HANDSOME PRIZES FOR HORSE SHOW

Merchants Respond Liberally With Donations—Bright Prospects

Those who are fond of horses have a rare treat in store this fall. That class of stock is to be made a feature of the exhibition to be held under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural association. It is the opinion of the officials in charge that the horse show at the forthcoming fair will excel anything of the kind yet held in British Columbia, not excepting the very excellent display made at Vancouver recently through the energy of H. Logan, then in the employ of the Provincial government.

J. E. Smart secretary of the local society, explained yesterday that when the executive was considering preparations for this year's show it had been decided to make a feature of the horses, the opinion being that such would stimulate the breeding of thoroughbreds in the west, and, also would interest the general public. To carry out their decision, in the drafting of the prize list a large number of specials were offered, something that had never been done in the past. Moreover in the construction of new buildings, provision was made for a pavilion in which it would be possible to have the judging take place before thousands of spectators. In addition authority of international reputation had been engaged to come to Victoria especially to make the awards in this class. All this, of course, had cost money, in fact the expense incurred had been much in excess of the outlay in connection with previous Vancouver Island shows. But Mr. Smart and those associated with him, the former stated, were confident that the number of entries and the increased daily attendance would more than compensate the society.

Generous Response.

Already an energetic committee has been busy making the rounds for the purpose of obtaining an adequate number of handsome prizes for presentation to those who enter horses which are successful. Although they have been out only a few days the generous response obtained is accepted as an indication of the popularity of the move. To illustrate, appended are some of the awards donated: B. C. Saddlery Co., one set of track harness; B. Williams & Co., Silver Cup; Dixi H. Ross & Co., silver cup; W. S. Fraser & Co., silver cup; J. Wenger, silver cup; E. R. Stephen, Great Northern Railway Co., silver cup; David Spencer C., Ltd., silver cup; Weller Bros., upholstered easy chair; J. W. Morris, Yates street, silver cup; Challoner & Mitchell, silver cup; Canadian Bank of Commerce, two silver Medals; Royal Bank of Canada, per Manager Veitch, silver cup; Hall and Walker, silver cup.

New Classes.

A complete list of the new classes which have been provided for horses is appended:

Best 6-horse team of draught horses, each horse to weigh 1,500 lbs. and over. Mares or geldings, 3 years old and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Best 4-horse team of draught horses, each horse to weigh 1,500 lbs. and over. Mares or geldings, 3 years old and over to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Best pair draught horses, each horse to weigh 1,600 lbs. and over. Mares or geldings, three years old and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Best pair draught horses, each horse to weight under 1,600 lbs. and not less than 1,300 lbs. Mares or geldings, three years old and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Best single draught horse, to weigh 1,600 lbs., and over, mares or geldings three years and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Best single draught horse, to weigh under 1,600 lbs., and not less than 1,300 lbs., mares or geldings three years and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Certificate of weight to be furnished if asked for.

Mare or gelding, to be shown in single harness to butcher's or grocer's delivery. Must be bona fide property of exhibitor at time of entry. Horses to count 75 per cent, vehicles and appointments, 25 per cent.

Mare or gelding, to be shown any other than grocer's or butcher's delivery. Must be bona fide property of exhibitor at time of entry. Horse to count 75 per cent., vehicle and appointments 25 per cent.

Pair of mares or geldings, under 100 lbs., to be shown to any delivery. Must be bona fide property of exhibitor at time of entry. Horses to count 75 per cent., vehicle and appointments, 25 per cent.

Best pair of mares or geldings, to be shown to a landau or brougham or Victoria. Livery rig as let for hire. Must be bona fide property of exhibitor at time of entry. Horses to count 75 per cent., vehicle and appointments 25 per cent.

