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## WAS WORTHY OF BETTER SUPPORT

Secretary of Agricultural Association Believes Victorians Did Not Patronize Annual Fair to Sufficient Extent

That this year's fair from the standpoint of the number of attractions offered, the excellence of the exhibits and the great increase in the variety of exhibits excels the shows of previous years and also that the people of Victoria have hardly given the management of the fair that support which he believes was due, was the opinion expressed by Mr. George Sangster at the conclusion of this year's fair Saturday. Mr. Sangster for the past few weeks has had the "Tm busy" sign out, but it has been during the last four days that the genial secretary has been breaking records in the matter of expenditure of energy. That this energy was devoted to a good purpose he firmly believes though he is too modest to take more than a fair share of praise, attributing the success of the show to the active co-operation manifested by the other directors, the exhibitors and attendants.

While the attendance this year was not equal to that of a year ago, yet financially this year's show was a greater success, really aggregating more than a year ago. On the other hand the great individual in the number and variety of exhibits calls for a decided increase in the prize list fund, and Mr. Sangster believes that if he can make the fair show an even balance sheet he will have done wonders.

But the attendance, he stated, should have been larger. As a matter of fact Saturday, a more or less of day with many Victorians, did not make as good a showing as Friday in the matter of paid admissions, although the climate conditions were far better.

Mr. Sangster wished particularly to express his thanks to the exhibitors, especially those who came from out of town. "These exhibitors," he said, "have been greatly hampered by the lack of adequate transportation facilities, but next year it is hoped to have better arrangements made. His thanks are also tendered to the people of the city who attended the fair.

Illustrating the cost to which exhibitors are put in arranging their exhibits, paying wages, transportation charges, and the many other incidental expenses, he stated that probably the aggregate amount so spent was not less than \$100,000, while the prize money does not amount to a tithe of that amount. He believes that the public should appreciate this fact and by their attendance at the fair make it worth while for exhibitors to show their wares and products.

Mr. Sangster has requested the various judges to submit to him in writing just what they believe can be done to make the annual fair better and bigger than ever. As they are men who are experts in their several lines and have wide opportunity of seeing what has been done elsewhere, any advice which they are able to give will be of benefit to the local association. Mr. J. T. Farrell, of Seattle, who has always taken a keen interest in the Victoria Horse show and has always been a heavy exhibitor is now evolving some ideas which he believes will benefit the management of the fair. Mr. Sangster was loud in his praise of the good work done by Mr. Farrell. Of the attractions Mr. Sangster pointed to the fact that it would be difficult to secure anywhere else more amusement for the price charged here. While the circus was not a paying proposition from the standpoint of the association, it evidently afforded a large part of the amusement.

**Cameron Lake Service.**  
Because of the necessity of complying with some formalities the E. & N. railway company will not introduce a through service to Cameron Lake until next Tuesday morning. This announcement was made from the local offices yesterday afternoon. The train leaving Victoria on the morning of October 10th will go through to the point mentioned, passing Wellington at 1:10 o'clock and reaching its ultimate destination at 3 p. m. This service will be repeated throughout the winter on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**No Clue to Murderers.**  
Superintendent of Provincial police F. S. Husey, has received from Chief Constable Colin Cameron, Revelstoke, information to the effect that the search after the murderers of Frank Julian, an Italian, who was found murdered near that town on the 25th inst., his slayers being believed to be members of a Black Hand organization, has come to naught. Constable Cameron states that the three Italians who were held as suspects have given good accounts of their movements and have been released. The whole ground in the vicinity of the murder has been gone over again without a single clue as to the identity of the murderers being secured.

