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CANADIANS ON LENS FRONT MAKING ENEMY SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

Gas Used With Good Results; Ground Retaken by French; British Gained at One Point; Gave Ground Elsewhere

Canadian Headquarters in France, Aug. 12.—Via London, Aug. 13.—Gas was again projected successfully early this morning into the enemy positions on the northern part of the St. Laurent sector of the Lens front, where there were known to be many dugouts and occupied cellars. A prisoner who was captured on this part of the front says that a recent gas attack resulted in more than 90 casualties among the men of his battalion alone. The German masks do not seem to be a very effective protection. Chemists of Germany are reported to be constantly experimenting with new and more deadly forms of gas.

The war of aeroplanes continues on an increasing scale. The number of machines engaged in night raiding is growing, and aviators are using machine guns freely. In a raid into Belgium by British airmen on this front, twenty-seven machines took part. The Germans used thirty-six machines in a raid undertaken on the same day. The result of all this is a great increase in the use of searchlights and anti-aircraft weapons of various sorts. An uneasy effect is produced by the searchlights turned upon every bit of cloud that comes sweeping over at a low altitude and may provide concealment for "the terror that flies by night."

To their other activities our aviators have added the pursuit of motor lorry convoys in enemy territory. On Friday an airman by firing on a group of lorries caused the leading lorry to swerve and crash into a tree. The artillery and trench mortars, our own and the enemy's, were very active all along the front to-day.

French Reports.
London, Aug. 13.—There is nothing special to report from our front in France and Belgium, says an official communication issued here to-day.

Yesterday morning enemy troops attacked the new British position on the Ypres-Menin road, and after heavy fighting pressed back the line slightly in the Ghencore Wood, where the War Office reported last night. In the neighborhood of the Ypres railway British troops gained ground on the right of Steenstrate. A further 123 prisoners were captured in the course of the day.

In Mine Crater.
The War Office reported yesterday afternoon that on Saturday night the weather on the battlefield in Flanders was wet and stormy. Fighting between British and German troops took place east of Givenchy-La Bassée, seven miles north of Lens, where British troops occupied the crater of a mine crater and drove off German counter-attacks.

German Claims.
Berlin, Aug. 12.—The War Office stated yesterday that after hours of artillery fire several British regiments on Sunday morning attacked the German lines north of Hollebeke, on the Belgian front. The attackers were forced to retreat with heavy losses.

On the Aisne front two French attacks at Cerny-en-Laonnois broke down on Saturday night with heavy losses and at Mont Carnillet French hand grenade detachments were repulsed.

NEW WHEAT.
Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—Jack Frost, whose farm is located three miles northeast of Moose Jaw, was first to arrive in that city with a load of new wheat. He started cutting last week.

PROPOSED NEW SEAT FOR GOVERNMENT OF ROUMANIA IS ROSTOV

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—The authorities of the Provisional Government at Rostov-on-Don (500 miles east of Jassy, near the Sea of Azov) have been instructed to report to the central Government as to the possibility of establishing the seat of the Rumanian Government in that city and also the advisability of the Rumanian Royal family transferring its residence to a town in Southern Russia.

Frankfort-on-Main Attacked by Airmen Sent by the French

Paris, Aug. 13.—Two French aviators on Saturday dropped bombs on Frankfort-on-the-Main, one of the most important cities of the German Empire, having a population of more than 300,000. An official statement announcing the raid says it was in retaliation for the German aerial bombardment of Nancy and the region north of Paris.

SOLDIERS' VOTES COMMISSION HAD INTENSELY EXCITING EXPERIENCES WHILE CARRYING OUT TASK OVERSEAS

Torpedo Missed Vessel by Twenty Feet; Commissioners Picked Flowers From Vimy Ridge Under Shell Fire; Witnessed Two Air Raids, but Returned With Work Completed Yesterday Afternoon

"We stood on Vimy Ridge and looked to the East. An eminent General with a slight wave of the hand told us that within a very small area thereabouts no less than three-quarters of a million men had fallen in battle. And there, where but a few short weeks ago no living thing could have shown its head, I gathered these few flowers. To say we were impressed would in no way do justice to the theme. There was a sense of awe surrounding it all, yet pride in the thought that boys from British Columbia had played a great part in the brilliant capture of this valuable eminence, would not be downed. We took that satisfaction knowing that the men in every part of the line from the channel ports to the Swiss frontier rejoiced in Canada's glorious achievements at Vimy Ridge."

The speaker was E. A. Pauline, M. P., who returned to the city yesterday from England, where he and his colleagues, Messrs. Whiteside and Nelson, have conducted duties entrusted to them in the gathering of evidence relating to the alleged irregularities of the soldiers' vote on the prohibition referendum.

Chaitin, a representative of The Times in his garden yesterday afternoon, Mr. Pauline produced a small bunch of Germany's national flower, the cornflower. He picked them on Vimy Ridge early last month. The members of the Commission were signally honored by special authorization from Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig himself, by the extension to them of every facility to see British Columbians laying their part on the battlefields of France. Mr. Pauline declared that it was an occasion not only valuable from its opportunity to them personally of a glimpse into the great business of war at close quarters, but it was also interpreted as a tribute to the man from the furthest west, thousands of whom had gone "over the top" on that Easter Monday morn, many alas! who would not return.

The Little Cemetery.
The member for Saanich had much to tell of the Canadian soldier in France. "Possibly one of the most human phases of the grim struggle was brought home to me," recalled Mr. Pauline, "as I stood on the edge of the little cemetery at Villers, about seven miles behind Vimy Ridge. It was difficult to keep one's eyes dry as names and battalion numbers on the little white crosses on each grave caught one's vision. Men of the 47th, 102nd, 72nd, 6th and 57th are sleeping their last long sleep there. It will be some consolation, I think, for the parents of those heroes to know that each grave is carefully tended and that flowers are planted on each little mound."

"It was while contemplating this peaceful scene—and it was peaceful despite the distant roar of hundreds of guns—that I was able to grasp some thread of war's meaning. Passing this spot continually were thousands of Canadian soldiers, some off to the firing line and others to rest billets. There was a significant look in the eyes of those men, particularly the men going to the trenches. They appeared to take in the scene I have described simultaneously with a squaring of the jaw, a look of determination to avenge their fallen comrades settling on each face."

The Grand Spirit.
Mr. Pauline said there could be no better description of the Canadian Tommy than that given of him by Sir Gilbert Parker in one of his recent writings. It was quite true. There was the soldier in the front line, smothered in mud, tired, hungry, thirsty, and nothing but desolation around him. (Concluded on page 3.)

WAR TAX MEASURE IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Aug. 13.—General debate on the \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill began in the Senate to-day, Senator Simmons, in charge of the measure, having finished his opening statement Saturday.

BRITISH CABINET DECIDES NO DELEGATES WILL GO TO CONFERENCE AT STOCKHOLM

THEORY VANISHED CONDITION REMAINS

Fears Compulsion Might Mean Creation of an Ireland in Canada

PREMIER BREWSTER IS BACK FROM CONVENTION

"We have in Eastern Canada a condition, not a theory, and that condition has been brought about by an alliance of the present administration with the Nationalist party of Quebec. The question then is, shall we who are in favor of conscription force our views upon the Government regardless of the fact that such methods may mean the creation of another Ireland in Canada, which would effectually prevent us from giving the assistance we should to those who are already in the trenches in France and Flanders? The foregoing observations crystallize the sentiments of Premier Brewster, who returned to the city yesterday afternoon after attending the Liberal Convention at Winnipeg.

Organize Canada.
Discussing the convention, its value, its meaning and its general effect upon the complex situation in which the Dominion finds herself to-day, Hon. Mr. Brewster said that while the great assembly he called in the name of the Liberal party, it was throughout and in all its stages a win-the-war convention. "The main resolution, that is the one dealing with the prosecution of the war and the steps necessary to contribute to its successful conclusion, likewise the one having regard to the betterment of the conditions of those who are at the front and the men about to go, are probably the greatest in the public eye. These resolutions," proceeded the Prime Minister, "as already stated by Attorney-General Hudson of Manitoba, should be taken exactly as they read. The win-the-war resolution can be interpreted but one way, and that is that not only shall we organize every industry of Canada but if necessary conscribe not merely for military purposes, but for all other purposes of the state in any way relating to the war—conscription of men, money and resources."

Sir Wilfrid's Ability Needed.
Passing on to the resolution of appreciation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier was of the opinion that no man in Canada who was sincere would hesitate to subscribe appreciatively to the life and work of the man who had led the Liberal party in Canada for so many years. "I doubt if anyone, even his stoutest opponent," declared Hon. Mr. Brewster, "would consider him the least bit less loyal than those whose hostility is so pronounced at the present time. One thing is certain, every member of that great convention—possibly the greatest convention Canada has ever had—hopes he will use his undoubted ability in the carrying out of their platform."

Big Interests Working.
Deplorable as it was, the Prime Minister declared that already the big interests were at work again crying out only the plea was going forth that men and men alone constituted the great need to the exclusion of all else. While the convention had recognized the vital necessity of bringing into effect the full man-power of Canada, it would be folly to accept this as possible unless the full material wealth of the Dominion were similarly conscribed to the national service.

"I notice," recounted the Premier, "that an agitation has already been instituted and resolutions passed by the Great War Veterans' Association, and we had a regrettable exhibition of the lack of knowledge of some of those participating while in Winnipeg. These men, like all true Canadians, are just as anxious to win the war and support those splendid men at the front as were the hundreds who attended the convention, many of whom have sons and brothers in the khaki line of France, while not a few are mourning the loss of those who will never return."

Identical Desire.
"The desire of every delegate to that Winnipeg gathering," he continued, "is identical with that of the Great War Veterans. But that desire will never be satisfied so long as the system of profiteering in war supplies and promotion through the medium of political patronage and secret private influence is permitted to continue unchecked by the present administration."

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Will Not Grant Permission to Any Representatives; Official of Seamen's Union Says Scheme Wholly German

London, Aug. 13.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, the Government spokesman in the House of Commons, told the members of the House this afternoon that the Government had decided that permission to attend the international Socialist conference at Stockholm would not be granted to British delegates. He said:

"The law officers of the Crown have advised the Government that it is not legal for any persons resident within His Majesty's dominions to engage in a conference with enemy subjects. Therefore permission to attend the Stockholm conference will not be granted."

"The same decision has been made by the Governments of France and Italy, with which His Majesty's Government has been in communication."

ADMIRAL BEATTY MAY SUCCEED JELICOE AS THE FIRST SEA LORD



A dispatch received to-day from London earlier than the above said: A statement by Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, the Labor leader and Minister without portfolio and member of the War Council who resigned Saturday, is expected to be made to-day in Parliament, and it is assumed that Mr. Lloyd George would reply immediately. It is reported that Mr. Henderson will demand the production of all communications between the British and Russian Governments with regard to the Stockholm Socialist conference with a view to showing that the Prime Minister put a wrong interpretation on the Russian telegram he quoted in a letter to Mr. Henderson.

The possible dissolution of Parliament to ascertain the country's needs by a general election is suggested by The London Daily News, which supports Mr. Henderson, and which says the Government is approaching a serious crisis.

Wholly German Scheme.
Copenhagen, Aug. 12.—Peter Wright, director of the British Seamen's & Firemen's Union, has been informed by the Danish Seamen's Union that the latter organization adheres to its earlier resolution not to carry peace delegates to the Stockholm conference. The Danish union stands with the British union in this respect.

Mr. Wright, who has been devoting some time in the Scandinavian countries to a study of the conditions underlying the Stockholm conference, told a representative of the Associated Press that he was firmly convinced the conference is wholly a German scheme. He added that all the arrangements and the sympathy with the idea are the result of wire-pulling by Germans and pro-Germans in neutral countries.

Fear Such Discussion.
Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—It is stated semi-officially in the Frankfurter Zeitung that the German Socialists may decline to participate in the Stockholm conference if the Entente Socialists insist on placing upon the programme discussion of the question of the responsibility for the war.

MASTER AND GUNNERS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Five Believed Seized When U Boat Sank American Steamship Campana

Washington, Aug. 13.—The sinking of the American steamship Campana, a Standard Oil tanker, with the probable capture of her captain and four members of the naval guard by the attacking German submarine, is announced by the Navy Department in the following report:
"The Standard Oil tanker Campana, an American steamship, was sunk by a submarine on the morning of August 6, 148 miles west of Ile de Re (in the Bay of Biscay, off the French coast). Forty-seven survivors reached land in safety. It is believed the captain of the steamship and four of the armed guard are prisoners on board the German submarine."
Built in England.
New York, Aug. 13.—The Campana formerly was the steamship Dunholme. She was built in 1901 at West Hartlepool, England, and was registered at 3,313 tons gross, 2,133 tons net. She was 335 feet long, with a beam of 47 feet.

The Campana was the thirty-eighth American merchant ship destroyed through the operations of German and Austrian submarines and raiders since the war began. Thirteen of those ships were sunk before the United States entered the war, and twenty-five since that time. The total tonnage of the ships lost was about 113,000 tons.

The first American ship sunk was the William P. Frye, January 23, 1915.

Japanese Mission Reaches Shores of the United States

A Pacific Port of the United States, Aug. 13.—The Japanese Mission to the United States arrived to-day. It was headed by Viscount K. Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and was received by a State Department staff headed by Breckenridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State, and by city officials.

A troop of cavalry from a point 604 miles distant was brought here to participate in the ceremony.
When the boat bearing the Mission arrived, the quarantine regulations were waived so far as the members of the Mission were concerned. Its members were allowed immediate entry.

CANADIANS ARE MADE OFFICERS IN FORCES OF UNITED STATES

Washington, Aug. 13.—Commissioners awarded to the students at the officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y., include the following: Canada, Aaron M. McCreary, of Vera, Sask., second lieutenant.
Commissions awarded students at the Fort Snelling, Minn., training camp, include the following: Manitoba, Carl L. Hall, of Winnipeg, second lieutenant.

SIR SAM HUGHES TO TOUR DOMINION FOR CONSCRIPTION

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Lieut.-General Sir Sam Hughes will leave Ottawa in a few days for a trip across Canada and will take up the question of conscription at conferences and meetings from ocean to ocean.

CANADIAN AIRMAN RECEIVES MENTION

London, Aug. 13.—Flight-Commander Reford Mulock, son of W. R. Mulock, of Winnipeg, is mentioned in dispatches gazetted last night. He was awarded the D. S. O. last year in recognition of services at Dunkirk in engaging aeroplanes and submarines.

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RAW MATERIALS IN GERMANY AFTER WAR

Berlin, Aug. 13.—Chancellor Michaelis told a newspaper interviewer at Mannheim on Saturday that the question of a governmental monopoly of raw products in Germany for the reconstruction period after the war was not yet ripe for discussion. Strengthening of the nation's economic resources was an

implicit need of the future, the Chancellor added, especially in the face of threatened trade blockades by Germany's enemies.

Dr. Michaelis pointed out that increased demands in the nation's budget warranted the Government availing itself of the opportunity to extract revenue from the control and supply of raw materials and that both branches of industry which had been dependent on substitutes will be given the first consideration.

