

RALPH SMITH WILL
SPEAK IN SAANICHMember for Nanaimo Will Address His Constituents
Friday Evening.

Having concluded a programme of speeches at Ladysmith and Duncan, Ralph Smith, M. P., will be able to accept the invitation of the Saanich Liberals to speak there on Friday evening next. Mr. Smith intends to make an itinerary of the whole of the Saanich and Esquimalt districts. He will return to Nanaimo through the island district. By then this organization will be in full working order and as soon as the declaration for the elections is made, he will proceed to block out his campaign districts.

A very prominent Conservative at the hotel in Duncan was overheard to remark the other day that "if Mr. Hawthornthwaite can deliver the goods as he promised Mr. McBride this is the only thing which can defeat Mr. Smith."

After a careful examination of the whole of the political situation it is the opinion of Mr. Smith that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be returned with 45 or 50 majority.

BUSH FIRES IN KOOTENAY.

Showers of Burning Embers Fall on Little Town of Boston.

Revelstoke, Aug. 22.—Bush fires are raging in the surrounding country. The town of Boston, on the northeast arm of Arrow lake, was threatened the other day with a fire that spread from the west side of Flower creek and carried great showers of burning embers to the village. People began to move their things. One of the C. P. R. steamers went over from Arrowhead and gave valuable assistance by running a line of hose ashore and by the use of her steam pumps providing an effective stream, which helped the residents to check the fire.

A bad fire is raging at Clanwilliam, and the atmosphere is thick with smoke.

FRASER RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

New Westminster, Aug. 22.—J. B. Kennedy, M. P., has left for Victoria to secure, if possible, Engineer Keefer's co-operation toward inducing the government to start work at once on the river improvements and also to take up with him the advisability of commencing at once to carry out Mr. Le Baron's suggestion to stir up the sand at the mouth of the river with an agitating machine, with the prospect of its being carried away by the current.

STRATHCONA TO BE THERE.

New Westminster, Aug. 22.—His Worship Mayor Kearney announced that His Excellency the Governor-General and Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada in England, would attend the Simon Fraser centenary celebration to be held in this city during exhibition week. Several other prominent persons were also expected.

MAINLAND FRUIT CROP.

Okanagan District Shows Great Expansion This Year.

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—That the fine reports of the splendid crop in the Northwest is stimulating trade activity in fruit is the opinion advanced by Mr. R. M. Palmer, superintendent of the provincial bureau of information, who returned yesterday from a trip through the Okanagan district. Mr. Palmer was present at the irrigation convention, at the conclusion of which he left on an inspection trip through the district.

In an interview with a representative of the News-Advertiser, Mr. Palmer stated that the fruit crop in the Okanagan is from 40 to 50 per cent. larger than last year, and the demand is very active, numerous large shipments having been forwarded to the Northwest.

"It is the best year in the history of the district," said Mr. Palmer. "The crop will be much heavier than last year and there is a great demand. Several large shipments of early apples and peaches have been forwarded to the Northwest, the peach crop being beyond all expectations. The younger trees are bearing a good crop, while the older trees are carrying a heavier crop than ever before. Altogether, the crop is much larger than last year, and the fruit growers are very enthusiastic over the outlook."

AJAX TO BE TESTED
BEFORE COMING HERE

New Dipper Dredge Will Be on Trial for Thirty Days.

New Westminster, Aug. 24.—The new dipper dredge Ajax has now reached completion, with the exception of a few finishing touches. The contractors have already put the machinery through its preliminary tests, raising and lowering the dipper arm and the spuds to their satisfaction, but there will now be the government test, lasting six or seven days prior to the removal of the dredge to Victoria harbor, where it is to work.

Some work will probably be done near the Lulu island bridge and the remainder of the six days' trial at the mouth of the river.

The vessel will, in all, be on trial for thirty days before leaving the hands of the contractors.

The death took place yesterday at the residence of his brother-in-law, John Trotter, 840 Rae street, of Alfred Thomas Duke, only son of the late Thomas Duke and Mrs. Duke, of Albert Head. The late Mr. Duke, who was in his 72nd year, leaves to mourn his death, his widow, the daughter of Capt. Buckman, of this city, his mother and one sister. Mr. Duke was a young man highly esteemed and respected in the community, and will be greatly missed by his many friends at Metchoin. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, leaving 840 Rae street at 1 p.m., and at St. Mary's church, Metchoin at 3 p.m.

CONSERVATIVES
HEAR SPEECHESMANY ATTEND THE
PICNIC AT SYDNEY

Mr. Shepherd, Premier McBride and Others Address the Gathering.

(From Monday's Daily).

