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Bella Coola Celebrates Empire Day

Visitors From All Parts of Northern Coast Join in Festivities

The people of Bella Coola Valley chose Friday and Saturday (22nd and 23rd) as being most convenient to all concerned for the holding of the Empire Day celebration, which is yearly becoming more generally recognized as one of the most enjoyable festivals held on the northern Pacific coast.

Shooting Competition.

By Friday morning many people from the upper parts of the valley had assembled in the town to attend the shooting competition, which took place on the range on Mr. A. C. Christensen's fields. This competition drew no less than thirty-one entries and after some very close shooting was ultimately won by Mr. Frederickson, with a young Indian named Taleo Gordon a close second. The performance of the Indian was particularly interesting owing to the fact that he has but one arm.

Boat Races.

After lunch all hands proceeded to the wharf to witness a race for local fishing boats, which was fully expected to be one of the most exciting events on the program. Nine boats entered and were sent across the line with a light westerly breeze, which however, fell away completely and after waiting patiently for a breeze for some time it was mutually agreed to abandon the race. The crowd which thronged the wharf was, however, well recompensed in witnessing the extraordinary performance of a speed boat from Bella Bella which in a race with two large power boats, showed a clean pair of heels and succeeded in reaching the finishing line 14 1-2 minuter ahead of the second boat. The owner of the Bella Bella "flyer", with a generous and sportsmanlike spirit, had agreed to allow his competitors fifteen minutes time allowance over a course of about eight miles, and it was a matter of much regret to many that she failed to make up her time by half a minute, the prize therefore passing to the "Quatna" of the local cannery.

The Bella Bella speed boat is well worthy of special mention. Twenty feet in length with a 16 h. p. engine, she is capable of making eighteen miles an hour. Mr. Fred Carpenter, of Bella Bella, the owner and builder is to be congratulated on his possession of such a beautiful little craft, the likes of which has never previously graced our local waters.

Baseball Game.

By 3:30 the scene of the boat race was deserted, the people having all made their way over to Mrs. Clayton's field to see baseball match between the Bella Coola team and a team from Kimsquit and Bella Bella. The game started sensationally, the visitors piling on a score of six in the course of the first few minutes, and local fans began to look extremely down in the mouth. This, however, proved to be but a flash in the pan, and settling down to their work the home team soon made amends and finally gained a well deserved win by the score of 26 against 14.

During the game the spectators were treated to a number of admirably rendered selections by the Bella Bella band of which further mention will be made.

An Enjoyable Dance.

To wind up a very pleasant day many residents and visitors accepted the invitation of Mr. F. G. Hagan of the Grand View Hotel to a dance, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The excellent music provided by Mrs. T. P. Saugstad (piano), Messrs. T. P. Saugstad and P. Gadsden (violins), and A. Crichton (cello), added greatly to the success of the evening, their untiring efforts to please being greatly appreciated.

Saturday's Sports.

The main part of the program was reserved for Saturday in order to permit the many visitors from the neighboring ports to participate. The first event was the marathon race which took place at 9:30 a. m., by which time the beautifully decorated sports grounds on the Indian reserve were thronged with pleasure seekers. Sharp to time the various competitors were started by Mr. P. J. Kenyon, who acted as official starter for all the events. The race was an excellent one in every way, and to the last, when James Hoage of the Crossing breasted the tape with a handsome lead, interest was never lacking. Ed. Grant gained second place after an exciting race with W. Davis. Jim Kelly the young Indian who won so easily last year failed to show the same form and was placed among the tail-enders, much to the disappointment of his many admirers.

Horse Races.

More than ordinary interest was evoked by the horse races owing to the fact that several strange horses were entered and all had received careful training.

