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Plain Talk to House Committee on Municipal Taxation Needs

For some months the only answer given by Premier Oliver to the representatives of the Municipalities of the Province has been, in effect: "The Province is as hard up as the municipalities; we can do nothing for you. Go home and keep your expenses within your means."

But it has been pointed out most forcibly of late that the Province is appropriating various taxes levied upon citizens of the municipalities, which in every other province in the Dominion are alloted to the municipalities to enable them to carry on. In other words, the Provincial Government, having expenditures far beyond its revenue, has had to misappropriate moneys that should go to the municipalities, thus leaving the municipalities in a condition of bankruptcy.

But the Government promises the municipalities something soon, if they will stop the agitation for better treatment—yes, Premier Oliver says the towns shall have a share of the booze money when Moderation comes into force. When.

However, to this uncertain promise, President Loutet, of the Municipal Union, replies: "I don't think the government is fully aware of the seriousness of the situation. We want you to realize that unless some relief is given, 50 per cent of the municipalities are on the road to bankruptcy. There is no doubt that the land can no longer bear the burden, but, as the government from time to time calls upon us to increase our expenditures, we have no alternative but to put the load on the land."

Regarding the proposal advanced by the Hon. J. D. McLean, minister of education, in his amendments to the Public Schools Act that municipalities levy a one mill tax to be set aside as a reserve fund for school use, Mr. Loutet observed: "A business which is headed toward bankruptcy and is unable to pay its current debts and is behind in its sinking funds, is in no position to put aside anything whatever."

"We don't want the government of this Province to be dependent upon the amount of liquor people drink," remarked Mr. Loutet. "Besides, we don't know what the liquor profits will be as the consumption of liquor fluctuates."

Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, parliamentary agent of the Union, told the committee of the Legislature: "We want to impress you with the idea that the system of land taxation has broken down and that we have done everything we can do—everything that is bad finance. We have camouflaged our assessment rolls in an effort to raise money to carry on. We see nothing but repudiation of indebtedness unless we get a remedy soon. We have reached a point where we can not carry on any longer. Our sinking funds are in arrears $5,500,000 and millions of dollars' worth of land is on our hands. We have $10,000,000 of short-debt paper out and most of it is hypothecated against tax arrears."

Valuable Suggestions from Enderby

In connection with the general discussion and consideration of the question, the report of the Enderby delegates on their return from the conference held at Victoria a week or two ago, which was published in The Commoner last week, was forwarded to the secretary of the Union of B.C. Municipalities by the city, supplemented by these suggestions:

"The argument, as it appeals to us here, is: (1) That in spite of the smallness of its population, British Columbia is an asset of tremendous value to the Dominion of Canada, both by reason of its products and by reason of the fact that it gives access to the Pacific Ocean, with all the trade and other advantages which that implies.

"(2) That owing to the immense area and geographical peculiarities of the Province, the cost of administration is large beyond all comparison with the size of its population, with the result that the revenues are not sufficient to meet our needs;

"(3) That by reason of this fact the Provincial Government alleges that it has been compelled to appropriate to its own use revenues which in other provinces are devoted to the upkeep of the Municipalities;

"(4) That the Municipalities are, in consequence, unable properly to meet their responsibilities, their administration being carried on under continual difficulty and anxiety, their legitimate development retarded, and that such revenues as they have are obtained by placing an unjust and unbearable burden on the land;

"(5) That from the consideration of these facts the conclusion emerges that the Provincial Government is fully entitled to such an increase in the subsidy received from the Dominion as would enable it to relinquish to the Municipalities such revenues as by right of origin belong to them and which in other provinces of Canada are received by them."

B. C. Pioneer Gone

Mrs. John L. Burnham was called to Vancouver on Saturday by the death of her brother, John Whittam Hodgson, for the past few years a resident of Lulu Island. Of Mr. Hodgson's death the Vancouver Province says:

"His passing leaves another gap in the rapidly thinning ranks of the real pioneers. Death followed a paralytic stroke from the effect of which he never regained consciousness. Mr. Hodgson was born in Kingston, Ont. July 26, 1861. In 1865 he accompanied his mother to British Columbia to join his father, the late R. W. Hodgson, who had preceded them. The family lived in New Westminster and Chilliwack for a number of years, and finally moved to Vancouver before the fire of 1886.

"There are left to mourn his loss two brothers, George H. of Armstrong, and R. C. Hodgson of the Hodgson Plumbing & Heating Co. of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. M. L. Slayton of Vancouver, and Mrs. J. L. Burnham of Enderby."

