

LOCAL FRUITS

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clearly enough what can be done in these portions of the Kootenay. A tremendous sunflower, 14 feet in height, from Fruitvale gives some slight indication of the possibilities of the future competition of the famed West Arm of Kootenay lake.

A third exhibit is from Arrow Park at the south end of lower Arrow lake. Here are some excellent examples of a sandy loam country at one time thought to be too dry for successful horticulture. Such, however, is evidently not the case.

Then comes an exhibit from Columbia Gardens. This is another light soil, almost. There are on exhibit water melons, musk melons, pumpkins, etc., almost sub-tropical fruits entirely, and yet have been grown in a country which a year or two ago was merely bush.

Straying aside for a moment, a glance must be taken at the exhibit from Rossland, grown at a height of 3,800 feet above sea level. This has already been described at the Kaslo fair from which institution the exhibit has come. The particular point is that fruit can be grown at altitudes which are after all, considerably regarded as not possible of successful horticulture.

Apart from these district exhibits are plates on the main table which exemplify other points along the Arrow lakes and Columbia river, such as Fire Valley, Burton, Robson and Trail which are equally illustrative of the fertility of the Kootenay valleys.

Then again are the exhibits from Nelson and Kaslo, already insufficiently dealt upon and to which reference is everywhere shown at this exhibition.

But a new district exhibit is that from the Slokan Valley, whose fruit this its first year is only a point or so below that of the south side of the West Arm of Kootenay lake.

Cheston has in a small exhibit not in the least worthy of that district which is perhaps one of the very best valleys for horticulture in the whole of the Kootenay.

There are two remarkable exhibits from East Kootenay, the one from Marysville, exhibited by E. J. Clayton, grown at a height exceeding 3,000 feet, thus again showing that the prolificness of the soil of Kootenay is not confined to its valley bottoms, and the other from Watsburg. The latter is a remarkable illustration of what can be done by scientific irrigation. A. E. Watts, the exhibitor, is irrigating from above. He runs a drain through the middle of his orchard, in which his trees are placed 30 feet apart in rows. Along each row is laid a smaller pipe and at intervals of 30 feet are standards, six feet high, surmounted by a sprinkler throwing water to a distance of 45 feet with a 15 pound pressure, available from almost any water tank. Hence the soil can be cultivated with ease by ploughing between the rows and at the same time can get sufficient moisture without wasting water, the foliage as well as the roots being given an opportunity of absorbing the necessary moisture.

So far the districts and their exhibits, whether for competition or not. But yet another interesting feature is the award of the Shagnessy cup, given to the exhibition of the best and most varied produce from any one ranch. This was easily won by Mrs. J. Johnstone. The Johnstone exhibit in the annex is one of the best of the fair. Not only are there fruit and vegetables but there are also the varied products of the general farm variety, eggs, milk, bacon, ham, butter, cheese, pickles and preserves, showing what one industrious Scot can do.

DOMINION FISH COMPANY.

Not Affected by Failure in the United States.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 22.—Capt. Wm. Robinson, who left a week ago for Chicago, in connection with the Booth Fish company's failure is back again in Winnipeg having arrived here this morning. Capt. Robinson, who is president of the Dominion Fish company of Winnipeg, has little to say about the failure of the big American company. He insists that the Dominion Fish company is an entirely separate organization and whatever affects the big Booth failure will have on the Canadian company will be sympathetic only. The Canadian company's business was done on a cash basis and in consequence was not affected by the failure.

"I am inclined to think," said Capt. Robinson "that the Booth company will be reorganized and started again on a firmer footing than before. The probabilities are that way. However, that may be, the Dominion Fish company will continue to do business and whatever effect the failure to reorganize the Booth company will have on the Dominion Fish company will only be by reflection."

ANGLICAN MISSION BOARD.

Calls Upon the Various Western Dioceses Decided Upon.

OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—General mission board Anglican church met here last night. Those present included Bishops Pinkham of Calgary, Reeves of Yukon and Newham of Saskatchewan. The general treasurer reported receipts of \$4,800. The grants for 1909 to the western provinces was not struck as the Pan-American congress distribution takes place in January and may affect relative conditions. Calls upon the dioceses for 1909 were made including Saskatchewan \$1400, Calgary \$2500; MacKenzie River \$200; Qu'Appelle \$3,000; Yukon \$350; West Westminster \$2628; Rupert's Land \$8568; Kootenay \$1248; Columbia \$1500; Caledonia \$468; Moosehide \$400; Athabasca \$144; Kewadin \$600.

WATER POWER

There was present at the meeting of the city council last a delegation from the Canada Zinc company to protest against the refusal of the corporation of the city to permit the electric power being turned on over their power line.

