

GAME LICENSE IS TOO HEAVY

According to Interior Residents—Coast Sportsmen Strongly Oppose Reduction

FAVOR MORE RESTRICTIONS

Suggested Tax On Those Carrying Guns Endorsed By a Large Majority

The protection of the big game of British Columbia is a matter which is of vital importance to all sportsmen, but the problem is brought more prominently to their attention as a result of the opening of the season. Whether the license of \$100 which is imposed on those who come from Europe and the Eastern States to engage in the chase is adequate, or whether it is so large that it will discourage hunters, is a question often asked and to which the replies are most varied in their nature.

A few days ago the provincial warden, Byron Williams, was in Victoria while here he conferred with officials of the Vancouver Fish and Game club, and among other subjects relating to game that referred to came up for discussion. The conclusion then reached was that the action of the government in fixing the license at such a figure was wise and had been more than justified by the results in the comparatively brief period during which the regulation had been enforced.

Hunters Wealthy.
It was explained by the secretary of that organization, in conversation yesterday, that the majority of the big game hunters who were in the habit of coming to the Pacific coast in search of their favorite recreation were wealthy. They would not be able to indulge their fancy for the wilds and shooting expeditions on a large scale unless they had money, and plenty of it. But when they made a trip from the Old Country especially to spend a few months in search of the denizens of British Columbia's forests, they wanted to be reasonably sure of obtaining that which they sought. To obtain an outfit, to pay a guide for several months' services, and to meet innumerable incidental expenses meant the expenditure, usually, of several thousand dollars. To that class of people \$100, more or less, did not "cut much ice." They were willing to spend if they thought that, as a result, the game was going to be protected. The experience of both the provincial game warden and of the secretary afforded evidence that these visitors heartily endorsed the course pursued and thought nothing of the tax imposed on them, providing as stated, the shooting of big game out of season was made practically out of the question.

Says It's Too Much.
Considerable misunderstanding appears to exist in the interior as to the reasons prompting the warden to the gun clubs of the coast to recommend the restriction referred to. For instance, at a recent meeting of the board of trade of Golden a well-known guide, Manuel Dainard, had claimed that the \$100 license fee was too exorbitant "because applicants were restricted from killing more than a certain number of heads, and suggested that the game be opened to all, restricting parties obtaining a license from killing any more than one moose and two heads of any other species of big game in one season, and that the fee be reduced to \$50." As a result of Dainard's recommendation, the board had merely expressed its opinion, through the member of the constituency, H. G. Parson, requesting that the step outlined should be taken and the moose reserve thrown open and that further restrictions as to the limit of an individual be specified as follows: 1, elk, 1, caribou, 2, sheep, 2, goats, 2, deer. Also that each citizen be taxed the sum of \$3 for permission to carry a gun, and that the trapping of bears be prohibited at all times.

Oppose Proposal.
The majority of the Coast sportsmen are strongly opposed to Mr. Dainard's chief proposal, namely, the reduction of the license fee. The opinion they take is contained in the foregoing statements by the provincial warden and the secretary of the local Fish and Game club. They do not think that the difference of \$50 is having the effect of keeping outside sportsmen away, and they argue that the money is needed—absolutely necessary—if it is hoped that the revenue derived directly through the game resources of British Columbia is going to be enough to enable to maintain a force of wardens adequate to effectively enforce the provisions of the game act.

Might Be Wise.
As for the memorial reference to the further restriction of the number of heads permitted, an individual in a season, the opinion of the sportsmen is wise; that residents of the interior are in a better position to judge, being in closer touch with the situation than residents of the island or lower mainland, and that therefore the opinion thus given is entitled to consideration.

