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PREMIER OLIVER HEARD

Appears Saturday Night in Enderby Theatre with Mrs. Ralph Smith — Interesting Speakers Tell of Government Measures that are Beneficial.

A pleasing surprise was in store for citizens of Enderby district last Saturday evening when they gathered in the Enderby Theatre to hear Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.P.P., the first woman legislator to be elected in B. C. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Women Voter's League, and was supposed to be strictly a meeting for women; but the audience was at least one half men.

The surprise, was in the appearance of Premier Oliver on the platform. He explained his being there by saying that he had been called upon while in Vernon that afternoon by a lady friend of the Women Voter's League, who urged upon him the necessity for his coming to Enderby to speak to the audience in the temporary absence of Mrs. Smith, whose arrival had been delayed by difficult train service.

Mrs. Robson, president of the local Women Voter's League, presided, assisted by Miss Seymour. The clever hand of Mrs. A. McPherson was noted in the artistic floral decorations of the platform.

Dr. K. C. MacDonald, M. P. P. occupied a place on the platform with the Premier, and to him was given the honor of seconding the vote of thanks to Mrs. Smith and Premier Oliver at the close of the meeting.

Premier Oliver Appreciative

In preparing the way for Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. Robson, in her opening remarks expressing the pleasure of the League and the audience at having the unexpected honor of hearing the Premier, made unhappy reference to the position Mrs. Ralph Smith, as the first woman legislator in the B. C. house, found herself, the only woman in so critical and unsympathetic a gathering of men legislators. Her remarks along this line did not sit well on the breast of Premier Oliver, and the first thing he did on rising to speak was to proceed to set the chair right. He had known Mrs. Ralph Smith some 30 years, he said, and assured the audience that she did not find herself beset by any such an audience as the chairman imagined. On the contrary, he said, Mrs. Smith had been in politics as partner with her husband, during his long term of service, both as member of the Provincial House and at Ottawa. It was a question,—one which they had not yet been able to decide.—who was the better politician of the two, Mrs. Ralph Smith or Mr. Ralph Smith, when he was living. And when Mrs. Smith was elected to fill the seat vacated by her husband she was sympathetically received, and her good services on the floor of the House were appreciated by his ministers, and all members of Parliament, regardless of political creed or coloring.

This opened the way for the Premier to tell of the many amending Acts which had been put on the statute books by his government in response to the appeals of Mrs. Ralph Smith. She is the honored mother of a family of boys, he said, all of whom are now grown to young manhood, and are holding prominent positions of trust in the Province. Her heart is in her reform work, she knows the needs of women because of her mother heart, and she is bent upon devoting the remainder of her useful career in elevating the condition of womanhood and that of the child. He did not know the mission of Ms. Smith into the Okanagan, had no idea as to the exact line of her message, but felt sure it would be one of uplift and encouragement to women, based upon unselfishness and service.

The Premier mentioned the "Minimum Wage Act", as one of the best pieces of legislation; and the "Amendments to the Marriage Act", which makes the consent of both parents necessary in the marriage of minors, allows for legalizing the birth of children born out of wedlock, provides a means for compelling a husband and father to support in comfort the wife and children, though deserted. Another piece of legislation, he said, which could be laid at the door of Mrs. Ralph Smith, was the widow's pension act which is in the making although not yet law.

Mr. Oliver, speaking for his government, said they would take jolly good care to see that the public was made acquainted with their good works. His party has no funds to pay the newspapers for publishing these things. "We have been doing things; not talking things," he said, yet only a newspaper here and there had been found that would publish the departmental matter sent out by the government's publicity man. He lamented this fact, but promised that this condition would be remedied as soon as they could get around to it. With the appearance of Mrs. Ralph Smith, who did not arrive by auto from Salmon Arm until quite late, the Premier gracefully withdrew, with the fatherly admonition addressed to Mrs. Smith:

"My dear, you are late in getting around," which was taken with a cheerful smile and a wave of the hand.

Mrs. Ralph Smith's Address

On taking the platform, after a few introductory remarks from the chairman, Mrs. Ralph Smith proceeded from a broad, high outlook, to inspire women to elevate their political thinking and look out upon the world opened unto them from the horizon of unselfish service. Her message was one of good cheer and encouragement, but also one of duty. The big thought back of all she said, was that the privilege of the ballot carried with it its responsibilities, and the duty of women was to educate themselves on things of the state so as to know where to turn to get the reforms believed to be so essential in the building of a better nation and a stronger people.

She discouraged the idea advanced by some women that they, as voters, should hold themselves above the politics of men; that they should oppose the men in politics and paddle alone. This, she said, would be a grave mistake. In all other relations of life, in the home, in business and in society, there is the spirit of co-operation between the sexes, and the same spirit must exist in our politics. Women must work with the men, not in opposition. Next to woman, man is the dearest thing the Lord made. We marry him, we live with him, and we must learn to vote with him. By this co-operation she felt confident women would find little difficulty in getting any legislation desirable and fair.

