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MUNICIPAL REVENUES

Provincial Government Strongly Urged to Enlarge Scope of Taxation Allowed Municipalities to Enable them to Carry On on More Equitable Basis.

Considerable discussion has been created by the resolutions put before the Provincial tax commission by the cities and towns of the Okanagan, which were referred to briefly in these columns last week.

The full text of the resolutions is given below:

Motor Tax—"That, as motor traffic is increasingly a cause of heavier charges for building and maintaining roads within the municipalities, we are of the opinion that the Provincial Government should apportion to the municipalities a substantial percentage of the revenue derived from motor licenses."

Gasoline Tax—"That the Provincial Government be requested to pass legislation authorizing the municipalities to assess retail dealers a tax of two cents per gallon on all gasoline sold for motor traffic purposes, such revenue to be used for general municipal purposes; the Provincial Government to protect retailers within municipal limits by imposing a similar tax on gasoline retailed in unorganized districts for provincial purposes."

Personal Tax—"That as an additional source of municipal revenue the Provincial Government be strongly urged to allot to municipalities a reasonable proportion of personal property tax collected in such municipalities."

Amusement Tax—"That as an additional source of municipal revenue, the Provincial Government be strongly urged to allot to municipalities at least 50 per cent of the revenue derived from the amusement tax in their respective municipalities."

Public Schools — "Whereas it cannot be successfully contended that the education given in our schools, and the general work of maintenance carried on by municipalities are purely for the benefit of the people residing within their own boundaries, such services being in reality for the general benefit of Canada;

"And whereas the financial position of the municipalities is becoming increasingly difficult and critical, by reason of larger questions being brought into issue on account of reconstruction and other after-war problems;

"And whereas increased standards of education call for larger expenditures in salaries of teachers and in buildings and equipment, thereby creating a serious difficulty in finding from present municipal sources the required revenue, and it is essential, if the municipalities are to carry on their work, that such assistance be given by Provincial Government;

"And whereas education is one of the highest interests of the state, and the maintenance thereof, in the last resort, a matter also of vital national importance and that the standard should in no wise be lowered;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Provincial Government be urged to the limit to assume, by reason of the matters recited herein, the full cost of education in all municipalities."

It has been claimed that these recommendations are the most radical that have been submitted to the commission, and it cannot be denied that the suggestions are a bit out of the ordinary—particularly the suggestion relating to the the Dominion Government taking over the maintenance of the schools. The question is a big one and involves others, each of which would have to be disposed of equitably before tackling the other. The basic thought back of the suggestion is sound—that education is, primarily, a matter for the State, and if the standard of education and educational requirements become too expensive for the small communities to handle without putting a crimp in other administrative departments, then it becomes a matter for the State to take over. To put upon property too heavy a load means that men will not hold property if the holding of it is more costly than it is worth.

The following memorandum regarding municipal finances was submitted to the convention of representatives of Okanagan municipalities at which the resolutions above quoted were framed. The figures apply to Enderby, but have a general bearing upon conditions existing in other municipalities. From this memorandum many points were picked by the delegates and incorporated in the resolutions placed before the tax commission:

"The City of Enderby which was incorporated 15 years ago, covers an area of 655 acres, of which but little more than one-half is in use for townsite purposes, the remainder being bush or farm land.

The total bonded debt is $90,000; deducting property-owners' share of local improvements, $9,250, and revenue-producing (water-works) bonds, $22,500, there remains $58,250 of non-productive debt. Of this amount, $27,500 consists of school debentures. The balance of $30,750 is made up as follows: City Hall, site and building, $5,000; road-making machinery, $5,500; trunk drains, $9,000; cemetery, $2,000; city's share of local improvements, $9,250.

The annual charge for sinking fund and interest on bonded indebtedness is $7,525; or, less portion applicable to waterworks and property-owners' share in respect of local improvements, $5,018.

Of the total expenditure for the year 1918, given in returns made to the Minister of Finance, amounting to $18,232, plus amounts mentioned in postcript to same, or, in all, $21,124, the sum of $10,010, or nearly one-half, was expended on the schools; and the corresponding is $11,340.

"The total taxable value of the town, taking improvements at 50 per cent of assessed value, is $555,200, and that of the extra-municipal portion of the school district, $129,351; and the tax rate is 31 mills, made up as follows: debt, 11 mills; schools, 12 mills, and general, 8 mills. The extra-municipal rate is 8 mills.

"Real property is now bearing, with a high assessed value and a rate of 31 mills, a very heavy burden, and it is imperatively necessary that some additional source of revenue be provided. It would appear only equitable, and in the general interest of the people of British Columbia, that the same sources of revenue as are enjoyed by municipalities in other Provinces should be given to those in this Province so that the burden of realty may be lessened, and the people at large encouraged to own the houses they live in and erect business premises, etc., thus acquiring a stake in the country. This would help to allay unrest and stabilize conditions.

"Further, the amount of the present school grant was fixed at a time when salaries of teachers and other school maintenance expenses averaged much lower than at present, and the time is evidently ripe for readjustment. It is hereby submitted that, instead of the system of a fixed grant, the expenses of school maintenance should be borne by the Government or be divided between the Government and the municipalities.

"The statement that the Government seeds all its present revenues itself, and cannot afford to hand any of them over to the municipalities, is noted and well understood. But the recognition of this fact does not dispose of the question nor in any way alleviate the condition of the municipalities, which are a part of the administrative system of the country, and, in the country's interest, cannot be allowed to default, but *must* be put in a position in which it is possible for them to carry on.