Midsummer Fair for Mara

The new Local of the United Farmers recently formed at Mara under the title of the Mara Lake Local, has not lost anytime in getting things done. Thanks mainly to the energy of the secretary, J.H.Blurton, a business-like system of collective buying has been established, and at the last meeting, held at the home of Major Feilden, it was decided that a Midsummer Fair and Flower Show would be held at Mara.

This is the first thing of the sort held in the district, and, of course, the Grindrod and Mara Locals will be asked to participate. The committee formed to carry out the preliminary business of the Midsummer Fair was elected by ballot, and consists of Mrs. Jas. Bell, Mr. Cuddy, Mrs. Feilden, Mrs. J. Landon and Mrs. Rogers.

Machine Gun Trophies

About a fortnight ago, Major Feilden wrote to Colonel Doughty, at Ottawa, to see if there were any German field guns or howitzers available for Mara. Unfortunately, all the larger trophies had been disposed of, but two machine guns captured at the battles of Arras and Messines were available, and Major Feilden accepted these on behalf of the returned soldiers of the district. These are now on the way, and may reach Mara some time this week.

Damage amounting to nearly $5,000 was caused last Tuesday night at Oyama, when the home of W. H. Rae, the post office and vacant store, was burned to the ground. The fire started about 8.30 in Mr. Rae's home.

ENDERBY BRIEFS

Good morning! Procrastination is a corpse that does not know it is dead.

Lambert & Wells, of Grindrod, purchased a Fordson tractor last week from Geo. A. Rands.

The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Stott will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed by serious illness.

If Enderby is to have a covered rink next winter or any winter, its citizens must build it. And if eventually why not now?

Auctioneer Mat Hassen will hold an auction sale on Saturday, the 26th of the household effects, stock, etc., of Robt. Carson.

Mrs. Shagoon and children joined her husband in Enderby this week, Mr. Shagoon being machinist at the Okanagan Saw Mills.

If the heat wave that has been prostrating the East the past few days is coming this way, there'll be a fall in winter clothing by the week-end.

"Fatty" Arbuckle is to be seen in "The Life of the Party" in Enderby on April 11th, and every kid in the district is saving his nickles to be there. This is said to be "Fatty's" best.

The chain teas which have been given by the ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary in the past few weeks, are proving very successful in providing funds for furnishing the wards and getting new linen for the beds, etc.

Mrs. I. H. Jones, who was accused of setting fire to the Syndica Hotel at Naramata some weeks ago, and was up for preliminary hearing last week, took suddenly ill in the court room at Penticton and died a few hours later.

The Pollyannas and Olympics met in a farewell party at the Drill Hall Monday night, in honor of Matilda Oakes, one of their number, who is leaving with her parents for Kelowna where Mr. Oakes has been some weeks. Games were enjoyed, followed by refreshments served by the girls.

Messrs. P. H. and Jas. Murphy returned last Thursday from a trip to Ironwood, Mich., whither they were called by the death of their mother. They report severe weather conditions at all points east, snow being piled up in the streets as one might expect to find it in the middle of winter.

By an amendment to the Municipal Elections Act, it is proposed to bring the election of officers early in December of each year so the officials may get down to business on the 1st of the new year; also to make longer terms for the aldermen, they being elected for two years, part of the board retiring each year.

Constable Bailey arrested Victor Johnnie and Harry Edwards for being drunk and disorderly on the street last Thursday. They insisted on riding their horses on the sidewalk, and using abusive language to the Constable when remonstrated with and advised to go back to the reserve. They were tried before Magistrate Rosoman on Friday and Johnnie was fined $50 and costs, and Edwards was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Bishop Doual performed the confirmation service in St. George's Church last Thursday evening, when five applicants were received into the Church. Following the confirmation service the Bishop dedicated the memorial screen erected by the congregation to the men of the congregation who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. The reception of the confirmation class into the Church concludes the work of the Rev. Dr. Robertson in this parish, who is leaving in a few weeks to return to Scotland. In the few months Dr. Robertson has been in charge here he has done a splendid work, and all who have had the pleasure of meeting him in his work will regret that circumstances will not permit him to remain in charge.

United Farmers Present Resolutions to Government

Representing the interests of the United Farmers of British Columbia, W. F. Laidman appeared before the House Committee on Agriculture on the 18th and submitted a list of resolutions passed at the annual convention of that organization.

The United Farmers are recommending to the committee that the government be asked to provide for the establishment of a hydro-electric commission to develop power and light in the North Okanagan district and other parts of the Province.