Against Pot Hunters.
On the point raised as to the advisability of imposing a license on all carrying guns, the sentiment among those identified with the Fish and Game club and of sportsmen in general seems to be that it would be a wise procedure. One of the former stated yesterday that the hunter who enjoys the chase simply for the sport derived, who is experienced and who goes out with the avowed intention of deriving legitimate pleasure from the pursuit, the payment of \$1, \$2, \$3, or even \$5, would not be degraded, because it would not be the effect of discouraging "pot hunters." Against the latter set there is a deep-seated antagonism. They make sport of the people that are affirmed, wielding firearms recklessly, pulling the trigger at the slightest provocation, blazing into the shrubbery, oftentimes at only mere rustling of leaves and without even a vague idea of what forms their target, rendering themselves a nuisance and a menace to life. It is against such people that the sportsmen are anxious that prohibitive legislation should be levied. They think that the imposition of a tax even if only nominal, would have the effect of discouraging many who pick up a shooting iron only once or twice a year, and then only to satisfy an indefinite wish to while away a few idle hours.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS

Should Not Be Raised By the Crown Counsel—Chambers Proceedings

(From Thursday's Daily)
Chief Justice Hunter took chambers yesterday and heard a number of what were opposed applications. The chief matter before him being a motion for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of R. McLeod, who is in jail in Nelson. J. H. Lawson, Jr., instructor by Lewis & Wragge, of Nelson, appeared for the prisoner, and J. A. Alkman for the attorney general.

Mr. Alkman said that he was instructed to take a preliminary objection to the application. The notice of motion had not been served upon the jailer in whose custody the prisoner was. The jailer was the one person whom it was necessary to serve, and as it stood the proceedings were void. The chief justice said that he was surprised to hear counsel for the crown raise such an objection. Under the circumstances it was merely a technicality, and his lordship directed that he was the sworn foe of technicalities. Mr. Alkman stated that he was obliged to follow his instructions and held to his point. Mr. Lawson remarked that he had nothing to do with the drawing of the papers, but submitted that as the attorney general had been served he thought that the matter might be gone into on the merits.

Mr. Alkman said he had not got the necessary papers, which were in the custody of the jailer, and he could not go on without them. His lordship remarked that if the crown merely wanted a remand it would be granted as of course, but he did not approve of such an objection being taken so long as the attorney general had briefed counsel in the matter. Eventually the matter stood over till Monday to give time to serve the jailer. The foreclosure case of Anderson vs. Noyes also came up. The facts in this matter, which had been argued at the two previous chamber sittings, have been fully reported, and yesterday Chief Justice Hunter said that it was too important a matter to be disposed of summarily and directed an issue to be taken. This is a case in which the coal rights had been obtained after the mortgage had been given, and the original owner wants them reserved in the foreclosure order. E. E. Wootton appears for the mortgagee and Barnard & Robertson for the mortgagor.

OAK BAY BUILDING BY-LAW IN EFFECT

Permits Must Be Obtained to Erect New Structures in the District

The building by-law of the Oak Bay municipality, having formally passed the council of that municipality, is now in effect. It was announced yesterday by Clerk Floyd that its provisions would be enforced from day and that it would be necessary that those wishing to start the construction of new structures should obtain a permit before the commencement of the work.

A meeting of the roads, sewers and bridges committee of the Oak Bay council has been called for this afternoon at the offices of the clerk, Chancery chambers. It is understood several matters of import will come up for consideration.

Formal steps are being taken to bring into active operation the measure, passed at the last regular meeting of the council, providing that old permits, issued by property owners, authorizing shooting within the bounds of the municipality be cancelled and the use of firearms prohibited to all with the exception of those in actual possession of real estate in the district. Clerk Floyd wishes all holding these permits to take notice of the decision of the council, and any infractions, after the opening of the grouse and pheasant season, will be attended by prosecution.

ROCK BAY LEASE IS BEFORE COMMISSIONER

The City, the Mills and the Property Owners Present Their Views

The question of the acquiring by the city of the foreshore rights on the east side of the Rock Bay came before the chief commissioner of lands and works yesterday. The deputations consisted of Mayor H. A. Alderson, Henderson and Norman, City Solicitor Mann, Thornton-Fell, representing the Taylor and Lemon-Gossnons mills, as well as a number of ten years. Mr. Brookes and other property owners in the vicinity.