"It cannot for an instant be contended that the education given in our schools, and the general work or maintenance and administration carried on by the municipalities are purely for the benefit of the people residing within their own boundaries; they are for the general benefit of Canada; and if the Provincial Government, whose delegated authority it is that is exercised by the municipalities, has not the necessary resources to assist and sustain them, it is a clear case for an increased Dominion subsidy, or general re-arrangement of Dominion and Provincial relations.

"Apart from the mere legislative apportioning of duties between the respective governments, education is one of the highest interests of the State; and the maintenance of local administration is, in the last resort, of vital national importance. If, therefore, the Provincial Government does not see its way to grant the municipalities additional and adequate sources of revenue, it is hereby suggested that the Dominion Government be approached and the gravity of the present situation laid before them, with a view to speedy action for its relief.

"R. J. COLTART,
"Chairman of Finance Committee"

MARA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Cadden returned home on Saturday after a month's absence at Armstrong.

Miss Mutrie went to Vernon on Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Bell, M.P.P., stopped off at Mara on Monday for a day or two, visiting his brother, Jim.

F. Riches has moved to his new property, the Groves house, near the bridge.

Miss Swan met with an unfortunate accident a few days ago on the ice near the bridge. She was just starting to skate when she slipped and fell on her left arm, fracturing her wrist.

The dance last Friday was a very successful affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Messrs. Rupert Davy, H. Blurton, and Wm. Owen took in the Farmers' meeting at Grindrod on Monday and report the farmers are unanimous in favor of the United Farmers' party, and they made arrasgements for one of the officials to visit Mara Thursday evening, Dec. 11th, for the purpose of organizing a local here.

The cold spell seems to be having a joy ride. Some of the ranchers report 20 below.

The kiddies are giving the final touches to their concert to be held on Friday and promise all who attend a good time.

GRINDROD ITEMS

The machinery for the Tomkinson Saw Mill arrived here last week and is now nearly in position to start cutting. We understand the saws will be started at once on cutting timber for the bridge at Enderby, Mr. Bossley and Mr. Tomkinson handling the contract between them.

Mr. G. H. Wells was in Armstrong this week visiting relatives.

Mr. Fordyce, of Sicamous, was in Grindrod on business this week.

Quite a number of people motored to Mara Friday night to the dance, and all report a very enjoyable time.

Don't forget the Grindrod Xmas Tree on the 19th of December. A good concert.

Work is going on rapidly on the Grindrod Church and great progress has been made.

DEEP CREEK NEWS

The Deep Creek Christmas Tree will be held on the 18th of December.

Mrs. Sam Gorle and Mrs. G. Tabriski are visiting their mother, Mrs. Smiley. Mrs. Gorle expects to stay several months.

Capt. and Mrs. Scott and children moved to their new home at South Canoe, last week, from Three Pine ranch.

Mrs. Reginald Hadow left for England on Tuesday, where she expects to spend several months.

Mrs. Gifford and infant son returned from Salmon Arm this week where she was visiting Mrs. Ehlers.

Vivian Martin, one of the most popular of all film stars, will be seen at the Enderby Theatre on Friday, Dec. 12th, in "The Home Town Girl." This is the story of how a girl's love enables her to rescue her lover from disgrace and start him on the road to success.

ENDERBY BRIEFS

The duck season closes in this district on December 20th.

The deer season closes in this district on the 15th inst.

The Popular Variety store is Enderby's Toyland this month.

Mrs. R. Hadow left on Tuesday on a visit to the Old Country.

A fine line of Christmas stationery is being displayed by A. Reeves.

Mrs. W. E. Banton of Vancouver visited Mrs. A. L. Fortune last week

The North Okanagan Poultry Show is being held at Armstrong today.

Mrs. A. C. Skaling is visiting the Coast, to remain until after the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Byrnes are leaving today for an extended trip to Buffalo and Eastern points.

Ten below zero was Enderby's coldest Tuesday morning. Tuesday night 15 below was recorded.

Mr. Geo. Andrews spent the end of the week with his family here, returning to Kelowna on Monday.

Enderby merchants are putting a touch of the old-time spirit into their Christmas windows this year.

See W. J. Woods, Enderby, if you are open to cut cordwood this winter. Will contract for 500 or 600 cords. 1t

The thermometer registered 13 below at Armstrong Tuesday morning and 20 below Wednesday morning.

Mr. Guy L. Williams was in town this week from the Coast looking up old friends and closing up some business.

The Brownie Tea Rooms have been leased for a priod of three years by Dip, the Chinese chef, who is preparing to open a restaurant.

Provincial Constable Johnson informs the Commoner that license number plates for 1920 are now on hand to cheer the hearts of auto owners.

This week for ordering your Private Greeting Cards—nothing more acceptable to friends at a distance. Order them at the Walker Press.

Mr. Rands, of Mabel Lake Valley, returned this week from a visit to his daughter's home, Bremerton, Wash. Mr. Rands states that his son, Mr. Howard Mann, has greatly improved in health since his visit to Enderby some few months ago. He is now healthy, hearty, fat and prosperous.

A meeting of the farmers of the district of Enderby and Mabel Lake will be held in the Drill Hall Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of hearing Mr. Humphrey, organizer for the United Farmers of B.C. and deciding what action shall be taken in the proposed linking up of the Valley.

A severe cold wave struck all parts of Canada this week. At Winnipeg Tuesday morning, it was 32 below and the thermometer registered from 18 to 30 below at all points in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In British Columbia it was not so cold, the mercury falling to 10 to 15 below.