**To Be Heard at Vancouver.**  
Another murder case has been added to the docket for the Vancouver assizes, this being that of Alphonse Richer, from Prince Rupert, particulars of which were given in the Colonist on Friday last. Richer has been brought to the Terminal City to await trial. He admits that he and Hesondin had a quarrel. Some time later he was handling a little 22 calibre revolver when it was accidentally dis-

charged, the bullet entering Hesondin's abdomen. The ball, instead of passing directly through the victim's body, as it might without fatal results, was diverted by a wall of muscle, passed right round the body, and then it took an upward course, puncturing the diaphragm and piercing the pericardiac sac. Hesondin died in fifteen minutes. Richer was held by Magistrate Carson, of Prince Rupert, on a charge of murder, and appeared at the assizes at the assizes. Constable Crippen, of the provincial police staff at Prince Rupert, brought him down on the Prince Rupert.

**Claim Non-Observance of Law.**  
The Methodist Church of Canada, through General Superintendent Dr. Chown, of Toronto, has brought to the attention of the Attorney General the alleged non-observance of license law in the city of Prince Rupert. Among the infractions charged are that the Chief of Police has been seen to be supplied with intoxicants in a barroom during prohibited hours, that the police and local magistrates connive at infractions of the law, and that the liquor regulations and their administration generally call for strict investigation. The Department is inquiring into the matters complained of.

## REPRESENTS CANADA AT FARMING CONGRESS

Reeve Agur of Summerland Also Officially Responds for Great Britain at Spokane Convention

Reeve R. H. Agur of Summerland, in the Okanagan district, who last week officially represented Canada at the American Irrigation Convention at Pueblo, Colo., has also been commissioned by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher, to act as representative of this country at the Dry Farming Congress opening tomorrow at Spokane, where also Mr. Agur is accredited as representative of Great Britain. The Spokane congress will last until Thursday next.

Recognizing the president of the Okanagan Fruit Union as one of the most progressive agriculturists and horticulturists in Western Canada, the Board of Governors of the Dry Farming Congress, through its chairman, Professor Alfred Atkinson, agronomist at the Montana experimental station, has assigned Mr. Agur to represent for Great Britain at the opening exercises of the congress and exhibition tomorrow, when between two thousand five hundred and three thousand delegates will be in attendance from all parts of the world.

"The Canadian Government," through members of Premier Laurier's Cabinet, has expressed entire sympathy with and offered its co-operation in the dry farming movement," said Secretary John T. Burau, of the congress a day or so ago, "and we are assured the active support of the Western Canadian provinces. There will be comprehensive exhibits from the Dominion as a whole, also from the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. One of the substantial prizes comes from the city of Lethbridge, where the commercial organizations have donated a massive silver trophy cup for the best box of McIntosh Red apples exhibited at the International Dry Farming Exposition. We look for very large delegations from various parts of Canada, especially from districts in the Boundary country where dry farming is practiced by the most expert growers in the country."

## DENIES C. P. R. WANTS TO BUY COAL MINES

Mr. John Arbutnot, However, Admits Two Railway Companies Are Seeking to Acquire Pacific Coast Collieries

Mr. John Arbutnot, president of the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Company, denies the report which has become current that the Canadian Pacific Railway is negotiating for the purchase of the South Wellington collieries which are controlled by his company. He admits, however, that two large railway companies have approached him with the idea of purchasing, and that the representative of one of these left yesterday for South Wellington to look over the property.

"I am not anxious to sell," said Mr. Arbutnot, when questioned about the matter. "A number of large companies have sounded me on the matter, but up to the present no option has been taken on the property. I do not know how the report got abroad that the C. P. R. was negotiating for the purchase. A representative of a large railway company left yesterday for South Wellington to have a look over the collieries, and as a result of his visit it is just possible that we may give an option on our holdings."

