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JOFFRE, VIVIANI AND THEIR PARTY ARRIVE TO MEET AMERICANS

French Mission Which Will Discuss Conduct of War With Officials at Washington Reaches the United States; Balfour and His Colleagues Are at Work Now

Washington, April 24.—"The Department of State is advised of the safe arrival of the French Commission," it was officially announced early to-day.

Later the State Department issued this further statement: "The Department of State is advised that the French Mission will reach Washington to-morrow morning. The precise time and place of arrival will be announced later."

The Commission, which includes Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani, arrived early this morning on board a speedy steamship which had been convoyed across the Atlantic.

The vessels were met off the coast by American torpedo boat destroyers and escorted to a port.

The naval and military attaches of the Embassy here and American naval and military officers, together with a representative of the State Department, immediately boarded the French vessel and extended a welcome to the distinguished visitors to American shores.

An Associated Press correspondent who accompanied the party from France sends the following dispatch from the port of arrival:

"As the ship bearing the French Commission came into port to-day, American warships broke out the French colors from their mastsheads and American bands played the French National Anthem. The American and French sailors lined the rails of their respective ships. No salutes were fired.

"The special train bearing the Mission slipped out of Paris in the early morning observed only by a few secret service agents and railway men. The transfer from train to ship was without incident, as was the voyage across the Atlantic.

Warships Ahead.

"Warships passed out ahead of the French steamship into the danger zone, which in this case is one of the hunting places of German submarines. The first night out the ship and convoy made eighteen knots an hour before the wind, all running without lights.

"After almost three years of war service the celebrated liner which bore the party is a mixture of former elegance and rough temporary fittings. These racks and troughs line the main promenade deck; powder and shells are stored in some of the private cabins and fore and aft on deck near the five-inch guns. Racks of repeating rifles are upon every landing and life preservers are piled near the companionways.

Part of the guard turned back the second night out, but the remainder continued all the way over. On Saturday a British cargo boat set her course as though she would run close but was given a wide road for fear she might be a German submarine tender.

Saw Meteor.

"There were some hours of rough weather half way over. Otherwise the days were fine. The only incident that received a long entry in the ship's log was the appearance of a great white and yellow meteor toward midnight Friday. The great arc left in its blazing course remained luminous for two minutes."

The Mission was sent not to urge anything upon the American Government, but rather to place its experience and information at the disposal of the President. It is an extension of the practice among the Entente Governments of conferences first in one country, then in another, of statesmen and generals to obtain unity and co-ordinated action among the members of the coalition.

British Mission.

Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, with other members of the British Commission, to-day began the work of placing at the disposal of the United States administrative departments the results of Britain's war experience.

Invitations have been received from all parts of the country, addressed to members of the Commission, but because of the enormous work to be done they do not intend to take any time away from the capital at present.

Mr. Balfour took luncheon to-day with Henry White, former American Ambassador to France, and passed the afternoon making and receiving official calls. This evening will come the formal dinners by Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels to the diplomatic, military and naval officials, respectively, and afterward the Pan-American reception.

BEING BENEFITED.

London, April 24.—In the opinion of several well-known physicians here, Londoners are becoming more vivacious and light of step, and in general more healthy, as the result of the food restrictions.

SON OF BONAR LAW MISSING IN PALESTINE

London, April 24.—Lieut. C. J. Law, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the second son of Rt. Hon. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and a member of the War Council, is reported to have been wounded in Palestine and to be missing.

Chancellor Bonar Law has four sons and two daughters. His eldest son, Captain J. K. Law, of the Royal Flying Corps, was wounded in France last year.

PREMIER BREWSTER EXPLAINS HOW EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE WILL MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Legislative Press Gallery, April 23.

Not for many years has the Legislature listened to a budget speech from a Minister of Finance who so thoroughly knew what he was talking about, and it is doubtful if ever before it has heard such a clear and businesslike statement of the affairs of the province from a businessman.

In every line the budget speech to-day was informed by keen logic, shrewd business sense, courage, and sanity of attitude. The Premier faced the conditions existing with fortitude, being armed with a faith in the resources of the province and the ability of its people to meet and overcome all adverse circumstances which has never wavered during all the years he has been a resident within its borders.

Of the financial position of the province Hon. Mr. Brewster was able to speak with a degree of assurance which has not been the lot of any predecessor, since he was armed with the report from one of the foremost firms of chartered accountants in the world on the financial operations of the past decade and the exact state of money matters as they affect the provincial exchequer.

On this basis he was able to tell the House just what amount is required to enable the province to meet its obligations of every description, some of which seem to have been lost sight of by slackness in book-keeping.

It was a triumph for the Premier that on this, his first budget, and in spite of the conditions under which he assumed office, he was able to announce that the Government has brought about an equilibrium between revenue and expenditure. It is a long time since this has been the case, and the fact that the ministry has been able to bring this about so early is an indisputable proof of its determination to administer the affairs of the province on business lines.

The decision of the Government to refrain from borrowing and to raise the necessary revenue by taxation which can be but temporary in the improved outlook for the province will be approved by the people. The increased taxes will hit those who can pay them, but everyone will be compelled to admit that the people must pay, and that the most businesslike manner in which to do so is to raise the needed revenue at home rather than go to the money market at high rates and further add to the already too high fixed charges of the province.

One Hour Fifty Minutes.

Hon. Mr. Brewster spoke for one hour and fifty minutes, rising at a quarter to three o'clock and sitting down at twenty-five minutes to five. He spoke to a House which contained every member in the city, and there was a large attendance in the galleries. The Government supporters applauded the Premier as he elucidated his points one after the other in concise manner and without any oratorical flourish. It was quite evident that the Minister realized the serious nature of the statement which he was making, and that it was a time for plain speaking to the people rather than for any self-aggrandizement or fine phrases.

Throughout his speech was one tone of which carried with it the absolute conviction of the good faith and sincerity of motives of the Premier.

Rising to the formal motion that Mr. Speaker do leave the chair in order that the House might go into committee of supply, he said:

Many Handicaps.

"In rising to discuss with the House the Public Accounts of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1917, the estimates for the current year and the general financial condition of the province as it now exists, I realize, Mr. Speaker, that this is the first session of a new Parliament under the control of a new Government, and that possibly more than the ordinary responsibility devolves upon me at this time."

"As is well-known to all, the present Government took office on the 25th day of November, 1916, but owing to the fact that a by-election was insisted on in the City of Vancouver, we did not really get into harness as a Government until practically the first of the year. We have been handicapped by the shortness of time left in which to prepare a complete and comprehensive digest of our financial position, and, again, Mr. Speaker, greatly handicapped by the loss to this Ministry and country of the man who was appointed Minister of Finance, and who so rapidly

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Maude's Men Took Samarra Station and Locomotives

London, April 24.—The Turkish forces in Mesopotamia were driven from their position between Samarra and Istabulat, the War Office announces. The British forces pursuing them occupied the Samarra station yesterday, capturing 16 locomotives and 224 railway trucks.

A TALE WILHELM URGED TO ABDICATE

Rome Does Not Credit Story Followers Are Exerting Pressure

Rome, April 24.—The Corriere d'Italia, the clerical organ, declares that it is able to confirm reports published in the Spanish newspapers, that the Emperor is exerting pressure on him to abdicate. The paper says that at recent meetings of the Hohenzollern family, one member, bolder than the rest, intimated that the Kaiser might save the situation by following the example of Emperor Nicholas.

The German monarch is reported to have turned pale, and after observing that the general opinion was against him, left the room muttering: "We shall see." The same evening he summoned another family council. The Chancellor and some of the Ministers were present, but whatever passed remains unknown.

Little importance is attached to this story in Italian political circles. In these quarters it is thought that the Emperor has a German origin, and is put out with the intention of influencing opinion.

TOOK NEARLY ALL BETWEEN 15 AND 60

German Version of Deportation of Inhabitants on Arras-Soissons Front

Amsterdam, April 24.—A semi-official statement issued in Berlin says the deportation of the inhabitants of the evacuated districts between Arras and Soissons in France, has been accomplished without hardships to the civilians. The statement adds:

"The transport of their belongings even delayed the transport of important war materials. For this reason it was impossible in many cases to remove felled trees, the wood of which represents important material for our war industry. The trees were cut down in order that their leaves in spring and summer might not afford cover to marching columns against our airmen."

"The male and female populace between the ages of 15 and 60 was deported. Mothers with children under 15 remained with their children. The entire population of St. Quentin was transported to the rear. As far as possible they were allowed to choose their own place of abode. Objects of value were taken in charge by the German authorities."

"It had now been decided to enlarge the scope of operations to include 'The Pimple,' a commanding position of great strength on the extreme north of the Vimy ridge similar in many respects to Hill 145. The attack was carried out at 5 a. m. on April 12, in the midst of a snowstorm and over most difficult ground, in a manner beyond all praise. In this attack the enemy suffered very heavily, leaving many dead on the battlefield, and in addition we took over 200 prisoners, together with numerous machine guns and trench mortars. The blow was a severe one for the enemy, as it gained for us the whole ridge from Souchez River to the Scarpe River, and shattered the enemy's last hopes of being able to regain the lost ground by a counter-attack from the northeast."

Fruits of Victory.

"The full fruits of our victory took shape and form on the 12th. It was clear that the enemy's new line at the foot of the eastern slopes of the ridge would soon be untenable. Our observers had reported fires and explosions from a counter-attack from the northeast."

Expected Italy Too Will Send Mission to States Shortly

Rome, April 24.—The Duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, will head an Italian mission to the United States, it is expected.

A BULGARIAN STATEMENT.

Sofia, April 24.—A period of drum-fire on the Macedonian front between the Vardar and Lake Dolran yesterday was followed by a British attack, which was repulsed, the War Office announced to-day.

HAIG'S TROOPS HOLD GAINS; CAPTURE MORE GROUND FROM GERMANS, LONDON ANNOUNCES

RESULTS FOLLOWED TAKING OF RIDGE

Official Description of Operations of Canadian Troops After Victory

POSITIONS TAKEN ON FRONT OF 7,000 YARDS

London, April 24.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—A communique just issued from the Canadian War Records Office here continues the account from that official source of the operations of the Canadian corps since the capture of the Vimy ridge on April 9. A communique published on Saturday last described the successful Canadian assault on the famous ridge on Easter Monday and the positions occupied that night on the western slope of the ridge. The later communique continues the account of the operations up to Friday night, April 13, at which time the enemy's retirement is said to have been "not a prepared withdrawal but a disorderly retreat."

"Since April 9, the historic day on which the Canadian corps captured the Vimy ridge, the great German stronghold, the full advantages of the first day's victory have been realized," says the communique. "Progress has been made and our line has been advanced along the whole front to an average depth of 4,000 yards, mainly as a result of successful patrol fighting. Much hard work has been entailed in the consolidation of the recaptured positions. The very trying weather has imposed a severe strain on our troops. The roads are our chief problem, and if any further proof of the unparalleled triumph of our artillery is needed it can be found by an inspection of the roads which were once behind the enemy's lines."

On Northern Slopes.

"On April 10 Canadian troops again attacked on the northern slopes of the ridge. The enemy position was one of great strength, embracing the southwestern outskirts of Ginchy, La Folle Wood and a most intricate system of craters and trenches surrounding Hill 145. The conditions were all in favor of the defenders, as continuous shelling and heavy rain had turned the ground into a quagmire. Desperate fighting had taken place throughout the whole of the preceding day and night, and though we had made good progress the enemy still retained a footing in his stronghold."

"The attack was entirely successful and completed the capture of our final objectives along the whole front of 7,000 yards."

"During the afternoon a large party of Germans was seen in the opening and it became evident that the enemy was concentrating for a counter-attack against the left flank of our new position. The attempt was completely frustrated by our artillery, which, taking full advantage of the excellent facilities for observation across the Douai plain from our new positions, scattered the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties."

"On April 11 there were no serious infantry engagements. Our patrols were active throughout the day, pushing forward along the whole front and gaining ground at practically no cost. Those batteries which the enemy had been able to withdraw were, very active, but many of their positions were now exposed to direct observation and suffered severely at the hands of our own gunners."

Wider Front.

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SARAH BERNHARDT IMPROVES STEADILY

New York, April 24.—Sarah Bernhardt was better to-day, her condition showing a steady improvement during the past 24 hours, according to a bulletin issued by her physicians.

Move Forward on Wide Front South of the Bapaume-Cambrai Road; Reach St. Quentin Canal; Villages Farther North Taken; Over 1,500 Prisoners Counted

London, April 24.—British forces in Northern France gained ground on a wide front last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, it was announced officially to-day. They reached the St. Quentin Canal at one point.

Farther north the villages of Beaucamp and Villiers-Plouich were captured.

The positions gained on the French front yesterday were maintained and further progress was made east of Monchy and near Roeux. More than 1,500 prisoners taken in yesterday's operations have been counted, and many more are coming in.

The Text of the report follows:

"Severe fighting continued yesterday evening and at intervals during the night on our whole front from Croisilles to the north of Gavrelle. The enemy constantly repeated his unsuccessful counter-attacks with great determination and regardless of losses.

"The positions gained by us yesterday have been maintained. Further progress has been made east of Monchy-le-Froux and in the neighborhood of Roeux. A particularly violent German counter-attack early this morning against the village of Gavrelle was successfully beaten off.

"The number of prisoners who passed through our collecting stations as a result of yesterday's operations already exceeds 1,500, including 30 officers. Many more are still to come in.

"South of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we gained ground during the night on a wide front east of Epehy and reached the St. Quentin Canal in the neighborhood of Venduille. Farther north the villages of Villiers-Plouich and Beaucamp were captured by us, together with a number of prisoners."

French Report.

Paris, April 24.—The artillery was very active last night in the vicinity of Hurbise, in the Foulon Valley and near Craonne, says an official announcement issued this afternoon. French patrols took prisoners. Two German attacks during the night were repulsed.

In the Champagne there was grenade fighting.

Bitter Fighting.

London, April 24.—What apparently is the bitterest fighting of the present Anglo-French offensive is raging to-day along the so-called Wotan line, the hastily-organized position east of Arras to which the Germans retired when the northern end of the Hindenburg line was turned by Field-Marshal Haig. The Germans are putting forth a supreme effort to hold this vital portion of their defenses, the crumbling of which will expose Douai and Cambrai and bring into prospect another great retreat.

The British have driven two wedges into the German positions, forming sharp salients in the region of the Scarpe River and north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The head of the first salient has been thrust within four miles of Vitry, the most important point on the Wotan line, and the Germans are fighting desperately.

German Statement.

Berlin, April 24.—Only on the Cambrai-Arras road did the British gain ground yesterday, says an official statement issued to-day. The ruins of Guemappe remained in the hands of the British. An attempt by the British troops to break through the German line near Arras, the statement adds, failed with tremendous losses.

RUSSIA AS FIRM FOR VICTORY NOW AS EVER BEFORE

Washington, April 24.—Further encouraging reports from Russia came to-day in a dispatch to the State Department telling of the effect of President Wilson's war address and declaring that Russia under the new democratic Provisional Government is no more likely to abandon the war without achieving her object than is the United States.

GREECE AND SPAIN AND SWEDEN MAY BE REPUBLICS SOON

London, April 24.—At a conference of journalists representing the European neutral countries, consideration was given to the effect of the Russian revolution.

One speaker expressed the belief that republics would be set up before the end of the war in Sweden, Greece and Spain.

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STATES SEE ADLER CHASED HIS VESSEL OFF BRAZIL COAST

New York, April 24.—An American steamship was chased for five miles by the German sea raider See Adler off the coast of Brazil on April 12, according to the captain of the ship, which reached here yesterday. The See Adler, previously reported by the victims of her raids on their arrival at Rio de Janeiro, formerly was the American barque Pass of Balma, into which

the Germans had fitted gasoline motors.

The captain of the steamship said the raider had Norwegian flags painted on her sides and mounted two guns, apparently of eight-inch calibre. This is the first report of the operations of the See Adler since news from ships she sank reached Rio de Janeiro on March 21.

EARL OF SHANNON KILLED.

London, April 24.—Richard Bernard Boyle, seventh Earl of Shannon, has been killed in action. He was a lieutenant with the Royal Fusiliers.

GERMANY HAD MOST DISASTROUS WEEK

This Week Opened With Anglo-French Forces Further in Ascendancy

With the French Armies in the field, April 23.—Via London, April 24.—(By Henry Wood.)—Germany has just gone through her most disastrous week since the war began.

To-day, a week after the opening of the great French drive, the French Staff permits us to say that the coming seven days are likely to unfold more clearly the nature of the Franco-British offensive. The fighting which is now in progress is of tremendously vital importance. Since Monday a week ago, when the great French offensive began, General Nivelle's forces have accomplished these things: They have captured more than 100,000 men from the Germans; they have taken 20,000 German prisoners; they have occupied 20 large villages, not including hamlets; they have retaken about 50 square miles of French territory, and they have inflicted losses in killed, wounded and missing on the Germans conservatively estimated at 100,000.

Two great battles are raging to-day. One is along the Chemin des Dames—"The Ladies' Road"—dominating Laon and the plateau; the other around Moronvillers Heights, dominating the northern Champagne plains.

Only First Stage. While the German disaster of the past week has been tremendous, nevertheless the week's fighting is only the first stage of an entire action planned by the French. The Aisne-Champagne front comprises only one portion of the great Franco-British offensive. That offensive now extends over at least 125 miles. Every operation undertaken on the vast front is inter-related.

The estimates of the German losses are based on the number of prisoners taken and special information obtained by the French Staff. One hundred thousand men is the equivalent of seven German divisions as they are now constituted—three regiments to a division. It should be emphasized that the figures listed above are for the French drive alone. They do not include the achievements of the British offensive.

But aside from the cold figures of German losses the French have achieved

something more, and it is an intangible result of far more importance. That is the demoralization of the German troops and proof of the superior strategy of the French staff. First, General Nivelle definitely wrested from von Hindenburg the initiative of the war operations. Gen. Nivelle forced Hindenburg to fight from trenches which the French commander-in-chief had himself previously chosen. Second, Gen. Nivelle has forced Hindenburg to throw into the Aisne battle his much-vaunted "strategic reserve army," and the German leader can not employ this force now in strategic positions on the western front. Since last Monday Hindenburg has been forced to throw twenty of these divisions into the Aisne-Champagne line. Seven already have been completely wiped out.

Exhaustion of Reserves. Coupled with the tremendous losses which the British offensive has inflicted, Hindenburg is now facing complete exhaustion of his reserves. He can not fill up his army and strengthen his decimated divisions. The week of the French offensive ended with General Nivelle everywhere in the ascendancy, with Hindenburg's boasted strategic plans awry. During the seven days, besides steady advances by the French, every German counter-attack was broken down.

The second week of the French offensive begins with the French occupying strong positions, all of which they have won in the fiercest sort of fighting. These positions will now permit favorable development in future operations.

IMPORTANT ENEMY POSITIONS TAKEN

Launching of British Attack Both Sides of Scarpe a Success

London, April 24.—The following official report from British Headquarters in France was issued last night:

"There was heavy and continuous fighting throughout the day on both banks of the Scarpe and important enemy positions were gained by our troops. A marked feature of the day's operations was the frequent violent enemy counter-attacks, in which he suffered heavy losses.

"We captured the village of Gavrelle and the enemy's defences for two and a half miles south of the village, as far as the Roeux cemetery.

"On the right bank of the Scarpe our troops fought their way forward on a wide front south and east of Monchy-le-Preux and captured Guemappe.

"The number of prisoners taken has not yet been ascertained, but is known to exceed considerably 1,200.

"We also made progress southwest of Lens, near the Souchez River.

"There was great activity in the air yesterday, in which our aircraft were entirely successful. In the air fighting six German aeroplanes were brought down crushed. Fifteen others were driven down out of control. In one engagement a hostile formation of eight machines was attacked by two of our aeroplanes, which brought down two hostile machines and drove a third out of control.