Best six horses, 14.2 and over. To be shown to a tally-ho or other appropriate vehicle. Horses to be owned by exhibitor at time of entry. Horses to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Best four horses, 14.2 and over. To be shown to tally-ho or other appropriate vehicle. Horses to be owned by exhibitor at time of entry. Horses to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Pair of trotting mares or geldings, three years old and over, not under 14.2. To be driven by amateurs. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horses to count 90 per cent., appointments 10 per cent. Eligible for horses not entered in sections 150, 151, 152.

Single trotting horse, mare or gelding, three years old and over, not under 14.2 and not over 15.1. To be driven by amateurs. To be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. Horses to count 90 per cent., appointments 10 per cent. Eligible for horses not entered in sections 150, 151, 152.

Single trotting horse, mare or gelding, three years old and over, over 15.1. To be driven by amateurs. To be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. Horse to count 90 per cent., appointments 10 per cent. Eligible for horses not entered in sections 150, 151, 152.

Pair of pacing mares or geldings, three years old and over. To be driven by amateurs. To be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. Horses to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent. Eligible for horses not entered in sections 150, 151, 152.

Single Pacing mare or gelding, three years old and over; over 15 hands 1 inch. To be driven by amateur. To be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. Horses to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent. Eligible for horses not entered in sections 150, 151, 152.

Runabout, mare or gelding, three years old and over, not under 14 hands 1 inch, and not over 15 hands 1 inch. To be driven by amateurs and to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horses must have conformation quality, true all round action, and be able to show a good pace. Horses must stand without being held. Horses to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Runabout, mare or gelding, three years and over. Over 15 hands 1 inch To be driven by amateurs and to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horse must have conformation, quality, true all round action, and be able to show a good pace. Horses must stand without being held. Horse to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Track horses, stallion, two years and over. Trotters or pacers which have competed, or a re eligible to compete in a race and not showing in roadster classes. To be shown to an appropriate vesicle.

Track horses, mares or geldings, two years and over. Trotters which have competed, or are eligible to compete in a race and not showing in roadster classes. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Entries in this class not eligible for section No. 152.

Track horses, mare or geldings, two years and over. Pacers which have competed, or are eligible to compete in a race and not showing in roadster classes. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Entries in this class not eligible for section 151.

Horses in heavy harness. Pair of mares or geldings, 15.2 and over, to be shown before a brougham or Victoria. Horses to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horses in heavy harness, pair of mares or geldings, under 15.2, to be shown before a brougham or Victoria. Horses to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 14 hands 1 inch and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. To be driven by a lady. Horse to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horses in heavy harness, high stepper, mare or gelding, 14 hands 1 inch and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horse to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horses in heavy harness, pair of high steppers, mares or geldings, 14 hands 1 inch and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horses to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 14 hands 1 inch and under 15.2 hands. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horses in heavy harness, pair of mares or geldings, 15 hands 2 inches and over, to be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 15 hands 2 inches and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horses in heavy harness, pair of mares or geldings, 15 hands and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a lady. Conformation and quality to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 15 hands and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a lady. Conformation and quality to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding under 14 hands 2 inches and not under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Conformation and quality to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Tandems, mares or geldings, 15 hands or over. The wheeler to have conformation substance, quality and action. The leader to be showy, well bred, all round actor, with good manners. Different owners may combine when showing in this class.

Combination horse, mare or gelding, 15 hands 1 inch, and not under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and judged as a horse best suited for harness purposes. The horses to be unharnessed in the ring and shown under saddle. The horse best suited for both purposes to be awarded the prize. First prize winners in this class may enter for either harness or saddle championship, but not for both.

Combination horse, mare or gelding, over 15 hands 1 inch, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and judged as a horse best suited for harness purposes. The horse to be unharnessed in the ring and shown under saddle. The horse best suited for both purposes to be awarded the prize. First prize winners in this class may enter for either harness or saddle championship, but not for both.