## MINERALOGIST WILL VISIT PORTLAND CANAL

With His Assistant He Leaves for Northern British Columbia, Including the Queen Charlottes

Mr. W. Fleet Robertson, the Provincial Mineralogist, and his assistant, Mr. Harold Nation, have left on their last field expedition of the present season, their destination being Northern British Columbia and their intention being, if time permits, to thoroughly investigate the mining conditions and prospects of Graham Island, of the Queen Charlotte group, and of the Portland Canal district including Bitter Creek and perhaps the new placer mining areas of the upper Neas. Mr. R. G. McConnell, of the Dominion geological survey, with his assistant, Mr. A. O. Hayes, and Mr. W. Malloch, his topographer, have just returned from this territory, where they have spent an active season. Mr. McConnell has had charge of the work of securing reliable facts as to the geological and topographical maps of the region. The first of these will be issued during the winter, and others based on future observations will appear at later dates. Regarding the future of the mining industry in the Portland Canal district, Mr. McConnell, with characteristic conservatism, speaks guardedly, preferring to treat the subject in detail in his report to the Minister of Mines, Hon. Mr. Templeman. He especially deprecates the sensationalism displayed in many of the stories circulated with regard to the discoveries of the past season on Bitter Creek.

**Portland Canal.**  
"There is a very large area of mineralization in the Portland Canal district," says Mr. McConnell, "but it is as yet premature to pass any opinion as to the possibilities of the mining industry there. With only two noteworthy exceptions most of the work done so far has been of a superficial character. Owners of claims have been mostly occupied during the past season in cutting roads and trails, prospecting the surface, and getting in supplies in preparation for winter operations. This preliminary work in a new region is inevitable."

"I visited various camps and saw some very promising prospects. Conditions in the Salmon River country, farther inland, are much the same as in the Portland Canal country. At Salmon River also I saw a number of very good showings, but no one body has yet been outlined or proven up. The values are chiefly in gold, silver and lead. I was also shown some fine specimens of gold ore which according to report had been found this season on the upper Neas just across the divide."

"It is unfortunate that hasty and sensational reports as to the discovery of rich free milling gold on Bitter Creek was sent out broadcast last June. Such practices should be severely condemned as they tend to depreciate the real merits of the country. As a matter of fact the existence of free milling ore on Bitter Creek has not yet been established. It is true that specimens of free gold in small quantities were found in one or two spots. And the same exaggeration applies to the gold-bearing veins on Bitter Creek, which has been staked from end to end. If the gold is there, nobody has yet tried to get it out."

**H. M. C. S. RAINBOW  
NOW IN PACIFIC**  
Warship Purchased for Canada's Navy is Due at Esquimalt Tomorrow, on Her Way to Esquimalt

The new Canadian cruiser Rainbow is now in the Pacific making her way toward Esquimalt where she is due on November 9th. H. M. C. S. Rainbow, due at Esquimalt tomorrow and will make other calls at Callao and Acapulco on her way to this port. A special committee has been appointed by the chief of the navy to make arrangements for a formal reception to the warship. Before leaving Devonport a plaque presented by the province of British Columbia was placed on board and it is not unlikely that the city of Victoria will make a similar presentation to the first warship of Canada's new navy to come into the Pacific to be the nucleus of a squadron to be constructed for the Esquimalt station.

**Land Surveyors' Examinations.**  
The semi-annual examinations (final and preliminary) for British Columbia land surveyors and for articulated pupils began yesterday at the Provincial Government building. About fifty in both divisions presented themselves for examination. The examination will be in progress throughout the week, the examiners including Messrs. E. B. McKay, Surveyor General; W. S. Gore; E. B. Hermon; S. A. Roberts; J. H. Gray and E. A. Cleveland.

**Verdict on Italian's Death.**  
A report was received by the Attorney General yesterday from the resident coroner at Golden touching the unfortunate death of an Italian railway worker named Luigi Marandale. The jury empanelled to investigate the case returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by the breaking of the handle on a handcar while he and others were pumping it on the C. P. R. near Six Mile Creek, the breaking of the handle permitting Marandale to fall backward in front of the car, the latter striking and doubling him up, while at the same time his neck was broken by the fall. "We think it was purely accidental," the jurors added.

Mr. Walter C. Nichol, editor and manager of the Victoria Daily Free Press, has been spending a few days at the Empress.

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