"Besides those destroyed in the air fighting, one German aeroplane was shot down by anti-aircraft guns. In addition, seven German kite balloons were destroyed yesterday. Seven of our machines are missing."

French Report. Paris, April 24.—"In Belgium," said an official communication issued last night, "the enemy launched this morning several attacks at various points along our front, but these were completely repulsed by our fire. Some enemy groups which succeeded in penetrating our advanced elements were driven out immediately after a hand-to-hand engagement. The Germans left prisoners in our hands.

"Between the Somme and the Oise our batteries effectively shelled the enemy organizations. Between the Aisne and the Chemin des Dames we made fresh progress during the day. North of Sancy the artillery fighting was particularly lively in the sector of the Hurtebise farm.

"Intermittent artillery actions occurred on the rest of the front.

"On April 22 our pilots fought a number of aerial engagements, six enemy aeroplanes being brought down. One of our groups, composed of fourteen machines, last night dropped 1,740 kilos of projectiles on the railway stations and camps in the valley of the Aisne."

A Belgian communication said: "At various points on the Belgian front the artillery fighting was resumed with greater activity than the previous day. Around Het Sas there was spirited bomb fighting."

Berlin Statement. Berlin, April 24.—An official statement issued last night said:

"On the battlefield of Arras to-day the new English assault broke down without success and with very heavy enemy losses. On the Aisne and in the Champagne there have been artillery duels at intervals."

GENERAL'S RETIRED. Paris, April 24.—Among the first affected by the new law lowering the age limits for the higher officers during the war are General Maurice Balfourier, who was commander of the famous Iron Division at Verdun and on the Somme, and General Charles Lanrezac, who distinguished himself in the Battle of the Marne.

These two generals, with nineteen other generals of divisions and four generals of brigades have been placed on the reserved list. The law under which they were retired from active service was passed April 12. It fixes the age limit for colonels at 59 years, of generals of brigades at 60 and of generals of divisions at 62.

TWENTY-TWO STEEL SHIPS BEING BUILT

Sir Thomas White Speaks in Commons of Wooden Ships

Ottawa, April 24.—When the House of Commons met yesterday afternoon George Kite, Liberal, Richmond, N.S., asked when the papers relating to the Ross rifle factory would be tabled. He also asked if it was the intention of the Government to make a statement to the House relative to the manufacture of Ross rifles by the Government.

Sir Edward Kemp in reply said that a valuation of the factory now was being made, which was taking the services of a number of the employees. Meanwhile the manufacture of Ross rifles was not being proceeded with. He promised to table the papers relating to the taking over of the factory to-day.

Replying to a question, the Minister of Militia said that he was personally of the opinion that members of the civil service serving overseas should get the benefit of the statutory increases in salary. The matter was engaging the attention of the Militia Department.

Hon. W. J. Roche promised E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S., that he would bring down the regulations relating to the bringing of farm laborers into western Canada from the United States.

Steel Ships. Sir Thomas White, replying to a question by Hon. Wm. Pugsley, made a statement covering plans for the construction of steel and wooden ships in Canadian shipyards. He said that the Imperial Government had placed orders for 22 steel vessels and further orders for eight more were under consideration. These would keep all the Canadian shipyards busy during 1917 and a part of 1918 and additional tonnage of 175,000 would be provided.

Wooden Ships. Sir Thomas added that he had taken up with the Imperial Munitions Board the question of the advisability of building a number of wooden ships in Canada after conferring with Mr. Perry, a representative of the Imperial Government. He had offered to loan the Munitions Board the sum of \$10,000,000 for this purpose. He had looked into the situation as between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and was convinced that this shipbuilding could be done.

"This matter," said Sir Thomas, "is now under further consideration and I think that orders for a considerable tonnage will be placed in Canada."

Mr. Pugsley, while expressing satisfaction with the statement, regretted that the Government itself had not taken steps to build ships in Canada.

To Visit Canada. Sir Thomas White announced that Sir George Foster, while at Washington, would extend an official invitation to the members of the British and French Missions to visit Canada before their return home.

A. B. McColg, Liberal, West Kent, Ont., moved a resolution calling for the placing of farm tractors on the free list. He insisted that under existing conditions it was absolutely necessary that this step should be taken in order that traction might be encouraged. He expressed the opinion that if the duty were removed 1,000 farm tractors would be brought into Ontario at once.

Sir Thomas White said that ditching machines should have been placed on the free list because they were not made in Canada, but farm tractors are made in two or three provinces. Besides it would be necessary to take the duty off all the raw materials entering into their manufacture.

Mr. McColg's resolution was lost on a vote of 48 to 28.

A Dismissal. When the House was in committee on the Labor estimate, Alphonse Verre, the labor member for Maisonneuve, Que., introduced a discussion over the dismissal of Gen. H. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor.

Hon. T. W. Crothers declared that Mr. Brown had overplayed his leave of absence and that he had been guilty of insubordination and disloyalty to himself.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux defended Mr. Brown as a capable official. He did not think the Minister had given a proper reason for his dismissal.

Mr. Crothers said that the position had been done away with, although a new official might be named to perform some of the duties which formerly fell to the lot of Mr. Brown.

There was a long discussion on the high cost of living regulations. Liberal members declared that they had been framed to enable the Government to shirk responsibility.

Mr. Crothers maintained under the regulations good results had been accomplished and more would follow.

A GREAT INCREASE IN CANADA'S TRADE

Ottawa, April 24.—Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs, announced yesterday that the trade figures for the fiscal year ended March 31 show an increase of \$200,000,000 in Canada's trade over the previous year.

The total trade for the fiscal year just ended was \$2,248,170,171, of which \$225,000,000 was in coin and bullion. The total trade for the previous year was \$1,424,916,665, of which \$140,000,000 was in coin and bullion.

The exports for the year just ended totalled \$1,151,375,768 as against \$741,610,638. Imports increased from \$507,789,361 to \$345,330,903.

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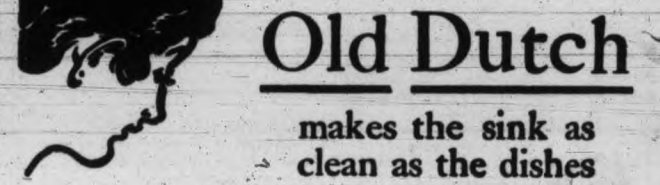
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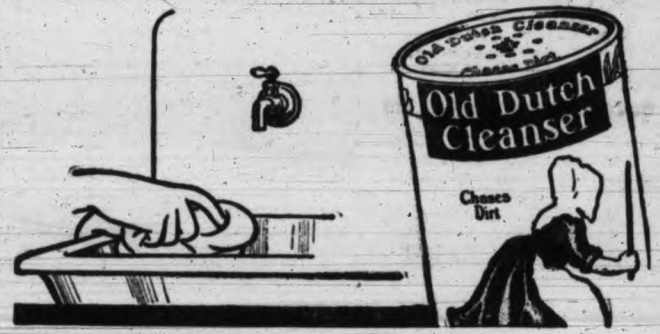
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CANADIAN NORTHERN HAD AMERICANS MAKE REPORT

Ottawa, April 24.—The Canadian Northern Railway Company on its own behalf has placed in the hands of the Dominion Government a report on the affairs of the company.

It is the work of John W. Platten, president of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of New York, and Edward E. Loomis, president of the Lehigh Valley Railway Company, and formerly vice-president and general manager of the Delaware & Lackawanna Railway. They were assisted by a New York firm of consulting engineers, Coverdale and Colpitts.

The American experts state that they have been engaged for the last year upon an examination of the Canadian Northern, and indicate that they have studied its location, its equipment, its cost and financing, the business which it has developed and its prospects for future business, as well as the improvements required. The report declares that with a programme of improvements carried out, the Canadian Northern can be made a great success. Two plans are proposed for this. The first is a minimum programme to be carried out in three years at a net cash outlay of \$54,000,000, and the second, which is described as a maximum plan, would require five years and \$88,000,000.

The Americans in their report speak well of the system as it is to-day, but insist upon considerable improvements. Its present position is stated as similar to that of the Canadian Pacific and the Northern Pacific just after those lines had been built to the Pacific Coast, but rather better, as other railways have established the Canadian West as a great agricultural field, and have installed a population there, enabling cities to be built and ocean ports to be opened.

NORWAY'S FOOD. Christiania, April 24.—Newspaper reports that the United States may stop her exports to neutrals has caused much anxiety here. Norway is entirely dependent upon the U. S. for grain, sugar, salt pork and other provisions and certain raw materials. The country's supply of grain, including the coming crop, is sufficient until September.

Unless the United States permits exports, all Norway soon will be on the verge of starvation.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

AVIATION SCHOOL WILL BE FOUNDED IN THIS PROVINCE

Ottawa, April 24.—When the present plans for the construction of aviation schools for the British Government are completed by the Imperial Munitions Board there will be in Canada four centres at which officers will be trained for the Royal Flying Corps, and almost 1,000 aeroplanes in use there.

The plant at Camp Borden is now in operation and another in the Bay of Quinte district is being constructed as rapidly as possible. When that is completed a school will be established a short distance north of Toronto. Finally, it is intended to locate a school in British Columbia. Each of these plants will cost in the neighborhood of \$700,000.

Each will provide accommodation for five squadrons of aeroplanes—that is, 1,500 machines. About 800 machines will be required in order that 400 may be constantly in use in the four schools.

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RETURNS FROM FRANCE TO TRAIN AMERICANS

New York, April 24.—Captain Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, who has fought in the Foreign Legion in France, arrived here today and will go to Washington, D. C., to offer his services in the training of the American army. The French Government granted him unlimited leave of absence for this purpose.

COAL MINERS ASKING STILL HIGHER WAGES

Calgary, April 24.—The mine workers of District No. 15 will not continue the conference being held between their representatives and those of the Western Coal Operators' Association on the basis of a fifteen per cent. increase. Any tentative arrangements which had been decided upon to the end of last week were passed up when the news of the twenty per cent. increase to workers in the bituminous fields came from the east on Saturday. The anticipation that the miners in the anthracite fields will be given the same raise is the reason for the change of mind among the Alberta miners, who claim that the high cost of living is so rapidly increasing that they are more than justified in their new demands. From now on the conference will consider the question on the basis of a twenty per cent. increase, and it is not expected to continue for any length of time, a decision one way or the other being expected in a day or two.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS' NEW HIGH RECORDS

Statistics for the Twelve Months Ended With Last June

Ottawa, April 24.—The annual report of J. L. Payne, the Comptroller of Railway Statistics, tabled in the Commons, shows that the railways of Canada established new high records in regard to practically all branches of the transportation service during the statistical year ended with June last. Their gross earnings amounted to \$263,527,157, as compared with \$199,842,973 in 1915. The operating expenses last year totalled \$189,542,295, as compared with \$147,731,959 for the preceding year. The net earnings last year totalled nearly \$83,000,000, as compared with \$50,000,000 in 1915.

The railway capitalization, including capital liability on lines under construction, has now reached an aggregate of \$1,975,357,919.

New records were established in 1916 for both passenger and freight traffic. There was a gain over 1915 of 2,795,636 in the number of passengers carried and of 22,454,255 in the tons of freight hauled.

The total fatalities last year from the movement of trains were 437, while 2,065 persons were injured.

LOSS OF \$15,000,000 AT TREADWELL MINES

Juneau, April 24.—Above the flooded Treadwell mines cracks in the earth extend from 700 feet up the hill to the "Old Glory Hole" and down to the mess house and on the baseball grounds. All persons living in houses on the hill moved out when the cracks began to appear. Bunkhouse No. 4 is out of plumb six feet, ready to slide into the abyss. The clubhouse is equally out of plumb.

A thousand miners were thrown out of work, although scores of these are being used on the surface, protecting mills and shops.

Five million tons of ore had been blocked out for mining in the lower levels of the flooded mines. Most of the work had been done within the past two years at an expense of millions of dollars, all of which will be a dead loss unless the mines are re-opened. The total loss, including this ore, is estimated at \$15,000,000.

San Francisco, April 24.—By tunneling 2,400 feet under Gastineau Channel at a depth estimated at 3,000 feet, the directors of the Treadwell group of mines on Douglas Island, Alaska, hope to mine the ore under the diggings destroyed by flood last Saturday night according to F. W. Bradley, president of the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company. Mr. Bradley said here yesterday that should this fall, cofferdams might be built and the water pumped from the flooded district.

AUSTRALIAN PLAN FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Commonwealth Govt. Has Accepted Full Responsibility for Their Care

Sydney, Australia, April 24.—Through Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The Commonwealth Government's repatriation scheme for returned and maimed soldiers, a feature of which is the liberality of its provisions, has been further outlined by Senator Millen, vice-president of the Executive Council. Senator Millen stated that the Commonwealth Government had accepted full responsibility for securing to every returned soldier a man's livelihood by providing an avenue of civil employment.

The sum of £22,000,000 (\$110,000,000) will be provided, which will be advanced to the various States in connection with land settlement for returned soldiers, enabling soldier-settlers to secure advances for improvements up to £500 (\$2,500) for each man. Occupation will be provided for upon arrival, not as at present, upon military discharge. Three permanent officials in each State will be responsible for all educative work, while subordinate officers will be appointed throughout each State to ensure the necessary decentralization.

Local committees will be established to encourage soldiers in each district. A special branch will deal with the provision of maintenance and artificial limbs for all the permanently maimed, who will be afforded every opportunity to supplement their pensions through the establishment of specially equipped workshops. An amelioration fund will be maintained in order to ensure temporary assistance to New South Wales returned soldiers.

The amelioration work will be controlled by the Government and administered by a board of trustees, whose chairman will be a minister of the Crown.

FIRST AMERICAN LOAN GOES TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, April 24.—The first American loan to the Entente nations will go to Great Britain. The amount and other details probably will be made public by Secretary McAdoo within a few days.

Whatever the sum, the amount will be available out of the proceeds of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue soon to be offered to the public, of which \$2,000,000,000 will be lent to the Allies.

Announcement of this effect was made last night at the Treasury Department after a day crowded with conferences between Secretary McAdoo, Federal Reserve Board officials, American bankers and bond dealers and official representatives of Great Britain and France.

Paris, April 24.—Upwards of 300,000 copies of President Wilson's war address to Congress are to be dropped over the German lines by French and American aviators. The text of the message, translated into German, has been delivered by the printers and now is ready for distribution. The dropping of the message is the result of an agreement between the French and American Governments.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 24.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in Action—Pte. McInnes, New Waterford, N. S.; Pte. H. Chartrand, Montreal; Pte. N. F. Jones, Quebec; Pte. A. Stigepich, United States. Previously Reported Missing: Since Reported Killed in Action—Pte. J. Harrison.

Died of Wounds—Pte. A. McInnes, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. W. Rea, Ireland; Pte. J. Brown, Madoc, Ont.; Pte. A. Cross, Edmonton; Pte. A. Bevan, England; Pte. A. Ladell, Halley, Alta.; Pte. W. Duncan, Quebec; Pte. N. Cochran, Quebec; Pte. F. Allen, Toronto; Pte. R. Hall, Winnipeg; Pte. M. Braconridge, Westwood, Ont.; Pte. P. Letmold, England; Pte. W. Coe, Fort William, Ont.; Pte. F. Rice, Annapolis, N. S.; Sergt. J. Craney, England; Pte. R. Bird, Vancouver; Pte. A. Ross, Mackay, B. C.; Pte. E. Gaines, Galt, Ont.; Pte. C. Wooler, Bellingham, Wash.; Pte. J. Kirk, Arrowhead, B. C.; Pte. S. Goodwin, England; Pte. P. Lumley, Sarnia, Ont.; Cpl. S. Britton, England; Pte. W. Tuddenham, Sudbury, Ont.; Pte. G. Morris, Fort William, Ont.; Pte. J. Ward, Galt, Ont.; Pte. H. Gardner, England; Pte. H. Mann, Toronto; Pte. E. Langford, Quebec; Pte. W. Bryson, Tisdale, Alta.; Pte. H. McIntosh, Scotland; Pte. G. McLaughlin, Ceylon, Ont.; Pte. A. Miller, Highgate, Ont.

Previously Reported Seriously Ill: Now Died of Wounds—Pte. E. Williams, Stevenson, B. C.; Pte. L. Boutellier, Quebec; Pte. W. Atchison, Wingham, Ont.; Pte. G. Fisher, Ireland; Pte. S. Logan, Bothwell, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. S. Roberts, Enderby, B. C.; Pte. P. Kirk, Arrowhead, B. C.; Pte. E. Matthews, Vancouver; Pte. E. Larson, Vancouver; Pte. F. Webb, 32 Lupulin Road, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. E. Robertson, England.

Infantry.
Killed in Action—Pte. G. Dagg, Ireland; Lieut. E. R. Kappela, Toronto; Lieut. R. V. Jones, Toronto; Lieut. G. G. May, Ottawa; Capt. J. T. Costigan, Calgary; Lieut. G. Yerza, Fredericton, N. B.; Lieut. J. E. Stauffer, Disbury, Alta.; Lieut. J. T. MacCullum, England; Lieut. E. C. Thom, Toronto; Capt. R. W. F. Jones, Bowmanville, Ont.; Lieut. I. R. Glasgow, Prescott, Ont.; Major A. J. Snaddon, Winnipeg; Lieut. G. O. Faithful, Ottawa; Lieut. H. P. Hill, Peterboro, Ont.; Lieut. E. C. Moore, England.

Previously Reported Killed in Action: Now Reported Believed Killed—Capt. W. H. McLaren, England.

Previously Reported Seriously Ill: Now Died of Wounds—Lieut. W. J. Holliday, Quebec; Pte. N. Haylett, Winnipeg; Lieut. R. H. Louis Knox, Kamloops, B. C.; Lieut. S. B. Linnig, England; Cpl. W. Grainger, England; Lieut. F. Gildeon, England; Sergt. S. C. Cornforth, Lindsay, Ont.; Pte. G. Cruickshank, Toronto; Pte. F. Turner, Toronto.

Wounded—Lieut. W. F. Frame, Vancouver; Pte. J. Statham, South Cedar, Ladysmith, B. C.; Cpl. S. Keith, Vancouver; Lieut. J. C. McLeana, Field, B. C.; Pte. J. McDonald, Vancouver.

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Fort William, Ont.—Pte. E. J. Sadow, skil. Ellvedon, Ohio; Lance-Cpl. T. C. Pearson, Calgary; Acting-Sergt. E. Budgey, England; Pte. J. Boucher, Pictou, Que.; Pte. C. Oldfield, England; Pte. J. Butler, Fort William, Ont.; Pte. N. Lisaway, Ryas, Sask.; Pte. A. Clute, Dauphin, Man.; Pte. P. A. Kent, England; Pte. J. E. Donaldson, Teeswater, Ont.; Pte. H. Hazelwood, Winnipeg; Pte. Wm. A. Lereverend, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

London, April 24.—The following Canadian officers are reported in the following hospitals:
At Letreport—Lieut. A. W. Pryce, shot in back and dangerously ill.
At Le-Touquet—Lieut. A. Macfarlan, shot left leg; Lieut. D. Guthrie, right hip, severe; Lieut. W. A. Livingstone, cheek, slight; Lieut. A. W. Macan, left foot, severe; Lieut. P. B. Harris, right forearm, severe; Lieut. R. Lees, right foot, severe; Major A. C. Snively, shot in chest and back and shrapnel in forearm, severe; Lieut. R. H. Brown, both arms and right shoulder, severe; Lieut. F. M. Rolph, left hand and knee, severe.

At Boulogne—Major T. Fraser, left arm and thigh, severe.
At No. 7 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne—Lieut. S. M. Scott, scalp, slight; Lieut. H. B. Grout, forearm, slight; Lieut. S. H. Brocklebank, head, slight; Lieut. T. H. Bevan, gas poisoning, slight; Lieut.-Col. T. V. Anderson, wrist, severe.

At Etaples—Lieut. W. Hird, left leg, slight; Lieut. W. A. McGregor, left wrist and thigh, slight.