Mrs. Smith recited briefly the important amending Acts which had been secured in the last legislature, and of the Widow's Pension Act which is being prepared for passage at the next session of the legislature. All this legislation has relation to the betterment of living conditions and the more equitable division of the rights and privilege of parenthood. Another important measure is that relating to the boy's detention home. We have been treating these boys as criminals, said she, yet on recent examination by competent medical authority, it was found that 84% of the inmates of the home were mentally sick. They require medical care—treatment—not the prison cell. The Provincial Government is now going to build hospital homes for these boys, where they can find employment best suited to their requirements, and they can be won back to health and their proper position in society.

The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to the women of England, who, when war broke, went to the Prime Minister and offered to lay down their resistence to the government on the question of equal rights and placed themselves at the country's service in whatever capacity they could be used; how they served in any capacity from that of street sweeping to the noblest. It was this spirit of sacrifice and service that forced a man prominent in world affairs to declare, "I verily believe that women will redeem the world."

Speaking in connection with the position women have taken in the industrial world, Mrs. Smith referred to the disposition on the part of some to shoo them back into the position they held before the war. But she said, our women are out in the competitive world to stay. They will not go back. It has been said that "brains are sexless." Women have to earn their own livelihood or do something worse. Woe betide the man who would attempt to drive them back. What women must do is make themselves 100% efficient. Then "equal service, equal pay."

There is dawning the spirit of co-operation—each for all and all for each. The things that affect the community, said she, are the things worth going after, and the things worth going after are the things we are going after. This Dominion of ours deserves the best we can give it. It is our duty—a duty we owe to ourselves and to our commnnity, our country and empire.

MARA NEWS NOTES

The Maraites who attended the Grindrod dance have returned well pleased with the outing.

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Father Carrol motored down from Vernon last week and spent a few days amongst his parishioners returning on Thursday.

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The United Farmers' meeting at Grindrod is being looked forward to with great interest and many of us think that by this means material benefit can be obtained for the farming community. Let us hope they will not be disappointed.

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Mrs. Thomas Gray's party including Miss Swann, Miss Mutrie and Mrs. Davy went to Enderby on Saturday evening to hear Mrs. Ralph Smith and they all speak very highly of her interesting and instructive speech, and we are promised a duplicate of it down here as soon as the shorthand notes are copied.

Died of Pneumonia

On Saturday last occurred the death of Mr. Sidney Spencer. Mr. Spencer came to the district only a month ago, from Chicago, where he had resided twenty-five years. He was a comparatively young man and came to this district to change from the bustle and noise of the city to the quiet of country life. He purchased the Jeffries farm in Pleasant Valley and he and his family were just getting settled in their new home when Mr. Spencer was taken sick. His illness did not appear serious until Friday when pneumonia developed and he died early Saturday morning.

He leaves a wife, two grown daughters and a younger son to mourn his loss. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

The funeral was held from St. James' Church on Monday afternoon, Rev. Alderson officiating.

The Masonic burial service was given at the graveside by Mr. A. E. Sage, the local Masonic lodge attending in a body. B. A. Thornton, W. Hornby, Mat Hassen, Geo. A. Smith, R. B. Main and Geo. Thornton, acted as pallbearers.

Flooding of the open-air skating rink back of the Walker Press will be started this week.

VICTORY LOAN BANQUET

A Very Pleasant and Profitable Evening Spent at the Tables of the King Edward by the Guests of the Local Campaign Committee.

Development of the get-together spirit is a good thing for the community. No matter what the occasion for getting together. The object of getting together is not the point of importance. So when the Enderby Victory Loan head office staff proposed a banquet to the district canvassers to close up the successful Victory Loan Drive, everybody on the committee fell. The arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs. Peel, Hartry and Robertson, and they prepared for forty, Host Murphy undertaking to feed them in the dining room of the King Edward Hotel. Last Thursday evening was the date decided upon and the hour 10. Only two seats remained unfilled, those canvassers being unable to attend owing to the bad roads.

The evening proved a most enjoyable and profitable one. The supper was of a standard the King Edward has a reputation for serving, and was relished by the good-natured guests.

Chairman Coltart, of the local committee, was master of ceremonies. The toast list was short, and the speeches to the point. At 1.30 it was all over and everybody happy.

The toast "The King," was proposed by Dr. Keith and responded to by Rev. Mr. Gretton, whose remarks, while brief, opened to the vision of his hearers a high ideal towards which to strive, as individuals, as a community, as a country and as an empire.

"Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. Hartry, and responded to by Rev. Mr. Dow.

In well-chosen sentences, rich with meat on the merits of the district, Mr. Smedley proposed the toast, "Our District." This was responded to by Mr. Walker and Mr. Owens, the remarks of each giving light upon conditions existing a decade or more ago and contrasting those conditions with the conditions of today, as evidence of the district's development.

Mr. Welsh gave a reading which was greatly appreciated, and Mr. Robinson, Mr. Robertson and Dr. Keith favored with songs. Mr. Marley capped all with a story of a Swede friend at a baseball game.

But it was not the toasts, it was not the songs, it was not the stories that really hit home. It was the getting together for an interchange of ideas that made the evening one of profit to each and all and the district, and the hope was expressed by all that other events of a similar nature should be arranged more frequently.

Worthy Local Effort

The Enderby Theatre committee certainly deserve better support on movie night than is being given. With the work of the orchestra, which is rapidly developing into a first-class local musical organization, together with the best films procurable, the theatre should be well filled each picture night. Enderby is now getting the best picture service it has ever been given, and the committee responsible for giving this service deserves the co-operation of the people in the undertaking.