TONS OF GERMAN PAMPHLETS SEIZED

Were Taken Off Three Dutch Steamships by British Authorities

London, Aug. 13.—Tons of seditious literature, printed in many languages and intended for circulation in neutral countries, have been seized here and condemned by a prize court as part of a gigantic scheme on the part of the Germans to spread their propaganda to the four corners of the earth. The seizures were found in the mails of the steamships Oranje, Rembrandt and Goetoeer. More than 1,500 bags, containing thousands of pamphlets, were removed from the vessels by the British authorities.

Sir Frederick Smith, the Attorney-General, in answer to the court to condemn the seizures, asserted that the scheme was on the largest possible scale and had been carried out with ingenuity and thoroughness. It was a pamphlet entitled "The Neutrality of India and England." Information available to the British authorities showed that in virtually every neutral country, almost in every neutral town of importance, the Germans had appointed agents whose special mission it was to distribute the literature.

There were Dutch and French editions of this pamphlet, the French edition being edited, it was alleged on the fly-page, by the Indian National Party. An Arabic pamphlet had a flaming red star and crescent on the cover. Another dealt with alleged British atrocities.

A pamphlet in French and Spanish entitled "England's Rule in India," was intended for circulation as far afield as Bolivia, it was said.

Customer—"Water, this bullock's heart is very badly cooked." Waiter—"Well, sir, the fact is the cook's been crossed in love, and whenever he has anything to do with a heart, it so upsets him that he doesn't know what he's doin' of."

BRUTALLY SHELLED HELPLESS VICTIMS

How German Submarine Which Sank British Steamship Addah Acted

London, Aug. 13.—Eight men were killed and several wounded by the shelling by a German submarine of the lifeboats of the Elder Dempster steamship Addah, which was torpedoed recently, according to the official version of the affair. One boat was sunk by shrapnel fired from the submarine and the survivors were sprayed with shrapnel while they were in the water waiting for the other boats to pick them up.

The official narrative says the submarine commander went alongside one of the Addah's life boats and made use of her to send some of the crew of the submarine on board the Addah just before the steamship sank. When the submarine's crew had been returned to their craft, the officer in command of the lifeboat was ordered to move away from the submarine.

"By this time," the official statement reads, "the boat commanded by the captain of the Addah, which already had been badly smashed by one of the shells from the submarine, was about three or four hundred yards away from the German craft. The submarine again opened fire on the captain's boat with shrapnel, killing eight men and taking the boat's stern off. Even after the boat had been sunk and the men were swimming in the water the submarine shelled them with shrapnel. When the German thought he had finished everybody who was in the captain's boat, he then opened fire on the chief officer's boat, firing eight shrapnel shells. Fortunately nobody was killed, the shells only holing the boat, breaking the oars and wounding several men slightly.

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ASKS FOR MANDAMUS IN SUPREME COURT

A. Edward Tulk Explains Position of Wets in Regard to Prohibition

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—The Supreme Court is being asked for a mandamus directed to the Deputy Provincial Secretary that he forthwith issue a certificate and published in the British Columbia Gazette the result of the prohibition vote, as provided by the statute. A writ has been issued in Victoria by Frank Higgins, solicitor for the Merchants' Protective Association, and comes up and for hearing next Thursday in Victoria.

In an explanatory interview, A. Edward Tulk, advisory counsel for anti-prohibitionists, spoke as follows: "It is not suggested by my association that the issuance of a certificate and publication in the Gazette concerning the result of the vote on the prohibition referendum means finally in so far as the subject matter is concerned. We are, however, keenly desirous of having the result officially recorded and in the statutory manner as provided by section II of the Prohibition and Women's Suffrage Referendum Act. It seems strange to me that there should be any doubt, surprise or hesitation concerning a provision that was inserted in the act demanded and approved by the People's Prohibition Party. Seemingly it is still a case of heads I win, tails you lose—that is to say prohibition must carry 'hook or croak, and whether the electorate are opposed or not. The opponents of prohibition were told by the leaders of both political parties before the last provincial election that prohibition was a matter for the people to decide, not the Legislature. Therefore the matter must be decided by argument pro and con with the electorate.

We have fought a long hard fight, and never anticipated any other result than that the victor would receive the reward. The prohibition party committee never intended to be satisfied with an adverse result. They demanded a referendum because they believed they would receive a majority vote in their favor. Now that it has turned out otherwise they demand a war measure. Instead of waiting for the official report of the overseas commission they have published and criticized parts of the evidence received in order to sway popular opinion and lay a foundation for another demand upon the Legislature. Such conduct has been described as 'the justice of Tiberius,' and I think it is well named."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The following British Columbia casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. N. Crummett, Vancouver; Pte. W. J. Watson, Vancouver.

Wounded—Pte. J. J. Eaton, North Vancouver; Pte. M. H. McKennelly (75253), Victoria; Pte. C. Dickinson, South Vancouver; Pte. F. Crockett, Jaffray; Pte. J. Gibbard, Salmon Arm; Pte. A. W. McTaggart, Hazelton; Pte. A. Peacock, Cumberland; Pte. J. M. Horne, Vancouver; Pte. J. W. Smith, Port Hammond; Pte. T. D. Walker, South Vancouver.

Suffering from gas poisoning—Pte. W. Telford, Ardley P. O., Burnaby; Pte. H. H. Pidcock, Vancouver; Pte. J. A. Robson, Merritt; Pte. H. G. Robottom, Vancouver; Pte. D. Campbell, Kerrisdale; Lieut. Oliver Roland Blandy, Alberni; Pte. J. A. McDougall, Westbank; Pte. A. W. Gray, Rutland; Pte. I. F. Chadsey, Yarrow.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Gaunt, Cranbrook.

Ill—Pte. J. Hilliard, 1032 Fisgard Street, Victoria.

Services.

Killed in action—Pte. T. Dumbrell, South Vancouver; Pte. A. H. William, Vancouver.

Engineers.

Gas poisoning—Sapper B. Carrier (180,851), Victoria.

FARMS ON PRAIRIES CALLING FOR MEN

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—Judged by comments in the press, the country districts of the prairies are well satisfied with the war policy outlined by the Liberal convention here. The chief reason is the scarcity of help available for the harvest, which will be on this week in many districts. Although the farmers were urged by the Government to extend their crop areas as widely as possible, they are unable to secure male or female help to work in the fields. Much of this class of labor formerly available in the west cannot be spared. The situation for many farmers is critical. All the agencies working to secure farm laborers have fallen short in their task.

FOOD SUBSTITUTES AMONG THE SWEDES

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—The shortage of various necessities of life in Sweden already is beginning to bring various substitutes into the market. One of these is a liquid called "economy sweetening," purporting to contain to each bottle of 120 grams, the equivalent in sweetening value of 12 pounds of sugar. Analysis has just shown the contents to consist of one-tenth of 1 per cent. of crystalline, 13 1/2 per cent. of ordinary sugar and 87.4 per cent. water.

MINERS' OFFICERS IN DISTRICT EIGHTEEN

Fernie, Aug. 13.—Chataqua entertainers opened a week's engagement here on Saturday under most favorable auspices.

The election of officers for District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America has resulted in a lead for Thomas Briggs over Graham of 128 to 106. Franco, for secretary, leads with 117. Peacock received 68 and Carter 55. There are no returns from other parts of the district.

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JAPANESE DESIRE STEEL FROM STATES

Tokio, Aug. 12.—Leading members of the Kokumin party, composed of National Liberals and a number of prominent shipbuilders, held meetings and adopted resolutions urging the government to negotiate with the United States in an endeavor to procure a modification of the embargo on steel exportation on the ground that it will prove a serious menace to Japan's industries.

PREPARATIONS OF STATES FOR WAR

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Conditions at Washington indicate that satisfactory progress is being made in the nation's war preparations, according to Congressman Jeanette Rankin, here for a short time en route to her home in Montana. A three-day adjournment of the House allowed time for a hurried visit to the west.

SLACKERS ARE DEALT WITH AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Registered men here who have sought to evade military duty by ignoring orders to appear before the exemption boards or by remaining in hiding, were placed to-day upon the list of those certified for service.

MURDER CHARGE

Dauphin, Man., Aug. 12.—Felix Letaine, a farmer of this district, was charged in police court here this forenoon with the murder of Joseph Greiner, of Winnipeg. Greiner's body was found buried in a hole four feet deep on Letaine's homestead on Saturday afternoon. The body bore bullet wounds indicating that the murdered man had been shot in the back while in a sitting position. Greiner had not been seen since July 5, when he left the village of Laurier, Man., in an auto with Letaine. Bullet holes have been found in the auto.

SOLDIERS' VOTES COMMISSION HAD INTENSELY EXCITING EXPERIENCES WHILE CARRYING OUT TASK OVERSEAS

(Continued from page 1.)

Then when the average human being would be understood if he threw up the sponge, the boy from Canada yelled out to a comrade "Are we downhearted?" In the instance recorded by Sir Gilbert a chum—higher up the line caught the familiar query. He raised himself up and answered "No." As he did so he passed beyond mortal ken. "That is the spirit reflected by all ranks from the humble private to the gold braid," said Mr. Pauline.

Capt. Shughnessy Their Guide. At Vimy Ridge four members of the British Columbia parliament, the fourth being Dr. McIntosh, were taken charge of by Captain Shughnessy, son of Baron Shughnessy—described as a genial personified—and he explained as much of the situation as military precaution would permit, so that the members from British Columbia were enabled to know what magnificent work had been accomplished by the Dominion troops on the 9th of April and subsequent days. The experience was all the more interesting to the parliamentarians, for while they stood on the captured eminence shells from British 92 batteries, located about a mile to the rear, were whistling overhead to the German positions to the eastward.

Meeting General Currie. The meeting with General Currie was one of great interest to the commission. As only natural, it was keen for news of Victoria and of the province generally. He was looking well, said Mr. Pauline, and nothing if not optimistic. "Victorians will be glad to know," Mr. Pauline proceeded, "that what has been said of the Canadians' commander is extremely modest when compared with the lofty regard manifested toward him by the high commands of the British and French armies on the western front. The British military authorities look upon Sir Arthur Currie as one of the ablest commanders in France to-day, and that I think will be a source of pride to Victorians. The right man in the right place is the universal opinion of the Canadians' chief."

Speaking of the channel crossing Mr. Pauline was amazed at the thoroughness of methods employed for the protection of the service. The boats leave and arrive on schedule time and the peace time service is fully maintained. I.e. two trips each way daily. The destroyer escorts, while affording all necessary protection, are ever on the alert for the prowling submarine.

Confederation Service. The service to commemorate the jubilee of Confederation will be long remembered by the members of the commission. In the presence of the King and Queen, the Queen Mother, many members of the Royal Family, foreign ambassadors, British ministers, Canadian soldiers and civic dignitaries, the Archbishop of Canterbury delivered a most impressive oration denoting with the more outstanding features of half a century of Canadian history. Fitting reference was made by the Archbishop to General Wolfe, whose statue nearby is now draped with the battle colors of many a Canadian Regiment.

Air Raid. On July 7 Mr. Pauline was standing outside British Columbia House awaiting the arrival of the other members of the Commission, when without any warning the hum of aeroplanes overhead attracted his attention. As he glanced skyward he was able to count twenty-three hostile planes flying at a comparatively low altitude. Bombs were not being dropped at that moment, and he continued to watch their manoeuvres. Grouping themselves into a sort of convoy he watched the machines pursue a southeasterly direction, only to be followed almost immediately by explosions at rapid intervals as their nefarious work commenced.

A strange incident occurred during this raid not very far removed from B. C. House. A shrapnel shell, apparently fired from an anti-aircraft gun on the south side of the Thames, failed to explode on its upward journey. As it came down it pierced the roof of Swan & Edwards' well-known establishment at Piccadilly Circus. It made its way from roof to cellar and miraculously caused harm to no one, the store being crowded notwithstanding.

Nearly Torpedoed. There is one part of the trip the members of the Commission have particular cause to remember. As the liner on which the eastbound journey was made approached the southern eastern coast of Ireland the early morning slumbers of many, who were not already peering the deck prepared for any eventualities, were disturbed by the now familiar zig-zagging of the vessel, but on this occasion it was in a rather more pronounced degree.

A German submarine had done its best to upset the plans of the commissioners from British Columbia. A torpedo was fired and it more than twenty feet, marvellous seamanship alone averting disaster. Mr. Pauline explained that nothing would have saved them had it struck, since the cargo was for the most part live shells. The escort of destroyers was soon at hand and the remainder of the journey completed without incident.

Britain Determined. Mr. Pauline does not differ in his views from those who have returned from London during the last few months. "The people, he says, realize they are at war and have accepted the conditions. They are prepared to do what is necessary to secure a victorious termination. They hope it will be soon, but no matter how long victory may be delayed their resolve is unalterable. Every phase of life reflects the same indomitable spirit and the spirit of the people of the United

Kingdom is the spirit of the khaki line across the Channel.

"Business As Usual."

To Charles F. Nelson, the member for Siccan, one of the most extraordinary features of the attitude of the people of England was their ability to prevent the all absorbing topic of the war from interfering to any great extent with their ordinary business. To his mind it was an excellent thing to find that rather than restraint from the powers that be in the way of curtailing amusements, there seemed to be a sort of tacit encouragement to extract all the possible cheer from the daily round.

This effect Mr. Nelson observed with the men in France. That is to say it was difficult to entice the boys into a discussion about the war. They just would not talk shop," declared the member for Siccan. "It was a delight to be able to give them news from home first hand. One of the greatest services the people of British Columbia can do to the men in France is to send them papers from home. A local paper is worth its weight in gold."

Isolating Damage. The three members of the Commission were in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Lombard Street during the progress of the air raid on London on June 13, and bombs were dropped as near to them as Fenchurch Street. Despite their desire to have a peep at the damage caused, the "man in blue" assured them that it was nothing to speak of. That was another remarkable phase of war time in London, the rapid isolation of all parts damaged by attacks from the air. Of hotel life Mr. Nelson declared that the average fare did not betoken, either in quantity of quality, an early starvation-victory for the Hun. There were, of course, certain restrictions but very easily borne, with discomfort at the minimum.

Troops' Health Good.

The member for Siccan was warmly welcomed by the Kootenay men in France and, he, too, found the same sense of supreme satisfaction at the appointment of General Currie to the command of Canada's army. The health of the men was, in Mr. Nelson's opinion, a matter for congratulation. It was splendid and the organization to safeguard the men from disease was all that could be desired. So long as he could remember that smile of satisfaction on the faces of the troops in France he could see no reason to worry in the least as to the final outcome. It would be victory of the right kind.

Everywhere the duties of the commission took them there was extended every possible hospitality and nothing left undone which would add to their comfort and to the facility to get through their labors with expedition. The four-day trip to France was made the more agreeable since a war automobile was placed at their disposal by the British authorities, in consequence of which a good deal of the country was seen in a short space of time.

Agricultural Production. Mr. Nelson was in England nine years ago, and in a journey to Edinburgh last month he was able to compare agricultural conditions then and now. Greater production, particularly by the extension of allotments near the cities as well as more cultivated land in the purely rural expanses, was most marked. It tempered down the effect of the weekly sinkings of valuable tonnage.

Mr. Pauline left England to seek his fortunes in the West in 1884, and his recent visit was his first sight of the shores of Albion in thirty-three years. His feelings could be better imagined than described, was his way of alluding to his sojourn in the Old Land. Chairman Whiteside, of the Royal Commission, remained the week-end in New Westminster, and arrived in the city on this afternoon's boat.

