COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOW BEFORE

Vancouver Liberals Guessing Who Will Be Candidate at Next Election

The political game, if game it be, is somewhat unsettled in the city of Vancouver. While there is considerable guessing as to who will be the Conservative candidate bound for victory, there is even more uncertainty as to who will carry the banner for the followers of Sir Wilfrid. The lack of any information regarding the movements or curves of R. G. MacPherson, member pro tem, is causing the solons of the Liberal ranks to do some exceedingly tall guessing. Their success in guessing, marred though it may have been by the obtrusion of W. W. B. McInnes at the recent provincial elections, has not been encouraging. But this of course increases the interest.

As in previous election campaigns, the final choice regarding the matter appears to rest with Robert Kelly, who is said not to dislike being credited with being the Liberal boss of Vancouver. But even Mr. Macpherson can be like a clam to Mr. Kelly. Recently Mr. Kelly and Senator Templeman are believed to have discussed the question, but Mr. Macpherson was out of the city at that time, and if he had been in town it is not at all unlikely that he would not have been invited to the conference. As Mr. Kelly oftimes sagaciously tells his friends, there's a great deal that can happen between now and election day, especially when election day is as far off as next year.

It is an interesting fact that recent information that has come from Vancouver suggests that not only is there a very decided question about Mr. Macpherson running again, but a considerable doubt exists regarding his being given the postmastership. Up to a few weeks ago the proposition has been fully understood in well-informed political circles that Mr. Macpherson had the fat postoffice job at Vancouver to step into if the electors through their "servants," the leading Liberals of the Terminal City, did not bring out the present member to stand election for another term. Now, the scene has changed sufficiently to suggest prominently the name of J. M. R. Greenfield, the present postoffice inspector, for the job that Mr. Macpherson had his eye on. Mr. Greenfield is an energetic official, a man of some means and the brother-in-law of Mr. Robert Kelly. It is said that he has eschewed politics for promotion in the civil service. On the whole it would not greatly surprise the populace of the mainland town if Mr. Macpherson were dropped and somebody who looks mighty like J. H. Senkler were to oppose—unsuccessfully of course, but with the Kelly money and the Kelly influence behind him—either Mr. Cowen or Mr. Woodworth or whoever happens to be the nominee of the Conservative party.

When it comes to the Conservative party, the lower mainland appears to wish to know what Mr. Bowser has to say about it. And he is said to be joyously munching oranges under a green bay tree in California just now.

Capuzzo's Sentence.

New York, Jan. 1.—Giuseppi Capuzzo, alias Charles Davis, who had been on trial for killing Sophie Kehrer last July, was convicted today of murder in the second degree, and immediately sentenced to not less than 20 years in prison.

Charged With Theft

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 1.—Cecil S. Simpson, local agent of the Canadian Express Company, was arrested today on a charge of embezzlement of the company's funds to the amount of about $2,100. Simpson was remanded until Friday. Bail was refused. Simpson is a native of Berlin, about 26 years of age, and very popular.

Earl Grey's Proposal

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The Canadian club of Ottawa has issued invitations to the presidents of all the Canadian clubs in Canada to hold a meeting in Ottawa on January 17, to consider the proposal of Earl Grey for a monument upon the heights of Quebec to celebrate the tercentenary, and to make national parks of the Plains of Abraham and other battlefields. The meeting will be to consider the ways and means in connection with the Governor-General's scheme.

MERGER OF SOUND STEAMER COMPANIES

Puget Sound Navigation Co., International Steamship Co. and Straits S. S. Co. Are Joined

The three subsidiary companies of the Alaska Steamship company, known as the Puget Sound Navigation company, the International Steamship company and the Straits Steamship company, have been merged and will hereafter be operated under one management with Joshua Green as president and general manager. Other officers are Charles E. Peabody, vice-president; C. H. J. Stoltenberg, secretary and treasurer; C. G. Coker, assistant general manager; W. J. Cochrane, superintendent; W. G. Blain, auditor; C. F. Bishop, port engineer.

The steamers involved include the following of the Inland Navigation company. Iroquois, Utopia, Inland Flyer, Tourist, George E. Starr, Rosalie, Perdita, Athlon, Rapid Transit and Samson.