Mr. R. A. Perry, who recently moved to Enderby from the Coast with Mrs. Perry and child, will remain here for the winter for his health. He is an experienced operator, and will handle the shows for the committee while here. This enables the orchestra to give more music between the acts, and in this way the shows are being improved and made more enjoyable.

ARMSTRONG BRIEFS

Dr. Thompson and family came in from the Coast on a two-week's visit last Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Abbott returned from a three-month's visit at States points the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allister and children arrived in town on Thursday from Powell River. Mr. Allister has accepted a position with the City as electrician.

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Next Sunday and Monday the 18th anniversary of Zion Church opening will be held. The speaker at the Sunday services is Rev. E. R. McLean of Vancouver.

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On Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, Mr. Geo. Bell, M. P. P., of Victoria, will speak in the Methodist Church at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bell is chairman of the Methodist provincial organization in connection with the Inter-church Forward Movement and will speak here in the interests of this forward movement.

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The sale of work and afternoon tea in aid of St. Joseph's Church which was held in the Allies' Parlors on Saturday afternoon last was a splendid success. The ladies in charge wish to thank all those who helped to make it the success which it proved to be. The winners of the raffles were: Water-color picture, Finton Dunne; tray, Mrs. N. G. Cary; crocheted yoke, Mrs. Geo. McNaughton.

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An interdenominational institute on religious education will be held in Armstrong on Friday, Dec. 5th, (tomorrow). The visiting speakers are to be Rev. Mr. Galloway and Miss Harvey. The afternoon session will convene at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church. At 4.15 there will be a rally for older boys (over 12) in the Methodist Church Hall, and for older girls in the Presbyterian Church Hall. These are to continue till 5.25 p.m.

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At the annual and final meeting of the Red Cross Society, held in October, it was decided that a Women's Institute be formed in Armstrong. A committee of eight ladies was named to arrange details for an organization meeting. A meeting of the committee was held at the home of Mrs. Perry, and the secretary pro tem, Mrs. R. Inglis, was instructed to write to Victoria for rules, regulations, literature, etc. As this is a government institution, there are a number of formalities to be gone through before the government organizer can be sent. The preliminaries are well under way and it is hoped that the organization meeting will be held at an early date.

ENDERBY NEWS IN BRIEF

The train was three hours late from Sicamous on Saturday.

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Joe Bell returned home on Friday, from the Northwest, where he has been employed some months in one of the railway stations on the Mainline.

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The ladies of the W. A., of St. George's Church, report a most successful bazaar held in the Guild Hall Saturday evening, something in the neighborhood of $125 being added to the fund of the society.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cairns, returned last week to their home in McGregor, Man., after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler of Enderby. Mr. Cairns is a prominent lumber dealer of the Prairie city.

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All interested in the noble art of curling are invited to attend a meeting of the Enderby Curling Club in the City Hall this (Thurday) evening at 8 o'clock, when the season will be opened and preparations to start playing be made.

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An important realty deal was put through last week by Mr. Jas. Dickson on the farm property of Mr. W. Jones, near Enderby. Mr. and Mrs. Link and children came in from the Prairie; went from the station to the property, and bought it, taking up their abode therein at once. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family moved to Enderby a few days later.

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Jack Sherrill and Mabel Withee are the stars in the feature film, "Once to Every Man," at the Enderby Theatre on Friday of this week. This play, which is adapted from the novel by Larry Evans, pictures the final triumph of youth over almost insurmountable obstacles. It is full of outdoor scenes and strenuous action. Mutt and Jeff will furnish the comedy for this week's bill.

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You will find the boys [illegible] The Walker Press this week [illegible] the first batch of Private Christmas Cards going Overseas. If your order is not yet in, it will be to your advantage to look over the samples and make your selection before the choice ones are picked out. Already we are sold out of some of the good ones. They run in price from $1.75 to $2.50 and $3 per dozen printed and with envelopes ready for mailing.

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In consequence of a recent change in the Provincial law governing municipalities, all property is required to be assessed in the name of the registered owner. Persons purchasing property under agreement, by terms of which they are liable to pay the taxes, can have their names inserted in the roll, however, provided they file with the assessor a statutory declaration stating the facts of the case. The City assessment for year 1920 is now being made.

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The Presbyterian Church was well filled last Sunday evening to hear Mrs. Ralph Smith speak. The talented lady took for her subject "Passing Through the Shadow of Death," and drew a lesson of encouragement and inspiration from it for the pioneer in thought and sacrificing effort. Without exception, and in all periods and conditions, she contended, the person advancing any new line of thought or habit of life has had to pass through the shadow of ridicule and doubt.

GRAND VIEW BENCH

At a meeting held in the school house last Saturday it was decided to send a petition to the Government asking for the finishing of the new road through to the Salmon Arm road.

The children of the Grand View Bench school are having a Christmas tree on the 19th, at the school.

The homesteaders on the Bench are all wishing for more snow to make good sleighing and enable them to take out posts and ties.

Rumors are circulating to the effect that several of our ranchers have ordered motor cars for spring delivery.

Mrs. G. Lidstone is still in Salmon Arm hospital in a very serious condition.