Those who saw the fight in "Once to Ever Man," at the Enderby Theatre last Friday, will appreciate Charlie Chaplin's efforts in "The Champion." This film will be run Friday, Dec. 12th, furnishing the comedy for the week's booking. "The Champion" is one of the most popular and comic of all this great star's comedies.

Work on the Enderby bridge will start in a week or two. The contract for the timbers and planking has been let to Mr. F. J. Bossley, who has undertaken to deliver one hundred thousand feet. A temporary bridge will be erected first to accommodate traffic while the permanent structure is being built. Mr. R. Moncrieff, an experienced bridge builder from the Coast, has the contract.

The game regulations of 1919 do not provide any open season for beaver, and it is therefore unlawful for any person to have in his possession any part of a beaver or any beaver pelts, without the permission in writing of the Provincial game warden. Any person who believes he is rightfully in possession of any undressed beaver pelt should furnish particulars to the Provincial game warden and apply to him for a permit to legally retain possession of the same.

Work on the open-air rink has been pushed night and day this week, with the result that the rink should be ready for the formal opening by Saturday night.

Grand preparations are underway by scholars and teachers in an effort to make the concert to be given in the Assembly Hall of the school next Thursday evening, the 18th, an event long to be remembered.

Rev. Jno. Pringle, pioneer of the Yukon, and three years a chaplin with the soldiers overseas, will address a public meeting in the Enderby Presbyterian Church this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2.30. All are cordially invited.

A "Service First" calendar was received from the Okanagan Telephone Company this week, of magnificent proportions and inspiring motto. The company has also issued a beauty for the home phone users. "The Eloquence of Beauty."

At the meeting of the Enderby Curling Club last Thursday evening it was decided to make the fee $6 for the season. This week two sheets of ice have been made, and will be marked ready for the first stane doon the ice Thursday afternoon. The outlook is good for six or eight rinks for the schedule games four nights a week with Thursday afternoon and evening open for visiting teams.

A reader of the Commoner writes as follows: "I was pleased to read your remarks relating to the necessary support which should be given the Enderby orchestra and members of the Opera House Committee, who are giving such good picture shows, often to very small audiences. Did you ever stop to enquire why so many stay away from the shows these winter nights when the program is so good? I think if more attention was paid to keeping the theatre warm and comfortable there would be less cause to complain of poor attendance."

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. This should be attended to without delay, as the City assessment for year 1920 is now being made. 2

ENDERBY SCHOOL NOTES

No reports of the children's standing for the month of November will be given out owing to the fact that the Christmas vacation is so near when the standing for the term will be forthcoming.

The continued increase in attendance, especially in the lower grades of the school is significant. It means that Enderby is coming back to her own; that this splendid agricultural district is attracting families, who mean to settle here permanently. It means, also, that increased educational facilities must be provided in the near future. The conditions of life today demand a more thorough and higher type of education than prevailed in a rural or semi-rural district formerly. Every man with a family rightly insists that his children shall have all the advantages in this respect that the State can furnish.

Under the direction of Miss Beattie and her staff a great school concert is to be held in the Assembly Hall at 7.30 p.m. sharp, Thursday, Dec. 18th. The public, parents and friends are most cordially invited. No admission fee will be charged. Come and encourage the children in this worthy effort in education—the art of interpretative expression.

Work is underway on the ice for curling and for skating in the Armstrong rinks, and it is hoped that playing will be possible under both heads by the week-end.

UNITED FARMERS OF B. C.

Enthusiastic Organization Meetings Held at Several Points in the District this Week—Farmers Eager to Join.

Apparently the success of the United Farmers of Ontario in the last election has inspired their brother farmers throughout Canada to take up the fight and "carry on."

In the past few days Mr. Copeland, president of the United Farmers of B. C., with Mr. Brown of Vernon, and Mr. Humphreys, of Malakwa, have visited this part of the Okanagan and are planning to link up every part of the district under the United Farmers' banner.

At Grindrod, Mr. Humphrey was first called upon to face the 50 or 75 farmers gathered in the hall.

Mr. Humphrey explained why he considered his brother farmers should enroll their names under the United Farmers banner. Argument was not necessary, he contended, to convince anyone of the advantage of having one organization and that this should be free from the paternal wing of the Government if farmers ever expect to place their industry in its rightful position. He explained that he and all others who are working or have worked to get the United Farmers well started in the Province, have done so at their own expense and for the good of the cause. It was the ambition of the officers of the organization to establish a branch wherever farmers centered. As few as ten members is enough to have a local established in their immediate locality. It is customary for each local to hold weekly meetings, at which all matters affecting the farming industry may be considered by the members, with local and social affairs not overlooked.

Mr. Brown, of Vernon, a pioneer in the betterment movement for the farming industry, briefly addressed the audience, pointing to some of the educational features required by the people generally, particularly with regard to the banking laws of Canada.

Following Mr. Brown, President Copeland talked straight from the shoulder to his farmer friends. He contrasted the condition of the farming industry in Ontario today with what it used to be—politically as well as commercially and industrially. What the farmers of Ontario have done, the farmers of B. C. may do—provided they get together and hold together and develop as men in other lines of endeavor have developed. He pointed to the vast number of votes cast in the Ontario elections for U. F. candidates as compared to the actual number of farmer members of the organization, and drew from this the lesson that the movement was not a class movement, but a movement of the whole people. And he cautioned the farmers of B. C. on the evil of looking upon the movement here as anything else than a movement of the people—former members of both old parties breaking away from party and seeking to better the conditions of State by eliminating the politician and putting up men known to be honest and sincere.

