

OBSTRUCTION TO ELECTIONS BILL

The Socialist Members Whiled Away Time of House in Talking

SOME BILLS ASSENTED TO

Lieutenant-Governor Visited House and Gave Assent to Bills

(From Saturday's Daily)

By tactics that savored strongly of obstruction, the Socialist contingent in the legislature yesterday...

To that extent the report was misleading, in that no progress had been accomplished...

The demand of the opposition and Socialist members was that the clause should be placed in the act to the effect that in the case of any voter leaving an electoral district...

Then the lieutenant-governor bowed to honorable members on both sides of the House and took his departure after which the committee proceeded with the provincial elections act.

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An act to Regulate the Sale of Certain Poisons and Substances to be Exclusively in Agriculture and Horticulture.

An act to Incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Company.

An act to extend the Time for the Expenditure of Ten Per Cent on the Amortization of the Capital of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company.

An act to Incorporate the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company.

Some Amusing Features.

Into the debate that followed many elements of an amusing nature entered. In one instance Mr. Bowser left the House while the member for Nanaimo was speaking...

Again, when the member for the Islands made his speech against the proposed amendment he quoted certain downer case to bring out a legal point with reference to "Statutory domicile."

Native modesty, said the member for Nanaimo, prevented his reading the details of the case to the House.

In committee on the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, Mr. Bowser brought in an amendment, which as he stated, embodied the idea suggested by the workingmen's motion, leaving out only the time limit of one year in the case of an elector leaving a district.

Time Limit Cut Out.

"It shall, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, be competent for any elector to object to the registration of any name or names on the list of voters in any electoral district."

Names Too Long on List.

Continuing, Mr. Bowser said that in most cases registrars erred rather in the direction of leaving names on the list too long.

Mr. Maden (Newcastle) said that a few years ago the government agent in Greenwood had been registrar of voters. He had refused to take off names from the list of voters.

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After several more or less personal attacks on the attorney-general by the Socialist members, Mr. Hawthornthwaite styling him as the "Napoleon of the Conservative party in British Columbia," the amendment was carried.

Supporting this amendment, Mr. Macdonald said that if left to the discretion of the registrars the "word resident" was possible of almost any interpretation.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite seized the opportunity to move that the committee rise and report progress. However, before the motion came to a vote the attorney-general was in his place again, with enough of his supporters to vote the motion down.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Yale) said that if this act were to force it might mean that the premier, the minister of finance and the provincial secretary would be on the list in one place, and lived in another. If men of that stamp were to be on the list, it would be easier to remove workmen.