The object of the deputations was to lay their respective points of view before the government prior to the granting of a conveyance to the city. It will be remembered that the matter has been under negotiations since 1905 when the city obtained a grant of the Dominion rights, and at the same time agreed to lease the land to the government for ten years. The lease has never been fully executed, as the city has not yet a good title until it gets a provincial grant also. Last session the legislature passed an act empowering the lieutenant-governor in council to make the conveyance upon such terms as might seem right, and the object of the deputations yesterday was to discuss this matter.

The city wants to get the land without such terms as might seem right, and the other hand, claim that on the agreement entered into in 1905 they have a right to a lease on favorable terms. The meeting yesterday was private, but it is understood that all parties laid their views at length before Mr. Fulton, who will take the matter up with the executive council.

The Hon. Capt. Tattow, minister of finance, leaves this week on a trip to the old country. He hopes to get away tomorrow and will be gone probably a couple of months. During his absence, Chief Commissioner Fulton will be acting minister of finance. Mrs. Tattow will accompany her husband.

JAPANESE ENVOY EN ROUTE TO EUROPE

Sir Shogo Nagasaki Here on His Way to London and Paris

(From Thursday's Daily)
Bound on a special mission from the Japanese Emperor to King Edward and President Fallieres of France, Sir Shogo Nagasaki, councillor of the Imperial Japanese Court and personal secretary to the Minister of the Imperial Household of Japan, arrived by the steamer Tangu Maru yesterday morning. Sir Shogo Nagasaki said: "I am going on a mission to England and probably to France for the Imperial Court of Japan, but other than that my mission is a very quiet one—I can tell you nothing. I came here last with His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi, who is in good health and will remain here until his visit to Victoria. He speaks constantly of the beauties of this city, in which among all that he visited, he enjoyed his stay most. The prettiest of the gardens, which seemed a feature of every house, large and small, impressed him considerably and he often refers with pleasant recollection to his stay in Victoria."

Of the recent change in the Japanese cabinet, and financial and political affairs in Japan, the visiting emissary of the Japanese court declined to speak. "It is two weeks since I left Japan," he said, "and your readers must be even better informed of happenings there than I am."

Sir Shogo Nagasaki is the son of a Satsuma samurai, and was born at the seat of the fighting clan, Kagoshima, 58 years ago. He was educated in England and the United States, being one of the small coterie of students sent abroad in the earlier days of the present Emperor's reign. He returned to Japan in 1880, to take post in the service of the Imperial Court, and has since been associated with the court. Whenever a foreign visitor is to be received with honor in Japan it is usually Sir Nagasaki who heads the welcoming delegation, and he regrets that his present trip will probably rob him of the honor of welcoming the United States battleship squadron on its forthcoming visit to Japan. He says that great preparations are already being made for that purpose, a special commission of naval officers and representatives of the foreign office will be appointed to complete arrangements. Probably a review of the Japanese fleet will be held coincident with the visit. About sixty small steamers will be used to transport the United States sailors to and from their ships at Yokohama and three special piers will be built. Tokio and Yokohama are both arranging civic receptions.

When he accompanied H. I. H. Prince Fushimi to London, Sir Shogo Nagasaki was decorated with the order of K. C. M. G. by King Edward in reward for his services to Prince Arthur of Connaught and suite during the visit of the Prince to Japan.

SYLVESTER BRINGS IN THE FIRST DEER

Fine Specimen Killed on Chemainus River—Others Successful

(From Thursday's Daily)
To J. Sylvester belongs the credit of being the first hunter to bring into Victoria one of this season's deer. He stepped off the noon train yesterday carrying an exceptionally handsome specimen, weighing approximately 125 pounds. Before he obtained the game he was forced to put up with some hardship—in fact the yarn he spins of the circumstances of the capture is more than usually interesting.

On the last of September in the cold grey dawn he was walking along the bank of the Chemainus river, in scanning the opposite cliffs, which were a couple of hundred feet in height, he spied what seemed to be a little more than a lilliputian deer poking its way carefully from crag to crag. But Sylvester, who had experienced a woodsman to permit the deception caused by the distance and the surrounding hills to put him off the track. The rifle was raised, and there was a momentary hush and then the report and the noise of the falling animal mingled. He had killed his prey.