This delegation was made up of R. Irving, F. T. Snyder, L. Pratt and J. Whittier, while J. H. Ward attended on behalf of the B. C. Telephone company.

Before hearing the statements of the delegation the mayor read some correspondence on this matter. This began, as read, with a letter from the manager of the telephone company protesting against the danger of turning power over the new line until that line was properly insulated.

This communication was followed by a letter from the mayor insisting that all proper precautions should be taken. In reply there was a long letter from the Canada Zinc company declaring that the line was safe, the city electrician Brown having already declared it to be so and his decision should be taken as final, and Mr. Snyder, in an enclosed report set forth his reasons to think so at some length. Mr. Snyder in this report declared that the system employed by the Canada Zinc company was quite safe and that as far as the danger of high tension wires was concerned the city's high tension wires for years had been running in close connection with the telephone wires without any accident. No accident was at all likely. The letter to the Canada Zinc company also set forth that the delay imposed by the city on the opening of the industry was a serious drawback to the company and was also a loss to the district and to the city. The plan in operation would be spending something like \$400 a day in wages.

Mayor Taylor then read a communication from the Canada Zinc company at the meeting of the council of Sept. 21. R. Irving, called upon to make any further statement, declared that about everything had been fully set forth in the letter already read. As to the B. C. Telephone company they might take better care of their own system. Mr. Ward said that all he wanted was to see that his lines were safe. He read correspondence to show that his company had taken up the matter with the Canada Zinc from April last.

Mr. Snyder maintained that his company had spent \$1500 more than originally intended in the line. The line was safe, \$1500 less would have built a cheaper line and \$600 spent in cradle grates would have covered the objections of Mr. Ward or of the city. Yet the company had made a better line than that and now were asked to put up cradle grates which were already shown to be of no real protection. The mayor said the charter under which the line was run was not acting was passed by the people and only the people could vary it. Moreover, if the Telephone company desired to do so all that they had to do was to take out an injunction. As to the fact that the Telephone company might hold the city liable.

Mr. Snyder asked what the city proposed by way of safety devices, not admitting that the lines were not safe. Mayor Taylor said he had taken the advice of Cecil B. Smith who said the ruling of the railway commission in all cases of such disputes as the present was that there should be an extra wire fused at both ends, wrapped round the wires from pole to pole between which poles were the other wire systems to be crossed, and so strong that if a wire broke the extra wire would prevent its fall.

Mr. Snyder said that there were practically no cases of breakage. Electrician Brown said that there were breakages of such wire as that used by the Canada Zinc company in the city system.

Mr. Snyder declared that Lorne A. Campbell of the West Kootenay Power and Light company had said there had been only one such breakage in ten years.

Electrician Brown did not think this to be the case. R. Irving observed his company had a ruling from the railway commission as to the crossing of the G. P. R. wires. There had been no exception taken to the system employed by the Canada Zinc company.

The mayor said that that ruling was not to the crossing of the G. P. R. wires. In cases of dispute the ruling was as he had stated, on the authority of C. B. Smith.

Alderman Procter said that neither he, nor he believed, the mayor or council, wished to prevent the company from going ahead and he thought some arrangement might be made.

Mr. Snyder stated he would like to meet Mr. Smith and find out what was wanted to be done. Whatever was necessary the Canada Zinc company would like to get to work and do at once.

An attempt was then made to get Cecil B. Smith to the council meeting. This failed owing to Mr. Smith's absence from the hotel. A tentative arrangement was made to meet Mr. Smith at the hotel at a later hour.

L. Pratt said the Canada Zinc company was willing to do whatever was necessary but asked that while those precautions were being taken the power should be allowed to run over the line.

Alderman Procter moved that the matter be left to Mr. Smith and if Mr. Smith said that the company might run the current, until proper precautions, such as were thought necessary, were taken, that the Canada Zinc company, might do so.

Ald. Patenaude seconded. Mayor Taylor protested that this was no proper motion as the council had no right to overrule the by-law. He had no wish to hamper the company but he was afraid of loss of life or the burning

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of residences if a wire were accidentally to break.

Mr. Snyder interjected that the chances of breakage was a million to one.

Ald. Procter said the extra size of the wire was a proper precaution.

Ald. McMorris moved and Ald. Hale seconded an amendment that the proper precautions to be taken be referred to Mr. Smith and his decision to be final.

This carried unanimously. The city electrician and the delegation then went down to the Hume hotel to meet Mr. Smith.

HOTEL HELD UP.

Burglars Disturbed at Their Game Marriage to Escape.

BUFFALO, Sept. 21.—Two men with their faces covered with handkerchiefs entered the Lenox hotel early today and the revelers forced George Smith and telephone operator Doyle to leave their positions and then marched them into the basement where they locked them in a small room. Returning to the bar the burglars began a search for valuables. They secured on only about \$150 in cash but had not succeeded in opening the safe when Smith and Doyle, who had succeeded in liberating themselves, raised an alarm and the holdup men fled and have not been captured.