Pony class, Shetlands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a boy or girl under 15 years of age. Pony to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Pony class, ponies, other than Shetlands, under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle, and to be driven by a boy or girl under 15 years of age. Pony to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horses in heavy harness, pair of high steppers, mares or geldings, 14 hands 1 inch and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Horses to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 14 hands 1 inch and under 15.2 hands. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horses in heavy harness, pair of mares or geldings, 15 hands 2 inches and over, to be shown to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 15 hands 2 inches and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle. (Victoria or brougham barred.)

Horses in heavy harness, pair of mares or geldings, 15 hands and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a lady. Conformation and quality to count 75 per cent., appointments 25 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding, 15 hands and over. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a lady. Conformation and quality to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Horse in heavy harness, mare or gelding under 14 hands 2 inches and not under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. Conformation and quality to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Tandems, mares or geldings, 15 hands or over. The wheeler to have conformation substance, quality and action. The leader to be showy, well bred, all round actor, with good manners. Different owners may combine when showing in this class.

Combination horse, mare or gelding, 15 hands 1 inch, and not under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and judged as a horse best suited for harness purposes. The horses to be unharnessed in the ring and shown under saddle. The horse best suited for both purposes to be awarded the prize. First prize winners in this class may enter for either harness or saddle championship, but not for both.

Combination horse, mare or gelding, over 15 hands 1 inch, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and judged as a horse best suited for harness purposes. The horse to be unharnessed in the ring and shown under saddle. The horse best suited for both purposes to be awarded the prize. First prize winners in this class may enter for either harness or saddle championship, but not for both.

Pony class, Shetlands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a boy or girl under 15 years of age. Pony to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Pony class, ponies, other than Shetlands, under 14 hands, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle, and to be driven by a boy or girl under 15 years of age. Pony to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

Special pony class, 14 hands and under, other than Shetland, to be ridden by a boy under 12 years of age. Conformation, quality, paces and manners to count 60 per cent., appointments 20 per cent., riding 20 per cent. Paces to be shown, walk, trot and canter.

Pony class, Shetlands, to be ridden by a boy or girl under 15 years of age. Pony to count 75 per cent., riding 25 per cent.

Pair Shetland ponies, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle and to be driven by a boy or girl under 15 years of age; ponies to count 80 per cent., appointments 20 per cent.

High school horses, open to stallions, mares or geldings; conformation, style and performance to be considered.

Five-gaited saddle horses, 14 hands and over. Open to stallions, mares or geldings. Must show five distinct gaits, viz., walk, trot, single foot, running walk, or fox trot, and canter. Conformation, style and performance to be considered.

Saddle horses, mares or geldings, 14 hands and not over 15.1; gaits required, walk, trot and canter; conformation and quality 75 per cent., paces and manners 25 per cent.

Saddle horses, mares or geldings, over 15 hands 1 inch; gaits required, walk, trot and canter; conformation and quality to count 75 per cent., paces and manners 25 per cent.

Ladies' saddle horses, mares or geldings, 14 hands and not over 15.1; gaits required, walk, trot and canter; conformation and quality 75 per cent., paces and manners, 25 per cent.; ladies to ride.

Ladies' saddle horses, mares or geldings, over 15 hands 1 inch; gaits required, walk, trot and canter; conformation and quality 75 per cent., paces and manners 25 per cent.; ladies to ride.

Hunters, mares or geldings, 14 hands 2 inches and over; up to carrying 165 lbs.; to be ridden over 6 jumps, each 3 feet 6 inches of timber with 6 inches of brush on top; conformation and quality 60 per cent., performance over ump, 40 per cent.

Hunters, mares or geldings, 15 hands 1 inch and over; up to carrying 190 lbs., to be ridden over six jumps, each 3 feet 6 inches of timber, with 6 inches of brush on top; conformation and quality 60 per cent., performance over ump, 40 per cent.

Ladies' hunters, mares or geldings, 14 hands and under 15 hands 1 inch; to be ridden by ladies over six jumps, each 3 feet of timber with 6 inches of brush on top; conformation and quality 60 per cent., performance over jumps 40 per cent.

