

COMPETITION FOR MODEL DAIRIES

Handsone Cup Donated by the Provincial Government for Competition Amongst Farmers of B. C.

The handsome silver cup, possibly the largest and most ornate trophy of the kind that has ever been given in Western Canada, which the provincial government has presented to the Provincial Dairyman's association as the prize in the dairy farm competition just inaugurated, has reached Live-stock Commissioner Hodson from the manufacturers, and is exciting the admiration, and possibly the covetousness, of all who have seen it and hope some day to own it. The trophy is about three feet in height, by perhaps eighteen in diameter, standing upon a handsome oak base. Simply and gracefully lined are its chief characteristics from a silversmith's viewpoint; while its solidity excites immediate comment.

The competition is to be conducted under the provincial dairy regulations, and victory and the ownership of the trophy will rest with the farm most closely complying with the provincial regulations. Judging will be upon the general health of herds; the sanitary conditions, ventilation, etc., of dairy premises; and the most efficient methods of handling the dairy product while on the farm. The competition is now inaugurated, and judging will take place three times in each year—in the early spring, at midsummer and in November.

The cup must be three times won to become the personal property of the fortunate dairyman entitled ultimately to its possession. Needless to say, there is a very large entry list, and the judges are promised a task of no small magnitude. The chairman, Hodson will have associated with him in the spring judging, upon which he starts out on Monday, Mr. W. E. Buckingham, president of the Bournes Dairyman's association; together they will visit Comox, Vancouver, Eburne and Stevenson during the ensuing week. Their future itinerary is not yet being arranged. The associate judge for midsummer is to be Mr. Bishop, of Bishop and Clarke, Victoria, while in November, Mr. McKay, of Eburne, will act.

Mr. E. T. Judd, the famous Oregon expert in all dairy matters, has been secured by the department of agriculture for a series of lectures upon his speciality, to be delivered through British Columbia, the tour opening at The Islands on the 28th instant and continuing during the ensuing two months. During a portion, at least, of the tour, Professor Judd will be accompanied by a lady lecturer, to whom will be left the explanation of the various practical usefulness of women's institutes. It is expected that the department will be so fortunate as to secure for its advisor Miss Bessie Livingston, of Vancouver, who is regarded as among the foremost experts of the world, the American department of agriculture at Washington so grading her.

WANTS DESERTED WIFE TO REJOIN HIM

Man Who Missed Provincial Police Funds Eight Years Ago Turns Up in Northwest.

Mrs. W. R. Atkins, who has many, many friends in and about Victoria who will learn of her departure with keen regret, is leaving this week to join her husband in one of the new settlements of the Canadian Northwest.

The simple announcement of this sudden change in Mrs. Atkins' plans covers a little story that is full of human interest and a domestic tragedy redeemed by woman's fortitude under the stress of trying circumstances.

To turn back the pages of provincial history eight years, W. R. Atkins was constable and clerk at Provincial police headquarters, and esteemed by all brought into association with him until, to the amazement of his sudden disappearance, November investigation disclosed that he had misappropriated some \$1,100 or \$1,200 of the funds of the province during its passage through his hands in the course of official duty.

Inquiries were forthwith instituted as to his whereabouts, and after many months it was discovered that he had gone to South Africa, and thence it was reported, to Australia. Nothing was directly heard from or of the delinquent, and in course of time, Atkins has been virtually forgotten.

His deserted wife courageously assumed the responsibilities of providing for herself and caring for her little son, adopting the profession of a nurse, in which she has brought comfort and health to many.

A week or so ago she received a letter from her long lost but not forgotten husband, urging her to come to him expressing contrition for the long years of silence, and stating that the writer was desirous of making and maintaining a home for her and the boy hereafter.

It is in response to this belated intimation that Mrs. Atkins is now preparing to leave Victoria.

JU JIM JUSTIFIED

Ju Jim is cleared of all suspicion of having stolen jewelry, to-wit one collar button—gold plated—from the five, ten and fifteen cent store on Government street. Jim was brought before the magistrate last week, and charged with the offense by a man who declared he was a poor wretched employed in the store, and that he had seen Jim cop the button. Jim denied the charge, and secured counsel. The case was adjourned to allow Jim's counsel to bring witnesses.