Recommendations in connection with roads include suggestions that men be appointed to watch the roads during the spring freshet, that graders be used frequently in order to prevent washouts; that all gravel be screened or crushed; that a certain proportion of the appropriation for roads be set aside for permanent improvement, such as hard surfacing, and that work should be done by contract wherever possible.

Exemption from taxation on sums above the $1000 now exempt is asked in order that "farmers may keep more stock, own more implements, and thus increase production."

Another resolution that all lands not comprising school districts be taxable for school purposes, it being pointed out that at present there are large areas of revenue-producing property upon which no taxes are paid.

A request is made that farm help be placed under the Workman's Compensation Act. Mr. Laidman stated that the farmers were unanimous on this point.

The Oriental question was again raised, Mr. Laidman pointing out that in view of the coming Imperial conference it was desirable to have someone thoroughly acquainted with the problem in British Columbia appointed to the personnel of any commission invited to the conference.

Rural credits on the amortization plan are urged, to enable farmers with limited means to proceed with the development of their property.

Application is made for the cancellation of the Spallumcheen Indian Reserve, which contains thousands of acres and hems in the town of Enderby. It is pointed out that the development of the district is sadly handicapped through present conditions, and that there are few Indians left on that reservation.

Changes in the game laws so as to provide more suitable open seasons were advocated, and the matter will be referred to the game conservation board. It is said that Dr. Baker has consented to the changes asked.

Steps towards the extinction of gophers are asked for, as well as the inauguration of some plan of land clearing and settlement in the Columbia Valley, under Government supervision.

Reduction in freight rates is the final request of the United Farmers.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rosoman

Shortly before midnight on Sunday last, at her residence, Mara, B. C., there died Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rosoman, widow of the late Rev. Joseph Edward Rosoman.

Deceased was the only daughter of the late Rev. Alexander Scott, of Edmonton, near London, Eng., at which place she was born in the year 1837, and sister of the late Rev. Henry Scott, of New Zealand. She was married in 1859, and resided successively at Camborne, Cornwall, Sheffield Yorkshire, and other places to which her husband's labors led him in the course of his ministerial career. She came to British Columbia with her husband and family in 1893, settling at Mara, where her husband died about 18 years ago, and where she remained to the day of her death.

There were nine children born of the marriage, of whom six still survive: Herbert, of Vermillion, Peace River; Percy, of Enderby; Bernard, of Armstrong; Owen and Cyril, of Mara; and Graham, of Enderby.

Mrs. Rosoman was postmistress at Mara for 27 years, and in spite of failing health and of the remonstrances of her family, insisted on retaining the position to the very last.

She was of a reserved and self-contained nature; communicated her business affairs to no one—not even the members of her own family; resided in her own separate apartments, and in every way maintained her independence and personality to the end; but she was kindly and generously disposed, always anxious to help others, and had deep pleasure and satisfaction in the opportunity for public service which her office of postmistress afforded.

Mrs. Rosoman was well read; to the last wrote a fine and facile hand; had a wonderful power of expression, and took a keen interest in literature and world affairs. But in a character every line of which was strongly marked, the strongest of all being her religious faith. And, characteristically, if she ever expressed regret at all, it was that her faith was not stronger.

She was a devoted adherent of the "Unity" movement. While reluctantly availing herself of the alleviations which were possible to medical science, she believed that the true and only healing power was nature, actuated by the Spirit of God. And, similaraly, she had no confidence in any of the schemes of men, but believed that the one and only hope for the world lay in Jesus Christ, not only whose teachings and principles, but whose Body and Blood—His very life—is today being incorporated in the life of the world—in every individual, as he is able and willing to receive it; that thus mortality is being swallowed up of immortality, corruptibility of incorruptibility; the glorious long-expected Second Coming thus spiritually proceeding, and leading on to that time when, in the "twinkling of an eye" the final realization, as the sun, shineth in his strength, shall burst upon the consciousness of all nations and kindred and peoples and tongues.

She, being dead, yet speaketh.

Interment will take place at Mara this (Thursday) afternoon.

GRANDVIEW BENCH

Dan Cummings, Alf Baldwin and Jesse Tomkinson were business visitors to Enderby last Saturday.

George Baldwin is leaving this week for Okanagan Centre.

Mrs. Pete Bradshawe is visiting relatives in Salmon Arm.

Miss D. B. Woods visited friends in Enderby last Saturday.

The U. F. B. C. held a successful meeting at the school house on Saturday, the 19th. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the ladies.

We are glad to note that Lawson Stroulger is recovering after a slight attack of lagrippe.

A farewell party is to be held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lidstone on Wednesday, 23rd, in honor of our teacher, Miss Woods, who has resigned and is leaving for her home in Victoria on Thursday.

