

HOLD ELECTIONS IN COMING FALL

Word Sent from Ottawa to Liberals to Get Ready for Contest—Will Have Provincial Convention

VANCOUVER, May 19.—That the Dominion parliament will be dissolved shortly after prorogation in August of September, and after a short campaign the elections will be held early in the coming fall, is the inside information just received from Ottawa by prominent Vancouver Liberals, coupled with the instructions to organize and prepare for the fray.

Instructions have been sent to the Liberal leaders throughout the province to get busy without a moment's delay. The next few weeks will witness great activity throughout British Columbia in putting the various Liberal organizations on a war footing.

It has already been arranged to hold a party convention this summer, the date to be fixed by John Oliver, president of the provincial Liberal association. The place of meeting has not yet been selected, there being some divergence of opinion as to where it should be held. The coast Liberals favor Vancouver or Victoria, but the up-country men are advocating the claims of Nelson and Kamloops as more central points, ensuring a larger attendance of delegates.

It is well understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be unable to visit the west before the elections, but it is hoped to secure the presence of some of his cabinet colleagues at the coming convention.

SELLING ESTATES

English Owners in Several Cases Offering to Dispose of Lands to Tenants.

LONDON, May 19.—The good price which agricultural land is now fetching has tempted another peer to contemplate the sale of some of his broad acres. The Earl of Denbigh, entertaining the tenants of his Downing estate in North Wales, said he thought it was far better for landowners who had got outlying estates, which they could not possibly live upon themselves and look after personally, to give, as far as possible, the tenant an opportunity to purchase, and thus increase the number of people who were desirous to hold land. Therefore he thought the time had almost come for him to make the "Downing" estate would be better in the hands of those who could live on it, which he could not do, and that the estate should no longer be owned by one who could only be regarded as an absentee landlord. He thought it kinder to give the tenants notice of this rather than spring the thing upon them, so that they might have time to make the necessary arrangements to purchase.

The Downing estate covers an area of 4,000 acres. The earl has another estate of over 6,000 acres in Warwickshire.

The tenants on the Bourton estate (Bucks) have received notice from the agents to Capt. W. W. Hammond offering them the purchase of the respective farms they are occupying. The estate comprises 1,600 acres.

The Queen's farm, Warton estate, 200 tenants buying their holdings.

Sir Edward Strachey, parliamentary secretary to the board of agriculture, says the time has come when there must be more activity and business shown in regard to the acquisition of land for small holdings in some counties, and every encouragement should be given to exercise the compulsory powers for the acquisition of land for small holdings.

NEWS FROM VESSELS IN ARCTIC WATERS

Capt. Bernier With Steamer Arctic Seeking to Make Way to Victoria via North-West Passage

SEATTLE, May 19.—Letters from the mail pouches of the four Canadian mounted policemen who were frozen to death last December while bound from Herschel Island, in the Arctic ocean, to Dawson, were received yesterday and report that the power boats North Star and Teddy Bear, owned by Seattle, had reached a point in the 2-otic ocean 300 miles east of the mouth of the Mackenzie river, passing Cape Bathurst into Franklin bay, near where Amundsen emerged after his discovery of the Northwest passage.

These two vessels are engaged in trading and whaling. They were undertaken to make the Northwest passage from the westward, but will keep a lookout for the two Northwest passage expeditions which are now in the Arctic. Einar Mikkelsen and six men left the fjord of Denmark April 10, 1909, in the steamer Alabama, which was destroyed by the ice August 28, 1910, off the Arctic shore of the Canadian mainland. They are proceeding westward on foot. They will probably be found by whalers and conveyed to Nome.

Capt. Bernier left Quebec in the steamer Arctic in June, 1910, hoping to bring his boat through the Arctic ice and to Victoria, B. C. If took the Teddy Bear two years for the voyage from Seattle to her present berth in the Northwest ice.

A pathetic story of wife desertion comes from Hazelton, where for some years past one of the pioneer white settlers has been living happily with an Indian wife. Success crowning his

SHAREHOLDERS ARE DELIGHTED

Announcement Made at Dominion Steel Company's Meeting that Dividend Will be Forthcoming

EXCELLENT WORK
B. C. Fruit Growers Association Wins Recognition From Provincial Union

The excellent work that is being done throughout the province by the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association is producing deserved recognition among practical men in all parts of the country, many of whom have recently taken occasion to encourage the officers of the association by letters of cordial commendation. One such was received by Provincial Horticulturist E. M. Winslow yesterday from Mr. E. K. Beaton, secretary-treasurer of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' union at Nelson. In the course of his letter Mr. Beaton says:

"I take this opportunity of thanking you for the address which you were good enough to make to the members of this union last month. The clear and comprehensive manner in which you outlined the objects of the association were much appreciated by all present, and it is generally felt that the work of which you have charge has proven not only of great utility to the growers of the districts, but owing to the progressiveness of your association is likely to prove of still greater value to the country."

