



THE PATH TO BE MADE EASIER

For Mr. Fielding by Using the Disqualification of Senator Lovitt

YARMOUTH IS A SAFE SEAT

Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C. Can Have the Vacant Judgeship If He Wants It

OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—(Special).—The announcement that Dr. E. C. Weldon will be the Conservative candidate in Queens-Shelburne, has created consternation in the ministerial fold. Already plans are being laid to make Mr. Fielding's path back to the House of Commons less thorny. The conviction of Senator Lovitt of signing false returns to the government in his capacity as president of the Bank of Yarmouth, renders his place as senator vacant under sub-section four of section 31 of the British North America Act. The proposed transfer is to transfer Mr. Lovitt to Yarmouth, to study the Upper House in Lovitt's place, thus creating a vacancy for the Commons for which Mr. Fielding will run. Yarmouth is a safe Liberal seat. Only once since Confederation has it returned a Conservative. Liberal majorities have ranged all the way from 221 to 736, so that Mr. Fielding would have a good chance of being elected.

The conviction is growing here that no matter who is selected to run against Dr. Weldon in Queens-Shelburne, he will be a winner.

Inspector General Finn of the Australian Commonwealth Military forces, is about to visit Canada to study the militia system of the Dominion.

Lost His Amateur Status.—Frank McGee, the crack forward of the Ottawa Hockey club, has had his membership fee in the Civil Service Athletic association returned to him. The executive committee of the association has decided that McGee is not an amateur.

Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., has been interviewed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Asquith, minister of justice. It is an open secret that he can have the vacancy on the Supreme court bench but he prefers to stick to his practice and therefore, as stated last night, Mr. Justice Duff is likely to get the position. Mr. Davis, before leaving for Toronto tonight, declined to express himself upon the matter.

R. G. and Mrs. MacPherson and W. A. Gallie left for Toronto tonight en route for home. Mr. MacPherson went to Ottawa to oppose the appointment of Mr. E. P. Davis to the Supreme court.

EXCELLENT EXHIBITION AT DUNCAN YESTERDAY

All Departments Were Well Represented and an Efficient Management

THE annual exhibition of the Cowichan Agricultural society was held at Duncan Saturday. The weather being somewhat threatening was probably the cause of the attendance not being as large as usual. Some showers of rain fell but not sufficient to mar the proceedings which were of a most animated and enjoyable nature throughout as in addition to the details of the show itself, an elaborate programme of sports and racing events was put forward. Both in the live stock sections and in the fruit and vegetable exhibits were not as numerous as last year although as regards size and quality they were of the highest order of merit. Later in the day the crowd of visitors increased materially and there was much excitement over the baseball match between Duncan and Hillside, both teams being in good form and a lively contest terminated a well fought out game in favor of Duncan by 14 to 8.

The juvenile sports which followed were concluded with the undramatized result.

100 yard race for boys of 16 years and under—First, Abraham Point; second, L. Bassett; third, A. Ford.

75 yards race for boys of 12 years and under—First, Robert Jeffrey; second, W. Jeffrey.

75 yard race for girls, 15 years and under—First, Lizzie White; second, L. McKinnon.

75 yards race for girls, 12 years and under—First, G. Kerr; second, Annie Robertson.

Boys three legged race, 16 years and under—First, E. Stillwell and L. Bassett; second, A. G. H. Ford.

Egg and spoon race for girls—First, L. White; second, Edna Maston.

Sack race for boys, 16 years and under—First, H. Ford; second, A. Ford.

Thread and needle race—First, Violet Hanlan; second, Edna Miller.

The gymnastic sports commenced with the tug of war. The contending teams were those of Someros, Duncan and South Cowichan and in this the victory fell, after a gallant struggle, to the

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AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME

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- 10 a. m.—Judging commences; Cattle in the ring in fair grounds; horses in the driving park; Trap shooting.
- 2 p. m.—Official opening by Hon. R. McBride.
- 2:30 p. m.—Kisners, equibriants; De Renda and Green, contortionists; Cates Family, musicians; Mickey Feeley, fiddler.
- 3 p. m.—Band concert, Fifth Regiment Band.
- 8 p. m.—Grand promenade concert, Mrs. Anne Beatrice Sheldon, Portland, Ore.

THE annual exhibition under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, over which much time and many preparations have been expended, will be thrown open to the public this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and, given fine weather, it promises to be the best exhibition that has ever been held in this neighborhood. The Dominion fair not excepted. The number and quality of the exhibits that have been placed in position are far and away ahead of anything that has ever been attempted before, and space is at a premium.

Some of the exhibits are of a high order of merit. In the fruit section a bunch of 16 fine stalks of apples, standing some 16 feet high in the stalk, was also grown by Mr. Corfield. There were also some very meritorious stalks of melons grown by Mr. A. R. Wilson and some remarkably fine squashes by D. H. B. Holmes, measuring some five feet in circumference.

In the fruit section some splendid apples, perfect in size and coloring were seen but everything in this department was of a high order of merit. The exhibit of W. R. Robertson, consisting of a dish of peaches which, in size, coloring and general perfection would compare favorably with the very best fruit grown even in what are generally considered far more favorable latitudes.

By no means the least of the conditions which combined to make this year's show the customary success which invariably attends everything undertaken with the thoroughness for which the community of Duncan is conspicuous, was the luncheon provided at the "Zionahem" hotel under the able auspices of the genial proprietor.

This consisted of a cold collation in the old country style after the manner of a "hunt-breakfast," delicate but substantial and excellently cooked. This seemed to put everybody in good humor and the annual Duncan celebration passed off in the happiest style, by no means the least prominent figure being the indefatigable Harry Smith, whose torrid tones were conspicuously in evidence while the sports were on, casting mixed merriment and information to the masses as merry as himself and generally exerting himself to "make things go."