Ladies' hunters, mares or geldings, 15 hands 1 inch and over; to be ridden by ladies over six jumps, each 3 feet of timber with 6 inches of brush on top; conformation and quality 60 per cent., performance over jumps, 40 per cent.

Open jumping class, best performance over six jumps, each 4 feet 6 inches of brush on top; horses to carry not less than 145 lbs.; conformation and quality to count 60 per cent.; performance over jumps to count 40 per cent.

Open jump, for the best performance over four jumps, each 4 feet 6 inches of timber, with 6 inches of brush on top; catch weights; performance only to count.

Open jump, for the best performance over six jumps; two jumps 4 feet 6 inch timber; two jumps 5 feet timber; two jumps 5 feet 6 inches timber; jumps to have 6 inches of brush on top; horse to carry not less than 145 pounds.

Military, mares or geldings, three years old and over, 14 hands 2 inches high and not exceeding 16 hands; suitable for military purposes; should be sound, well broken and free from vice; weight not less than 950 lbs., and not over 1,150 lbs.; must have long tails.

Military, stallions, mares or geldings, three years old and over; suitable for officers' mounts; 14 hands 2 inches and over; should be sound, well broken, gentle and free from vice; must have long tails.

Military, mares and geldings, three years old and over; 14 hands 2 inches and not exceeding 16 hands; suitable for military purposes; should be sound, well broken and free from vice; must have long tails, to be ridden in uniform by non-commissioned officers or men, either retired or in service of any military corps, volunteer or regular; horses to count 50 per cent., equipment 25 per cent., equestrianism 25 per cent.

Military, stallions, mares or geldings, 3 years old and over, 14 hands 2 inches high and not exceeding 16 hands; suitable for military purposes; must have long tails; should be sound, well broken and free from vice; to be ridden in uniform by officer, either retired or in active service in any military corps, volunteer or regular; horses to count 50 per cent., equipment 25 per cent., equestrianism 25 per cent.

A catalogue of entries is being prepared. It is expected to be ready for distribution in the course of a few days. Secretary Smart asserts that it will be the finest work of its kind issued in years, and his statement also is meant to include the booklet printed on the occasion of the recent Vancouver show. Horsemen will remember what a beautiful publication that was, and will agree that to excel it the Victoria society will have to get out something exceptional. That is what they are doing, according to reports. The catalogue will be replete with halftone cuts of the finest of stock and the choicest selections of local suburban scenery. It will be given wide circulation, and doubtless will be kept by many as a souvenir of the pending exhibition.

Fruit Exhibits.

The preparations that are being made for the commercial fruit exhibit also are out of the ordinary. The prize list recently issued demonstrate that those in charge have taken special pains to provide inducement for a large entry, both from the east and west sides of the Cascades. They affirm that inquiries are being received from growers in the former districts in excess of those from near home. In view of that fact they desire to point out that it would be advisable for the horticulturists of Vancouver island to "get busy" in order that it may be demonstrated to visitors that just as high-class a quality of produce may be cultivated on the lower mainland and island as further east. However, they express confidence that the liberality displayed in the prizes offered will attract a display so comprehensive that it may be characterized as representative of the fruit growing possibilities of the entire province.

The new classes for commercial fruits are as follows:

(Grown west of the Cascades.)

Each display to be the product of the exhibitor.

Section 1040—Best display of fruits, commercial varieties, packed for market in standard packages, not less or more than two boxes or crates of each variety and not more than six varieties in any one class. Apples, pears, plums, prunes, peaches, etc. First, $70; second, $40; third, $15.

The Wilson Bros. Silver Trophy Cup for the best collection of commercial fruit grown west of the Cascades goes to the winner of first prize in this section. The cup must be won twice by the same grower before becoming his property. (Won in 1907 by R. M. Palmer & Son, Rockside Orchards, Victoria, B. C.

(Grown east of the Cascades.)

Each display to be the product of the exhibitor.