At Brighton—Lieut. D. Robertson, multiple wounds.
At Boland Gardens, London—Lieut. J. A. Bethune, right shoulder.
At Hyde Park—Capt. A. D. Gibson, arm and eye.

At Denmark Hill—Lieut. T. J. Macintyre, head and right arm.
Discharged to duty—Lieut. Destralsmaison, right wrist; Lieut. R. J. Darcy, cheek.

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THE BUDGET.

An outstanding feature of the provincial budget, introduced by the Premier yesterday, is the fact that it provides for the restoration of the harmonious relations between income and outgo which prevailed in British Columbia up to 1911-12.

Mr. Brewster desires to reverse this policy—if such it may be called—for several reasons, any one of which should be sufficient. Firstly, being a business man and appreciating the extraordinary circumstances of the times, he realizes that solvency demands the approximation of expenditure to revenue.

The anticipated revenue for the year 1917-18 is \$9,868,325. This is \$3,924,000 more than the revenue for the year which has just expired, and the difference will be accounted for by increased taxation, more efficient collection and the substitution of a business-like system of departmental management for the present inco-ordinate, haphazard, overlapping way of doing things.

struggle in which all civilization is at stake. This is a time of sacrifice, not of superprofits.

The ordinary expenditure for 1917-18 is estimated at \$8,768,579. Besides this there will be a capital expenditure of \$2,032,225, so that the estimated gross expenditure is \$10,800,804, and between this and the expected revenue is an adverse balance of more than \$230,000.

A glance at the table of receipts and expenditures published in The Times to-day will reveal the difficulties with which the new administration is confronted. The knife has been applied to many services, but we believe still greater economies can be effected.

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

The Premier's review of provincial production in the last year shows that notwithstanding the diversion of many thousands of men to the army British Columbia has responded very satisfactorily to the nation-wide cry for the greater development of natural resources.

TROUBLES ENOUGH.

A recent issue of The London Times contained a proposal from a Canadian correspondent that Canada, Newfoundland and the West Indies be united in one Dominion and the London journal treats the suggestion to a lengthy editorial comment.

The proposal to add another province to this Dominion in the shape of the West Indies might very profitably be kept in cold storage for a few generations. Never was the immediate solution of our numerous domestic problems more imperatively required.

for the most serious thought and anxiety. For a long time to come this Dominion will have enough on its hands without taking over the administration of the West Indies.

A correspondent in the Montreal Herald says prospective settlers are frightened away from Canada by the shockingly high prices of essential commodities due to a dizzy tariff. He points out that if this Dominion is going to hold its own in settlement and development after the war it must remove the disparity between prices charged for numerous manufactured articles here and in the United States.

Mr. Cowper says The Times was in error in stating that the Speaker had declined to allow him to amend his charge against the Attorney-General by altering the sum alleged to have been involved from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

Eastern Liberals papers are having no little fun with their Tory contemporaries over free wheat.

The Federal Ministers are continually telling us that there is going to be a food shortage and urging more production. But when somebody introduces a resolution in Parliament for the abolition of the sky-high duties on tractors in order to facilitate that very production the Government calls upon its following to vote the measure down.

The morning paper advises Mr. Brewster to beware of Royal Commissions. Our contemporary no doubt was thinking of those enormously costly commissions appointed by Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Bowser, three of which made a quarter-million hole in the public purse.

A Cleveland correspondent writes to the editor of the New York Tribune: "Thank you for your splendid editorial, 'Well Done, Canada,' appearing in yesterday's issue. Too great praise cannot be given her. To those of us not Canadians who have long looked with admiring eyes and with some envy, as you say, upon her achievements, your editorial is doubly gratifying. May it not be long before we stand beside her!"

Brand Whitlock, who ought to have first-hand knowledge on the subject, says Von Hindenburg, not Von Bismarck, is responsible for Hun atrocities in Belgium. How would it do to compromise on the matter and hold the Kaiser to strict accountability? He is the official head of all the Hun tribe.

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papers. Well, he is that much the loser. With all its faults the newspaper is really an educating agency and if His Lordship would revise his judgment we are sure he would get not a few vagrant pointers from it.

Earl Curzon is reported to have said, "Keep your eye on Mesopotamia." This cryptic advice is interpreted as meaning that a big military coup is pending in that region. There is no doubt that the British and Russian plans aim at more than the expulsion of the Turks from the valley of the Tigris.

New York Herald: New glory attaches to the flag of the Dominion, now topping the long contested ridge of Vimy. Again have our American brothers from above the border risen gloriously to opportunity; once more has the Canadian contingent of freemen proven itself superior to the enemy that would crush out freedom.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, was one of the eighteen Toronto Liberals who abandoned the Liberal party in 1911 over the reciprocity issue. It was Sir Thomas White who the other day authorized the acceptance of President Wilson's offer for reciprocity in wheat, wheat flour and semolina, just as Laurier accepted that offer in 1911.

The London Morning Post says "we must have a zollverein." However, we hardly think the people of this Empire are greatly enamored just now with anything "made in Germany" and with a German name attached to it. If a zollverein means taxation of food, in the light of present experiences, it is far from likely to prove popular.

In reply to an anonymous Hun correspondent who flings the reproach of being an Englishman at the head of the editor of the New York Sun says: "We

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RESULTS FOLLOWED TAKING OF RIDGE

(Continued from page 1.)

plions in towns behind the enemy's lines, and there were indications that a retreat was imminent. This was soon confirmed by our scouts, who acted with admirable skill and determination. Patrols were pushed forward all along the line. In many places the enemy had succeeded in leaving under cover of darkness. Some small rearguards were encountered and overcome. By nightfall our line had been extended to beyond the Vimy-Arras Valley line, and the villages of Ville-Chaudiere and Givency were in our possession. Our captures had increased to over 4,000 prisoners, more than 40 guns and a large number of machine guns and trench mortars and quantities of materials of all kinds.

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FORM BIRD SECTION

Director Kermode, of Provincial Museum, Spoke Before New Organization.

A bird section in connection with the Natural History Society was formed last night at a meeting held in the Society's rooms, in the Jones Block. Director Kermode, of the Provincial Museum, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the indigenous game birds, and showed many specimens of ducks, grouse and pigeons.

After dealing with the game birds the speaker dealt with the necessity of protection for the birds. In most of the States they were protected, and in many other countries laws were enforced tending to encourage the breeding and preservation of the useful birds. He spoke of the prevalence of predatory cats and suggested that some steps should be taken to lessen the number.

Dealing with the treaty which was recently signed reducing the season during which the migratory birds might be shot to 14 weeks, Mr. Kermode said that it would be a great measure for the protection of bird life and would work no hardship on anyone, as the open season could be taken at any time desired.

Dr. Hassell was chosen president of the section with H. F. Pullen, vice-president, and J. A. Cunningham, principal of the Boys' Central School, as secretary. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 7, at the same place.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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V. & S. Railway Employees will hold a dance in Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on May 2, in aid of Saanichton Red Cross. Tickets, 50c including train fare. Train leaves Victoria at 7.45 p. m.

Damage to Motor Truck—The light motor truck of J. E. Painter & Sons, having been damaged at the approach to the city scales, a claim has been lodged for \$75 with the City Council. An investigation will be made as to the responsibility for the damage.

Tenders for Police Uniforms—For the police uniforms the following tailors tendered to City Council last evening: Lange & Co., \$1,352.50; G. H. Thibette, \$1,391; and F. Sprinkling, \$1,275. The subject was referred to the Police Commissioners.

Mah Hing Case—The case of Mah Hing was again remanded in the Police Court this morning to allow for the completion of the analysis of a few small packets of a substance which it is thought is cocaine, and which were found on the accused.

Members of the I. O. O. F. Lodges, including those of the Degree of Rebekah, are requested to meet at the Hall on Sunday morning, April 29, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of attending divine service at St. Barnabas Church to fittingly observe the 98th Anniversary of the Order. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

John Grant Fire Engine—Feeling that the sum of \$210 offered by a junk company was too little for the old John Grant fire engine, after 26 years in the department, the City Council last evening left the matter in the hands of the Fire Chief to make the best bargain possible.

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IGNORES NEWSPAPERS

Mr. Justice Martin Says He Pays No Attention to Press.

Both bench and bar indulged in breezy exchanges yesterday in the Court of Appeal at Vancouver. In the first place Mr. Robert Cassidy, K. C., waxed quite warm over the treatment he had received from the City Council of Vancouver and the Board of School Trustees in the case in which their right is being questioned by the ratepayers to pay the costs of the recent School Board probe. Mr. Cassidy thought that Mr. L. G. Phillips, K. C., who is appearing for the School Board, had brought on a motion for the quashing of his appeals when he knew that he (Mr. Cassidy) was studying the act passed by the Legislature bearing on this matter.

Then the turn of Their Lordships came when the word "newspapers" was mentioned. This arose when it was stated by Chief Justice Macdonald that everybody must have seen by the newspapers what had taken place in the Legislature.

Mr. Justice Martin at once set erect and interpolated a statement to the effect that he did not pay any attention to the newspapers.

"I am speaking to counsel," was the quiet retort of the Chief Justice, and later when a somewhat similar statement was again made by Mr. Justice Martin, Chief Justice Macdonald took the opportunity to state that—"I can quite understand that, but I am speaking for myself."

To Give Demonstration—A demonstration of anti-fire apparatus is to be made by Chief Davis at Resthaven Convalescent Hospital at an early date. The City Council granted permission last evening.

CHARLOTTE BURTON, STAR IN THE \$10,000 PRODUCTION, "THE BEQUEL TO THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY," AMERICAN MUTUAL PRODUCTION.



At the Majestic Theatre to-night and to-morrow.

OFFENDER IS REASONABLE

Case Against Harry Campbell is Dismissed by Magistrate Jay.

In the police court this morning the case against Harry Campbell, a licensee of this city, accused of selling liquor out of hours was dismissed by the magistrate. This action was brought about by the provision which is made in an amendment to the regular statute which holds the licensee responsible.

The ordinary law which was in force before the outbreak of the war was drafted in such a way that the licensee of a bar or licensed cafe was held responsible for the acts of his employees if they were found to be guilty of selling liquor out of hours or of breaking the law in other ways. The advent of the war brought about a changed condition. Many proprietors were left without any help as a result of the large number of men who enlisted for overseas. It was found that in many cases the employer was forced to put up with unreliable servants and it was thought that it was not right to hold the licensee responsible for the acts which such employees might commit.

An amendment was therefore passed to the original statute. The new clause shifted the responsibility from the shoulders of the proprietor and makes it clear that the person who violates the law shall be responsible; whether the said person shall be the licensee or merely an employee. This amendment supercedes all previous clauses of the statute for the period of the war.

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People's Tea	35c	Crisco, tin, \$1.65, 88¢ and	44c
1-lb. pkg.	35c	B. O. Sugar	\$1.87
Leslie Salt	4c	20 lbs.	1.87
Sack	4c	Robbie Burns Oat Cakes, pkg.	9c
Rogers Golden Syrup, jar	28c	Robbie Burns Assorted Cakes, tin	31c
Tomatoes, tin, 16¢ and	18c	C. & B. Marmalade jar	23c
Rolled Oats	34c	Fancy White Beans 2 lbs.	25c
7-lb. sack	34c	Great Light Matches box	5c
White Swan Soap Pkg.	22c	Macaroni, Vermicelli or Spaghetti, pkg.	9c
Gold Dust or Pearl-line, pkg.	23c		
Greening Apples, 8 lbs.	25c		
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Seeking for Son.—Word has been received by the local detective department from H. C. Sloman, of Quarrelia Road, Bridgend, South Wales, that W. F. Sloman, alias Thomas, has been missing since July, 1914. Search has been made on several occasions but nothing has been found of the missing man since that date. It is known that he was in Victoria but no record can be found of his having joined any of the militia units which left the city. The letter which the local authorities have received states that there are urgent reasons for finding the missing man at this time.

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AT THE THEATRES

THE COLUMBIA.

As the Chaplin specials are unfolded to the public gaze it becomes increasingly apparent that the great comedian is a master of innumerable arts. For instance, it was not known until he produced "The Rink" that Charlie could skate like a professional, and it was not until he devised the swimming bath scene in "The Cure" that anyone realized what an expert swimmer he is. In that scene Chaplin dives under the vast bulk of Campbell with the speed and agility of an otter, circles him in the water, sits on his head and nearly drowns him and in other ways disports himself as an expert waterman.

Altogether "The Cure" is certain to enhance Chaplin's popularity, for he has never produced anything funnier. Chaplin is the feature at the Columbia this week.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Another phase of the educational value of motion pictures is offered in the avowal of little Gladys Hulette of "Pots and Pans Peggy," in which she will be at the Royal Victoria Theatre again to-day and Wednesday, that she is learning how to cook in productions in the Thambousser studios.

"When I first came here I didn't know if water turned brown over boiling," confessed Miss Hulette. You see, she was a stage baby, having played parts from her third year. Now she is seventeen and there are few stars on the screen to-day who can match her stage and studio experience. But she lived all her life in hotels, and she never got into the kitchen, even by mistake.

There is real fire in real stories in most realistic kitchens in the Thambousser-Pathé productions starring Miss Hulette. Real chickens are prepared, stuffed, roasted, basted, braved and eaten. Real seed is given to real canary birds. Real milk tickets are put out on the back stoop. Real ice-cream troop in and are acclaimed against for muddying up the kitchen floor. And real milk bottles erupt when those perfectly awful paper tops treacherously give way when being pried open.

What new culinary art will Gladys master in her future Gold Rooster Play?

It is a section of the boundless foothills transferred bodily to a city lot. The broncho is there, and his presence alone is sufficient to guarantee excitement, and plenty of additional action is provided by real "buster" talent. Cinching the stock saddle on a restless broncho is hardly a drawing-room pastime, to say nothing of riding the brute. The presentation of this act takes you back to the plains with the horizon the border.

The tricks of the cowboy trade are all on show from the roping of a fetlock to the lassoing of a horse thief. Adele von Ohl is a clever and winsome horsewoman who presents Delmar, one of the best known of performing equines. With his dainty owner "up," Delmar prances on hind legs and in many other ways exhibits good horse sense. The performance is an unusual one and the horseplay is relieved by some laughable comedy features.

A pleasing diversion is created by Dan Bruce and Margo Duffet Co. in an elevated comedy playlet programmed as "A Corner in Wireless." Jack-Lewis (Dan Bruce) in the role of wireless operator and budding inventor, installed on the top of a 45-story skyscraper, is hopelessly in love with Daisy Steel (Margo Duffet) who cements his future career by the most approved modern method at the expense of his prospective father-in-law. Bessemer Steel (C. O. Glover) takes Conway, of Philadelphia, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Walter E. Johnson, W. M. McDonald and J. A. Walker, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion Hotel.

D. Carmichael and Miss Rose M. Carmichael, of Manor, Sask., are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. R. Lindlater, Mrs. Lindlater and Miss Robena Spence, of Winnipeg, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. H. D. White and family of Sidney, have returned from California, and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Wm. A. Garford and family and Miss Ella Deane, of Los Angeles, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Bradley Carroll, Mrs. George E. Carroll and Miss Emily Carroll, visitors from Rochester, N. Y., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

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3-Piece Sterling Silver Manicure Set, in case. Regular \$15.50. Sale price **\$10.50**
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3-Piece Sterling Silver Manicure Set, in case. Regular \$19.50. Sale price **\$12.50**
3-Piece Sterling Silver Toilet Set, in case. Regular \$24.00. Sale price **\$16.50**
3-Piece Plain Toilet Set, in case. Regular \$15.00. Sale price **\$10.00**
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Miss Litt Smith, who has been holidaying for the last ten days in Seattle, returned yesterday to the city.

Mr. George Glover, who went through a serious operation in the Jubilee Hospital recently, is progressing very favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Fordham Johnson and the Misses Johnson, of Vancouver, are making a motor trip on Vancouver Island.

The marriage took place last Saturday at Hatfield, Lord Salisbury's seat in Hertfordshire, of the Marquis of Hartington, elder son of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, and the Duchess of Devonshire, and Lady Mary Cecil, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Salisbury.

Miss Louise Frances Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Cunningham, New Westminster, has been chosen as this year's May Queen, and will be crowned at the usual May Day celebration at Queen's Park on May 4. The May Queen-Elect was maid-of-honor of last year's May Queen. A feature of the coronation ceremony this year at New Westminster will be the visit-of-Vancouver's Carnival Queen and her court.

The following articles will be welcomed for the comfort-bag "shower" and tea to be held by the Ladies' Club of the New Thought Temple (corner Blanshard and Pandora) on Thursday afternoon: tin of tobacco, packet of cigarettes, pack of playing cards, toothbrush and paste, shaving brush and paste, hairbrush and comb, towel and soap, washcloth, handkerchief, shoe lace, writing paper, envelopes and pencil, note book and pair of socks.

Musical Victoria is looking forward with the keenest pleasure to the return visit of Mme. Jeanne Jomelli, the Dutch diva, who is singing at Government House on May 1 in aid of the Red Cross funds. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard having very kindly thrown open their beautiful residence for the occasion. Appearing on the programme with Mme. Jomelli will be Mrs. Gertrude Hentley Green, and Mrs. Brougham, the well-known Vancouver singer. The ballroom at Government House has seating accommodation for close upon 500 people, and it is hoped that every ticket will be sold for the occasion.

Mrs. Isabel Ecclestone Mackay, of Vancouver, the popular Canadian writer, has just published a new novel, "Up the Hill and Over," which, her critics state, has surpassed any of her previous prose works. The book is destined to enjoy a favorable reception in the West as well as in the East. "There is a charming account of the ways and people of Coombe, a little Canadian town, and is just about to blossom into full beauty when tragedy comes," says the New York Times in a brief review. "The novel is admirably written and absolutely interesting, with truth, humor and charm in the pictures-taped of the place and of the people, while the construction is exceptionally good and the plot well and logically developed," the reviewer adds. "Altogether this is a book which we are glad to have made friends."

"Avonlea," Pendergast Street, the home of Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Porter, was the scene of a charming birthday party on Saturday afternoon, the celebrants being their little twin daughters, Rowena and Mae, who on that day attained their fourth anniversary. A merry party of tiny folk spent the afternoon together in most enjoyable fashion, and later sat down to a daintily arranged tea table, the decorations being pink and white carnations and greenery. Each of the small hostesses presided in front of a lighted birthday cake, and each of the little guests received a pink and white basket filled with home-made candies. The invitation list included: The Misses Lucille Wagge-Mott, Beatrice Kirk, Phyllis Jesse, Mary Lindgreen, Phyllis Betheridge, Marjorie Invenze, Doris Smith, Gladys Agnes Neabitt, Kathleen Bone, Winnifred Chapman, Doreen McFaslich and Betty Patmore, and Masters John McTavish, Eric Smith, Jack Chapman, Eric McKeon and Ernest Cockford.

The returned soldiers at Resthaven were entertained by a concert party of H. M. C. S. Rainbow last Friday evening, the programme being one of the finest that has ever been given there. The entertainers left the city shortly after 6 o'clock, arriving at the convalescent hospital singing a lively chorus composed by the Rainbows themselves. The concert commenced at 8 o'clock sharp, with Mr. Mason as chairman. The outstanding hilarity of the evening was furnished by Mr. Creed as "Charlie Chaplin," and big Tom Butt, ex-army and navy champion, with the comic boxing sketch which was a "side-splitter" for the on-lookers. Charlie finally receiving a knock-out blow in the last round. Mr. Creed sang comic songs and made a decided hit right through as the redoubtable Charlie. Mr. Craig followed with a sentimental song. Coon songs were given by Mr. Teed, and Mr. Willcox was a comic from the start and won great applause. A clever exhibition of club-swinging was given by Mr. Daykin, and Mr. Harry's "Good Luck to Barley Mc" was a masterpiece. The bones were handled skillfully by Mr. Harragin. Mr. Weeks sang "I Cried Copper," splendidly, and Mr. Allen, although suffering with a cold, did good ventriloquist work. G. H. Joliffe's recitation was well rendered, and Mr. Ainscough proved a capable accompanist at the piano. The ladies of the party were little Miss Duckworth and Mrs. Gordon H. Joliffe, both of whom sang charmingly; and Miss Harcourt who gave pianoforte selections.