The prize list, which has been well over on account of pressure on space, will appear in the next issue.

SCHEME FOR NATIONAL COMPULSORY SERVICE

London Times Notes a Change in the Public Opinion in Canada

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Remarking on the growing feeling in favor of national compulsory service, the Times says that in Canada, too, the change in public opinion is very marked, and has even been reflected by a public declaration of Sir Frederick Borden in favor of a short period of military training for men under 21. The movement is strongest of all in Australia, the Times continues, and quotes ex-Minister Watson as saying that "as true citizens of the empire we must be ready to assist in maintaining its integrity." This, adds the Times, is the true note of imperial federation.

Situation in Australia.—The Chronicle's Melbourne correspondent says the parliamentary struggle on the question of preference to Britain has been renewed. McLean, the protectionist minister, after the Red coalition government, made a significant speech describing the proposed concessions as miserably small and utterly unworthy of Australia if regarded as retaliation on foreign countries. Fraser, the Labor minister, moved an amendment deferring action until after the imperial conference. Parliament must prorogue in October, and therefore there is no time for the scheme to pass the senate.

Discussing Churchill's Letter.—The Sydney correspondent of the Mail says that Winston Churchill's letter to Hamar Greenwood is the subject of wide comment in Australia, and the hope is expressed that the letter will inaugurate a new era of harmonious relations between the autonomous colonies and English Liberals. The Sydney Daily Telegraph adds that there is a fine scope for Churchill's missionary work for the empire among his own party.

General Sir Henry Smith Dead.—General Sir Henry Smith died at Aylesbury. He was a Crimean veteran and took out a battery to Canada in 1861, at the time of the Trent affair.

More British Immigrants.—Nearly 300 British emigrants sailed by the Canada for Victoria sent out by the East End emigration fund.

Buying Pure Bred Stallions.—When Lady Ernestine Hunt returns shortly to her horse ranch at Calgary she will take several pure-bred stallions.

STATE OF TERRORISM IN RUSSIAN REIGNING HOUSES CAUSED BY SPES.

London, Sept. 22.—A despatch from Vienna to the Daily Telegraph this morning says two members of the Russian revolutionary committee, escaping from St. Petersburg, arrived there on Wednesday. They declare that it is not true that the plot discovered at Peterhof was planned against Emperor Nicholas or his immediate family, and say that entirely directed against Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievich, who now holds all the threads of power, and Grand Duke Vladimir, who has returned to Russia under the strictest incognito.

Grand Duke Nicholas informed General Dedulin the commandant of the palace, who is his personal appointee, that he was firmly persuaded that revolutionists or allies of the revolutionists, committed at Peterhof, twice he had found death sentences on his writing table, and that Grand Duke Vladimir had received a similar message the morning after his arrival, causing great surprise, as his return had been accomplished secretly.

Gen. Dedulin instituted a close search of Peterhof, examining all the officials and every apartment. While thus engaged he saw a group in the garden who fled at the general's approach. The guards pursued and arrested three men, two of whom were footmen in the service of the Grand Duke Nicholas and the other a palace gardener. One of the footmen existed in his possession a complete plan of the Peterhof palace with the doors and gates carefully marked. The three men were taken to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

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FATHER OF SHEEP RAISING

and is a well known figure at every exhibition. He has exhibited sheep in every exhibition in British Columbia for many years, and it is expected that his exhibit at the fair will command a substantial price with anything that he has ever shown.

ARRANGING FOR THE FAIR

and it is expected that their work will be fully appreciated when the exhibition is fully seen. Joining hands with the committee, the farmers, ranchers and manufacturers united in an endeavor to make the exhibition a noteworthy success; and when the doors are thrown open this afternoon the visitors will be shown as fine and comprehensive a display of the dairy, farm, mill and factory as has ever been gathered together under one exhibition this side of Winnipeg.

The farmers have come out in strong order, and their exhibits will form a very interesting part of the show. The interior arrangements of the main building are almost complete, and when the fair is opened it is expected that it will present a very picturesque scene. The electric lighting will be an exhibition in itself. For the last two weeks employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company have been engaged in wiring the building, which is how a complete network of lights. Not a single portion of the building has been overlooked, and in all directions will be seen

ROWS OF VARI-COLORED LIGHTS

In this connection it might be stated that, through an arrangement with the provincial government and the city officials, the B. C. E. R. Co. will light up the down-town illuminations every evening this week. This will assist to give the city a holiday aspect. The entire illumination which created such a favorable impression, will be lighted, and it is expected that many who did not have the opportunity on the first occasion will see them.

Returning again to the exhibition, it may be stated that never in the history of the fair have so many entries been received. In the horse department alone over 150 animals, excluding the rangers, will be on exhibition.

Although the opening takes place this afternoon, the majority of the exhibitors were not quite ready last evening, but suffered at the display had been placed in position to give an accurate idea as to what it will be when ready. Several of the side-shows have arrived and are ready for business.

SEVERAL "REST TENTS"

are also about ready, and will be open to receive their friends this afternoon. This year they are located immediately at the rear entrance to the main hall. Although there will be three of these "rest tents" in the grounds this year, the Rathbone Sisters have secured the position adjoining the main hall. They have erected a large tent and have decorated it very tastefully. They will be ready to meet any who desire to use their tent, and during the week will serve light refreshments. The work will be under the direction of Mrs. Shade as "chairman" of the committee, and they will endeavor to make their visitors feel as home. Adjoining the Rathbone Sisters will be the W. C. T. U. Rest. This society has had a large experience in this line of entertaining, and have had a tent at the exhibition ever since it was held at Beacon Hill. That their efforts have been

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