The first heat provided an excellent race, Mr. B. F. Jacobsen's Babe (last year's winner), ridden by T. Leveton, being first past the winning post. The second heat was an easy thing for Vincent Clayton with his beautiful bay mare, Fanny. The third heat provided considerable excitement, when a fine chestnut mare, Nell, ridden by W. Robinson left the track and for a while looked like dashing into the crowd. The rider, however, succeeded in bringing his mount past the finishing post only to be disqualified. The heat was given to Fred Grant's Beauty, but wishing to give his competitor another chance Mr. Grant generously offered to run the heat over again. This time, however, W. Robinson's mount again left the track and commenced bucking, finally succeeding in throwing her jockey heavily to the ground. Though stunned by the heavy fall the plucky rider soon recovered and is suffering no ill effects from his mishap.

The final between B. F. Jacobsen's, Babe, Fred Grant's, Beauty, and V. Clayton's, Fanny, proved a magnificent race and was deservingly won by the latter. Mr. Clayton was the recipient of many congratulations on his success in capturing the handsome trophy specially donated by Mr. N. G. Patterson of the S.S. Camosun.

Lunch time having now arrived everyone repaired to the sports ground where well appointed refreshment stands were well patronized. Following lunch, time was allowed for the people to indulge in cocoa-nut shying, and other similar lines of amusement, after which the sports were resumed at about 2 o'clock.

Other Events.

The events which were too numerous to allow of special mention resulted as follows: 100 yards dash, 1, V. Clayton; 2, T. Levelton. 80 yards (girls from 12 to 15 years) 1, Ella Levelton; 2, Clara Widsten. 100 yards, (boys under 12 years) 1, Andrew Widsten; 2, Robert Brynildsen. Race for unmarried ladies, 1, Susie Christenson; 2, Phyllis Gibson. One mile flat, 1, W. Davis; 2, T. Levelton; 3, J. Kelly. 80 yards (girls 9 to 12 years) 1, Janet Gibson; 2, Lilly Gordon. Race for married ladies, 1, W. Wright; 2, D. C. Balfour. Egg and spoon race, 1, Miss Susie Christensen; 2, Miss Annie Levelton. Running broad jump, 1, V. Clayton; 2, J. Hoage. Half mile flat, 1, W. Davis; 2, T. Levelton; 3, O. Fosbak. Thread and Needle race, 1, V. Clayton; 2, J. Pauline. Obstacle race, 1, Ed. Grant; 2, T. Levelton. 1-4 mile flat, 1, Walter Davis; 2, V. Clayton. Race for Indian women 1, Alice Clellaman; 2, Lena Kelly. Relay race, J. Pauline's team. Race for Indian men, A. King.

Great amusement was caused by the bolster bar competition which drew a large number of entries. In this event, two contestants sit facing each other astride of a well-polished bar some five feet above the ground. Each is armed with a pillow and on the given word each endeavors to knock the other off the bar into a pile of loose hay spread underneath to break the fall. One bout between a certain well known Indian and an equally well known white man, both of whom boast of considerable waist measurement, caused intense amusement. The onslaught was terrific and evoked great applause, until the Indian, whose rotundity of form was slightly the greater, received a whack which placed him hors-de-combat in the straw-pile. The final round between T. Levelton and J. Hoage resulted in a well earned win for the former.

The tug of war proved another interesting event. The Bella Coola Indian team has always proved too much for the whites and this occasion was no exception. The first pull was won by the Indian team without much difficulty and for a while it looked as if they would pull the white men off the ground. At the second attempt, however, the white men raised the hopes of their supporters by pulling their husky opponents with apparent ease. The final was the best pull ever seen in Bella Coola. Both teams took the strain fairly and on the word go, neither gave way an inch and so they remained for upwards of ten minutes when the superior training of the Indians gained for them a well deserved and popular victory. The winners were a stalwart set of men and it would take an exceedingly strong team to beat them.

The greasy pig hunt which was expected to provide a lot of fun proved a rather tame affair, the capture being easily and speedily effected by Orville Robinson. This occasioned some disappointment and on future occasions it would be well if a more speedy animal, not quite so thoroughly domesticated, was acquired for the purpose.

The Bella Bella Band.