When the speaking was ended questions were asked. An amusing incident came up when Mr. Copeland complained of the wheat rate set by the wheat board, making the upshot price to the B. C. farmer 4½c lower than the price paid at Fort William. According to the official figures of the wheat board, the price paid for B. C. wheat at Vancouver should be $2.10½. Two farmers spoke up and innocently said they had received as high as $2.22 or $2.25 at Vancouver.

There was little delay in organizing. Before Mr. Copeland could take his seat a motion to organise forthwith carried unanimously.

Mr. Wm. Monk was chosen president; A. D. Stroulger, vice-president; Jno. Monk, secretary; directors, Thos. Skyrme, Sam Halksworth, Geo. Wells and Jas. Emeny.

Farmers were present from Mara, and Deep Creek, and it was arranged for Mr. Humphrey to go to these points this week. Hullcar was organized Tuesday night. Deep Creek Wednesday night. Mara is to be organized Thursday afternoon and Enderby Friday afternoon. Mr. Copeland will attend the meeting at Enderby.

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ENTHUSIASTIC FOR AMALGAMATION

If the farmers' meeting at Grindrod on Monday afternoon is a sample of other farmers' meetings which are being held throughout the Province, then all we can say is that the farmers of B. C. have been doing a heap of thinking in recent years and are now prepared to make good use of that thinking. If other localities are being enrolled as enthusiastically as that of Grindrod, the United Farmers' movement will have come to stay and must be reckoned with. Farmers as a class are not quick to make a change. They do not alter their opinions readily. But when shown that they have been working on the wrong tack, and a better course is mapped out to them they are not slow to change their sails and head for the harbor of their ambition. Many have been members of the Farmers' Institute a number of years. They have recognized the limited scope of its usefulness but failed to see anything better in other or further organizations. Many were prone to hold on to the apron strings of government aid. It is not easy to give up spoon feeding.

But when the advantages of having one big United Farmers' organization were pointed out, and the larger field of usefulness and development shown to them, they were convinced that more and better work could be accomplished by them by throwing in their lot with their brother farmers of the other provnces of the dominion. And they did it enthusiastically.

We are informed by Mr. Copeland and Mr. Humphrey, who are doing the organizing, that the same responsive hearing is given them in every part of the Province. It is apparent from this that conditions are ripe for united action, and that no longer do the farmers intend to be divided by petty differences that make for failure and defeat of their efforts. They are not organizing for united political action unless united political action becomes necessary, but they can see no reason why they as farmers have not the same right to unite in political action as the manufacturers, the financiers, or other industrial bodies.

Canada has undoubtedly the best banking system in the world—for the banks. The Dominion Government is privileged to issue a certain amount of $1 and $2 bills. The $5 and $10 bills and bills of a higher denomination are issued by whom? Next time you get one of these bills look into its face and see if you can recognize its parent. When a $1 or $2 bill is destroyed, say by fire or otherwise, you lose, but who gains? When a $5 or $10 bill is likewise lost you likewise lose, but who likewise gains?

FARMERS IN DEAD EARNEST

A short time ago Mr. W. J. Bowser, in an address in Vancouver, denounced the farmers' participation in politics. He referred more particularly to the success of the United Farmers in Ontario. Said it was a class party movement, and declared it to be detrimental to the best interests of the Dominion that such a movement should be encouraged. Mr. Bowser never made a greater mistake. If one will study the figures giving the results of the Ontario elections, and compare the number of votes cast with the total membership of the United Farmers' organizations of that province he will see that while the United Farmers number only some 40,000, the votes cast for the Farmer candidates numbered five times that amount. Where did the extra votes come from? Not from farmers. Then where? Did they not come from the people of the working class? Surely our politicians are not so blind as to attempt to stem the tide of popular resentment against the political system which has held Canada bound for so many years by denouncing a movement so general. Next thing we may expect is some leader carried away with the idea that his word is law advancing the pin-head idea that this Farmers' movement is of Bolshevik origin and therefore unconstitutional Anything these leaders cannot answer or combat they brand red Bolshevism. But the sober-headed Canadian is beginning to size these men up. One day they will have to face the people. They will then learn the lesson that was taught in the Ontario elections.

The Farmers' movement is spreading. To denounce it is to play the fool. To stop it is impossible. The movement is more than a Farmers' movement. It is the people's movement—a movement politicians do not understand and will not until they can view it from a changed perspective.

The Farmers' party may not have come to stay. But just now it is Canada's only salvation. Party politics has run riot in Canada until thinking Canadians have grown sick of it. Then came Unionist government—a mutual admiration society made up of both old party politcians, in which they pooled their weaknesses. In spite of the persistent demand of the country, voiced in many ways, these politicians persist in declaring that they must be continued in power indefinitely. The Farmers' movement is a movement demanded by the times. It will put an end to what is known as lawyer parliaments, Union governments, manufacturers' legislation, and financial trusts.

When its work is done it will probably move out of the way for something better. Hard as it may be for old party men to swallow the medicine they must take it. There is only one way to cleanse Canada's Augean stables and that is by the people's movement, known as the United Farmers.