Gen. Pershing greets the Prince at U. S. National Capitol.
On the Prince's left is Vice-President Marshall and Secretary of War Daniels.

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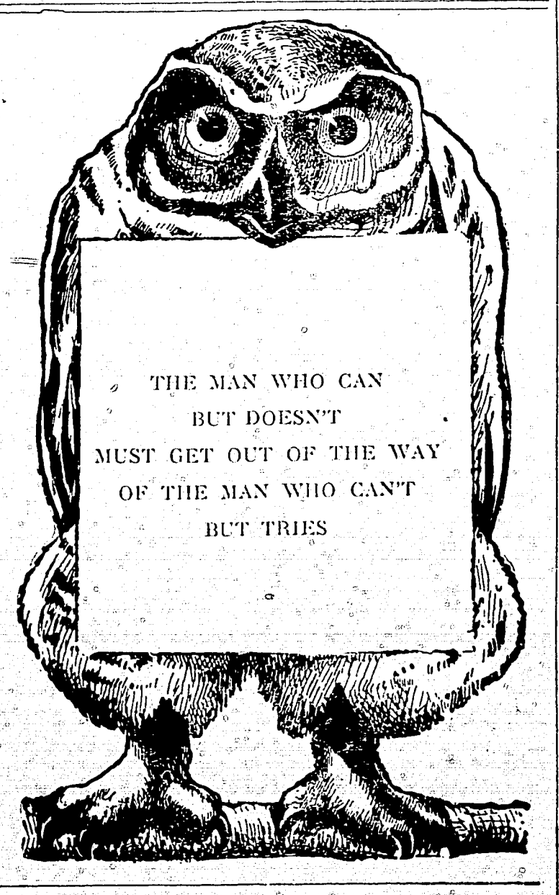

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TACKLING QUESTION IN LARGE WAY

As a result of the combined meeting of the municipalities of the Okanagan Valley last week in Vernon, attended by representatives from Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, Coldstream, Peachland, Summerland and Penticton, suggestions of a sweeping nature were presented to the commission of enquiry into municipal sources of revenue last Saturday morning, sitting at Vernon, attended by Premier Oliver and Hon. J. Hart, minister of finance. The resolution containing the suggestions was presented by Mr. A. O. Cochrane, solicitor for the municipalities, and calls upon the Government to undertake the full cost of education in the public schools and recites the fact that the burden of providing educational facilities is yearly becoming heavier and has reached a stage when many municpalities will find in impossible to finance their schools next year unless they are afforded greatly increased sources of revenue.

Other suggestions presented to the commission by Mr. Cochrane on behalf of these municipalities were: A request for a substantial percentage of the automobile license fees collected by the Government; a proportion of the amusement tax; legislation authorizing municipalities to assess a tax of two cents per gallon upon gasoline used for motor traffic only; that as an additional source of revenue a reasonable proportion of the personal property tax be returned to the municipalities.

In making these suggestions to the commission of enquiry, the Okanagan municipalities are seeking to handle the question in a large way. While the suggestions may sound radical at first hearing the justice of each must appeal to anyone of fair mind after its fuller understanding. A fuller discussion of the proposed changes will follow in subsequent issues of this paper, and we hope in other newspapers of the Province, for only by having the question discussed from all sides can a solution equitable to all be found.

PROFITEERING OR FAMINE?

When the governments of the world set a price on wheat which is more than double the market price of pre-war days, it had to follow that everything else in the commercial world would automatically increase in price correspondingly. The price of wheat sets the price of every other commodity, and when commodities run high in price the cost of luxuries go up in proportion. Men are peculiar. The farmer likes the idea of $2 to $3 wheat, with other grains in proportion, but he objects to paying double pre-war prices for the clothing, machinery and other commodities and implements which he has to buy. He thinks double pre-war prices are a good thing when he has something to sell but a bad thing when he has something to buy. And the farmer is not a whit more selfish than the rest of us. The wholesaler, the retailer, the manufacturer, the consumer—everyone in business; the laborer, the professional man—each and all—likes to get the big price for what he has to sell, but all object to paying the big price for what the other man has to sell.

The cry of profiteering is general. Undoubtedly there is profiteering. But where would you begin if you would pick the culprit? The Government itself—which is the people—is as guilty as the individual. What about the hundreds of millions which the government is skimming off the excess profits annually? What about the war tax on cheques, doubling up on the postage rate, etc., etc.? It satisfies the people to be informed by the government that so many millions of dollars have been collected under the guise of excess profits taxation. The dear people forget whose pockets these excess profits come out of originally. If the consumer did not pay the excess profit the government could not tax the excess profit, and if the government did not collect its proportion of the excess profits from the profiteer its annual revenues would be reduced hundreds of millions.

Profiteering is a misnomer. It means nothing. It is a camouflage behind which we as a nation are paying for the war. Profiteering is only another name for war taxation—a way for taxing everybody and of making each of us a tax collector for the government. You remember, do you not, some few months ago, a prominent financial man of Canada, a bank president, speaking at the annual meeting of the shareholders of his bank, said it was only just and right that the costs of the war should not be taxed up against capital, but that they should be paid by the consumer, as by this system everybody would pay his share—the capitalist no more than the wage-earner. This policy was laid down at that time and has since been adhered to, and will be. The costs of the war have to be met, and the costs are going to be paid by the consumer. The government collects the excess profits tax from the profiteer, and the profiteer collects the money from the people—the consumers.

