovingly points out that the action of the National Liberals in voicing these intentions violates "the Government's edict against premature discussions of the aim of the war."

The above quoted expressions of the National Liberals of Germany have Canada for their object. Germany is not seriously concerned because of the attitude the United States, with her Monroe Doctrine, would assume in the event of Germany extending her dictation to Canada. Germany in her great ambition has designs on United States itself, this is vouched for by authority that is held in high esteem in United States.



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Germany's Designs on the Americas.

The United States government is stretching points to avoid being drawn into the vortex of the war and their people is felicitating themselves upon the dexterity of the government in this respect and upon the financial strength their country is gaining. They do not realize that the Allies in fighting against Germany, and in making these stupendous sacrifices are not fighting for their own freedom only; but also for the freedom of the United States and even that of the whole world. In this connection the following article will be read with interest:

In a contribution to the American Army and Naval Journal, William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park and a naturalist of world-wide eminence, expresses the conviction that if the Teutonic alliance won the war Germany would levy upon the United States a huge indemnity on account of the sales of munitions to the Entente Allies. Mr. Hornaday bases his opinion upon a story told to him by an army officer with whom he campaigned in the West sixteen years ago and whose veracity he describes as unimpeachable as that of Dr. Lyman Abbott. The story for which Mr. Hornaday vouches is as follows:

"At the close of the Spanish-American war I was returning from Santiago, Cuba, to Montauk Point. On board there was a military attache from Germany, Count von Goetzen, a personal friend of the Kaiser.

"Apropos of a discussion between Count von Goetzen and myself on the friction between Admiral Dewey and the German admiral at Manila, Von Goetzen said to me: 'I will tell you something which you better make note of. I am not afraid to tell you this, because if you did speak of it no one would believe you, and everybody would laugh at you.

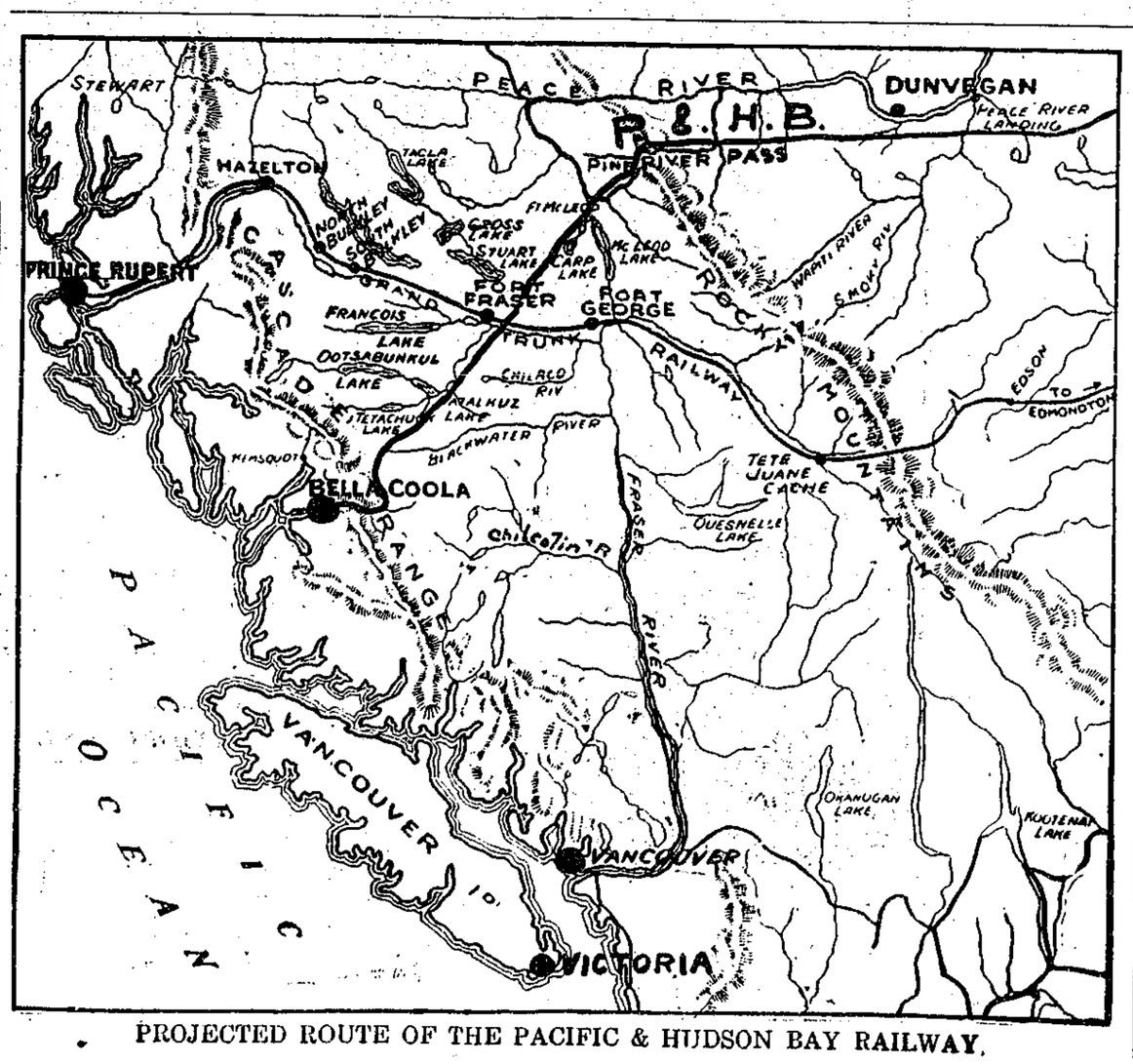
"'About fifteen years from now my country will start her great war. She will be in Paris about two months after the commencement of hostilities. Her move on Paris will be but a step to her real object, the crushing of England. Everything will move like clockwork. I speak of this because of the connection it will have with your own country.

