

## CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN FIGHTING TRIM

Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., Predicts Success for Mr. Borden at Coming Election—B. C. Warship Plans.

With the Conservative party never better organized, never more enthusiastic and with such a rallying cry as the necessity of saving the country from reciprocity, Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., who has just returned from Ottawa, considers the party at the forthcoming Dominion election, Mr. Borden will be returned to power with a handsome majority. "The party," he says, "has never been in more excellent trim to fight a campaign. It is absolutely united in its opposition to reciprocity; and on this question the ranks of the party have been split. The most notable among the defections are Messrs. Sifton, Harris, and German. When the campaign is in progress these three men will be found on platform denouncing the reciprocity pact. The possibilities are that a redistribution bill will be brought down early in September, dissolution taking place as soon as it has been put through. At present supply has been voted up to the first of September, and a general election is hardly probable before some time late in October. During the present recess the conservative party is going to carry on a strenuous campaign throughout the country, educating the people on what reciprocity really means. Mr. Borden has arranged a tour which will carry him through the northwest territories. His campaign will be a whirlwind one, as I understand that he has arranged to address two meetings every day. He will go as far north as Edmonton, covering the territory served by the Grand Trunk line, and will return eastward over the C. P. R. system. In Ontario, an energetic campaign will be carried on. Already that province is overwhelmingly against reciprocity. We have had excellent reports of the strides which conservatism is making in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and I believe that the coming election will record several important gains in the province of Quebec.

**Increased Representation.**  
"Conservatives are eagerly looking forward to redistribution. In British Columbia it is likely that the representation will be fourteen members, or double what we have at present. At all events it is certain to be increased to eleven members. The other provinces in the west will have largely increased representation, so that it will be possible as it has not been during the last two Dominion elections to ascertain really the political opinion of the majority of the voting population of the country. "From the standpoint of the Conservative party, the feature of the session which recently came to a conclusion at Ottawa was the fact of Mr. Borden in forcing Sir Wilfrid Laurier to represent the Dominion at the coronation, after Sir Wilfrid had said that he would not go. Mr. Borden's attitude in this matter exhibited masterly tact. "As far as purely local interests are concerned, it is a matter of some gratification to myself to see placed in the estimates, a sum of \$75,000 for a fishery protection boat to be used on this coast. This is a provision for which I have fought day in and day out for some time past. As far as the experimental farm, which has been promised to Vancouver Island, anytime during the past five and a half years, goes, I am sorry to say that it is no further advanced. The Hon. Mr. Fisher says, that in his opinion the price of land in this part of the country is too high. Well, all I can answer to that is that the price of land is never likely to be lower.

**B. C. Has Slim Chance.**  
"There is another question of very vital importance, not only to Victoria, but to the province at large. That is the question of having the warships for the new Canadian navy built either at Esquimalt or at some point on the coast. I fear that this matter is going to be dealt with somewhat on the same lines as the disposition of the fleet. The government, through Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, has practically admitted that the Pacific coast is far more in need of protection than the Atlantic coast, being more liable to attack. Yet in spite of this opinion we find that the majority of the ships are to be stationed on the Atlantic. I personally do not see any chance of any of the vessels for the new navy being constructed on the Pacific coast. Indeed I am afraid that in order to reconcile Canadian-French opinion to the idea of a navy at all, that all the vessels will probably be built at some point in Quebec. Yes, I know what the opinion in British Columbia will be if such a policy is adopted; but then the Dominion government's policy and a sense of national fairness in the distribution of public moneys are not necessarily synonymous. "Mr. Barnard will be in Victoria until about the middle of July. Before leaving the east he said that the weather there was very hot, so much so as to be uncomfortable; coming west in the prairies he experienced cold weather, while on reaching Victoria he found the conditions ideal. He was accompanied to the city by Mrs. G. H. Barnard, whose many friends will be glad to hear that she shows great improvement after her recent severe illness.