When the case was continued yesterday morning the facts were turned out to be quite different from the story first told. Jim's counsel called the manager of the store, who explained that the alleged floorwalker who laid the charge had been discharged from the store's employ several days ago, because he was a heavy drinker, and that in having Jim pinched, he was acting on his own responsibility.

time of Jim's arrest the court discharged Jim, and commented that there was strong suspicion that the floor walker had tried to make a grand stand play in the hope of reinstatement.

King Edward Indisposed.

BIARRITZ, France, March 14.—King Edward was confined in his apartment today with a slight cold. It is expected, however, that he will be able to resume his walks tomorrow.

SEVEN MINERS DEAD

Explosion of Gas in Wilkesbarre Mine Entombs Men—Fall Victims to Fire Damp.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 14.—Seven men were entombed tonight in the No. 5 shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company near here as the result of a terrific explosion of gas. The men were caught behind a heavy wall of rock and a wall of fire. The explosion occurred after 9 o'clock in the No. 12 plane, where a gang of men were putting together a hoisting engine. The mine was idle all week, and the men were taking this opportunity to put the engine together. It is believed the men struck an unknown accumulation of gas with their naked lamps.

The explosion was an exceedingly heavy one and the fall of rock extended for some distance along the plane. A fire-fighting force was organized, and soon a thousand feet of hose was sent down into the mine. There was a good supply of water but the fire-fighters were handicapped by fire damp, which gathered in the mine. The mine is one of the most gaseous in the region and the rescuers proceeded with the utmost caution.

The rescuers came across the entombed men shortly after midnight. There were seven in the party. All were suffocated by fire damp.

MAY REQUIRES HEAVY OUTLAY

Mr. McKenna Says There is No Hope of Immediate Reduction—Twenty-Seven Dreadnoughts by 1913

LONDON, March 14.—Introducing naval estimates in the house of commons today, Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, expressed regret that he was unable to hold out any hope for the future of a decline in the estimates. He defended the present large increase, which he said had been rendered necessary by the building programmes of foreign nations. An expenditure of over \$200,000,000 was imperative to the proper safeguarding of the safety of the country, and to provide against contingencies. Mr. McKenna explained that, counting the Austrian and New Zealand ships, Great Britain would have in the summer of 1912 twenty-two Dreadnoughts, while in the following January five Dreadnoughts in addition to this year's programme would be added to the fleet through this type of ship would be absolutely assured.

COL. ROOSEVELT

Distinguished Hunter Arrives at Khartoum and Meets Wife and Daughter

KHARTOUM, March 14.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his party arrived here at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The former president of the United States was given a flattering reception.

The staff of the Sirdar, Major-General Sir Francis Wingate, had proceeded up the river in a launch to meet the steamer Dal, upon which the Roosevelt party made the trip from Gondokoro, and extended the first formal greetings. The officials were taken on board the steamer and escorted their guests into town.

Col. Roosevelt was at once escorted to the palace of the Sirdar, at the steps of which he was received by all the high Sudan officials. Within the palace he received the higher officials of the government, after which tea was served.

The stay at the palace was brief. Col. Roosevelt hurrying away to the railway station to meet Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who were expected upon the train due at 5 o'clock. With a keen appreciation of the situation, the officials of the city had so arranged affairs that the family reunion after a year's separation was a strict privacy. In the station room Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their son and daughter, Kermit and Ethel. After a few moments of seclusion a very happy-looking family emerged from the station, and proceeded to the palace. This evening was spent quietly, but tomorrow the round of entertainments and sightseeing will begin.

JURY DISAGREES

Coroner's Inquest on Rogers Pass Disaster Results in No Verdict Being Returned.

REVELSTOKE, March 14.—The coroner's inquest on the Rogers Pass disaster was resumed at two o'clock yesterday, the C. P. R. being represented by C. S. McCarter and the Japanese by C. E. Gillan, the relatives of the white victims being unrepresented.

The impossibility of the jury arriving at an unanimous decision after one and one-half hours' consultation, resulted in their dismissal. The members were evenly divided, three for a finding of unavoidable accident, with a recommendation to institute precautions in future, and three for a verdict of negligence.

A further investigation will be held. Mr. Rockefeller's Dividend. NEW YORK, March 14.—On the first mail train tomorrow morning John D. Rockefeller will receive a check for \$4,500,000 as his share of the \$15,000,000 quarterly dividend declared by the Standard Oil Co. Checks for the entire dividend, which is for the first quarter of the current year, will be mailed tonight by the company.