STREET CAR STRIKE IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 12.—The next move in the traction strike which began here last Wednesday, when more than 2,000 employees of the Kansas City Railways Company quit their work, trying up transportation so completely that not a car since has run, today was placed squarely before the strikers. The company has presented a tentative proposal to the men which along general lines conforms to their demand. The strikers to-day were considering their reply.

More than 600 strike-breakers, deported from the city yesterday, to-day were being held at Selsa, Me., 16 miles east of here.

REVOLUTIONIST IN MEXICO WAS KILLED

Juarez, Mex., Aug. 12.—Jose Ynez Sgiazar, a revolutionary leader and former chief of staff to Francisco Villa, was shot and killed at the Nogales ranch, a short distance from Ascension, last Thursday. Americans arriving here to-day from Casas Grandes brought the details of Sgiazar's death at the hands of a small band of home guards who had been organized to protect the Casas Grandes-Ascension district.

STREET CAR SERVICE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—The car service of the United Railroads here, which had been affected by a walkout of part of the employees, is operating in full force to-day. At a meeting of 247 of the strikers that lasted into the early hours of this morning, a resolution was passed embracing a demand to be submitted to the traction company for an "8-hour day and a living wage." The meeting went on record as opposing any form of violence. Plans were outlined for picketing to-day.

"The Fashion Centre" Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd. 1008-10 Government Street New Models in Ladies' Autumn Suits and Coats Arriving Daily SUITS Women of fashion will find much to interest them in the daily increasing showing of Autumn Suits and Coats in our Mantle Department. Notwithstanding the upward trend in cost of labor and materials the values offered this season are most reasonable. The new Suits feature longer coats, ranging from 34 inches to 44 inches in length, with large collars which can be buttoned close up to the throat if the weather makes this necessary. The new Suits have many distinctive touches, and come in dressy and semi-tailored styles. The shades include, navy, delph blue, Arab brown, asphalt, wisteria, burgundy, maroon, purple, cactus and black. The cloths comprise ideal fabrics for autumn wear such as broadcloth, chevots, tweeds, gabardine and velour. Prices range from \$17.50 upwards. COATS The new Coats are distinguished by fullness of cut, and come in simple styles. The length varies from a point a few inches above the bottom of skirt to skirt length. Convertible collars and deep belts with large buckles are also featured. Fabrics include chevots, velours, broadcloths and tweeds, and come in plain and fancy patterns. Prices range from \$12.50 upward. The values offered are enticing, and we cordially invite a visit to our showroom. Newest Neckwear. We are showing a new arrival of Neckwear in up-to-the-minute styles. Very dainty Stock Collars and Jabots, in fine Breton net, trimmed with Edelweiss and Valenciennes laces, made wide in front so they can be worn with the low neck waists. Prices range from 60c to \$3.00. Latest models in high neck Guimps in lace and net, cream and white. 90c to \$1.25. A piece of dainty neckwear adds the crowning touch of finish.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES



IN THE MATTER OF the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, and Amending Act, 1917.

Public Notice is hereby given that all persons claiming to be entitled to grants of land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land, both under the provisions of the above Statute, are required, on or before the 1st September, 1917, to make application in writing to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and to furnish evidence of their occupation or improvement and intention to settle on said lands. Forms of application can be obtained from the Government Agent at Nanaimo, B. C., or from the undersigned, A. CAMPBELL, FELDM, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

SMOKE NUISANCE BY-LAW, 1917

The attention of all those interested is hereby drawn to the following Sections of the above mentioned By-Law: "Every manufacturer within the City of Victoria, and every keeper of a slaughter house, shoddy mill, crematory, cannery, rag, bone or fertilizer works, laundry, electric light or power works, carpet cleaning works, chemical works, or lumber or wood working mill, within the said city shall have such chimneys, furnaces or other apparatus or equipment as shall consume the dust, cinders, soot, charred sawdust, or fumes therefrom, or shall prevent the same from fouling or contaminating the atmosphere, or being carried by the wind or otherwise to other shops, houses, or premises, to the inconvenience, detriment or injury of persons or property within the City of Victoria. "Every manufacturer or keeper of any of the premises or works mentioned in Section 1 hereof, who shall fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of said Section 1 of this By-Law, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$500 for each such offence, which shall be recoverable in manner provided for by the Summary Convictions Act."

LAND ACT

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF RENFREW. TAKE NOTICE that Stuart Stanley McDiarmid, of Vancouver, Land Surveyor, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a point plotted about 750 feet west of the S. E. corner of 12th Avenue, Township 11, Renfrew District; thence northerly and westerly 65 chains more or less to the boundary of the Indian Reserve and being composed of all that portion of the S. E. 1 of Sec. 12 covered by water and not heretofore Crown granted. STUART STANLEY McDIARMID, Agent for Goodwin Gotherd Johnson, May 7, 1917.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Metropole Hotel, situate at 718 Yates Street, in the City of Victoria, to T. Barnhart, of the said City of Victoria. Dated March 31, 1917. GEORGE A. NORTH.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

Tax Sale Notice

A Sale of Properties for Delinquent Taxes will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 1917. To avoid incurring cost of advertising and other expenses, delinquent Taxes and Interest must be paid to the Collector on or before September 12 next. The Corporation are ready to receive information if any person interested in the property is a soldier or dependent on a soldier, and any person having information is requested to communicate in writing with the Clerk or Assessor or Collector, whose address is Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, B. C. F. W. CLAYTON, Collector.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

TAX NOTICES have been sent out to all owners to the addresses as shown on the Assessment Roll. Any person not receiving same should write to the office so that a duplicate notice can be sent. To obtain the discount allowed taxes must be paid on or before August 31, 1917. F. W. CLAYTON, C. M. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Minnie Elizabeth Roskamp, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 10th day of September, 1917. Dated the 21st day of July, 1917. WOOTTON & HANKEY, Solicitors for the Administrator, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act, 1916," any person who did not apply under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act, 1916," to complete his application to purchase, either by payment in full or by instalment, of a proportionate allotment, may, by proving his interest and paying up in full the balance of the purchase price and taxes before the 31st December, 1917, obtain a Crown grant if proof satisfactory to the Minister of Lands is furnished that such person is suffering injury through absence of notice or otherwise. And further that the interest in uncompleted applications to purchase held by any person on Active Service may be protected by notification to the Lands Department of the fact that such person is on Active Service and by the filing of proof of the interest of such person. Further information will be furnished on request to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C. Publication of this notice without authority will not be paid for.

NOTICE

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at the next sittings thereof, for a transfer of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors at the Olympia Cafe, 57 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C., to William Botwin. L. J. QUAGLIOTTI, Applicant.

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MUST CONSUME LESS GASOLINE IN STATES

Driving for Pleasure Must Decrease or Government Will Act

Washington, Aug. 12.—Warning of the possibility of drastic action by the Federal Government to stop excessive use of automobiles for pleasure during the war, in order that the gasoline needs of the United States and its allies may be met, is given in a statement issued by Director Van H. Manning of the Bureau of Mines, in which he asks the co-operation of automobile owners in stopping the practice. Enough gasoline to care for the requirements of the United States and perhaps that of its allies will be saved, in the opinion of Mr. Manning, "if the automobile owners of the country will stop unnecessary and extravagant pleasure riding and if owners and dealers handle this fuel in a careful and economical manner."

"There must be no dilly-dallying about this supply of gasoline and there won't be," he says. "It is estimated that the army and navy will need for the year 1917, 500,000,000 gallons, and there are two ways of obtaining it. In the first place the joyrider whose pleasure is obtained by covering many miles at high speed can voluntarily give this up. The man who takes his family on Sunday for a fifty-mile run or more can cut this in half. Every man who drives a machine daily can ask himself if part of his riding can not be obviated."

"If the people continue to be thoughtless and unwilling to do their patriotic part in this respect, it may be necessary for the United States Government to take drastic action to stop excessive pleasure use of all automobiles. "It is estimated that one-half of the gasoline used in the United States yearly (1,250,000,000 gallons) is used in pleasure riding. In my opinion a judicious use of the automobile for this purpose will cut this amount of gasoline in half, which would mean the saving of more than 1,000,000 gallons each day in the year."

Director Manning concludes with the statement that his warning does not mean that automobile owners should lay up their cars or that anyone should change his mind about purchasing a car.

WORK OF CHOOSING MEN IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 12.—The revised figures of the week of 189 exemption boards as far as the various districts had reported up to-day show that 60,152 men had been examined, of whom 49,867 qualified. Of this number 12,478, or about 22 per cent., had been apparently accepted.

The district draft board, of which Charles E. Hughes is chairman, to-day began hearing exemption claims appealed from local boards. This board will have about 25,000 cases to decide. Mr. Hughes will personally hear the first few cases.

TAFT'S CONDITION.

Clay Centre, Kas., Aug. 12.—Continued improvement was shown to-day in the condition of former President Taft, who was taken ill here with intestinal indigestion a week ago to-night.



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BERLIN PAPER AND STOCKHOLM MEETING

Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says the decision of the British Labor party will not alter anything regarding the hopes attached to the Stockholm Socialist conference in view of the changes which have taken place in Russia. The paper does not believe much good will come from the programme of the Labor party, and considers the attitude of the American Government more logical in refusing passports to the American delegates.

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CHAOS AT OTTAWA.

In order to thoroughly understand and appreciate the position taken by Western Liberals in the late convention, certain facts intimately related to the general political situation should receive careful consideration.

But that is not all. From various causes—death, loss of seats on account of graft, profiteering and corrupt practices, acceptance of vacancies in the Senate, etc.—there are about twenty-five empty chairs in the House of Commons.

The example of Great Britain is cited in support of the position of the Borden administration. How long would the conditions prevailing in Canada, to-day be tolerated in Great Britain?

STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

The British Government has repeatedly stated that it will hold no conferences with the Huns until certain conditions arise or have been complied with by the Central Powers.

shall be permitted to attend the Stockholm Conference. Consequently that Conference when it meets will be composed entirely of representatives of Germany, of Germany's allies and of Scandinavian neutrals over which Germans exercise a preponderating influence.

FISH AND OTHER EDIBLES.

Food Controller Hanna has received his first carload of sea fish, caught in Atlantic waters, and hopes to distribute it among the people of Ontario at reasonable cost.

The French do not believe in too often turning the right cheek to the smiter. They fight the Huns according to Hunnish fashion and protect their civilian population with Hun-fashionable weapons.

There are increasing signs that persons and corporate bodies with sinister ends to serve are endeavoring to consolidate the soldiers' vote for selfish purposes.

A contemporary says cheaper fish will reduce the high cost of living. Cheapen anything and you will reduce the high cost of living, but with Food Barons controlling almost everything edible, how are we going to do it?

If the Borden Government is sincere in its measure of conscription—and in candor we must confess never have we had any confidence in the sincerity of the Government—if the conscription is what the Government professes it to be, a war measure and not another election measure of Hon. Bob Rogers, let the Government enforce it and end the controversy that is raging throughout the country.

Commend us to sailor folk for striking at the root of a matter. British seamen have decided that they will not work any ship that is loaded with delegates to any conference engineered by Huns for Hunnish purposes.

The Huns are still raiding British coast towns, and slaughtering women and children principally. But of course it would be very bad form to teach Germans by reprisals that they are subject to forms of punishment of a like kind.

of Germany who are directly responsible, but as the German people are responsible for the rulers they set up, they are primarily and potentially guilty of murder.

The Russians made the mistake, not unnatural under the circumstances, of assuming that when they had deposed the Czar they stepped into a ready-made Utopia. They will realize presently, if they do not already, that there can be no ideal state for them unless they are prepared to defend it after it is created against the robber neighbor next door.

Speaking of motor-busses, are not the requirements of a situation that has at least the germ of possibilities of it being fairly well met by private enterprise? Still, there is nothing like grabbing that laggard nag time by the forelock.

Joseph Martin, M. P. (Imp.), whose foot again is on its adopted heath, says he is at variance with the report of the Government auditor on the prohibition vote. Did anybody ever hear of Mr. Martin being in harmony with the views or acts of anybody for any length of time?

Dr. Mackintosh, an eminent theologian, says evidence abounds on every hand that not for a century has interest in the great themes of death, immortality and the life everlasting been so widespread and so profound.

If there were peace within the borders of Canada we might apply ourselves with greater diligence to the task of helping to win the war. But chaos prevails, and the thing to find out is who is responsible for it, then eliminate him.

The Hun objective is Odessa, but as the Russians are now doing less debating and more fighting it is not likely to be reached for some time.

The thunderous cannonade on the other side of the water has not affected our climate this summer.

STICK IT.

When hopes you had are battered down, Then stick it. When o'er your head broods Fortune's frown, Still stick it. Don't stay in failure's dark, drear night, Put up a strong and hearty fight, Struggle to win with all your might, And stick it.

THEORY VANISHED CONDITION REMAINS

In this connection the Premier wished to point out the comparative easelessness of a continual harping on the one string. Of paramount importance to the people of Canada at the present time was the need—the vital need—to weigh very carefully the consequences of forcing upon the country one narrow doctrine. Loss of perspective in this regard was a serious matter.

One thing that stood out in the Premier's mind was the imperative need for the absolute extinction of profiteering in the necessities of the nation, which was nothing short of trafficking in the blood of Canada's noble sons.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY ITALIAN ARTILLERY

Rome, Aug. 13.—The following official report was issued here last night: "The desultory artillery fire became more frequent on the Julian front. The stations of St. Lucia and Telmino and the neighboring railway sheds, upon which our fire was concentrated, were severely damaged."

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COL. HUGH CLARK STIRS UP COMMENT

Being Paid as Under-Secretary, He Issues Partisan Statement

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—The following significant and somewhat amusing statement was handed out by Colonel Hugh Clark, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, from Sir Robert Borden's office on Saturday night.

"The story sent out from Ottawa representing that Sir Robert Borden had made another futile attempt to induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier to join the Government is part of a general scheme to make it appear that the Premier is in deep water and is shouting lustily for help.

"The Commons last week after considerable opposition voted Col. Clark, who is Conservative member for North Bruce, Ontario, a salary of \$3,500 for his duties in connection with the office of Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. On that occasion Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux declared there was no need of such an official unless it was to write campaign literature for the Conservatives.

"The above partisan piece of literature certainly has nothing to do with 'external affairs.' The statement, issued in the absence of Sir Robert Borden for the weekend, has created considerable comment. In view of the fact that the writer had the recent conference at Rideau Hall in his mind, the ethics of the statement, coming as it did from the Prime Minister's office, is questioned.

URGES CANADIAN NAMES FOR KING GEORGE

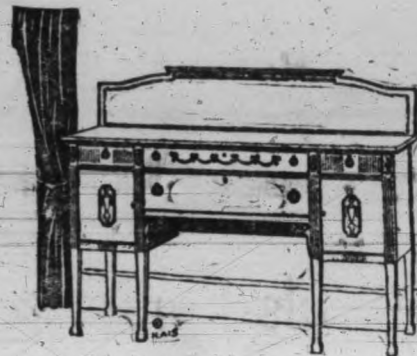
London, Aug. 13.—Approves of the recent changes in the British Royal titles, the parliamentary correspondent of The London Morning Post suggests that the younger sons of the King should take some Imperial designation for life. "Ontario," "Quebec," "Nova Scotia," etc., might very advantageously emphasize the common heritage of the Empire, he says.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

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Mr. John Teague, architect, is calling for tenders for the erection of a new power house for the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company. The tenders have to be in by noon on Saturday, August 29.