Under the new management the following Sound steamers will also be operated: Indianapolis, running between Tacoma and Seattle; Chippewa, on the Seattle-Victoria route; Bellingham, plying to Neah Bay; Lydia Thompson, on the Tacoma-Everett run; Dode, at present disengaged; State of Washington on the Hoods Canal route, and Whatcoma, running to Port Angeles.

GEORGIA AT SIDNEY

Canadian Mexican Liner Arrives at Island Port This Morning to Load Lumber

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The steamer Georgia of the Canadian-Mexican line left New Westminster yesterday for Sidney to load lumber at the mills there and will arrive here tonight, sailing tomorrow for Mazatlan and other ports of the Mexican coast. The repairs to the steamer's steering gear were quickly effected, little delay resulting on this account.

RECEPTION AT Y.M.C.A. ATTENDED BY MANY

Prizes for Road Race Presented at the Concert in the Evening

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday was attended by many people. The ladies' auxiliary society had provided tea and all through the afternoon a long file of visitors presented themselves and enjoyed tea or coffee as the spirit prompted. Some exciting games of chess or checkers occurred while the gymnasium exercises interested a number of people. A number of members of the senior class gave performances on the Swedish horse, the parallel bars, the rings, etc. to the high delight of those witnessing the exhibition.

In the evening a concert was given in the auditorium which was attended by many friends of the society.

R. B. McMicking, vice president of the society presided and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. Solos were rendered by Mrs. D. C. Reid, Mr. J. Stokes, R. Morrison and J. P. Marsh. Mrs. A. Gleason gave a reading and Oswald Margison gave an exhibition of bag punching. The prizes for the race run off in the afternoon were presented to the winners. F. Baylis received the cup presented by R. L. Drury, L. Beckwith obtained the gold medal presented by J. S. H. Matson while the silver medal presented by the society was awarded to W. Kiddle finishing third.

SHOT WHILE OUT DUCK SHOOTING

Young Boy Receives Charge From Shot Gun in His Left Shoulder

While out duck shooting with a friend, H. Barton, a boy 16 years old, was shot in the shoulder and today lies in the Jubilee hospital. He will recover, but his escape from death was narrow.

Crossing in a canoe to Mary Todd island, a flock of ducks was sighted. Barton asked the friend, H. Norman, to pass him a gun which was lying in the stern of the canoe. The latter did so. The gun was loaded, and in passing the trigger pulled, the charge landing in Barton's shoulder.

The boy was landed at the island, and the canoe was paddled to the mainland for assistance. F. M. Rattenbury responded to the appeal, and did what was possible for the boy. Dr. Fraser, who had been summoned in the meanwhile had the boy carried to the Jubilee hospital. His condition was favorable last night, and despite the exposure no complications are likely to result.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard	$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.80
Moffet's Best, per sack	$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.75
Three Star, per sack	$2.00
Foodstuffs.	
Bran, per ton	$30.00
Shorts, per ton	$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	$42.00
Oats, per ton	$37.00
Barley, per ton	$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	$38.00
Chop Feed best, per ton	$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	$36.00
Middlings, per ton	$30.00
Vegetables.	
Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Tomatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Potatoes, local, per sack	$1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	25
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, each	3
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Pumpkins, per lb.	4
Cauliflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5
Dairy Produce.	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	5
Cream, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30
Fruit.	
Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Figs, cooking, per lb.	8 to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	35
Figs, table, per lb.	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	50
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20
Nuts.	
Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	75
Almonds, California, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	30
Fish.	
Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	8
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	25
Meat and Poultry.	
Lamb, per lb.	15 to 23
Mutton, per lb.	12½ to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12½ to 18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12½ to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Rabbits, dressed, each	50 to 65
Hare, dressed, each	75
Hams, per lb.	22
Bacon, per lb.	25 to 30
Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Pork, dressed, per lb.	15 to 18

COMPETITION TAKES PLACE IN FEBRUARY

Announcement of Contest for Governor General's Prize is Received in City

During the week of February 24 the second competition for the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophy will take place at Ottawa. A circular to that effect has been issued by F. C. T. O'Hara, the secretary of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

The rules are as follows:

The second annual competition for the trophies offered by His Excellency the Governor-General will take place at Ottawa during the week commencing February 24, 1908.