"As having charge of the disposal of the crop of this district, I look forward with much interest to receiving the market reports which I understand will be regularly sent as a means of instruction in regard to prices, affecting the dealings with the crop of this district."

CANADA'S WARSHIPS FOR PACIFIC COAST

Vancouver Board of Trade and Liberal Association Urge Their Construction in British Columbia Waters

At a meeting held in Vancouver yesterday the council of the board of trade of the Victoria Board of Trade urged Sir Wilfrid Laurier to make provision for the building of Canadian warships on the Pacific coast.

The endorsement of the Vancouver board will follow the Victoria resolution to Ottawa.

The Vancouver Liberal association has also taken the matter up, and at its regular monthly meeting, just held, the executive passed a resolution to the effect that a portion of the warships should be constructed on this coast. This resolution is being forwarded to the authorities at Ottawa, and the action is similar to that taken by the Victoria Liberal executive.

The Norton Griffiths interest in British Columbia, has left for Ottawa in connection with the naval contracts which are to be awarded by the government for the building of war vessels on the Pacific coast.

In the meantime no further action of urging the federal authorities to provide for the construction of warships on the Pacific coast.

Albania's Demands

VIENNA, May 19.—The Reichspost publishes the appeal of the Albanians to the Turkish government and to public opinion. The appeal declares that Albanian support enabled the Young Turks to destroy the old regime and obtain a constitution. Nevertheless the Young Turks have answered the demands of the Albanians with cannon and broken all their promises. The Albanians are now determined to uphold to a man their just demands that Albania be declared a province, and that the government support the Albanian schools and that in peace time Albanian soldiers remain within Albanian borders. The insurgents have inflicted several defeats on the troops recently.

Patron Saint of Flowers

PARIS, May 19.—A charming little ceremony occurred in Paris the other morning in front of the Church of St. Medard, the patron saint of rain and flowers and flower gardens. Some months ago a committee of artists and men of letters was formed in Paris to enable the work of the capital to beautify their drab lives. There is nothing the French girl loves more than flowers. The garden of Jenny, the work girl, has been glorified by one of France's great poets, and the committee, which calls itself "Jenny's garden committee," distributed flowers to every workgirl who cared to ask for them, so that she might plant them in her window.

The church of St. Medard is a large van drew up just before noon. It was loaded with 2,500 rose trees, 3,000 pansy plants and 2,000 bags of flower seeds of all kinds. The van was swamped in a crowd of laughing girls. The ceremony lasted about twenty minutes. There were no speeches. But there was so much excitement that presently the police had to try to keep order, and handed out rose trees and pansies as fast as they could. Then the happy girls trooped off with their arms full of flowers and ran home to plant Jenny's garden for the summer.

INTERNATIONAL MEET

LONDON, May 19.—A joint meeting of the Oxford and Cambridge athletic clubs tonight confirmed July 6 as the date of the proposed meeting with the Yale and Harvard teams. It was previously agreed that the British team shall consist of the winners of this year's inter-varsity sports.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 18.—The formal challenge of Cambridge and Oxford universities for a joint track meet with Harvard and Yale in London next July, has been received at Harvard, according to an announcement made tonight. Captain Foster of Harvard, favors accepting the challenge. He has inquired of Kilpatrick of Yale as to Yale's attitude.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 18.—Manager Soule of the Yale track team, said tonight that Yale had not yet taken definite action on the challenge of Cambridge and Oxford. It is understood, however, that Yale is in favor of the plan.

Over 30 shareholders crowded the board room, and when the welcome announcement came the crowd cheered for a minute or more, some waving their hats, others stamping on the floor.

In answer to a questioner who asked for a further dividend on the preferred stock, Mr. Plummer stated that a proposition was being considered to merge the Coal and Steel preferred into one corporation issue, possibly increasing the dividend and making the dividend six per cent, but the project was still in the air. If the plan did not materialize, most likely the quarterly dividends would be made.

SEARCHING FOR A WIFE

West Coast Settlers' Unique Marriage Followed by Almost Immediate Desertion

When Frank Simons left his home near Clayoquot, on the west coast of this island, to pay a long contemplated visit to Vancouver, he was looking for a wife, but did not think to associate that idea with any impending trouble. Now he has both wife and trouble.

Shortly after his arrival in Vancouver he fell in with a friend of his on the police force and confidentially informed him of the object of his visit. "We have just what you want," declared the policeman-friend, who straightway took him up to the police station and introduced him to one Mabel Severan, who was under detention. The police were trying to figure out just what the woman was doing with her. Miss Mabel promptly conquered the West Coast man's heart.