BOYCOTT THE PROFITEER

There is one simple but effective remedy for high prices which people seem to have forgotten. The women of New York have adopted it. They have combined solidly and are refusing to pay the prices asked for sugar, eggs and coffee. It is a well-recognized principle of business that when the prices run too high for any article the demand for the article will drop off until the price is back to where it should be. In our mad demand for all the luxuries of life, and because of the spirit of the age, we pay double the price we should for things we very easily could get along without. Knowing the weakness of human nature, and the common disinclination of the man animal to do without, advantage is taken of the conditions of the times to get excess profits on articles sold. There are many articles which are commonly accepted as necessaries which are not. There are many of these "necessaries" which people could get along without—and be the better for it. The trouble is, we have "acquired the habit" and do not want to break ourselves into making a change—or adapting ourselves to changed circumstances. We talk glibly about the high cost of living, and, if we continue to demand the luxuries of an overfed age, we must expect to pay the price, for prices will continue to be high. But if we restrict our requirements, and refuse to pay the profiteer his price, he will soon quit his profiteering and conditions will become normal.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION IN 1920

In his address at Enderby on Saturday night, Premier Oliver playfully said he may know, but he wouldn't tell, when the next Provincial election is going to be. He and his party have two clear years before them yet, he said, and he left the impression, though he did not say so, that he would not go to the people until his term of office has expired. Premier Oliver said he and his cabinet ministers had been so busy doing things that they found little time to talk politics. He inferred that it would take some time for the full working out of some of the reform measures he had inaugurated and they would see to it that the people had a good understanding of these beneficial acts of legislation before he would go to them for their endorsation and another term of office.

Premier Oliver may be taken seriously on this point or he may not. One thing is certain, he and his ministers are not travelling over the Province as they are to tell this to the people. He and his ministers are getting in touch with conditions in the Province, and are doing as other political leaders before them have done—feeling the political pulse. Just now the political pulse feels quite normal. What it will be a year from now, or two years from now, may be quite another story. If a period of depression, of hard-times, of failure in business, is to follow the present period of superficial prosperity the country is enjoying, it will come in the winter of 1920 or early in 1921. The politician that can look ahead will "get in ahead of the slump." Premier Oliver is not a political novice. He knows when to jump. And if we can go by the signs of the times, he will conclude to appeal to the people in the fall of 1920. By that time he will have demonstrated the better part of his policy and the workability of his legislation. What he cannot show by the fall of 1920 he will not be able to bring out in 1921 for conditions will be less favorable. It is a safe wager, therefore, that the next Provincial election will be held in 1920.

HIGH COST OF LOAFING

Under this caption an editorial in Leslie's says "if the world does not awaken and reconcile its differences and speed up industry our problem will be not the high cost of living, but of loafing.' And in this connection the London Spectator points out that Europe is in real danger of falling into the condition to which she was brought in the ninth century with plague, famine and demoralization following in horrible succession until civilizaton breaks down altogether. "What," asks the Spectator, "is the cause of the danger that surround us? The lack of production. Europe is not at work. It seems to have forgotten the way to work. Industral lethargy is apparent everywhere. Production, production, and again Production. This is the need of the hour.

"If you want food and clothes and houses, and all the other apparatus not merely of our civilization, but of existence, for a vast population, you must work to produce them. If you do not work and do not produce, there is nothing for it but famine, disease and death. Work is the only remedy, or rather, work and the avoidance of every form of economic waste."

The condition of Canada is not so acute as that of Europe, and the condition of productive localities such as our section of the Okanagan is not so acute as that of the larger, more thickly-populated centres, yet the duty of every individual is the same. "Work or starve," is going to be the slogan of the next decade. The man or woman with nothing to do will be a disgrace to society in every community.

FRASER VALLEY CANYON

According to a prominent government official the Fraser Valley canyon will be the route for the first trans-provincial highway. It is understood that the engineers who have conducted the survey work carried on through the Fraser Canyon and over the Hope-Princeton route, will report definitely in favor of the more northern route. To build a highway over the proposed route between Hope and Princeton would necessitate the crossing of three summits while on the Fraser route the greatest elevation between Okanagan and the Coast will be at Summit Lake, in the Grand Prairie district on the woy to Kamloops. Another factor in the selection of the Fraser route is that it would serve a larger portion of the Province as highways branch both north and south into all the interior country. It is said that this route does not present the engineering difficulties that would be met in building over the Hope Mountains. Along the Fraser River Canyon, about 25 miles of the old Cariboo trail will be rebuilt for the motor highway. It is reported that work will start on the building of this road early in the New Year.

What Shall I Give?

Is not a perplexing problem here, when you see our elaborate displays of Holiday Goods, Counters and Show Cases in department after department piled high with seasonable merchandise suitable for Christmas Presents.

The store of a million gifts

Twelve Hundred alone in our Display Windows

We invite you to visit our store, which is now at its Christmas best. Its helpful practical activities breathe the atmosphere of good cheer. All our departments aglow with the spirit of Christmas.