Delightful weather and favorable transportation arrangements combined to make the Conservative picnic at Sidney on Saturday a most enjoyable affair. The trains from the city carried over a thousand people from here, and these were handled expeditiously and comfortably by the V. & S. The City of Nanaimo and the Iroquois brought about four hundred from the vicinity of Nanaimo and from the Gulf Islands, and this number, augmented from residents of the district, combined to make up a good natured crowd, on pleasure bent. Politically it was to a degree disappointing, because about 75 per cent. of these present were women and children, and less than five hundred of both sexes gathered about the speakers' platform to hear the addresses.

Music was provided by the City band and the Highland Pipers' band, while some strolling minstrels also contributed to the afternoon's gaiety. The committee in charge had made provision that the catering capacity of the Sidney hotel should be augmented by others, so that sandwiches and hot coffee could be readily obtained.

A good programme of sports was carried out, terminating in a tug-of-war between Nanaimo and Victoria, the Coal City team being easily winners. Some interest also attached to the voting for the Queen of the Conservative party the winner, Miss Ella M. Jaffrey being subsequently crowned by the premier amid plaudits.

Mr. Shepherd, the Conservative candidate in Nanaimo, made his maiden speech to the people of the constituency, and created a pleasing impression. His remarks had evidently been carefully prepared, and he had the good judgment to avoid the bathos which almost invariably (and Saturday was no exception) mars the remarks of the first minister. The other speakers were well received, but as they were unsuccessful in arousing even a semblance of enthusiasm.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley made the official address of welcome, and took occasion to say that any reports there might be that he was no longer a Conservative, and that he was out of touch with the policy of the McBride government were without foundation. If the McBride government consisted of yellow dogs he would still be an advocate of Conservative principles. At the same time he wanted to say that he considered the McBride government the best administration the province had had since he had been a resident of it.

present generally, he launched into Dominion issues, first attacking the government for not holding the elections in Comox-Atlin, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay elections the same day as in other constituencies. If the Liberals would give two months to discuss the issues of the day on the platform and hold all the elections in the province on the same day, he was certain British Columbia would send a solid seven Conservatives to Ottawa at the next election. The money that government had spent in British Columbia, and in Nanaimo in particular, was no more than the people were entitled to. He asked for the return of Mr. Borden to power as the only means of securing clean government, and then went into the Oriental question at some length, deprecating any favorable result from R. L. Drury's trip to Japan. He then branched into provincial politics for a while, and pointing to what, he said, were the beneficial results of his government's rule, said that Canada would secure similar good government through the return to power of R. L. Borden. In closing, Mr. McBride paid a warm tribute to Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow was the last speaker of the day, and devoted himself to provincial issues, particularly the government's timber and agricultural policies.

The meeting broke up with the customary cheers.

The results of the sports was as follows:

Infants' race, under seven years—1st, Alexander Moffat; 2nd, Laurie Rudd; 3rd, Fred James; 4th, Byron Lee; 5th, Christine Lee.

Girls' race, under twelve years—1st, Vera Laxton; 2nd, Laura Rudd; 3rd, Hattie Gahrke; 4th, Maud Emmerson. Boys' race, under twelve years—1st, John Cunningham; 2nd, Harold Routbree; 3rd, Victor Lee.

Married ladies—1st, Mrs. Scott; 2nd, Mrs. Wannocott; 3rd, Mrs. Droob.

Fat men's race—1st, J. Fullerton; 2nd, P. Barrett.

100 yards, in heats—1st heat, 1st, A. Moore; 2nd, A. E. Sprague. Second heat—1st, Cresford; 2nd, T. O. McKay; final heat, 1st, T. O. McKay; 2nd, A. E. Sprague.

Boys under 16 years—1st, J. Clarke; 2nd, R. McIlvoy.

Single ladies' race—1st, Jessie King; 2nd, Margaret Freeman; 3rd, Mary Staples; 4th, Elsie Lind.

Married men's race—1st, F. R. Moore; 2nd, P. Mellor; 3rd, F. Jeeves.

Three-legged race—1st, Sidney Hunter and Arthur Daken.

220 yards, open—1st, A. Carrs; 2nd, A. Sprague.

Bandmen's race—1st, W. Fairall; 2nd, E. Valo; 3rd, C. Hine; 4th, J. Bale.

Fat women's race—1st, Eva Anderson; 2nd, Josie Droob.

HONEYMOON IN VICTORIA.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—A very pretty wedding occurred yesterday at noon in Christ church, when Rev. C. C. Owen united in the bonds of holy matrimony, Mr. George Montserrat, and Miss Alice Abbot. The bride, who looked very charming and was given away by her brother, Mr. Vivian Abbot, was attended by Miss Marjorie Wright, and the groom by Mr. Wright, Mr. Walter Evans presided at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Montserrat are spending their honeymoon in Seattle and Victoria and on their return will reside at 1837 Seventh avenue west, Fairview.