The Trades and Labor Club which has been allowed to languish during the last few months will be shortly revived, and the working men will, before the winter comes on, have a place to spend their evenings.

The plans approved by the Minister of Agriculture for a deep water wharf at Albert Head quarantine station provides for a wharf to accommodate vessels 600 feet long.

A Lavender Tea will be held in the grounds of Mrs. McTavish, 912 Heywood Avenue, Friday, August 17, in aid of the Reformed Episcopal Church. All welcome.

Langara Boys' School.—Mr. H. J. McLachy, of Langara Boys' School, Vancouver, will be at the Empress Hotel Monday and Tuesday, this week, and will be glad to meet parents interested in the school.

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Gorge Park.—Smart Set Concerts daily at 3 and 8 p. m. Laughable sketches.

Attention, Operating Engineers!—There will be a mass meeting in the Labor Temple Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. All operating engineers are invited to attend. The international officer will address you on organization. A very interesting programme has been arranged.

Liberal Meetings.—Ward I. Liberal Association will meet this evening at the rooms, Arcade Building. Ward IV. will meet at the same place to-morrow, commencing at 8 o'clock.

New Cowichan Firm.—The Cowichan Producers, Ltd., has recently been incorporated with C. W. Silence as managing secretary and with headquarters in the office formerly occupied by the Island Lumber Company. The new company will act as a buying and selling agency for the farmers of everything excepting butter and cream, which are handled by the Cowichan Creamery.

The Made-in-Victoria Building.—The City Solicitor is advising, with regard to the claim for damage for the collapse of the Made-in-Victoria building at the Willow camp, during the snowstorm of 1916, that there has been trespass on the adjoining property, by the fall of debris into the property of Mr. Lynn. It seems that the contributory cause of the collapse was that the military removed the supports inside in altering the building for their purposes. As already stated, the contractors are making good progress at this time on the repairs.

Want to Study Chemistry.—In line with the general movement toward the introduction of technical education into the schools a number of the pupils of the High School, who recently passed their matriculation examinations, are applying to the principal of the High School to be allowed to take chemistry instead of Latin in the Senior Matriculation year. The success of this class depends largely upon the ability to secure enough students to undertake the work. Any who have passed the matriculation examinations, and who intend to take the next year's work here instead of at the University, are asked by the other students to notify Principal Smith of their desire to study chemistry during the coming year, so that arrangements may be made.

Economy at Cowichan.—Throughout the Cowichan District more jam and bottled fruit are being put up than ever before. Beans are being put up with salt in stone crocks. Vegetables are dried; peas, cauliflower and tomatoes will be bottled. Cockerels, rabbits, clams and salmon are being put up in economy bottles. Bulletin distributed by the Government in having all this work done scientifically and economically. Less fruit and vegetables will go to waste throughout Cowichan than in any former year. It has been suggested that if official bulletins suggesting means of using local products in season to the fullest extent, from scientifically prepared recipes were sent out each month, it would do much to save waste.

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SIX BABIES GIVE PERFECT SCORES

Saturday's Contest Proves Ad-visibility of Frequent Con- tests in Child-Health

The "Better Babies" Contest staged by the Garden City Women's Institute (McKenzie Avenue committee) on Saturday afternoon at "Ambleside," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rosher, Carey Road, demonstrated beyond question the real elements of sound common-sense which underlie the idea. Mothers from all over the district came to show their babies, one woman walking nearly ten miles carrying a seven-month-old child which she strictly tested. And a score of parents at least left with several very excellent suggestions stored away in their memories for application in the feeding, dressing, and rearing of little ones who had been found deficient in some exacting-detail of the examiners.

Actually no less than six of the nearly one hundred babies examined returned perfect scores. This was more than the committee had reckoned for, and the medal presented by Hon. H. C. Brewster to be awarded to the highest-scoring baby in the contest consequently has not yet been allotted. Other prizes were given as follows: For the best soldier's baby (given by the McKenzie Avenue committee); for the best baby attended by one of the Victorian Order Nurses (given by a member of the committee of the Victorian Order); and for the best "Metropolitan" baby, that is a baby insured in the Metropolitan Life. The prize for the last, \$5, was given by the Metropolitan Life.

On a future occasion (arrangements are already being made to have contests of the kind annually) there will be separate tents for each of the classes. The examiners and attendant nurses found themselves rather hampered for space in the limited dimensions of a single tent, but six o'clock saw the last baby through the line, the last card turned in. Besides Dr. Raynor, who acted in conjunction with Mrs. McLachlan, the instigator of the contest, there were present Dr. Lewis Hall and Dr. Tanner, who held the examination for mouth and teeth, throats, nose, palate, etc., and Dr. Price, who with Dr. Raynor took the special examination for measurements; Dr. Annie Cleland and Dr. Helen Ryan examined for intelligence.

The following ex-Victorian Order and active Victorian Order Nurses were present to help: Miss Plummer, Miss Thom, Miss O'Connell, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Graves, and Miss A. Livingstone (convenor of the committee).

Manner of Examination.—The examination was on the basis of the official score-card issued by the Better Canadian Babies' Bureau of the Canadian Home Journal, and showed forty questions. The tests were under five headings: (1) Mental and Developmental; (2) measurements, weight, height, circumference, etc.; (3) physical examination, hair, scalp, chest, back, arms, posture, feet, skin, etc.; (4) oral and dental (mouth, teeth); and (5) eye, ear, nose and throat.

The high average of baby health and physique could not have been better demonstrated than in the fact that six perfect cards were turned in after such an exhaustive test, while on the whole there was wonderful good temper and lack of excitement among the babies themselves despite the very high temperature which prevailed both in and out of doors.

Initial Equipment.—The proceeds over and above expenses, and these were slight in view of the initial equipment which had to be purchased for such a pioneer demonstration, are to be devoted to the dissemination of "Baby" literature among the mothers of the Saanich district. Most of the parents were eager to learn from the doctors any hints which might be used advantageously in the care of their babies, and such literature will embody most of the advice which was given.

Food Demonstration.—The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Rosher did not cease with the placing of their house and grounds at the disposal of the committee. A cottage at the rear of their home was opened as a miniature cook house. Here Miss Fazan, a food expert, conducted a demonstration in the various means of preparing cornmeal as a table food. With two assistants she succeeded in having prepared samples of cornbread, corn-cake

making tour to Coast.—Alderman Morin, of Trail, who is making a motor tour to the Coast has to go south to Spokane, and then west through Ellensburg in order to reach Seattle, and thence to the British Columbia cities by road. This is an example of how the lack of the B. C. Highway checks communication by motor between several parts of the province.

Drowned in Godfrey's Lake.—Leon Desmerets, a resident of Extension for the past three months, and a native of France, aged 34 years was drowned Saturday afternoon in Godfrey's Lake, near Extension, his body being recovered by the Provincial Police three hours after the accident and removed to Jenkins's undertaking parlors from whence the funeral is taking place this afternoon.

Fire Destroys Barn.—On Saturday afternoon fire destroyed the barn on the farm of Mr. William Polson, of Martindale Road, off the East Saanich Road, and his contents of implements and hay. Mr. and Mrs. Polson had gone to attend the public market, enjoining the four children they left at home not to play near the stables. At about 1.30 o'clock one of the boys noticed flames issuing from the roof of the barn, and whilst the neighbors were being summoned to the scene buckets were used in a futile attempt to quench the outbreak. Fortunately the pigs and calves were able to be removed from the building before it was consumed. Sparks which alighted on the roof of the house were extinguished by pumping water through the pipes from the spring, but not before all the shingles on one side had been irreparably damaged. The loss amounts to about \$1,500, and no insurance is carried.

FISH CASE DISMISSED BY MAGISTRATE JAY

Salmon Were Not for Sale When Charge Was Laid, is Verdict of Court

Magistrate Jay, in the City Police Court to-day, dismissed the charge against P. Burns & Company, accused of having in its possession for purposes of sale fish that was not fit for human consumption. The honor pointed out that evidence had been given by Manager Dixon, of the defendant company, showing that as soon as it was discovered that the fish were unfit for food that they had been removed from the market. From that time on, it was not for sale but was held, at the risk of the Lummi Bay Packing Company in the cold storage plant of the defendant.

The court further outlined the transactions in which the fish had figured. They were brought to the city owing to the fact that the cannery at Nitinat which they were consigned, was closed. The schooner was leaking and it was necessary to dispose of the cargo with all speed. The defendant had tried to arrange for other local and Island firms to take the salmon but without success. Burns & Company had therefore accommodated the Lummi Bay Company, by selling some 600 of the fish fresh and putting the remainder in the cold storage plant on Store Street.

The Magistrate then said that some twenty-five of these fish had been taken from the plant and offered for sale in the Pacific Market on Government Street, one of the retail stores of the defendant company. About eighteen of these were sold before the Sanitary Inspector, who was making his rounds, advised the management that they should be taken off the market. Mr. Dixon was informed of what had been done and on Saturday gave orders the fish should not be sold either from the wholesale or retail establishments. His Honor concluded by saying that it was evident that when the charge was laid on the following Monday the fish were not for sale.

The charge was, therefore, dismissed.

A Splendid Selection of woolen knit coats for children for early fall, now arrived at The Haberge.

Case Dismissed.—Hugh Burnett was arraigned in the City Police Court to-day on a charge of failing to obey the directions of a constable regulating traffic on a thoroughfare of the city. The charge was dismissed.

Case Remanded.—The case of Hugo Friberg, accused of being drunk while in charge of a motor car, was remanded in the Police Court to-day. The evidence will be heard at to-morrow's session.

To Attend Committee.—Inspector E. B. Paul, of the City Schools, is leaving to-day to attend a committee meeting at Vancouver of the University officers, to prepare for the meeting of convocation of the B. C. University at the end of this month.

Preliminary Meeting.—A meeting was held on Friday evening at the office of Dr. Ernest Hall for the purpose of organizing an independent anti-war party. James McEwan presided and it was decided to hold a meeting later at which officers would be elected.

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WINS MILITARY CROSS

Lieutenant Loren L. Brown, Former Victorian, Honored on Field for Distinguished Service.

Lieutenant Loren L. Brown, a former resident of Victoria who for some two years has been serving with the Canadian forces in France, has been awarded that coveted distinction, the Military Cross. Information to this effect was received by his wife, Mrs. Brown, of 3 Alma Place, during the latter part of last week.

Although Lieutenant Brown has distinguished himself on several occasions, it was on July 13 that he performed an act which won for him this reward. He had been working in an advanced position with one hundred men, and the unit soon became the object of a barrage fire from the German guns. The prompt action taken by the lieutenant in disposing of his men was in reality the means of saving the lives of many of them.

Lieutenant Brown was residing in Montreal when the war broke out. He had left this city some months before and was engaged in the east as a member of the technical staff of the Forest Products Laboratory. In May of 1915 he enlisted as a private with a McGill University unit and went to France in the following September. He had not been long in the trenches before he was granted a commission and was transferred to the First Canadian Tunneling Company, Royal Engineers.

As a resident of Victoria, Lieutenant Brown was well-known and the news that he has received such a mark of distinction while serving will be received with much pleasure by his circle of friends. Before leaving for Montreal he had been connected with several large construction firms of this city. His parents are now residing in Spokane, Wash.

Articles Stolen.—A number of articles were stolen from the Margaret Jenkins School recently, according to a report submitted to the police. As yet this equipment, which is the property of the School Board, has not been found.

Selected Mr. Woodworth.—Members of the Women's Prohibition Party from the South Vancouver district have selected for support in the forthcoming election C. M. Woodworth. Intimation to that effect is being made to the various local prohibition organizations.

Two Fires Extinguished.—The fire department was called out yesterday to extinguish a grass fire which originated on a vacant lot on Ontario Street. This forenoon a section of the department was called out to combat a roof fire at the V. & S. engine shed on Topaz Avenue. The damage was estimated at \$5. Shortly after noon today the brigade put out a roof fire which started on the premises occupied by C. H. Topp, 1449 Fort Street. The damage amounted to about \$10.

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SHOWED SCHOOL WORK TO HELP RED CROSS

Sidney Children's Display Clears \$47 for Good Cause

A public school exhibition took place on Friday, August 10, at the home and grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Simister, Sidney, where the children met to display the result of their efforts in carpentry, home-gardening and cooking. As the result of the event the Sidney Red Cross has benefited to the extent of \$47.

The judges were: Carpenter, Mr. Campbell, instructor of manual training from Saanich; gardeners, Mrs. S. A. Kelly, of Sidney; and the public were invited to vote on the best decorated table.

The successful competitors were as follows:

Garden competition—1st prize, May Lophien; 2nd prize, Grace Simister.

For the best birdhouse—1st prize, Sidney Williams.

For the best decorated table—1st prize, Grace Simister (table 1); 2nd prize, May Lophien (table 2); 3rd prize, Edith Williams (table 3).

For the best cake—1st prize, Lisette Watts (age 19 years).

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Gibson, provincial director of education in agriculture. Mr. Gibson expressed himself as being highly pleased with the efforts of the children, and after speaking a few helpful words to all present endeavored to impress upon the children

the wisdom and the necessity of continuing the same work another year.

Thanks are due to the energetic school trustee, Mrs. Simister, who gave so lavishly of her time and energy to the children and public. With her committee, Mrs. S. Roberts and Miss Turnbull, she made the affair a remarkable success. The committee extend their thanks to all the workers.

The children entertained the public by giving a pretty dance and a cantata, "The Sleeping Beauty," the latter being such a success it had to be repeated.

Prizes were kindly donated by different ladies and gentlemen of Sidney.

MEATLESS DAYS

Many Caterers Waiting Till Order-in-Council is Received; Effect at Empress Hotel.

The majority of caterers in the city are waiting for the formal receipt of the special order-in-council of which telegraph reference was made last week, before shutting down on the prohibited foods.

There does not hitherto appear to be any authority yet charged with the administration of the order, at any rate, those places where more than 25 meals a day are served are yet without word, except where as in the case of the Empress Hotel, the hotel department of which the company has advised the local management.

Tuesdays and Fridays are the meatless days and beef and bacon are now limited to one meal per day. It is singular how people who have never shown any particular partiality for the succulent fitch are developing a desire to eat bacon at a period when it is forbidden. Most of the large caterers have long ago closed down on veal and young pork in order to save the meat supply.

Presumably the order will be operative throughout the city by the end of the present week.

AT THE HOTELS

A. H. Matthews, of Chicago, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Rolin H. Stevens, of Detroit, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Oscar F. Alexander, of Cleveland, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsey, of New York, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Kennedy, of Kansas City, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bowen, of Nanaimo, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Drummond, of Vancouver, are enjoying a two weeks' motoring trip on Vancouver Island.

Max Enos, United States Press Representative for the C. P. R., is in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. C. M. Marpole and her son, Harry, came over from Vancouver last week and are touring the Island by motor.