We may have all the commissions appointed we have a mind to. They will not materially alter conditions. The Government needs the excess profits tax and there cannot be an excess profits tax without excess profits, and there cannot be excess profits if the consumer is not forced to pay prices that are in excess of what they should be. Just so long as the people go no farther than make complaint about profiteering there will be nothing done other than appoint commissions to inquire into what everybody already knows. So let us make up our minds to this one big fact that excess profits are here and here to stay, for it is out of these excess profits that the Government gets its big rake-off.

Everybody is in favor of the excess profits tax, so why complain. The Government is in favor of it because it means more than a hundred millions increase in the annual revenue; the big fellow is in favor of it because he has the Government's sanction for charging excess profits, and the little fellow is in favor of it because he thinks the Government is getting back some of the money the big fellow forces him to pay.

And all the while we forget that the world is undergoing a famine more serious than ever has been experienced in centuries.

STATE-OWNED HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANTS

Canada is probably too much bound to the policy of giving away her natural resources to private corporations and then paying to these corporations a royalty for doing business, ever to follow closely upon the heels of New Zealand in the adoption of her state-ownership ideas. But in her hydro-electric policy, which is now in the shaping, Canada should look well into the working of the New Zealand idea before committing herself.

One of the most important and ambitious features of New Zealand's reconstruction program is the development of a state-owned supply of electricity for the whole country. It has been estimated that there is sufficient waterpower in the Dominion of New Zealand capable of economic development, to product 3,822,000 horsepower, which is more than four times that available in the whole Australian continent. At present there are 66 generating plants in operation producing in the aggregate 58,000 horsepower and supplying 55,000 factories, dwellings, etc., with power. Many of them are small; water, coal, gas and oil are all used to generate electricity. The two largest plants are owned by the government. One is the first unit in the national program; the other was recently purchased by the government from the Waihi Gold Mining Company so that the power beyond the company's needs may be sold to the public.

Last week the New Zealand parliament passed a bill authorizing loans up to $34,000,000 for hyrdo-electric schemes. This will not complete the plans already adopted, but it is sufficient to enable the government to prosecute the work for some years.

Through ignorance of its other uses we have come to look upon electricity only in relation to its application for power and light purposes, but the war proved to the world that it can be applied in the large-scale production of artificial nitrogen compounds for the purposes of peace as well as those of war. If the Government of Canada would follow New Zealand's lead and establish hydro-electric plants where they can be of the most service to the people, it would, in short time aid in building a Canada of world importance.

The secrets regarding the manufacture of nitrogen compounds are, we understand, not difficult to obtain, and once obtained, these compounds could be manufactured by utilizing the "surplus power" available all over British Columbia if not the Dominion and the water-power now going to waste be turned into profit. If the Government would supply the juice and make known how to apply it in the manufacture of nitrogen compounds, nitrogen plants would spring up all over the country, employing hundreds of men, supplying cheap fertilizer to farmers, forming an unlimited supply of explosives in time of war and utilize some of our natural resources now going to waste. A new industry would be created for Canada.

RETURNING SANITY

The foisting of prohibition on the United States was a blunder charged with danger and loaded with disastrous probabilities, declared Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in discussing its probable relation to unrest among workingmen in some parts of the country.

"By adopting prohibition," he said, "we have chanced the wrecking of the social and economic fabric of the nation. We have invaded the habits of the workingman, and this is what has happened: We have upset the man; unsettled him. Uprooting one habit uproots others."

Gompers asserted the man who formerly was satisfied to go home at night to converse and read, has become discontented and restive. He now goes into the streets to meet other men restless and, like himself, unsettled. They rub together their mutual grievances and there are sparks and sometimes fire. I believe Bolshevism in Russia began in prohibition."

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Not a Mactavish

A circus was travelling through Scotland, and when it got just outside of Dumfries a baboon died. Not wanting to bother with the body it was thrown over a bridge into a field. Three Scotch farmers went that way, saw the baboon, and wonudered who it was.

"He's no a Cameron," said one; "he's too broon!"

"He's no a Macdonald," said the second, "he's too reed!"

"An' he's no a Mactavish," said the third; "he's too dashed guid luikin'! Away to yonder hoose an' see if there's an English visitor meesin'!"

Eskimos living within the limits of Canada number 3,296, of whom 1,087 live in Baffin Land, the large Arctic Island north of Hudson's Bay and separated from Greenland by Baffin Bay. On the Mainland there are 2,209, principally in the territory adjacent to Hudson's Bay.

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Vernon, B.C., Nov. 27, 1919

For the information of all Settlers in the Okanagan District under the Soldiers' Settlement Act:

I wish to inform all concerned, that, having availed myself to benefit under the Soldiers' Settlement Act, as a settler, I cease to be Field Supervisor for this District from Nov. 30th, and would ask you to address all communications pertaining to Land Settlement to Mr. H. S. French, in future.

Thanking you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me during the past six months.

Very sincerely, W. BRETT.

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Select Messenger, by Willow Ridge Marquis the Second.
Baron Lavender, by Prince Lavender, Imported.