**Vancouver Shooting Affair.**  
VANCOUVER, May 29.—The Vancouver police are investigating today the story of an eyewitness who declares that as the transcontinental train was leaving the city a foreigner

in an agitated state, was seen to hurry into the train and take a seat. Just as the train started he rose in terror as a bullet shattered the window an inch above his head. The supposed assailant was not seen. The incident is believed to be the outcome of some private feud. The passenger shot at spoke little English and when questioned by an official of the railway, could throw no light on the occurrence.

## FOREST FIRES

Seventy-five Men Fight Outbreak Between Goldstream and Sooke Lake

Forest fires have already made their appearance in southern and central Vancouver Island, upwards of seventy-five men being engaged on Sunday in fighting a threatening blaze between Goldstream and Sooke Lake on the old Trunk Road. This fire is said to have originated through burning on the C. N. P. right-of-way getting out of hand, and for a time a considerable loss of valuable timber was seriously threatened. Residents of the district complain that greater care might with advantage be exercised by the right-of-way forces in the use of fire in their clearing operations.

Two other serious fires threatened a time timber in the vicinity of Little Qualicum and of Gordon River. These were also suppressed before any considerable damage had been done. The forest at present much dryer than usual at this season of the year, and in consequence exceptional precautions should everywhere be adopted against their ignition and destruction.

## B. C. IDEAL PLACE FOR POULTRY FARMS

Prof. Elford Sees No Reason Why Province Should Import \$2,000,000 Worth of Products Annually.

Professor Elford of Macdonald College, Quebec, and Mr. Brown, the poultry expert of Gan, Langlois & Co., Montreal, have just completed their tour of British Columbia, in the course of which they have addressed a large number of meetings under the auspices of the provincial department of agriculture, upon poultry raising generally and the promise of substantial profit which systematic attention to the poultry industry holds out. The two eastern experts are enthusiastic with respect to the opportunities British Columbia offers to men who will engage in poultry farming on a large, systematic and intelligent scale. They find the climate especially adapted, and while they had some west prepared to find that the somewhat humid climate operated to produce high percentage of roup cases, they discovered to their surprise that this standard malady of the poultry farm is very infrequently encountered in any part of British Columbia.

"There is no practical reason why British Columbia should be importing \$2,000,000 worth of poultry products annually," said Professor Elford yesterday. "The country is ideally situated for the successful prosecution of the poultry farming industry and it is amazing to find that a larger number of practical men do not recognize and take advantage of this fact. One thing has struck me during my tour and that is that the poultrymen of this province are making a grievous error in trying to get in every breed under the sun. "This is so emphatically so," interjected Mr. Brown. Professor Elford continued that co-operation should be more largely adopted in making a success of the poultry industry in this province. The history of the Duncan association was an instructive object lesson in this connection. Such co-operation was of dual advantage in enabling the poultry farmer to buy his feed more economically and also to sell his product at a greater profit. The system worked out to the advantage of the poultrymen from every possible standpoint, and in the case of the Duncan association the adoption of this system had enabled those who had gone in for co-operative organization to realize at least one-third better prices on what they had to sell.

Professor Elford strongly urges the formation of a truly national poultrymen's association for Canada—a union for the whole Dominion which is now in existence in the Poultry Producers' association, which has grown to large proportions in the east, and with which the several provincial associations should be affiliated. This national association would deal with marketing throughout the whole of Canada and would be of immense practical advantage in standardizing the poultry industry.

**America's Honley**  
PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Honors of the ninth annual regatta of the American Rowing Association today over the Henley course, one mile, 550 yards on the Schuylkill river, were about evenly divided between Cornell, Columbia and the Naval Academy crews. The navy won the freshmen eight, and Columbia the first eight, while Cornell took the junior college eight for the New England cup in one of the best races of the afternoon. Cornell won by less than one second, the time being Cornell, 6:41.45; Navy, 6:42. The surprise of the day was the victory of the Union Boat club of Boston, in the special inter-club eight oared race with the Malta Boat club of this city. In the eight-oared event between the Columbia freshmen and the Naval Academy, the Maryland boys won by a scant length.