Section 1041—Best display of fruits, commercial varieties, packed for market in standard packages, not less or more than two boxes or crates of each variety and not more than six varieties in any one class. Apples, pears, plums, prunes, peaches, etc. First, $70; second, $40; third, $15.

The B. C. Land & Investment agency silver trophy cup for the best collection of commercial fruit grown east of the Cascades goes to the winner of first prize in this section. The cup is to be won twice in succession by the same grower before becoming his property.

Commercial fruit (open):

Best display of 3 commercial varieties fall apples, packed for market in standard packages, 2 boxes of each variety, size of fruit 3½ to 4 tier; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display of 3 commercial varieties winter apples, packed for market in standard packages, 2 boxes of each variety, size of fruit 3½ to 4 tier; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display of 5 boxes one variety fall apples, packed for market in standard packages, size of fruit 3½ to 4 tier; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display of 5 boxes one variety winter apples, packed for market in standard packages, size of fruit 3½ to 4 tier; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display of 5 commercial varieties of pears packed for market in standard packages, 2 boxes of each variety; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display of plums and prunes, 5 commercial varieties, packed for market in standard packages, 2 crates of each variety; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Best display any other fruits, quinces, crab apples, peaches, grapes, etc., limited to 6 boxes or crates; 1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Industrial Displays.

Every day applications are being received for space for industrial exhibits. The indications are that this feature will be more creditable than heretofore as it is the opinion that there is more enthusiasm among the merchants and others engaged in business here. Providing such a spirit is maintained until the opening day of the fair the secretary is confident that the industrial side of the show will prove a decided improvement.

Immediately the buildings, now in the course of construction, are completed the Victoria school exhibit will be installed. Information has been received from E. B. Paul, superintendent of schools, to the effect that the children's work is ready, having been done before the recent summer closing. He stated that it was in charge of Miss Mills, the art teacher, who would undertake to put it in place as soon as the space required was available.

Work has been started on the new entrance gates. These are being constructed in the most modern method, the object being to obviate the crowding of vehicles and pedestrians during the progress of the exhibition. By the new arrangement the officials believe that it will be possible to handle the largest throngs with marked facility, avoiding inflicting on the public the discomfort and inconvenience with which they have had sometimes met with in previous years.

In a word preparations are in full swing and the prospects were never brighter. Given good weather Secretary Smart is of the opinion that the exhibition should be made a financial success. Of course he explains that the association has been put to considerable expense not only in connection with the construction of necessary new buildings but in the offering of a greater number of prizes. Still he thinks that, providing nothing unforeseen occurs, Victoria should have a banner show with splendid chances of a gratifying financial result. All, however, depends on the co-operation and good will of the public.

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THE PREMIER RETURNS FROM EXTENDED TRIP

All Through the Province Prosperity and Confidence Was Found to Prevail

(From Sunday's Daily)

After a most interesting and useful trip to the interior of the province, Premier McBride returned yesterday, accompanied by the Hon. Dr. Young and Mrs. Young. The Chief Commissioner, who had started with the party, left them on Thursday at Windermere, having other business to occupy his attention before coming home.

The Premier was perfectly delighted with what he saw, during his absence, of the continued progress and prosperity of the province, and speaks in the most hopeful tones of the various districts through which he passed. Beginning at Nicola on Monday, July 6th, the itinerary included in succession Spence's Bridge, Ashcroft, Kamloops, New Denver and Silverton in the Slocan, Revelstoke, Field, Golden, Spillamacheen, Wilmer and Windermere, at all of which places large audiences gathered to hear the ministers speak of the affairs of the province. During their visits the Premier and his colleagues gathered a quantity of most useful information that cannot fail to be beneficial later on in dealing with the many important matters that come before them from time to time in connection with the administration of the province.

In the Nicola district the evidences of progress since the advent of railway communication were very marked, and the Premier took advantage of the opportunity to make a short visit to the coal mines in the vicinity. Time only permitted the party to see the main workings of the Nicola Coal company's property and also to note what was being done by the Diamond Vale people.