"'Some months after we finish our work in Europe we will take New York, and probably Washington, and hold them for some time. We will put your country in its place with reference to Germany. We do not propose to take any of your territory, but we do intend to take $1,000,000,000 or more from New York and other places; and we will take charge of South America as far as we wish to. I have no hostility toward your country. I like it; but we have to go our own way. Don't forget this, and about 15 years from now remember it, and it will interest you.'

"Count von Goetzen, it will be found was a personal friend of the Kaiser, and afterward was employed on an important mission in China. He died some months before the breaking out of this war, probably a year. He was married to an American."

This is what might be called cumulative evidence. Count von Goetzen was quite right when he stated no one would believe the story. The trouble is that after all the proofs which have been published there are still thousands who do not believe it.

Tact is the unsaid portion of what you think.



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Forerunners of Election.

In view of the sad plight of the province caused to so large an extent by the extravagances of the administration, it has been a matter of speculation among the electorate what scheme would be brought forward to entice the public to endorse the government for another term.

As the time is fast approaching when the plunge must be made and the public consulted, the signs must be expected to become apparent very soon.

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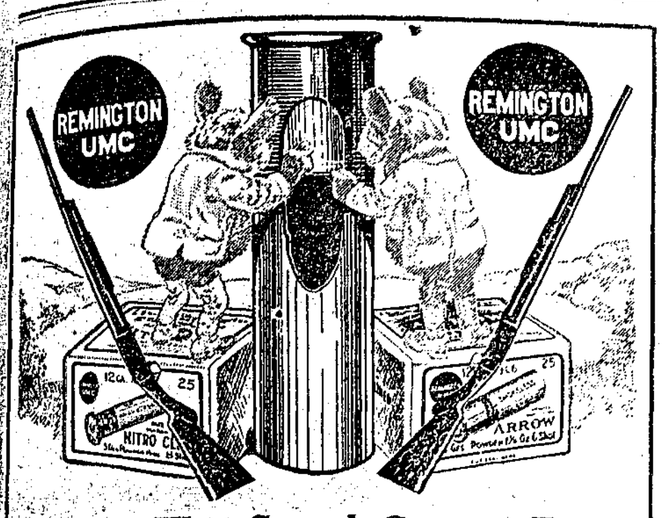

