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## Diamond Vale Collieries Report

### Charges Made in Circular Are Completely Refuted by Accountants' Report.

The report submitted to the shareholders of the Diamond Vale Coal & Iron Mines, Ltd., by the manager, Mr. T. J. Smith, reviews the financial history of the undertaking and their present prospects. Incidentally the report contains a reply to certain reflections made upon the management in a circular recently issued to the shareholders. With the manager's statement is the report of Riddell, Stead & Hodges chartered accountants.

The firm was nominated by the manager of the Vancouver branch of the Bank of Ottawa in accord with a resolution adopted at an informal meeting of the principal shareholders held in August at Ottawa, where many of them reside. They decided that an independent investigation of the history and affairs of the company should be made, having special reference to the management of Mr. T. J. Smith, and at their request Mr. Pennock, bank manager, was requested to nominate an independent firm of chartered accountants to conduct the inquiry.

The report of the accountants is very full and complete and can only be briefly summarized here. It states that the books and records of the company had been produced and that the managing director and officers had afforded all the information and explanations required.

From the date of the incorporation under the increased capital at the end of 1905 the company was engaged in prospecting and development work, for which the money was provided by the sale of treasury stock. In 1906, Mr. Smith began to advance money and the accountants find that during 1907 and thence onward the company was practically financed entirely by him. In January, 1908, he took a mortgage of the company's interest in Garcia and charters property to protect advances amounting to \$52,490. Advances were also made by Mr. Orme and by the Royal Bank of Canada and in 1910, Mr. Smith paid \$23,430 to the Minister of Lands for crown grants on the coal claims. It is found that Mr. Smith made further advances in 1910 and 1911. On these occasions he obtained options on certain shares of the Diamond Vale Collieries at \$50 per share.

The accountants say they have no way of forming an opinion as to the adequacy of this price, but that certain correspondence appears showing that Mr. Smith urged other shareholders to take up sufficient of the company's stock at that price to provide funds for meeting liabilities then due, but that shareholders declined to entertain the proposal.

Mr. T. J. Smith as manager, submitted a report to the shareholders at a meeting in this city, Sept. 4, in which he presented the accountants' statements above summarized. He also went into the history of the undertakings, showing that \$150,000 cash and \$200,000 in stock was paid by the Diamond Vale Collieries, Ltd. for Garcia and charter coal rights purchased from the original Diamond Vale Co. To obtain the cash \$200,000 of debentures were issued, leaving \$50,000, less ex-

penses, to be used in development. To this has been added further sums loaned by Mr. Smith during 1910. This development has brought about good results and the property is now valued at \$800,000 by Mr. John Morrison, a prominent engineer of Newcastle, England, who reported on it for English capitalist. In this valuation he refers only 400 acres of the most developed portion, from which he says 800 tons per day could be shipped for forty years. The remaining 1,600 acres have not yet been proven.

Mr. Smith now holds the stock certificate as security for his advances, and has the option above mentioned at \$50 per share. He points out that this price will provide a clear profit of \$125,000 to the company, whose shareholders have invested very little cash, the bondholders and Mr. Smith himself having made the real investment.

The report of the accountants completely refutes the charges and insinuations made in the circular mentioned above. As "The News-Advertiser" published the circular, this journal has great pleasure in giving the authoritative statement of the chartered accountants. —News-Advertiser.

## New Settlers Are Arriving

### Nicola Valley Lands Are Being Settled by Good Class

The constant and steady growth of the Nicola valley is not to be overlooked, and the new settlers are a boon (not a boom, by any means.)

Sunday evening last Arthur Gann arrived from the old country. He proposes to settle here upon some ranching property, and will have his family come over later on.

Several others from over the pond, whose names we have been unable to ascertain are on their way to the glorious Nicola country, and will arrive within a week. This looks good for the further settlement of the valley. These people have the money to invest, and are prepared to invest it if they can find suitable locations. The locations are here—so they will not be disappointed.

Apparently Nicola valley has not been boosted locally. Those who have been on trips back to the old land, and those who write of her virtues from here, extol the inducements that are existent. Therefore the continuous coming in of the settlers. Not only this but when they do get to the "valley of sunshine" they become perfectly satisfied with the conditions which prevail. May they keep coming.

### WEDDING BELLS

On Monday evening last Rev. Mr. Connor united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Ernest Whetton and Miss Gertrude Dean.

Both are natives of Ilkeshon, Nottinghamshire, England.

The bride reached this city on Sunday last from the old country, while Mr. Whetton has been resident here for some twelve months. A cordial reception was tendered the newly-wedded couple by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kay left this morning for Vancouver, where they intend to reside.

## Improvements Going Ahead

### Road Work Up Coldwater Is Progressing Rapidly

The work of the provincial government road gang up the Coldwater and the Voght valley sections has been progressing rapidly, and the result of the improvements made is gratifying to the settlers all along the route—with the possible exception of some of the chronic "kickers." The accomplishment of the difficult projects undertaken reflects much credit upon Road Superintendent D. J. Sutherland and Fred Seward, road foreman for this district.

Shubert's hill has been cut down and a fine new road made. The work on this hill extended for two miles and the grading takes off half a mile of the distance formerly used. This road connects with the Voght valley road at what is generally known as "the forks."

The work occupied a gang of twenty men for four weeks, being completed this afternoon. It is now a passable and level stretch for vehicular traffic.

Mr. Seward, who has been in the provincial government employ for the past eight years, has proved a most efficient road builder. He was down yesterday for a portion of his gang.

The leveling of these roads means a great convenience for transient travellers and the ranchers of the district.

In addition it might be stated that the government gangs are continuing with the good work on the road between Nicola and Quilchena. Last fall the new road was completed in part. That is to say, on account of the heavy rock work connected with its construction it was impossible to get the desired width before severe weather set in. Now the new road which takes the place of the old dangerous Gilmore hill is being broadened in various places, and the convenience of the traveling public will be greatly enhanced.

E. B. Tingley, road foreman, who has been under D. J. Sutherland for the past eight years, was in town this week from the section where he is working. Ed. has been building the new Fish lake road—which opens up a fine opportunity for the mining men of Aspen Grove district to get in machinery, supplies, etc. Some disgruntled ranches—who expect a road to go right up to their hen-coop—have made a roar. However, Mr. Tingley has got one of the best grades possible, (eight per cent. in fact). The work has progressed rapidly and the worst of it is over—six miles having been completed within the past month. Two or three weeks will see the other six miles completed.

### MCDONALD MEETING

A largely attended "Liberal" meeting was held in Menzies' hall last Friday night, at which the candidate who is to oppose Martin Burrell, K. C. McDonald, discussed the issues of the campaign.

We put "Liberal" in quotation marks for the reason that it was really a Conservative meeting—about two-thirds of those present being of anti-reciprocity persuasion. Mr. Deachman of Vancouver was a supporter of Mr. McDonald, who gave a few bombastic remarks, but could not answer several questions hurled at him.

## Big Meeting For Tuesday Night

### Simpson, Ex-liberal, Will Speak Upon Anti-reciprocity.

In conjunction with other prominent speakers, Mr. Fred E. Simpson, of Kamloops, will address what promises to be a most rousing Conservative meeting in Menzies' Hall on Tuesday evening next.

Mr. Simpson, who, by the way, is proprietor of a wholesale and retail tobacco emporium in the "railroad city," during his seventeen or eighteen years of residence in Canada, has been a most ardent Liberal. He is a naturalized American, hailing from the State of Iowa. He was city clerk at Sheldon for some time, and later he became editor of the Sheldon Daily Eagle. He says himself that he always had his "eagle eye" on the Canadian West, and before the Crows' Nest Pass line was constructed brought over, on a scow, a printing plant to Wardner, where he established the International newspaper.

When the C. P. R. decided to make Cranbrook the divisional point, instead of the prophetic Wardner, Mr. Simpson went to Morrissey, and there set up the Leader. The Yukon gold rush lured him in 1896 to the frozen north, in company with Hugh Stevens, now proprietor of the Queen's hotel at Calgary.