How was he to get the deer? That was the next problem. Stripping, he waded and then swam to the opposite side of the river. Pastured on his shoulder he managed, with great difficulty, to get back and after that there was no trick in bringing the evidence of his prowess to the B. & N. station.

Last night others came from different districts along the line with deer. The majority of them were one but some proudly paraded two before the admiring and slightly covetous gaze of those who had gathered. Although none embodied with three it was reported by the returning sportsmen that one stalwart Nimrod had captured three deer and would be back in a day or so. A trio of bucks in little over a day is "going some," and if such results are obtained by many, there will be quite a few unable to go after the deer for long, each individual being restricted, according to the terms of the Game Act, from shooting more than five in one season.

Arranging for Exhibit.
R. M. Palmer, provincial commissioner of horticulture, is in the Okanagan arranging for an exhibit to be sent to the fall fair in England. British Columbia fruit is attracting a great deal of attention in England and Mr. Palmer intends to send an exhibit that will fully uphold the very favorable reputation which our fruit already bears in the British Isles.

Business Change.
A business change of interest has just occurred in one of the pioneer establishments of the city—Mr. F. J. Williams, taking over the drug store conducted by Geo. Morrison on Government street since 1882. This has been brought about by the retirement from the concern of George Langley, who had been in the employ of Morrison & Co. for upwards of thirty years. The new proprietor, having been a long employee of the firm, has with him twenty years'—having practically grown up in the business.

WELL-FITTING UNDERWEAR NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

Feminine figure is now-a-days largely a matter of Corsets, but the Underwear beneath also plays a prominent part in the perfect fit of a gown this season when the clinging sheath-like style predominates. Closely fitting, perfectly shaped garments, that do not mar the symmetrical grace of outline are the ones discerning women select. Our new fall lines are just what they need:

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Former Minister Is Expected From Japan

Hon. K. Hara to Arrive on Empress of India Tomorrow

(From Thursday's Daily)
Among the passengers expected in Victoria on board the R. M. S. Empress of India due tomorrow from Yokohama is Hon. K. Hara, who was Home Minister in the Satomi cabinet, which recently resigned and was succeeded by the cabinet formed by Count Katsura. Mr. Hara, after a long service in the Japanese ministry, is taking a vacation tour in Canada, the United States and England.

Hon. K. Hara is one of the best known of Japanese public men. He was born at Morioka in 1854 and enjoyed the confidence of the late Count Mutsu, under whom he served as personal secretary when Count Mutsu was Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. He was appointed to the Foreign Office as director of the commercial bureau, and in 1885 was appointed vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, being transferred to Korea as Minister in 1896. In the stormy days following the war with China.

After a year in Korea Hon. Mr. Hara resigned his post and returned to Japan to engage in journalism, becoming chief editor of the Osaka Mainichi (Day-by-Day), and was one of the right-hand men of Marquis Ito when the Prince launched the Suiyoku, the political party which will control the government policy in Japan, in 1900. He entered the government as Minister of Communications in 1890 and has since been connected with the government until two months ago, when the Satomi cabinet resigned office.

Will Erect Dwelling.
A building permit was issued yesterday to Mrs. C. King, who will erect a dwelling on North Park street, to cost \$1,400.

GREAT GROWTH SHOWN IN TRAMWAY TRAFFIC

Present Year to Date Shows Increase of Nearly 26 Per Cent

The passenger traffic on the local lines of the B. C. Electric company has shown a remarkable increase this year, compared with that of last year. According to figures given out by A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, the total number of passengers carried on the Victoria lines for the eight months ended August 31, was 2,101,418, compared with 2,472,284 during the corresponding period last year, an increase of no less than 139,164, or nearly 26 per cent.

These figures indicate probably more clearly than any other thing else the growth of Victoria and the steady increase in the city's population. Not a month this year, but shows a substantial increase over the corresponding month a year ago, and in some, particularly the summer months, the increase has been remarkable.