Mrs. Arthur Spalding from S. Pender Island is in town on a short visit.

## MR. J. C. METCALFE IS AGAIN COMMISSIONER

Will Keep British Columbia Fruit Growers in Touch with Prices and Conditions in the Prairie Markets.

The many friends throughout British Columbia and the northwest provinces, of Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, will be glad to learn that he has just been re-appointed as exhibition and transportation commissioner, the coming season marking the third year in which he has been employed in this capacity of very great to the advantage of the business interests of provincial fruit-growers. The satisfactory results of Mr. Metcalfe's activities in the prairie provinces will be acknowledged by all to have been steadily accumulative. He is now a familiar figure to all the dealers and fruit buyers of the northwest provinces, closely in touch with each of the importers, and in a better position than ever to advise the fruit-growers of this province as to the most favorable markets for their products, and where the best prices should be realized. One direct result of Mr. Metcalfe's efforts last year was unquestionably the higher price then realized by fruit shippers from this province.

The system to be adopted this year in the dissemination of Mr. Metcalfe's reports is somewhat different from that of former years. His information as to markets and price conditions will be issued in weekly reports through the provincial department of agriculture, and when necessary, arises the telegram system will also be adopted. Mr. Metcalfe reporting by wire to the department and the British Columbia Fruit-growers' association and all individual associations affiliated therewith, being instantly advised by telegram, the Provincial Press also being served by this method.

## PLACERS IN NAAS VALLEY

Steamer Prince Rupert Brings Further Details of Gold Diggings in Northern District

The steamer Prince Rupert, which arrived on Sunday, brought further news of the placers of the diggings found in the Naas valley, on a tributary of the Naas called White river, which enters the Naas on the northwest side, south of Mezeriden lake about ten miles.

The White river has a number of smaller creeks running into it, Nelson, Willoughby, Porter and one or two others. On all these creeks claims have been located and prospecting done. Men have been in there all winter, working and though a great deal cannot be done while snow is on the ground, the best indications of gold have been seen in the district is the fact that most of the men are going back with grub and material to continue their efforts. Some of these hardy pioneers mined in the Yukon and other northern gold fields and are experienced prosprovers, who will overlook no chance where ability and energy is called upon to unearth the coveted treasure. Two or three small quantities of an ounce or so have been brought out. These have been washed from the gravel. As yet none has been found in the creek, but side cutting towards the bank with the hope of striking rim rock and to avoid being troubled by too much water in the shaft. While putting in the side cut, from two to three cents to the pan has been obtained, and those who are working feel repaid and justified in returning.

There seems to be on the part of those engaged in the prospecting, no wish to create false stampedes and excitement. Rather, the reverse is the case. They are all reticent about values, their attitude being that of making sure before proclaiming any measure of success. More details are expected by June 1, when a number of those now on the creeks are expected in town. It is just possible the government may be petitioned to extend the close season all the first of August. This would give claim owners time and opportunity to get in sufficient grubstake and material to give the district a thorough test and prove one way or another the value of the diggings.

## WILL MAKE CALLS AT ISLAND PORTS

No Decision Made by C. P. R. Regarding Regular Service—Joan and Queen City Help Out

The C. P. R. has not yet made a decision with regard to entering the island service, but arrangements have been made whereby two of the steamers of the company will make calls at Ganges, Kuper Island, Thetis Island and Mayne Island. The steamer Queen City which leaves today for East coast ports of Vancouver Island, will call at Mayne Island, taking freight and passengers for that point and will call on her homeward trip to bring freight and passengers to Victoria from Mayne Island, and the steamer Joan, of the C.P.R. on the Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, Vancouver route, will call on her up trip each Tuesday at Ganges harbor, Kuper Island, and Thetis Island, and will call at Ganges Island on her down trip.

The little steamer Don is meanwhile engaged in carrying freight between Victoria and the Islands, and left last night with the scow Lieut. Elliott in tow, carrying a good cargo. The Don returned to port on Sunday from the Islands.