While working in her kitchen on the Mutrie Ranch near Vernon, on Saturday, the 5th inst., Mrs. W. Harrison's clothes caught fire. Screaming she ran from the house, her clothing ablaze. Her husband, who was pruning nearby, ran to her assistance, but she was burned so severely that she died shortly afterwards.

Stirling & Pitcairn, Ltd., of Kelowna, pioneer shippers of the Okanagan, have made formal announcement of assignment for the benefit of their creditors, stating at the same time that their assets show an excess over liabilities to the public of more than $40,000.

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Are We Going Ahead or Sliding Back

Several years ago when the city of Enderby purchased a dumping ground, provision was made early in each year to have a clean-up day, when it was customary for the litter and refuse of winter, in back yards and on side streets to be gathered up and carted away to the dumping ground. Complaint was registered then as it is today because of the inaccessibility of the dumping ground, but it was the best that could be had at the time, and it is no more difficult today than it was then, and it was made use of then as it should be now.

In recent years, and particularly this spring, the old practice of dumping refuse along the upper canyon road at the edge of the city limits has been revived, and today, within a hundred yards or so of the city along this favorite pleasure drive are dumps of every conceivable spring cleanings.

Can we as citizens of no mean locality afford to wink at this practice and allow it to continue? Have we no civic pride that any one of us should desire to spoil this favorite road for pedestrians to the upper canyon hillsides, when, for a few dollars, we could have the refuse hauled away and deposited in the place provided by the city to receive it? Surely Enderby cannot afford to be less progressive today than it was six or eight years ago.

Aside from this phase of the question, there is the matter of the health of the community that should be considered, if not by the individuals who would use a public driveway as a dumping ground, then by the provincial and city police whose duty it is to prevent it.

Enderby should have a skating rink for next winter's sport. Let's remember the words of one who used to say that "it does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do."

Premier Oliver's Favorite Pass

"Passing the buck" is a game that politicians play. Every politician plays it some, but all are not successful in the same measure. Premier Oliver has one favorite pass which has enabled him to get away with a fair amount of it, but if we mistake not the rumblings, this pass will not see him through any more rough places, and it will be up to him to give a better account of himself when he is again approached.

For some months now the one reply of the Premier to any and all delegations appearing before him in connection with the expenditure of public moneys has been, in effect, that the people of B. C. ask for more than they are prepared to pay for, and that they expect the Government to do more than they are prepared to provide the money for.

The same reply is given by the Premier with regard to roadwork, for schools, for hospitals—anything and everything that a delegation may approach him on. And taxes are going up all the time, and the service is getting poorer. The people are tired of hearing this plaint of the Premier. They look upon it as a half truth that is as good as a full lie. The people of British Columbia do not ask more of the government than they are willing to pay for. But they do expect something for the taxes they are called upon to pay, and will not be long satisfied with this raven's cry of Honest John.

It cost the Province $2,309 to run fire prevention ads in the newspapers in the months of June, July and August last.

No Additional Taxation Powers

Premier Oliver informed a delegation from the Vancouver city council the other day that there was little hope of relief through additional taxation powers except as a result of the city's share of the revenue to be derived from the sale of liquor. The delegation asked a share in taxes levied by the Province, such as a given to municipalities in every province of the Dominion except B. C.: substantial share of the personal property tax; fair share of the provincial income tax; half the proceeds from the motor tax; half the proceeds from the amusement tax.

In the Community Interest

Now that the United Farmers have decided as an organization to keep out of politics, it will be difficult for some to find a place for them as an organization in the service of the community, and there is the danger of the movement simmering down into a shadow and blowing away.

We sincerely hope this thought will not be allowed to develop, for we believe there is a service to the community the organization can perform and perform better by staying out of politics than by going in—a service more important and far-reaching than could be performed through the political arena. And in so saying we would not lead anyone to think that we believe we do not need representatives of the agricultural industry in our legislatures. We need farmer representatives just as much as we need representatives of other callings and professions. We do not, however, share the opinion of some that membership in the organization should be confined to farmers. For we look upon the movement more as a people's movement than distinctly a farmers' movement, and we believe the organization can only achieve permanent good in the interest of all when it is so considered and so made use of.

Then why not enlarge our vision with regard to the United Farmer movement? Why not increase its scope of usefulness by making it a sort of League of Communities for the bettering of local conditions—something on the lines of the League of Nations idea? Looked upon in this light, and moving along on co-operative lines, we can see great good coming out of such an organization, linking up all communities, with the object of assisting each by and through the co-operation of all.