The competition is open to all amateur companies in Canada and Newfoundland. The executive committee, however, reserve the right to reduce the number of entries from any one city or province in case the total number of entries exceeds the number which can be handled conveniently during the week of the competition at Ottawa.

All entries must be filed with the honorary secretary on or before February 1, but it is especially desired that all companies intending to compete should notify the honorary secretary at the earliest possible moment.

The entertainment given by each company shall be limited to one hour and a half, including all intervals for changes of scenery, encores, etc.

The character of the entertainment (musical or theatrical) shall be absolutely in the discretion of the respective companies.

The number of performers in each musical or dramatic company shall be limited to 75.

Each company entering the dramatic competition shall comply with the following conditions:

No person who has within the past five years lived by the profession of the drama is eligible. It is not intended to exclude players who, while the drama is not their main calling, have accepted nominal pay from amateur dramatic associations. The stage manager only may be a professional.

Each company entering the musical competition shall comply with the following conditions:

Companies of from 25 to 50 members inclusive may include four professional singers or eight professional instrumentalists, and companies of from 60 to 75 members, 10 per cent. professional singers or 20 per cent. professional instrumentalists, provided these professionals are bona fide members of the organization entered for the competition, and are not paid for their services in the competition performances or the rehearsals therefor. Companies under 25 must not have any professionals.

(a) Any person who has within the last five years lived by the profession of music, or been paid for services as soloist at concerts, is to be classed as a professional.

(b) Musicians who, while music is not their main calling, have accepted nominal pay from church choirs or amateur musical organizations, may be classed as amateurs.

Orchestras, band and choirs which, as such bodies, have been paid at any time for performances, either private or public, shall be excluded.

Conductors, so long as they are the regular conductors of the organization entered, may be either professional for amateur and be paid for their services.

Choirs or opera companies may have either professional or amateur orchestras as accompaniment, but if the former, the orchestral work shall not count in the score except for general effect.

The choral or instrumental programme shall be left to the choice of the competing organizations, but it is suggested that choirs choose some choral work, or part of one.

The executive comimttee will, however, select one short piece of music for choirs (for male, female or mixed bodies) and another for instrumental organizations (string or brass) which shall be included in the programme. The selection will be made in ample time for the necessary rehearsals. This clause does not apply to opera companies.

The following are the principal qualities by which the dramatic competition will be judged:

1. Originality of production, if written by an amateur.
2. Stage setting.
3. Excellence of the company in acting together as a unit.
4. The promptness of entrances, exits, and the picking up of cues.
5. Grace or ease of carriage and manner.
6. Diction.
7. Dress.
8. Make-up.

The following are the principal qualities by which the musical competition will be judged:

1. Attack, precision, accuracy.
2. Intonation (playing or singing in tune), quality of tone.
3. Technical proficiency.
4. Expression, interpretation.
5. General effect.

Each company must state for which trophy it desires to compete, and comply with the rules accordingly.

In order that the competition committee may have some idea as to the character of the entertainment to be given, for the purpose of arranging the programme during the competition week, full information should be forwarded as early as possible to the honorary secretary as to:

(a) Title of production.
(b) Author or composer.
(c) Estimated number of performers.
(d) Synopsis.
(e) Caste.

It would save much trouble and possible misunderstanding if competing companies could arrange to send their stage manager a few days in advance. This, however, is merely a suggestion.

Opportunity will be given for rehearsals in the theatre as far as possible, commensurate with the number of competing companies requesting the same privileges.

Each competing company is expected to pay its own expenses, and as the various companies are representing their respective cities or towns for the honor of winning his excellency's trophy, it is thought possible that municipalities sending such representative companies may assist in defraying all, or a portion of their expenses.

The active members of all competing companies will be given complimentary admission to all performances.

The executive committee at Ottawa has assumed all the expenses in connection with the rent and attendants of the theatre, programmes and the theatre orchestra for the competition week.