Both here and at Ashcroft, the following night, the ministers had an opportunity of speaking with a great many people in addition to the gatherings they addressed, and it was particularly gratifying to the Premier to see the hopeful tone prevailing.

Visit to Sanitarium.

At Kamloops, where a banquet was given to the visitors, the same evidence of development were to be seen on all sides. An interesting feature here was a trip to the sanitarium at Tranquille, Dr. Young being naturally particularly anxious to see the place. The party was entertained to lunch there, and then inspected the grounds and the methods employed in the good work for which the sanitarium was established. The Premier expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with what he saw, and at the comprehensive scheme being carried out to utilize the farm to the best advantage and to the mutual advantage of the western lines. The Kamloops people showed themselves to be most hospitable in entertaining the visitors, and in the evening there was a banquet in honor of the members of the cabinet present.

The following day was spent in the Slocan, and upon arriving at Rosebery, on Slocan lake, the party was met by a fleet of twelve motor launches, among which the party was divided, the whole going in procession to Silverton, where speeches were made by Mr. McBride and the ministers. At Silverton they were greeted by a salute of miners' artillery, consisting of a number of shots of dynamite. From there they went to New Denver, where there was a banquet and a meeting. The New Denverites more than upheld the reputation of the Slocan for lavish hospitality, and the people throughout the district showed their appreciation of the efforts made by the cabinet to obtain a personal appreciation of local conditions. J. H. Schofield, M.P.P., met the party at New Denver, Thos. Taylor, M.P.P., being also with them.

The next night, Friday, found the party at Revelstoke, whither Mr. Taylor accompanied them. They were met at this place by the board of trade, and a meeting was held that night. On Saturday they were at Field, where they were joined by Harry Parson, M.P.P. for Columbia. Here an excellent and well-attended meeting was held, at which all the ministers spoke, including Mr. McBride.

White Labor Only.

Next day a trip was taken along the line to inspect the stupendous work being undertaken by the C. P. R. in the Kicking Horse canyon, where immense tunnels are being driven through solid rock to lower the grades and avoid excessive curves. Pig Jim MacDonald was in charge of the work, and the ministers were particularly glad to note that none but white labor was being employed, there not being an Oriental on the job.

On Monday the ministers arrived at Golden, where they were tendered a very nice reception in the hospital grounds by the ladies of the city. Dr. Young inspected the hospital, after which tea was served. Then the party took a short run down the Columbia on the steamer Isabel, which had been placed at the disposal of the board of trade for that purpose by Mr. McCormick, manager of the Columbia River Lumber company.

Early on Tuesday morning the party boarded the steamer Ptarmigan, with Capt. Armstrong in charge, and started down the river to Windermere. They stopped en route at Mr. Foster's place, near Wilmer, for dinner, prior to which they received a pleasant greeting from the inhabitants. At Spillamacheen a short stop was also made and a few words of informal address delivered.

On Wednesday Windermere was left behind in Hyde Baker's motor, which had very kindly been placed at the disposal of the party, and they were all loud in praise of what they saw during the ninety-mile ride to Cranbrook. The road runs through a beautiful and rich valley, teeming with natural resources of every description, and in addition to the excellent wagon road, a railroad is in course of construction, which is assured in advance of ample local freight.

On Thursday the party left Cranbrook, reaching Spokane the next day, and on home, arriving here yesterday by the Princess Victoria.

J. H. Hawthornethwaite, M.P.P., will address a meeting at Metchosin on Thursday July 23rd, at 8 p.m.

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Ottawa, July 17.—The report of the Commons committee on agriculture which was presented to the House today, states that wheat may be successfully raised 900 miles north of the international boundary and 500 miles north of Edmonton. The evidence presented to the committee showed the total tobacco production of Canada was four million pounds out of a total of over fifteen millions consumed. It is claimed the whole of this could be produced in Canada under improved conditions of culture.