

## CONFERENCE ON RULE OF ROAD

### PROPOSAL TO ADOPT INTERNATIONAL PLAN

#### Arguments Given in Favor of Keeping to Either Side— Universality Needed

Apropos of a discussion in regard to the rule of the road which was precipitated recently by Dr. Ernest Hall in a letter to the Times, the following dispatch from London, England, should prove of great interest:

British motorists hope to bring about an international conference to discuss the question of a universal rule of the road. The United Kingdom is the only country in Europe, with the exception of Bohemia, where the left-hand rule prevails. America also is aligned with the majority in the matter. Nevertheless, British experts believe that the left-hand rule has more to commend it than the other, and that an international conference would decide in its favor. Already Marquis de Dion and other influential Frenchmen are advocating the adoption in France of the British custom.

The left-hand rule of the road is observed in British Columbia.

The matter is becoming more and more important. Year by year the number of British motorists touring the continent is increasing, while the number of continental motor tourists in Great Britain also is growing constantly. However, in this, as in every other problem, the chief factor is the American. One can see American cars and American drivers at almost any moment on the principal streets of London.

A correspondent asked many of these as to how they fare in London traffic, and they all said that the left-hand rule confuses them greatly and keeps them ceaselessly on the anxious seat. They also say that the right-hand driver has great difficulty in making himself at home in the narrow, winding hedge-blinded roads of the provinces.

"The most important consideration involved," says Lord Montague, editor of the Car, "is the fact that most men are right-handed, and hence it is natural to place the steering wheel, the change speed lever and the hand brake lever on the right side of the car. "Aside from this point, it would, generally speaking, be a matter of indifference whether the driver turned to the right or the left. In one respect, however, the continental method is particularly bad.

"The car drivers when walking keep their carts on the right hand and themselves in the middle of the road, which is always a perilous position for everybody concerned. We are convinced that if the world could be induced to adopt the left-hand rule it would add immensely to the pleasure and security of international motor touring."

### PACIFIC COAST CENSUS RETURNS NOT PADDED

#### Director Durand Says Final An- nouncement Will Be Ac- curate

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—"I am absolutely certain that the census announcements for the Pacific Coast cities will be found accurate and I am sure that there will be no padding of returns," said E. Dana Durand, director of the census, to the United Press today.

Director Durand has been prepared for many months for the enormous increases shown by the cities of the Pacific coast and the figures as they have come in from the enumerators, though in some cases almost beyond belief, were no surprise to the census officials. Reports of the possible juggling of the returns on account of intense rivalry reached Durand before the enumeration began and such steps were taken as to make returns unnecessary.

"The time of padding census returns is past both because it does not result in any good to the city, and because the system employed by the census shows great improvement in methods," said Durand.

"Any statement that we have found padded returns from the Pacific coast was without authority, but we are exercising the utmost care to make sure that the final announcements are absolutely correct."

### BUILDING AERIAL TRAMWAY.

Phoenix, Oct. 8.—The British Columbia Copper Company last week commenced the construction of an aerial tramway from its Lone Star mine, in Washington state, to Boundary Falls, B. C., a distance of five and a half miles. The aerial system is estimated to cost \$75,000. Buckets carrying about 600 pounds of ore will be operated over the line, which will have a capacity of 20 tons per hour. The ore thus conveyed to Boundary Falls will be shipped to the company's smelter at Greenwood, a distance of four miles, via the C. P. R.

Heretofore the ore from the Lone Star mine has been hauled by wagon to a point on the Kettle Valley railway and shipped to Grand Forks, then via the C. P. R. to Greenwood and the transportation was a problem in the operation of the property. An effort was made to have the C. P. R. extend its Wellington camp line a little further south to tap the Lone Star, but this was abandoned in favor of the aerial tram line. The Lone Star is a promising property with a large tonnage of ore blocked out.

There are fewer suicides among workmen than among any other class of workmen.

## RESIDENTS OF NELSON DIE SUDDENLY

### John Lewis and Richard Hall Drop Dead in Hotels in City

Nelson, Oct. 8.—Two residents of Nelson died suddenly here in 30 hours. John Lewis was playing a game of patience with cards in the billiard room of the Royal hotel, when Harry Gardner, the manager, invited him to have a drink in company with a number of others. Mr. Lewis accepted the invitation but immediately on taking the drink complained that he had swallowed a piece of tobacco he had in his mouth at the time. He commenced to cough and died within five minutes. The doctor pronounced hemorrhage of the stomach as the cause of death. The late Mr. Lewis was 43 or 64 years of age. He was of English birth, having come from Worcester-shire and had been in this country about 20 years, the bulk of the time in the vicinity of Nelson.

