DATES SELECTED FOR B. C. SHOWS

Board of Agriculturists Has Difficulty in Pleasing Representatives of Different Provincial Districts.

Practically all the time of Tuesday's session of representatives of the Boards of Agriculture of British Columbia was occupied in the arrangement of dates of the fall fairs for next year. A table of suggestions was submitted as a basis but it didn't meet with the favor of any; all wanted changes and, in the endeavor to satisfy everybody trouble was encountered, there being unfortunately only one Wednesday and Thursday in each week. Monday wouldn't suit because it was too soon after Sunday and Friday and Saturday, in most instances, didn't meet with approval as they draw in on the end of the week. No further explanation is necessary to indicate that Live-Stock Commissioner Hodson and Deputy Minister of Agriculture Scott encountered rocks in the effort to arrive at an amicable arrangement.

Victoria Censured.

As it was there developed some dissension. For the most part it was over the dates of the two big shows, Victoria and New Westminster. The delegates from up country complained that it put them to marked inconvenience to have to come to the Island before displaying at the Fraser River exhibition. In discussing this issue, Victoria's Board of Agriculture came in for some censure at the hands of John Redman, of Kamloops, who declared, very bluntly, that this city could not expect much assistance from the stockbreeders and agriculturists of some of the inland districts inasmuch as it had taken the dates for its show which Kamloops always had deemed its own. The selection had been made without reference to outside sections, arbitrarily and selfishly. He thought that an explanation of the reported deficit in the exhibition's finances was to be found in its independence of the farmers and those to whom such an organization usually looked for support.

Who Started Them?

Dr. Tolmie, one of the directors of the Victoria board, came to the defense of the local association. He wanted to know who started this fall fair business in British Columbia. He believed that it was general knowledge that the first exhibition in the West had taken place in Victoria some fifty years ago. Still Victoria wasn't standing on any rights that it might claim through seniority. It was not arbitrary. He thought that, while he wasn't a duly accredited representative, he voiced the sentiments of the Board of Directors when he said that they were willing to do anything within reason to meet with the wishes of the majority of the outside farmers and stock raisers. The reasons that the dates of the Victoria exhibition had been altered to come in ahead of those of New Westminster was to make as sure as possible of securing good weather for the show. Everyone knew that two days of rain was enough to "put a week's exhibition on the hog"—using a vulgar expression. In October there was a big chance of running into wet weather while in September the risk was minimized. The board had to take every possible precaution against this because rain spelled financial deficits and sunshine meant success.

Island Defended.

This exposition of Victoria's position was enthusiastically received, a director of the New Westminster Agricultural Association rising and stating that he for one realized the difficulties under which the Island directors labored and their reasons for the step taken concerning dates. He said that the mainland exhibitors could not look for better treatment than that received in Victoria and he and the majority of the Chilliwack farmers would be sorry to see the Island fair in trouble. He affirmed that there was no doubt that to have the Westminster show before that in this city would be more agreeable to the mainlanders than the present arrangement. It would be more convenient and, he assured the Victorians present that, if it was decided to make a change in the local dates the stock breeders would come on to the Island as they had been doing in as great if not in greater numbers.

Premier Speaks.

Before the proceedings were inaugurated Deputy Minister of Agriculture Scott introduced Premier McBride who was received with hearty applause. He delivered a short address in which he expressed his pleasure at the large and representative gathering in response to the department's invitation to consider exhibition and other plans for the forwarding of the agricultural and other interests of the province during 1910. It was the government's policy to assist the farmers, horticulturists, stockbreeders, and those engaged in kindred pursuits in the development of British Columbia's resources. Whatever requests they might have to make would be given the most careful attention of the administration and he hoped that those present would find that the opportunity thus afforded them of conferring and coming to some decision as to concerted measures towards helping the province along agricultural lines was well advised.

Fall Fair Dates.

After the Premier's retirement dates for fairs throughout the province were drafted as follows:

First Circuit

Alberni, Sept. 14 and 15; Nanaimo, Sept. 16 and 17; Cowichan, Sept. 23 and 24; Islands, Sept. 21; Victoria, Sept. 27 to October 1.

Second Circuit

Surrey, Sept. 27; Langley, Sept. 28; Eburne, Sept. 29 and 30; Ladner, Sept. 23 and 24.

Third Circuit

Nicola, Sept. 13 and 14; Armstrong, Sept. 22 and 23; Vernon, Sept. 15 to 17; Kelowna, Sept. 20 and 21; Salmon Arm, Sept. 23 and 24; Kamloops, Sept. 28 to 30; Summerland, Sept. 23.