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happy evening at the Connaught Seaman's Institute last night, the arrangements being carried out by the Ladies' Guild under the superintendence of Miss Thomson and Mrs. Rowlands (treasurer). These ladies acted as general conveners for the programme, assisted by Mrs. Hiscocks and Mrs. Moore as conveners on decorations, and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Thomson, president of the Guild, was unable to be present owing to her absence in Vancouver. The young ladies of the Willows Camp Chapter, I. O. O. E., carried out a most interesting and laughable programme, every item of which was well received and redemanded. It consisted of instrumental and vocal numbers interspersed with monologues and dances. Mrs. Shaw

opened the entertainment with the singing of "Rule Britannia," the blue-jackets joining in the chorus very heartily. The programme over light refreshments were served, the tables looking very pretty with their decorations of flags and daffodils. Afterwards the whole party joined in playing games, "Musical Chairs" proving a great favorite, and at the close of the evening the whole gathering joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. Mrs. Storey, wife of Rear-Admiral Storey, was among the visiting ladies present. It is the intention to entertain the crew of the Rainbow before they leave Victoria.

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PREMIER BREWSTER EXPLAINS HOW EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE WILL MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

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ly was gathering up the threads of his work, and would, I know, have made such a record in this department as few men could.

Based on Sound Principles. "In the lamented death of the Honorable Ralph Smith, we were, again, Mr. Speaker, placed under a very serious disadvantage. I make this statement, however, not as an excuse for anything that may follow but rather as showing some of the disabilities under which we labored, and yet, I think I can promise you, Sir, and the country, that the Budget about to be delivered is one based on the sound principles of common sense, and a true setting forth of the conditions as they now exist. (Applause.)

"It would be an easy matter, indeed, for me to take up a very considerable portion of the time of the Legislature this afternoon in examinations into and criticism of the financial policy of the late administration, but I have no particular desire to do so, for I do not think it would serve any good purpose at this time and might engender feelings that would be detrimental rather than beneficial to the public welfare. I have no desire to unnecessarily arouse the displeasure of the honorable gentlemen opposite, who no doubt will bring all their powers of oratory to bear during the discussion that will follow. I wish, on the other hand, Mr. Speaker, to treat with this very important phase of Government activities on the basis of a business consideration leaving out those elements of a political nature, which, I am sure, the general public will be well pleased to have eliminated at this time. (Applause.)

Shaping Cost of War. After speaking as reported yesterday on the general aspects of the situation the Minister of Finance continued:

"We have seen fit, this year, to segregate the amount of moneys paid by the Provincial Treasury to those who have gone to the front, which represents the difference between their salaries and the amounts now being paid by them from the military authorities. This, you will observe, amounts to about \$120,000 a year which the Government is paying out for patriotic purposes, adding, of course, very materially to the expense of the Government, as each Department is bearing its share of the burden."

The Premier went on to explain the financial situation and the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the current fiscal year, as reported in the Times this afternoon.

Poor Bookkeeping. Quoting from the report of the auditors the Minister of Finance read their criticisms of the financial returns and the Public Accounts, and in this connection he said:

"The greatest offender in this way and the most muddled of the departments was the Land Department. I do not say that as any reflection on the honorable member for Fort George (Mr. Ross) but it is time—and this Government has taken such steps already to make it so—that it should be impossible for the condition existing there to continue. (Hear, hear.) The auditors call attention to the fact that duplications of work are many and that certain records have not been written up for years, one being that of arrears on town-lots sold, not written up for three years. The matter of the payment or non-payment of moneys due is left largely to the discretion of the person from whom payment is to be received, which I should think a pretty strong indictment of the Department. The auditors say the revenue would be considerably increased if an effort was made regularly to collect moneys owing. They found cheques to the total of \$771.70 not entered in any book of record, showing that there was no system of keeping a check on revenue, which is wrong in principle and contrary to all business procedure." (Hear, hear.)

The New Taxes. Dealing with the new taxation the Minister said:

"I insist that it is necessary for this or any Government having at heart the interests of the province to live within income. (Applause.) This being a business principle we know that the public themselves have the courage to see this thing through. (Hear, hear.) I am of opinion that it would be ill-advised to go on the money market to borrow, piling up a higher debt and at a price that would be prohibitive. I think it is time we made up our minds that we must be about the business of the country in a sane business-like way; that while we may bring about some apparent hardship we must get down to business principles and raise our own revenue from our people. (Applause.)

"The cost of the loan of 1914 was one per cent—we got it at 99—that of 1915 loan was 12.8 per cent, and that of the 1916 loan 8.5 per cent. The interest on the public debt will amount to \$1,995,000, much more than is receivable from the Dominion Government. We have no mysterious sources of revenue. The people have to pay, and it is necessary for the Government, even at the expense of doing what some might consider an injustice by increasing taxation to meet that issue.

Reaching the Rich. "We are reaching out, especially to such these phases or those persons as incomes which might bear the burden. True, others have to suffer, but it is also true that we have at the present time, owing to the fact that high prices are prevailing, a very large amount of money being taken out of natural resources, and of this amount we intend that those who have made great fortunes out of the country must pay. We have also in the mat-

ter of others, such as canneries, for instance, where incomes have been exempted from taxation since they were paying other taxes, come to the conclusion that if the incomes are taxable we do not see why they should not be taxed.

"In the matter of the poll tax we have decided that as these are times when it is impossible for us to be governed by ordinary considerations we will have to reimpose this to some extent. I am not personally convinced of the scientific basis of this tax. I do not think it is good in ordinary times, but there are those in the province who are not contributing their share, or anything at all, in fact; and the Government has seen fit to estimate \$150,000 as derivable from those who do not pay a sum equal to \$5 in municipal or provincial taxation.

"Another tax which honorable gentlemen will consider legitimate is a tax on amusement tickets. Those who go to amusement houses can afford to pay a small amount in the interests of the hospitals and other channels which help to meet our share in the great conflict."

Will Be Further Saving.

Having gone into the estimates of expenditure in detail and enumerated the savings made in the several departments, savings which will be greater when the ministers have time to consider the matter more carefully and the Civil Service Commission gets to work the Minister of Finance continued:

"It readily will be understood that the present Government have not had the opportunity to thoroughly go through their departments making a full and searching investigation in order to be able, at this time, to present to the Legislature a full and thorough digest of the conditions obtaining throughout the province. We have found it very difficult to make reductions without more intimate knowledge of the internal workings of the departments, and it has been impossible for the Ministers to obtain that information in so short a period.

"One matter, however, is forced upon us very definitely, that we have a condition, where, territorially, we have had an over-expansion without the development which should follow that territorial expansion, the result being that the machinery of the Government is extended to such an extent as to make it almost impossible to reduce many of the charges which should be written off, without bringing about a great deal of hardship on those who have settled in the far places of the late Government.

"This, I say, makes it very difficult to reduce the cost of Government, and it was and is a most unwise policy, in my opinion, to permit the indiscriminate settlement of the country without regard to the great cost which must be put upon the people in order to maintain these scattered settlements and properly govern them.

Must Make Changes. "It is necessary that we should have a much more scientific method of collecting taxes. We have a great burden placed on the people in regard to school taxes, to which I have called attention when on the other side of the House and with which I never did agree. It was stated by the Auditor-General before the Public Accounts last session that there were school districts where the expense of collection of taxes was in excess of the tax (hear, hear). That is an absurd position. When one gets to the point where they spend more to get in revenue than the revenue amounts to it is time to stop. We must maintain a high standard of education in British Columbia, but I would insist that when the collection of school taxes costs more than the amount brought in it is no way to stimulate education (hear, hear.)

May Change Fiscal Year. "The date of ending of our fiscal year now is March 31, before which date the House has generally prorogued. The Public Accounts are a year old before we receive them, and I think we ought to have these adjusted to a date nearer to our annual meeting. It may be necessary to change the fiscal year to end on November 30.

"Still another matter that I think should be called to the attention of the Legislature is that there is a great deal of money being taken by the Dominion Government from this province to finance the national and imperial crisis. We do not object to that, of course, because the successful completion of the war is a matter we are deeply concerned with, but the Dominion gets into our pockets to the tune of a couple of millions a year. The province coming on top of that with increased taxation at this time may seem rather hard, but it is, I am sure, the desire of us all to pay our way provincially as well as privately, and every man should be willing to do what he can." (Hear, hear.)

Lumber Trade Active. Taking up the progress and the outlook along the chief lines of provincial enterprise the Premier first dealt with forestry, saying:

"The estimated value of production in the forest industries last year, was \$35,528,000. This means an increase of more than six million dollars over the total for the previous year, and is greater than the amount for 1915 or 1913. The production of shingles and boxes has shown a noticeable increase.

Table with 2 columns: Product and Value. Rows include Lumber, Pulp, Shingles, Boxes, Pine and poles, Mining props and posts, Cut by railroads, Mines, settlers, cord-wood, etc., Additional value contributed by industries, etc., Product of Dominion lands, Lath.

Twenty-Five Per Cent Increase. "Better prices and increased quantity of demand have produced a noticeable revival in the lumbering industry. As against this shortage of labor, difficulty in securing material such as wire rope, car shortages and increased cost of production due to general rise in price of commodities

have exerted a considerable effect in preventing development which would otherwise have taken place. In spite of this the total quantity of timber scaled for the year (1,280,000,000 feet) shows a 25 per cent increase over that of previous year, this increase being general throughout all districts.

Export is Handicapped. "The export lumber trade was severely handicapped by the scarcity of tonnage throughout the year, and the quantity shipped overseas was consequently reduced from 58,000,000 feet in 1915 to 44,000,000 feet in 1916. Placed as she is, British Columbia will have every opportunity of doing an important export trade when the tonnage situation is re-established. Such a trade is particularly desirable as a stabilizing influence, so that the Coast industry may be less dependent upon the Canadian Prairie market. For the past year, however, prairie demand has been most satisfactory, while shipments to Eastern Canada were double those of the year before. Persistent effort is made by the Provincial Government to advertise the merits of British Columbia forest products and to assist manufacturers who are entering new markets.

Forest Revenue. "Including nearly \$180,000 from the taxation levied from the Crown Grant timber lands, the province drew from forest sources in 1916 a revenue of two million dollars, which is slightly in excess of the amount for 1915. For the coming fiscal year the direct forest revenue, apart from such taxation, is estimated at \$2,300,000, an amount including various royalty arrears which are now being called in. The improved outlook is shown by the fact that last month's forest revenue was the largest since the war began. While the collection for the month from both royalties and timber sales broke all previous records.

Forest Protection. "Apart from dangerous periods in spring and autumn, general weather conditions during the last summer created the least fire hazard since 1912. Such damage to timber as occurred was mostly in the northern districts.

"Considerable changes are being carried out in organizing forest protection. Representatives of the logging, lumbering, shingle and license holders associations have been included in boards established for the Coast and Interior sections respectively, and a systematic effort made to secure the best possible personnel for the forest protection force by means of examinations that have been held at a number of centres throughout the province.

"While this has entailed considerable work (no less than 105 applicants having taken the examination at one centre, and the total number examined being several hundreds) it is felt that a very valuable principle has thus been introduced, for the first time in Canada, in the method of making appointments in a field organization to which Civil Service regulations are not easily applied.

Mining Flourishing. "The total value of mineral production to the end of 1916 was roughly \$253,500,000. The total output for the year 1916 was nearly \$42,300,000, an increase of 44 per cent over the preceding year.

"The output from metalliferous mining in 1915 was valued at nearly \$22,000,000, while in 1916 it was over \$32,000,000, an increase over the preceding year of about \$11,000,000 or 54 per cent, while as compared with the former record year of 1912 the increase is 78 per cent.

"While some of this enormous increase in value is undoubtedly directly due to the higher market value of the metals, yet in each of the metals, except gold, there has been a largely increased quantity of metal produced. To instance the more important economic minerals, take lead; the output in 1915 was 46,500,000 lbs., in 1916 it was nearly 49,000,000 lbs., an increase of 2,500,000 lbs. of metal produced. The output of copper increased similarly from 57,000,000 lbs. to nearly 65,500,000 lbs., an increase of about 8,500,000 lbs., and the quantity of zinc produced has increased from about 13,000,000 lbs. in 1915 to 27,000,000 lbs. in 1916, an increase of 14,000,000 lbs. or nearly 200 per cent.

"These are facts represented by figures that certainly indicate that the industry as a whole had been enjoying a most profitable and successful year, while there is every reason to expect that such will continue during 1917, at the first three months of which have already expired and have given such definite indications that it is safe to predict that the mineral output for 1917 will be greater than \$50,000,000.

Tonnage Mined. "The tonnage of ore mined in the province in 1915 was about 2,700,000, while in 1916 it was about 3,200,000 tons which certainly shows an increase worthy of serious consideration.

"There is no doubt but that this great increase in output was stimulated by the high prices of the metals due to war conditions, but it is now practically assured that these high prices will continue for the full year 1917. What may happen after the war it is impossible to even guess, but the mining development done during the war will have a lasting effect on the province.

Coal. "Coal mining is largely dependent on other mining for a market and the increase in metal mining has had its influence on the coal and coke output, which in 1916 was nearly \$2,000,000 higher than the preceding year, while it seems probable that a similar increase will be made in 1917 bringing the gross value of the products of the collieries up to over \$14,000,000.

Product of Fisheries. "The fisheries of the province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1916, are estimated to have totalled \$14,535,320, a gain over those of the preceding year of \$2,022,234.

"The value of the fishery products of the entire Dominion for the fiscal year ending 1916 totalled \$1,264,631, a gain of \$4,596,677 over the previous year. Of the total value for the Dominion this province produced 49.54 per cent. The province, as in recent years, again leads all the provinces of the Dominion in the value of its fishery products. The output of British Columbia exceeded that of Nova Scotia, the second on the list of provinces for the Dominion, by \$6,371,469, and the value of the fishery products of British Columbia exceeded the total combined fishery products of all the other provinces in the Dominion by \$2,485,733.

"Notwithstanding that the fisheries of the province show an increase in value of \$2,022,234 over that of the previous year the quantity of the leading species caught is notably less. The gain in value is due to an increase in the prices received from the catch. Value of Industry. "The estimate of the general fisheries by species for the fiscal year is as follows: Salmon, \$10,726,818; Cod, \$300,049; Herring, \$1,099,795; Halibut, \$1,972,290; Whales, \$136,030.

"The salmon packed in the province for the calendar 1916 totalled 995,065 cases as against 1,133,351 cases in 1915. The pack, however, is valued at \$10,726,818 as against \$8,015,835, for that of 1915. The decrease in the salmon pack is attributed to the smaller run yet recorded on the Fraser and to a poor season in the north. The run in the northern waters was not disappointing and since the spawning area of the northern rivers and inlets have been shown to have been abundantly seeded in previous years, the poor run is attributed to unfavorable conditions on the feeding grounds in the open sea. It is anticipated that this coming season on the Fraser will be a good one, as it is the year of a big run.

Regulations Necessary. "We have a peculiar and unique position in this province, not obtaining anywhere else, since the Atlantic salmon is a different variety, in that we have the salmon coming periodically to the seeding ground to lay the seeds of another crop which, properly taken care of, will return fully matured after four years to repeat the process of depositing spawn and dying. I think it is going to require a great deal of care and attention to see that the crop is so handled as not to deplete the areas seeded of their run at a later date and that regulations do not interfere with this. We will have to deal cautiously with the situation and try, with the Dominion authorities, to make such arrangements as will make perpetual your spawning-beds.

Outlook on the Farm. "Agriculture has well maintained its own during the year 1916. This is very satisfactory when consideration is given to the many difficulties with which our farmers have had to contend owing to war conditions.

"Thousands of our agriculturists have left the different farming centres of the province to fight for our Empire, and those who remain at home have had to redouble their efforts to meet the insistent demand for increased food products. That they have well done their duty is evident in the fact that the value of farm products for 1916 amounts to \$22,259,157, or an increase of \$1,131,356 over 1915.

"It is well to bear in mind, however, that prices for practically all products of the farm in 1916 were considerably in excess of those prevailing the previous year, and that therefore, whilst the value of our farm production shows an increase, actual production would show a slight falling off.

Cost of Land Clearing. "The scarcity of efficient farm help and the high price of labor have proved deterrent factors to increased production. There has been very little land clearing done, owing to high price of labor and excessive cost of stumping powder, as a result of the war.

The backward spring, followed by a cold, dry summer, greatly lessened crop production in our coast districts, Central British Columbia and the Peace River Country, and all farm crop were in consequence considerably below normal. More favorable conditions, however, existed in the southern interior portion of the province, where crops were, on the whole, good.

"The crops of tree fruits was generally good, and showed an increase of 20 per cent over 1915. Small fruits were light and considerable damage was done by adverse weather conditions at shipping time.

"Dairying shows very satisfactory progress, several co-operative creameries having been started during the year. A marked revival has taken place in the poultry industry, prices for all poultry product having materially increased.

Co-operation in Vogue. "Better co-operative methods in the marketing of farm produce are now being adopted by farmers, and better farming methods are being practiced. This is evident in the improvement in the quality of stock kept, and the increase in crop yields.

"In our province we have many areas of the finest kind of agricultural lands which, with the favorable climatic conditions which we enjoy, will produce a wide variety of crops in abundance, but these lands have first to be cleared of the timber which grows thereon before crops can be produced. Cheap labor and cheap stumping powder are necessary before extensive clearing operations will be undertaken on our heavier timbered lands.

Increasing Production. "I am in hopes that before we separate this session such legislation as will go to materially increase production of farm products in British Columbia will be adopted. (Applause.) We have seen fit, as I have said, to make several changes, and we have also found it necessary to increase taxation. Before I leave that I would like to say that the people of this province have not been niggardly in their giving; that that has not been their characteristic either as to men or money in this great conflict. I have a statement in my hand, which I think it is only fair that publicity should be given to, as to the \$200,000 donated voluntarily by the people of British Columbia in aid of the provincial branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Since the inauguration of the fund there has been received no less than \$1,098,346.33, without the Vancouver returns between January 1 and March 31. (Cheers.)

and auditor of disbursements and the purchasing agent.

Prevent Loss. "This would entail no creation of a new staff but merely the taking of one or two men from one department and another, here and there, where they are now working independently and overlapping in their work, and putting the whole under one head. (Applause.)

The proper reorganization of the Department of Finance, in the same manner exactly as would be done in any business, will do away with a great deal of loss, amounting in a few years to millions of dollars. The report of the auditors on this matter will be tabled as well as those on the general financial relations of the province and the P. G. E., and those of the province and the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board. We have also found it necessary, owing to our being unable to get any information regarding the building in London from the office there, to ask the London office of Price, Waterhouse and Co. to make an audit of the accounts in connection with the building there.

