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B. C. Fruit and Farm Jottings

Cranbrook Agricultural Association reports that it is \$500 better off than if no show had been held this year. The directors report that that old bugbear common to other associations, "I won't serve on the board because So and So is on," has vanished, and the only other special difficulty they have to combat is that of finance.

When operating at full capacity the Grand Forks vegetable evaporator will employ between 60 and 70 people, it being the intention to run two shifts. About 800 tons of potatoes had been bought up to December 10, with several carloads expected from Washington.

Alexander D. Adamson, manager of the Duke of Portland ranch at Aspen Grove, is dead at the age of 52. A native of Strichen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, he came to America when 17 years of age, living for 30 years in the United States. He lived for some years at Summerland, where he owned two fine ranches at the time of his death. He went to Aspen Grove four years ago.

Chilliwack Agricultural Society reports all expenses paid and \$275 paid on a loan as well as interest charges up till next November. Prizes were paid at the last show to the extent of \$1214 and \$255 for sports. J. T. Maynard is president of the society.

A movement is under way to establish a co-operative creamery in Armstrong. It is proposed to buy the creamery now in operation there and increase its capacity. Shares have been placed at \$50.

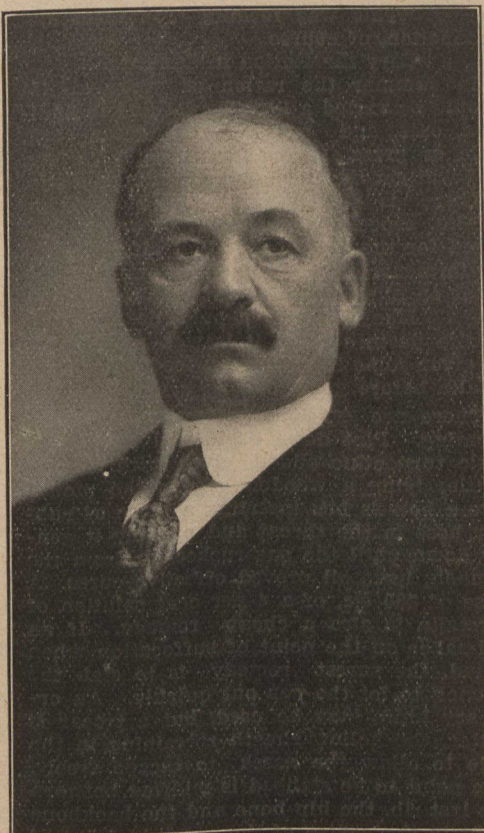
The Department of Agriculture has set Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 19 and 20, 1916, as the dates on which the seed fair for all B. C. east of Kamloops will be held. It is to be held at Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Macrae of Pitt Meadows have now four sons on active service, two fighting in the trenches and two others on their way thither. Robert and Alexander Macrae went out with the second contingent, 29th Regiment, and William and John left with the last contingent of the 47th Regiment.

Kaslo is raising more cattle than formerly. For three months now very little if any imported beef has been sold in local butcher shops. Pork is also being produced in increased quantities locally.

The shareholders of the B. C. Milk Condensing Company have disposed of their interests in the South Sumas plant to the London interests of the United States, the largest firm of the kind on the continent.

Mr. Alfred C. Flumerfelt, who will be the Minister of Finance and Agriculture in the new cabinet, is one of the well-known figures in the business circles of this province. He has large interests not only in this province but in other parts of the Dominion. He is manager of the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, which concern he has supervised for many years. Mr. Flumerfelt resides at Victoria.



HON. A. C. FLUMERFELT
New Minister of Finance and Agriculture

He is of United Empire Loyalist stock and was born at Markham, Ont., on September 29, 1856. When first coming to this province, Mr. Flumerfelt assumed the management of the Ames-Holden Shoe Co. Shortly afterwards he became identified with the Granby mines and smelter at Phoenix and Grand Forks and attained great success in building up this great enterprise.

Later he became president of the International Coal & Coke Company and the Royal Collieries, and of the Marine Insurance Company, Western Mortgage Company, Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, and British-America Trust Company. He is a director of many concerns,

notably the Ames-Holden Shoe Company, Miner Rubber Company, Trusts and Guarantee Company, Eastern Townships Bank, Redmond & Company, Hutchinson Company, Patterson Shoe Company, Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company, and the Empire Trust Company. He is a governor of both Vancouver and Winnipeg general hospitals and has held many honorary posts in the Victoria Jubilee Hospital. He was an alderman for the city of Victoria for several terms. In 1909 he was appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Timber and Forestry. Mr. Flumerfelt is an Anglican in religion, and is a member of many prominent clubs in Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Montreal.

Potatoes for the vegetable evaporator at Grand Forks have been coming into the city very rapidly, and at certain times the crush of teams at the cannery building has resembled a blockade at an elevator on the prairies during grain-hauling time.

Recent purchases of pure bred Shropshires from the Riverdale stock farm, near Enderby, managed by Mr. Ed. Harrop, include the following: By James Emeny, ram; A. D. Stroulger, ram; Geo. W. Joyce, Pender Island ram; C. N. McLeery, Lansdown, ram; Geo. Andrews, ram and four ewes; A. W. Hunter, Armstrong, four ewes; J. A. McLeod, Armstrong, one ram lamb; lamb, and to Andrew Glen, four Yorkshire Joseph Anderson, Otter Lake Farm, ram sows and boar.

Summerland growers won twelve prizes in thirteen entries, Peachland won four prizes in seven entries, and Naramata won three prizes at the Spokane Apple Show.

Summerland is priding itself on becoming a shipping point for livestock as well as for fruit. During the year eleven carloads of horses were shipped from there which, with smaller shipments, makes 275 horses altogether. With the exception of 60 driven in from Keremeos all were gathered up in Summerland district.

A fine of ten dollars and costs was recently imposed on Creston parties on conviction of marketing apples graded higher than their quality justified. The information was laid by Dominion Fruit Inspector R. G. L. Clarke on the strength of an inspection of a car of apples at Regina some weeks ago in which several boxes of Wealthies were found which did not grade up to No. 1 standard in the matter of color. For the same offence another fine was imposed on a Grand Forks shipper. Mr. Clarke states that outside of this instance the regulations as to grade have been splendidly observed all through the province, showing a marked increase over last year.