Is not the one great drawback in all our community life in the multiplicity of organizations, with too many societies overlapping and accomplishing little if any good? Are we not over-organized in every walk of life, and with no organization that brings townspeople and farmers, tradesmen and mechanics, professional men and merchants, together under one common head?

Today the members of one organization are striving in their own selfish interest without considering the good of the other, much the same as the various nations have striven in the past and are striving today. Perhaps they are, to a very large extent, using the League of Nations to advance the interest of one against the other even now, but the League will not be so used long. When its bigger usefulness is recognized nations will discontinue to misuse it. And when we alter our perspective with regard to the United Farmers movement perhaps we shall make bigger and better use of it as an aid to bettering our community interests, all for each and each for all.

We hope the B. C. Government will sell liquor that has "seasoned" with the Moderation Act. The longer they take to make the law the greater thirst one develops.

Stock Yards at Coast

One of the most important matters which has received consideration by the United Farmers of B. C., and upon which President Copeland has been working a long time, is the establishment of independent public stock yards at the Coast. During the recent convention at Vancouver prominent members of the United Farmers met in consultation with a number of the most influential stock-breeders of the Province to discuss this question. It was explained by Mr. Strachan, who presided at the meeting, that Mr. W. J. Elliott, general manager of the Alberta Farmers' Live Stock Co-operative Company, of Calgary, had been gathering information for their use. Some of Mr. Elliott's suggestions were noted: First, that local organization was the most important point of all; second, that stock yards should be located at the most important point of all; and, third, that independent breeders would be protected. It was further pointed out by Mr. Elliott that one of the things the stock breeders must face is the fact that the proposition for independent stock yards is not likely to be a paying one at first. He suggested that the United Grain Growers might open an office in British Columbia, and establish branch stock yards on the Coast. He pointed out that many breeders did not know when their cattle are finished, and said that stockers and feeders should be held up at Kamloops or some other central point and sold to cattlemen who could feed them for the market before forwarding them to the stock yards. He strongly advised dividing the country into districts and feeding the market carefully, otherwise a heavy run of cattle might result in the large packers being put in a position to "pinch" the producer.

Zeal is the feeling you have before you get the thing, as compared with "stung," which is your condition after you get it.

Some men who are as big as Pike's Peak when down town are said to be as small as a wart on a pickle when at home with the wife.

Small effort means small success—there can't be anything big achieved without big effort.

I have often been asked to define the true secret of success. It is thrift in all its phases, thrift as applied to saving. A young man may have many friends, but he will find none so steadfast, so constant, so ready to respond to his wants, so capable of pushing him ahead, as a little leather-covered book, with the name of a bank on its cover. Saving is the first great principle of all success. It creates independence, it gives a young man standing, it fills him with vigor, it stimulates him with the proper energy; in fact, it brings to him the best part of any success—happiness and contentment. If it were possible to inject the quality of saving into every boy, we would have a great many more real men.—Sir Thomas Lipton.

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Will Enderby Borrow $10,000 for Streets and Sidewalks

At the last meeting of the City Council, Ald. Coltart, as chairman of the Finance Commitee, brought up the question of financing the proposed street and sidewalk construction to be undertaken this spring.

After referring to the report submitted by Mayor Barnes on the proposed work, Ald. Coltart said in his memorandum: "The time having arrived for the striking of the tax rate for the current year, it is necessary to decide which of these alternative methods of financing shall be adopted.

"Assuming, in order to have a basis of comparison, that it is decided to raise for this purpose the sum of ten thousand dollars, we find that to do so by direct taxation in one year would involve an addition to the tax levy of, approximately 18 mills on the dollar, while if raised by sale of debentuers and repayments spread over a term of 20 years it would require an addition of a little less than 2 mills.

"In the opinion of the undersigned, there can be no question as to the proper course to be taken. It is contrary to all the canons of municipal finance to pay for permanent improvement out of revenue.

"There is no reason why the property owners of today should bear the entire cost of work which will be equally beneficial to those of years to come, and it is only reasonable and equitable that the cost should be spread over a number of years.

"As regards the consent of the Government to the issue of debentures there can be no doubt, in view of existing conditions and the urgent need of immediate action to remedy them, that this will be readily given. It would be useless, however, to approach the Government until it has been ascertained whether the property owners desire to proceed with the proposal.