ON NOVEMBER 25th, I will have for sale at Vernon, in the barns of NEIL & CRYDERMAN, 35 head of yearling bulls and heifers, and a few beautiful young cows. The young cattle are sired by the above bulls, and the cows are in calf, also to the above noted sires.

Many show prospects are included in the shipment. All are for sale at very reasonable prices.

When attending the Shorthorn Breeders' meeting at Vernon, on Nov. 28th, do not fail to look these cattle over.

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SAINT ANDREW

O'er the scorching sands of an Eastern wild
Following the steps of a desert child,
Wandered Bethsaide's fishermen bold
Seeking a master, his preaching foretold:
To his straining ears there came the cry,
"What seekest thou?" from the wayside nigh.

From the straining heights of a saintly seat,
Following the paths of the desert's heat,
Wandered a master fisher of men,
Seeking o'er mountain, desert and fen:
To his listive ear there came the cry,
"Where dwellest thou?" from the voice hard by.

'Neath the slanting rays of an Eastern sun,
Following its course, and its watch nigh run,
Welcome the Rabbi's "Come and see"!
The day is nigh spent, come dwell with me";
Each found in, his turn, the story ran,
That which was sought—a Master—a Man.

In the rushing hours of life's busy day,
Following the rounds of a toilsome way,
Find we a friendship rare and sublime,
Seeking and finding like Rabbi's and thine?
—Or find we a brother as true as thee,
Andrew, our friend of Galilee?

— W. W. ROGERS.

Vernon, B.C., Nov. 5, 1919.

Farmer's Supply Store

MARA, B. C.

Special sale for this month of Groceries, Feed and Flour, Dry Goods.

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NORTH HONAN MISSIONS

Very Few Lepers Now, Says Mrs. McClure

Mrs. McClure, who has been for 25 years engaged in mission work in North Honan under the Presbyterian board, said that owing to the coldness of the climate, there were very few lepers in North Honan, and during her whole 25 years there had only seen two lepers. But in the southern part of Canton there are lepers by the thousands and one is in the midst of them with a spirit of dread. There are beggars there in large numbers, lepers, insane and others, thronging the streets and market places. In Canton there is a leper settlement and children's home under the American Presbyterian Mission and is aided by the Mission to Lepers.

Don't forget Farmers Institute meeting at Grindrod, on Monday Dec. 8th, at 2 p.m.

Work Suspended for Winter

Work has been suspended for the winter at most of the construction camps along the line of the Canadian National between Ducks and Kelowna. Only a few miles of grading remains to be done on the lumby branch and a considerable amount of work has been finished in the Falkland district.

Rock work on the line between Vernon and Kelowna still continues and the camps in this section which now employs about 250 men will be maintained during the winter months.

Perhaps the man had no business kissing the pretty girl, but no one will deny the pleasure of it.

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Big Reserve Opened to Soldiers

Over 100,000 acres of Hudson's Bay reserve land lying in the three prairie provinces, which have come into the hands of the Dominion Government, are being over to the Soldier Settlement Board for settlement by returned soldiers.

These lands were inspected during the past summer. All of them are of good value for farming purposes, and a considerable area is of specially good value.

In addition to the Hudsons Bay lands, the East View (Pope) lease, near Carbon, Alta., comprising about 16,000 acres of high-class agricultural lands has been secured by the government and will be disposed of to soldier settlers by the Soldier Settlement Board.

The Japanese of the Province subscribed $173,000 in Victory Bonds, exceeding their quota by 75 per cent.

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A few used machines in good condition, cheap.

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Opening Kamloops Reserve

Eighty thousand disbled imperial soldiers, many of whom are suffering from chest and lung trouble, are to be established in British Columbia by an extensive programme to be carried out under the auspices of the Dominion Board of Soldiers Civil Reestadlishment, according to an intimadation received at Kamloops.

The big Indian reserve opposite Kamloops, which contains many acres of the finest bench lands, is also to be taken over by the Dominion Goverment and utilized as the centre for a great soldier colonization scheme.

Official word on the Indian reserve question has been received by F. J. Fulton, M. P., who with H. H. Stevens, M. P. of Vancouver and a number of prominent men of Kamloops have been abvocating this scheme for many months.

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CITY OF ENDERBY

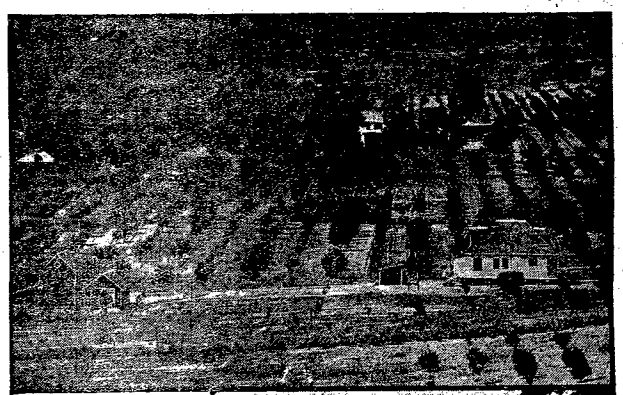
Revision of Voters' List, Year 1920

NOTICE is hereby given that the first sitting of the Court of Revision will be held at the City Hall, Enderby, on Wednesday, the 10th day of December, 1919, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of revising and correcting the Voters' List of the City of Enderby and of the extra-municipal portion of the School District of Enderby, and hearing and determining any application which may then be made to the said Court to strike out the name of any person improperly placed thereon, or to place on such list the name of any person improperly omitted therefrom.