Returning, "Old Man" Simpson (as he was familiarly nicknamed by those who knew him best) again got the newspaper fever, and established the Cranbrook Herald and a paper at Marysville, on the Kimberly branch. The Cranbrook paper was considered to be the most enterprising and interesting "rag" in British Columbia up to the time of Mr. Simpson's retirement from newspaper work a couple of years ago.

This gentleman's influence was one of the main factors to bring about the election of Dr. King (Liberal) to the Provincial house on two occasions.

Today, however, although not deserting the Liberals as a party, Mr. Simpson sees the folly of advocating a reciprocity treaty; today he is a Canadian and understands what such a treaty means eventually.

The "old man" (he is only about 55, be it said) is a fluent and convincing orator. Although never an aspirant for political honors, he has always taken a deep interest and study in Canadian politics. In other words he has drunk deeply at the perennial spring of knowledge politic on both sides of the line.

Mr. Simpson is so well known, either personally, or by "hearsay"—if we may use term—to people in this province that it is scarcely necessary to mention that he held the highest office that can be conferred upon a member of the Oddfellows' Order. First Grand Warden, he was elected as the Grand Master for the Province of B. C.

Tuesday evening's meeting is bound to be a bumper one, and, the opposition being cordially invited, there should be an interesting discussion. The writer will guarantee that F. E. Simpson will make it interesting if no one else does. Being for so many years actively engaged in matters political in both the United States and Canada, he should know what he is talking about as re-

gards the greatly misunderstood proposal for reciprocity. Believe us, Simpson does.

F. G. T. Lucas, of Vancouver, will also be upon the platform. He is a son of Alex. Lucas, the present provincial member for this riding. Mr. Lucas is an ardent anti-reciprocity speaker, and, although a young man, has a good delivery and a most convincing argument.

### THE FARMING QUESTION

The Canadian tiller of the soil is protected today under some of the excellent features of the National Policy, which the Laurier Government has still retained. The home market is under that same policy being made more profitable to the Canadian producer of food stuffs. This market in British Columbia takes all the farmer can produce and more, and in Canada takes eighty per cent of what he produces, the surplus going mostly to free trade England. As the Toronto News points out, his position would be entirely changed under the reciprocity agreement. In British Columbia, the fruit grower and farmer would be subjected to competition from across the border, while being compelled to buy his supplies and implements in a protected market. The farmers of Canada generally would be exposed to the unchecked sweeps of competition, as the "News" also points out, from a farming community of 30,000,000 in the United States, and from the farmers of two score favored nations and dependencies.

Continuing the argument of how little the Canadian farmer would benefit under reciprocity, the "News" remarks:

"During the present fiscal year about to end, the United States has exported \$275,000,000 worth of dairy and farm produce. A great deal of it has come to Canada. Under reciprocity a much greater proportion of it would turn aside from the long journey across the sea to the free market near at home. Mr. Taft has said that his arrangement with Mr. Fielding would enable the American agriculturist to sell much more in Canada than his Canadian rival could hope to sell in the States. The fact that many of his crops mature earlier than ours would tend in this direction.

### INCREASES CAPITALIZATION

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Montreal held in Montreal, last week, the Capitalization of the bank was increased from \$14,400,000 to \$16,000,000.

Alonso Roberts was in town a couple of days this week from Aspen Grove.

Jos. Guichen, sr., of Quilchena left this morning on a business trip to Vancouver. He will return in a few days.

Before Mayor Eastwood today three cases of drunk and incapable were brought. Last night Constable Strong took into limbo Wm. Clavetdale, Henry Charters and a colored person by the name of Brown. Each were assessed \$5 and costs.

Murdoch McIntyre of Vancouver has been spending the week in the valley, visiting his brother Wm. McIntyre, proprietor of the Coldwater Hotel. Mr. McIntyre prior to his visit here, has spent some time in the Lilloett country, familiarizing himself with its possibilities, both as to mining and fruit growing.

## Yankee Sentiment Is Plainly Shown

### Take American Newspapers for it—The Prophecy of Rudyard Kipling.

William Randolph Hearst is spreading throughout Canada at the present time what is known as the "Canadian Edition" of the Boston American. Instead of it being a Canadian edition it is a campaign edition.

Mr. Hearst, as we all know, is an aspirant for the Presidency of the United States; started the wildly improbable lie that United States trusts were supplying the campaign funds for the Conservative cause.

Why the Conservative cause? Is it not rather the Laurier, Fielding, Paterson cause, et al?

Hearst has uttered the nice remark: "My papers were responsible for the Spanish-American war; make me president and I will get you Canada." His sensational and rather lewd articles have such an impression upon certain masses of the people of the United States that he is entitled to say:

"I intend to carry Reciprocity (with the help of President Taft); and the man who carries Reciprocity is the man who will eventually carry Annexation."

Hearst's papers have all along been strongly anti-British. We do not understand how eight million people can enter into such arrangements as are proposed with one hundred million strangers on an open frontier of, say, 3,500 miles, and at the same time preserve their national integrity.

About twelve to one makes the odds too heavy. No single Canadian would accept such odds in any private matter that was as vital to him personally as this issue is to the nation.

As Rudyard Kipling says: "It is her own soul that Canada risks today."

Once that soul is pawned for any consideration, Canada must inevitably conform to the commercial, legal, financial, social and ethical standards which will be imposed by the sheer admitted weight of the United States.

She might, for example, be compelled later on to admit reciprocity in the murder rate of the United States, which at present is over 150 per million per annum.

If these proposals had been made a century ago, or if the Dominion were poor today, depressed and without hope, one could understand their being discussed; but Canada is none of these things. She is a nation, and as the lives of nations are reckoned, will ere long be numbered among the great nations.

Why, then, when she has made herself what she is, should she throw the enormous gifts of her inheritance (and her future) into the hands of the people, who, by their haste and waste, have so dissipated their own resources that even before national middle age they are driven to seek virgin fields for cheaper food and living?

What-er the United States may gain, and we presume that the United States proposals are not wholly altruistic, we see nothing for Canada in reciprocity except a little ready money which she does not need, and a very long repentance.

A horse rushing through the streets attached, by a rope, to a saw-horse, is rather an unusual sight. Such, however, was the sight witnessed by those citizens upon the street last Friday morning. The cayuse had just been purchased by F. Barnes, and; in order that he might not get away Mr. Barnes anchored him to the back yard saw-horse. The result shows that the gentleman in question is a horseman of no mean ability. No lives were lost.



## The News Prize Winning Essays

The Nicola Valley: Its Farming and Agricultural Possibilities

BY MRS. ALICE SUTCLIFFE.

In one of the most fertile spots that British Columbia can boast lies the Nicola Valley. Situated between the Thompson and the Similkameen on the north and south, and the Okanagan and Fraser on the east and west, this valley comprises a great deal of the best land which awaits development in southern British Columbia. It is some eighty miles in length, and it is estimated that between Nicola Lake and Canford alone there lie some 10,000 acres of land suitable in every respect for the production of cultivated fruits. Possessing the enormous advantage of an illimitable water supply, easy of access, this district should, in the course of time and natural development, prove a formidable rival to the famous and older Okanagan valley. The climate is equal to any that other parts of the dry belt experience. On an elevation varying from 750 to 3000 feet, neither the summer or winter seasons present themselves with any unpleasant excesses. A low temperature is rendered pleasant and exhilarating by the clearness and dryness of the atmosphere, and here stock may be seen in the depth of winter roaming among the pine groves which cover the hills. In summer the heat is rarely excessive, and night never fails to bring a delightfully refreshing coolness and the attendant blessing of comfortable and healthy slumber.

In scenery, the valley is second to none; and when thinking of such, the attendant pleasures of sport are worthy of the best mention. With gun or rod the hills or valley may be roamed, and the contemplation of nature's vastness and beauty may be supplemented by the more practical pursuit; and fish or fowl of the finest can never fail to replenish the sportsman's larder—for surely such bounty could never be taken advantage of, for the mere sake of killing!