James Hill, secretary of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, who was in the city last week for a few days, has returned to his home in Vancouver.

Gerald Elkington, a pupil of the Quinichan Lake Boys' School, who recently passed his entrance to the Canadian Military College at Kingston, leaves in a few days to begin his studies.

Mrs. J. A. Worthington, accompanied by Mrs. Worthington and family, returned home last Friday from an extended trip through the Southern States and Utah, where Mr. Worthington visited relatives.

Dr. Orle Fitch, son of Mrs. Perry Fitch, who left here two years ago last June and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and has been serving in Belgium and France, will return to the city on Wednesday on leave for a short while.

Miss Alice Oliver and Miss Margaret Wood, accompanied Hon. John Oliver to Duncan and Cowichan Station on Saturday evening, when the Minister of Agriculture met members of the United Farmers of British Columbia at the latter place.

H. A. Bayfield, who will have charge of the assembly plant at Ogden Point, in connection with the shipbuilding programme of Imperial Munitions Board, has arrived to take up his residence here, accompanied by Mrs. Bayfield and Miss Alice Bayfield.

Pte. H. J. Hopkins, of the 3rd Canadian Pioneer Battalion, who left here with the 4th, yesterday returned to his home, 1522 Pandora Avenue, covered from severe wound and shell shock, having just recently left hospital.

Rev. Robert Hughes, of Esquimalt Methodist Church, and Mrs. Hughes went over last week to Vancouver for a short holiday. They were accompanied by Rev. Charles and Mrs. Wilson, of Medicine Hat, who had been guests for a time at the Esquimalt parsonage.

Mr. Boris Lambour, the famed cellist, and Mr. Gerald Moore, the pianist, and Mr. Lausanne Lambert, the baritone, who accompanied him to the Coast on his present tour, last night gave a concert at Pantages Theatre, Vancouver, in aid of the funds of the Red Cross Society.

The marriage took place on Thursday last at the Grandview Baptist Church, Vancouver, of Miss Ethel Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Warren, 2637 Union Street, Vancouver, and Mr. Harry Dunstone, a returned soldier who has been living in Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Dunstone came over to Victoria immediately after the wedding.

Lieut. F. T. Underhill, son of Dr. Underhill, medical health officer for Vancouver, has returned to his home town on furlough after having been on active service for two and a half years. During his service in Gallipoli and France Dr. Underhill was twice wounded, the first time at Gallipoli shortly after the landing of his unit, and again during the operations on the Somme last year. He has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, and will recuperate in Vancouver.

The urgent demand for women recruits to fill the gaps made by the withdrawal of men for the army has been responsible for the entrance into munitions factories and other important industries of workers of this sex. At the sixty centres of the Free Training Schools for munition workers, England, 32,000 women students have already qualified for work in factories. In London and district alone provision is made for the free instruction of some 500 students. A maintenance grant of from 15s. to 25s. a week is paid approved students from the day of their entrance.

Grosvenor House, the London house of the Duke of Westminster, has been vacated by the Ministry of Food, as the accommodation is too limited. Probably it will be converted into a hospital, which was the idea in the mind of the Duke when he first offered it. He is contenting himself with the old and much smaller Bourne House, Davies Street, as a residence for the duration of the war. Lord Leonfield some time ago placed his beautiful London residence, 3 Chessterfield Gardens, at the disposal of the Government. This is to be fitted up as a club for American military and naval officers now that America has entered the war.

Mrs. Ralph Smith was hostess at an informal tea given on Friday afternoon last in honor of Miss Kathleen Burke, who has been lecturing in Vancouver on behalf of the Scottish Women's Hospitals. Miss Burke during the afternoon was the recipient of a bouquet of flowers handed her by Mr. Stephen E. Raymer, chairman of the Southern Slav Association of British Columbia, the flowers being emblematic of the colors of Serbia. Miss Burke gave an address on Friday evening at the Hotel Vancouver in which she pictured for her hearers some of the touching and tragic as well as the humorous incidents connected with the war. She took her audience close to the brave heart of Serbia, the chivalrous spirit of France, and told much that was of

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very great interest of the women, who have gone out with the Scottish Women's Hospitals to these two countries.

Mrs. Dapley Livingstone, the American wife of a British officer, was the only woman among the six official representatives of Britain at a recent Anglo-German conference at The Hague. Her task was to assist Sir Robert Younger, the chairman of the little party, with information re British prisoners of war in German camps. She has been for two years secretary of the Government committee on the Treatment by the Enemy of British Prisoners and personal interviews with exchanged sick and wounded and escaped men has given her considerable insight into the volume of facts. A com-mentator of the proceedings at which Mrs. Livingstone was present notes that including the Dutch diplomatist who presided, there were exactly thirteen round the conference table.

Sixty returned soldier convalescents and patients from Esquimalt Convalescent Home and St. Joseph's and Jubilee Hospitals were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Eustachy at their beautiful home at Tod Inlet last Thursday afternoon. With characteristic graciousness the hostess welcomed the visitors as they arrived, and from that moment until the last motor drove away with its load of passengers late in the afternoon there was not a dull or uninteresting minute. The gardeners with their varied beauties and charming retreats were a source of great enjoyment for those who were strong enough to swim, and to play tennis and other active visitors, both before and after tea. The last-mentioned was in charge of Mrs. Jenner, being a most sumptuous feast of delectable dainties. Besides their generous hosts the soldiers were indebted to those who kindly lent their cars to drive them from and back to the city—Messdames "Bibbet, Newton Burdick, Burns, Kent, Curtis Sampson, Herbert Pender, Charles Tod, William Tod, Andrew Wright and Oliver, Misses Arbuthnot, Gomasson, Mars, Duncan and Finlayson, and Messrs. Scott, Easterbrook and Low-thean. The committee of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals was also included in the invitation list, and they no less than the soldiers enjoyed the pleasant outing in such charming surroundings.

Very few people outside the immediate Royal Household and the government officials knew at the time of their departure of the recent visit of the King and Queen to France. Those who did miss the standard from the Buckingham Palace flag-staff concluded in most instances that their Majesties were on one of their frequent visits to some centre of industry, a munition area, or ship-building place. Yet the King and Queen were actually visiting among the troops near the fighting line. The Queen's visit was the first which she had paid to the front. Big field hospitals, wards in shell-shattered buildings, terrible little casualty clearing stations in wrecked villages, or railway waiting rooms were cheered by her presence. Wild cheering from battle-stained men so near the sound of the guns must have been moving sounds indeed to one who has shown herself so sympathetic and truly exemplary in spirit during the three years of the nation's great struggle. She visited one of the big cathedrals, the Cardinal being there to welcome her, and the National Anthem being played. It was on their return from this visit that King George held a Privy Council and announced his decision to change the Royal Family name. The final step in the repudiation of connections that have long been no more than a formality. It is the House of Windsor which now sits on the throne of England. It is the first time a queen of England has visited an army in the field since the Wars of the Roses.

The beautiful grounds at the home of Mrs. W. J. Pendray, 269 Belleville Street, were the scene of a successful garden party under the auspices and in aid of the James Bay Red Cross on Saturday, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Barnard gracing

the event by their presence. The arrangement of the stalls and various attractions was admirable, and besides the realization of \$250 for the cause there was something at every turn to please the eye. Two life memberships subscribed during the day were included in the total results, this being a practical demonstration of appreciation of the way in which the affair was managed. The afternoon activities consisted for the most part of buying and selling and partaking of tea, ice cream, or other of the delicacies served. A spinning Jenny in charge of Mrs. Robert Jameson was kept on the whirl, a flower stall in charge of Mrs. Herbert Leiser exuded fragrance, Mrs. W. Broderick's home cooking stall was a great success, and a fancy work stall in charge of Mrs. Willis did a splendid business. Candy and ice cream were in charge of Mrs. T. E. McCabe and Mrs. Foulkes and Mrs. Howard Chapman respectively. Many had their palms read by Miss E. Vantreight. The afternoon tea committee was an able one, those directing being Mesdames C. Cameron, Alexander and T. Dickinson and Mrs. Fawcett. Mr. Howard Chapman in the evening showed a series of lantern slides of great interest, and an excellent programme was provided by Mrs. D. B. McConnan, Miss Dorothy Vincent, and Sergt.-Major Dawson, D.S.O.

The marriage of Myra, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Dandridge, 1612 Fell Street, and Arthur Ernest, eldest son of Alderman and Mrs. Albion Johns, of George Road, was celebrated on Saturday afternoon by Rev. H. S. Osborne at the home of the bride's parents. Many relatives and friends of the principals were present at the ceremony, which was an exceedingly pretty one, the bridal party standing beneath a floral bell of sweet peas and fern while the nuptial knot was being tied. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was beautifully attired in white crepe de Chine with veil of Brussels lace held in place beneath a wreath of orange blossoms. Her shower bouquet was of pink and white sweet peas. Miss Violet Chatton, her niece, was in pale blue satin with lace trimming, and her bouquet was of pink sweet peas. Two smaller nieces of the bride, the Misses Dulcie Chatton and Dorothy Wildbore, were dainty flower girls who carried baskets of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Ray Meldrum. The wedding-breakfast which followed was served in the dining-room, which was prettily decorated with Shasta daisies, carnations, and sweet peas. The bride wore a lovely pearl sunburst, the bridegroom's gift. Both the young people are very popular, and received many

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BRITISH-CANADIAN COMMISSION HERE

Recruiting Mission in United States Has Hitherto Been Great Success

SOME MEMBERS COME TO MEET GEN. LECKIE

Leading members of the British recruiting mission to the United States arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Seattle, and spent the day here before proceeding to Vancouver today.

The party who arrived yesterday were Brigadier-General W. A. White, C. M. G.; his son, Lieut. C. J. White; Lieut.-Col. C. D. Murray, Lt.-Col. J. S. Dennis, Mrs. and Miss Dennis, and Cpl. Dennis's secretary.

Takes Charge in West. Lt.-Col. Dennis, who is one of the best known figures in Western Canada, has undertaken to use his wide experience to aid the Commission in the West in obtaining British and Canadian troops from among the residents in the United States who were born in the British Isles or the Dominion.

Our campaign has been very successful, one of the officers stated, "and we have found men anxious to get away from the centres visited to join either the British or Canadian armies. Those who wish to attach themselves to Canadian units are sent to the nearest point across the border and are there joined with the detachment they select."



LIEUT.-COL. J. S. DENNIS

who enlist at the Seattle depot, when it is opened, will be sent to British Columbia points for training. The depot, while primarily for Canadian and British subjects, will assist the American campaign, and close touch will be kept with officers of the American army and navy.

The remainder of the party met Col. Dennis in Seattle on Saturday afternoon, and discussed the situation with him before coming over yesterday.

Personnel of Party. The Commission includes a number of officers who have been left at different points across the continent, and more particularly at the headquarters in New York, whence are sent recruits for the British army whose transportation across the Atlantic has to be arranged.

Brigadier-General White, and Col. Murray, are men especially chosen for their experience in a campaign of this character. The assistant before he was was an officer in the Connaught Rangers, and was with the original contingent at Mons. He was invalided home, and on returning to the front was attached to the general army staff, being invalided a second time. He has been engaged for some time under the British War Office as a director of recruiting, and was chosen to head the mission to the United States.

Col. C. D. Murray is a leading Scottish advocate and K. C., a prominent barrister in Edinburgh, and has been engaged in recruiting work for the last three years.

Col. Dennis is the director of Natural Resources of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Calgary, who has given up his work to assist in this enlistment campaign.

The second in command of the campaign, who is not here at the present time, is Col. Athill, formerly an officer of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who went with the First British Expeditionary Force, and was under fire at Ypres close to the Canadian front in the sanguinary attacks of April, 1915.

The other officers in the Commission include Captain Robertson Durham, who was wounded at Loos, of the Gordon Highlanders; Capt. P. F. Sise, of Montreal; Capt. McSweeney, Lieut. Gunter, private secretary to the General; Col. Williams, and Captain Tweedie.

Depot Arrangements. As the party has proceeded on its mission, covering the North-Atlantic, Middle Western, and now the Pacific Northwestern States, depots for the assembly of recruits have been established. They include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Spokane, with Seattle to be arranged this week.

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Lieut.-Col. Dennis plans a whirlwind campaign for recruits in the Washington cities this week. The members of the Commission intend to leave for Portland on Wednesday evening, and from the Oregon city will proceed south. They are as far as possible taking the large centres of population first.

The mission has been at work only two months, but up to date some 5,000 men have been recruited, and an average of 600 men a week are now being sent forward to Canada for overseas service.

Depots in West. All the recruiting depots in the western division are being managed with returned officers and non-commissioned officers from the Western provinces, and Col. Dennis already has on his staff several men from Alberta, including Lt.-Col. P. C. Jamieson, who commands the Chicago Depot.

Speaking of the visit of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto to New York and Chicago, which aroused so much enthusiasm in those cities, Colonel Dennis explained that this trip had been undertaken to stimulate recruiting by giving people in the United States a chance to see a typical Canadian fighting battalion. The cost of the trip, amounting to some \$11,000, was borne by a small group of Eastern Canadians who wished to help the good work in the United States, and the visit was historical in the sense that it was the first time since the War of 1812 that British troops under arms, carrying battalion colors, had visited the United States, and also because during all their parades in New York and Chicago, the 48th Highlanders carried with the British and battalion colors, the battalion colors of the 71st Regiment of New York, loaned to them by that regiment.

AUDITORS' REPORT ON P.G.E. CONSTRUCTION

Accountants Report That Contractor Put in \$150,000 of Own Money

An audit of the books of P. Welch, P.G.E. contractor, undertaken for the purpose of showing the exact disposition of the sixteen million dollars received in connection with contracts for the construction of the line, has been completed by Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., chartered accountants, of Vancouver, retained by Mr. Welch for this task. Details of the report were given out on Saturday by Knox Walker, solicitor for P. Welch, who also submitted for inspection a copy of the auditors' report.

Briefly, the auditors find that the position of P. Welch is as follows: That he received from the P.G.E. \$16,422,262.42 for work which cost him \$13,690,394.50. On this showing he made a profit of nearly \$2,000,000 and he received an additional profit from stores and other sources of \$1,081,255.08. The auditors then find that all of this gross profit of slightly under \$4,000,000 was re-invested in various ways including equipment, development company purchases, etc., with the exception of \$409,000 which now remains on deposit in the Union Bank and which is available to the Government, if and when the latter takes over the uncompleted P.G.E. line.

The auditors say that Mr. Welch thus re-invested his profits made out of actual construction and also put into the latter \$148,409.45 of his own money.

The auditors report that all the money received from the Government through the P.G.E. is accounted for in the books as expended in construction, purchase of equipment, etc. They find that none of the money guaranteed by the Provincial Government and the people was used by P. Welch in gifts to politicians.

Mr. Walker stated that the contractors were now negotiating for a settlement of the matters in dispute with the Government and a proposition had been made to the Government under which British Columbia would secure complete control of the road and of all the other assets held in connection therewith, and it was hoped that the

placing of the auditors' statement before the Government would materially assist in reaching a better understanding of the situation.