GIFT HINTS

A Present for HER

Boxed Handkerchiefs, up from 75c
Fancy Handkerchiefs, up from 20c
Silk Camisoles $1.75
Boudoir caps 95c
Georgette Waists, up from $7.50
Kid Gloves, up from $2.25
Silk Waist Lengths, up from $5.50

Gifts that Men Like

Linen Handkerchiefs, each 50c
Cambric Handkerchiefs, each .. 25c
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, ... 1.25
Silk Hose in Tan, Black White, Champagne and Slate, pair $1.75
Suspenders, boxed, pair 1.00
Garters and Armbands ..... .75
Dressing Gowns 14.00

TOYTOWN

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS WITH TOYS DOLLS GAMES AND an immense variety of pleasing and inexpensive novelties for Santa Claus' Gift Bundle

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PROFITEERING IN CEREALS

Today farmers in the Okanagan are buying wheat and feeding it to their hogs because they have to pay very little more for wheat than they do for shorts—which are fully one-half husks from oats and other grain. This brings to mind the example of profiteering told by Mr. L. R. Greene, marketing expert at Notre Dame University. According to Mr. Greene, a farmer in the Northwest drove to a flour mill with a ton of wheat. After unloading it he drove to another door of the same mill and bought a ton of bran, the husks of the wheat. He paid nearly $10 more for the bran than he got for the wheat. Mr. Greene recites other instances of profiteering. For instance, sweet corn that costs the canners about 3 cents a can is sold to the consumer at 20 to 40 cents a can, according to the canning. The farmer gets $18 for a ton of corn that retails for $119 to $238 dollars. "The storage system," said he, "has degenerated from a fine plan to give the people summer foods all the year round to one by which the prices of fresh and seasonable foods are high to consumers in season and almost prohibitive out of season. The storage system as now handled, is an actual menace to the people."

Cold Weather Clothing for Men and Boys

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☞Skates for Boys and Girls,
☞Get a real present for mother or sister—a new WHITE ROTARY Sewing Machine at the reduced price of SIXTY DOLLARS.
☞Linoleum $1.65 per square yd.
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☞Flash Lights,
☞You will find thousands of articles that make the ideal present at this season.

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☞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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The Prince with Vice-President Marshall and party stand at Attention while the band plays "God Save the King."