That was on Monday morning, and after taking until two o'clock in the afternoon to consider the situation, Rev. Dr. Fraser was called in to make the couple man and wife. The ceremony was performed in the presence of fifteen policemen and eight detectives. The bride wore a pink dress and a new pair of slippers, the gift of the groom. She left the court an apparently happy woman.

Next morning Mr. Simons was again a visitor at the police station, and he was still in search of a wife. He had not seen his bride, he explained, since half an hour after the marriage ceremony. They had been walking down the street together, and she "ducked it" and made a get-away.

Now the Vancouver police are looking for Mrs. Simons, and when they find her, Mr. Simons will take her to his West Coast home—or at least he says he will.

BERLIN MURDER

Woman a Victim of Barbarous Crime—Police Dogs at Fault

BERLIN, May 19.—Another dastardly murder has been added to the long list of recent crimes in Berlin; again the victim is a woman, and again the murderer is still at large. The victim, a woman named Rickel, lives in the Lichtenberg suburb in the east of Berlin, a district bearing a record reputation for crimes, left home, according to custom, at three in the morning, accompanied by her son, to open a stall in the market. The wife was left at home alone, save for a small dog. A servant came daily, but did not sleep on the premises. When the girl arrived at seven o'clock she found the door of the flat open, and her mistress dead on the floor of the bedroom, bleeding from four terrible wounds in the head. Her body was still warm when the police arrived.

It was known that Rickel had large sums of money in the house, and there was at the time nearly \$2,000 in a safe, which the murderer had apparently been deterred from finding through the arrival of the servant. The husband, overwhelmed with grief and horror at the tidings, said he frequently begged his wife not to sleep alone, but to take a servant into the house permanently. The police dogs at first appeared to follow a scent, but soon gave up. The victim was 31 years of age.

New York Gamblers Bailed

NEW YORK, May 19.—Eleven men under arrest today and a wagonload of card tables, dice boxes and other paraphernalia are the fruits of a series of raids on alleged gambling houses. The raids were the first since Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty assumed charge of the detective bureau eighteen days ago. Arrests were made of men under suspicion, whose names are given as: "John Doe," keeper; John Dealer; and John, proprietor.

Judge Melnes, of Vancouver, has decided that there is no case against Albert Whale, charged with the forgery of the firm's name of the Vancouver Electric Manufacturing Co. to a cheque which he cashed. The trial developed that Whale had had power to so endorse and had on several occasions cashed cheques, the amounts of which were deducted from his salary.

RAILWAYS' PART IN RESERVE

Hon. W. R. Ross to Confer with Transportation Companies' Representatives on Their Requirements

Dr. Frank Todd, the eminent landscape architect of Montreal, is now busily engaged in a careful study of all the conditions obtaining at the reverted some of the songless Indians in this city, and study being essential as preliminary to the report which he has been asked to prepare for the Government to assist in the best possible and division of the property for railway, commercial, and residential purposes.

As another necessary preliminary to the laying out of the reserve property, the exact requirements of the various railway companies must obviously be ascertained, and with the object of discussing this feature in the possible utilization of the reserve, a meeting with the representatives of the railway companies has been arranged for Monday next by Hon. Mr. Ross, the Minister for Lands.

Some time ago it was announced unofficially that the Canadian Northern Pacific had stated that its necessities for terminals, yards, shops, etc., would require at least forty acres, while application was at about the same time made in behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for ten acres for kindred utilization.

It is understood that the latter company has now filed a formal application for approximately half of the reserve area, inclusive of virtually the entire waterfront from the outer harbor to the city proper, to the present railway bridge. This application and such proposals as may be framed by the Canadian Northern Pacific and other companies will receive preliminary consideration at the conference with the Minister arranged for Monday next.

It is possible that the interests of the companies in respect to joint terminals and freight yards may also be then disclosed, together with their suggestions as to the basis of purchase.

B. C. FRUIT GROWERS AND RECIPROCITY

Restriction of Offerings in the Prairie Markets Owing to Expected Handicapping of Industry

The executive of the Fruit Growers' association of British Columbia has just closed, at the department of agriculture here, an interesting two days' session, at which considerable time was devoted to preparations for the full season of unskilled labor in the fruit industry. The session was held at Kamloops on the 2nd and 3rd inst., when all of the fourteen affiliated organizations engaged in the sale of fruit or in educational work in respect to fruit growing in this province will be represented, and the important subjects of reciprocity in the fruit industry, the industry of British Columbia, the provision of a more adequate labor supply, etc., will be discussed and dealt with.

At the preliminary meeting just concluded the prospects for the approaching season were considered at length, reports from all parts of the country indicating a somewhat smaller crop than last year's. As to the labor supply, it is stated that there has been a very considerable influx, latterly of raw labor, from the United States, a major part of which has been absorbed by the fruit growers. The new arrivals are as a rule entirely unfamiliar with the work and its requirements, but the best possible use is being made of the recruits, and in time they will materially assist in the solution of the labor problem.