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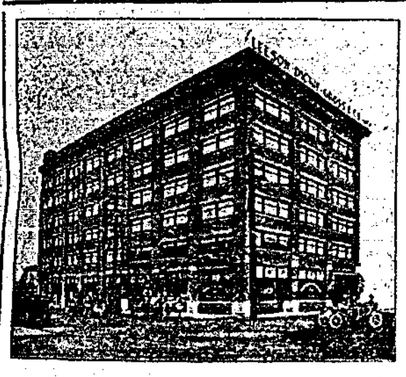
zie has made his appearance on the coast and has decided that now is the time to resume work on the C. N. R. which should, according to promises, have been completed before the war began. There can no good reason be given why the large sums of money guaranteed by our government would not have been ample for all legitimate purposes in completing the railroad. But good times made it easy to raise money and in expectation that such would continue, the funds for building of the road were squandered in extravagant profits to the promoters and contractors of whom Mackenzie & Mann were the principal ones; the result was that the money was spent and the railroad left unfinished.



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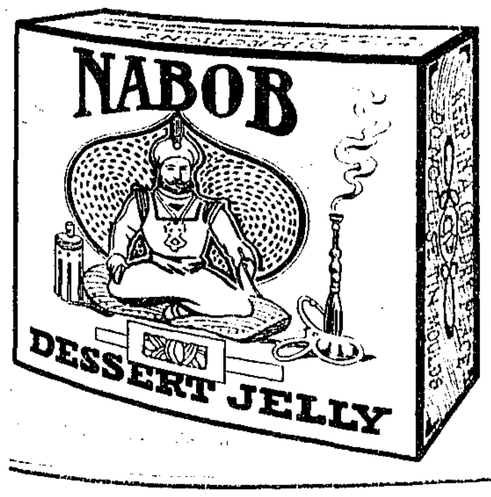

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These promised activities, which are so belated, do not rouse the enthusiasm expected. Even an ardent supporter of the government like the Colonist expresses its disappointment that all this work has not been done before.

All this pre-election work should not fool ordinarily intelligent people; we believe in the saying of Abraham Lincoln: "You can fool all the people some time, some people all the time; but you cannot fool all the people all the time."

The people of this province will look upon all this work in the same light as the Manitoba people looked upon the splendid platform of the Conservatives of that province in the late election, namely as a death-bed repentance and therefore deal with it accordingly and in the same manner.

One Problem Solved.

That there is hope for those whom the prohibition of the liquor traffic will throw out of employment is indicated by the following story from Missouri.

The question of voting out the only saloon in town was the subject of discussion at a meeting held for that purpose at the town hall. Many had been the speakers on both sides of the question when towards the close of the meeting a respectable looking old gentleman walked to the platform and asked to be heard. He said he was the owner of the saloon and had been engaged in selling liquor to the townspeople for the last twenty years. He had also tried his very best to conduct his business in a manner to cause as little offense as possible. He had always tried to take his share of the public burdens, helped the poor and supported benevolent work. The saloon was his only means of supporting himself and family. He was now old and could not start into any new enterprise. The result of voting out his business would very likely bring him and his family to want and he therefore would ask that he be permitted to continue his saloon.

When he had resumed his seat an elderly woman rose and said she sympathized with the saloon keeper. She then told of her long residence in the place, of how she was married to a very good man, but who had one fault, he loved his dram. When not at work he would spend his time and money at this the last speaker's place of business with the result that very little of his earnings came to the support of his family. She therefore had been obliged ever since this saloon had started twenty years ago to take in washing. She knew that if the saloon was voted out her husband would not spend his money for whiskey and beer but bring it home and she would not have to wash clothes for a living any more. "And when I quit washing clothes," she concluded, "the saloon keeper can have that job." The saloon was voted out.

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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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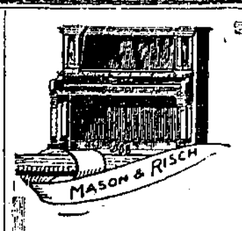

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Sir Sam Hughes' Task.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has reached home and the Militia Department will once more be breathing life, light and sunshine from his smile. Nobody begrudges him his title. He is as perfect a Knight as ever wore white satin breeches and a model major-general—in fact a 1915 model.