Up to the time when the Canadian Pacific Railway built their line from Spence's Bridge to Nicola Lake—a distance of 47 miles—the main occupation of the inhabitants of the valley had been merely the keeping of stock and the raising of feed for such, from the holding of large areas of land for the purpose of range and the growing of hay. Since 1907, which year brought the opening of the railroad and the vital necessity facility for transportation, things have undergone a complete and radical change, and have advanced—and still continue to do so—by leaps and bounds. New towns and settlements have been born, and hundreds of newcomers have arrived and cast in their lots, and so replenished and multiplied the store of energy and enterprise which is so prominent a characteristic of the pioneer. The pioneer himself had proved the growing of fruit possible, and had obtained splendid results from his orchard or garden, which he was wont to regard merely as a side line or perhaps even a hobby. The newcomer now possesses the enormous advantage of his predecessor's experience and can see the result of his practice, and with the perfectly suitable climate and the "sine qua non" of energy and industry, his future success and ultimate affluence are doubly assured.

The large holdings have been sub-divided and can be purchased with all rights for reasonable figures, varying from \$25 to \$175 per acre, according to the dimension and location. Those of the finest quality are usually sold in smaller lots and the cost per acre is generally highest—though none of the prices can really be said to

be high, when the large profit and the quick return from such a holding are taken into consideration. There is nothing intricate about irrigation, which is the prevailing custom in the treatment of this land—and the producer has the safety which lies in his independence of the elements—consequently the fruit of his labors is at no time liable to be starved or surfeited at the whim of nature.

The local demand, even, is far ahead of the supply in all such produce as fruit, poultry, eggs, butter and other commodities; and as every month sees the birth of some new enterprise and the consequent growth of the industrial population, the producer would be fatuous to give a thought to the bogey of a glutted market, which, given the slightest serious consideration, becomes impossible at once.

There are some two and a half million acres of land in the Nicola Valley, of which 280,000 acres are already occupied. The area which is now held includes most of the valley and land skirting the river banks and a great portion of the bench lands. Of the area which remains unoccupied there is a great quantity of splendid partially timbered land, which is very suitable for the raising of hogs and chickens and for dairying purposes; and in the course of time there is no doubt that much of the magnificent bench land which now lies practically idle may be successfully brought under cultivation by the elevation of water to their level by pumping, or by the tapping of natural lakes which lie concealed in the hills, and the storage of the mountain torrents which now in the spring time run to waste in vast volume.

The settler now has a unique advantage and a scope for his enterprise. In conjunction with his smaller holding in the valley, which he makes his home, he can for the sum of from \$5 to \$12 an acre, possess an area of range land for his cattle or horses, which is rich in feed for them, has splendid natural lakes, and in whose sheltered spots and timber his stock may winter out without hardship or stress. Natural growth of hay can be cut from much of this land, so the fortunate holder reaps profit on every hand.

There is a good profit to be obtained from the production of oats, barley and wheat, also from every variety of vegetable and roots, all of which thrive to a degree; and the settler may adorn his house by the cultivation of hops or vines—and there can be no reason why he should fail to reap the pecuniary benefit of their fruits. Potatoes of the finest quality are grown on every side, and in many cases have been considered equal to the famous Ashcroft tubers.

The establishment of an experimental fruit farm in the valley has given an impetus to fruit-growing, and cannot fail to increase the interest and knowledge of those who engage in this industry. The cayuse, or mountain pony, used mostly in the past and noted for its hardiness and stamina, is being rapidly superseded by an improved type of horse, and there can now be seen working and driving horses in the valley that are a standing advertisement and a credit to the locality.

The city of Merritt is the hub and the social and business centre of the Nicola Valley. Possessed of fine departmental stores, hotels, banks—in fact, everything necessary to commercial and social success—and already reaping the benefits of its incorporation, this city cannot fail to prove a credit and boon to the district of which it is the centre. A great future for her is predicted on all sides. The past three years have witnessed a marvellous activity and growth, and she appears to

have successfully emerged from the throes of what may have been termed a boom, and to have settled down to a steady, sustained and ever-increasing course of success. Remark upon this city cannot be terminated properly without reference to her great adjacent coal mines, of which at least three are now hives of industry and a source of immense profit and circulation of wealth. Their supplies of coal, in one case at least, are considered practically inexhaustible, and combined with this natural wealth and the rapid and even more wonderful results of improved agriculture, Merritt has indeed a great future in store for her. In religious and educational buildings, one can find every necessary advantage; and a short day's ride in the train which runs daily will place one in Vancouver, the greatest business city in the Canadian West.

People of ambition and foresight see the birth in the near future of many enterprises which will obviate the present necessity for importation of commodities and prove a source of revenue and increasing prosperity to the valley. Sawmills exist on the immense supply of timber, so that there is no reason why, with an increasing production of grain, a grist mill should not be built to crush the well-filled grain into such necessities as flour, bran, shorts, rolled oats, pearl barley, corn starch and the modern breakfast cereals. An adequate supply of fruits and vegetables and the possible utilizing of fish should prove a certain "causis vivendi" for a cannery; and one might very reasonably expect to see the local production of many luxuries and relishes from this source. Smaller holdings tend to greater economy in the use of land, and many acres which the big rancher has been content to let remain comparatively unprofitable will be fully utilized, and so the great flow of production will always be swelled, until the whole possible part becomes reduced to a fine state of profit producing land. The propagation of a superior class of stock, too, will give vastly increased returns for an equal expenditure on feed and housing.

In such a place as some description of has been attempted here it can be seen that the possibilities for the settler are boundless. In no country can the laborer of today become the master of tomorrow so rapidly. Industry and intelligence are sure here to reap their fullest reward, and the value of neighbourly co-operation should never be forgotten. Many undertakings may be too costly or hard for the individual, and so foredoomed to failure; but the combination of parties in such enterprises render success sure. The particular agricultural success of one can be studied through friendly visits, in the course of which information may be given or received; thereby the best returns are secured for labor expended. Fair, if not generous, exchange should be made when necessary, and a spirit of amiable rivalry sustained, when it is realized that all goes for the improvement of the community. One cannot supplement where they antagonize, and the spirit of mutually helping each other for the common benefit should go far in the making of such a great and glorious country as we now have for our home.

### Farming and Agricultural Possibilities of the Nicola Valley

BY MISS IRENE MCGORAN  
Age 15 years.

The Nicola Valley and its surrounding range of mountains afford a magnificent grazing ground for the thousands of cattle shipped from there annually. The famous Guichon, Tamerton

and Douglas Lake Cattle Ranches are perhaps the largest, and consequently ship the greatest number of cattle. The numerous smaller ranches supply the local market.

In the year of 1910 the actual number of cattle exported was 4,588, as against 2,040 in 1905. These figures, coupled with the fact that the ranges are yet but thinly grazed, demonstrate the vast possibilities yet remaining.

The character of the country affording so many hundreds of acres of low marshy ground, upon which thousands of tons of hay are annually cut, is one reason for the excellent condition in which the cattle come through the winter.

In strong contrast with Montana and prairie provinces, nature has provided an immense chain of lakes and rivers practically free from alkaloids, giving to the cattle raiser the great advantage of having water where the stock is grazing.

The blood horses raised in the valley compare favorably with any in the Dominion outside of Quebec. The much-talked-of Winny ranch is noted for its standard Clydesdales.

Sheep raising is also carried on extensively here. In this line the Pooley Ranch deserves special mention.

The writer once witnessed the loading of several cars, and was informed that this was an almost daily occurrence. Local sheep dress as high as 80 pounds.

On the Indian Reservations grain is grown to some extent, and vegetables of all kinds do well.

On Mr. Cleasby's ranch, near Merritt, corn is now over 18 in. high; carrots, beets, and cabbage are of an extraordinary size; potatoes vieing with those of Ashcroft.

Throughout the valley settlers are engaged in poultry raising—a paying proposition, top-notch prices being obtained in the local markets in all seasons.