Death came suddenly to Richard Hall, porter at the Madden house. Mr. Hall was seen by those in the rotunda to fall to the floor. He was immediately raised by Thomas Madden, proprietor of the hotel, and a doctor was instantly summoned. Life, however, had fled when he arrived. The late Mr. Hall was a native of Abingdon, Berks, England. He came to Nelson last May with his daughter. For the past two months he has been porter at the Madden. The deceased was 43 years of age.

### POULTRYMEN ORGANIZE.

Roseland, Oct. 8.—A meeting was held at the city hall for the purpose of forming a poultry association for Roseland, and additional interest was added to the proceedings from the fact that there was present to give them the benefit of his advice, T. G. Edwards, formerly of Roseland, and now of Victoria, who has been judging at various shows in the province.

E. S. H. Winn presided over a very gratifying attendance of those interested in the keeping of poultry. T. G. Edwards said it was not necessary to advance much argument in favor of keeping poultry, the most valuable of farm products.

In answer to the chairman, Mr. Edwards said that there was a sum of \$2,500 placed at the disposal of the Provincial Poultry Association, and up-country districts would, out of this sum, receive \$150 if they would form an association independent of any other organization. The government would be interested in this, but they believed that there would result a great help to the commerce of the province.

J. Hosson suggested the advisability of Roseland's joining in the provincial association, and asked if they could put up a decent show in Roseland. Mr. Edwards said he had been round to many of those who kept birds, and he thought they had a better class of bird than he had seen in his travels.

The meeting was adjourned to a date to be determined.

### PRINCE RUPERT HOSPITAL.

Ladies of City Organize to Assist in Work.

Prince Rupert, Oct. 8.—A woman's auxiliary in connection with the local hospital now being built has been organized as a result of the meeting by the board of directors at the last meeting. In response to the call of the directors a meeting was held in the board of trade room. Several members of the general association were present and explained the necessity for organization of a woman's auxiliary. After the members of the association had given their views, a resolution was passed to the effect that the ladies which resulted in the election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Egger; vice-president, Mrs. Tite; secretary, Mrs. McCaffrey; treasurer, Mrs. Stock.

Various plans for the raising of money were suggested and it was resolved to give a series of popular entertainments. The following committees were appointed to arrange for a ball to be given about October 14. Concert committee, consisting of the officers who are to interview the school principal and teachers to secure their co-operation, and if possible the one for a school concert about October 28. Tag day committee, to arrange for the date or dates, etc., and report at the next meeting.

There will probably be two more balls given under the auspices of the auxiliary; also a bazaar and food fair about Easter, and if possible, another concert or two.

### REVELSTOKE POWER PLANT.

Revelstoke, Oct. 8.—Good progress is being made with the construction of the new city power house and the installation of the machinery. The new concrete dam, when completed, will be sufficient to develop about 2,600 horsepower. The rapid rising of the Illecillewaet river early in the spring prevented the work from being pushed ahead, although a large head of water was maintained during the summer. There is yet considerable work to be done on the dam. But a short piece of the new six-foot tunnel from the dam to the power house remains to be completed, the entire length being about 1,500 feet. The turbine is twenty-seven inches in diameter, and with a full head of water is capable of developing over 1,000 horse-power, and is coupled direct to a 450 k.w. generator, the two being bedded on solid concrete.

The new power house will be entirely separate from the other buildings, the whole plant in reality being duplicated. The new power house will be close onto the old one, and will be built of concrete and steel. One of the old generators will be taken out leaving a full set of 350 k.w. generator (old). The whole plant will then be on the three phase system, which will give a continuous light and power service all over the city day and night.

About twenty men are at present employed on the work, which will be rushed to completion.

## CLOSING DAY SAANICH FAIR

### DESPITE BAD WEATHER EXHIBITION WAS SUCCESS

#### Judges Praise Fine Exhibits— Good List of Sporting Events

The annual exhibition of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society was brought to a successful termination on Saturday evening. Of the forty-three fairs held by this association, this year's ranks easily as the best, it surpassing all others both in respect to the number of entries and to the quality of the exhibits.