THE CONSERVATIVE PICNIC—Showing Crowd Watching Sports.

G. H. Barnard, president of British Columbia Conservative Association, occupied the chair and replied briefly to Capt. Wolley's address of welcome, thanking the executive of the Conservative Associations of Sidney and North Saanich for the making of the arrangements. After a reference to what he termed "Riley's breakwater," he introduced F. H. Shepherd, Conservative candidate for Nanaimo in the forthcoming elections.

Mr. Shepherd, after usual compliments, reminded his hearers the fight in the constituency was a three-cornered one, and that sincere effort and vigilance were therefore necessary to victory. He took up the marine department inquiry, which, he said, afforded an example of the way the country was being mismanaged. Following this he took up the Oriental question at some length, attacking Ralph Smith for having voted in favor of the treaty with Japan, which, he said, had resulted in the influx of over 8,000 Japanese within ten months. Mr. Borden stood for a white British Columbia, while the government stood for yellow labor. He also appealed for support on the "Better Terms" question.

A. E. McPhillips, M. P., followed with a brief address, after which Premier McBride was called on and was well received. After handing a few compliments to Mr. Shepherd and those

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The convention has been pronounced by all in attendance as one of the best held in the history of the organization. The amalgamation of all medical associations in the West, and also of all similar bodies throughout Canada, was discussed, but no action taken. Several clever papers of interest to the profession were read at the different sessions.

BASTEDO AND JORDAN
CONSIDER FISH LAWS

Commission Disbands After a Short Stay—Mr. Bastedo Goes East.

The international fisheries commission, consisting of S. T. Bastedo, representing Canada; Dr. D. S. Jordan, president of the Leland-Stanford university, Palo Alto, Cal., representing the United States; John T. Nicholls, a fishery expert; M. H. Stolz, secretary to the commission, and B. W. Evermann, of Washington, D. C., arrived here Saturday and paid a visit to the premier at the government buildings. The members of the commission left again yesterday, Mr. Bastedo returning to Ottawa in connection with his recent appointment as head of the new annuities department, and Dr. Jordan returning to California. While here the members had apartments at the Empress and interviewed several people on the fishing industry. Their work was commenced in the east and a week was spent in Vancouver.

Mr. Bastedo in speaking of the work accomplished said that the commission had visited a number of fishing points at the coast and on the lakes and had interviewed numbers of people who had desired to give the members information on the fishing industry.

After visiting Ottawa, Mr. Bastedo will go to California to confer again with Dr. Jordan in the matter of drafting the fisheries legislation. Referring to his new appointment as head of the annuities department, Mr. Bastedo said "The annuities department must not be confounded with an old age pension scheme. It is established in conformity with legislation passed last session. Through the new office anyone can secure an annuity protecting him in his old age from want. There will be no hard and fast rules except that the largest annuity obtainable will be \$600 per annum. The scale of payments will be calculated by actuaries and the applicant will state at what age he wishes his annuity to begin and the cost and terms will be regulated accordingly and arrangements will be made so that lump sums or regular instalments can be paid by the applicant."

MINOR APPOINTMENTS.

Notice of the following appointments is given in this week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette:

William John Leary, of Skidegate to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Harold Francis Beattie, of the city of Vernon, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

William A. Jones, of Fairview, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme court for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections act, in the Ymir Electoral district, until December 31, 1908.

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Arrives Too Late.

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—The late Frederick Cornish, who passed away on Thursday evening, was a sad illustration of the neglect and poverty that have fallen to the lot of many old heroes of Britain's historic wars. He was a veteran of the Crimea, serving in the ranks of the Eleventh Hussars, Lord Cardigan's regiment, and received the Crimean medal and clasp for Sebastopol, and the Turkish medal. The deceased had been in indigent circumstances here for a considerable time, and, after ascertaining that the provisions of the veterans' fund did not cover cases in the colonies, steps were taken by sympathizers to obtain a pension for the old man, through influence at the war office. After some trouble

this was secured and Mr. Cornish would have been in receipt of his first payment in two months' time, so relief came just too late.

The cause of death was an affection of the heart which proved fatal at his advanced age of 74 years.

The veteran's remains were accorded special honor to-day when they were consigned to the grave. The United Service club had charge of the arrangements, and by the kindness of the officer commanding a firing party was detailed from the Sixth D. C. O. R., to pay a martial tribute to an old soldier. The bugle band was also in attendance. The pallbearers were: J. B. Grant (a Crimean veteran), Lieut. C. Brown, Secretary Shanks, of the United Service club, Captain Eddie and Thomas Eccleston.

—The death occurred in Kildonan on Friday of Mrs. Thomas MacKay, mother of W. MacKay and Mrs. Johns, of this city.

A glass of iced "Salada" Tea will be found most refreshing this warm weather. As cooling as a summer breeze.

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