"I recommend (1) that, to bring the matter to a decision, the property owners resident locally be called by personal invitation to attend a meeting with the Mayor and Aldermen at the earliest possible date, and that the whole question be discussed with them and an expression of opinion thereon obtained; (2) that, in the event of it being finally decided to issue debentures for the financing of the proposed work, such debentures be sold locally in large or small denominations as may be desired by the purchasers, thus keeping the interest in our own district rather than sending it away to distant points, as would be the case if the debentures were placed on the general market; and (3) that if this recommendation be adopted, the sale of the said debentures be placed in the hands of a suitable canvasser and the town and district canvassed as was done during the late Victory Loan campaigns."

After some discussion it was decided to follow the recommendations made by Alderman Coltart, when the whole question will be presented by the Mayor and Aldermen and the voice of the ratepayers heard.

CHILDREN'S SUICIDES

(By Anise, Federated Press Staff Writer.)

It is reported
By the Save-a-Life League
That over 200 children
In the U. S. A.
Committed SUICIDE
In the past six months.
It's many MORE, they say,
Than any year before.
88 boys and 137 girls,
All neatly tabulated as you see,
With sex and age and METHODS
Averaged up!
The average age of boys
Is sixteen years;
The average age of girls
Is fifteen only;
The girls take POISON,
The boys use a GUN—
And there were fifty MORE
In these six months than were
Reported for the year before!
THUS
Are they all laid out in chilling type
Yet every one of all those CASES
Was a young, young SOUL
That should have been happy
With marbles or ball or dolls;
That should have been roaming
The woods and the waters
Exulting in the sunlight
And the STORM;
That should have been thrilled
With the NEWNESS OF LIFE,
Not SICK of a life OUTWORN!
And I looked to see
WHAT the report recommended
To stop these children's deaths.
HOW would they try to make life
Seem WORTH living,—
Would they give the fathers
More wages,
Or more TIME at home
With their children;
Would they give the mothers
Better training;
HOW
Would they settle the question?
And I read: "These terrible facts
Urgently call
For strictly enforced LAWS
To SUPPRESS the sale
Of all POISONS and FIREARMS!"
Somehow it seemed a rather mean
Trick JUST to take away
The guns and poisons,
JUST to block the way
OUT of living,
When it ought to be so easy
To make CHILDREN
WANT to live!

"ON TO BERLIN"

A Paris dispatch says fear is felt by the conservative element of the nation owing to the demand from the more radical element for a military advance "On to Berlin." And these radicals are thinking of asking Lloyd George to support the move. It will be well for them if they let it stop at thinking. If indications point anywhere it is ruination and the madhouse for France unless she can put a stop to her radicals in high places. The military movement into the Rhineland was about as mad as Fritz's move against the world in 1914 and it promises to end as fruitlessly for the Allies as the Kaiser's mad dream ended for Germany's war lords. Talk as you please; camouflage it as you will; but this good old world is not so stark, staring mad as some of its whimsical rulers appear to think. And it doesn't much matter who attempts to put over on it the rule of force, and to get away with the idea that might makes right, this good old world sits back and makes circumstances laugh in Mad Might's face.

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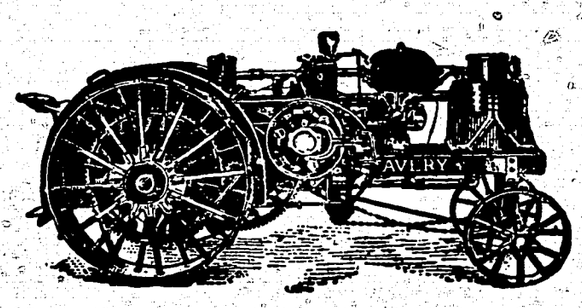

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Advertisement re. Loss of Certificate of Title.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To all Whom it May Concern:

Re. Lot 12, Block 5, Map 211B, Enderby: Whereas proof of loss of Certificate of title No. 5864D, issued to Donald Alexander McLeod, and covering the above land has been filed in this office:

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, I shall issue a duplicate of the said certificate of title unless in the meantime valid objection thereto be made to me in writing.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Kamloops, B.C., this 9th day of February, A.D., 1921.

H. V. CRAIG,
District Registrar.

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CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Capt. Rev. J. G. Gibson.
Easter Sunday Special Services.
Mabel Lake at 10.30 a.m.
Ashton Creek at 3 p.m.
Enderby Sunday School at 2.30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7.30; subject, "The Foundations of Christianity."
Everyone cordially invited; come and enjoy the singing.

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Minister: Rev. John W. Stott, B. A.
Morning at 11: Choral service by the children.
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"A REGULAR GIRL"
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Ford Film,
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COMING EVENTS

All ads under this head, 15c line

Everybody welcome to the "Easter Tea" to be held in Farmers' Hall on Saturday, March 26th. Proceeds to go to the Hospital.