Fruit growing is yet in the experimental stage, although where grown it is an unqualified success.

The apples grown by Mrs. Smith, of Spencer's Bridge, have become so famous that, at the Canadian Exhibition in London, King Edward asked especially

for those grown by her.

Other ranches at Spence's Bridge daily prove their value and importance by the fruit shipped into local markets. All of these make a splendid showing at Spokane and coast city fairs.

The Dairy business has almost been brought to a science by Messrs. Veal, Dodding and Whittaker, their butter being asked for by hundreds of patrons throughout the valley.

The valley is dotted throughout with smaller farms, upon which immense quantities of smaller fruit is grown.

In this prosperous valley, slowly but surely, a change is taking place. The vast tracts of land now devoted to the interest of cattle will become in time small comfortable farms, and numerous towns and cities must inevitably follow in the wake of thousands of immigrants who come daily from Great Britain, Eastern Canada and the United States.

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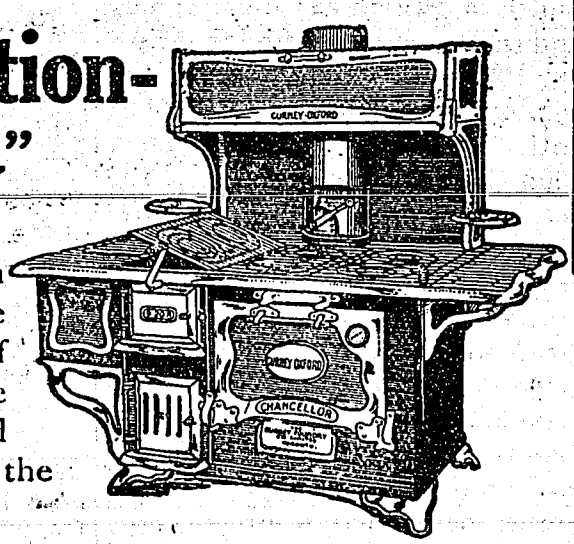
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Merritt, B. C.

## The "Woman Question—Three Meals a Day"



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# Some Political Pointers

A CHAIN IS AS STRONG AS ITS WEAKEST LINK

## FOREWORD

Within the space of this brief pamphlet it is impossible to enter fully into the arguments pro and con of the Laurier administration of the affairs of the Dominion of Canada. It is also impossible to enter into a detailed analysis of the various phases of the proposed reciprocal agreement between Canada and the United States. The object of this pamphlet is to place before the electorate the two most striking features of the agreement in relation to the Nicola Valley, and also to show the necessity for enabling, by electing Conservative candidates, Mr. Borden to give effect to the principal plank in his platform, his first pledge.

## RECIPROCITY

Wheat commands a higher price to the farmer if he has access to the American markets, say Liberal speakers. The same speakers maintain that when Canadian millers come into competition with American millers they will lower their prices on flour. Just think of that for a few minutes. The millers, according to Liberal speakers, will pay more for what they make flour of, and therefore they will be able to sell their product cheaper. That is Liberal logic. Laurier proposes to get more money for the farmer and at the same time to make him pay less for the flour made from his wheat.

The duty on canned meats is to be lowered. Liberals complain that Canadian packers are making as high as 150 per cent. profit at present. The United States government showed in Chicago investigations last year that the American packer made over 200 per cent. on capitalization. All things being equal, and reciprocity proposes to make them equal, so the Liberals claim, the Canadian packers should, under Reciprocity, have a crack at that 200 per cent. profit. If the Canadian packers are to make more money will they sell meat cheaper to do so?

Coal mining is one of the greatest factors in the industrial life of the Nicola valley. Our coal is so good that local companies don't think it will pay them to go to the trouble of making coke from it. They get a bigger profit from the mine run. Liberals promise the people of this valley that their mines will have a larger market in the United States under Reciprocity. Let us examine this ridiculous assertion:

The market for British Columbian coal, outside of the prairie provinces, is the American west. They have no coal in the American west to speak of, but they have some. Mr. Moore is the chief man in the Western Iron and Steel company, of Ironton, Washington, which proposes entering the British Columbia iron manufacturing field. In their prospectus they claimed that they had coal in Washington. So there may be some there, with which B. C. coal will have to compete some day in the near future. At present there is a Canadian tariff of 53 cents against American coal coming into this country. The tariff against Canadian coal going into the U. S. is 45 cents per long ton (2240)—keep that in mind. The Reciprocity pact proposes an even tariff of 45 cents per short ton (2000). This is a reduction by Canada of eight cents, and the

Americans increase their tariff nine and a half per cent! So when local mines make a bid for the American market instead of shipping 2240 pounds of coal into the States for 45 cents they find that under Reciprocity they can only send in 2000 pounds. And Reciprocity proposes to help mining!

## LIBERAL LOYALTY

A great many Liberals have been insulted in the past by the idea that Conservatives branded them disloyal for holding views favourable to Reciprocity. This idea has antagonised them to such an extent that some of them fail to examine the tariff question. They "get their back up" at the suggestion that they are disloyal in supporting Reciprocity. Their stand would be admired if what they thought were correct. But perhaps this will reassure them. When here two weeks ago Martin Burrell, the Conservative candidate for Yale-Cariboo, said: "As for the Annexation talk, I take no stock in that. As for the Liberals being disloyal, that is all poppycock. I believe that the Liberals are every bit as loyal as I am."

## LIBERALS BUILD A RAILWAY

To begin with, let it be stated that this is the pet child of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Judging from the effects to date of mismanagement by the commission which has the undertaking in charge, it is likely to become Laurier's *enfant terrible*. In round figures, when the proposal was first broached, according to government estimates in 1903, the great new transcontinental would cost the country about \$54,000,000. Liberal literature during the campaign for endorsement of the scheme predicted that it would be built for \$13,000,000,000. That was in 1903. Government figures in 1911 place the cost of the railway when completed at \$249,951,250.00. Conservatives place the cost at \$360,000,000.00. Split the difference and say that both are wrong and you have a cost of \$300,000,000.00. So much for the Liberal conduct of the affairs of the G. T. P.

When the Americans commenced the building of the canal at Panama they placed the work in the hands of five military engineers and the sanitary arrangements in the hands of a military doctor, and the legal affairs in the hands of a lawyer.

The Liberal government appointed a commission to take absolute charge of the G. T. P. construction. There was not an engineer on the job! Think of a colossal undertaking, involving millions, under the management of a politician, a country store keeper, a grain buyer, a country lawyer!

These are men whom Laurier put in charge of this great undertaking.

### THE TRANSCONTINENTAL COMMISSION APPOINTED

After it had boasted enough about about it, after it had voted down all the suggestions made by the Opposition; after it had made the "slight" modifications already noted; after it had advanced the time for completion from 1908 to 1911; the Government set to work. Its first step was to turn the building of the Eastern Division over to a Commission termed the Board of National Transcontinental Railway Commissioners. This Commission, which, first and last, will spend about one hundred and fifty million dollars, at present consists of:—

Hon. S. N. Parent. A lawyer-politician of Quebec; was Mayor of Quebec and Premier of the Province; was President of the Quebec Bridge Company, which so mismanaged the affairs of that undertaking. Experienced only in politics.

C. A. Young. An implement dealer and grain buyer, of Winnipeg. No experience in engineering and little experience in large affairs.

C. F. McIsaac. A country lawyer, from Antigonish. Formerly an M. P. No experience in engineering or in large affairs.

W. S. Calvert. A country store-keeper, from Strathroy, Ontario. Formerly an M. P. and Liberal Whip. No experience in engineering or in large affairs.

Do you wonder that the Conservatives ask for better management of the public works of the community.

Another thing which every true Canadian and true Britisher should look closely into and study is that of the conservation of our natural resources. The United States have provided for the conservation of theirs; why should not Canada do the same? And why should our national intelligence be belittled in this connection.