Saturday was recognized as a holiday throughout the Saanich peninsula, and despite the inclemency of the weather, the residents of both districts began to gather early in the afternoon. Victorians, who always patronize the fair, visited the exhibition in large numbers, the special train, which left here in the afternoon being crowded.

Among those who attended the exhibition were: Hon. D. M. Eberts and Hon. Price Ellison, who viewed the exhibits with general satisfaction. It was expected that they would open the show, but neither addressed the gathering.

By noon on Saturday all the awards had been made and the ribbons and cards were placed over the winning exhibits. The poultry and horses were judged by M. A. Jull, livestock commissioner for the province; the cattle, sheep and swine by J. H. Moore, dairy instructor, and the bread, cakes and pastry by W. J. Rennie, of this city.

The only Victoria exhibitors in the roadsters class were Rennie & Taylor, who captured a number of firsts. In the two-year-old gelding class both animals were perfect specimens and did not take the judges long to decide in their favor.

The two most coveted prizes in the cattle classes, the championship for the best bull and cow, were won by J. L. Brooks. Both animals were perfect specimens and did not take the judges long to decide in their favor.

The cup presented by A. Hendry, of this city, for the best collection of vegetables was awarded to Dean Bros. One of the largest exhibitors at the fair. They secured 31 points, being four ahead of the nearest rival, J. A. Grant, Royal Oak.

In the afternoon the Fifth Regiment band attended the fair and rendered a choice programme of musical selections. While the musicians were playing the hall was crowded, and at times it was difficult to move.

Every event on the sports programme held in connection with the fair was keenly contested and sufficient amusement was provided for all. The horse races probably attracted the most interest, although the athletic events were excellent.

Despite the heavy downpour of rain, the track, which is situated in the field adjoining the exhibition grounds, was lined with people under the shelter of the roof of the grandstand. A few of the enthusiasts left the track before the conclusion of the programme.

The first race on the programme was the half mile trotting in which three horses, Palmer Boy, Saanich Boy and Saratoga, faced the starter. Although the track was very muddy the horses made good time and kept well together during the whole distance. Palmer Boy, however, took the lead at the final turn and made a fine run down the stretch, besting Saanich Boy by several lengths. In the second heat the winner of the first was again successful in defeating both of its rivals, thereby gaining the \$25 purse offered by the society. Saanich Boy received second place.

In the half mile running race three horses owned by Saanich horsemen left the barrier. As they circled the track without one gaining any advantage of the other, the race was again successful in defeating both of its rivals, thereby gaining the \$25 purse offered by the society. Saanich Boy received second place, while H. Horth finished last.

Of the athletic events the most interesting was the half mile, which brought out three starters, A. Bates, W. Anderson and Johnson. The latter, Bob acted as pacemaker for about half the distance and as he was running with a long stride it looked as though he would win from his two smaller competitors. He, however, did not have the staying power and when Bates commenced a sprint down the stretch his rival was unable to respond. Bates won the race.

The summary of events is as follows: Horse Races. Trotting half mile, Palmer Boy, Saanich Boy, Rennie & Taylor, Victoria. Running half mile dash—A. Simpson, 2. W. Flanagan.

Athletic Sports. Boys' race, under 15 years, 100 yards—J. Bates; 2. F. Young; 3. A. Dean.

Half mile open—H. Bates; 2. Walter Anderson; 3. Johnson. Quarter mile open—J. W. Anderson; 2. H. Bates.

Potato race, boys under 15 years—J. Bates; 2. A. Dean. Arrangements are being made for the annual meeting of the society to be held at the new building. Among the chief items of business to be discussed will be the new building. For many years it has been felt that a new building, to house the fair, should be erected. The executive committee deserves great credit for the splendid work which they held. P. H. Moore, dairy instructor, said: "The quality is good

and is far ahead of any of the small shows I have seen throughout this province." The committee is as follows: President, J. H. Moore; vice-president, Edgar F. John, secretary-treasurer, Directors—W. Derringer, A. Rev. Geo. Buttery, W. R. Armstrong, H. E. Tanner, J. W. Brethour, George A. Stewart, M. Dean, W. D. Mitchell, H. F. Haldon, K. R. Streetfield, George Clarke, Thomas H. Simpson, P. D. Goepel, D. Thomson.