The success of the occasion was in no small measure due to the presence of the famous Bella Bella band, which under the able leadership of Mr. Bert Humchit rendered selections of high class music on both Friday and Saturday afternoon. The bandsmen in their tasteful uniforms presented an extremely smart appearance, and in their numerous renderings showed themselves to be musicians of a very high order. Bandmaster Humchit showed marked ability in his conducting and is to be complimented on the efficiency of his band. The band consists of twenty-two pieces, and with each in the hands of a well trained musician the effect is most gratifying and merits the highest commendation. Such efficiency is only attained by great effort and perseverance along with a natural aptitude, and no small mead of praise is due to each member for the keen interest which he must necessarily have exercised in contributing his quota to the perfection of the whole band. The thanks of the people of Bella Coola are due to the Bella Bella bandsmen, and while trusting that they enjoyed their visit, it may not be untime- to express the earnest wish that they will again honor us with a visit next year.

Distribution of Prizes.

When the program of sports had been brought to a close, Mr. Wm. Sutherland, vice-president of the Development League, took the stand and in a few well chosen words thanked the people for their attendance and requested Mrs. Chas. Draney to present the prizes, which duty she performed in her usual kindly manner.

In moving a vote of thanks to Mrs. Draney, Mr. H. L. Harris took occasion to remark that this was the sixteenth year that Bella Coola had been honored by the presence of Mrs. Draney at the annual celebration of Empire Day, and he trusted that she would continue to favor us similarly in the future.

Three rousing cheers and a tiger for Mrs. Draney, and a similar compliment to the band concluded the day's entertainment, everybody joining heartily in the national anthem led by the band.

As is usual in Bella Coola at this time of the year the weather was perfect, and with the beautifully situated grounds gaily decked with flags and bunting, the scene was exceedingly pleasing to the eye, and the general opinion is that this was the best celebration ever held in this part.

The Evening.

Saturday evening, like the evening previous, was given over to dancing, and all those who were so inclined were again made welcome at the Grand View Hotel, the gathering only dispersing on the near approach of Sunday morning. The excellent orchestra was on this occasion augmented by the inclusion of Mr. Arthur Hallet of Namu, whose clever playing on the guitar was greatly appreciated. A daintily served supper was greatly enjoyed and everyone expressed themselves as extremely pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

Among the numerous visitors to Bella Coola for Empire Day festivities were, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Homer, Messrs. A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, and D. Allen, of Prince Rupert. Inspector of Indian agencies, A. M. Tyson, and Mr. C. Mills, from Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Draney and family, from Kimsquit. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pauline, Messrs. Grouth, G. Eagan, and a large party from Bella Bella. Messrs. Moore and A. Hallet, from Namu. A. K. Preston of Vancouver, representative of Braid & Co.

Mr. C. Mills, kindly acted as one of the judges for the sports, his able services in this regard being greatly appreciated by the committee in charge of the arrangements for the day.

Mr. A. K. Preston who was returning to Vancouver after his first visit to the north, during which he travelled over the line of the Grand Trunk Railway as far as Tete Jaune Cache, reports trade very brisk in the many new towns and settlements.

He expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw of Bella Coola and hopes to become better acquainted with the place on some future occasion.

The S. S. Camosun made her usual weekly call at this port on Sunday last bringing several passengers, among whom was Rev. W. H. Gibson, returning from the Methodist conference.

S. S. Celtic called here on Monday with gasoline and explosives.

The Fisheries Protection cruis- Malaspina paid a brief visit to this port on Wednesday.

O. W. Robinson and H. Davidson came up from Ocean Falls on Wednesday. They report things very quiet at the Falls. Preparations are being made to send a large boom of logs to the Swanson Bay saw mill, presumably to be cut for use at that place.

The provincial government experimental plot at Aytoun ranch is looking first rate and quite up to the expectations of Mr. A. H. Tomlinson the provincial horticulturist, on the occasion of his recent inspection.

Our local farmers would do well to make frequent visits to this plot, as much useful information may be gained by so doing.

Foreman R. O. N. Eilison and his bridge crew have moved up to the Saloomt Valley were they are engaged on the construction of a new seventy-five foot span in the bridge crossing the Saloomt River.

The work of clearing the street to the jail is nearing completion and has considerably altered the appearance of the town in that quarter.

