



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 refused to accept his amateur standing.

Is Mr. Davis Refused?—The day from England and had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Aspley, minister of justice. It is an open secret that he can have the vacancy on the Supreme court bench but he refused 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.

Excelsior 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 undetermined 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

Someros team, South Cowichan being placed second. The thread and needle race created much excitement and was won by Geo. Muller, B. James taking second place.

Owing to the late conclusion of the judging, the tent pegging competition was not completed when the train left.

Among those who attended were the Hon. Wm. Tompkins, Chief Justice Hunter, Senator Riley, Ralph and Mrs. Smith, Senator Macdonald, in addition to nearly all the principal residents of the Cowichan district. A good band from Nanaimo was in attendance and music and gaiety were everywhere in evidence. All arrangements were under the able direction of Mr. Kenneth Dunlop, honorary secretary, and not a hitch in the success of the function was due to the tact and courtesy of the

arrangements. The dinner which may also be reached from the front entrance. This important part of the fair is this year under the supervision of Mrs. D. Smith, who will endeavor to provide his patrons with a first-class meal which in the past has been lacking. He has gone to considerable expense in fitting up the hall, and his expenditure is now completely altered from what it used to be. An innovation in this line will be introduced in serving the meals. Everything will be on a carte and nothing but the best will be provided. A white chef has been secured at considerable outlay in the person of J. Peters, and only through an act of friendship of his employer in Seattle. Among the exhibitors of stock

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Appointment of Canadian Attache at Washington Unlikely, as Unacceptable to U. S.

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Of the outstanding questions affecting Canada, that of sealing is causing the greatest difficulty, but here again the British ambassador and the State department are making headway. Canada, it is thought, appears to be more favorably disposed toward the American proposal for the entire stopping of pelagic sealing, with compensation to the Canadians affected thereby. Sir Mortimer has kept in close touch with the Canadian authorities during the negotiations, the foreign office considering this to have been better than the Canadian suggestion made early in the year, for the appointment of a Canadian attaché to advise the ambassador on Canadian affairs. This Great Britain declined to agree to. It was considered hardly likely such an appointment would be acceptable to the United States, no matter who was the appointee, as he probably would have been considered the special advocate of Canada.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC EXTENSION.

A Line From Canada to Mexico, Holding Entire Pacific Coast Trade.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The Chronicle today says:

"Although it has been apparent for some time that Mr. Harriman was seeking to control the Pacific coast and the officials of the Southern Pacific have announced the construction of a new line from Portland to San Francisco, the details of the plans of Mr. Harriman has just been made public.

"When all is complete he will have a road extending from Canada to Mexico. He has succeeded in securing terminal stations in Seattle and Tacoma. These will be used for the erection of large passenger and freight stations and this part of the road will be the last link in the long line.

"The road from Portland to Seattle is now being built and will be completed within a year. This part of the line will complete the entire line—running from Portland to Seattle.

"From Seattle the line along the coast of British Columbia will be in preparation by the officials of the Southern Pacific for some time. The recent purchase of the Coos Bay & Eastern has confirmed the plan, and the officials do not deny that Harriman will build a road along the Pacific coast from Portland to San Francisco, by way of Burek. The line from San Francisco to Los Angeles will be the last link in the long chain.

"From Los Angeles south the Sunset route will be used to Yuma, where the trains will turn along the shore of the Gulf of California and a station at which road is now building, and orders have been received to rush the construction as much as possible.

"From the latter place the next step will be to the City of Mexico and a station man will have a line down the entire length of the Pacific coast. Although an exact date has not been set for the completion of the road, it is supposed three years will see the new line in operation. The project is said to be an effort on the part of Harriman to get a firm grip on the Pacific coast."

BRUTAL MURDER BY HOBOS.

Body Cast into Box Car—Evicted San Pedro Squatters Regain Possession.

Spokane, Sept. 22.—An unknown man was murdered in a box car between Spokane and Sprague this morning. He was pounded over the head with a coupling pin and then shot through the head.

It is supposed that a gang of hobos committed the deed for the purpose of robbery. The man evidently put up a hard fight against his assailants. His identity has not been ascertained, but initials "C. W." were tattooed on his arm.

San Pedro, Cal., Sept. 22.—A fleet of eight gasoline launches started for Avalon, Catalina island, this morning, having on board several hundred passengers who are going over with the avowed intention of making a landing on the island without paying the \$2.25 per head which the Banning company, owners of the island, demand.

The matter of making Avalon an open port has been in the courts for several years, and a bill has been before the legislature, but the Banning company has so far successfully resisted all efforts.

Backed by a large number of special officers of San Pedro city, the so-called squatters of East San Pedro, who have on both several hundred men, and the Salt Lake railroad and officers from Long Beach, again last night took possession of disputed land. The railroad company's watchman offered no resistance, and the squatters, who had built around the territory in dispute was torn down. The controversy has brought into the fight the city of San Pedro and the squatters on one side, and the Salt Lake railroad and the city of Long Beach on the other.

SLEEPING COW WRECKS TRAIN.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The Syracuse bound train on the R. W. & O. railway leaving Oswego at 6:35 p. m., with 100 passengers aboard, was wrecked at Battle Island, seven miles from Oswego, and Samuel Wading, of Oswego, the fireman, was killed. His body being pinned under the driving wheels of the locomotive. The train had left a steep grade and was making fast time when the engine struck a cow asleep between the rails. The engine, baggage car, smoker and one coach left the track. None of the passengers got hurt.

HARRISON MILL TO BE REBUILT.

M. D. C. Cameron, of the Hat Forge Lumber Co., owners of the mill burned on the Harrison river about a year ago, is on the coast for the purpose of looking into the question of installing new machinery and reopening the mill.

F. M. Clergue, general manager of the Lake Superior Corporation, who established the Canadian steel plant at the Soo is expected to arrive here Tuesday.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC OFFICIALS COMING WEST

To Examine Kalen Island Harbor Facilities—Vancouver Milk Boycott is Off

VANCOUVER, Sept. 22.—(Special).—Chas. M. Hayes, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and F. W. Morse, general manager with a party of friends are expected to arrive here tomorrow. Harbor Engineer Bacon, who laid out the townsite of Prince Rupert, is in the party, and it is expected that on Monday or Tuesday they will all proceed north on the Kestrel to examine the harbor at Kalen Island.

MILK BOYCOTT OFF.

The threatened milk boycott by Richmond ranchers, has been called off. The leniency of the fines imposed in New Westminster is said to be the cause.

Mr. D. Drysdale and associates who own about ten thousand acres of timber land on Queen Charlotte islands, have as the result of an inspection trip selected a harbor on which to erect a large export sawmill. Work on construction of the mill and the installation of a logging equipment, will be commenced as soon as Mr. Drysdale can make arrangements with the London capital behind him. He estimates that over \$250,000 will be spent. The harbor selected lies between Skidegate and Harriet harbor.

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS.

New York, Sept. 22.—The official announcements made today of the result of the annual champion contests of the United States Revolver Association show that John A. Diets Jr., of the Manhattan Club of this city, won the national revolver and pistol titles and also the New York state championship. Lieut. R. H. Sayre of this city won the military revolver championship of the United States, the trophy being of silver and valued at \$450. Thomas Le-boutillier, also of this city, took the military record match.