

B. C.'S NEW GOVERNOR

Hon. Walter Cameron Nichol, who has just been elevated to the post of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, is one of the most widely known and successful of Canadian editors and publishers. But a fact not generally known is that he was the original projector and founder of Saturday Night. Though the name of Mr. E. E. Sheppard, now of San Diego, Cal., is permanently identified with the early years of this publication, that gentleman did not figure in its columns until its second issue. Vol. 1, No. 1, of Saturday Night, issued 33 years ago, was actually produced by Mr. Nichol, and the general form of publication, which has been followed more or less consistently, though with a vastly extended range of appeal, was of Mr. Nichol's devising. The potency and value of Mr. Nichol's idea may be judged not only by the growth and prestige of this, the original publication, but by the fact that the form and name of Saturday Night have been copied in many other cities of Canada and the United States. It is also a circumstance illustrating the fertility of Mr. Nichol's mind as a young man, that he was but 21 years old when he conceived the idea.

Mr. Nichol was born at Goderich, Ont., in 1866, the son of a barrister of old and distinguished family. At the age of 15 he went to Hamilton, Ont., and secured a job on the staff of the "Spectator," under the late John Robson Cameron. His verses and local skits won him fame in Hamilton while he was still a boy and when still under 20 he came to Toronto and joined the staff of the Toronto News, in which writers like Mr. Sheppard, and gifted newspaper men, now deceased, like Louis P. Kribs, Thomas A. Gregg and John A. Ewan, had greatly enlivened the journalism of the eighties. It was while working as a reporter on the News that young Nichol came to the conclusion that there was room in Toronto for a publication devoted to independent political criticism, various other urban interests like society, music and the theatres, and dealing with them in a lighter vein than was habitual in the daily press. Perhaps the happiest thought in connection with the birth of Saturday Night was that of making the advertising it carried conform to the standards of good taste, a policy which has become traditional.

In promoting the plan Mr. Nichol had the active co-operation of the late W. E. Caiger, an advertising man on the staff of the News; but both were handicapped by lack of capital. Though presented to a good many men, the project did not meet with a favorable reception; but events entirely unrelated to the plan were working in its favor. The News had gotten itself into deep water through an expensive libel suit based on an imputation against the conduct displayed by the 65th French Canadian regiment of Montreal in the Riel rebellion of 1885. Mr. Sheppard was blamed for this article, but as a matter of fact it was written by Louis P. Kribs, and the editor-in-chief never saw it until too late to undo the mischief. The News had rendered itself liable to pay individual damages to every member of the 65th Battalion, and the long legal fight that ensued so exhausted Mr. Sheppard's resources that it became evident that the News must revert to its original owners, the Riordon company. Confronted with the prospective loss of their positions, Messrs. Nichol and Caiger resolved to take the plunge and issue Saturday Night. They scraped together enough money to get out Vol. 1, No. 1, but though the first issue caught on like wild fire, they had not capital to carry on with. It was then that Mr. Sheppard, who saw that the News was lost to him, decided to throw in his lot with the two enterprising juniors. Friends had come to his assistance with sufficient funds to give the idea a real trial, and from the second issue and for nearly twenty-five years thereafter he was editor and manager

of Saturday Night. Under the arrangement arrived at, Mr. Nichol became assistant editor, and Mr. Caiger, advertising manager. Within a short time, however, financial differences developed between Mr. Sheppard and the two original projectors. The latter parted company with their journalistic child and jointly established a rival publication of similar form and purpose, entitled "Life." "Life," under Mr. Nichol's editorship was a very witty and breezy sheet, but there was no room for two such weeklies in one city and it could not overtake the lead obtained by its predecessor. Saturday Night was soon able to grimly announce that the name of its rival had been changed to "Death."

Mr. Nichol subsequently returned to Hamilton and was one of the original staff of the Hamilton Herald on its foundation in 1889. The gold boom of Rossland, B.C., in the middle nineties and the Yukon gold discoveries, drew a great many young men from Ontario, among them Mr. Nichol, but after a few months following the lure, he returned to journalism and secured an interest in the Province, then a weekly published at Victoria, B.C. Subsequently he removed the headquarters of the newspaper to Vancouver, changed it to a daily and in a few years built up

the enterprise into one of the chief newspapers and publishing enterprises of the Pacific coast. Although a real humorist and able writer, Mr. Nichol has long since laid down his pen to devote himself to his ever-increasing business interests, but certainly the gubernatorial office at Victoria will be adorned by a versatile and gifted man. — Saturday Night.

REVIVING THE HOLY LAND

The announcement that a party of Jewish farmers in Saskatchewan will leave for Palestine to take up land is a reminder of the trusteeship which the British have undertaken on behalf of the Jewish race. All reports agree that Sir Herbert Samuel, the British Commissioner, is meeting with success in his great task of rebuilding the country on a new foundation. As a member of the Campbell-Bannerman and Asquith governments, he made his mark as an administrator of energy, ability and progressive views. He has now the opportunity to win new laurels by performing an historic service for people of his own religion.



Scene from "The Yellow Typhoon."—Orpheum Wed. and Thurs.

An agreement recently concluded between the British and French governments puts an end to a dispute which involved the economic future of Palestine. An area embracing all the Jewish colonies in Galilee is conceded to Palestine, though other and larger territorial claims are rejected. Palestine, however, is to be given the use of certain waters outside her borders, in Syria, for irrigation and water powers. When the provisional boundary line between the two countries was drawn during the war the British agent was apparently unaware that these water powers were vital to the development of Palestine. Without them a large region would have been doomed to sterility. The new agreement will enable Sir Herbert Samuel to proceed with the plan of colonizing this region as rapidly as possible with Jewish agriculturists. Under the provisions of the mandate he will recognize the Zionist organization as one that should be consulted with regard to industrial questions and contracts for public works. It is an experiment which has excited the ardent interest of Hebrews throughout the world, and they are rejoicing that it is being carried out under the aegis of Great Britain. The Holy Land may yet flow with milk and honey and blossom like the rose. — Globe.

SUCCESSFUL SOCKEYE EGG COLLECTING SEASON

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A most successful sockeye egg collecting season has come to a close at Kennedy Lake, Clayounet Sound, Vancouver Island. A total of 9,577,500 sockeye eggs were collected for hatchery purposes between October 23 and Nov. 13, and in addition thereto, the natural spawning grounds were well seeded. This condition is particularly encouraging when taken into account with the increased pack of the canneries which in 1916 was 1600 cases of sockeye and in 1920 a little over 4500 cases.

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Minimum price of first-class land reduced to \$5 an acre; second-class to \$2.50 an acre.
Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.
Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.
Partnership pre-emption abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions with joint residence, but each making necessary improvement of respective claims.
Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 1 acre, before receiving Crown grant.
Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.
Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$500 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of \$10.00 per acre, including 1 acre cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 3 years are required.
Pre-emptor holding Crown grant may record another pre-emption. He requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.
Unsurveyed areas not exceeding 30 acres, may be leased as homestead; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.
For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 30 acres may be leased by one person or company. Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceeding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.
Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for same under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.
No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 30, 1913. Taxes are remitted for five years.
Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.
Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from settlement to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS.

Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. When sub-purchasers do not claim whole original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING.

Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and administration under Commission. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged, priority for established owners. Stock-owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partial, free, permits for settlers, camps of transient, up to ten head.