## THE CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

Before leaving Ottawa to begin his campaign on the hustings, Hon. R. L. Borden issued a statement pledging the Liberal-Conservative party to carry out the following policy if returned to power:

1. A thorough reorganization of the method by which public expenditure is supervised. Increase in what is known as ordinary controllable expenditure from \$21,500,000 in 1896 to nearly \$74,000,000 in 1911 is proof of extravagance beyond any possible defence.
2. Granting of their natural resources to the prairie provinces.
3. Construction of the Hudson Bay Railway and its operation by an independent commission.
4. Control and operation by the state of terminal elevators.
5. Necessary encouragement for the establishment and carrying on a chilled meat industry.
6. Establishment of a permanent tariff commission.
7. Granting of substantial assistance towards the improvement of our public highways.
8. Extension of free rural mail delivery.
9. Extension of civil service reform.
10. Granting of liberal assistance to the provinces for the purpose of supplementing and extending the work of agricultural and educational bodies and for the improvement of agriculture.
11. An improvement in the administrative policy.

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### BURRELL ASSURED

Martin Burrell, M. P., is not a sure winner for the Yale-Cariboo riding, but he may be considered as an almost positive one. This may seem a rather peculiar statement to some minds; but the facts which have been demonstrated by him in his parliamentary career at Ottawa are very convincing and logical. His efforts have been greatly appreciated and largely quoted. His earnest and competent speeches, which display such a correct knowledge of the various subjects which affect the present situation have been handled in an extremely clever manner by Mr. Burrell, and his audiences have been both large and unanimously enthusiastic.

His speeches are expostulated mildly but emphatically and have a deep impress upon his hearers. There is scarcely a question of a doubt as regards Mr. Burrell's return to the House of Commons upon September 21st inst.

"Canada today is not in favor of reciprocity. There was a time when Canadians, beginning with myself, would have given many things to obtain the American market, but thank heaven those days are past and over."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1898.

"I have found, in a short experience, during which it has been my privilege and my fortune to be placed at the head of affairs, by the will of the Canadian people, that the best, and most effective way to maintain friendship with our American neighbors is to be absolutely independent of them."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons, 1903.

### Election Items

Shall Taft tinker with our tariff?

Borden and the brimful bread basket.

The larger market is all on this side of the line.

Don't let Laurier pawn our future with Uncle Sam.

Put on the reciprocity boots and you'll not be long without annexation corns.

"What we have we hold" is by long odds the best Canadian policy.

Its the protection border that keeps Canada's prosperity skirts from fraying.

To retain American respect we must keep them at a respectable distance.

If we withdraw from the agreement at any time now is the time to do it.

We can't reduce the cost of living in Canada by contributing to the same worthy object on the other side of the "imaginary" line.

The poor quality of "silver tongued" Laurier's speeches is inflicting the public with, can only be due to the lack of belief in his own arguments.

Which is it to be, the splendid natural resources of Canada for the Canadian people or for the United Trusts?

The candidatures of Messrs. Templeman, Oliver, Ross and MacDonald in the present election reminds one of Dr. Johnson's observation when his faithful Boswell informed him of an acquaintance having taken a third wife: "It is the triumph of hope over experience!"

"In my opinion Sir Wilfrid Laurier, during the past ten or twelve years, has given Canada the worst administration in the whole world." says Joseph Martin, M. P. "I know that there is more corruption in Canada today than there ever has been. A verdict in favor of the government in the present election would mean a condonation of this state of affairs."

There is absolutely no question but that within the next few years, whether they like it or not, the people of the United States must come to Canada for raw materials," declares Premier Mc Bride. "That being the case there is absolutely no reason why we should take down our tariff

walls. On the contrary, there is every reason why, if possible we should build them higher than ever."

It is conceded by each of the leading citizens that Canada is the most prosperous country in the world to-day. Why put in jeopardy our future, by a treaty that smacks of one-sided piquet.

The idea that the farmers will receive more for what they produce and at the same time pay less for what they consume is so ridiculous that none are able to keep a straight face when advancing the argument. Note Brother Deachman at the late Liberal meeting in Menzies' hall.

S. P. Pond, manager at Nelson of the Taylor Milling and Elevator Co., received instructions not long ago to arrange for the erection of warehouses and a 10,000 bushel elevator in that principal city of the Kootenay. Later he received directions to mark time until the fate of the Reciprocity agreement has been decided by the Canadian people. Says he "If the pact is ratified by the Canadian house of commons it would pay us better to move our headquarters in this territory from here to Spokane and conduct our business from that city, constructing our proposed warehouses and elevator there. In the meantime we shall not build here while Reciprocity is in the air."

The strongest argument of President Taft, Speaker Champ Clark, Secretary Knox, Mr. Hill and other United States authors and advocates of the Reciprocity treaty is that the compact heads off the scheme of Imperial tariff preference. For exactly the same reason British opponents to tariff preferences rejoice over Reciprocity which they expect to smash tariff reform and Chamberlain for all time to come. President Taft and anti-Chamberlainism English politicians are right in their conclusions. Reciprocity is a deadly blow to Imperialism in all its forms, including the movement for closer Imperial trade relations. It is a long stop in the program of continual union, commercial first, and political afterward.

### OUR LETTER BOX

EDITOR NICOLA VALLEY NEWS  
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Vancouver, Sept. 11, 1911

Dear Sir,—Mr. Gilbert Blair has called my attention to the fact that the newspapers in Merritt have very willingly given great help and assistance to all

our friends who were working so hard to make Tag Day a success in your district. I would like to say, for your information, that we believe the amount raised will reach the sum of about \$6000. The cheque forwarded to us by the ladies having the matter in charge, viz., \$108.70, just shows how gladly the people of your district responded to the cry of the children. We have been able to help hundreds of children since the Society has been incorporated, and the best of it is that in nearly every case the work done for the children has been appreciated by them, with the result that they are a credit to the province and the Dominion.

We thank you very, very much for the timely assistance given by you.—Yours faithfully,

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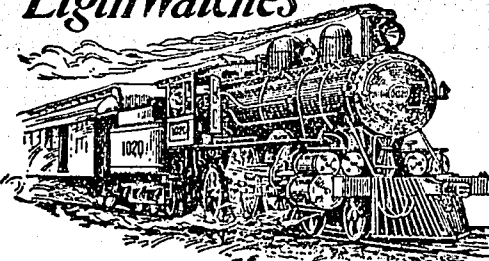
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#### LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Coutlee and Mr. and Mrs. Boothroyd spent Sunday on an outing to Quilchena.

Provincial Constable Vachon, returned on Sunday from Fernie, where he had been conducting a prisoner.

Joseph Guichon, senr., and his daughter Margaret, of Quilchena, were in town visiting friends on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macphail, of Nicola, returned last evening from a couple of week's trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

Best Electric Massage always on tap at Brown & Durham's barber shop. 25tf

H. L. Pennington, has secured the contract for Dr. Williams' new residence, which is to be erected on Granite avenue.

The ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary are making arrangements, with the owners of the Sunshine

Theater, to hold a concert and moving-picture show, in aid of the Hospital at an early date. Further particulars later.

Miss Hazel McKittrick, of Victoria, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Adams, at Lower Nicola. She will remain for several weeks.

Donald Campbell and John McDonald are preparing to organize a cricket club. A meeting will shortly be called of all those interested in this sport.

The citizens of Merritt contributed most liberally to the fund in aid of the Children's Orphanage at Vancouver, and an appreciative letter from Superintendent South appears on another page.

F. Bailey returned from a trip to England on Wednesday evening. He took in the coronation proceedings and reports a pleasant time all through.

Miss Hamilton, late dressmaker at Armstrong's departmental store, left on Sunday's train for Kamloops to accept a situation as stenographer in the law office

of Mr. Conwell there. Miss Hamilton had many friends in town, and a number were present at the station to see her off and extend best wishes.

Albert Jones, official coal inspector at this point for the C. P. R. is on a couple of weeks business trip to Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Morrison is assuming the duties during the absence of Mr. Jones.