SOLDIERS' OVERSEAS

VOTE IS EXAMINED

Joseph Martin, K. C., Forwards Report to Anti-Prohibitionists on Subject

The conclusions of Joseph Martin, K. C., M. P., upon the audit report of the B. C. soldiers' votes on prohibition have been received by the "wets" for whom Mr. Martin acted as counsel during the recent inquiry of the prohibition commissioners in the Old Country. The report of the accountant engaged to look into the overseas vote was presented to the Commission.

Mr. Martin, in his statement to the "wets," informs them that he objected to the auditor's report on the ground that there was no real investigation referred to by the "wets" for whom Mr. Martin acted as counsel during the recent inquiry of the prohibition commissioners in the Old Country. The report of the accountant engaged to look into the overseas vote was presented to the Commission.

Number Checked. Of the total of 8,848 overseas votes taken up by the auditor, 3,208 he finds to be good. He divides the remainder into various classes, noting in each class the reason for rejection. In one class 130 votes are rejected on the ground that the voters belonged to Imperial regiments. Mr. Martin contends that there was no real investigation of these votes, and that the men, if from British Columbia, were entitled to vote anyway.

Some 102 are rejected by the auditor with the comment "commissioned officers." Mr. Martin charges that there was no investigation here either. Fifty-eight are rejected as being killed or missing at the date of the poll. In this connection Mr. Martin contends that the army records are not always reliable, and that many of the men were posted as missing months before the poll and could have returned in the meantime. In any event it was quite possible that there might have been sufficient errors to account for the number.

Repeaters. Repeaters are given by the auditor as numbering 628. Mr. Martin claims that Mr. Helmore, in marking votes as repeaters, relied on the same number being used by different soldiers, although he had admitted that it was possible, under the Canadian record system, for this to occur legitimately. The same applies, says Martin, to the 52 triplicates and quadruplicates. Some 61 are rejected by the auditor because they were in France, according to the military records, when the poll in England showed them to have supposedly voted there. This could easily have occurred, claims the lawyer, as the military records do not contain references to men coming back from France on short leave. Thus they would be shown in France, but might actually be in England and voting. In another class, 277, are rejected by the auditor because they were, according to the records in other parts of England, when they were alleged to have voted at certain polls. Mr. Martin points out that Mr. Helmore admitted to him that they "might have been" at the polls without being shown on the records.

Because their units were not shown, and they were therefore classified as not traced, the auditor rejected 1,266. Mr. Martin argues in this connection that the regulations did not require British Columbia soldiers to state their units, nor even their numbers. He says that Mr. Helmore had the idea that no soldiers could properly vote unless they were members of British Columbia units, and specified their units, giving also their numbers.

Wrong Names. Eight hundred and eight were rejected for wrong names and numbers. The lawyer applies the same argument to these, and says that because one or more initials of a man's name, or one figure of his number, did not agree between the ballot envelopes and the military records is not a good reason for throwing his vote out, particularly in view of the rough-and-ready manner in which the military vote had to be taken on many occasions.

Because the Canadian records did not show their place of residence prior to enlistment, 848 more were rejected, the auditor considering that there was no proof that they were British Columbia men.

Another 581 were rejected because no numbers were given. Mr. Martin does not consider the number necessary. Many of these men simply marked the convalescent camp or base depot they were at instead of giving a number, as they were not on service at the front.

Mr. Martin also claims that the auditor turned down 116 ballots because some of the record sheets of the Canadian record office were lost. He could find these names in the card index but not in the loose leaf ledger, so he rejected. Another 42 were rejected because they were not found in the index although in the ledger. An additional 97 were refused because of insufficient detail. Thirty are still being inquired into.

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DIED.
BAINES—On the 11th inst. William Baines, aged 55 years, a native of London, England. He leaves to mourn his loss, four sons and four daughters, W. W. Baines, F. J. Baines, B. W. Baines, Arthur Baines; Mrs. W. W. Ahern, Mrs. W. Foster, Mrs. M. Steele, Miss E. Baines; also a sister in Isle of Wight.

The funeral will take place Tuesday, Aug. 14, leaving the residence, 1531 Amelia Street, at 10.45 a. m., proceeding to St. Barnabas Church, where service will be conducted at 11 o'clock. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

GILLIS—On the 11th inst. at Shawanigan Lake, Andrew Gillis, aged 73 years, born in Scotland and a well-known resident of Shawanigan for the last 40 years. There are no relatives so far as is known.

The remains are resting at the Thomson Funeral Parlors and will be sent to Seattle on Tuesday for cremation.

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National Committee Acknowledges Subscriptions From Schools of Province.

- The National Committee for Relief in Belgium has written to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, acknowledging the receipt of the following additional subscriptions from the schools of this province to the Belgian Children's Relief Fund:
- Nanaimo High School (additional) \$61.84
 - New Westminster High School \$80.50
 - New Westminster Lord Kelvin School 65.78
 - Burnaby Municipality, Douglas Road School 7.50
 - Chilliwack Municipality, Camp Slough School 15.00
 - Maple Ridge Municipality, Hammond School 11.00
 - Peachland Municipality, Primary School 17.00
 - Penticton Municipality, Ellis School 122.92
 - North Vancouver, Keith Lynn School 6.00
 - Alert Bay School 22.00
 - Arrow Park, East School 27.00
 - Arrow Park, West School 27.00
 - Moyie School (additional) 10.90
 - Rutland School (additional) 2.00
 - Salmon Valley School 9.00
 - Ucluelet School 18.50
 - Woods Lake School 75.00
 - Wyndell School 6.45
 - Collection, Christmas Day dinner at Golden 4.00

Accompanying the acknowledgement as above was an expression of thanks for the relief of the Belgian children, receipt for which has been sent to Lieut.-Col. H. G. Henderson, The National Committee for Belgian Relief is no longer appealing for subscriptions, and the further contribution from British Columbia will be held to provide for emergencies in connection with relief in Belgium.

One Year Imprisonment.—Clara Katterman was today convicted before His Honor, Judge Lammpan, in the County Court, on a charge of attempting to perform an illegal operation on a woman of this city, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Joins Flying Corps.—Alexander Galt, a son of City Purchasing Agent Galt, passed through the city on Saturday enroute from Los Angeles to Toronto, where he will proceed to train as a cadet for the Royal Flying Corps. Mr. Galt, Jr., was born in Toronto, and came west four years ago.

MUST WIN WAR AND PRESERVE NATIONAL UNITY AT SAME TIME

Hon. T. D. Pattullo Believes Well-Organized Campaign Would Get the 100,000

WOULD AVOID STRIFE AND SERIOUS SCHISM

"Conscription of man power in its relation to the internal conditions in Canada will not now carry out the purposes which conscription in 1914 would have carried out. With 350,000 men of British extraction already enlisted, the higher percentage of foreign extraction left in Canada, is still with us. I am persuaded that with a well-organized campaign, an additional quota of 100,000 men may be obtained without recourse to force, largely from those portions of Canada now lowest in percentage of enlistment, while internal strife and a serious schism can thereby be avoided. The foregoing were the remarks of the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, to a representative of The Times this morning when asked for his general impression gleaned at the great Liberal Convention held at Winnipeg last week.

Must Preserve Unity. "The convention was a marked success from every aspect," the minister proceeded. "The unanimity of viewpoint was so marked as to leave no room for doubt as to the attitude of mind of Western Canada upon the problems confronting us. We must show ourselves big enough to accomplish two great purposes. The first of those purposes is to win the war and the second one properly and adequately to take care of the internal economy of Canada. In other words, we must win the war and the same time preserve internal unity.

"Those who give no thought to internal conditions, but blindly rush to the single solution of coercion, in which they are encouraged by the profiteers who are holding Canada in thrall, are unconsciously doing the Empire and the cause of freedom and justice a poor service. The Liberal party is in favor of conscription of all our resources for the winning of the war, including man power," went on Hon. Mr. Pattullo, "but it is in favor of the intelligent application of measures to this end and not a super-hysterical application. This is the time for sensible men to hold their heads. All our material resources must be marshalled in every form to the service of the state, including also the regulation of wages and prices."

Unequal Burdens. Passing on to the economic conditions now prevailing in the Dominion, the Minister of Lands continued, "The purchasing power of the dollar is every day diminishing while the rich are getting richer and the poor becoming poorer. From present indications, before the war is over the interest on Canada's debt will be as large or larger than the ordinary revenue. Who is to pay this debt and provide the amounts necessary to carry on? The mass of the people will owe the money to a few of the people, and the masses, though seemingly free to come and go, will as truly be economic slaves as were the serfs in the South actual chattels.

Away With Theories. "I won't do," went on the minister. "I wish to reiterate what I have several times stated, that no man has the right to a single dollar of abnormal profits from the operations of the war. All the super profits must be taken to the state for the liquidation of our national indebtedness. The will and welfare of the people as a whole must be supreme. In this epochal time, those who fight and those dependent upon those who fight, must be thoroughly and adequately provided for. All others must give time and service and wealth for the benefit of all. This aspect must not remain a nebulous theory; it must be put into actual practice. We must have a Government with the will and the foresight to do so.

IS INVALIDED HOME

Pte. C. H. Lowe Returning to Canada After Long Period in Old Country Hospitals.

Pte. Charles Hamilton Lowe has been invalided home to Canada, according to advices received at Ottawa. Pte. Lowe left this city with the 88th Battalion on May 23, 1916, and after some months was drafted into the 3rd Canadian Pioneer. Soon after this he crossed to France, where he saw considerable service, being wounded in action by shellfire on September 28, 1916, in an engagement at the Somme.

He was retained in hospital for some time following this mishap, but eventually was able to return to the scene of action. He was buried in his dug-out on two occasions and was also gassed. As a result he was invalided to England, where he has since been in hospital.

TELLS OF IMMORALITY OF REFUSING TO FIGHT

Rev. Charles Croucher Delivers Stirring Address Showing From Scripture and History the Duty of Active Physical Resistance

"There is nothing un-Christian, as a last resort, in the refusal to allow the worst men to degrade the best, but there is certainly this fact to be faced: Non-resistance means in the last resort to surrender to the wicked man and the denial of human right to make any effort to thwart his designs."

"In any great historical crisis there was more than a struggle of flesh and blood; stupendous ideals contended for victory."

"Non-resistance is not only impossible; it is immoral and outrages some of the noblest and highest instincts which a Divine Creator has given us."

"To offer no active resistance to the violator and destroyer is to be an accomplice in anarchy, and so far from being an act of pity or forbearance it is really infidelity to the human race, apostasy to Christ, and high treason against God."

"When we denounce war as one of the greatest crimes we are apt to forget that we inherit a legacy purchased by blood and secured by the sword; that the priceless treasures of freedom and knowledge and social order have been won by splendid heroism and glorious martyrdom."

"The evil embodied in the Teutonic system unbroken is incompatible with us. Either it lives and we die, or we live and it dies. There cannot be any third event. Victory or defeat. If we refuse the first in any degree we accept the second."

"Right must ever enlist in aid of might. It is not Right versus Might. It is not Right or Might as if they were eternally contrary to each other. It is Right and Might in strong and holy alliance within the Kingdom and for the Kingdom."

"Blessed are the peacemakers. Yet He who wept at the grave-side of Lazarus overturned the tables of the money-changers and drove out the thieves."

The above are paragraphs culled from Rev. Charles Croucher's sermon on "The Immorality of Non-Resistance," preached last evening at the First Congregational Church. Taking as his text "Sell thy cloak and buy a sword" the preacher entered upon a shattering analysis of the non-resister's arguments in the face of a war for justice and right such as that at present being waged.

World a Battlefield. "The world is a battlefield. The earth beneath our feet is the graveyard of those who have fallen in war. All creatures living today are the survivors of a great conflict. On every page of the earth's strata we read the record of continual strife and inevitable death. When man entered the world he found himself in the midst of a contest where he must struggle for every mouthful of food, every article of comfort, and every weapon of defence. The strife went inward and outward foes we can trace through the history of civilization," declared the speaker.

There were other than brute forces and big battalions at work in the present universal conflict. Ideals were at stake, and no peaceful compromise would settle the question. At the price of blood and tears must the struggle be prosecuted, the victory won.

Pacifist Position Untenable. "I know in giving expression to such sentiments I may be met with an objection that these sentiments conflict—or appear to conflict—with the Sermon on the Mount. There are those who hold the doctrine of non-resistance as the only true Christian teaching, and assume we cannot take the high redemptive purpose of the Gospel into the battlefield. Those people I believe are mistaken and are in pursuit of a

HOUSE RE-ASSEMBLES TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

Not Expected That Anything Except Prohibition Will Be Dealt With

With Premier Brewster, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Hon. Dr. King and Hon. William Sloan back from the Winnipeg Convention yesterday afternoon all the members of the Provincial Executive are now in the city in readiness for the opening of the adjourned sitting of the present session of the Provincial Legislature.

With the return this afternoon of David Whiteside, Chairman of the Royal Commission appointed to take evidence in relation to the alleged irregularities in the overseas voting on the Prohibition referendum, the Commission will be enabled to proceed with the completion of its labors in this connection and transmit the report to the Executive. When the House re-assembles at 2.30 to-morrow afternoon the report will be before the members.

Since the adjournment of the session in May last was occasioned ostensibly for the purpose of re-assembling this month to receive the report of the Commission there is no reason to believe that the time of the House will be taken up with other matters outside of the one subject. Only the institution of a policy of obstruction would necessitate the prolongation of the session beyond the period required for the scheduled business. Prophecies of dire calamity and of discension in the ranks of the Gov-

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PARTICIPATION OF CITY IN CONVENTION

Amendments of Municipal Act to Be Considered Must Be Filed This Month

On the second Wednesday in October the Union of British Columbia Municipalities will open its convention at Dunsmuir. In order that matters may be placed on the agenda paper notices must be in the hands of Secretary Bosc by the end of this month.

The convention has been steadily getting later, on account of the representatives of the rural municipalities being unable to be away in September, and will in future be held in October. The practice is to alternate between the Coast cities and the interior, thus last year the convention was at Vernon, in 1915 at Chilliwack, and in 1914 at Kamloops. Saanich has already appointed its delegates, but the City has not yet chosen its members. At present Victoria has an alderman on the executive, he being the only representative from this district. Probably there will be a much larger contingent from Victoria than has been the case in recent years, on account of the proximity of the convention.

In view of the necessity of immediate action City Solicitor Hannington has advised that the Council should make recommendations to the Union for joint action on three points—(a) amendment of the pound clauses to include small animals who trespass, (b) annual returns by telegraph, telephone and similar companies of assessments property similar to that required of the rate with regard to tax rebating of one-sixth for prompt payment.

In the last named connection Mr. Hannington recommends that the Council should indicate a line of policy on the advisability of abandoning the whole principle of rebating, and substitute therefor a penalty for default of prompt payment, such as is done in a number of western provinces.

BEACHES IMPROVEMENT

Various Matters are Authorized by Joint Committee To-day; Fares on C. N. R.

Plans for improvements at Cadboro Bay, Mt. Douglas, and Cordova Bay beaches were before the Victoria-Saanich Joint Beaches and Parks Committee this morning. The Committee authorized arrangements to be made for a water supply for Cadboro Bay, for conveniences at Mt. Douglas beach, and for the acquisition of a small piece of land at Cordova Bay for the site of a pavilion to be erected during the coming winter. The last named land is the front portion of a piece of forest property above the municipal lots at Cordova Bay, the balance of which is held by trustees of the cottagers at the Bay for water right privileges. It was decided that the Saanich Council should endeavor to transfer the trusteeship to itself, and hold the whole of the area in trust.