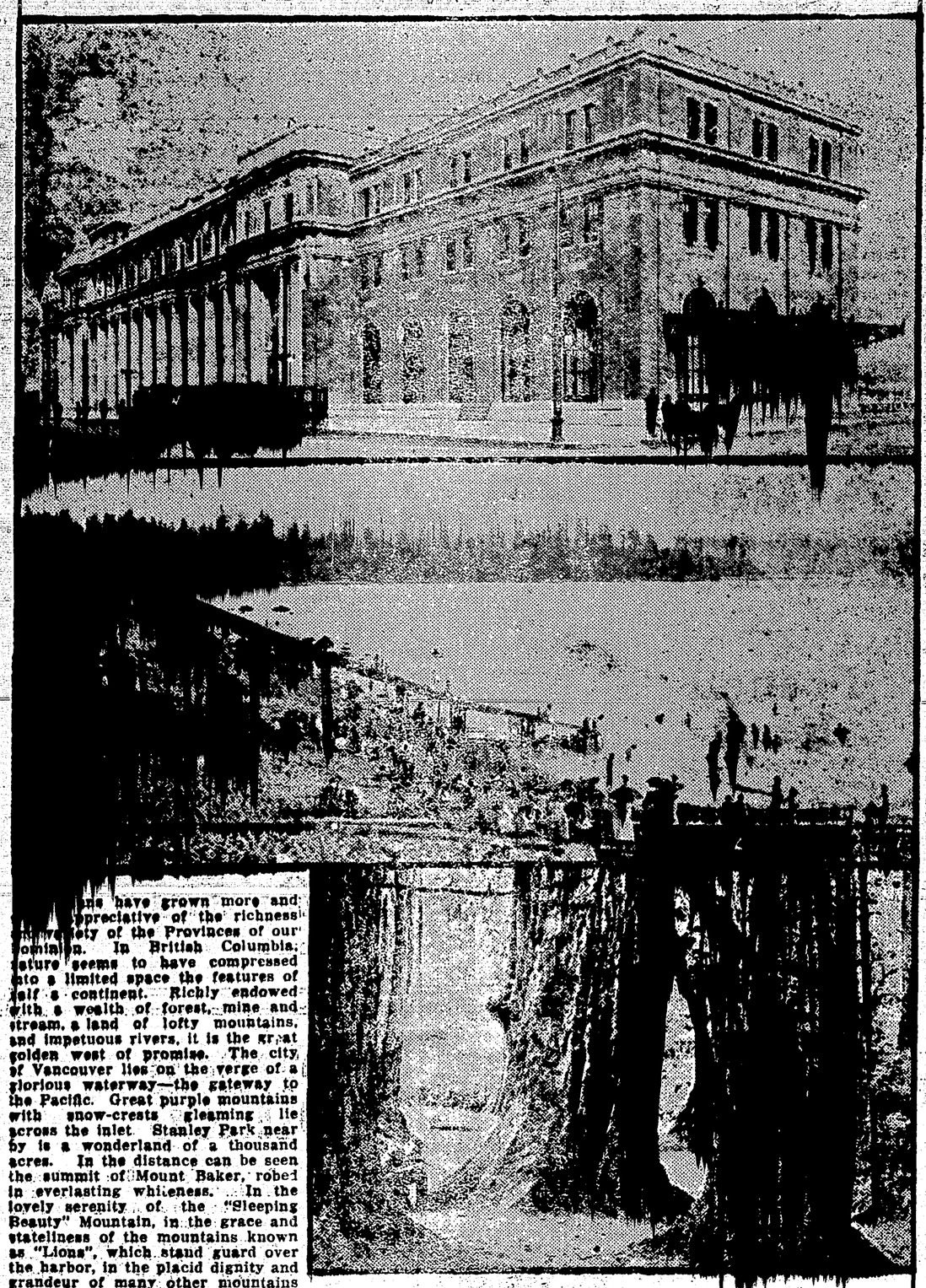
TREATING YOUR HOME PAPER FAIRLY

"I will be glad when the paper gets back to where it used to be and we will not have to worry about the cost of putting these locals in, but you will run them free of cost as you used to." Thus spoke a sincere reader of this paper some days ago. That reader was longing for the impossible, but didn't know it. The day will not return when this newspaper, or any other which is run on business lines, will publish free of cost notices of meetings of societies, fraternal, social, religious or political. It is as reasonable to ask it as it would be for you to step up to the postoffice wicket and ask the postmaster for postcards free of charge on which you wished to notify the general public or the members of your particular society of the meeting to be held. What would the postmaster tell you? And, besides, even if he should be liberal enough to make you a present of the postcards, you would have to write or have the notice printed thereon, which would mean a great deal of work for you, wouldn't it? And yet, you begrudge the newspaper the small amount of 50c or $1 for doing the work for you!

Today, when every businessman, and every producer of anything to eat or wear, knows that he is selling his commodity at double the price of pre-war days, it is absurd to ask the home printer to do work for you for nothing. He has a family to keep, taxes to pay, paper and printing inks to buy, and a personal property and income tax form to fill up every year; he has to pay his way, and pay wages to others in his employ. How, prithee, is he to do this if he gives away the only commodity he has for sale in connection with the newspaper—white space?

War-time conditions, and now famine conditions, make it a flat impossibility for the printing trade in general, and the home-town paper in particular, to continue passing out its product at the old prices or in the old way. Printing prices are advancing. They are now probably one-third higher than they were before present conditions came upon us. In contrast, the cost of living has advanced one hundred or one hundred and fifty per cent. Obviously, printing prices must go still higher. So must advertising rates. Business men cannot reasonably sell their commodities at double pre-war prices and at the same time look for the local publisher to sell advertising space at the old price. The publisher cannot exist and do it. A new rate will go into effect on this paper on the 1st of January, 1920, of which due notice will be given to every businesshouse. The advance will be modest in comparison with the advance in other lines.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA



...ns have grown more and ...preciative of the richness ...iety of the Provinces of our ...minion. In British Columbia, ...ature seems to have compressed ...to a limited space the features of ...lf a continent. Richly endowed ...with a wealth of forest, mine and ...stream, a land of lofty mountains, ...and impetuous rivers, it is the great ...golden west of promise. The city ...of Vancouver lies on the verge of a ...glorious waterway—the gateway to ...the Pacific. Great purple mountains ...with snow-crests gleaming lie ...across the inlet. Stanley Park near ...by is a wonderland of a thousand ...acres. In the distance can be seen ...the summit of Mount Baker, robed ...in everlasting whiteness. In the ...lovely serenity of the "Sleeping ...Beauty" Mountain, in the grace and ...stateliness of the mountains known ...as "Lions", which stand guard over ...the harbor, in the placid dignity and ...grandeur of many other mountains ...there is unfolded a matchless ...panorama.

No one can complain of a lack of romance in the Western world. Where stood the forests primeval a few years ago, now rise skyscrapers, handsome churches, splendid educational institutions, and beautiful homes with gardens of roses and gaily bordered paths. The charm of it all is easily understood. An intense local loyalty and a commendable civic pride accomplished much. Vancouver is now one of the greatest seaports in the world, possessing one of the most beautiful sites imaginable.

Cosmopolitan are the throngs that crowd Vancouver streets. In the procession go the Chinese, Japanese, Hindu, the Indian, and men from all climes, but the white man predominates, as does his civilization.

Vancouver is of the 20th century full of up-to-date spirit, impregnated with optimism and marked by its bigness of plans.

(1) Canadian Pacific Railway Station at Vancouver, B.C.
(2) English Bay, Vancouver.
(3) Douglas Fir Trees in Stanley Park, Vancouver.

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Overland 4 introduces the most important improvements in comforts to passengers, and in preserving the chassis, since pneumatic tires made motoring possible.

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We are demonstrating with a new Overland 4, and would be pleased to show you its points of merit any time.

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I. O. O. F.
Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited.
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TORONTO

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.

Farmers are advised not to feed too much bracken to livestock. This weed grows abundantly in coastal districts along with timothy, and is not recommended as food.

What Is a Farmer?

A farmer is:

A capitalist who labors.

A patriot who is asked to produce at a loss.

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.

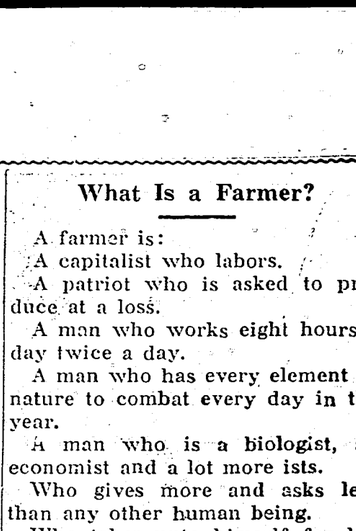
Who gives more and asks less than any other human being.

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.

Love's young dreams are all right until the matrimonial alarm clock goes off and it's Monday morning in the world of realities.