Mrs. M. Krumm, left on Sunday for Revelstoke, accompanied by her young son, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. A. Johnson, wife of the editor of the Mail-Herald for a short time, before proceeding to Halcyon Hot Springs for treatment for a rheumatic complaint, from which she has been suffering.

Jos. Marshall, foreman for the city road work which is going on, is making good progress, and the filling up of the gulch on Garcia street, between Quilchena and Nicola avenues will be a most decided improvement. The graving and grading on the other streets will also help a lot.

Thursday morning before Magistrate Morgan, Messrs. Steel & Falconer appeared on the charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours upon their licensed premises, the Star restaurant. The charge was laid by Chief of Police Brown, and M. L. Grimmett prosecuted. H. Colin Clark appeared for the defence. Mr. Falconer pleaded guilty to selling on Sept. 10th, but stated that it was owing to mis-interpretation of the recently enacted bylaw. Owing to the misunderstanding, the nominal fine of \$1 and costs (\$6.00) was inflicted. His Worship requests it to be known that any further infractions of the new bylaw will be severely dealt with.

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Building permits at twenty-eight of the principal cities, during the first seven months of this year, represent a total value exceeding \$76,000,000, as compared with 60,000,000 for the corresponding period last year, the increase being more than 28 per cent.

Canadian bank clearings for the week ending August 17 last amounted to \$134,000,000, as against \$108,000,000 for the corresponding week of last year.

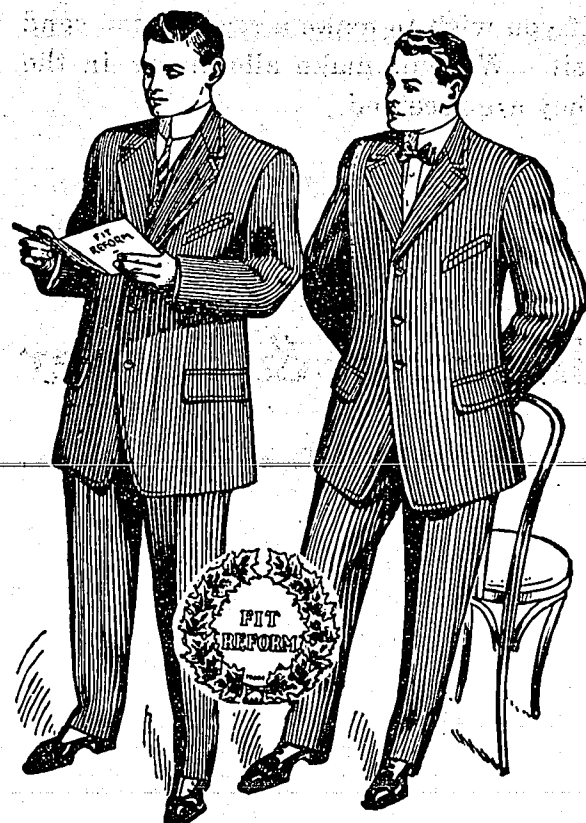
The weather continues warm with good ripening breezes all

over the Western prairies and the crop is making good progress. On the light land the binder is at work, and reports from many points show that farmers are making a start on early fields. Much barley is already in stook.

According to a Toronto dispatch the Tecumsehs will leave for Vancouver next Saturday, Sept. 16, to play a series of exhibition matches with the Coast teams. A meeting of the National Lacrosse Union was held last Wednesday night at Montreal, to discuss the Montreal-National fiasco, but the Tecumsehs say they are coming to the Coast regardless of any action taken by the association.

Canada won the President's cup at the International Apple Shippers' Convention at Detroit, Michigan, last week, for the most comprehensive display of apples. The Canadian collection comprised thirty leading commercial varieties, and the principal points on which the Canadian apples won were fine quality and commercial value.

**LOST**—Sable and white Scotch Collie dog, on August 26th, \$10 reward will be paid for the recovery of dog, by Chief of Police Brown, Merritt, or Constable Cahilly, Nicola. Any person in possession of dog after this notice will be prosecuted.



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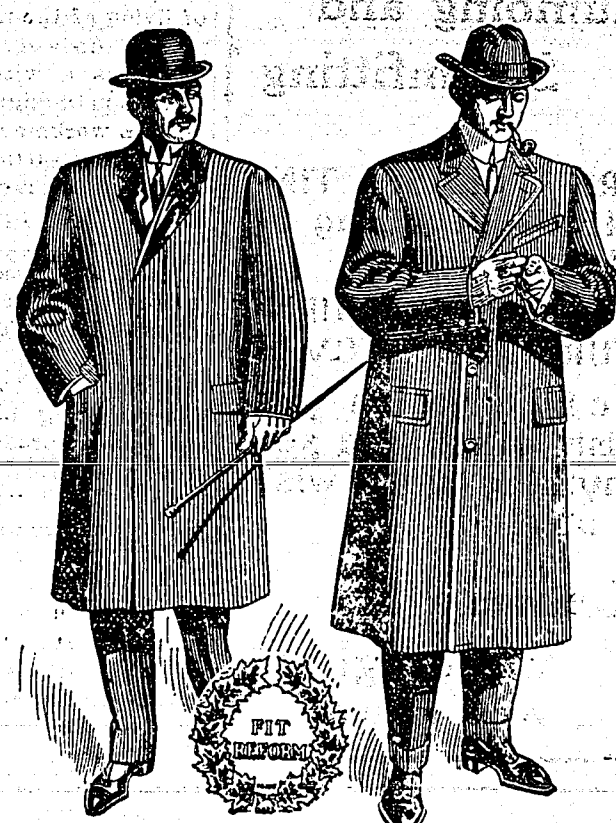
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## ABROGATED ALIEN LABOR LAW

Victoria, B. C. August—That at the behest of certain railway officials, the government of Sir Wilfred Laurier has abrogated the Alien Labor Law insofar as railway laborers were affected; that with the connivance of the immigration officials of the Dominion Government, dictated by that government, and with their guilty knowledge, hundreds of foreign workers—Swedes, Norwegians, Huns, Slavs and Italians—have been brought, under contract, to this province to engage in railway construction at a time when 800 men in Vancouver and 300 men in Victoria were seeking such employment, was placed on record here on Tuesday last when in the police court, a prosecution was instituted by the Attorney General of British Columbia, against Grant, Smith & Company for infractions of the alien labor laws.

The action against Messrs. Grant, Smith & Company was taken on the information and complaint of F. C. Webb, business agent of the Building Trades Council, Victoria. The company mentioned holds a contract for construction of the first 40-mile section of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway on Vancouver island and maintains an office on Store street in this city. The charge against the company was that they knowingly encouraged one John Thompson, one of a party of foreign laborers brought here from Seattle on June 13, to emigrate from Seattle under contract to Knowles and Thompson, a company to which Grant, Smith and Company had sub-let a portion of their contract.

A copy of the form of contract used with Thompson and in hundreds of other cases was produced in court. It was between Lilyman & Renard, West Main Street, Seattle, whose advertisement the witness Thompson had seen in a newspaper, calling for laborers to go to British Columbia. Witness deposed that when he went to the boat he was not stopped by the Canadian immigration official. His name with that of a number of other laborers going to Victoria to engage in railway construction work, was read out from a list and he was at once passed by the Canadian officer.

The latter had merely asked if he was satisfied to work for \$2.50 a day and he replied that he was. He had been allowed to go on board and proceed to Canada. When he had arrived at Victoria he went to Thompson's camp but found it was "full up". He had then gone to Grant, Smith's office in Victoria and had been promised a job at another camp farther out. He had refused to go.

F. C. Webb the complainant, testified that at the time these contracted laborers were being brought in, there were by actual count, 792 men in Vancouver and 300 men in Victoria available for such work. The effect of bringing in these additional men would be to lower the rate of wages with the increased competition and to lower the standard of living of the men employed.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C. for the defence, called as a witness John W. Speed, Dominion Immigration agent. Asked if certain workmen were allowed to come in from Seattle without the money qualifications required by the Immigration Act, Mr. Speed admitted that such was the case. Asked why such was permitted, Mr. Speed stated that it was in accordance with instructions from Ottawa. Asked for a copy of such instructions, Mr. Speed stated that he had destroyed the copy furnished him. Representing the Attorney General, J. A. Aikman produced a copy of instructions which read as follows:

"NOTICE."