Fourth Circuit

Coquitlam, Sept. 20; Maple Ridge, Sept. 21 and 22; Mission, Sept. 23; Agassiz, Sept. 27 and 28; Chilliwack, Sept. 29 and 30.

Fifth Circuit

Nelson, Sept. 28 to 30; Cranbrook, Sept. 23 and 24; Kaslo, Sept. 20 and 21.

Vancouver's Shows

An explanation of Vancouver's proposal in the way of an exhibition was volunteered by R. Smith, of that city's board of directors. He said that there was no possibility of the Terminal City show clashing with any of the others because it was proposed bringing it off earlier in the year. While there had been no definite selection of the date, the 15th of August was mentioned and it was a safe conclusion that it would be somewhere about that time. New buildings were going to be erected and special attention paid to stock classes—which was somewhat of a departure from what had been the custom in the past and he was sure would meet with the approval of those present. He, however, was not in a position to speak fully in behalf of the Vancouver board. Others would be over today and he would give them an opportunity to explain Vancouver's plans.

Provincial Grants

Commissioner Hodson suggested that those present discuss some method of arranging the provincial grants to the different British Columbia agriculturist bodies. He said that heretofore, they had been paid on no understood basis, and he thought that it would be fairer to all concerned if an equitable system of reimbursement were fixed.

There were many proposals. Some thought that the government should pay the associations according to the numerical strength of their membership. Others were of the opinion that the size of the grant should be estimated by the merit of the exhibition or the amount of good it did. There were other suggestions, note of which was taken by the authorities.

The Delegates

Among the delegates were the following:

B. C. Agricultural, J. E. Smart, Esq.; Chilliwack, J. T. Maynard, Esq.; Coquitlam, James Mars, Esq.; Cowichan, Kenneth Duncan, Esq.; Welt, A. De R. Taylor, Esq.; Islands, E. Walter, Esq.; Langley, J. W. Berry, Esq.; Maple Ridge, A. G. Denoon, Esq.; Nanaimo, Dr. J. G. Ross; North and South Saanich, Fred Turgoose, Esq.; Okanagan Exhibition, K. P. Wilmot, Esq.; Revelstoke, A. Jhonson, Esq.; Richmond, T. Laing, Esq.; Royal, W. H. Keary, Esq.; Surrey, J. Stewart, Esq.; Alberni, John Best, Esq.; Kent, Charles Wright, Esq.; Kaslo, — Robb, Tsq.; Nelson, J. H. Annable, Esq.; Summerland, J. Thomson, Esq.; Windermere, — Ellis, Esq.; Vernon, — Gillespie, Esq.; Salmon Arm, Robt. Turner, Esq.; Kamloops, John Redman, Esq.; Kelowna, H. W. Raymer, Esq.; Comox, M. B. Ball, Esq.; Mission, Wm. T. Abbott, Esq.; Armstrong, D. Matheson, Esq.

The Programme

The subjects which are to be considered before the dissolution of the convention are the following:

1. "Educational Features and Demonstrations" and why they should be encouraged.
2. "Judges," outsiders or local, and why, and the advisability of publishing names of judges in each division in prize list.
3. "Attractions' and their relative value from both exhibitors' and managers' standpoint.
4. "The advisability of having a uniform catalogue amongst the different exhibitions." This would necessitate dividing the fairs into classes according to their size, and making a catalogue suitable to each class.
5. "Special Prizes" and their value to the exhibitor.
6. "Advertising." How much should be done, and how.
7. "Should horse racing be used as an attraction at exhibitions."
8. "Concessions and Side Shows." Should they be permitted, and if so, how handled.

GREAT GROWTH IN BANK CLEARINGS

January Figures Show Increase of Seventy-Five Per Cent. Over Same Month a Year Ago

Local bank clearings for the month of January aggregated $7,890,767 an increase of no less than 75 per cent over the clearings for the corresponding month a year ago when the figures were $4,235,476. The month's figures were, with the exception of December last, the largest of any month in the history of the local clearing house and should the ratio of increase continue for the balance of the year Victoria clearings for the twelve months should go over the $100,000,000 mark.

As a rule the December figures here are the largest of the year consequent on the increased Christmas trade and accordingly the excellent showing made in January compared with the like month in previous years indicates that 1910 will prove the most active one in the history of the city in a business way.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUPPORT ATHLETICS

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—President E. C. Brown of the National Amateur Athletic Union, in discussing the recommendation of President Taft that congress appropriate $50,000 to allow the United States to be represented in the first international sporting exposition at Vienna in May, declared tonight the president's action will give athletics a great boom in this country.