On Monday, April 4th. the Rev. Mr. Stott, of Armstrong, will lecture and give lantern views, in St. Andrew's Church. Subject, "The Cariboo Trail."

Important meeting of the Enderby Local, U. F. B. C. will be held in Farmers' Hall, Thursday, Mch. 31, 8 p.m. Stumping powder. m24-1c

CARD OF THANKS

Permit us through the Commoner to express our deep appreciation and heart-felt thanks to all who were so kind to us and assisted us so materially in connection with the death of our son and brother.

MRS. N. SIMARD,
and Family.

Want Ads

3c a word first insertion, 2c a word each insertion thereafter: 25c minimum charge; 10c extra where cash does not accompany order.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—S. C. White Leghorns; good laying strain, from trap-nested birds. Setting of 15, $1.50. Biggs, Gainford Ranch, Enderby. m24-3c

GENT'S BICYCLE for sale; practically new; $55. Box 64, Enderby. m24-2p

FOR SALE—One team work horses. V. A. Polson. m17-2p

WE HAVE a few second-hand cars for sale; all have been overhauled and are in first-class condition; Overland, Gray Dort and Fords. Prices from $500 to $1,000. Call and see them for yourself. Jas. McMahon & Son, Enderby. m17-tf

WANTED—Girl or woman to do house work and help with cooking. No heavy work. Mrs. W. J. Wood, Enderby. Drawer 3. m17-2c

PRIZE WINNING WINTER LAYING White Leghorn setting eggs; $1.50 per setting. Mrs. A. A. Rogers. Enderby. m17-3c

SETTING EGGS from bred-to-lay White Leghorns; $1 per setting of 15. E. Gray. m17-3p

HATCHING EGGS—Barred Rocks; $2 per 15. J. Gardner, Mara Rd, Enderby. m3-tf

HATCHING EGGS FOR SALE—S.C. W Leghorn and R. C. W. Wyandottes. Hens carefully bred-up from choice egg-laying strains. Males are all from hens that won out in international egg-laying contests (purchased recently from A. Unsworth, Sardis.) Prices $2.50 per setting of 13 eggs; $15 per 100. Also good utility S. C. W. Leghorn eggs at $1.75 per setting of 13 or $10 per 100. R. Arnott. Armstrong. m17-tf

BUFF WYANDOTTES--Prize winners wherever shown. Best utility hen in show, Armstrong, November 1920. Utility $2 per 15. Exhibition, $5. Mrs. H. Worth, Lumby. m17-3c

WE are wanting a few choice veals; also poultry. G. H. Smedley, f10-2p

MILK

We make regular delivery from our dairy. More customers wanted.
Cream, 40c pint. Telephone 81
Whipping cream (must be ordered a day ahead) 50c a pint.

I. J. GOLD, CITY

HULLCAR—DEEP CREEK

A benefit dance will be held in Hullcar hall on Tuesday evening, the 29th. Everybody come and help a good cause.

A school meeting will be held at W. B. Hilliard's house on Friday evening April 1st, for the purpose of electing three trustees and for the consideration of other business in connection with the new Hillcrest school which will be built in Deep Creek this summer.

On Thursday evening last a number of the young people of the district gathered at Cedar Brook Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, to give a surprise to their son, Roland, it being the occasion of his birthday. The evening was spent in music, cards and dancing. Mrs. Hill served dainty refreshments and everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Charlotte Marshall, who left for Vancouver last week, has disposed of her property on the Salmon River-Enderby road to Mr. R. Barber, who, with his family, took possession last week.

When will the Post Office department take action in regard to the tri-weekly service for Deep Creek? Almost any service would be better than the present one, as papers, such as the Daily Province, are almost a week old when they reach here.

MARA ITEMS

Hugh Kelley, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Cadden, for two months, returned to Calgary on Saturday's train.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean are visiting relatives at Vernon.

Sid Kellett left on Monday for main-line points, after visiting his brother here some weeks.

Owen Rosoman was a passenger to Vernon on Monday.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated here by a dance, and, although the night was wet and the roads bad, a large crowd attended, Enderby, Sicamous and Grindrod each contributing their quota. It was got up especially for the benefit of Mrs. Wm. Witala, whose husband fell a victim of the flu two years ago and left her with five small children. As they were well known and liked here, it was thought fitting that some recognition of the feeling of the settlement should be given, as up to the present, owing to a technicality she has not been able to benefit by the Mother's Pension Act. Everyone helped with a will and as the whole proceeds were available, the sum of $118 was the result. Many thanks are due for the large attendance of friends from Grindrod.