"Office of the Superintendent of Immigration,  
Ottawa, March 1, 1911.

"In order to meet the demands for railroad laborers in Canada, last year the regulations relating to money qualifications and continuous journey were relaxed for a certain period.

"This year railroad laborers going to assured permanent employment on construction will be admitted to Canada from the 1st day of May until 30th of September, both days inclusive, irrespective of money qualification or continuous journey, provided they are natives or citizens of the countries, or some of the countries in which immigration effort is made by Canada, i.e., Great Britain, Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, or the United States of America, and provided, also that the immigrants are suited to railroad work and are in all other respects desirable and have sufficient money to carry them to work for which they have been engaged, and documentary or other sufficient evidence of definite employment to go to.

"On the first of October, 1911, this relaxation of the regulations will come to an end, without further notice.

"(Signed) W. D. Scott,

"Superintendent of Immigration".  
After the summing up, when Mr. Bodwell stated that the government of Canada knowing that there were not sufficient laborers in Canada, to expedite railway work had sent out these instructions relaxing the immigration regulations, and Mr. Aikman in rebuttal had produced evidence to show that ample men could have been obtained in Vancouver and Victoria, the magistrate took the case under advisement.

## LAND FOR SALE

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, up to noon on Monday, October 16th, 1911, for the Purchase of that portion of the Estate of the late William Voght bounded on the east by wire fence, on the north by railway and on other sides by the Coldwater River, containing thirty-five (35) acres more or less. Land will be shown and terms obtained on application. Tenders must state price offered per acre. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. S. CLEASBY  
ISAAC EASTWOOD,  
Executors of the Estate of the  
late William Voght.  
Merritt, Sept. 11, 1911.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Messrs. Manson & Dryborough, of Merritt, have been appointed Scavengers for the City of Merritt, and no other person or persons are authorized or licensed to be Scavenger.

The prices fixed for Scavenger work by the Public Health Bylaw, 1911, are as follows:

- (a) Raking or clearing up a city lot 30c per hour.
- (b) Cleaning chimneys 50c each.
- (c) Emptying cans or other receptacles 25c each.
- (d) Emptying dwelling - house closets 50c per closet when not containing more than two receptacles.
- (e) Emptying hotel or boarding house closets, when the average number of guests is 10 or less 50c per closet, and 25c additional for every additional five guests.

H. PRIEST,

City Clerk.

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THOMAS TAYLOR,  
Minister of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,  
Victoria, B. C., July 7th, 1911. -35

## Imperfect Kidney Action Causes Rheumatism

Rheumatism with its kindred ailments—Lumbago, Wry Neck, Neuralgia, etc., usually results from lodgments of uric acid in the joints and muscles.

Now the chief function of the kidneys is to properly filter this poison from the blood.

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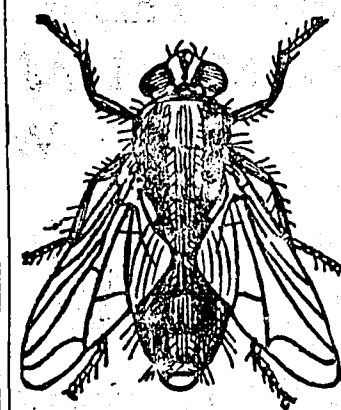
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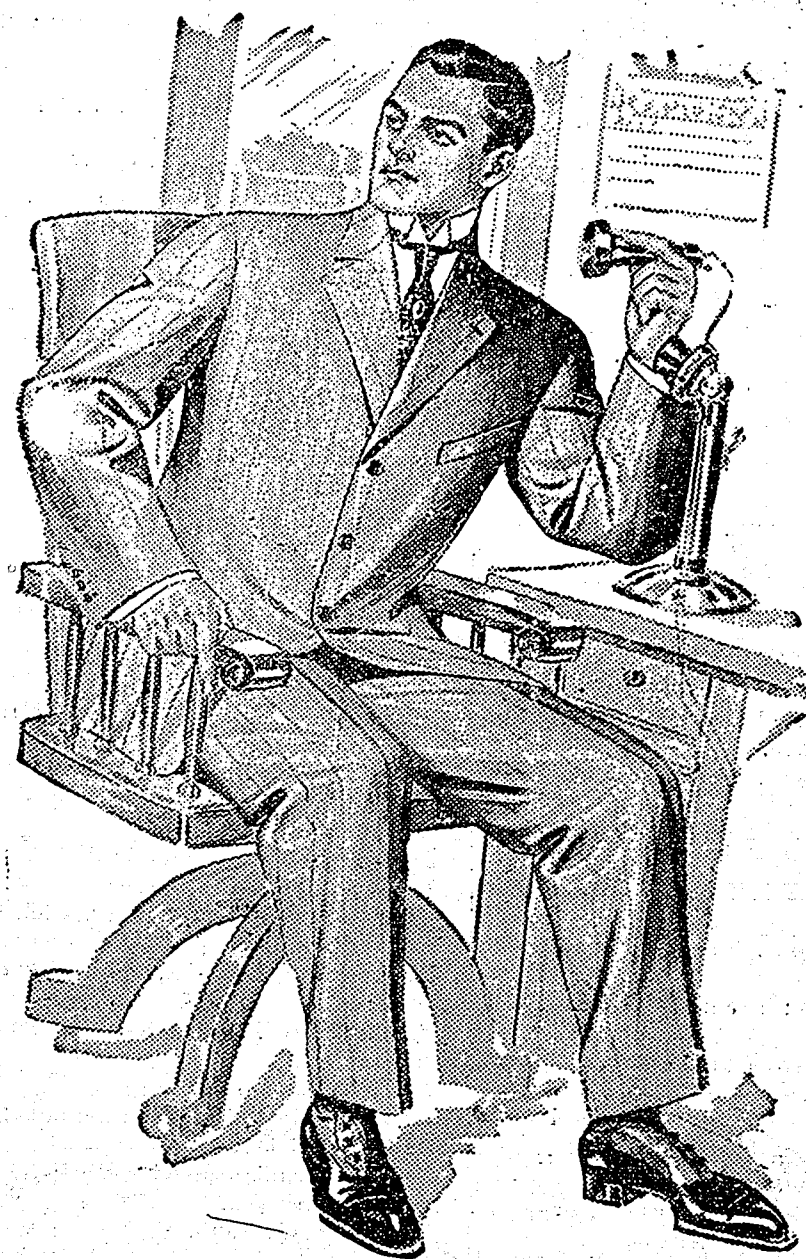
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## PRIZE LIST OF FALL FAIR

Last week we published a portion of the judges awards at the fair. Below we give the completed list, with the exception of a few prize-winners who have failed to return their tickets to secretary of the association.

## DIVISION B.—CATTLE

Hereford bull: 1, J. H. Collett.  
Jersey bull, 3 yrs and up: 1, R. Whitaker, Lower Nicola.  
Jersey bull, 2 years: 1, J. H. Collett.  
Jersey bull, 1 year: 1, S. Anthony, Canford; 2, Stanley Kirby, Nicola.  
Cows: 1 and 2, S. Anthony.  
Heifer, 1 year: 1 and 2, S. Kirby.  
Heifer, 2 years: 1, A. W. Strickland; 2, S. Kirby.  
Jersey bull calf: 1, S. Anthony; 2, J. W. Ellis.

Grade dairy cows: 1, S. Kirby; 2, A. W. Strickland.  
Armitage Cup: S. Kirby.

## DIVISION C.—SHEEP

Shropshires—Ram, 2 shears: 1, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Ram, 1 shear: 1 and 2, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Ram, lambs: 1 and 2, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Ewe, 2 shears: 1 and 2, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Ewe, 1 shear: 1 and 2, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Ewe, lamb: 1 and 2, Nicola Stock Farm.  
Pen of 5 ewes and lambs: 1, Nicola Stock Farm.