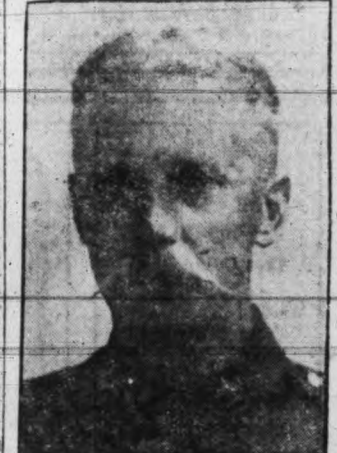
Mayor Todd promised to assist the Saanich Council in holding on to the property at the top of Mount Tolmie.

WHICH HAS BEEN IN DISPUTE, SAYING THAT EVENTUALLY IT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR A RESERVOIR TO SUPPLY THE HIGHLAND AROUND GORDON HEAD.

D. W. Poupard, who has business interests at Cadboro Bay, asked the committee to appoint a sub-committee to examine the beach at that bay and issue a certificate that there were no holes in the bathing beach. The recent fatality had done a great deal of unnecessary harm to the beach, keeping away timorous people. A reassurance from a reputable body of public men would remove public apprehension. After he withdrew, some discussion followed, but no action was taken.

The committee authorized the Mayor and Reeve Borden to send a letter on behalf of the committee to the Resident Engineer of the C. N. R. with regard to reduced fares on the line as far as Sayward.

VICTORIAN GASSED



PRIVATE B. CARRIER

Of 2574 Florence Street, who left Victoria with the 88th Battalion in May, 1916, has been gassed according to information received in the city. The report adds, however, that the invalided man is progressing well. Pte. Carrier, on arriving in England with the local unit, underwent considerable training and in August last crossed to France. He saw continual service until July 21 of this year, when he was gassed and admitted to hospital. Before joining the colors he was employed at the Provincial Parliament Buildings as a carver. He is a son of Joseph Carrier, of Keatings. Two brothers are also serving with the colors.

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GUNNER THOMAS RIGBY

Former member of the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, who left here Saturday night for Toronto to serve as a mechanic in the Flying Corps.

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JOSHUA KINGHAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO PREMIER

Returns to City Fully Satisfied With Work of Winnipeg Convention

Impressed with the splendid spirit and singleness of purpose manifested on all hands at the great Liberal Convention in Winnipeg, Joshua Kingham, one of the representatives of the Victoria Liberal Association, returned to the city yesterday afternoon. In a chat with The Times this morning Mr. Kingham spoke in high terms of the discussions which characterized the work of the resolutions committee. No resolution was finally passed as ready for the convention until it had been thoroughly discussed from all angles. The prevailing thought in the minds of everyone was that of winning the war, and their suggestions and criticisms were directed along that channel and that alone.

In common with men from other parts of the Dominion who were in attendance at the convention he paid warm tribute to the outstanding ability of Premier Brewster and the good sense he displayed on every point. "B. C. delegates had every reason to be proud of our Premier," declared Mr. Kingham. "In point of importance the resolutions which particularly appealed to Mr. Kingham were the Win-the-War resolution, that dealing with the increase of soldiers' pay, the nationalizing of the Patriotic Fund by removing the appearance of charity from its administration, and the resolution of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier with the hope that he would support and further the platform of the Convention.

Of especial interest to British Columbia were the resolutions dealing with the National Highway, the establishment of iron and steel industries on the Pacific Coast as a war measure, the banking question and the amendment of the Homestead Act providing equal rights for the woman with the man. The handing over by the Federal

GOVERNMENT THE TITLE TO LANDS IN THE PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, TOGETHER WITH TIMBER, WATER AND MINERALS TO THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, LIKEWISE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAUSE TO BE INSTALLED AN EFFICIENT STAFF AND MATERIALS TO BE ASSEMBLED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PRINCE RUPERT DRYDOCK, WERE ALSO OF IMMENSE INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST.

Whether it was in the debate on resolutions or in the discussions of the convention, Mr. Kingham declared that the influence of the woman delegate was very real indeed. What was more all old time prejudices were swept away and the advice of the fair sex sought, obtained, and acted upon. To his mind this argued well for the future political life of the country, for once the woman reached the stage when she grasped the questions of national importance and became thoroughly interested, then the country could depend upon commensurate benefits in consequence. Of the immense value of the convention in a general sense Mr. Kingham was thoroughly convinced and his expectations of beneficial results run high.

RED CROSS WORK

The returns from the various Red Cross entertainments in the North Cowichan district on August 4 were very satisfactory. Cowichan Lake did splendidly, \$128.50 being realized from a fete in the afternoon in the grounds at the Riverside and a dance in the evening. The camps were closed for the afternoon to give the men a chance to go to the fete. Guests from the hotels and visitors from Duncan with the residents enjoyed a perfect afternoon and evening. Mrs. Keast, head of the Lake Red Cross and the eight ten ladies at the lake have been indefatigable in their efforts, both as regards work and money raised. They also donated \$7, the proceeds of a raffle in fitting comfort bags. Music for the evening was kindly provided by Mrs. D. Stewart, Miss Harder, H. Robinson, of Saltlam, and T. Schlegel.

At the mass meeting held in the Agricultural grounds, Duncan, held on the 4th, patriotic speeches were made by the Rev. W. T. Keeling, Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley and G. A. Cheeke. The collection taken up for the Red Cross was \$84.

The returns from the Arion Club concert in the evening netted the Red Cross \$97.50, and a tea and sale of work held by Mrs. Dyke at Crofton last Thursday netted \$75 for the Red Cross. The local branch is ordering wool and making preparations for the needs of the coming winter. Jam is also being shipped through the I. O. D. E. for the soldiers at the front.

OBITUARY RECORD

Victoria has lost another of her pioneers in the death of H. Baines, of 1241 Amelia Street. The late Mr. Baines was born in London, England, in 1825, and with his wife came here 45 years ago from New Zealand. The death of Mrs. Baines occurred three years ago in this city. Four sons and four daughters are left to mourn their loss, the former being H. H. Baines, of the Government printing office; F. J. Baines, of H. A. Lilley & Co.; Edwin and J. A. Baines. The daughters are Mrs. H. F. Aherin, Mrs. W. M. Foster, of Vancouver; Mrs. M. Steele, Miss E. Baines. Mr. Baines also leaves a sister in the Isle of Wight. To-morrow the funeral will take place at 10.45 from the residence and 11.45 from St. Barnabas's Church.

The death occurred at Shawigan Lake on Saturday of Andrew Gillis, aged 73 years, a native of Scotland and a resident in Shawigan District for 40 years, where he has been engaged in farming up till a few years ago. The deceased, who was well known throughout the district as one of the old-timers, leaves no relatives as far as can be ascertained. The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Parlors and will be forwarded on Tuesday to Seattle for cremation in accordance with the last wishes of the deceased.

The funeral of the two-days-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Wallis, of 629 Constance Avenue, took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, the Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. Interment was in Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of Edward Lince, who died on Tuesday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital after an illness which had confined him there since 1903, was held from the B. C. Chapel this morning at 10.30. He was a native of Ontario, 83 years of age, and had spent forty years of his life in British Columbia.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Jane Jennings, who died Wednesday, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Chapel. The casket was adorned with many beautiful flowers, and the pallbearers were: C. Swayne, Duncan McLaren, P. de Noe Walker and P. R. Blakie. Rev. R. Hughes officiated and the interment was made at Ross Bay cemetery.

R. C. Brumpton, who until recently lived with his family on Richardson Street, died of appendicitis Monday night at Red Deer, Alta., according to a message received here Saturday.

DENIAL IS PROOF GERMAN HIDE GORED

Article in German Paper About Gerard's Disclosure Regarding Wilhelm

Berlin, Aug. 12.—The semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung denies the existence of the cabled letter alleged by James W. Gerard, the former American Ambassador at Berlin, to have been sent by the Kaiser to President Wilson in August, 1914, in which the Kaiser is quoted as having asserted that Belgium's neutrality "had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds." The alleged telegram which has reached Berlin by way of Switzerland has the Kaiser saying that King George sent him word through the Kaiser's brother, Prince Henry, that Great Britain would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France and Austria and Russia.

The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "We are in a position to declare that no such telegram from the Kaiser exists. It is true that Mr. Gerard was given an audience on August 16, 1914, in order to give him an opportunity of placing President Wilson's offer of mediation before the Kaiser.

"This proposal was made at the time when the armies of both sides had already crossed the frontier and when it seemed out of the question to call a halt to events. The Kaiser therefore could only have his thanks conveyed to President Wilson for his offer and thereby remark that while the present moment was too early for mediation by neutral powers, the President's friendly proposal might later be returned to.

"The Kaiser then conversed for some time further with Mr. Gerard and explained to him the events that had led up to the outbreak of the war. The Kaiser particularly pointed out the ambitious and disloyal attitude of Great Britain, which had destroyed all hope of a peaceful agreement.

"Mr. Gerard's statement in his memoirs appear to be a reproduction of this conversation. If the press in enemy countries sees revelations in them, that only shows they are ignorant of the German white book, which in essence sets forth the same events.

"Possibly during the conversation the Kaiser wrote a memorandum for the Ambassador so that he might not announce anything to Washington that would be incorrect. In that case it would be a matter of record designed to assist Mr. Gerard's memory, but it would not be a communication from the Kaiser to President Wilson."

ACID PUT IN SHOES BY I. W. W. MEMBERS

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 12.—Joe Arada, a ranch hand employed in the delta region, near Stockton, is under treatment in a hospital here to-day. His feet are badly burned from acid. Arada claims that I. W. W. members placed acid in the shoes of ranch hands who refused to heed their propaganda. He claimed that the other ranch hands sustained only slight burns. The authorities are investigating.

BREAKDOWN ON ROUTE.

Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 12.—The belated pacemaker car of the Pacific Coast Defence League, on the fourth day of a run from the Canadian to the Mexican border, lay disabled in Marshfield to-day, and will not start south until to-morrow morning, according to Hal Stone, the driver.

On Saturday the car left Marshfield, but was compelled to return when a breakdown occurred 15 miles south of the city. Stone said that wrong engine parts had been sent from Portland to make the necessary repairs, thus causing further delay.

BUNDLED OFF.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 12.—Fifty armed businessmen of Lovelock went to the Rochester mining camp at midnight, seized C. W. McKinnon, a brother-in-law of W. D. Haywood and an I. W. W. organizer, took him to Lovelock and shipped him away to Ogden early to-day. Residents of Lovelock and Rochester are forming a citizens' league.

John Gilbert, a resident of Rochester, also was deported.

McKinnon 10 days ago was driven out of the Yerington copper district by citizens.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—The troops under Field-Marshal von Mackensen yesterday captured the Roumanian town of Panthou, a railroad junction, in Southern Moldavia, which had been desperately defended by the Russians on the Roumanian frontier. The capture of the town was reported officially to-day by the German staff.

AMERICANS WELCOME JAPANESE MISSION

Great Significance Attached to Sending of Body From Orient

A Pacific Port of the United States, Aug. 12.—When the Japanese Mission to the United States arrived here to-day the party was met aboard ship by welcoming delegations and brought ashore in a Government launch assigned to the use of the State Department. Thousands of troops lined the streets leading to the city hall, where a brief welcoming ceremony had been arranged.

Great significance was attached by representatives of the State Department to the visit of the Mission, and much enthusiasm was manifested at this port because of the distinction of being held as the landing place of the visitors.

The personnel of the Mission was said to indicate the extremely high nature of its errand as seen by the Japanese Government. Besides Viscount Ishii, the leader, it comprises Vice-Admiral T. Takeshita, Major-General S. Sugano, Masanao Hanbura, Consul-General at a Pacific port of the United States; Matsuza Naoki, secretary to the Japanese Foreign Office; Commander M. Ando, Major J. Tanikawa and Tanekao Imai, Vice-Consul at Honolulu.

Assisting in welcoming the visitors were Ransford S. Miller, American Consul-General at Seoul, Korea; Colonel James A. Irons, Captain C. C. Marsh, of the United States Navy, and secretaries and aides. Plans for a reception and entertainment were given extreme care at Washington, and were placed in charge of Gavin McNab, an attorney sent from Washington.

A four-day programme confronted the visitors, but most of to-day was set apart for rest after the long voyage. The first large formal event will be a banquet tendered by Japanese citizens to-night.

A banquet on behalf of the city, with a welcome from the Governor of the state, will be given to-morrow night.

1917 SOCKEYE RUN A CERTAIN FAILURE, STATES OPERATOR

Bellingham, Aug. 12.—E. B. Deming, president of one of the largest salmon canneries in the world, with canneries here and Alaska, to-day said that the 1917 sockeye run is a certain failure. Mr. Deming to-day closed his big can factory and announced reductions in other payrolls. The pack, he said, will not reach one-fourth the 1913 pack.

VICTORIA OFFICER IS WOUNDED AGAIN

London, Aug. 12.—Lieut. Eric Arthur Coleman, of the Norfolk, who has been killed, enlisted in the Canadian forces.

Lieut. H. P. Watt, of the Yorkshires, wounded, belongs to Victoria, B. C. He was wounded also last August.

D. S. O. FOR NANAIMO FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT

London, Aug. 12.—The Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Flight-Lieut. Raymond Collishaw, of the Naval Air Service, who belongs to Nanaimo, B. C. He also holds the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de la Guerre. The latest honor is conferred for conspicuous bravery and skill in leading attacks on hostile aircraft. Since the tenth of June he has himself brought down four machines completely out of control and driven down two others with their planes shot away.

I. W. W.'S BROKE BRICK WALL AND ESCAPED

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 12.—Five prisoners arraigned during the recent roundup of I. W. W.'s tore a hole in the brick wall of the county jail here and made their escape during the night, officers announced to-day. Nine other prisoners refused to leave the jail.

FIRST MEN OF NEW ARMY OF THE STATES TO COLORS SEPT. 5.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Provost-Marshal-General Crowder announced to-day that thirty per cent. of the men drafted for the national army would be called to the colors September 5, beginning movement on that day; another 30 per cent. on September 15, a third 30 per cent. on September 30, and the remaining 10 per cent. as soon thereafter as possible.

TO-DAY'S BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago-Cleveland game postponed; rain.

First game— R. H. E.
St. Louis 10 13 9
Detroit 5 12 1
Batteries—Kooib, Groom and Severoid; Boland, Cunningham and Spencer, Yello.

R. H. E.
Boston 5 7 0
Philadelphia 1 6 3
Batteries—Leonard and Thomas; Myers, Anderson and Schang, Meyers.

R. H. E.
New York 5 9 3
Washington 9 13 4
Batteries—Fisher, Shocker, Cullop and Numemaker; Harper, Dumont and Henry.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

First game— R. H. E.
Brooklyn 8 9 1
New York 4 10 1
Batteries—Smith and Krueger; Saltee and Harden.

Second game— R. H. E.
Brooklyn 2 9 0
New York 1 5 1
Batteries—Cheney and Miller; Ferritt, H. Anderson and Gibson, Rariden.