The theatre is equipped with the usual scenery and properties, a list of which will be supplied to the competing companies upon application to the honorary secretary. Any additional expenses incurred by the respective companies for rent of extra furniture and stage requirements, etc., must be upon their own responsibility.

A member of the reception committee will meet all incoming parties upon their arrival in Ottawa, if notification of date, hour of arrival and railway line, be sent in reasonable time to the honorary secretary.

The following gentlemen are in charge of the various committees: Executive committee, Col. J. Hanbury Williams, C. V. O., C. M. G.; competition committee, J. S. Ewart, Esq., K. C.; reception and entertainment committee, C. Berkeley Powell, Esq.; finance committee, J. W. Woods, Esq.; transportation committee, Lt.-Col. J. Lyons Biggar; press committee, E. Norman Smith, Esq.

SEATTLE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR PAIR

Ex-Army Officer and Female Companion Defraud Sound City Establishment

A year ago last July Ivan McKinnon, apparently a man of culture, arrived in the city. Within the last week a detective from Seattle has been in the city looking for McKinnon and his woman companion known locally as "English Molly." The pair had long ago departed from this city and are now believed to be living in Mexico. McKinnon is said to be a former member of one of the crack regiments in the old country, but owing to irregularities was cashiered and later came to the States. He located at Seattle, where he and the woman, "English Molly," lived together until they defrauded a retail establishment there of about $2,500 worth of silks and other expensive articles. They bought the articles on credit, but when the time came to pay for the goods they had disappeared. It was to locate McKinnon and his partner that Christopher Switzer, a member of the plain clothes force of the Seattle police, arrived in Victoria a few days ago.

From the facts gleaned by him it appears that when McKinnon and the woman arrived here a year ago last July the former put up at the Driard hotel, while the latter entered a disreputable house and earned the money with which the former paid his hotel account.

McKinnon's suave manners made him a host of friends. He was, it is alleged, a former army officer in England, who had been disgraced and had come to America. After his arrival in Seattle he took up with the woman, who accompanied him here, and the pair found the big retail establishments of the sound city easy prey.

The Seattle police traced the pair to Victoria, after which the trail was lost. The woman is known to have intended locating here, and had even gone to the length of renting a cottage in the Oak Bay section, but for some reason their stay in Victoria was cut short. Where they are at present is not definitely known, but they are supposed to be in Mexico. A few weeks ago the two were seen in Seattle, and were heard to express the intention of leaving for Mexico. In the meantime the Seattle police are endeavoring to locate them on this coast, though with somewhat indifferent success.

Canada's Mexican Trade.

Banana growing in Mexico is rapidly assuming importance. Recognizing this, the steamship company has installed special features of ventilation and a full modern equipment for facilitating the handling of fruit on its vessels. Canadian manufacturers and exporters are making a strenuous effort, since the inauguration of this line of steamers, to increase their sales in Mexico's markets. The merchants of the republic are furnished at just as low or even lower prices than those previously proffered by American manufacturers, with the assurance of cheaper freight rates on the part of the Canadian competitors.

Formerly no appreciable trade relations existed between British Columbia and the west coast of Mexico, owing to the expense and attendant delays of rehandling and reshipment of freight at San Francisco, via which port goods were shipped. During the past six months, however, the exportation from Mexico of various fruits, hard woods, tobacco and cigars has shown a considerable increase, while importations into the republic from Canada, especially of agricultural implements, have assumed marked proportions.

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	No. Estimate
Winning Ticket No. 9,537	5,222
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REVENUE COLLECTIONS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Total For Past Year Shows Twenty Per Cent. Increase Over 1906

The inland revenue returns for the city of Victoria for the past year show a remarkable growth which reflects the general increase of trade here. Not an item in the list of importations but shows a substantial increase over those of the previous year. The total collections for the year were $222,350.58, compared with the 1906 total of $187,451.86, an increase of $34,898.72, or 20 per cent. The following table shows the monthly collections on each article, with the totals for the year compared with the previous year:

1907.	Spirits.	Malt.	Tobacco.	Cigars.	Raw Leaf Tobacco.	Licenses.	Methyl. Spirits.	Other Receipts.	Totals.
January	$ 11,216 70	$ 1,749 51	$ 2,395 63	$ 874 50	$ 371 70	$.....	$102 81	$ 155 60	$ 16,866 45
February	8,537 23	1,593 47	3,054 64	851 53	311 00	.....	.....	25 90	14,473 77
March	9,629 04	2,513 30	2,693 24	1,333 20	348 10	.....	.....	1,600	16,532 88
April	9,911 52	2,738 30	3,268 25	895 35	412 90	1,315 00	99 16	34 60	18,675 08
May	9,280 21	2,833 31	4,353 66	1,264 20	526 96	.....	89 47	556 10	18,903 91
June	13,161 44	3,351 89	4,491 75	1,391 25	460 80	20 00	.....	280 80	23,157 93
July	10,904 26	2,940 39	4,099 75	1,296 90	516 66	.....	.....	171 30	19,929 26
August	11,212 87	4,135 81	2,066 25	1,285 35	412 80	.....	176 38	.....	19,289 46
September	10,731 25	1,851 94	2,187 00	880 35	444 30	.....	.....	80 22	16,175 06
October	13,350 20	2,670 10	4,564 38	1,140 00	431 80	.....	.....	32 54	22,189 02
November	9,826 38	1,824 57	2,420 37	1,290 00	446 10	.....	.....	128 34	15,935 76
December	13,790 56	2,605 19	1,850 00	1,257 50	460 50	.....	.....	258 25	20,222 00
Total	131,551 66	30,807 78	37,444 92	13,860 13	5,143 62	1,335 00	467 82	1,739 65	222,350 58
1906	113,537 51	23,102 55	32,675 03	10,754 83	3,753 69	986 25	103 58	2,358 42	187,451 86

NEW YEAR NECESSITIES

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ENGLISH CATHEDRALS

The Primate, at the concluding sitting of his primary visitation at Canterbury, remarked that it was a prosaic question to ask whether the cathedral body had within recent years ever had under their control sufficient funds for maintaining in structural security and artistic beauty a building which was not merely a monument whereof Christendom was proud, but a living place of divine service in the largest and most varied sense of that weighty word service. Vast sums had to be spent in Canterbury and elswhere in the work of caring for every inch of what was old, and making safe that which was imperilled. Whence was the money to come?

Forthwith they were reminded that property which once belonged to our cathedrals and was at the disposal of their custodians, was now in its increased value applied in accordance with the nation's will to certain other purposes, and this, while the fabrics of our cathedrals were in need of larger outlay than could be very readily supplied. If the funds annually at the disposal of the cathedral's administration were not more than half what was now produced every year from property which was once its own, they must remember the purpose to which those moneys were applied, and that pebble had come forward to help our cathedrals. In the case of Canterbury 34,000 pounds had been given in twelve months by those outside.—London Standard.

PURE BRED LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—2 choice Ayrshire bulls, a number of Suffolk Down rams, and some choice Yorkshire boars and sows. All the special prizes given for swine at the 1907 Exhibition, New Westminster, were won by this herd. Fairview Stock Farm, Jos. Thompson, proprietor, Chilliwack, B. C. a16

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

GARNHAM—At the family residence, corner Government and Toronto streets, on the 25th inst., Minnie Meiler Garnham, aged 15 years and 9 months, a native of Moose Jaw.

SMITH—In this city, on the 25th inst., at Royal Jubilee hospital, Alfred Wellington Smith, of Lillooet, B. C., aged 69 years, a native of Bedford, England.

SMALLWOOD—In this city on the 29th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mary Jane Smallwood, beloved wife of David Smallwood, aged 33 years, a native of Walkerton, Bruce County.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—To hire, a bull for January and February; must be dehorned and quiet. Particulars to Higgs, So. Pender. d21

APPLICATIONS for teacher at Retreat Cove school will be received until Jan. 1st, 1908. John Georgeson, secretary, Retreat Cove, P. O. d6

ANY PERSON knowing of the whereabouts of Joseph Dupuis would do him, as well as me, a great favor by calling his attention to this ad. or informing me where a letter would reach him. He is a Frenchman usually works on a farm or in the woods. Was last heard of at Victoria, B.C. J. F. Alden, Hilgard, Oregon.

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