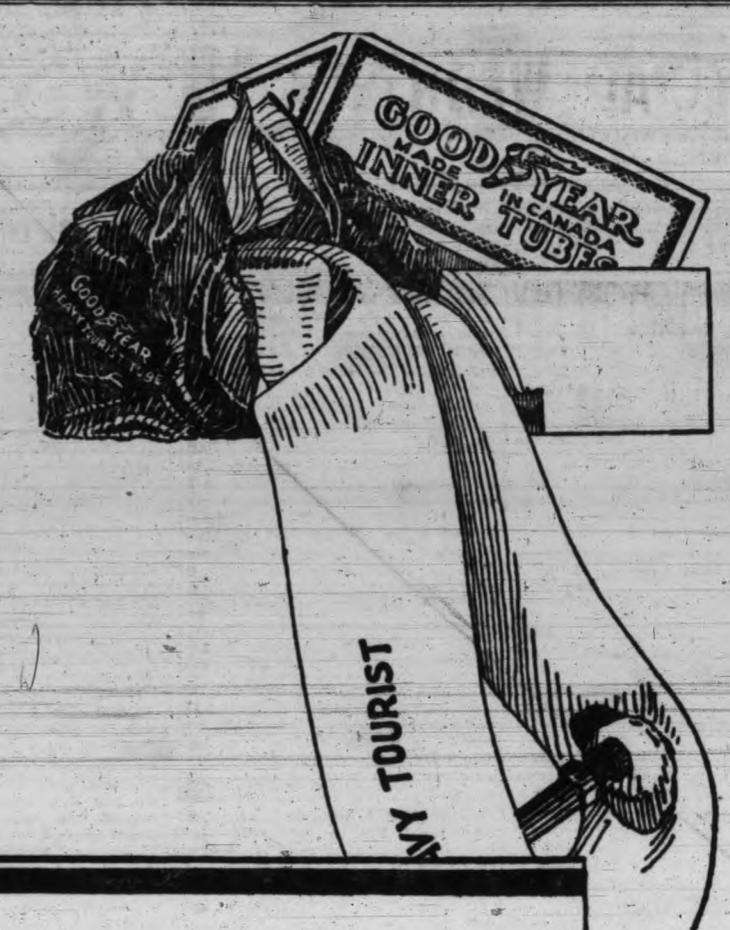
Permanent Improvement. "In conclusion, as will be seen in the preceding portions of my address, there is every reason to hope that in the lumbering, mining, fishing and other industries of the province a decided and permanent improvement is taking place. That we have, at the moment, to regrettable, but, by taking a strong stand and insisting that our expenditure shall be within our revenue, we believe we will receive the support of all right-thinking people of the province, and that by this method we can bring about conditions within

the next few years which will make for greater production, more extensive development of our natural resources and the creation of a condition, provincially, which will materially assist us to better take care of those who, returning from the front, have to seek new lines of activities in order to become self-supporting members of society.

Courage Needed. "And while it takes a considerable measure of courage to knowingly bring about the unpopular which must follow the increase in our general taxation, we feel that the duty, having fallen upon us, we would be recreant to our principles should we shirk the issue. We have, therefore, decided that the public interest demands that this drastic action be taken in order that further and more detrimental effects shall now follow. I beg to move, sir, that the Speaker do now leave the chair." (The Speaker)

John Keen (Kaalo) moved the adjournment of the debate, no move in that direction being made by the Leader of the Opposition, or anyone else on that side.

numbering 180,000, which the Revolutionary Government is reported to have drafted into the army, stands second in the three orders of Russian police, coming between the ordinary constabulary and the secret service men. The corps was instituted after the Decembrist insurrection of 1827 by Nicholas I, who is said to have given the first commander a white handkerchief as a symbol of his office because his task would be "to dry the tears of the unfortunate."—London Chronicle.



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This I consider, taking into consideration the population and general position of the province, where so many are limited in their ability to give, shows that the finest spirit is there among those who have to remain at home. (Hear, hear.) Our people are to be congratulated.

Prevent Overlapping. "It is the desire of the Government to bring about better conditions in and between the departments, and remove the existing overlapping, placing all the provincial accountability under one general head, who will be responsible to Parliament for the work in all branches and who will know what property the province has, where it is and whether it is in use. For instance, a minister may require an automobile or a launch for his department. There seems to be no means now of knowledge of the number of these or any other items of public property, and the natural thing appears to have been to buy another one.

Reorganizing Accounting. "The result is that it has been strongly recommended by the auditors that there be a general reorganization worked out on business lines, just as a private businessman or a corporation would work it out. In a memorandum they have submitted to me they criticize the system of indiscriminate purchasing and urge that there should be systematized buying. By having a purchasing agent he would know what was there, and the province would be saved from buying things it already had in stock and not in use. There can be no question but that the proper system is to have a comptroller-general to look after affairs, under whom would be an auditor of receipts,

and auditor of disbursements and the purchasing agent.

Prevent Loss. "This would entail no creation of a new staff but merely the taking of one or two men from one department and another, here and there, where they are now working independently and overlapping in their work, and putting the whole under one head. (Applause.)

Goodyear Tubes, along with Goodyear Tires and Tire-Saver Accessories are easy to get from Goodyear Service Station Dealers everywhere.

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SPORTING NEWS

NORTHWESTERN BALL CLUBS START TO-DAY

Prospects Are Bright for Successful Season on Blewett Circuit

VANCOUVER EXPECTS TO WIN THE PENNANT

Vancouver, April 24.—The raucous cry of the rooster will be heard to-day along the North Pacific Coast...

Vancouver Opening Day

Vancouver plans big doings for the opening of the season on Wednesday. There will be the usual street parade...

Beavers Ready for Gong

Presy Blewett, of the Northwestern League, may haul up the curtain on the Northwestern League campaign of 1917 at any time...

After two years of uphill battling to keep the game going here under war conditions...

Dawson Joins Beavers

Bob Brown stated yesterday that Ralph Dawson, leading batsman of the Commercial League in Vancouver...

Great Falls Looks Strong

Olympia—Despite the roughest kind of weather spring training, the Great Falls baseball team...

Vets in Tiger Lineup

Tacoma—With Russ Hall as chief strategist on the bench and Tealy Raymond, formerly of the Seattle team...

Indians' Prospects Uncertain

Spokane—Nick Williams will start the season here to-day with an aggregation that will depend largely on fast work on the bases and defensive play...

HOUSING BASEBALL MEET.

Seattle, April 24.—Baseball will take its place on Seattle's calendar of sports to-day when Bill Leard's Giants attempt to gain a flying start in the 1917 pennant chase...

COAST HOCKEY STAR JOINS FLYING CORPS

A despatch from Toronto says: Word was received here that Lieut. Art. Duncan, the well-known hockey player of the 228th Battalion...

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DEMORALIZING DESIRE FOR DISTANCE COMMON

Long Drives Seem to Be the Aim of Many Golfers Says Player

Ability to drive the elusive golf ball for long distances is "fairly" bestowed upon a few, yet it seems to be the aim and ambition of all golfers to acquire this "gift" by brute force...

BASEBALL RECORDS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes New York, St. Louis, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes Chicago, Boston, New York, Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes San Francisco, Vernon, Salt Lake City, Portland, Los Angeles, Oakland.

BOWLING NEWS

In the Junior League at the Arredo Bowling Alley last evening the Quality Press defeated the Toggery Shop. The following were the scores:

Table with columns: Player, Score. Includes Webber, Fitzsimmons, Spence, Anderson, Kendall, Proctor, Peables, Lock, Hood, Dougall.

BOWLING CONGRESS

Portland, April 24.—The annual P. N. W. International Bowling Congress tournament started here last night with six Portland teams at play.

SMITH WINS BOUT

New Orleans, La., April 24.—Jeff Smith, middleweight, of New York, knocked out Young Ahearn, of Albany, N. Y., in the fifth round of their twenty-round fight here last night.

SCHEDULE of NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE for 1917

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Large table with columns: City, Dates, League/Series. Includes Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Butte, Great Falls.

CAMPI AND DAVIES MAY MEET IN CITY

Local Boy Will Have Chance to Meet Real Star Boxer Soon

Recently it was announced that W. H. Davies was corresponding with Dan Salt, manager of Eddie Campi...

BATTLING LEADER IS OFF AGAIN IN FRONT

Tris Speaker Hits at .400 Clip During First Week of Race

Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, champion batter of 1916, got away to a flying start in the race for hitting honors in the American League...

RETURNED SOLDIERS PLAY INDIAN BOYS

Resthaven Soldiers Win Game by Score of One Goal to Nil

One goal to nil favoring the Resthaven Returned Soldiers' team was the score of the soccer match which was played yesterday at Sidney against the Indian Boys of Kuper Island.

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ESTIMATES FOR THIS YEAR BEFORE HOUSE

Expenditure is Brought Within the Limits of Revenue Once More

DETAIL OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN FINANCING

Legislative Press Gallery, April 23.

The estimates for the fiscal year 1917-1918 were tabled by the Minister of Finance this afternoon immediately before he rose to deliver the budget speech. These are touched upon in the speech in general outline. As stated there they call for an expenditure of \$10,800,804.67, of which sum \$8,768,579.30 is chargeable to income and \$2,032,225.37 to capital. In addition the House has to vote \$30,145.42 on account of the year which has recently closed, making a total of \$10,899,959.99 which has to be voted this year as against \$11,477,937.21 last year.

It is in the estimates of revenue, however, that the present Government has shown its business sense, and has succeeded in estimating for a revenue which slightly exceeds the expenditure of income account. The receipts which are looked for total \$9,858,325.13, as compared with \$9,944,015.13 last year.

Revenue. In detail the revenue is estimated to come in from the following sources to the extent indicated:

Dominion of Canada—	
Annual payment of interest at 5 per cent \$ 2,310.00	
Annual payment of subsidy to Government and Legislature 180,000.00	
Annual payment of grant per capita on 382,890 513,584.50	
Annual payment for lands conveyed 100,000.00	
Land sales 250,000.00	623,155.50
Land revenue 75,000.00	
Survey fees 500.00	
Rents (exclusive of land) 35,100.00	
Timber licenses 1,100,000.00	
Timber leases 77,000.00	
Timber royalty 900,000.00	
Timber sales 154,000.00	
Log-rolling fees 45,000.00	
Water revenue, rentals 45,000.00	
Water revenue, records 1,500,000.00	
Real property tax 700,000.00	
Personal property tax 1,350,000.00	
Land taxes—wild land, coal and timber lands 915,000.00	
Income tax 1,600,000.00	
Mineral tax 300,000.00	
Tax on unworked Crown grants and mineral claims 50,000.00	
Coal and coke tax 120,000.00	
Amusement tickets tax 100,000.00	
Poll tax 150,000.00	
Tax sale deeds 500.00	
Trade and liquor licenses 40,000.00	
Game licenses 25,000.00	
Marriage licenses 18,000.00	
Fishery and cannery licenses 40,000.00	
Licenses, taxes and fees under Insurance Acts 65,000.00	
Fees for incorporation of joint stock companies, etc. 35,000.00	
Fees under "Motor-traffic Regulation Act" 120,000.00	
Boiler inspection and examination fees 25,000.00	
Fees under "Moving Pictures and Free miners' certificates" 7,000.00	
Free miners' certificates 50,000.00	
Mining receipts, general 65,000.00	
Fines and fees of court 20,000.00	
Probate fees 75,000.00	
Succession duty 400,000.00	
Law stamps 60,000.00	
Registry fees 180,000.00	
Reimbursements for keep of prisoners 10,000.00	
Interest on investment of sinking funds 95,000.00	
Interest, miscellaneous 50,000.00	
Revenue service refunds 50,000.00	
Printing office 45,000.00	
Bureau of mines 1,000.00	
Mental Hospital 35,000.00	
Provincial Home 4,000.00	
"Drying Assessment Act, 1906" (interest on fixed capital) 1,500.00	
Sale of "Government property," Traffic tolls, New Westminster bridge 35,000.00	
Miscellaneous receipts 100,000.00	
Total 9,858,325.13	

Expenditure. By services the expenditure of the current year is estimated as follows, with the comparison of the figures for 1916-17:

Public debt	\$ 1,985,529.67	\$ 1,422,254.11
Chargeable to income	1,017,456.39	1,017,456.39
Chargeable to capital	968,025.37	968,025.37
Civil government (salaries)	1,448,756.90	1,487,736.00
Administration of justice (salaries)	56,484.00	47,428.00
Public institutions (maintenance)	208,520.00	197,820.00
Hospitals and charities	479,883.00	472,575.00
Administration of justice (other expenses)	252,520.00	525,800.00
Education	227,500.00	208,670.00
Transport	1,480,500.00	1,524,500.00
Department of Agriculture	43,000.00	43,000.00
Revenue services	142,250.00	174,500.00
Public works	25,000.00	25,000.00
Works and buildings	1,732,500.00	3,023,010.00
Chargeable to income	281,000.00	606,500.00
Chargeable to capital	127,000.00	127,000.00
Roads, streets, bridges, wharves	134,000.00	134,000.00
Subsidies, boats, ferries, bridges	1,209,810.00	2,255,800.00
Miscellaneous	351,545.00	315,000.00
Miscellaneous	85,500.00	44,600.00
Miscellaneous	967,156.00	1,291,381.75
Provincial Secretary's Department	530,306.00	530,306.00
Department of Mines	6,500.00	6,500.00
Attorney-General's Department	91,850.00	91,850.00
Department of Railways	108,300.00	108,300.00
Agent-General	40,000.00	40,000.00
Immigration and Publicity	15,000.00	15,000.00
General	144,500.00	144,500.00
Department of Lands	47,300.00	46,900.00

Statutory Expenditure. Chargeable to income—Delinquent extra-municipal school taxes 25,000.00; Mines Development Act, 1916 351,545.00; Mineral Survey Act, 1917 100,000.00; Chargeable to capital—Nakusp and Slocan, in excess of earnings 20,000.00; P. G. E., interest on guaranteed bonds 907,300.00; Total 10,800,804.67; 1916-17 11,477,937.21

Civil Service Salaries.

There is a saving effected in the civil government vote of \$238,980, running all through the departments which include not only the employees at the Buildings but all the court officials, government agencies, normal schools, provincial hospitals, homes and industrial schools, foresters, land registry offices, provincial police and game wardens throughout the province. Except in an isolated case and for some good reason there have been no increases of salaries this year. The reason for this is that as soon as the Civil Service Commission is established its first duty will be to grade the service, in accomplishing which no one will receive a less salary than is now enjoyed, and the statutory increases provided for within the several grades will come into force. The amount being paid to civil servants on active duty, \$10,000, is transferred to Miscellaneous and charged against the Provincial Secretary's Department.

At present the allowance to the Premier is \$3,000, which was all Hon. H. C. Brewster received until he had to take over the Finance Department, when he began to receive the ministerial salary of \$6,000 in addition. As he may see fit to return to his first plan of freeing himself from departmental responsibility it is now provided that in such case the allowance to the Premier, when not administering a department, shall be \$7,500.

Administration of Justice.

A saving of \$10,944 on administration of justice (salaries) is accomplished by reductions in staff all round, that at Saanich prison farm being from \$16,512 to \$12,792. On expenses outside salaries there is a reduction of over \$80,000 in the cost of administering justice.

The legislation vote is cut by \$59,000, largely represented by there having to be a vote last session to defray the cost of the general elections. The election, by the way, cost in round figures \$102,500. In addition to the \$70,000 voted last year the late Government had to get a government warrant for \$30,000 and to clean up various accounts the present Government has to include \$2,500 in the supplementaries for last year.

Hospitals and Asylums.

The saving which it has been possible to make in the cost of maintaining public institutions is more than wiped out by the extra amount needed for the mental hospitals at Essondale and New Westminister owing to their expansion. The total vote is \$7,000 more, but the amount required for the hospital is \$26,295 more than last year and for the Colony Farm \$2,120 more. For the original hospital at Westminister \$12,000 more is needed for upkeep.

There is a reduction in the vote for hospitals and charities of \$173,800, last year's grant of \$150,000 towards building hospitals and \$20,000 as special grants to hospitals being dropped, and the vote in aid of destitute poor and sick being reduced from \$60,000 to \$28,000. By the aid of the legislation now before the House to compel near relatives to support indigent and sick of their kin the province will be saved the difference, or more. The total of grants under the Infants Act is increased from \$9,500 to \$11,000. Several grants to resident physicians which should not have been paid, being more in the nature of grants to party friends, have been cut off and the money used to aid resident physicians at points where a medical man is sorely needed.

Education Department.

There is a cut of \$44,000 in the education vote, but this will not entail any lessening of educational effort, but the reverse. In the per capita grant to city and municipal school districts a reduction of \$60,000 is made, to \$905,000, but on the other hand many new schools are made possible in outlying districts by an increase of \$20,000 in the grants for salaries of teachers in assisted schools. The vote for books and apparatus for Victoria and Vancouver normal schools is doubled in each case, being now \$3,000.

The expenditure of the Department of Agriculture, other than salaries, is reduced by \$34,250. The general vote of \$30,000 in aid of Agricultural Associations is cut down by one-third, and individual grants in about the same proportion. The vote in aid of Farmers' Institutes is reduced one-fourth, to \$15,000, but that for Women's Institutes stands at \$7,500. The vote for compensation to owners of cattle slaughtered for tuberculosis is doubled, and a new vote is \$2,000 towards the cost of operating dry farming experimental plots.

Public Works Reduced.

There is, of course, a big reduction in public works votes, which is the chief source of the leak of the past seven or eight years. The estimates under this head have been pared to the

utmost consistent with the meeting of absolute needs and the maintenance of existing works. The constituency votes for roads, streets, bridges and wharves are cut in two from last year, and at this figure the districts will get as much done with proper management as used to be accomplished by wasteful methods formerly.

On Vancouver Island the grants are: Alberni, \$30,700; Comox, \$33,700; Cowichan, \$16,700; Esquimalt, \$23,700; The Islands, \$17,700; Nanaimo, \$9,000; Newcastle, \$18,700; Saanich gets no vote under this head, but a contribution of \$50,000 is made toward paving the main road and \$1,200 is being spent to complete the road to the Observatory.

The expenditure which comes under miscellaneous is this year, for the first time, drawn under the heads of the particular department where it belongs, so that it will be possible hereafter to calculate just how much the expenditure in each branch of the service is without having to go tollsomenly through page after page of the public accounts. The expenditure under this head is considerably reduced and will become less as the accounting of the province becomes more systematized.

Tourist Association Grant.

Included under the head of the Provincial Secretary's Department are the \$30,000 for provincial employees on active service already referred to, \$175,000 conditional grant to the Governor of the University of B. C., a grant of \$11,250 to the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, \$15,500 for royal commissions, \$24,000 in grants for patriotic purposes and \$30,428 for superannuation, in which J. H. Turner's \$6,000 a year is placed. A sum of \$4,000 is provided for the administration of the Civil Service Act to be passed this session.

The salaries of the Commissioners of the Workmen's Compensation Board, \$13,000 is charged against the Attorney-General's Department. The votes for game protection and as bounties on wolves, cougars, coyotes and other destructive animals are kept up pretty well to former figures. During the few months the present Government has been in it has been necessary to get a special warrant, the second, to augment the amount available, and in the supplementary estimates is a further vote of \$12,500. This will make the expenditure under that head \$22,500 in the past year. The vote for 1917-18 is \$30,000.

Agent-General.

The Agent-General's office, which includes his salary, clerical and office expenses and advertising, calls for \$60,000, as against \$35,000 last year. It is estimated that \$140,000 will be required as the Government's contribution to the forest protection fund.

The supplementary votes for the fiscal year which ended on March 31 aggregate \$78,290.42, and include \$9,500 to cover expenses of last session's select committee—chiefly the Vancouver election inquiry—and other legislative outlay, and \$5,700 extra expenditure about the Buildings for guards and other matters. For Royal Commissions which necessitated payments during the year \$12,500 more is required, and \$7,500 has to be provided for the Agent-General's office in addition to the \$35,000 voted last session, as mentioned above.

To Mrs. Ralph-Smith a gratuity of \$2,000 is being given and the province is paying the funeral expenses of the late Minister of Finance.

AWAITS BY-ELECTION WITH CONFIDENCE

J. F. Bledsoe is in City; Prospects on West Coast This Summer

A prosperous season on the West Coast, with the opening up of spring weather, is foretold by J. F. Bledsoe, of Alberni, who will be the Liberal candidate when the by-election comes round. Of politics Mr. Bledsoe has not much to say just now, being satisfied that the writ will not be issued till after the present session. Asked by The Times representative as to the effect of the women's franchise on the impending contest, he says he is quite confident of the ladies' vote, since his views on equal suffrage have been known for years. However, the situation is exceptional now, since so many men are away at the war, and the female vote will in consequence carry great weight. At present he has only one candidate in the field against him, but there are strong probabilities of an independent taking the field.