It is true that many questions had to be laid over or only partly dealt with because the responsible minister was out of the country, but now that he has returned the public may look for quick action. The matter of a disablement fund, for example, has hung fire while the Major-General was having n good time in London, but now that he is back on the spot the movement will doubtless receive a new impulse. Other matters which press, which have pressed in fact during the whole long term of Sir Sam's summer holidays, are vocational training for our partly disabled heroes, the placing of returned veterans in jobs at least as good as they left, and perhaps the establishment of half a dozen soldiers' homes to shelter the utterly helpless. All summer the cripples, the maimed, blinded, shattered by the war, have been drifting back and some of them complain bitterly of their treatment. Canada sent them to battle proudly enough and thought much of glory and things like that but failed to provide for the wreckage. Now that the Major-General has come back well and strong after the hardships of the London season he will probably look into this question. It is as much the work of the Militia Department as the complete outfitting of the battalions that enlist for the front.

Another matter which needs mending is a certain favoritism which Sir Sam will be surprised to learn still exists. He probably thought because statesmen on both sides of politics were laying aside their party differences and joining hands to recruit soldiers for King and country that the Militia Department and the much vaunted Purchasing Committee were running their business on the same lines. Not so. If the Major-General had been in Ottawa instead of four thousand miles of blue ocean away he would know that where appointments and contracts are concerned the old traditions are in force. Commissions in the army are like kisses—they go by favor. So do the contracts. The only thing to be shared with the Opposition is patriotic speeches.

Canadian soldiers are marching about, some in rags and some in bags, not from choice but because the militia authorities have not supplied them with uniforms. The contracts for uniforms seem to be awarded on the principle that the man with the pull gets the job even if he has no plant while the man with the plant gets no job until he develops a proper pull. This naturally holds things up for it often happens that the man with the pull and the man with the plant do not synchronize, as Finance-Minister White would say. When these things are called to his attention the Major-General may be expected to ask what difference who makes the soldier's coat, so long as it covers a brave heart. As a soldier himself he will understand that courage and loyalty recognize no party lines and that a man will fight as well with Grit khaki on his back as Tory.

As a gallant Knight Sir Sam will brush all these petty motives aside and insist on the soldiers having the right kind of clothes regardless of the shops they come from. The man with the seat out of his pants who has just joined the army naturally yearns for the raiment of his new calling. So does the other man whose trousers may be intact and whom glory drives. Both are entitled to the self-respect and the advertising of their loyal intentions which a uniform implies. Personally I do not believe that the uniform will affect their votes one way or the other. The uniform is skin deep but party convictions are a good deal deeper than that.

The Major-General would be well advised to expel this fear which haunts the Militia Department and the Purchasing Commission—the fear that a Tory soldier might change his mind because his fighting clothes came from a Grit factory. There's nothing in it. The chances are he never thinks of his clothes, so long as he has 'em and they hang together. And even if the subject were called to his attention I doubt if he would pause in the heat of battle to argue out its political bearings.

Yes, Sir Sam will need to use his eyes—those sharp, glancing, Napoleon eyes, which threaten and command everybody but the Toronto Telegram. If he uses them as he ought he will soon discover that the system of granting provisional lieutenancies to eager young Conrervatives who take a short snap course at Kingston to qualify, while at the same time seasoned officers are turned down for places at the front because they happen to be Liberal, is not a square deal. This system deliberately discourages the patriotic impulses of half the population. And it is not confined to lieutenants either. It affects all ranks. There is right now at least one Major-General who is suffering from this sort of injustice. Sir Sam once had experience at General Hutton's hands of the flouts that patient merit may be obliged to take from those in authority. He had, as we remember, to go to South Africa on his own hook and mighty grateful we are to him for settling the Boer war as soon as he did—he and Turpin. But did he learn the lesson? The lesson that you can't keep a hero down and you mustn't try.

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