In consequence of the expected inevitable handicapping of the industry in this province by the carrying on of the reciprocity pact, the larger fruit growing and exporting companies are this week preparing to restrict their offerings in the prairie markets, and this naturally relieves—although in a manner far from desirable—the labor situation.

In the Nicola district, the standard price of unskilled labor engaged in the fruit industry is still \$2.00 per day, eight hours, while in the Okanagan \$2.50 and \$2.75 is the standard pay.

INTERNATIONAL GAME PRESERVE

Proposal Made to Premier McBride in New York Not Considered Practical by Mr. Bryan Williams

The proposal to establish an international game preserve which would take in the Glacier park in Montana with a place of Alberta and a portion of the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia, was laid before Mr. McBride by the Camp Fire club of America in New York last Monday. The scheme would involve the extension of the Waterton Lakes park in Alberta, and the setting aside of twenty or thirty miles in British Columbia commonly known as the Flathead district.

The matter is being referred to Mr. Bryan Williams, provincial game warden, for consideration. From remarks made by Mr. Williams he does not appear to think the scheme very practical or very desirable. He points out that the province has already a game preserve in Eastern Kootenay, which is a much better one than the new one it is proposed to create. It is not disturbed by mining or timber lands, while the area proposed to be set aside is covered with coal, oil and timber lands.

There is also the fact that there must be very great difficulty in administering so large an area under three different governments. The scheme above outlined has been recommended by Mr. Howard Douglas, an argument advanced in favor of it is that under present conditions, an American hunter can step over the Boundary and shoot game in Canada, while a Canadian sportsman finds on reaching the international boundary that he also at the boundary of a game preserve and has to halt.

George St. Denis has just been convicted of cruelty, to an animal by Magistrate Shaw, of Vancouver, who fined him the limit. St. Denis was beating a horse with a pitchfork, and punctured his blows by jabbing the prongs into the animal's side.

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"There are many old Kootenay mining men in there—every one of them experienced—and they look for great things," says Mr. Clifford, who is now in Victoria for the early summer. "That the country is very heavily mineralized is known. Still, very little prospecting has been done, but enough has gone on to give an inkling of what is really there. Up to the coming of the G. T. P., lack of transportation has practically forbidden an examination of the country, but this difficulty is being quickly overcome."

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INTERNATIONAL CLERICUS

Clergymen from British Columbia and Neighboring States Held Meeting in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, May 18.—About seventy-five clergymen were in attendance at the opening session of the International Clericus at Christ Church parish hall yesterday, including something like thirty-five visitors from across the line. No English bishops will be present, all having gone, as the Rev. Fleene Clinton of St. James church wisely expressed it in his address of welcome, "to help King George put on his crown." He also referred in complimentary terms to the fact that there are three American bishops in attendance. The visitors are Bishop Skiddington of Oregon and Bishop Wells of Spokane.

The International Clericus was first organized by the Anglican clergy of Vancouver over a decade ago. Its members include both American and Canadian clergymen, and the meetings are held alternately in Canada and United States Pacific coast cities. The sessions of the organization are of a strictly official character, being designed purely for the social and intellectual benefit of members, providing a common ground for good-fellowship on which the clergy on both sides of the line may meet.

GROOM VANISHES

Search Made in Vain for J. G. Laughlin of Seattle While Bride-Elect Waits

SEATTLE, May 19.—The mysterious disappearance of J. G. Laughlin married a double wedding which was to have taken place last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. Bogue, 1124 First avenue north.

The bride party consisted of Miss Grace Hilda Bogue, who was to be married to Mr. Laughlin, and Miss Ruth Bogue, who was to wed Emmett Ball. Everything was in readiness, elaborate decorations on the stairs, the hall, and the bride's room, and an improvised canopy of ferns and flowers waited for the bride party; Rev. J. D. Powers arrived and waited; the guests came; the bride party was waiting, but J. G. Laughlin was missing.

Hasty telephone calls and messengers were unavailing; a visit to his room of Aloha street revealed his dress clothes laid out, tie, gloves, shoes, hat, everything ready to do the honors of the day. Rumors have it that Laughlin was in financial difficulties. He was required to raise a sum of money by 6 o'clock last night. He was unable to do so. This apparently explains wholly his disappearance. No one has heard from him or seen him since.

Among associates Laughlin has the reputation of being sober, reliable and upright. His personal traits are such as to afford explanation, in the meantime the guests were waiting, and the bride, too, at length it was decided to celebrate the second wedding, and Miss Ruth Esther Bogue appeared on the arm of her father, with traces of distress still visible, while the bride-elect mingled with the crowd and watched the ceremony with fortitude and composure.

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