Sam Grant is busily engaged in giving the jail a much needed coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson are to be congratulated on the birth of a baby daughter, which auspicious event occurred on Tuesday last.

Geo. Turner of Kleena Kleen arrived in town on Monday last, leaving his pack-train of twenty-two head of horses at Hagensborg. He reports that the settlers are keenly interested in the matter of a wagon road from Bella Coola to the Interior, and would be pleased to co-operate with the people of this valley in an effort to obtain same.

Dr. R. C. Best and the hospital staff from Bella Bella left for the summer hospital at Rivers Inlet on Tuesday. The tug Shimoiget, one of the best on the coast, at present engaged in connection with the Brunswick cannery made the transfer. Both the aforementioned hospitals are well equipped, but the transfer of the personal effects of the staff together with instruments and apparatus made the occasion a busy one for those concerned.

J. Jackson and J. Nelson left town early in the week for the Upper Valley where they have joined Max Heckman's road gang

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Development League will be held at Mr. A. C. Christensen's house on Monday, June 1st, at 8 p. m.

A full attendance is requested.

HUBERT L. HARRIS, Sec.

TO OWNERS OF DOGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that hereafter, any dog or dogs pursuing, worrying or destroying any domestic animal, elsewhere than on the land belonging to the owner of such dog, will be destroyed according to the law for such cases made and provided (Animals Act, Section 4.)

FRANK BROUGHTON,
Provincial Constable.

Bella Coola, B.C., May 7, 1914.

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1914.

Our Duty.

It is instinctive with the Britisher to appropriately celebrate occasions of great historical significance, and in this regard the people of Bella Coola are in no way behind. This is only one way in which we are pleased to manifest our loyalty to the British Crown.

Newcomers amongst us are generally struck with the great interest taken in politics by the people of this Valley, and often ask why we are always (as they term it) kicking. It is true that in no part of the province, or even the Dominion, could be found a place with the same population where a greater interest is taken in matters pertaining to the public welfare.

Free speech, a free press, and the privilege of unfettered thought are the rights of British citizenship, and he is failing in his duty as a good citizen who does not take advantage of these privileges, and accept his share of the responsibility of safeguarding the interests of the country, so that our magnificent heritage may be handed on to our children unimpaired.

Political feeling runs high in Bella Coola, and often we cannot see eye to eye with one another, but we each must respect the other for his opinion, and even if we cannot agree with our neighbor we should recognize that he is fulfilling his duty as a citizen by becoming sufficiently informed on public matters to have an opinion of his own.

The man who has no opinion on matters political, is a drone in the hive. He belongs to a dangerous element, which only too often is responsible for serious blunders in electing the wrong man to represent us, who in consequence of wilful perversity or crass ignorance sacrifices the best interests of the country for petty party advantages, or even for personal gain.

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Unmitigated Gall.

The Omineca Herald publishes an account of the visit of Deputy-Minister of Public Works, J. E. Griffith, and Wm. Manson, M. P. P., to New Hazelton, in which it is clearly shown that their visit resulted in nothing more than utter dissatisfaction, disappointment and even disgust to everyone in that locality.

The visit of these gentlemen to that place was primarily for the purpose of examining the new high-level bridge, constructed by a private company, and which the government has been asked to take over and construct a road connecting it with the original government road.

Our contemporary states that "they arrived at this bridge about dark and spent a few minutes looking at its magnificence. Then they drove to New Hazelton, arriving there after nine-thirty, and held a meeting with the executive committee of the Conservative Association."

Mr. Griffith, while admitting that the bridge was substantial, well built, and capable of carrying the weight for which it was intended, stated that it was not up to the government standard.

The best he could do was to offer two thousand dollars for roads to and from this bridge, provided the bridge company could be induced to hand it over to the government free of charge. Even then the Deputy-Minister of Public Works would give no assurance that this paltry $2,000 would be spent on the road in time to make it passable for wagons, or even that the money would be spent at all. Yet he had the gall to ask that the Department be presented with a $43,000 bridge, the finest in the province.