The list of prizes awarded on Saturday follows:

Grain, Grasses and Seeds. Fall wheat, half bushel—1. W. Derringer; 2. Dean Bros.

Spring Wheat, half bushel—1. Dean Bros.

Chevalier barley, half bushel—1. Dean Bros.

Any other variety, half bushel—1. Dean Bros.

White oats, half bushel—1. W. D. Mitchell; 2. J. L. Brooks.

Field peas, white, half bushel—1. J. T. Harrison; 2. Dean Bros.

Ten pound beans—1. J. T. Harrison; 2. Dean Bros.

Bale of hay—1. W. D. Mitchell.

Sheaf of fodder corn—1. J. A. Grant; 2. Davis and Buttery.

Collection of forage plants, with roots to be correctly named—1. J. A. Grant.

Collection of grain, cut full length—1. Dean Bros.

Dairy Products.

Fresh butter—1. Mrs. R. S. Griffin.

Bread, white—1. Mrs. S. Brethour; 2. Mrs. J. A. Grant; 3. Miss M. Franks; 4. Mrs. W. E. Heal.

Graham bread—1. Mrs. J. T. Harrison; 2. Mrs. J. A. Grant; 3. Mrs. J. E. Brethour.

Chocolate cake—1. Miss Dolly Frank; 2. Mrs. J. T. Harrison.

Cocunut cake—1. Miss Dolly Frank; 2. Mrs. S. Brethour.

Fruit cake—1. Mrs. Veitch; 2. Mrs. S. Brethour.

Lemon cake—1. Miss Harrison; 2. Mrs. Brethour.

Apple pie—1. Mrs. Heal; 2. Mrs. Harrison.

Honey in jar—1. W. R. Armstrong.

Honey in comb—1. W. R. Armstrong.

Display of honey—1. W. R. Armstrong.

Horses—Roadster.

Stallion—1. Mrs. Gough; 2. W. E. Taylor.

Span horse—1. Rennie & Taylor.

Buggy horse—1. Rennie & Taylor.

Three-year-old gelding or filly—1 and 2. W. D. Mitchell.

Two-year-old gelding—1. Rennie & Taylor; 2. W. E. Heal.

Yearling colt—1. D. Lehman & Son.

Horses—Agricultural Purposes.

Span horse—1. J. T. Harrison.

Single horse—1 and 2. J. T. Harrison.

Two-year-old gelding or filly—1. J. L. Brooks.

Yearling colt—1. A. Simpson; 2. J. T. Harrison.

Breed mare with foal at foot—1. Mrs. Bradley-Dyne; 2. A. McDonald.

Sucking colt—1. A. McDonald.

Horses—General Purposes.

Team horse—1. Challoner & Mitchell; 2. J. L. Brooks.

Colt—1. Challoner & Mitchell.

Single horse—1 and 2. Challoner & Mitchell.

Two-year-old gelding or filly—1. Dean Bros.

Sucking colt—1. Mrs. Bradley-Dyne; 2. F. Lindsay.

Cattle—Jerseys.

Bull, two years old and over—1. J. L. Brooks; 2. F. Lindsay.

Cow—1. Mrs. Bradley-Dyne; 2. J. L. Brooks.

Heifer, two years old—1. Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.

Heifer, one year old—1 and 2. Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.

Cattle—Holsteins.

Bull, two years old and over—1. W. D. Mitchell.

Heifer calf—1. W. D. Mitchell.

Cattle—Ayrshires.

Bull, two years old and over—1. Davies and Batters.

Cow—1. W. Derringer.

Cattle—Grades.

Heifer calf—1. F. Lindsay.

Cattle—Championships.

Bull, any age or breed—1. L. Brooks; reserve winner, W. D. Mitchell.

Dairy cow—1. J. L. Brooks.

Sheep—Cotswolds.

Ram, two shears and over—1. Haldon Bros.

Ewe, two shears and over—1 and 2. Haldon Bros.

Ewe, shearing—1 and 2. Haldon Bros.

Ewe, lamb—1 and 2. Haldon Bros.

Sheep—Oxford Downs.

Ram, two shears and over—1. W. Derringer.

Ewe, two shears and over—1 and 2. W. Derringer.

Ewe, shearing—1 and 2. W. Derringer.

Ewe, lamb—1 and 2. W. Derringer.