Dated at the City Hall, Enderby, this 13th day of November, 1919.

GRAHAM ROSOMAN,
City Clerk.

The Romance of the Okanagan



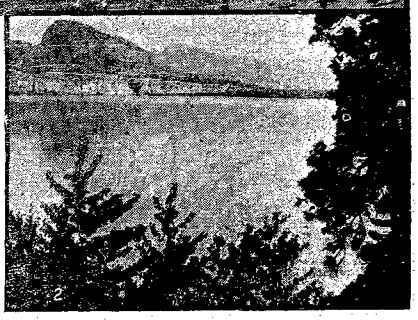
"The Cecil Rhodes of the Okanagan" has been the title given Mr. J. M. Robinson of Naramata, Okanagan Valley, B. C.

It is due to his energy and vision that the valley is now covered with smiling orchards and is one of the assets of the Dominion.

From his newspaper office in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, in 1894, Mr. Robinson observed a family of eight, with their savings of ten *thousand dollars*, leaving for California. That they were seeking a milder climate led him to remark that it was to be regretted that Canada should lose such citizens and that there was not a Canadian California.

Two years later Mr. Robinson and his party went to Rossland, at the time of the mining-boom and formed a prospecting party who went into the Okanagan valley and located claims near Peachland and established Camp Hewitt. The hills refused to uncover their store house of metals. With courage they faced the conviction that their hopes were blighted. However, if the hills of Peachland revealed that the greatest wealth lay in the surface soil which, when cultivated and planted, produced fruit and vegetables, unsurpassed.

At the ranch of Mr. Lambly, gold commissioner, Mr. Robinson was given peaches and was amazed to learn that they had been grown on the ranch. He at once realized that he had found that for which he had been searching, the Canadian California. Boundless possibilities lay in the great reaches of upland, covered with scattered pines and sage brush. A tract purchased on the beach was called Peachland, the name carrying the advertisement with it. Eastern people then inquired if "Peaches grew in Peachland", so there truly was much in a name. To have one hundred families occupying the land that one family overspread; to see the barren parched hills the homes of thousands of Easterners was the dream of the "Father of the Okanagan." Promoting this colonization scheme, a car of settlers was brought from Manitoba in 1908, a preacher and a teacher included, as there were twenty-one children in the party. The Peachland townsite company was formed and the land was divided into small holdings of ten acres. An irrigation system was installed, the water being brought from the mountain streams flowing into the lake and, with assured irrigation, the land sold at nominal cost. Orchards were planted and homes erected. It was all an experiment as irrigation was a new thing in Canada. A school was built, a store was opened, a union church was established. The first service was held on the veranda of Mr. Robinson's home and this union church continued for some years. The late Mr. J. B. Somerset, former business manager of the "Winnipeg Free Press" joined the colony and attended the fruit farm part of the enterprise. It required five years for the trees to come into full bearing and during that time there were many cries of "fake" but the staunch-hearted men continued their transformation plans. Over twenty miles of good roads were constructed and gave access to every tract. Electric and domestic water systems were installed. In due time, one hundred thousand fruit trees were bearing and the land and valleys back of the lake were planted to the very mountains, so the slopes were freed of their burden of pine trees. Woodlands gave place to orchards of apples, pears, peaches, apricots, plums and cherries.



(1) Fruit Orchards, Summerland, B.C.
(2) View of the Okanagan Lake, Penticton, B.C.

This was one of the first small fruit farm enterprise in Canada where the irrigation system was installed by the company. The early days of development had to break down a prejudice against irrigation and when once a grower has learned to be his own rain-maker, he prefers the certainty of that to any other method.

Having found Peachland, Mr. Robinson determined to exploit a new district and to the south of his last enterprise, purchased ten thousand acres in 1905. No title could be more fitting than Summerland, applied to the new district which is the sunny centre of the Okanagan.

Summerland has an unusually picturesque environment. In the centre of the district rises the peak known as Giants Head.

The last venture in pioneering was at Naramata on the opposite shore of the lake. Over the hills that were parched and gray, vine-covered homes and polific orchards now greet the eye. From the Lake front, at night, the twinkling lights of homes shine far and clear and a vision has become a splendid reality. Mr. Robinson, the benefactor, to whom both the Okanagan and the Dominion owe much, rests content.

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A man who works eight hours a day twice a day.

A man who has every element of nature to combat every day in the year.

A man who is a biologist, an economist and a lot more ists.

Who gives more and asks less than any other human being.

Who takes unto himself for his own sustenance and that of his family, those of his products that other people will not utilize.

Who is caricatured on the stage and in the daily papers but who can come nearer taking hold of any business and making it go than any other American alive and in captivity.

That's what a farmer is.—The Drover's Telegram.