We know enough of the people of New Hazelton to imagine their indignation at treatment of this kind, which is nothing less than an insult to their intelligence, and we shall be greatly surprised if they do not wreak their vengeance on those responsible at the first opportunity.

"Not up to our standard" says Mr. Griffith. It would be interesting to know what is the government's standard for bridges. We wonder if the bridge over the Nootsatsum River, built according to government specification, the piers layed on skids in the moving bed of the river, and which lasted a few months when it was swept away, was up to government standard.

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Now, you people of New Hazelton, do you understand what Sir Richard McBride meant when he said that public works would be curtailed "Particularly in the North."

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Here is another "monument" which will stand to the memory of the Premiership of Sir Richard McBride, the creator of British Columbia's "prosperity".

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We wonder if the introduction of copper is an effort on the part of Sir Richard to reduce the present high cost of living.

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More Borden Prosperity.

In the month of April, 1913, the total revenue of the Dominion amounted to $12,145,455. In other words, there was a decrease of $2,296,457 or more than eighteen per cent. The greater part of the decrease came in the falling off in custom's revenue, an indication of a continued drop in Canadian trade. For months past there has been a great and steady decline of Canadian trade and the April figures indicate that this accompaniment of Borden rule continues markedly evident.

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Only $6,000,000 Out!

The looseness and inaccuracy of the information in regard to Canadian Northern affairs which is being given by the Borden government may be gauged from the fact that in one case alone the ministry omitted a $6,000,000 item. Between such close friends as the government and Mackenzie & Mann $6,000,000 may be a mere bagatelle but the average citizen of Canada is likely to have a somewhat different idea.

The omission of the $6,000,000 item—$5,995,734, to be exact—was made in the government return showing the estimated amount required to complete the construction of the Canadian Northern. The sum left out is the amount required to complete the Montreal tunnels and terminals. As soon as Liberal newspapers gave publicity to the fact that the item had been omitted the government apologists hastened to explain that the "mistake" was due to an "error in transmission." It is quite possible that this was the case, but the incident is illuminating as indicating the inaccuracy and unreliability of the "information" in regard to the affairs of Mackenzie & Mann which Mr. Borden and his colleagues are giving the people, who, under Borden legislation, are to endorse notes for the two railway magnates to the huge amount of $45,000,000.