Mining, fishing and lumber, the staple industries of the western section of the Island, are all looking well, particularly the first two. The bright prospects of mining were outlined by him at length when in the city last, and further developments of a minor character have taken place in the interval. It is a little early to anticipate the prospects of the fishing season, however the chief development is the organization of a construction force for the new canneries on the Nitinat. It is understood that a sawmill will be erected to provide the lumber for the cannery buildings, which will be situated near the west end of the lake. He understands the plans contemplate the improvement of the channel from tidewater.

The new paper and pulp plant under construction at Quatsino Sound is steadily progressing, and he looks to see it employ from 1,000 to 1,200 men this summer. Water for the electric power is to be obtained from a tunnel driven into the lake near the works, developing a sufficient head for all purposes of the plant. Many months' work will be entailed in the period before operation commences.

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To-morrow morning we inaugurate a tremendous Five-Day Clearance Sale of odd lines of Men's Suits and offer values that are extraordinary and that will well compensate you for any inconveniences. We have about 75 Men's Odd Suits, sizes ranging from 36 to 44. Values in the lot range as high as \$25.00. Special Five-Day Clearance \$12.75.

LOT NO. 1
\$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suit Values, at... **\$12.75**
About 75 Men's Suits in this lot. There will certainly be a rush here for first choice of this lot. Worst and Tweed Suits. Values regular \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00. Five-Day Clearance... **\$12.75**

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We have about 55 Men's Suits in two and three-button, also in Norfolk styles; nicely finished; all sizes. Regular values in the lot-up to \$27.50. Five Days' Clearance Sale, **\$17.50**

LOT NO. 3
A Clear Saving of \$10.00 on a Navy Blue Suits That is Guaranteed
High-grade pure wool West of England navy blue serge and worsted Suits. Absolutely guaranteed fast Indigo dye. Extra heavy weights. Good value at \$35.00. Five Days' Clearing Sale... **\$25.00**

LOT NO. 4
Buy a High-Class Grey Worsteds Suit \$28.50 at...
\$35.00 heavy weight, plain grey, all wool-English worsteds; soft and hard finished cloths. Guaranteed in every way to retain their shape and color. Five Days' Clearance Sale... **\$28.50**

LOT NO. 5
\$25.00 Tweed Raincoats at... \$15.00
19 Men's Tweed Raincoats, plain and fancy cloths, light and heavy weights. Suitable for any time of year. Regularly sold at \$25.00. Five Days' Clearance... **\$15.00**

LOT NO. 6
Tremendous Savings on High-Grade Shirts
25 Dozen Men's High-Grade Shirts, splendidly made of English cambrie and percale, soft or laundered cuffs; beautiful pattern. Values to \$3.00. Five Days' Clear... **\$2.00**

LOT NO. 7
Great Shirt Values at \$1.50 For Five Days
Here is a chance to buy some beautiful Summer Shirts in the latest patterns. Made by our leading manufacturers. All sizes. Values in the lot up to \$2.25. Five Days' Clearance Sale, each... **\$1.50**

Big Savings on Men's Underwear
We have a complete range of Turnbull's medium weight elastic ribbed Underwear, both in two piece and combination. This line is well worth \$1.50 a garment. Five Days' Special, a garment... **95c**

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100 Dozen Men's Linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, full size, with hemstitched borders, worth 20c each. Five Days' Sale price, a dozen... **\$1.00**

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Penman's Cashmere 50c Hose at... 50c
Penman's Best Grade Cashmere Hose, pure wool; tan and black; plain or linen heel and toe. Extra good value at... **50c**

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WOULD PROSECUTE NON-CULTIVATORS
An American Mayor Takes a Strong Line on Vacant Lot Husbandry
The Mayor of Fort Wayne, Ind., is going farther than any city official in Victoria has attempted in enforcing vacant lot cultivation. He has called a meeting of the local real estate ex-

change to explain that unless vacant lots are cultivated, prosecutions will follow. That goes somewhat further than rebating a portion of taxation to those cultivating, such as was abandoned here. What would some of the non-resident property owners of Victoria think of drastic action like that? The letters daily received by the secretary of the Central Committee present some perverted views of their responsibility at standing between the cultivator and the land. One Winnipeg owner has demanded a title of the produce raised on his land, and a guarantee that no weeds would be left after the crop was off. Another, and not so far from the city, did not believe in the movement, and had no intention to allow his lot to be so used. However on the whole there is a general spirit of recognition

of the principle for which the movement is organized. The report of the Director of Elementary Agricultural Education has been reprinted from the public schools report in order to show how the department, since Mr. Gibson's appointment to this special section, has been carrying out the preparatory work of educating the public in agricultural subjects. A plan of the Provincial Normal School garden, as designed by Principal H. B. MacLean, of the Model School, and pictures of the George Jay School Garden, the pioneer in Victoria, and of the garden at the Children's Aid Home are given in the report. The organization of the schools from a cultivation standpoint is steadily extended in the neighboring state of Washington, where the system had

been more fully developed than has been the case in British Columbia. Whole armies of boys and girls will carry the work through the summer (till the harvest of 1917). The co-located work of home gardens where school gardens were not feasible has also been possible to a greater extent in the adjacent state than in British Columbia hitherto. One thing the people of this country have not hitherto realized, and the sooner it is appreciated at home the better, that vacant lot cultivation should not be a matter of personal choice but a matter of personal sacrifice for the general good. In no other way can the situation be met when the harvest of 1917 is gathered.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT

Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917.

By order,
F. N. BORDEN,
Mayor.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel Arthur Baird, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that any persons having any claims against the late Samuel Arthur Baird, who died on or about the 12th day of November, 1916, at the City of Victoria, B. C., are required to send the same with full particulars in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned, Solicitors for the Administratrix of the estate of the said deceased, on or before the 15th day of May, 1917, and that after the last-mentioned date the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 18th day of April, 1917.

PRINGLE & WHITTAKER,
308-9 Central Bldg., Victoria, B.C.
Solicitors for the said Administratrix.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Panama Hotel, situated at 52 Johnson Street, to William A. Gatz, of the said City of Victoria.

(Signed) **SIDNEY MITCHELL,**
Dated the 15th day of March, 1917.

SWEEPING ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES

Pacific Steamship Company
Announces That Rise in Tariffs is Now Pending

Sweeping advances in freight rates from San Diego to Nome will be made within the next two weeks by the Pacific Steamship Company, operating 23 steamers in the California and Alaska trade.

Enormous increases in the cost of operation due to advances in the price of fuel oil and all kinds of supplies used aboard ship, is given as the cause of the decision of the company to quote higher freight rates. Passenger fares, at least for the present, will remain unchanged, according to officials of the line.

Fuel oil, which is used in enormous quantities by the fleet of the Pacific Steamship Company, has advanced from 15 cents a barrel to \$1.35 a barrel during the past two years and supplies of all kinds are proportionately higher. Wages of steamship employees have also increased and new regulations have added to the cost of operation. Other steamship lines will undoubtedly follow the lead taken by the Pacific Steamship Company in advancing freight rates.

C. E. Flye, general freight and passenger agent for the company, says that the work of compiling the new tariffs has been commenced and will be announced within the next few days.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

COASTWISE SERVICES	SEASIDE SERVICES
For Vancouver Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 1 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary at 4 p. m. and steamer Princess George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.	For Prince Rupert Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a. m. For Prince Rupert Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a. m.
From Vancouver Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 9 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 4.30 a. m.	For Comox Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday at 10 a. m. From Comox Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
For San Francisco Steamer Governor, April 13. From San Francisco Steamer President, April 16.	For Skagway Steamer Princess Sophia, April 13. From Skagway Steamer Princess Sophia, April 11.
For Seattle Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m. Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.	For Helberg Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 20th of each month. From Helberg Steamer Tees leaves on 7th and 27th of each month.
From Seattle Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.	For Clayoquot Steamer Tees leaves on 10th of each month. From Clayoquot Steamer Tees arrives on 19th of each month.
From Port Angeles Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.	
From Port Angeles Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	

WALLACE SHIPYARDS PREPARED TO BUILD

Vancouver Plant Can Handle Unlimited Number of Contracts

Vancouver, April 24.—The Wallace Shipyards, Ltd., will receive an unlimited number of orders from the Munitions Board and is prepared to turn out all the vessels which can be constructed in the North Vancouver yards, according to a statement by James Eadie.

"This is no new thing to us," states Mr. Eadie. "Mr. Wallace has been in Ottawa some time carrying on negotiations for the construction of these vessels; we have already made plans to go ahead. We will get all the orders we can handle."

The type of vessel which the Government will have built is larger than the Mabel Brown design, and will probably be power or steam vessels. At any rate they will not be of the auxiliary schooner type. Mr. Eadie stated that there are a great many details to be completed, and the Government has not yet completed plans, although the announcement has been made that the ships will be built.

Advocates Percentage Basis. Advocacy of shipbuilders constructing ships on a 10 per cent. basis is made by J. A. Cunningham, president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association. In regard to the Government's offer of \$10,000,000 for the industry in this province, Mr. Cunningham said he thought it was time everybody possible should get into the shipbuilding business, and to this he added the idea that the Federal or Imperial Government should do the same as the United States Government had done with the Union Iron Works at San Francisco, in the placing of orders for ships and guaranteeing the builders 10 per cent. above cost, that is 10 per cent. profit.

A builder could take the business at 10 per cent. because it would enable him to get over any financial difficulties as the banks, in advancing the money, would know that this profit was going to be made, and the public would feel like digging down for money, knowing that such profit was going to be made. That seemed to him to be the logical way for the reason that a contractor would not be compelled to go into an uncertain market for his raw material.

Take a contractor, he explained, who undertook to build a ship without this assured profit. He might tender his price and find at the end of six weeks that the price of some raw materials had advanced to such a price that it would eliminate his profit. It was only right that the Government, anxious to get the ships, should assume the advance in cost of raw material. If it would do this it could easily get what shipbuilding it wanted done in British Columbia. The banks were full of money, and the only thing they wanted to be sure of in making an advance was that they would get the money back.

Mr. Cunningham got into telephonic communication with Mr. C. A. Welsh, president of the New Westminster Board of Trade, who stated that under proper conditions contractors there were prepared to construct three ships. That Nanaimo, Westmorland, Victoria, Vancouver and other places could all get into it if they wished was the concluding statement of Mr. Cunningham.

ADELAIDE TO RESUME

Turbine Princess Patricia Returns to Service After Completing Repairs

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, which has been laid up for the last two weeks for her annual overhaul, will resume in the triangular service on Thursday. It is expected that either the Princess Alice or the Princess Victoria will then be temporarily laid up for overhaul.

LAKE NAVIGATION MAY BE RETARDED

Port Arthur, Ont., April 23.—The ice-breaker Whalen has cut a channel through to open water 22 miles out, but the ice is so heavy that the prospects for an opening of navigation in less than 10 days or two weeks are not regarded as encouraging.

MOORINGS WERE TAMPERED WITH



Advices from Seattle state that owing to an attempt to set the Restorer adrift she is to be removed to an anchorage at the Puget Sound navy yard. For many years prior to the outbreak of the war the Restorer made her headquarters at Esquimalt.

SEATTLE MARU WAS DRYDOCKED AT OSAKA

Fresh from drydock and the hands of the renovator, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, which reached port yesterday afternoon from Japan, is practically ready to take her place in the company's new passenger and freight service between Yokohama and Buenos Ayres. On the completion of her 35th round voyage the Seattle Maru will be taken off the North Pacific route and operated from Japan to the Argentine and Brazil by way of South Africa.

SEATTLE MARU WAS DRYDOCKED AT OSAKA

O. S. K. Liner is Ready to Take Her Place in New South American Service

With a view to preparing the liner for this trade she was detained at Osaka for a month and during that period was thoroughly overhauled. The interior of the liner is fitted with new paint on her arrival here and she is clean from truck to keelson. Capt. Fujiyama says his vessel will be turned over to the new service immediately she returns to Japan. The Brazilian and Argentina trade has more than warranted the establishment of the service and it is expected that ships other than the Seattle Maru will shortly be placed on the route. The flagship of the South American fleet is the Tacoma Maru, which formerly plied to this coast. With the exception of a severe W. S. W. gale experienced when four days out from the Japan coast, the Seattle Maru had a favorable passage. The "Great Circle" route was followed and considerable snow fell when she was off the Aleutians. Sixteen days were occupied in crossing the Pacific.

There were only four cabin passengers, but the liner brought in a capacity cargo. The saloon-travelers were Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki and Mr. and Mrs. Hari, all of whom were bound for the United States.

On completing the discharge of 317 tons of freight here the Seattle Maru left for Puget Sound. She carries 2,475 tons for Seattle and 2,716 tons for Tacoma. Included in the Seattle cargo was a consignment of raw silk and silk goods valued at about \$500,000.

GERMANS SEIZED ON AMERICAN SCHOONER AT PORT TOWNSEND

Port Townsend, April 24.—For bringing in five Germans, alien enemies of the United States, as members of the crew of the schooner Albert Meyer, Capt. H. J. Anderson is facing considerable trouble and the United States immigration officers are up in the air as to what disposition to make of them.

The men joined the schooner at Kananapa. Three of them are believed to be deserters from interned German vessels. While two of them have their first papers to become citizens of the United States and are anxious to take up final papers, the other three have failed to give a satisfactory account of their movements prior to joining the Albert Meyer.

When questioned by United States Immigration Inspector Wells one of them was insolent. He said the German Government would see that he was accorded proper treatment by this Government.

The men are being detained aboard the vessel pending instructions. It is probable that three of them will be placed in detention until the close of the war. The two who have their first papers express a desire to ship on American vessels engaged in coastwise trade, further stating they are willing to be interned providing at the close of the war they will be granted full citizenship papers.

MADE FAST RUN

The Pacific Steamship Company's liner Governor made port at 5 o'clock last evening after a run of 48 hours from San Francisco. She brought in 223 passengers, 79 of whom disembarked at the Outer Docks. Before leaving for Seattle the steamship put off 172 tons of general merchandise.

MARINE INQUIRIES ARE NOW PENDING

Prince Rupert-Cleeve Collision Case Heard To-morrow; Investigation Next Week

The re-hearing of the Prince Rupert-Cleeve collision case will be opened at Vancouver on Thursday before Capt. Charles Eadie, examiner of masters and mates of Vancouver, assisted by Commander J. T. Shenton and Commander Holme, as nautical assessors. This re-hearing was ordered to be held toward the latter part of last month, but was postponed as a result of the Prince Rupert stranding on Genn Island on March 23. The collision between the Prince Rupert and the tug Cleeve occurred on December 28 last. A formal investigation was held by Capt. J. D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner, the court finding that Capt. Coughlin, master and owner of the Cleeve was to blame inasmuch as he was the overtaking vessel at the time of the impact.

Captain Coughlin appealed from this decision and a re-hearing was granted. Captain Macpherson is now completing arrangements for the holding of a formal inquiry into the stranding of the Prince Rupert on Genn Island, in accordance with instructions received from Ottawa. It is expected that this inquiry will be opened in this city at the beginning of next week.

TIDE TABLE

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THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m., and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

F. NAPIER DENISON,
Superintendent.

FIFTY PLATES WILL REQUIRE RENEWAL

Extent of Damage Sustained by Steamer Prince Rupert; Many Frames Affected

Following a survey of the hull of the G. T. P. steamship Prince Rupert it was estimated that fifty plates will have to be taken out, faired and renewed and between 150 and 160 frames partly renewed or faired. Floors that have been set up and other minor damage will also require attention, the keelsons being involved. According to the most conservative estimate it will take at least two months to complete the repair job. The engines and boilers are intact but the machinery will have to be shored up to relieve the strain from the damaged sections.

Practically the entire length of the hull, extending to the fourth row of plates on either side of the keel, is badly corrugated. The hull is not as badly holed as was at first anticipated. Amidships, on the port side, is a gapping wound about a foot wide and six feet in length, tapering at each end. This is by far the worst puncture. The pinnacles of rock which pierced the outer plates were not forced through the double bottom, and it is only here and there that the tank tops have been strained.

Other repairs will include the renovating of a section of the pilot house and officers' quarters which were partly burned out. The repair contract is now well in hand and Messrs. Yarrows, Ltd., propose to maintain a large force on the job until it is completed.

Our recent successes on the Western front mean that the enemy now occupies the whole of only one Department of France, that is, the province of Ardennes, while he has a footing in five others. This week's move has pushed him entirely out of the Departments of the Somme and the Oise. Of the Pas de Calais and the Department du Nord he holds very small pieces, half the province of the Aisne and little corners of the Marne and the Meuse provinces. A French Department is on the average about twice the size of such English counties as Surrey, so that, roughly, the enemy still occupies French territory equal in size to about six or seven English counties.—London Chronicle.

His Majesty King Potato

From the Southern Lumberman.

Never was there a more striking instance of the rise of a commodity than is afforded by the rapid ascent of the potato. From obscurity to a throne, so to speak, the tuber has mounted during the past year or so. Not so long ago, as historians count time, the potato was not regarded as a vegetable—it was not even mentioned in the Complete Gardener.

The potato is essentially an American product—a native of the mountainous districts of tropical and subtropical America from Chile to Mexico, though now most cultivated in the temperate zone. The potato was taken from Peru to Spain under the name of "batata," in the sixteenth century. From Virginia to Ireland the potato was taken in 1565 by Hawkins, the slave trader. In 1585 the potato was introduced into England by Sir Francis Drake.

The strange tuber was at first cultivated in Europe merely as a curiosity; and when its food value was dimly realized, it was given chiefly to cattle and hogs. In the year 1663 the Royal Society of London began to encourage the cultivation of the potato with the idea that it might become food for the poor when grain crops failed.

As everybody knows, Ireland was first among European countries to undertake the general cultivation of the potato; it did not become important on the continent of Europe until the middle of the eighteenth century, nor in France and Germany until the close of that century. But France and Germany are now—were, before the war—the world's greatest potato-growing countries.

Information is lacking as to when the potato became important among North American field crops; but we can all remember back to the time when potatoes were merely a side dish, "served with all meat orders." Some of us can recall the glorious days of childhood in the rural districts when the regular "wash-day" menu was hock bone and potatoes. Nobody had time to pester around with an elaborate meal when the clothes were in the tubs. So a pot was put on the stove, filled with hock bone and potatoes and enough water for these to stew along in; and somebody would run out into the garden for spring onions; and there would be cornmeal hoo-cakes. The children would be reminded, as they were every Monday, "you can't expect to have pie and things on wash day!"

In those days people didn't know much about "food values"; they had never heard of carbohydrates, protein, and so on. But they had gumption. And gumption teaches that meat and potatoes go together and that a plain baked potato needs butter or gravy mixed in with it. As time went on, the quality of gumption seemed to grow scarcer; so chemists and dieticians came upon the scene to teach folks the sort of things that in former times the blackest negro in the neighborhood

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know by instinct. We read of this thrilling discovery:

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HOUSE CONSIDERED SEVERAL MEASURES

Bills Advanced During Busy Ninety Minutes Spent by Members Following Budget

Legislative Press Gallery, April 23. After the budget speech had been disposed of this afternoon an hour and a half was spent in advancing the various bills on the order paper, and considerable progress was made.

To-morrow the evening sittings begin, and the session will be hurried from now on, but as the fullest opportunity will be given to members it is certain that it will be some few weeks before prorogation is reached.

The Premier, moving the second reading of the bill amending the Succession Duty Act in the direction of increasing some of the rates of duty and imposing a sur-tax, explained that this system of securing revenue was one which did so in a manner to do least injury and work least hardship than any other, as was generally recognized in all countries.

The bill, as did the original Act, treated of property passing, first, to direct heirs; second, to collateral heirs; and, third, to distant relatives and strangers. Taxation in this regard in B. C. compared favorably with Ontario and Quebec, the largest of the other provinces.

Mr. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debate. Civil Service Bill. The Civil Service Bill was taken up in committee for the first time.

The section appointing a commission was left over for discussion as to whether or not there should be a commission of one, two or three, and what the salary or salaries should be.