## Langford Won't Fight. KENOSHA, Wis., May 29.—The ten-round boxing contest scheduled for tonight between Sam Langford of Boston and Tony Capone of Chicago, before the Kenosha Athletic club has been called off, upon orders of Governor McGovern.

## PARIS-TURIN RACE

Aviators Beaumont and Garros Reach Nice After Stormy Flight—Others Far Behind

NICE, May 29.—Andre Beaumont and Ronald Garros, leaders in the Paris-Turin race, which started from Paris yesterday, arrived here today after traversing 136 stormy miles from Avignon.

Beaumont kept the lead. He descended once to fill his tanks; but hearing that Garros had passed him, sprang into his machine again and proceeded through a blinding storm. In his flight today, he said, he was tossed about like a white off straw and forced to maintain an altitude of 4,500 to 4,000 feet.

Garros once lost his way and was forced to land. Beaumont's winnings so far amount to \$2,600. Both men hope to start for Rome early tomorrow. Henry Weyman, the American, whose machine was partly wrecked, was Troyes, is reported to be on his way to Dijon. Most of the entrants are well behind the leaders.

## SIR W. S. GILBERT DIES SUDDENLY

Famous Librettist, who Collaborated with Sir Arthur Sullivan, Falls Victim to Heart Disease.

LONDON, May 29.—Sir William Schwenk Gilbert, the British author, died here this afternoon. He was born in 1836 and was knighted by King Edward in 1907. The famous librettist, who, with Sir Arthur Sullivan, developed many widely-known operas, died suddenly of heart disease while in his bath.

The late Sir W. S. Gilbert was probably the most popular librettist of modern times and his many bon mots of wit and humor, which have been made famous through the Gilbert-Sullivan operas, have rendered his name a household word. To the last he retained the keen sense of humor which characterized his career, and that he did so is perhaps best exemplified in what is one of the latest anecdotes told about him. Not long ago he was noticed by a friend standing in a meditative attitude in Temple Bar. On being accosted and asked what he was so deeply serious over he replied:

"I wonder where they'll put it."

"Put what?" was his friend's natural question. "I'm wondering," said Sir William, "where they'll put my statue when I die."

Sir William Gilbert has written the librettos of many of the best known light operas produced during the last thirty years of the nineteenth century. Among these were: "The Sorcerer," "H. M. S. Pinafore," "Pirates of Penzance," "Patience," "Iolanthe," "The Mikado," "The Yeoman of the Guard," "The Gondoliers," "Utopia Limited" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

Edgewood at London university, he became a barrister of the Inner Temple, subsequent to holding a post as clerk in the privy council office. For many years he acted as justice of the peace in the county of Middlesex, and also held the rank of captain in the Royal Artillery, Highlanders. He was an honored member of the Garrick, Junior Carlton, Automobile and Beefsteak clubs and his moments of recreation up to the time of his death were employed in croquet, motoring and photography.

## CORNELL ATHLETES CAPTURE HONORS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 27.—The runners of Cornell today captured the inter-collegiate track and field championship in the Harvard stadium for the fourth time in 11 years.

The meeting was made historic by the breaking of five inter-collegiate records and the equalling of three others. One of the new marks, that for the mile run, made by J. P. Jones, of Cornell, stands for the world's amateur record. His time, four minutes, 15 2-5 seconds, is one-fifth of a second better than the record of Tommy Connell, that has stood for 16 years.

Other events in which former efforts were surpassed were the half mile and two mile, the shot put and pole vault, while those equaled were the 100 and 200 dashes and the quarter mile. There was a grand fight for honors between Cornell, Yale, Michigan and Pennsylvania, but the first two colleges left the others behind.

**Calgary By-Laws.**  
CALGARY, May 29.—Four by-laws covering \$500,000 of civic improvements, subways, paving, bridging, etc., were passed today by huge majorities, ranging around the two hundred mark.

**Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 29.**—A serious fire in the coke ovens at the Lake Superior company this morning damaged to the extent of \$50,000 was done, fully covered by insurance. The ovens themselves were not damaged, but the storehouse, office and electric sub-station supply power to ovens were destroyed.