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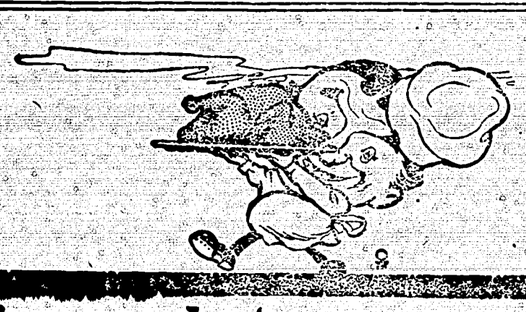

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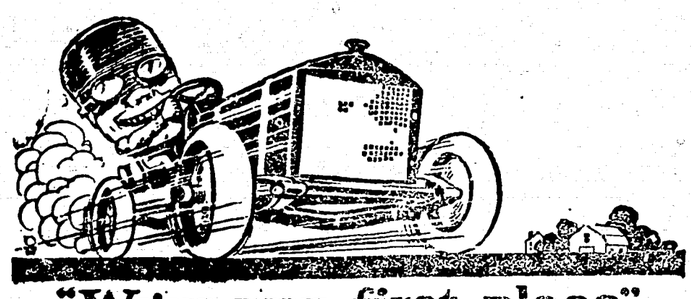

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LACK OF APPRECIATION

Simple Story of an Evil Which is All Too Prevalent in Every Community Where Private Interest is Put Above Public Interest.

The story of the tribulations of one local band is the story of the trials of every local band. All towns have had them. In the Armstrong Advertiser a letter appears which is being reproduced below. Not because of its bearing upon the Armstrong band, but because it is one of the best letters we ever have seen telling the story that might be told of every town band—our own included—and applying also to other public institutions of a local nature. It is a story that is not pleasing to hear, but one that is not told often enough. The story will be of particular interest to Enderby readers because for a great many years Armstrong's band has shared with us the pleasures of our Empire Day celebrations and on each occasion contributed to the success of the celebration. Here is the story. It is reproduced because it might have some local bearing if we read it carefully enough:

Dear Editor: In one of your papers of recent date was a letter of enquiry re. the Armstrong Band. Kindly grant us space in which to answer.

For many years past Armstrong has had a band—not a gathering of professionals, but an organization that always tried to do its best and struggled on through difficulties which some of our good citizens have overlooked.

To mention the efforts of a few would be unfair, but we think all worthy members would willingly have the names of some leaders, who have inconvenienced themselves in order to help out, mentioned. For their efforts during the troublesome time we might mention the work of Mr. Patrick and Mr. Sawyer. When the war started about 15 members enlisted. Fifteen boys were trained, absolutely gratis on the instruments that were left unemployed. They did not become wonders, but all did their very best, and showed rapid improvement.

During the war the calls upon their services came often—very often. No charge was made for any patriotic engagement. And, further, Armstrong was the only known town in the Interior that could boast of a band during war time.

To keep up the work, the members, or some of them, "dug down" in their pockets to buy music, to have instruments repaired, to buy music stands, and even to buy instruments and pay the rent of a practice hall.

All members have, at some time, passed up pleasures, work or business in order to attend the practices. Others from the country have come in through mud, snow, rain, darkness or bitter cold in order to help out.

On some occasions the boys have got a dirty deal, little support, less appreciation, and sometimes no thanks. Examples:

The town has in the past paid as high as $125 and $150 to get in outside bands for the Dominion Day Celebrations. The local band has been talked down to $40 for the same day's work.

None of the players expect to have all their music appreciated by all the people, and all players are pleased to hear any just, kind and helpful criticism. On the other hand, they expect at least a little appreciation of their efforts and feel offended if criticised unjustly.

One criticism used to be, "Why doesn't the band get some new music?" etc. The members on one occasion thought they would give the citizens a surprise. In making out a program for one summer evening they were very careful to select a number of pieces that had not been played nor heard by them. All pieces were just newly published. After all had been played a citizen remarked, "Well the band sounded fine to-night, but why in the deuce don't you fellows get some new music?"

Perhaps this critic thought his remark justifiable, because the members ended their program with the old familiar anthem, "God Save the King."

On other occasions all performers, except the bandsmen, were thanked, and the band as a whole was looked upon as something that had come to fulfill a duty.

The organization kept going till July 1st of this year and made its last appearance on that day. Many former members stood around and listeaed because there were not enough instruments to go roun'. Some of the players on leading instruments were overworked; the members felt the need of new music, which, by the way, costs from 50c to $3 per piece, and a few new instruments to supply to those members who were crowded out. The cost of these instruments would amount to $700, and would have built the membership up to about 30. The members saw little hope of getting what they wanted. The city could only give enough money to barely pay the rent of a practice room.

Several members, after a hard day's work on July 1st, said, "There I'm through till conditions alter." From that time no practices have been held nor will be held till the town gives better support, or finds different players to take their places.

In closing we might say that the members were not paid for services as any money went towards expenses; that they had granted their services all during the war and sometimes at the Fall Fairs, and that they have always been grateful for, and been stimulated to further efforts, by those citizens who have showed appreciation of the efforts of the organization.

Thanking you, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

A Few Former Members.

Winter Automobile Roads

There are probably 200 automobiles in use in the vicinity of Armstrong and Enderby, and the number is rapidly increasing. Winter automobile roads are already a vital necessity, and sooner or later they must come. Why not now?

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