"If congress passes this recommendation," he said, "it will show the foundation athletics has in this country. If the $50,000 is forthcoming we will select an array of athletes that will well pay the United States for the appropriation. We have men right here in this country who can get records by the wholesale in these foreign meets and I think it is the duty of congress to furnish this money so that the United States can show that it has the greatest string of athletes in the world."

M. P. Issues Writ for Libel.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 31.—F. B. Carvell, M. P., has issued a writ for criminal libel against John P. Melaney, editor of the Woodstock, N. B. press. The press contained an article charging that Carvell was a member of the Willard Kitchen contracting firm and had sold out his constituents in the matter of the Grand Trunk Pacific route. Carvell demanded an apology and Melaney promised to publish it but a majority of the directors of the Press refused to agree. A writ was therefore issued today. Melaney has since resigned as editor of the paper.

JANUARY FIGURES MAKE NEW RECORD

First Month's Figures Indicate Present Year Will Be Banner One in the Building Trades

All previous records were shattered during the last month when the building figures for January showed an increase of no less than sixty-six per cent. over those for the corresponding month a year ago and the enormous increase of 184 per cent over the same month in 1908.

According to the figures issued by the building inspector last evening, the aggregate value of buildings for which permits were issued during the month was $128,985, compared with $78,080 for January a year ago, and $54,725 in January, 1909. During the month a total of forty-eight permits were issued compared with thirty-nine in January last year. Of the permits issued, that for the McCallum Block on Douglas street adjoining the Merchants Bank of Canada, calls for the largest outlay, $30,000. A number of buildings which will call for a large outlay are now under consideration and will figure in the February permits which promise to establish another record

Yesterday building permits were issued to M. Gilespie for a dwelling to be erected on Johnson street, to cost $1,800; to George Russell, for a dwelling on Richardson street, to cost $3,000, and to Mrs. R. Penman for a dwelling on Blackwood street to cost $1,800.

NO CLUE TO CAUSE

Inquest Upon Webbwood Disaster on C. P. R. Elicits Little.

SUDBURY, Ont., Jan. 31.—The coroner's jury, which resumed its inquiry into the cause of the Webbwood disaster here today, made little headway. H. L. Drayton, K. C., of Toronto, will diagnose the expert testimony. Practically every trainman who was on the ill-fated train the day of the wreck, the car inspectors at North Bay and Sudbury, the train despatcher and Superintendent Spencer were called but not one could shed one ray of light that would lead to a finding of what was the actual cause.

FAVOR INVESTIGATION

President Taft and Republican Leaders Would Look Into Cost of Living.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—President Taft and the Republican house leaders favor a thorough investigation of the present high cost of living and it was determined today at a meeting of the ways and means committee that that body should assume the task. Chairman Payne and Minority Leader Clark were designated to draft a suitable resolution regulating the scope and the details of the investigation.

JUMP COAL CLAIMS

Cassiar Coal Company Holdings Invaded— Case Referred to Premier.

Forty-two coal claims in the Telkwa and Bulkley valley owned by the Cassiar Coal Company, an eastern corporation, of which Samuel Barker, M. P., Hamilton, Ontario, is prominent official, have been "jumped" for alleged non-compliance with the mining regulations. It is alleged that while the company paid the annual licence of $100 per claim every year continuous development was not prosecuted as required by law. A big fight is pending, and the matter has been referred by the Hazelton mining recorder to Premier McBride as minister of mines.

Locations were made about five years ago. The company applied for crown grants a few months ago. The property is very valuable as the area embraces valuable lands in the Bulkley valley at the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa rivers, and also comprised several prospective townsites

Chauffeurs' Union.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 31.—A national union of chauffeurs, to be known as the Professional Chauffeurs Association of America was incorporated today. Its object is to improve the standing of chauffeurs by eliminating undesirables from the ranks of drivers by better legislation governing the handling of automobiles.

Half a Billion Damage

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Judge Paul W. Linebarger, of Milwaukee, arrived in New York this afternoon on the steamship La Bretagne, from Paris. According to Judge Linebarger, half a billion dollars is a conservative estimate of the havoc wrought by the water in Paris, and that, too, despite the fact that the French government knew for days that the danger was at hand and had a great force of men working night and day to prepare for the flood.