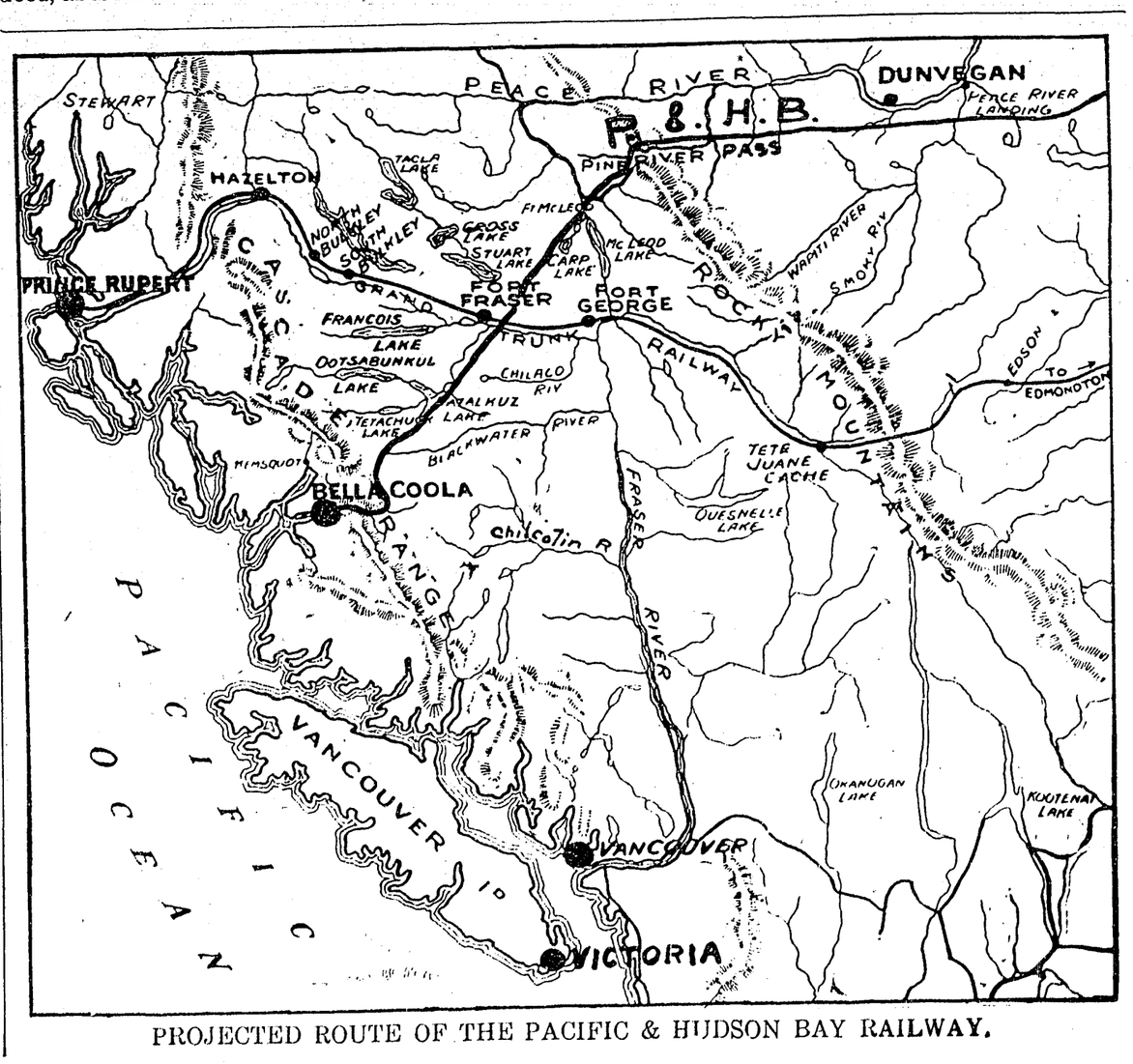
Provincial Elections Act.

To the Editor: The amending act of 1914 takes away the right of a naturalized British subject to transfer his vote from one electoral district to another electoral district. I think it would be well to draw attention to this fact.

Under the original act a person desiring to transfer his vote from his former to his present place of residence obtained from the registrar of voters in the district wherein he was registered a certificate to the effect that his name had been removed from the list. He then forwarded this certificate with his affidavit, form A, to the registrar of voters for the district in which he was then resident, and after ten days the registrar placed his name on the list. By the last amending act, form A is changed so as to refer only to British subjects by birth, and as a naturalized subject could not take such an affidavit he cannot get his vote transferred.

JOHN OLIVER.

New Westminster, May 19, 1914.



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H. B. Ames, M. P., in reference to the C. N. R. deal, says one should "use a long spoon w supping with the devil." very popular Bill and Dan a Ottawa.

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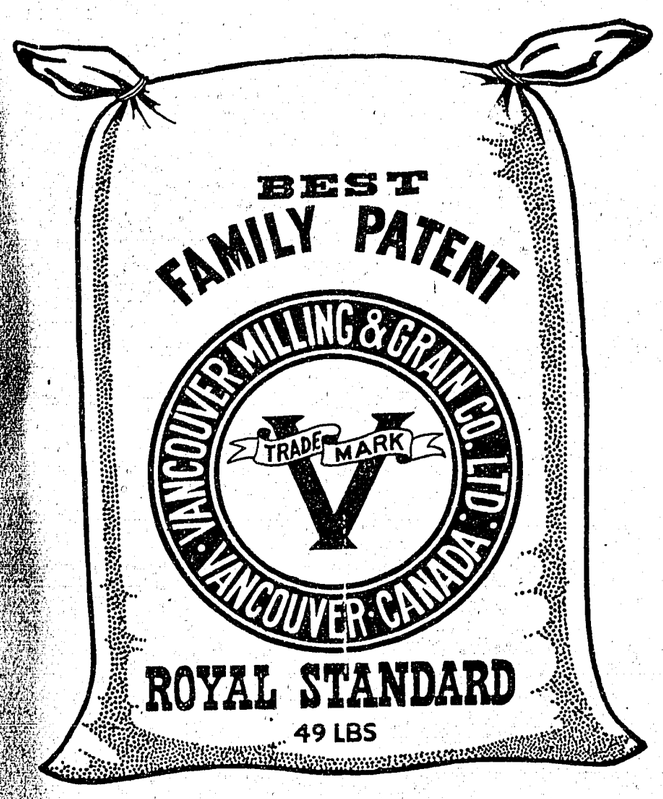