The Attorney-General secured second reading for two bills of a commercial character, amending the Bills of Sale Act and the Assignment of Books Accounts Act.

The Minister of Lands has his bill amending the Timber Royalty Act read a second time. This makes provision for the publication this year of the five-year statement of the wholesale selling price of lumber which the department should have made in 1915 and neglected to do.

The bill amending the Complex Ore Aid Act, making it plain that it is the net profits of the company which may be taken by the bank in payment of the guaranteed advance of \$40,000, was put through the committee stage.

The Minister of Lands introduced two bills affecting the forest branch of the department. One is amending the Forest Act in several particulars.

The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act amendments were read a third time and passed. H. C. Hall asked the Minister of Railways:

1. With respect to Mainland section of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway (that portion referred to in a sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 4 of the agreement dated the 17th January, 1910, the schedule to chapter 2, Statutes of 1910), for what mileage have bonds been issued by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and guaranteed by the province?

2. With respect to the Vancouver Island section of said railway (being that portion referred to in a sub-paragraph (b) of said paragraph 4 of the agreement aforesaid), for what mileage have bonds been issued by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and guaranteed by the province?

3. For what amounts have bonds as set out in questions 1 and 2 been sold with respect to: (a) Mainland section; (b) Vancouver Island section?

4. What are the total sums received as proceeds of such sale or sales of said bonds with respect to: (a) Mainland section; (b) Vancouver Island section?

5. What are the totals of the amounts placed to credit of Minister of Finance as proceeds of said bonds with respect to: (a) Mainland section; (b) Vancouver Island section?

6. What balance (if any) is there to the credit of the Minister of Finance from proceeds of said bonds with re-

spect to: (a) Mainland section; (b) Vancouver Island section? Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows: 1. Five hundred miles. 2. One hundred miles. 3. Six hundred miles at \$35,000 per mile equals \$21,000,000.

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied: "The sum of \$308,33 paid to Wm. Manson was allowed in full for all services rendered as Superintendent of the Agricultural Credit Commission."

W. R. Ross asked the Minister of Agriculture: "From what points (if any) on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway was seed-grain distributed during the season of 1917?"

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied: "No seed has been distributed from points on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company."

POOR BUSINESS WAYS IN LAND DEPARTMENT

Improper Refund Seems to Have Been Due Largely to That Cause

Legislative Press Gallery, April 23. The result of the inquiry held into the refunding of \$7,920 by the Government Agent at Ashcroft to Andrew Laidlaw on disallowed applications to purchase land brings out into relief the fact referred to by the Premier, on the authority of the auditors, this afternoon, that the Land Department has been in a hopeless muddle under the late administration.

It is possible that the Department, through the late Deputy Minister, may be held to have been no more than nebulous in its instructions to an official, and that Government Agent Christie may be considered as having not been as inquisitive as he ought to have been, but even then the question will arise as to why such ambiguity should be allowed to exist.

The late Deputy Minister says that it was never intended to refund Laidlaw on more than five out of twenty-seven applications—maybe a few more—and that his letter of instructions of September 5 last did not contemplate anything else. But Mr. Christie, who was also acting for his dead boy as a judgment creditor of Laidlaw, had been informed by his son's lawyer that the Department was to refund some \$7,400, and a few days later he received a letter about which there is certainly some ambiguity—at any rate there is not the definiteness which any ordinary businessman would impart to a communication where thousands were in question.

If these were not being disallowed and subject to refund of the fifty cents an acre deposit why were they in the hands of the Department when they ought to have been in those of the purchasers as proof of their right to complete purchase of the lands referred to? Mr. Christie seemed to think he had made a mistake, but he dwelt on this latter fact, and it would look as if he had some reason to do so.

R. A. Renwick, former Deputy Minister of Lands, identified his letter to Government Agent Christie except as to a note at the foot that he had considered this as authority to make a refund on all Laidlaw's applications, to the aggregate of \$7,920. Mr. Renwick did not think there was any ambiguity in the letter. The Government Agent was instructed to refund deposits where proper, and this might apply to more than the five applications disallowed, on which the refunds had been made.

Mr. Bowser asked if the then Minister (W. R. Ross) knew about this. Mr. Renwick replied that the Minister was out of the city on September 1st, when the letter was written, but he had settled the basis of the matter, that the money should be refunded on disallowed applications.

Mr. Thompson—"Should this \$7,920 have been repaid?" Mr. Renwick—"It was not the intention of the Department. We did not intend to refund anything but disallowed applications."

Let It Stand. After the matter came to the knowledge of the Department two weeks later he informed the Minister and the latter said they would let the refunds stand.

H. P. Christie, Government Agent at Ashcroft, considered that the letter was authority to make refunds of the deposits on the accompanying certificates. A clause in the letter which was relied on as throwing the blame on him—"if your records indicate these refunds as payable to Laidlaw"—did not mean what the general public would take it to mean, but meant to civil servants that they were to assure themselves that those who got the refund were the people who paid them.

had not sought more instruction if he had any doubts. Misdemeanors by Lawyers. Mr. Christie said he had doubtless been misled by a letter from Lennie, Clarke & Hooper, lawyers for the surveyors, a few days before he got the Department's letter, stating that arrangements had been made for a refund of \$7,400, and this prepared him to receive the letter letter. As the Department instructed, he refunded on the several certificates in which Laidlaw was interested.

In the opinion of Mr. Christie the Government had had the lands surveyed and was in \$10,000 in cash. The arrangement was a bad one, to his mind, to refund the money, but the practice was that "when money is refunded on disallowed applications the certificates must be turned in by the would-be purchasers as the Government Agent's voucher. In this case the number of applications sent back to him from the Department were not all which had been issued, others being still in the hands of Tiffin & Alexander Vancouver. All through he had been misled.

Denise J. O'Neill, Vancouver, of Lennie, Clarke & Hooper, stated that they had been acting for the surveying firm of Christie, Dawson & Haywood, which had a judgment against Laidlaw for work done in surveying his lands. Christie, by the way, was a son of Government Agent Christie, and has been killed on active service. He had an interview with Mr. Tiffin, of Tiffin & Alexander, who was a member of and solicitor for the syndicate which required the lands from Laidlaw, and they saw the then Deputy Minister. There was no amount of re-

fund named, but Tiffin had the idea that all the twenty-seven certificates he had were disallowed and that a refund would be made on them. On the receipt of the refund Tiffin & Alexander handed over two-thirds to his clients on their claim.

In reply to Mr. Christie Mr. O'Neill considered the Department's letter open to the interpretation that the certificates enclosed were disallowed and that the refund was to cover them as well as the five which had actually been disallowed.

THE GREAT DIVIDE

The woman in the prime of life need not dread to meet the loss of her youth when growing elderly. While some charms diminish, others should replace them—charms of experience, cultivation, wisdom. The great physical changes met between the fortieth and fiftieth year are indeed serious, and are not always well borne.

"Blissful says he got on by burning the midnight oil." "Well, keeping late hours did help him some. He danced all night three or four times a week till finally he met a rich girl and married her."

FORMER VICTORIAN BUSY IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Watt Still Organizing Women's Institutes to Meet War Need

Some weeks ago there appeared an article showing what Mrs. Watt, formerly of Victoria, and chairman for some time of the Women's Institutes of British Columbia, has been doing in England in connection with the formation of institutes of a similar kind there. Subsequent letters received by friends here show that Mrs. Watt extended the work to Wales.

The first institute was formed at Llanfairpwll, Mrs. Cotton in the chair. Here, as elsewhere, Mrs. Watt gave numerous hints on procedure, planning out the work, and pointing out the responsibility which devolved on the members to make the organization something which would fill a place in the community life, raise the standard of the home, and, at the present time, do "its bit" to help end the war.

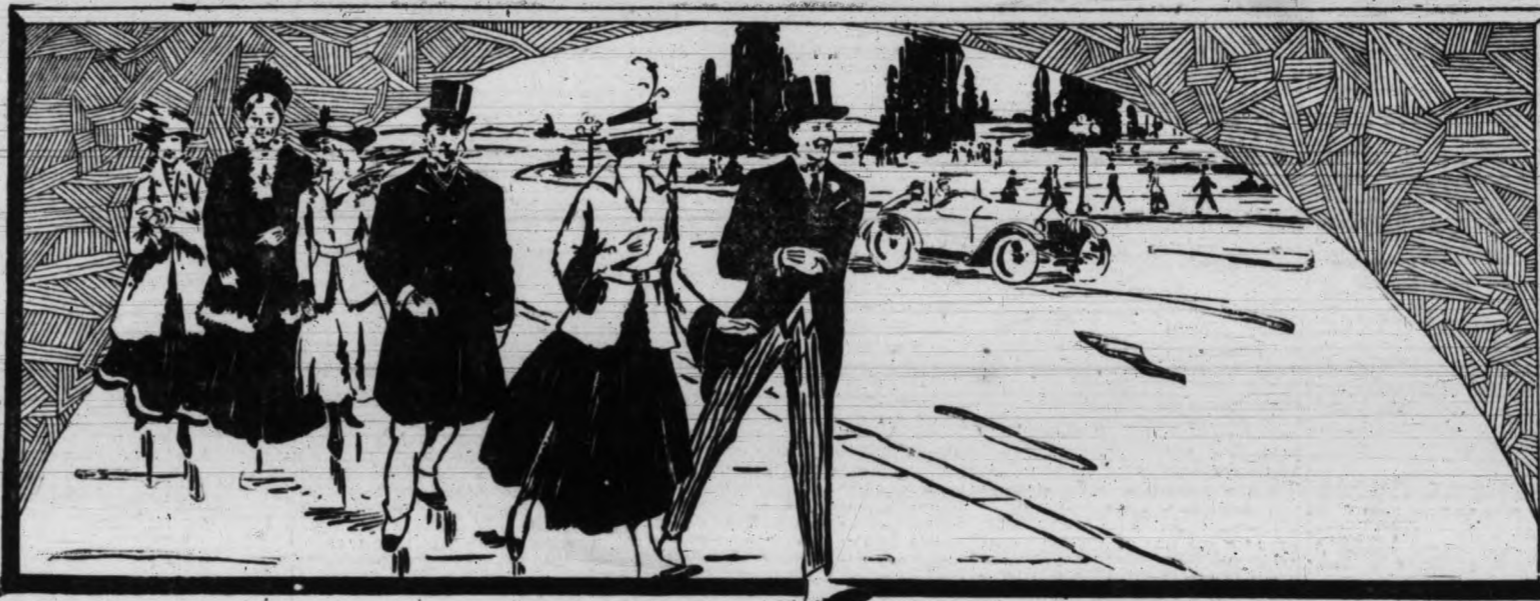
returned later to meet the committee and give suggestions in the planning of the programme for the ensuing months. In Welsh and England.

Other organization meetings were held at Tre-arddur Bay and Holyhead, Miss Antonia Williams being in the chair at the latter place; Colonel Cotton in addressing this meeting referred to the benefits of the Institute at Llanfairpwll, already noticeable. He had seen, since the foundation of that Institute, what he had never seen before. American girls walking with Wesleyan girls. Mrs. Lloyd George was in the chair at the meeting at Crieth to which Mrs. Watt spoke, and her opening and closing remarks being partly in Welsh, partly in English, appealed to her practiced countrywomen and gave force to her observations no less than her distinguished name.

To improve conditions of rural life by studying home economics; providing a centre for educational and social intercourse and for all local activities; encouraging home and local industries; and stimulating interest in the agricultural industry, particularly at this time when the food shortage is so keenly experienced. Great Success. "When I was invited to go to Wales I was enchanted," writes Mrs. Watt in her letter, "and now when I look back on results and know that in over twenty villages there are Women's Institutes and that they have succeeded as no other women's organization has ever succeeded, it seems too good to be true."

On results and know that in over twenty villages there are Women's Institutes and that they have succeeded as no other women's organization has ever succeeded, it seems too good to be true. I saw at the outbreak of the war that the food supply was the coming question. The few of us who sat down and reasoned it out saw quite plainly that men would be taken more and more from agriculture, that machinery, always far too little used here, would get scarcer, that agriculture being absolutely unorganized would fall into chaotic condition, that more ships would be taken for transport, and that the submarine menace was likely to be a real one. I took up my war burden and have never stopped carrying it while the war lasts.

Farmer Brown—"Look here, mister, the war map you sold me ain't correct." Shopkeeper—"Really? How do you know that?" Farmer Brown—"My boy has written home, and says he's just going to Reconnoitre. But I'm hanged if I can find the place marked on the map." Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.



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And now Neolin has solved another of the world-old problems.

Ever since man ceased to go barefooted through the forest in search of food, he has trod on the tanned skins of animals.

Leather seemed to be the best shoe sole—for wear, for comfort, for appearance.

It offers all these things in a measure.

Then Neolin appeared—a modern wonder-sole—evolved by science—nurtured by Goodyear.

Not since machinery for making shoes was invented has the footwear of the nation become in one instant so much better.

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"With Neolin my shoes are comfortable the first day I wear them." "Neolin soles wear longer than leather. But better still they keep the uppers from getting out of shape, so the uppers too, last longer." "Since getting Neolin on the children's shoes I do not mind them playing in the house. They don't scratch the floors or make much noise." "Ethel and Billy have had no colds since wearing Neolin."

"I have Neolin even on my Patent Leathers for the edges are as nicely stained and polished as leather." "If I had to, I would pay more for Neolin than for leather."

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LOCAL NEWS

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government Street? They're unequalled.
License and Police Commissioners—Both the License and Police Commissioners will meet to-morrow afternoon, the former being the adjourned statutory session.

HEAR CLAIMANT AT MORNING SESSION

Mr. Sharp Occupies Witness Stand to Tell of Acquiring Property

This morning the hearing before the Arbitration Board of the Kendrick Sharp claim was chiefly occupied with the evidence and cross-examination of the claimant. This is a claim for compensation arising out of the regrading of Upper Pandora Avenue.

BRITISH COLUMBIANS IN CASUALTY RECORDS

Capt. Munn, of New Westminster Succumbs to Wounds

Advices have been received in New Westminster of death from wounds of Capt. Duncan E. Munn. He is the son of Mr. Angus Munn, of the Customs Service, and has relatives residing in Victoria.

MANY VICTORIANS NOW AT WIMEREAX

Sergt. McVie Wounded for Fourth Time; Seven Others Are Hospital Cases

For the fourth time Sergt. William McVie has been wounded and is now in hospital somewhere in France. The sergeant went overseas with the first Canadian contingent, volunteering for active service from the 88th Regiment, which he joined in 1912.

THE TONE TRUTHS

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OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred last evening of Hilda Allen, aged nine years. The deceased child was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Allen, of 1104 King's Road.

HIT IN THE HAND

Private James Campbell Admitted to Hospital; Crossed From Status to Join Ontario Battalion

SEVERELY WOUNDED

Private Percy Jeeves Admitted to hospital suffering from severe gunshot wounds received in the recent advance.

NATIVE SON WOUNDED

Pte. Wilson Armstrong, of North Saanich, Reported in Casualty Lists

HIT ON EASTER MONDAY

Private R. M. Duck Posted in This Morning's Casualty List as Wounded

REPORTED WOUNDED

Pte. S. S. O. Laird Has Two Brothers Serving Country

SUCCESSFUL TO WOUNDS

Private Walter Smith Who died at Lambeth Hospital, London. He was 22 years of age and leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

PARKSVILLE BOY HIT

Private J. A. Hirst Wounded in the Arm; Admitted to Hospital at Wimereaux

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WAS ON MONMOUTH

Private Charles Page Wounded at Vimy; Was ex-Imperial Navy Man; Went With 88th

KAMLOOPS CASUALTIES

Private F. A. Needs and H. L. Bond Were Wounded in the Fighting at Vimy Ridge on April 10

PREMIER MARTIN HERE

Head of Saskatchewan Government on Visit With Family to Take Rest

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

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REFUSES TO SPEAK OF PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS

Action of House May Be Asked for; Warrant Out for D'Arcy Tate

Legislative Press Gallery, April 24.

W. J. Bowser this morning accepted the invitation of the P. G. E. committee and offered himself as a witness.

The former minister was disposed to throw all responsibility on Sir Richard McBride, Thomas Taylor and the Deputy Ministers of Railways and Finance. He spoke of his connection with railway matters as a casual one, and of his signing vouchers as acting Minister of Finance as merely pro forma. He had too much to do, with his overload of work, to attend to details. To use his own words "it was not his concern at all."

Mr. Bowser informed the committee that he had never been asked for and had never given an opinion on the section of the contract providing for proportionate payments. He considered that the Government had discretion in the matter.

Knows But Won't Tell.

Questioned about campaign funds, Mr. Bowser declined to say anything at this stage, but intimated that if any more direct statement was made than has been made by D'Arcy Tate he would tell what he knew, and there was the added intimation that this would be "interesting" to the Liberals.

Whether or not Mr. Bowser will be reported to the House for refusing to answer will be decided by the committee to-morrow.

E. F. White is in Seattle. It was stated by the contractor's counsel, and a warrant will be asked from Mr. Speaker for his arrest if he comes within the jurisdiction. There is a warrant out for D'Arcy Tate's arrest.

Mr. Bowser as Witness.

Mr. Bowser said he had been Attorney-General from 1907 and that the P. G. E. contract was drawn up in his department.

Chairman Farris—"What do you say about this section as to proportionate payment out of moneys, which has been called a meaningless jumble of words?"

"I must admit it is a peculiarly drafted section."

"Was it meant to be a protection to the provinces?"

"I suppose you would call it a protection in the payment out of moneys. That section was copied from the Canadian Northern Pacific Act, which we found worked all right."

Mr. Bowser contended that the whole section must be read together. There was power to pay out in monthly instalments, as far as practicable, but he considered that there was discretion as to the manner of payment out.

Not Clearly Drawn.

"Taken altogether, the section is not very clearly drawn," Mr. Bowser admitted.

As to whether moneys had been paid out on portions of the line which were never touched, and as to the whole of the moneys being paid out, Mr. Bowser was not very clear. His only information on the latter point was from what he had heard of the evidence.

The chairman suggested that as Attorney-General, Acting Minister of Finance and later Premier of the province Mr. Bowser should have known that.

Mr. Bowser said he had always figured that the guarantees would not build the road and that the balance would be put up by Foley, Welch & Stewart. He did not find out until after he had left the Government that this had not been done. The company had made a statement to him that they had several millions in the enterprise, which the evidence now showed was not so.

The honorable gentleman went on to say that the Department of Railways had charge of the whole matter, and he resented the suggestion drawn from Thomas Taylor's evidence that the then Minister of Railways was depending on the Attorney-General's Department. Mr. Taylor had nothing from the Attorney-General to authorize him to say anything of the kind, Mr. Bowser said, and the files of the Attorney-General's Department would fall to show anything. The P. G. E. matters were all dealt with between Sir Richard and the Department of Railways.

Taylor Was Responsible.

"We did the very best we could under the circumstances in allowing a liberal release of moneys," Mr. Bowser explained as to the payments out from bond proceeds.

Mr. Bowser did not recall any conference with the Lieutenant-Governor as to his holding up of estimates, following D'Arcy Tate's S. O. S. call of October 27, 1914, and suggested that probably this might have been the Minister of Railways or his deputy, who frequently saw His Honor on these matters.

"The trouble with the Minister of Railways is that apparently he did not know anything about this," said the chairman, "and that is why you are called."

"He was the minister responsible for his Department, but Sir Richard took a deep interest in it, and he and Mr. Gamble and Mr. Taylor discussed these matters with His Honor," Mr. Bowser replied.

In further explanation as to the overpayment, Mr. Bowser said he knew nothing of any such practice going on from the start. It was a change of policy to release moneys more liberally after a time to keep things moving. To Mr. Hanes he said he knew nothing about Welch drawing out \$400,000 about that time, and there was no arrangement for any such thing in releasing moneys more freely. He only came into these matters casually, and in signing vouchers as acting Minister of Finance he did so on the advice of experts and on behalf of Price Ellison, the Minister.