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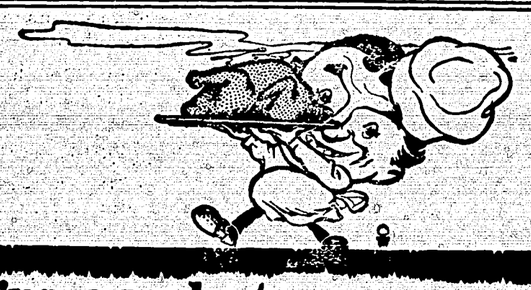

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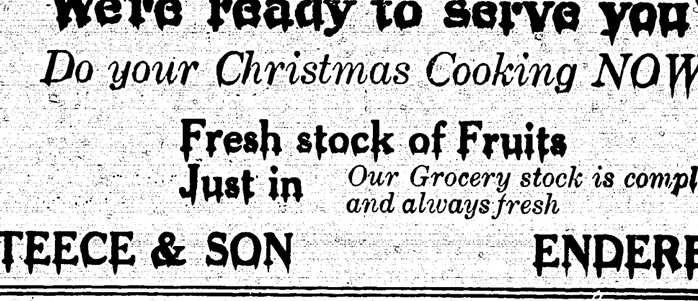

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Electrical trouble a specialty.

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DOMESTIC BOND ISSUES

Many Advantages Pointed Out of Municipalities Borrowing from the People of the District Instead of Abroad.

In an adaptation of the methods which proved so highly successful in the three Victory Loan campaigns carried out through the Dominion, Mr. W. H. Malkin, provincial campaign chairman, sees the wisdom of domestic bond issues as compared with going to the money markets of other countries, which was the recognized pre-war plan.

"British Columbia found herself in 1917," was Mr. Malkin's opening comment in an interview with a representative of the Vancouver Province, on the lessons of the recent Victory Loan campaign.

"When the quota was set for this young, sparsely settled Province to raise $12,000,000 in that first Victory Loan, it seemed a stupendous task. We did not think it possible. To our amazement we found that it was not only possible, but we raised $18.000,000 in place of the $12,000,000 asked.

"But let me emphasize that raising money was not the important result," he added. "The results forced most strikingly on all of us were: 1. We had the community spirit. 2. The minds of the people were turned from the unhealthy speculations to an investment that was not only helping themselves, giving them a stake in the country, but an opportunity to express the national spirit, an opportunity not possible before the war.

"By these loans we, as Canadians are stimulating a national spirit of thrift and of self-dependence. We are also creating in the minds of young and old a feeling of pride in their own country, by reason of the fact that they, with their money which they have saved, have enabled the country to carry on.

"Not the least impressive of the lessons to be gathered from the experience of the Victory Loan campaigns," continued Mr. Malkin, "is to my mind, the outstanding fact that Canada has shown unity of purpose, almost impossible to expect in a country stretched over a distance of 4000 miles and with many diverse interests, and to the casual eye, but few interests in common. It can never again be said that Canada is a collestion of provinces. It is a union in the strongest and best meaning of the term.

"Do not demobilize that spirit. That would be my message to one and all of my fellow-countrymen. Do not let us 'scrap' all the good we got out of this war effort. There is no reason that I can see why this system of raising loans by domestic bond issue, so successfully carried on for three Victory Loans, could not be extended, sanely, wisely, to provincial and even municipal issues. The fact that a man is advancing his own money, his savings in many cases, to develop a street, or to instal some valuable public utility, will stimulate his interest in that particular public work, which is being paid for with his money. He would de his best to see that it was well spent

"If municipalities had been forced in the past to place their loans with their own ratepayers many of them would have been in much better shape than they are at present. They would have avoided many of the pitfalls into which some of them have fallen through unwise expenditures of loans borrowed in outside money markets, often at heavy rates of discount.

"It is almost unnecessary to point out the advantages which accrue to the system of domestic bond issues. To begin with, the interest paid is not going out of the country, a constant drain on the annual public revenue, and a sum of large proportions which is destined never to return, nor to give the benefit that money paid out in commercial exchange of commodities does. The fact that a man's savings are not merely carried in his pocket, as it were, but that day and night they are working for him while benefitting the state, is a consideration the importance of which cannot be over-estimated.

"To Canada as a whole," he concluded, "the benefits from internally raised capital on national bond issues are of vast economic value. The experience of France, whose people had not learned the lesson of thrift and small savings, was that they only needed to be educated to the benefits of buying their own bonds.'"

FOR SERVICE—Pedigreed Berkshire boar; also Yorkshire boar, and Holstein Friesian bull. H. E. C. Harris & Sons, (late Turner &

Hockey Team Organized

At a meeting held in the King Edward Hotel last Thursday evening, the Enderby Hockey Club was organized, with A. Reeves president; M. A. Marley vice-president; D. Mowat, secretary-treasurer; and E. B. Dill, manager. S. H. Speers, A. D. Robarge and Wm.Duncan were named on the executive. Captains of teams are to be named on the ice.

Practices are to be held three nights a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

It is proposed by the hockey team to give a whist drive and dance in the Enderby Theatre next Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th for the purpose of raising funds to aid in purchasing nets, etc., for the season's games.

Potato flour is to be manufactupred in a new mill to be erected at Ashcroft.

Want Ads

2c a word first insertion, 1c a word each insertion thereafter; 25c minimum charge; 10c extra where cash does not accompany order.

FOR SALE—Cutter; seated for four H. F. Cowan, Enderby d11-3c

FOR SALE—Cutter, in good condition. F. Folkard, Grindrod. 2p

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Men's Sweater Coats, Silk and Crepe Shirts; Silk and Wool Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Silk Sox, Fancy Armbands, Suspenders, Gloves, etc.

Ties—a large assortment of the newest fancy designs and plain poplins. Prices, 75c, $1, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.

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What could be more acceptable than an Ingersoll Watch for the boy.

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