R. H. E.
Philadelphia 3 5 0
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CHARGED AS SPY.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—George Paul Boehm, an alleged German spy, is on his way from Winnipeg to Chicago in charge of a Royal North West Mounted Policeman.

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SOME STUBBORN FACTS

First hand information concerning the auditor's report of Mr. Helmore, the London accountant who made a so-called investigation of the overseas soldiers' vote on the prohibition referendum

Auditor emphatically states that the 29th Battalion is not a B. C. unit. (Extract from Mr. Helmore's evidence given before the Commission.)

Ques. 232 introduced the ballot of Ernest Vincent, which the auditor had rejected.

Ques. 233: "That was a member of the 29th Battalion?"

Mr. Helmore: "Yes, which is not a British Columbia unit."

Commissioner Nelson: "Yes, the 29th is."

Mr. Helmore: "I am sorry. It is marked 'Not B. C.'"

The above positive statement by Mr. Helmore as to the 29th Battalion not being a B. C. unit shows upon what inaccurate foundation his findings were based. And yet on such grounds—which every reader knows are absolutely false—he presumes to decide whether ballots shall be counted.

On being reminded by Com. Nelson as to the 29th being a B. C. unit, Mr. Helmore reiterates his stand, stating "It is marked 'Not B. C.'"

And yet it is upon records and information such as this—which every reader knows is wrong—that his report is based.

Auditor admits difficulty of arriving at true state of affairs. (Extract from Mr. Helmore's evidence, given before the Commission.)

Mr. Helmore: "I was, of course, confronted at the outset with the difficulty that men's numbers were not often given nor were they required under the Act itself. Of course in the army a man's name is of little account, but his number is a sure means of identification. Of the 8,500 votes cast, there are numbers for between 3,000 and 4,000, and those names were readily traced, and so far as it is possible to say so, conclusive evidence was given as to their right or otherwise to vote.

"With regard to the other 5,000 or 4,500, as the case may be, there were no names. In many cases units were not given and you will see in this classification I have had to deal with them as being either of insufficient detail or not traceable at all."

In other words, the facts and records available can lead to no conclusive reason for rejection. Yet, in case after case of this character the auditor suggests that the ballot be thrown out.

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Hon. John Oliver Spoke on Taxation at Cowichan Station

REPLIES TO GRIEVANCES EXPRESSED AT MEETING

All Must Bear Share and Keep Credit of Province Sound, He Says

Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture, on Saturday night spoke in South Cowichan Hall, Cowichan Station, on the invitation of three locals of the United Farmers of British Columbia, those of Cobble Hill, Cowichan Bay and Cowichan Station.

From this district has come loud complaint against the increase in taxation, some measure of defiance to the tax-gatherer, and, on Saturday night, a declaration that those who are paying the taxes are fools. To the trained observer there was more than a suspicion that the conference was not motivated by a desire to browbeat the Minister or bully the Government into abandoning its increase of taxation so far as the farmer is concerned.

If this opinion is mistaken those responsible for the meeting were unfortunate in their attitude and the temper of their remarks. Unfortunately, also, were they their chairman, who commented the proceedings with an insulting remark to the Minister, which he lamely explained as a joke (!) when it met with dignified denunciation from Hon. Mr. Oliver and resentment from the meeting.

Answered All Questions. The Minister of Agriculture met and answered all the questions put to him fully and candidly, pointing out to him of the province financially, the necessity for a larger revenue and the fact that all classes of taxpayers are called on to do their share. He convinced all those in the audience who were not obsessed by what they consider a grievance to the point where they are unable to see any side but their own.

Apart from the question of taxation there was considerable criticism of Hon. Mr. Oliver because he admitted two portfolios. The Minister admitted that he would like more time to devote to agriculture, and expects to get it now that the railway problems are being solved, but he denied any neglect of the industry and no one was able to point to any evidence of neglect. As a matter of fact, some speakers demanded that less money be spent on agriculture.

Not Optimistic. To take some of the statements made at the meeting, South Cowichan is a barren, unproductive district, where the farmers are starving and in which they remain only because they are not able to get away from it. Naturally the statements were not of the kind which would be made if a man were selling land, as many were able to do during the boom. Several of the audience drove to the meeting in motor cars.

F. J. Bishop, president of Cowichan Station local of the U.F.B.C., was in the chair and explained the object of the meeting. Wm. Patterson, manager of the Cowichan Creamery at Duncan and owner of a dairy farm at Koksilah, read a number of questions which had been prepared as "poppers" for the Minister.

Mr. Oliver's Speech. Hon. Mr. Oliver reminded objectors to tax-paying that they were looking at the matter from one viewpoint only, that of the taxpayer. How about the Government, charged with the management of the province's affairs and the maintenance of its honor and credit? It had to consider the situation from a business standpoint. Was the audience aware of the financial situation which had to be met? As a result of expending millions more than the revenue for half a dozen years there had been an enormous increase in the public debt. Where in 1914-15 the sum needed to provide interest and sinking fund against the debt was \$21,000,000 there was this year required \$1,443,000 more than that. Interest payments for the P.G.E. took about \$900,000 a year in addition, so that in 1917-18 the Government had to provide nearly two and one-half millions in this connection alone more than was required three years ago.

Comparative Figures. How could this be done and the province kept out of bankruptcy unless taxation was increased? It had been said that the rate was doubled on improved land and was only one-quarter more on wild land. The increase was one-half of one per cent, as against one per cent in the other case, and the rates now were the same as in 1903-4, when only one million had to be borrowed to take the province out of debt. The surtax on timber land and unworked coal land was two per cent. He had been asked why the tax on wild land was not doubled. Because it would not bring in any more; at a higher rate it would produce less than now. The uncollected arrears of wild land tax at the end of 1915 were \$1,827,824 and the arrears for 1916 amounted to \$766,098. In the last three years the amount collected was \$476,000 in 1914, \$575,000 in 1915 and \$363,000 in 1916, a decrease of 37 per cent. In the amount collected, although the amount assessed was greater. Last year the collections were only 32 per cent of the amount assessed, so it was quite plain

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that no increase in the wild land tax could assist the Government in providing the \$2,800,000 required for interest and sinking fund alone.

Banks Dictated. The Government had to get an overdraft at the bank to carry the province along and pay P. G. E. interest, and now had an overdraft of upwards of three million dollars. The province was now in the position that not the government but the banks and those to whom it owed money dictated its taxation. It was not a nice thing to have to say, but the chairman had said they wanted the truth and there it was. For obligations which this Government had not been responsible for incurring, but for which the people of Cowichan and their representative had, the banks and financial corporations insisted that the province must not borrow but must make revenue and expenditure meet.

Not Because They Like It. "I do not care whether you like it or not," continued Mr. Oliver, "but we either had to raise money by this drastic means or default on our payments and go out to the world as a province that could not meet its obligations. It is easy to criticize but your position is not that of ministers of the crown, with the honor of the province in their keeping, having to meet financial obligations and being forced to put on the screws. Does anyone think we have increased taxation because we like it? No, not because we like it but because the Shylocks and the men to whom we owe money compel us to do it."

Poor Argument. Some of the audience brought up the comparison of organized and unorganized districts, and appeared surprised when the minister informed them that the average rate over the province on improved land in rural municipalities is 1.37 per cent, as compared with the one per cent now the rate in unorganized territory. Then it was stated that the farmers in the rural municipalities are nearer the markets.

"Are the farmers of North Cowichan nearer than those of South Cowichan?" Mr. Oliver demanded. "Get something with more foundation in it than that as an argument."

Matter of Assessment. It was stated that the assessment was too high in South Cowichan. "Then blame yourselves for not appealing," advised Mr. Oliver. "You stood for it under the old Government without a kick; why raise the point now under a new Government that has never made an assessment yet?"

Mr. Corwin replied that they dared not appeal since they would not have got justice. "Maitland-Dougall and the magistrate were the Court of Appeal, and we could not get justice from them," added Mr. Keene. "We thought British justice was a hearing before your peers, but they are not our peers."

"The big trouble is that in a period of inflation and fictitious valuations were put on and obligations were incurred on those inflated," said Mr. Oliver. "By reducing the assessment you cannot and do not reduce the debt. At the same time the value of your farm land is its potential producing value (farmed by an average farmer). That is a fair measure of its value, and that value is not \$400 an acre nor \$100 an acre in Cobble Hill. You say you are over-assessed, but dare not appeal, and yet you call yourself—and are—British. If as a community you stood together against an inequitable assessment no Government or Government official would dare to ignore you or refuse you justice." (Applauds.)

Not Howling. "I am paying \$400 (taxes) on 100 acres in North Cowichan," said Alex. McKinnon, Duncan, to the meeting. "Show me a farmer among you paying as high, but I am not howling about it. Do you wonder at us having had such bad government in the past?" Mr. McKinnon added, turning to Hon. Mr. Oliver, "when you hear the sort of questions, ignorant questions most of them, put back and forward here."

To Mr. Keene's repeated demands for reconsideration of the tax on improved land, the Minister of Agriculture pointed out that this was out of the question in any event when so many hundreds of farmers had paid the surtax on this year's taxes. Mr. Keene was surprised to hear that the increased taxes were being paid by anyone; all he had to say was that they were foolish to pay, he said. Want to Default. "Then you would have the province default on its obligations?" Hon. Mr. Oliver suggested. "You want a reconsideration and in the meantime we would have to default and be placed in the position of a bankrupt before the world. Are you prepared to accept that inevitable result?" ("No.") He had asked me: Do you propose to continue the present methods of taxation? Do you propose to go on in a haphazard

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Forest Fires Still Rage in Kaslo Riding Drought Serious for Agricultural Crop

Serious forest fires are still raging in the Kaslo riding, and until rain falls the safety of many of the isolated residents is imperilled. Such is the statement of John Keen, M.P.P., Deputy Speaker, who arrived for the session yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Keen.

Mr. Keen, who was cordially welcomed by his wide circle of friends, hopes that the Session will be short, as the up-country members have many interests at this time of year to superintend.

He says that the worst fire—over eleven acres, it being impossible to reach the trapped men before it was too late. Rain is badly wanted, not only for the purpose of putting out the fires, but for the agricultural sections of the riding.

He says that the apple and potato crops will be more or less of a failure on account of the drought. The cherry and bush fruit crops are exceptionally good, but strawberries were hit badly by the dry weather, the product being cut in two just as was the case on the Saanich peninsula.

"There is a great shortage of labor in the mining camps in the Kootenays," he observes, "and it seems likely to continue till the glut which will follow after the war. Then we shall not know what to do with the people. It has been the experience of every war, and will be again after this great struggle, though more serious now because of the drain of people from British Columbia in the past three years."

Small Run.—The sockeye run of salmon is at an end at Bella Coola. Humpbacks and dog salmon have arrived and are being caught in numbers. The sockeye pack at the Bella Coola cannery is something like fifteen hundred cases, though the pack in former years has run as high as eleven thousand cases.

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cepted that portfolio I believed it would not be long before we could get the railways into the position where they would not take up so much time. While the last eight months have been strenuous ones I believe the time is in sight when, as Minister of Railways, my work will be comparatively easy. We have now got many tangled questions settled and my work is lessened by sixty or seventy per cent, which will give me much more time to devote to agriculture. At the same time, it is not in any boastful spirit I would point out to you that I have given more time to agriculture than has been given by any Minister since the late Captain Taylor." (Hear, hear.)

Numerous Complaints. Mr. Keene would cut down to \$20,000 the expenditures in connection with agriculture, declaring that production would not suffer. A workman in the audience made the somewhat common mistake of thinking that the one cent a day deducted from workers for medical attention supplies the money for compensation. The high cost of powder was mentioned by a farmer who voiced the further complaint that a farmer had to belong to a Farmers' Institute to get the benefit of the reduced rate. Another rancher objected to the Land Settlement Board when "farmers were being driven away in hundreds by taxation." Yet another insisted that when more revenue was needed it should be raised from other classes and the farmer allowed to go free!

"Will the present Government subsidize the farmer as the last one did the railways?" the Minister was asked. "No, it will not do any such thing," was Mr. Oliver's emphatic answer. "And as an old man you will allow me to tell you what I have told audiences in other places, that if men will get out and use their brains and muscles to the same extent that I have in the forty years I have been in British Columbia there will be more successful men in the province." (Cheers.)

Pull Together. Hugh Savage, editor of The Cowichan Leader, has a little hesitation in telling the farmers some home truths as he has in giving independent criticism to past and present Governments. He remarked that the tax increase was apparently irrevocable, but the fault for what they were getting now lay chiefly with those who were complaining. To a smaller extent it lay with the Hon. Mr. Oliver, because he had too much to do, and while he had been attending to railway matters the province was left without a guiding hand in agriculture. Mr. Savage felt that there were sources of taxation not yet tapped and unpaid taxes which should be got in. In agricultural administration he advocated cutting out a lot of departmental machinery and overlapping between the provincial and federal departments, and suggested the linking up of the experts at Victoria and the various districts by resident district instructors. His concluding advice to the farmers of Cowichan to unite and co-operate, let all pull together.

Hon. Mr. Oliver frankly admitted that he would like more time as Minister of Agriculture, but declined to ad-

mit there had been any neglect of the industry. The overlapping and duplication of officials was indubitable, and his department was cutting this out, securing economy and efficiency at many points. As to tax arrears, these were being collected. If Mr. Savage knew of any sources that were being overlooked it was his duty, as a patriot, to make these known. (Hear, hear.)

About this time the chairman and Mr. Keene got into a wordy discussion which looked for a few moments as if it might develop into an indoor accompaniment to dog-fights outside. The subject appeared to be their respective political activities, in the airing of which surtaxes and community grievances were forgotten. The audience sat back in frank enjoyment.

The Surtax. In answer to questions Mr. Oliver stated that all the surtaxes were estimated to bring in \$1,561,000 if all paid, but were expected actually to bring in about \$27,000. The surtax on real property would bring in 446,000 if all paid, but this by no means all fell on the farmer. There was improved land owned by others than the man who farmed, and not one-third, perhaps not more than one-third, would fall on the farmer. It must not be forgotten, besides, that the farmer got exemptions no one else did. That meeting was asking for exemption of implements on production. The farmer had an exemption on personal property, which included tools, machinery, implements and live stock, up to \$1,000. No workingman and no professional man got this privilege. He had also exemption on all his income derived from the land and all his personal property the produce of the land.

All Bear Share. Why was not the tax that was put on the farmer put on some one else instead? one of the audience asked. The Minister replied that all had to bear their share and others were complaining as well as the farmer. The timbermen were grumbling all over the province.

"And lumber nineteen dollars a thousand," commented a man at the back of the hall. "Yes, and beef at sixteen-cents a pound," retorted the Minister like a shot.

The meeting was informed that an unorganized district could have a pound district established if it desired. Under the Sheep Protection Act, the Minister told them, they could shoot untaxed Indian dogs off the reserve. A vote of thanks moved by Mr. Savage was adopted, Hon. Mr. Oliver assured the meeting he had enjoyed himself immensely and the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

Everybody who has been in Epsom has seen the big gates on which are perched two stone dogs. An American officer saw them recently for the first time. He approached a native with a joke on his lips, expecting to see if fall flat, as he had been taught would be the ones. "When do they feed those dogs?" he asked. "When they bark," said the Epsomite, and now this particular American is more of an admirer of Englishmen than ever.