Held Security Good.

"I could not be expected, in my busy life, doing the work of three or four men, to look after these details," he added. It was not until he had to secure answers to questions last session, he said, that he knew Foley, Welch & Stewart were the contractors for their own road.

Chairman Farris—"What security do you think the province had?"

The principal security, I thought, was the private covenant of Foley, Welch & Stewart, besides their being a big and financially strong contracting firm.

"When they failed to meet their obligation to construct the line where was the security?"

"To get the road finished, to get it along further as a going concern and get into touch with the G. T. P. so that it would be in the position of earning money and keeping the credit of the province right."

Troubles of His Own.

Being asked a question about unit prices, Mr. Bowser disclaimed any knowledge, not being a railwayman. "I had a lot of troubles of my own last session, including prohibition, without troubling my head about unit prices," he confessed.

The bread-line in Vancouver was brought up in its relation to the more liberal release of funds spoken of by Mr. Bowser. The question of proportionate payments was introduced one morning in a talk with Sir Richard and Mr. Gamble—he himself was not present for more than five minutes, he said—and it was decided that if Mr. Gamble could see his way to more liberal release of moneys it should be done. He had never been asked for an opinion on the section.

Signed as Matter of Form.

"It was not my concern at all," Mr. Bowser declared on the whole situation. "It was a matter between the Premier and the Railway Department."

Mr. Hanes pointed out that the liberal release of moneys could not have benefited the bread-line much when Pat Welch drew \$400,000 in a lump.

Mr. Bowser said he had signed vouchers pro forma, to oblige the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Hanes—"Then you signed practically anything they put up to you?"

Confidence in Department.

I would not say that. I had every confidence in Mr. Gospel and the Railway Department. They were paid for it and they got our advisers.

The chairman remarked that the late Minister of Railways took the ground that he had every confidence in the Attorney-General, and that after Certificate No. 21 Mr. Gamble ceased to recommend monthly estimates for payment.

Mr. Bowser repeated his declaration that he had never given an opinion on proportionate payments, and that the files would corroborate this.

Mr. Hanes having raised the question of the \$250,000 bond, which was allowed to lapse, Mr. Bowser considered this was another phase and nobody would have the conscience to enforce completion of the railway on the date set, owing to the war.

Wise After the Event.

Chairman Farris—"In view of the fact that the contractor was one of the promoters of the railway company, that the contract was let on terms privately fixed, and that the engineer of the P. G. E. was the instrument of Foley, Welch & Stewart, what protection had the province?"

"The province had the protection of their guarantee, the protection of the bond, the protection of any assets they may have acquired."

"There is no getting away now from the fact that the only moneys put into the construction of the line were the guaranteed moneys."

"We can all be wise after the event."

"Did you think, on the receipt of Tate's telegram appealing for funds, that it was time the Government looked into the matter?"

"No more reason than in the spring of 1914. It was following the practice adopted then to relieve the situation. If it had not been for the war this committee would not be here and Foley, Welch & Stewart would have finished their contract. I think they will do so yet; I think they are perfectly good."

Campaign Funds.

Chairman Farris—"Do you wish to make any statement in regard to what Mr. Tate said about campaign funds?"

"No, I do not at this stage wish to make any statement about contributions to the campaign funds of either party. I want to further state that during the fourteen years I have been in public life I have never profited a single dollar personally by a contribution from any source to any campaign fund that might be in connection with the Conservative party, and that if any evidence is brought before this committee more direct than Mr. Tate's I intend to tell what I know, and it may be very interesting to the Liberals of the province what I have to tell. Meanwhile I propose to answer no questions."

Mr. Bowser said it was a surprise to him to learn that Mr. Macdonald had never heard of anyone of his own or any party profiting by contracts on the P. G. E.

To Mr. Hanes Mr. Bowser twice refused to say whether he knew what disposition was made of Tate's half-million, and Mr. Hanes asked that the refusal be reported to the House. Action on this will be discussed to-morrow.

Committee Asserts Its Power.

F. C. Patterson, district commercial superintendent of the B. C. Telephone Company in Victoria, was called to produce any record his office had of long-distance conversations between Victoria and Vancouver and put in a list. The messages were from Gamble to White, Rowley to Welch, Rowley to McLeod, and two from Thomas to Cromie.

E. W. Clayton, local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, acting under the usual rule, submitted the company's attitude in regard to disclosing the contents of messages. The committee made an order compelling the production of any messages passing between anyone here to Foley, Welch and Stewart, McLeod, Welch, Cromie, Estabrook or Miss Dwyer since April 1.

The witness further wanted details of specific messages, his company questioning the validity of the company's subpoena.

No Quibbles.

Chairman Farris—"No quibbles like that. You have orders to produce these, and you can either answer or refuse. This committee has full power to issue instructions to you, quite regardless of your company. This has been done and the committee expects its orders to be obeyed."

Mr. Clayton said he must consult his company.

"This committee, strange as it may seem to you, has more power than your company," remarked the chairman.

Witness preferred to take his instructions from the committee through the company.

He was ordered peremptorily to make a search according to the terms of the subpoena.

R. H. Blashfield, local manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, had made a partial search but found nothing.

Subject to the same protest as Mr. Clayton he undertook to complete his search and report to-morrow. Mr. Blashfield questioned the legality of the committee's order for a blanket search and this was dismissed as summarily as the other.

E. J. Haughton, Superintendent Dominion Wireless Service, stated that there had been no messages passing.

Asked at the outset what his response was he said: "We have no connection with the other."

William Dee, local agent of the Dominion Government Telegraph and Telephone Company, had no messages to produce, there being none.



VON HINDENBURG: "Running away? Why, I'm luring those Pritish to der Russian Svamps."

ashed their contract. I think they will do so yet; I think they are perfectly good."

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES ABATES IN ESQUIMALT

Question of Compulsory Vaccination Considered by the Council

The Esquimalt Council at its regular meeting last evening decided that it had no authority to enforce a recommendation calling for compulsory vaccination in the municipality, in spite of the fact that it was urged by Dr. E. W. Boak, M. D., health officer of the district, to take action in accord with Oak Bay to meet the epidemic which has been rampant now for some weeks.

The doctor in addressing the Council called attention to the fact that several families throughout the district had failed to connect up their drains with the sewer, and the resulting epidemic of measles and other diseases had naturally followed. On June Street for instance several tenants had been forced to leave their houses owing to the objectionable odor arising from the drains and cesspools. In some cases residents had been given 20 days in which to make connection with the mains, and instances were on record of persons who had failed to comply with the orders. The doctor was of the opinion that action should be taken to compel such persons to abide by the regulations of the district.

Referring directly to the epidemic of measles which has now been widespread in the municipality for some weeks, the doctor drew attention to several cases where residents had failed to report to the authorities when they learned that the disease was developing in the family. They permitted their children to associate with those of neighbors who in turn contracted the disease and thus spread it through many homes which otherwise might have escaped. A woman on Lyall Street had absolutely refused to permit the doctor to enter her house on a complaint that one of the children was suffering from measles. A certificate of health was demanded, and this also was refused. Finally, when the authorities in company with a constable entered the house, it was found that the child had been removed and the parent refused to give any information as to its whereabouts. Dr. Boak stated that an example should be made of this case, and in this he was supported by the Council, but nothing definite was done last evening.

The doctor said that the epidemic of measles is now well under control and few more cases are expected to develop. He was of the opinion that there is now no necessity of closing the Lamson Street School as no children are being permitted to attend from families where there are measles. The building has recently been thoroughly fumigated. At present there are still over 50 cases of the disease in the community but general conditions seem to point to the fact that it is steadily abating. Two more cases of scarlet fever have developed among sailors of the Navy Yard and as the Isolation Hospital is full these men are being treated in a special apartment in the Canteen Grounds at Esquimalt.

No Compulsory Vaccination.

Discussing the question of compulsory vaccination Dr. Boak expressed himself as being heartily in favor of it. Oak Bay is adopting it and the matter is being considered by the City. He called attention to the fact that many cases of disease have been investigated at the Quarantine Station recently and that four persons were found to have small pox. There was a need to protect the residents of the

district and he therefore advocated the following of the same course as that decided upon by Oak Bay.

Councillor Bridle was in accord with the sentiments of the doctor but Councillors Cave and Mesher objected strongly to such action stating that they had conscientious reasons for their stand and would refuse to have their children vaccinated.

It was finally decided that the Council had no authority to enforce compulsory vaccination. The Reeve and Councillor Saunders stating that in their opinion the best course to follow would be to merely suggest that it be carried out in all cases where the parents are willing.

A motion to the effect that thirty days notice be given to certain residents of the district who have not connected their drains with the sewer was carried. The persons concerned have the option of appearing before the courts.

Pending the passage of the provincial estimates, Mayor Todd, as president of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, will not call a meeting of the officers of the association. He is satisfied that the Legislature will approve the recommendation of the Government, as published, and that with the completion of the necessary appropriation, it will be possible to organize for the coming season. Already the Washington and Oregon representatives have become impatient at the delay in commencing the seasonal campaign, since so much depends in tourist business on being first in the field.

To-day His Worship stated that the first gathering will shortly be held to arrange for the campaign of publicity, probably in Seattle, and there will be some discussion as to the best methods to obtain the results which are desired.

LAST LINK FORGED IN PUBLICITY CHAIN

With B. C.'s Appropriation Recommended, Tourist Association Can Proceed

Four locations for agencies have been mentioned in this connection, Chicago, St. Louis, New York and Montreal, the Mayor says, and of these cities probably two will be selected.

The intention, he states, so far as to make a special appeal to the western farmer and town resident in the prairie belt on both sides of the line from St. Paul to the foothills of the Rockies, and from Kansas City to Edmonton. The lecture system will be probably adopted, as a method of pushing the knowledge of the Pacific Northwest territory, among the classes of people who can be expected to come to the Coast for saltwater scenery. These lectures are economical to operate, and have proved very beneficial to other organizations which have attempted to use that method of publicity.

While co-operating with the local tourist associations the President states that the policy will be strictly fair to all parts of the section west of the Cordillera, from the Californian State line to the Alaskan frontier, and the scheme will be conceived independent of local jealousies.

Burnham-on-Crouch, where it is proposed to establish a new shipbuilding industry for the Essex coast, looks so like a landscape of the Netherlands that one feels little surprise on finding among the adjacent marshlands a hamlet called Ostend. During the past three decades this has become a favorite headquarters for week-end London yachtsmen, who find the estuaries of the Crouch and the Reach more accessible than Brightlingsea, and less crowded than Southend.

Condemned Buildings.—The City Council last evening fixed Monday week at 10 o'clock, to show cause why a list of buildings as scheduled should not be condemned as dilapidated and insanitary.

Mr. Justice Gregory reserved judgment in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday morning in the matter of an application from J. R. Green on behalf of his clients, Bradstreets, who are defendants in an action for libel brought by John Arthur Nelson.

The defendants applied for an order compelling plaintiffs to supply further particulars as to the names of the agents of the defendant company who had published the reports, as well as particulars of alleged malice and the circumstances under which they had been published. Frank Higgins on behalf of Mr. Nelson objected to the furnishing of such further particulars on the ground that plaintiff's statement of claim charged the defendant with stating that the plaintiff was guilty of certain criminal offences in the State of California.

Reports in Claim.

Mr. Higgins maintained in his argument before his Lordship yesterday that the plaintiff had set out in the statement of claim complete excerpts from the reports, in which the alleged libel complained of was contained, and that he had clearly set forth the names of the individuals to whom the reports had been published. He had also alleged malice and had stated that the reports were untrue. Further than that Mr. Higgins told his Lordship he did not think he was called upon to go without discovery. Mr. Justice Gregory delivered his judgment in the matter at the conclusion of this morning's chamber list refusing the defendant's application.

Judge's Opinion.

His Lordship said, "I can see no difficulty in the defendant pleading to the statement of claim. The libels complained of are clearly identified as contained in the report of February 3, 1917 and on February 4 of the same year. The defendant has better means of knowing who published them than the plaintiff has."

Publication Distinct.

"There can be no suggestion of 'fishing' on the part of the plaintiff. The question is not one even of endeavoring to ascertain to whom the alleged libel was published. The publication is clearly and distinctly alleged to say that the plaintiff should have no remedy unless he can furnish, without discovery, the name of the particular clerk or agent of the defendant company who made the publication."

"The summons will be dismissed, with costs to the plaintiff in any event of the trial."

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DIVISION OF VIEWS ON INVITING SPEAKER CHANGING OVER TO SERIAL BOND PLAN

M. B. Cotsworth Will Be Heard, Although He is Described as "Political Agitator"

"This man is publically known as a political agitator, why does he not start in his own town?" observed Alderman Dilworth in the City Council last evening, in opposing the recommendation of the Streets Committee to grant the use of the Council Chamber for a public meeting to be addressed by Moses B. Cotsworth.

The alderman was supported by Alderman Sargent, but overruled by the other members, and the resolution to hear the speaker on the high cost of living was carried, with two dissentients.

Alderman Dilworth doubted if, like the original Moses, Mr. Cotsworth was animated by any excessive love of country, but rather of personal gain, nor had he done wonders yet in reducing the cost of living.

Some Adjustment Made by City Council; Future Use of Stadacona Park House

Transfer into serial bonds at 5 per cent. in place of the former system at 4 1/2 per cent. was authorized in a consolidation by-law introduced into the City Council last evening, for five by-laws aggregating \$53,813 principal and \$14,532 interest, being for certain works on parts of Rock Bay, Herald, Speed, Cook and Dallas Road.

The advantage in making the change to serial bonds will be about \$600, and a larger sum of about \$250,000 would have been conserved except that one of the by-laws in the series is in the courts. Without waiting for the quarter of a million, since the period (two years from May 23, 1915), for issue is shortly expiring, the Council decided to go ahead with the five by-laws named.

Halting a proposal to let the house in Stadacona Park to the Khaki Club, without additional information, the City Council decided to hear the club manager on Friday afternoon. It was stated that the club would take over the furnishings from the V. A. D., and use the building as a home for returned soldiers.

The Council having leased the premises for a hospital, for which it is no longer used, some more definite information was felt to be desirable, particularly if the grounds were also required, since the land is a dedicated public trust, and the public cannot be excluded from the ground.

Several of the aldermen felt that the Parks Committee's report did not go far enough, and therefore a personal conference would be desirable.

The Council decided, on the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer, to reorganize the staff at the Isolation Hospital, owing to the number of cases now receiving attention. Dr. Price asks that the matron continue as at present, that there be an assistant nurse engaged permanently, who, when her time is not fully occupied at the hospital, shall visit city indigent cases at their homes, and that there be a man and wife appointed, the wife to do all the cooking and help in house work, and the man to do all outdoor caretaking, gardening and general help.

The matter was left to the Health Committee, to invite applications for the position of caretaker and cook.

Further allusion was made to the duplication of street names, and a committee was appointed to ascertain what duplications exist, and choose the names for nameless streets, in order that a recommendation may be passed on the subject.

Alderman Cameron asked for a better name to be chosen for Fowl Bay Road, base upon the name to be selected for the Bay.

The motion was then carried by a majority vote.

Alderman Peden also intended to vote affirmatively, because a subject of that nature could be dealt with without touching politics.

Alderman Walker naively expressed the intimation that he did not know who wrote the famous contribution to polemic literature, till they had heard that evening.

The motion was then carried by a majority vote.

Alderman Johns joined in defending the invitation. Any course which could help the citizens of Victoria should be adopted.

Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the Fire Warden's Committee, joined in the protest. The City should demand more explicit information, since the application submitted by the committee had not been dealt with, as a matter of fact the Underwriters had evaded the issue. He would like the association requested to give a specific statement of what the proposed reduction would be, and then the question could be properly examined.

The Mayor further claimed that the amount, about \$15,000, was a very small one compared with their expectations. He was given to understand there would be some other slight reductions, on certain classes of risks such as brick-veneer dwellings and risks of these descriptions, of which they had very few in the city.

Alderman Sargent agreed with what had been said, and also expressed a similar opinion to that of the Mayor.

It was decided to apply for additional information from the Underwriters' Association.

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F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., April 23, 1917.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Estate of William Paul Franco Commonly Known as Paul Franco) Deceased, and in the Matter of the Administration Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated 1st day of April, A. D. 1917, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above-deceased, with the will annexed. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1917, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of April, 1917.

WILLIAM MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

ARE DISSATISFIED

WITH REDUCTION

Comment Upon Fire Insurance Premium Rates as Revised Last Week

"It is very unsatisfactory to myself, I am not satisfied," observed Mayor Todd when the letter from the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association with regard to a limited reduction of premium rates, as published on Thursday in The Times, was read in the City Council last evening.

Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the Fire Warden's Committee, joined in the protest. The City should demand more explicit information, since the application submitted by the committee had not been dealt with, as a matter of fact the Underwriters had evaded the issue. He would like the association requested to give a specific statement of what the proposed reduction would be, and then the question could be properly examined.

The Mayor further claimed that the amount, about \$15,000, was a very small one compared with their expectations. He was given to understand there would be some other slight reductions, on certain classes of risks such as brick-veneer dwellings and risks of these descriptions, of which they had very few in the city.

Alderman Sargent agreed with what had been said, and also expressed a similar opinion to that of the Mayor.

It was decided to apply for additional information from the Underwriters' Association.

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MAY RESUSCITATE DORMANT COMMITTEE

Alderman Andros Would Welcome Suggestions for Tax Delinquency Solution

"It is a crime to make these people lose their land, if there is any way in which we can come to the rescue, it should be done," said Alderman Dilworth in the City Council last evening, when the alderman had heard a letter read from Herbert V. Lane, of 1048 Pendergast Street, informing the council of the excessive taxation, and stating that he was utterly unable to meet the special expropriation tax.

Alderman Andros: "This is a case of undoubted hardship. The Tax Delinquency Committee has worked hitherto without success, for such of its resolutions as have been adopted by the Council have not yet been acted upon, because the Solicitor points out the probability of lawsuits, if we tried to carry them out. The committee having failed, those who are interested are welcome to submit suggestions, and if they have anything to offer, we shall be glad to meet again, and consider them."

Alderman Walker sympathized with the special claim of the Pendergast Street residents, since it is a case which has always been admitted to be one of injustice in the nature of the assessment.

Alderman Fullerton pointed out that the claims of owners had been presented to the committee on Tax Delinquency by Mr. Andros, and he hoped some suggestions for relief would have come from the committee.

Alderman Andros stated that the committee had been obliged to abandon the effort to have the general taxes saddled with the difference between the estimated and actual cost, since no by-law along those lines had a chance of passing.

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DEFER ACTION UPON TAX SALE THIS YEAR

City Council is Urged by Mayor to Hold Sale for 1913 Delinquencies

"In order to run this city we have got to have money, and someone must find it," said Mayor Todd last evening, in City Council. The Council decided, on a majority vote to defer action regarding a tax sale until after the Legislature had amended the present law. The subject will be taken up again after the amendments now before the Legislature have been dealt with.

His worship argued that the properties were delinquent before the war, and hard times could not be pleaded on their behalf. It would only be necessary to put up the money for the year 1913 to save the property. He urged: "If the taxes are allowed to run from year to year property will accumulate such a load that makes it absolutely certain that the present owners will not pay these taxes, because it would not be business for them to pay them."

"The situation," he pointed out later, after a tendency had developed to delay action, "is more serious than some of you think. It is not only the delinquents of the past, but those who will come along in the current year. I am satisfied that nearly one-half the properties concerned are owned by every-day speculators, and many are over-extended."

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Alderman Cameron objected to the poor results which were certain to accompany a sale, and the bad advertisement which would follow from the failure to sell the property for little more than the taxes. He was optimis-

tic of conditions looking better in the future, perhaps a year hence, since all over Vancouver Island the cloud of depression was gradually rolling away. Alderman Johns did not think it was thrift to add to the liability of delinquents by adding expenses on property. Eventually a motion submitted by Alderman Peden was accepted, to lay over action till the legislative amendments have been passed.

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