Swine—Berkshires.

Sow—1. F. Turgoose; 2. W. Derringer.

## T. P. O'CONNOR AS IMPERIALIST

### IRISHMAN ADVOCATES EMPIRE ASSEMBLY

#### Would Have Four Local Parliaments in British Isles to Control Local Affairs

It was not by reciting the woes of Ireland that Mr. T. P. O'Connor, one of the leading Nationalist members of the British House of Commons and an envoy of the United Irish League to Canada and the United States, sought to interest his audience in Massey hall, Toronto, a few days ago in the struggle of his party to secure local self-government for his country.

On the contrary, his speech included a candid expression of opinion that Ireland would shortly attain Home Rule; perhaps by June next; an account of the progress made toward the total abolition of absentee landlordism and its attendant evils in the Emerald Isle, and an outline of a constitution for the Empire at large. Not only Ireland, he contended, should control its own local affairs, but England, Wales, Scotland and the other countries of the Empire should have their own parliaments. "Above all these there should be an Imperial assembly, where all the Empire should be ruled and all the Empire should be represented," he declared.

Wished to Visit Canada.

"When I consented to come for the fifth time as a member of a mission from the United Irish League to Canada and the United States," said Mr. O'Connor, when the applause which greeted him had subsided. "I stipulated that I should be allowed to spend the greater part of my time in Canada. This I had done because I believed the Home Rule movement had reached a phase which would be interesting to Canada and in which Canadian influence could be of great assistance."

"I shall, therefore, celebrate my 62nd birthday on October 5 on Canadian soil," he continued. At any age he was able to look back and say that when he had started his public life, thirty years ago, Ireland was a land of paupers and slaves. "To-day Ireland has been transformed to a land of prosperity and 'free men,'" he declared. Mr. O'Connor sketched the conditions in Ireland when, in his own time, the electors were driven to the polls, forced "to ask the master" how to vote and to exercise the franchise in the presence of the men who could evict them, for disobedience; when on one estate tenants could not marry without the landlord's consent; when rents could be raised at the slightest caprice of the landlord, and when eviction might take place even when the rents were paid to date.

Landlordism Passing.

Since then a change had been wrought in Ireland. Now 500,000 tenants had bought out their landlords, and in ten or fifteen years 200,000 more would own their own farms. "The very name of landlordism," said Mr. O'Connor, "will soon be forgotten as a nightmare and we shall have a solid foundation of three million people rooted on the soil of Ireland." These would form a firm bulwark against socialism, which so many persons feared, and would not be inclined to join in any revolutionary movement. Some years ago there were a number of Irish laborers in the wretched hovels that were a shame and scandal to the world. Instead of these hovels there were now 55,000 new houses, each upon its own plot of ground. County government, once in the hands of the grand juries and through them controlled by the landlords, was now dominated by the people themselves. Comfortable school-houses had been erected. Teachers were well paid and received pensions on retiring. The lamp of learning had been stamped out for several centuries in Ireland, but with the past year the fair fabric of a true national university had sprung up in Dublin.

Mr. O'Connor was interrupted by two persons who endeavored to interject irrelevant remarks and were rebuffed by shouts of "Put him out." Order having been restored, Mr. O'Connor proceeded to say: "We want that Ireland should be governed by Irish opinion. This would mean that England would be governed by English opinion, Scotland by Scottish opinion, and Wales by Welsh opinion. Imperial affairs were interfered with by the petty local business. For his own part, Mr. O'Connor did not like the position now occupied by the Nationalist party in the Imperial House. He would prefer to see the Liberal party with a larger majority.

Britain and the Empire.

"Many people," said Mr. O'Connor, "have urged that there is a necessity for closer relations between the Mother Country and the colonies. They think that if the colonies are to be governed in their foreign relations and their defence by a parliament at Westminster, they should have representation in that parliament. I take it that we can all agree that the colonies should have a voice and representation in the Imperial parliament. "The way to deal with Imperial affairs is in an Imperial parliament; the way to deal with national and local affairs is in local parliaments. The solution of this problem in the British Isles is to have not one parliament, but four parliaments—one for England, one for Wales, one for Ireland, and one for Scotland, and above them there should be one great Imperial assembly, where all the Empire should be represented. These are the lines upon which this question will be settled."

Mr. O'Connor said that the English people were a conservative people, who had progressed by evolution

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