The figures for each month of the present year to date, compared with the same month last year, are given below:

Month	1907	1908
January	228,200	271,966
February	218,110	278,543
March	327,828	387,896
April	365,715	274,378
May	339,254	321,082
June	425,639	327,526
July	449,776	369,552
August	186,121	355,591
Total (8 months)	2,401,418	2,472,284

LABOR'S CELEBRATION WILL PROVE SUCCESS

Committee Meeting With Good Support From Citizens—Council in Session

(From Thursday's Daily)
Everything points to the Labor Day celebration being a great success. Reports indicate that the various committees are meeting with support from the citizens and that contributions are daily growing. At last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, a report was submitted showing that \$221 in money and \$367 in prizes have already been contributed and more is expected. The committee entrusted with the celebration reported progress and the report was adopted.

Resolutions dealing with the following subjects were adopted as instructions to the delegates to the forthcoming Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to be held at Halifax: "On the principal of independent legislative action; the change of the name of the Congress to that of the Canadian Federation of Labor; Asiatic exclusion; against Asiatic immigration; paragraph 9 of the platform of principals to read to mean the exclusion of all Asiatics; for the establishment of closer relations between trade unions in Canada and Great Britain; old age pensions; free school books; preservation and retention of land in the province for the establishment of free school books and the perpetuation of the same."

Mr. Turner, manager of the Provincial Publishing Company, addressed the meeting, pointing out the intention of the company to publish a directory and gazetteer of Vancouver Island, to be printed in Victoria by union printers and allied crafts. A motion was passed by the council endorsing the proposition and urging that union men do all in their power to assist in publication.

NEW PHEASANTS ARE SOMEWHAT COSTLY

But Sportsmen Deem Expenditure Warranted—Will Release Partridges

A. H. Mitchell, of Chalonier & Mitchell, T. W. Paterson, and other prominent Victorians are those chiefly interested in the project to import Mongolian pheasants from the Old Country. Last evening Mr. Mitchell explained that this action had been taken as a result of a conversation with A. Bryan Williams, the provincial game warden, who had given his assurance that this was the "king of game birds," and moreover would be practically certain of flourishing in Vancouver Island's climate and surroundings. Sportsmen of the mainland, having agreed to shoulder some of the financial responsibility of the order had been placed on the understanding that twenty birds would be sent to Victoria for distribution in the adjacent districts while a similar number would be left at Vancouver.

Two or three hundred dollars would be expended, Mr. Mitchell expected, in obtaining the new variety of game for this section. But he thought the outlay would be well repaid, if reports as to the excellence of the Mongolian pheasant could be given credence. Crossed with the "ring-necked" found in Saanich and Cowichan, a much better bird would be evolved—one which bird better to dogs and which

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would not indulge in the annoying habit of running at express speed as soon as becoming aware of the approach of a representative of mankind.

Importing Partridge.
While discussing the improvement of the varieties of game on the island of Vancouver, Mr. Mitchell mentioned a project undertaken by A. Todd, of this city, on his own responsibility. This was the importation of a large number of the Old Country partridge. Mr. Todd had brought them out in the spring. Since that time he had kept them in an aviary at his home. As a result of the careful treatment which has been tendered them they are in splendid condition. It was proposed to release them in different districts to which they were thought best adapted at an early date. Mr. Todd, it was stated, believed that they would do well here and his opinion was supported by others interested.

RICH STRIKE MADE IN THE NELSON MINES

Old Resident Writes Several Good Ledges Have Been Found Recently

(From Thursday's Daily)
The town of Nelson seems to be prospering in every way just now. Not only is the fruit industry in the Kootenay valleys making great strides but the mining industry, so long the mainstay of the district is also looking up. A private letter received yesterday from an old time resident of the Kootenays with exceedingly good sources of information, states that an Italian who has a lease on

Arranging for Celebration.
The Labor Day celebration committee will meet on Friday evening to make all final arrangements for Monday's big event. The reception and sports committees will meet tonight to the general committee tomorrow night.

Hon. Mr. Templeman Returns.
Hon. William Templeman, minister of the land revenue arrived in the city last night from Ottawa after touring the boundary country on route. Mr. Templeman was tired out as a result of his trip and did not care to say anything regarding it, yesterday evening.