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A FEW PLAIN FACTS

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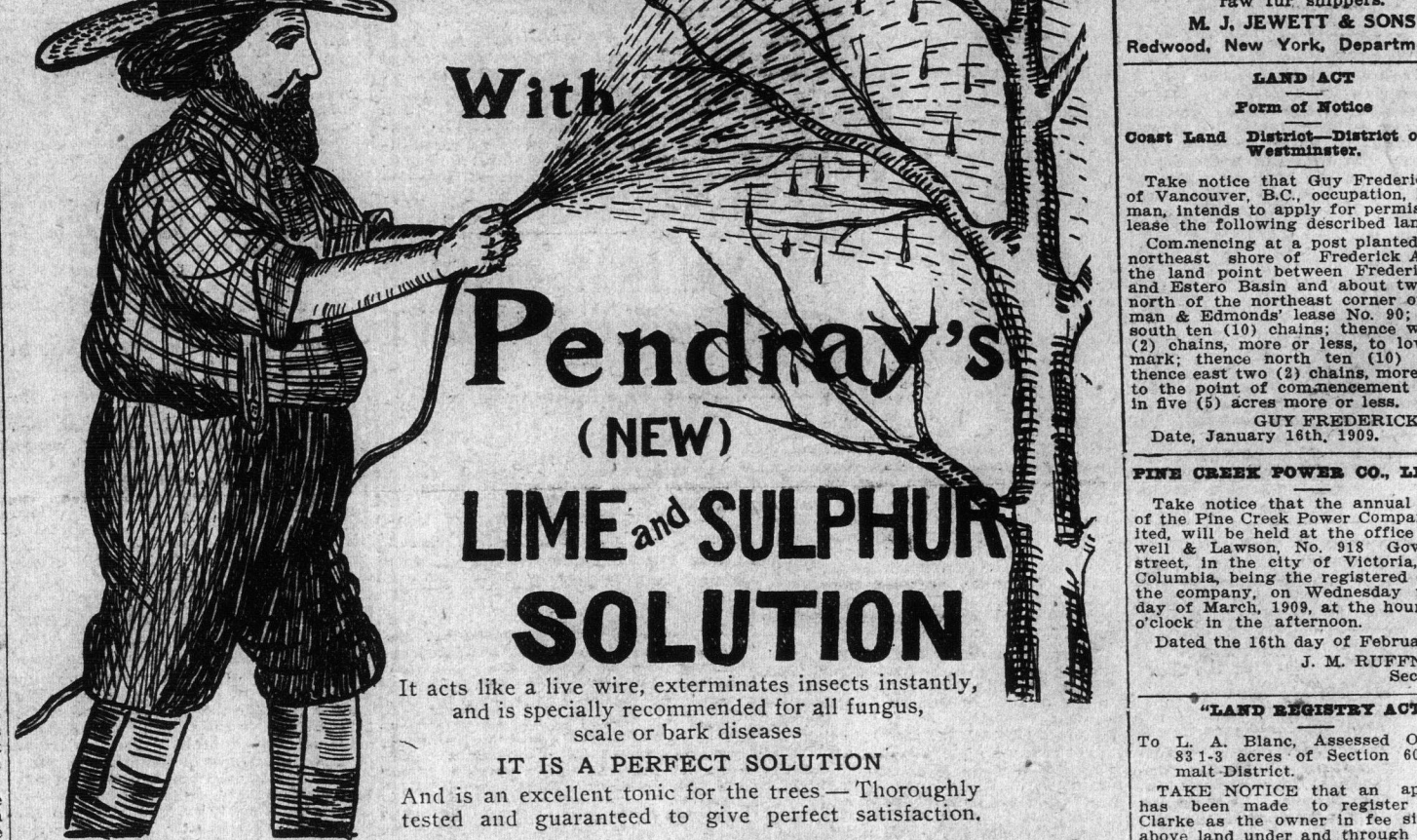
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BRITISH COLUMBIA THE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION

Eyes of Old World Residents Are Turned in This Direction

That British Columbia, and particularly Vancouver Island, has drawn the attention of the people of the Old Country and possesses their confidence as does no other portion of the Dominion, is the belief of John A. Virtue, manager of the Oak Bay Hotel, who, on Thursday evening returned from a three months' visit to the British Islands. No more interestingly heard nothing but the most flattering remarks about the possibilities of this province. Despite the fact that Old Country business men do not know as much of the overseas dominions as they ought to know, it is a fact that the British Columbia occupied a very large amount of attention in the Old World, that the shrewd men there were well posted on affairs in the province and that they displayed a confidence in the early and great development of the province's latent resources.

While the great metropolis was Mr. Virtue's good fortune to see Allan Cameron, a former Victoria man whose rapid rise in the British Empire he occupied a most responsible position. At a dinner given to Mr. Cameron by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce for New York, whether he had been transferred, Mr. Virtue was present. Those who have seen Mr. Cameron, a business man of London, displayed accurate knowledge of British Columbia affairs and all were surprised to find that the Englishman possessed accurate knowledge of the province's resources and affairs.

Everywhere he went in Great Britain he noticed general impressions of the province. He was told that he had heard of the unemployed but from conversations which he had had with men who were well posted on the situation, he was told that the fact that probably a great proportion of the unemployed were in the Old Country and to realize that the Englishman possessed accurate knowledge of the province's resources and affairs.

Another old time Victorian, George Deane, a former newspaper man in this and now in charge of the Associated Press work there, Mr. Virtue also across many visitors from British Columbia. The London hotels were crowded with Canadians. At the Vancouver Hotel, Mr. Virtue was met by less than thirty-five British Columbians were stopping and every one they went they were most hospitably received, the more so when it became known that they hailed from this vine.

The progress being made through eastern and western Canada is a welcome surprise. In the seven years since he last travelled through Dominion wonderful strides have been made. Prairie towns that then seemed small populations have grown into the rank of cities.

Mr. Virtue has nothing but praise for the excellent service on the Northern Pacific. He also mentioned that he travelled east, and on the attention and consideration of the passengers and on the magnificent scenery. Nothing is lacking to the trip pleasant and comfortable.

"In fact," declared Mr. Virtue, "I heard more about British Columbia while away than I ever did at home and my confidence in the future has been increased an hundred fold."

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