## E. & N. BRANCH TO COWICHAN LAKE

Route Cleared for Five Miles and Grading Contract to be Let Shortly—Settlers Are Going In.

The work of clearing and grading the right-of-way and of putting down the steel that will give Victoria direct rail connection with Cowichan lake, one of the finest trout fishing and probably the most beautiful summer resort in the northwest, isn't going to take any longer than is absolutely necessary. The officials of the E. & N. railway announce that they are going into this project with the determination to have it finished and the trains in operation as soon as practicable and it is pointed out that the construction of a branch line over the twenty miles or more from Duncan to the proposed terminus isn't fraught with any of the difficulties that were encountered in building through from Wellington to Alberni.

Two contracting firms, one represented by Mr. Ross and the other by Messrs. Moore and Pethic, have been engaged in clearing the route for some time and they have succeeded in completing five miles. The recent rains have enabled them to do their burning without danger of starting timber blazes and they have got ahead splendidly. It is expected that it will be possible to make an announcement in a short time that the contract for the grading has been let, and if present intentions are adhered to, the firm which gets the work will have instructions to carry it through with all the despatch that the circumstances and conditions permit.

The activity in railway construction has inspired the residents of Duncan and of the surrounding district with a belief that the future which they have always seen ahead of their section of Vancouver island is near at hand. Quite a number of new settlers are moving in for the purpose of taking up land along the line of the new railway. The majority of those interested are convinced that all that part which is included in the term "Cowichan," is destined to become one of the most popular of the tourists' resorts in the Pacific northwest.

With regard to the Alberni extension of the E. & N. railway, it was learned yesterday that the rails have been laid as far as the north end of Cameron lake, which leaves but twenty miles, nearly, to complete the railway into Alberni, its west coast terminus. Gangs of men are employed, and with all the heavy work finished, it cannot be long before the transfer at Cameron lake will be eliminated, passengers and freight going directly from this city to their destination.

## JIMMY BRITT BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO

Little Fighter Tells of His Visit to the World's Metropolis—Britishers Good Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—James Edward Britt, known more generally hereabouts as Jimmy, has returned to his native city after a three years' sojourn in London. James looks to be in fine trim and the "cockney" ways that he may have acquired during his residence in the biggest city in the world are carefully suppressed. He looked and acted just like the Jimmy Britt who made Bryant street famous. The rumors that Jimmy intended to enter the ring again were confirmed by the boy himself. He says that Harry Pollack has a ten-round go planned to take place in New York in which Britt and his old time opponent Battling Nelson, will be the principals. The only bar to the immediate consummation of the match is Nelson's desire to have it held in September. Britt wants it at an earlier date as he is eager to don fighting trunks once more.

If he gets past the Nelson match without showing too many signs of having gone back, Britt says he will continue at the game.

"I am in the shape now and weigh 142 pounds stripped," said Jimmy. "That is a lower figure than I weighed many times when I started to train for fights and I could make the lightweight limit now without any trouble. I think at that I would be better than most of the lightweight who are now in the public gaze."

"I had a most enjoyable stay in England. Everywhere I was treated with the greatest kindness and I think the sports in the old country are as good as any in the world. When I say they are as good as any I have ever met, I am not giving them anything more than is coming to them."

"I don't know how long I will stay here, but in spite of the way the old expression has been overworked, and made to appear like a catch word, I can't help saying again that there is no place like California and no city like San Francisco."

Finding himself cornered, a desperate burglar disturbed in rifling the contents of a store at Whinnock on Saturday morning shot and probably fatally injured D. E. G. Probert, the clerk, who attempted to capture the intruder.

Seventy acres of the famous Annable Ranch at Shore Acres has been sold for \$28,500, the highest price yet paid for a Kootenay farm. Fifty acres are now the property of the Doukoubor Society. The seller paid \$17,500 per acre for the property only a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Wing from Ottawa are visiting relatives in town.

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Smith's Grape Juice, pint bottle .....25¢  
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