TO CANCEL RICH TIMBER LICENCES

Export of Logs by the Emerson Lumber Company Leads to Action on Part of Government

After extended and careful consideration of the case of J. S. Emerson and the Emerson Lumber Co., of Vancouver, charged with violations of the Timber Manufacture Act of British Columbia, it is understood that recommendation has been made to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by the Executive Council, of the cancellation of the licenses from which the exported timber was cut, these licenses being four in number and of property worth to the licensee, in the opinion of timbermen, from \$100,000 to \$150,000. These licenses, it will be remembered, failed to attend when the matter of their violation of the law was first up for investigation before the Provincial Executive, afterwards unable to offset the direct and convincing testimony as to their export of a boom of logs and its sale in Bellingham, while actually bearing large quantities. The mine is one of the most gaseous in the region and the rescuers proceeded with the utmost caution.

FARMER DROWNED

H. M. Little, Resident of Nanoose District, Meets Death in Waters of Bay.

NANAIMO, Mar. 14.—H. M. Little, a farmer, was the victim of a drowning accident at Nanoose Bay yesterday. From particulars available it appears that Little had occasion to make use of his horse and express in doing some work close to the beach which borders on his farm, and while going about his work either drove his rig into the bay or else the horse ran away and plunged into the water carrying its driver with it. There was no witness to the tragedy, but on a search being made both driver and horse were found drowned close to shore.

Deceased was a recent arrival here, and had taken up a farm located about a mile from the Arlington Hotel. He was about 40 years of age and a native of Great Britain. He is survived by a wife, to whom he has been married but six months. Coroner Davis and the provincial constable went out to the scene of the tragedy this morning to investigate the circumstances connected with the accident.

ELLA'S CARGO WAS DAMAGED BY SEAS

Jensen Liner Encountered Rough Weather on the Way South From This Port—Baggage Damaged

The steamer Ella southbound to Corinto by way of Californian, Mexican and Central American ports, had a rough passage, being flooded by heavy seas which swept on board the way to San Diego. A passenger writing from San Diego to a Victoria friend said: "We had a most stormy trip. Heavy seas broke over the vessel, flooding her and part of the cargo of wheat was ruined. Some of the passengers had their baggage badly damaged by water."

C. P. R. Summer Service.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—A conference of Canadian Pacific officials to arrange the summer train service is to be held at Winnipeg on Wednesday of this week. Messrs. Bury and Busted left yesterday. There will be a double daily transcontinental service.

Sheep on Forest Reserves.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—By an equally divided court the supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the federal court of California, which held the grazing of sheep on forest reserves without permission is not a violation of law.

Suvenir Touched Bottom.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—Diver Moore, on Saturday afternoon made an inspection of the Weir steamer Suvenir at the C. P. R. dock. The Suvenir took a big cargo and at extreme low tide touched the ground off No. 1 wharf. Diver Moore was requisitioned to see if any damage resulted, and was able to give the vessel a clean bill.

Burial of John Houston.

NELSON, March 14.—The body of John Houston reached this city last evening from the far north, and arrangements were completed this evening for a semi-public funeral tomorrow at 2:30 under the auspices of the Eagles society. All stores will be closed from 2 to 4 p. m., and today many flags are flying at half mast out of respect for Nelson's first mayor, who filled the civic chair four times.

G. T. P. Report Denied.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—In view of the circulation of erroneous reports by interested parties, G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, today authorized the statement that his company has not purchased directly or indirectly any land in the city of Vancouver or in this city for railway purposes. Mr. McNicholl went further. He added that the company is not negotiating for any property in these two cities.

Japanese Loan Redemption

NEW YORK, March 14.—According to advice received today from Yokohama the Japanese government has announced the redemption of the entire balance of the navy loan, amounting to approximately \$4,000,000, and a portion of the consolidated loan bonds to the amount of \$21,500,000. The drawing of these items, as stated, will take place April 11, and redemption will be made on and after April 30. Both were internal issues.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Mar. 14.—Freshet waters rushed down a ravine in Bear River canyon today and drowned 2,000 sheep. The entire herd was overwhelmed within a few minutes.

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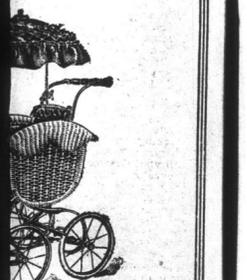
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