

POINT TO HIS DEFEAT Returns on Their Face Indicate Local Option Failed at Recent Election

That the friends and advocates of Local Option failed to obtain endorsement of their proposals for the introduction of this method of regulating the liquor traffic in the Province of British Columbia by means of the plebiscite taken simultaneously with the recent general election seems evident upon the face of the returns of the official recount of which began yesterday morning at the Provincial Parliament Building.

The official count which opened yesterday is taking place before the provincial official regularly in charge of election proceedings, the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. A. Campbell-Reddie, who is advised as to legal technicalities by Mr. B. S. Tracy, legal adviser.

Below are given the total figures in the abstract of the statements from the returning officers throughout the province, which figures are at present under check and review.

Table with 4 columns: Municipality, Pro, Local, Con, Total. Lists various municipalities like Victoria, Nanaimo, etc.

At the annual meeting just held in Nelson of the West Kootenay Farmers' Institute, the advisability of dividing the province into districts, each with a central institute, was approved, and the delegates to the annual session of the central institute at Victoria will introduce a resolution to that effect.

BUNKER FUEL NOW COSTS MORE Prices Advanced at the Coaling Ports and Contracts Are Not Being Renewed

Steam coal in these waters is striking a higher price and bunker coal costs \$5.50 with the coal companies not anxious to fill the supply at the figure, as a vessel taking on bunker coal has to stop and trim ship and some at the coaling is lost.

JAPANESE RAILROAD OFFICIAL ON SHINANO

M. Kohno, of South Manchurian Railroad Visited Grain Centres of World Investigating Elevators. Among the passengers of the steamer Shinano Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which sailed for the outer wharf yesterday were several Japanese government officials.

GO TO STRIP WRECKED INDIANA Schooner Dora Blum Leaves With Wrecking Crew Bound for Magdalena

Bound for the scene of the wreck of the steamer Indiana, near Magdalena bay, the schooner Dora Blum has sailed from San Francisco for the purpose of recovering her wrecking crew's opportunity to strip the stranded vessel of a large quantity of valuable material.

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RECTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Rev. A. G. Doull, M.A., of Montreal, Comes to Victoria—Appointment Made

At a meeting of the churchwardens and church committee, held Monday evening, the appointment by the bishop of the Rectory of the Cathedral, Rev. A. G. Doull, M.A., as rector of the Parish of Christ Church and Cathedral, was heard and endorsed.

ANTI-COMBINES BILL AT OTTAWA Promised Government Measure Read First Time in House

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Hon. W. L. Martin King introduced his anti-combines bill in the House of Commons. The measure is a comprehensive one, providing for the investigation of monopolies, trusts, and mergers which may enhance prices of restricted competition.

PAULHAN'S FLIGHT Files From Aviation Field to Baldwin Ranch, 23 Miles, and Returns

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Louis Paulhan in his Farman bi-plane today made a remarkable cross-country flight in a wind which the other aviators had predicted to face.

REGULATION OF CABLE RATES Bill To Be Introduced at Ottawa With That Object in View

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—An important step toward the reduction of cable rates is expected that the Canadian government will introduce a bill to regulate the rates of the various cable companies.

DISASTROUS SUPPLIES BOUND NORTH Washnetaw Struggling Through Heavy Seas to Port Townsend With William H. Smith

Struggling in a heavy gale, the oil-tanker Washnetaw is on her way to Port Townsend with the distressed lumber-laden ship William H. Smith, which was dismasted in a storm on Thursday when off the Oregon coast bound from Seattle.

GRAIN CHARTERING APPARENTLY ENDED Steam Tonnage Out of Trade and Market Gone to Smash—Lumber Trade Dull

Coast grain chartering is apparently ended, says the San Francisco Commercial News in its weekly review. Since the temporary removal of the union minimum there has been no market for grain vessels and rates are entirely governed by the individual condition.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF THE WRECK OF THE INDIANA

The complaint and the parties accused are called upon to name representatives on the board and the view of selecting a chairman, who in this case must be a judge or a lawyer.

ROYAL BANK EXPANSION TORONTO, Jan. 18.—The Royal Bank of Canada has purchased the Colonial Bank, by which transaction it has obtained a number of branches in the West Indies and an office in London.

The Good Roads alliance, an organization composed of members of the various Fraser river boards of trade, has initiated a movement to secure a change in the method under which provincial government aid is extended for road building.

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