BAD TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Two Men Are Killed and More Than Fifty Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24.—A phone message to the Post Dispatch from Carthage, Mo., says: Two men were killed and more than fifty persons were injured on the east bound "Prisco" passenger train on the Spring River, a mile north of this city today. The train was running at high speed when in rounding a curve it dived into the ground, leaving all the cars following it. The engine turned over twice in the steep descent of fifty feet and plunged into the river. The engineer and fireman were drowned.

AEROPLANE EXPERIENCES.

Wilbur Wright is Making More Remarkable Records.

LEMAN, France, Sept. 25.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist made a flight this morning that lasted for 35 minutes and 14 seconds. He covered 22 miles at an average height of 1500 feet. He had to land because his gasoline tank which had not been firmly closed was leaking.

The distance made by Mr. Wright, for the Michelin aero club prizes has been increased to 39.96 miles, a little over 24 miles. The friends of Mr. Wright in France are trying to persuade him to fly across the English channel on the ground that such a feat would be a triumph for the world. He has absolute confidence in his machine.

HEAVY RATES

The Dominion Railway Commission sitting at Winnipeg on Wednesday last proceeded with the argument in the Kootenay case, which was presented by the Canadian Zinc company.

The object of the argument was on the one hand to show that the rates were excessive and discriminated in favor of Montreal against Winnipeg. In the case of the Ashdown company the increased rate meant an extra cost of \$3,412.27 in the year and compelled them to supply their branch house at Nelson from some other place.

Mr. Henderson said he could not carry the case further and the complaint was dismissed. With leave to make a new application setting forth whatever grievances the complainant thought he had, and the board had power to remedy.

Mr. Henderson who appeared for the Winnipeg wholesalers, proceeding with the Kootenay case, said this branch was presented to the board by J. H. Ashdown on Monday evening last.

Mr. Henderson—Well, Montreal is in town today.

Judge Mabee—Montreal has an advantage over Winnipeg in that it is also a port of call for the Pacific coast.

Mr. Henderson—It is. For instance a Hamilton house has a branch establishment at Nelson and they could save their freight to their branch house at \$3 to \$11 less than Mr. Ashdown could. While removing discrimination between Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Judge Mabee asked how Mr. Henderson would get over the order he had read?

Mr. Henderson said he could not get over it. He asked the board to shelve the matter for the time and deal with it within such time as the board might think reasonable. He could not carry the case further.

Judge Mabee said the commission were of opinion the better way to dispose of the case was to dismiss the application, but giving leave to the applicant to file a new application in accordance with the practice and proceed as to shipments into Kootenay. On the other hand the board might fully detail and set forth whatever grievances he thought he had and the board had power to remedy.

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Mr. Martin said he would deal with Mr. Sifton as he did with Mr. Kelly, though he did not believe he was to much to blame as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid might have seen that room after room of his government was being sold for \$1000 at the rate of \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, yet a short time before he became minister of interior he tried to compromise a small judgment which the city of Winnipeg had secured from the city of Winnipeg for 40 cents on the dollar. But Mr. Sifton, as minister of interior, had at his disposal a great part of the real estate assets of Canada. He compared the position of the city of Hon. Mr. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works for this province.

"Suppose Mr. Fulton should suddenly develop half a dozen automobiles, fine cars and splendid mansions, don't you think we should ask Mr. McBride, Mr. Sifton, and I think we should require Sir Wilfrid Laurier to ask Mr. Sifton whether he got his wealth outside his office. (Applause.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be the first to assist in inquiries where there were grounds for suspicion, but every time they found the government bawling these requests.

"He contradicted this policy with that of Sir John Thompson in 1891, when scandals were broached. Sir John appointed a committee of one liberal and one conservative with full powers to set. As a result of that one of his supporters, Mr. McGreevy, was turned out of parliament and put in gaol, and Sir Hector Langevin was removed from office.

"Let the Laurier government do the same and I will believe in it. When he says there is no graft," said Mr. Martin. The liberals talked of economy. They pointed to the expenditure of \$4,117,000 in the last year of the conservative rule as compared with \$79,000,000 in the last ten years, the liberals, with wonderful luck and good times to aid them, had squandered a hundred millions of dollars which property would have cut the national debt in half. They had increased their expenditure in many directions, but boasted that in immigration it was justified.

"The people of this province, who were the Doukhobors and Gilelsians, and the cheap trash with which they had filled the province, were equally bad. Of course that was one place where the government was strong, because these people supported whatever government was in power. It should be little comfort to the liberals, however, because if Mr. Borden got in the next election he would be the boss of the liberals in this

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