Wreck on the Lake Shore.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 31.—One man was killed and three were injured when the fast mail on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern collided with the rear end of a freight train four miles west of Helland this evening. The train was running on a straight track. Officials state that the engineer was adjusting an injector and did not see the freight. He had been forty-one years in the employ of the Lake Shore and was to have been retired on a pension tomorrow. So far as known this was his first wreck. He was uninjured, although the engine turned over and Brakeman Edward McKinley was caught in the cab and killed.

Eaton Enlarges Winnipeg Store.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 31.—A. A. Gilroy, manager of the T. Eaton company made the important announcement today that the company had purchased a large block of land facing on Graham and Hargrave streets and would in the near future erect a large factory for the manufacture of goods suitable for the western trade and would also add another story to the main store making it an eight story building and giving the company a floor space of nineteen acres. The decision to make these improvements is the outcome of the recent visit to the city of M. Eaton the president.

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Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine cambric, trimmed with lace. Special Sale Price...40¢

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Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine cambric, trimmed with eyelet embroidery and lace. Special Sale Price ....85¢

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Ladies' Drawers, fine cambric, flounce of French embroidery and insertion. Regular $2.35. Sale Price $1.75

Ladies' Drawers, fine cotton with embroidery flounce and tucks. Regular 60c. Sale Price 40¢

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Ladies' Underskirt, made of finest cambric flounce of French embroidery, with insertion and ribbon. Special Sale Price....$7.50

Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric flounce of Val. lace and insertion. Special Sale Price....$5.50

Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with wide flounce of embroidery and insertion. Special Sale Price $5.00

Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with flounce, with embroidery and insertion. Special Sale Price ..$3.25

Ladies' Underskirt, made of the finest cambric, with wide flounce of Val. lace and French insertion. Special Sale Price $6.75

Ladies' Underskirt, made of fine cambric with flounce, trimmed with embroidery and tucks. Special Sale Price is....$2.50

Ladies' Underskirt, made of cotton with flounce of fine lawn, trimmed with lace. Regular 75c. Sale Price ....45¢

Ladies' Night Gowns

Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine cambric with eyelet embroidery yoke and short sleeves. Slip-over style. Sale Price $2.50

Ladies' Night Gowns, cambric embroidered with yoke of fine Val. lace and French insertion. Elbow sleeves, newest style. Sale Price $2.25

Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine tucked yoke, slip-over style, elbow sleeves nicely trimmed with fine embroidery..$2.75

Ladies' Night Gowns, made of fine cambric. Slip-over style, nicely trimmed with fine embroidery and ribbon, ¾ sleeve. Sale Price $1.25

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THAT DROLE STRUGGLE

Desperate Nicaraguan Revolutionists Load Ammunition and Test Their Guns.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 31.—General Estrada, General Matuty, and 500 of the provisional troops sailed last night on the steamers Ometpen, Pioneer and Blanca for a point to the north of Greytown, where 700 of the Government troops are reported to be entrenched. Yesterday was spent in loading ammuniton and testing the guns with which the Blanca is equipped. The United States cruiser Des Moines sailed for Greytown this morning.

LANDS PASSENGERS AT GOLDEN GATE

Hamburg-American Vessel Permitted to Sail "Coastwise" by the Payment of Nominal Fine.

SAN FRANCISCO Jan. 31.—The Hamburg American liner Cleveland landed its 685 passengers from New York on the round-the-world tour here today. Under the strict interpretation of the United States shipping law the vessel was liable to a $200 fine for each passenger, but the company threatened to send the vessel to Victoria, B.C. where she would outfit for a return trip to New York. San Francisco interests protested against this, and as a result the U. S. authorities will immediately remit the fine, reducing it to $1,000 on the understanding that the company brings a test case in the Federal court to determine the applicability of the law in this case.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 31.—Three bodies from the wrecked steamer Czarina were washed up on the beach today. One of the bodies is so badly decomposed as to be beyond recognition. One of the bodies is supposed to be that of Harold Mills, a student of the University of California who was the only passenger on the ill-fated steamer, and the other that of Capt. Duggan, who went down with his vessel.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 31.—"I forged these signatures," said Former Treasurer John B. Lombard, of Framingham, as he took the stand today in his trial as well as that of Charles S. Cummings, a Boston note broker, for alleged participation in the $320,000 mortgage in the town accounts of Framingham, "but I did it because Cummings told me," he added. Lombard and Cummings are on trial for the forgery and larcency of a note of the town for $15,000, which was purchased by the Washington Institution for Savings, of Lowell.

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