Mrs. Rosoman died on Sunday night after a brief illness, the cause, heart failure. Although it was felt, owing to her great age, that it was doubtful if she could recover, the whole community felt a shock when the news of her passing became known. She had resided here since 1893, when she came out from England with her husband and family to join her son, Herbert, who came the year before. She became postmistress about 25 years ago, and devoted her energies to the position. She was always most obliging and painstaking, and was ever willing to give a helping hand. Of late years, owing to increasing age, she has not been able to be out much, but she retained the old-time friendships and was never more delighted than when an old friend would drop in to see her. She will be sadly missed, and her memory will long live in the hearts of those who had the pleasure of her long acquaintance. To her surviving sons the sympathy of the community is extended in their great loss of a kind and loving mother

Statisticians estimate Canada is only $130,000,000 behind in its dealings with its railways.

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage, dated the 15th day of October, 1913, and made by Andrew Fulton, which will be produced to the purchaser at the sale, the lands therein mentioned, that is to say: Firstly, Lot 1, in Block 5, according to Map 211a, in the City of Enderby; secondly, Lot 28, except the southerly 31 feet thereof, Lot 29, Lot 30, south 27 feet of Lot 37, and the north 33 feet of Lot 38, except a portion 8 feet in width conveyed to the City of Enderby, according to Map 211, in the City of Enderby, will be sold by private treaty.

The Mortgagee is informed that there are on the first parcel a one-and-a-half story frame dwelling and a one-story brick shop with an iron-clad warehouse.

Tenders for the purchase thereof will be received by the undersigned up to and inclusive of the 20th day of April, 1921. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars and terms of sale apply to,

A. WARING GILES,
Vernon, B. C.,
m24-4c Mortgagee.

GRINDROD MOTOR GARAGE

My Dear Friends:

I wish to announce that I have a mechanic in my shop, and it is my intention to keep a man throughout the season if business warrants it.

I carry a fair stock of repair parts and fittings, Gasoline, Coaloil, Cylinder oil and Cup Grease.

I have the sub-agency in this district for the McLaughlin, Chevrolet, Overland and Gray Dort cars and trucks, and with these lines and a share of your repair work I think it quite possible to keep busy throughout the season.

Thanking you for your past favors and assuring you of better service here this season, I am,

Yours truly,
ARTHUR TOMKINSON.

NOTICE

I have bought the Union Hotel Restaurant of Suie, the former proprietor. Am not responsible for any account run by Suie or on his order; my responsibility dating only from March 17th, 1921.

HONG,
Enderby, B.C., March 17, 1921. 2p

STRAYED

To my place: two-year-old roan mare; no brand; hind feet white; star on forehead. Unless claimed by April 1st, and all costs of keep and advertising paid, animal will be sold to cover costs of keep.

CHIEF EDWARD,
m3-4p Enderby Reserve.

FOR SALE

Eight-room cement block house, with bath and pantry; four lots; good barn and outbuildings. Price, $4,500; terms to be arranged. Mrs. J. W. Glen, Enderby. m3-1mp

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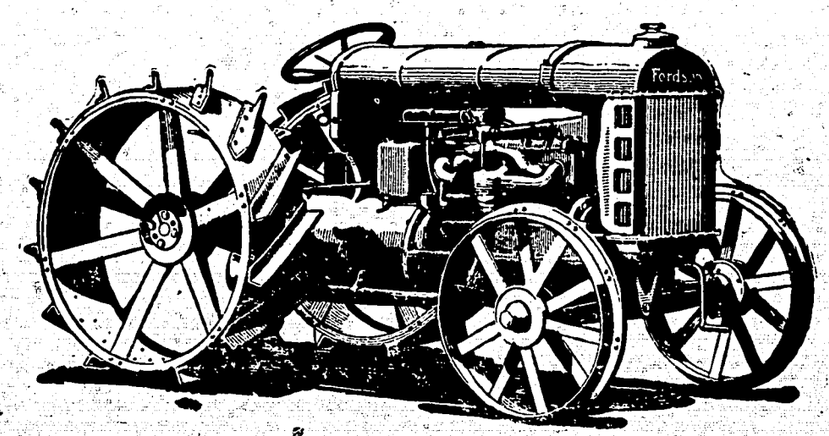

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This sturdy little tractor pulls two 14-inch plows 6 to 8 inches deep, and averages 7 or 8 acres per day, at a cost for fuel at less than feed for a sufficient number of horses to do the same amount of work, and one man does the job.

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