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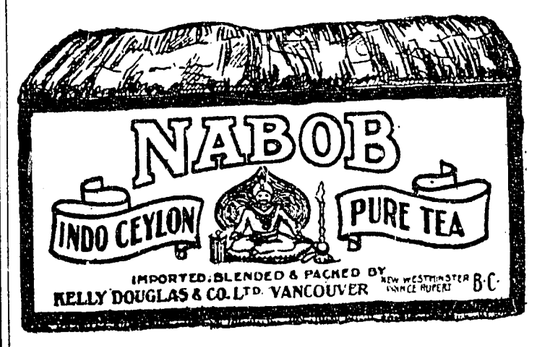

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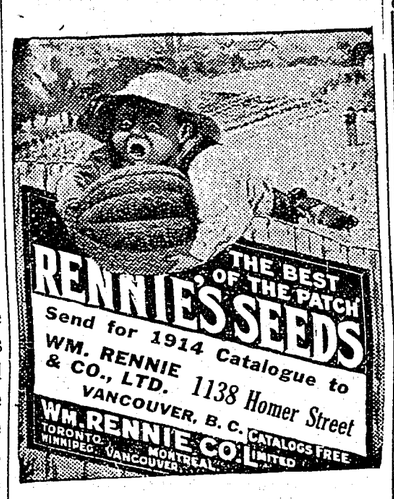
Lord Bryce on Free Trade.

Lord Bryce, free from the six months' self-denying ordinance he imposed on himself after his return from America, delivered a very impressive speech on free trade at the annual dinner of the Cobden club. The gathering was naturally a cheerful one. The past year has witnessed what seems to be the final collapse of the tariff 'reform' bubble in this country. The ten years which have passed since Mr. Chamberlain began his "ragging, tearing propaganda" have been the most successful years in the history of British trade, and the Protectionists are reduced at the end of them to a bitter and hopeless feud among themselves. But it was the larger aspects of the question with which Lord Bryce chiefly dealt, and especially the sensational movement towards free trade which has been made in the United States within the past year. His analysis of the reasons which led the United States to adopt a high tariff and of the economic causes which have now broken that tariff down was extraordinarily illuminating. But Lord Bryce is far too profound a student of the subject and too passionate a lover of the cause of humanity to base his case upon economics alone. In a noble and eloquent tribute to the memory of Richard Cobden, he declared that it was because free trade was the most powerful instrument for promoting friendly intercourse among the nations and the peace of the world that it had commanded the devotion of Cobden and must always command the devotion of those who believed that the general benefit of humanity must react to the advantage of the parts. It is that great truth which enables us to welcome the adoption of more enlightened ideas in the United States. Free trade, like mercy, is twice blessed; it blesses him that gives and him that takes.—London News and Leader.



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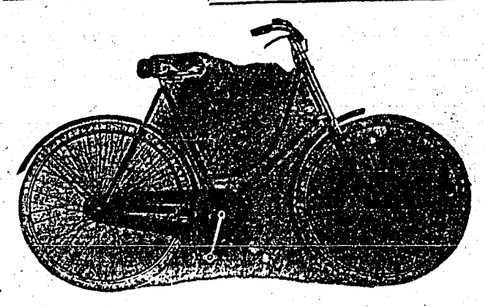

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"Ye had better tak' care what ye're doing."

"What am I doing?" inquired Toole, and added with a merry wink: "Why I'm not even whistling."

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