## DIVISION D.—SWINE

Berkshire boar, 2 years and over: 1, D. Dodding, Lower Nicola.  
Grades—Sows: 1 and 2, J. Castillon.  
Boars: 1 and 2, J. Castillon.

## DIVISION E.—POULTRY

White Orpingtons: 1, A. H. Owen, Nicola.  
White Wyandottes: 1, A. Strickland.  
Barred Rocks: 1, G. B. Baldwin; 2, Mrs. Riley, Nicola.  
Buff Orpingtons: 1, G. B. Baldwin.  
Bantams: Stanley Kirby, junr.  
Game: 1, R. M. Woodward, Lower Nicola.

Minors: R. M. Woodward.  
Minors, black: 1, G. Baldwin.  
Leghorns, R. C. brown: 1, D. Dodding, Lower Nicola.

Turkey, bronze: 1, G. Baldwin.  
Ducks: 1, D. Dodding; 2, P. Ransom.

## DIVISION F.—DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter: 1, R. Whitaker, Lower Nicola; 2, D. Dodding.  
Eggs, brown: R. M. Woodward.  
Eggs, white: R. M. Woodward.

## DIVISION G.—VEGETABLES

Potatoes, white: 1, H. H. Matthews, Nicola; 2, J. H. Collett. Largest: 1, H. S. Cleasby, Coutlee. Red: 1, H. S. Cleasby; 2, North Nicola Dairy Farm, S. Kirby.  
Corn: 1, H. Cleasby; 2, W. Smith, Lower Nicola.

Summer cabbage: 1, J. Manning, Dot; 2, H. Cleasby.  
Musk melon: 1, H. Cleasby; 2, W. Smith.

Green tomatoes: H. Cleasby.  
Carrots, half long: 1, W. Smith; 2, H. Cleasby.

Red cabbage: 1, H. Cleasby.  
Savoy cabbage: 1, H. Cleasby.  
Hubbard squash: 1, H. Cleasby.  
Beans: 1, H. Cleasby; 2, H. H. Matthews.

Parsnips: 1, H. H. Matthews; 2, W. Smith.

W. Smith, Lower Nicola, 1st in each of following: Mammoth squash, vegetable marrow, water melons, citron, table beets, cucumbers, yellow table turnips.

Table short carrots: 2, W. Smith.  
Green peas: 2, W. Smith.  
Onions, white: 1, J. Manning, Dot; 2, H. H. Matthews. Red: 1, H. H. Matthews. Yellow: 2, J. Manning.

Collection, 1 H. Cleasby; 2 W. Smith.

DIVISION H.—FIELD PRODUCTS  
Field carrots, H. H. Matthews 1; J. H. Collett 2.

Mangolds, globe, H. H. Matthews 1. Red, J. H. Collett 1; H. H. Matthews 2.  
Turnips, J. H. Collett 1; H. H. Matthews 2.

Spring wheat, H. H. Matthews 1.

## DIVISION I.—FRUIT

Winter Apples, J. Manning, Dot, 1; R. M. Woodward 2.

Any winter variety, J. Manning, Dot, 1 and 2.  
Winter desert apples, R. M. Woodward 1.

Three named fall varieties, J. Manning 1.  
Any fall variety, J. Manning 1 and 2.  
Duchess Oldenburg, J. Manning 1

and 2.  
Wealthy, R. M. Woodward 1; J. Manning 2.  
Ben Davis, J. Manning 1.  
Fall cooking, R. M. Woodward 1 and 2.  
Crab, Hyslop, H. Cleasby.  
Crab, Transcendent, James Smith, Lower Nicola, 2.

## DIVISION J.—FANCY WORK

Battenberg lace, Mrs. Hyndman 1.  
Crochet work in cotton, Mrs. A. E. Saville 1.

Crochet work, wool, Mrs. Grimmes 2.  
Crochet work, silk, Mrs. Grimmes 2.  
Outline work, Mrs. N. J. Barwick 1.

Netting, Mrs. N. J. Barwick 1.  
Embroidery on linen, Mrs. H. H. Matthews 1; Miss Eva Ellis 2.

Decorative painting on satin, Mrs. Hyndman 1.

Centrepiece, Miss Eva Ellis 1 and 2.  
Drawn work, Miss Ellis 1.  
Pillow shams, Mrs. Tate.

Sofa pillow, patch or crazy work, Mrs. N. J. Barwick 1.  
Sofa pillow, embroidery, Mrs. Hyndman 1.

Sofa pillow, any other kind, Mrs. H. H. Matthews 1; Edna Hunter 2.  
Set of table doilies, Mrs. Barwick 1.  
Set of table mats, Mrs. Tate 1; Miss Ellis.

Tablecloth, Mrs. Hyndman 1.  
Toilet set, Mrs. R. Jackson 1.  
Fancy wool knitting, Mrs. Barwick 1.

Knitted wool skirt, Mrs. J. Marshall.  
Patchwork quilt, silk, Mrs. Hyndman 1.

Patchwork quilt, any other kind, Mrs. Hyndman 1.

Rag mat, Mrs. John Leece 1.  
Darned socks, Mrs. John Adams 1; Miss McKittrick 2.

Best 6 button holes, Miss McKittrick 1; Mrs. Grimmes 2.

Plain sewing, Edna Hunter 1; Mrs. Grimmes 2.

Dressed doll, Mrs. N. J. Barwick 1; Marion Strickland 2.

## DIVISION K.—EDUCATION

Under 12 years—Penmanship, Jane Smith 1; Mary Dickie 2.

Under 16 years—Penmanship, Wm. Dodding. Drawing, map, P. Ransom 1; Dorothy Carrington 2. Color drawing, Dorothy Carrington 1; Lewis Puffer 2.

## DIVISION L.—FINE ARTS

Wild flowers, Irene Barwick 1.  
Pansies, Phoebe Manning 1.

Oil painting, m. w. marquart, Nicola, 1; F. Eagles 2.

Water color, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Lower Nicola, 1; M. Marquart 2.

Pencil drawing, Mrs. Sutcliffe 1; G. Marquart 2.

Sweet peas, Mrs. H. H. Matthews 1; Robert Barwick 2.

Dahlias, Mary Dodding 1.  
Gladiolas, Mrs. Mickle, Nicola, 1.  
Asters, Mrs. Baldwin 1.

DIVISION M.—DOMESTIC SCIENCE  
Bread, white, Mrs. McGoran 1; Mrs. R. M. Woodward 2.

Bread, brown, Mrs. Barwick 1.  
Dinner rolls, Mrs. J. Adams, Lower Nicola, 1; Mrs. Riley, Nicola, 2.

Plain biscuits, Mrs. Matthews 2.  
Cookies, Mrs. R. M. Woodward 1; Mrs. McGoran 2.

Sponge cake, Mrs. Grimes.

JUDGES:  
Vegetables and Fruit: Mr. Winslow and E. E. Wilkinson, Beaver Ranch.

Field Produce: Mr. A. Gordon, Merritt.  
Domestic Science: Mrs. Grimmett, of Merritt, and Mrs. A. Carrington, of Nicola.

Fancy Work: Mrs. Wilkinson, Beaver Ranch, and Mrs. W. Brant, Nicola.  
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The water is to be taken from the said Creek about its mouth, about four miles East of the Coldwater River, and is to be used on the pre-emption claim of Henry Brooks on the said West Branch of Otter Creek and on the applicant Company's right-of-way, for industrial purposes.

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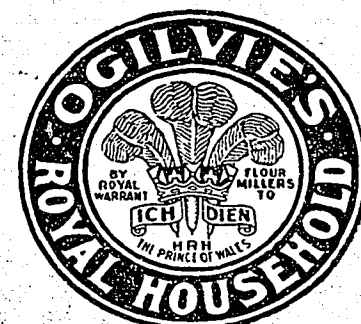
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