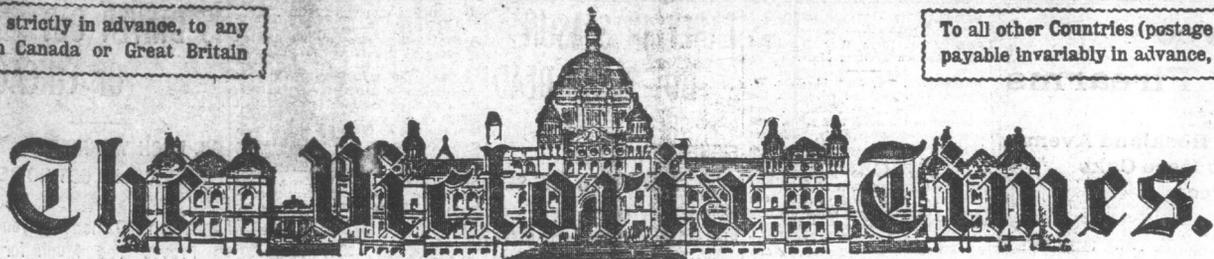


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Nanaimo Has Won The Championship

Deciding Game of Vancouver Island Association Football League Played at Oak Bay Park To-Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
After a most exciting finish the Vancouver Island Association football season for 1908 closed to-day with Nanaimo the winners of the championship by a score of 2 to 0.

Ladysmith played themselves out in the first half and in the last part of the match was unable to overcome the lead Nanaimo secured. The scoring was all done in the first half.

Early in the season it became evident that the final struggle would be between Nanaimo and Ladysmith, and as the end approached all interest began to be attracted to the closing match. The marked equality of the two teams and the determination of each to win made the concluding match a difficult one to figure on.

Excitement therefore ran high last Saturday when the teams met in what was to have been the last game of the season. The admirers of each side were doomed to disappointment, however, as the match ended with the championship still undecided.

The excitement was now still more intense and while the storm centres, as far as excitement was concerned, was about the cities of Nanaimo and Ladysmith, Victoria, the neutral battlefield, was likewise intensely interested.

Both cities can justly feel proud of the teams which represented them during the season.

Compared with last Saturday the crowd was a poor one, the grand stand being very sparsely patronized, most of the spectators choosing the sidelines. There was a slight breeze blowing in the same direction as last week, but not enough to interfere with the play which was fast throughout and kept the spectators interested all the time.

Play thereafter was more open and the ball traveled at a rapid pace from man to man all over the ground. It was free from special incident and neither side showed any combination or skilful passing. A second corner to Blundell put the ball in front from where it was again headed out by Ladysmith's forward, Sanderson, who had been brought back for the defence.

The opening of the corner to Blundell called for an objection from Pedon, the line man who went into the field and tripped the matter with Locksley. The latter, however, decided to continue as first ordered.

Harley saved several times in splendid style, and Blundell showed up prominently for Nanaimo in several encounters.

Provins tripped Hooper, and Locksley was called in to warn the players against becoming heated and resorting to fist fights.

The ball still traveled at random without any system being shown by the men.

Bradshaw kept a chance to score out of Nanaimo's goal by rushing out and punching the leather well away. The wind was erratic and interfered some with what little judgment the men exercised.

MAHON BLOCK GUTTED BY FIRE

LOSS WILL BE ABOUT EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND

Government Street Buildings Ruined by Early Morning Conflagration.

A fire causing a loss of at least \$85,000 broke out this morning at about 5:30 o'clock in the Mahon building on Government street, between Fort and Esplanade streets, by which the stocks of Ogilvie Hardware Company and the Ogilvie Hardware Company and the Ogilvie Hardware Company were badly damaged and heavy losses sustained by both firms, while the furniture and fixtures belonging to the tenants upstairs are completely destroyed. The total estimate of loss of \$85,000 is made up by \$25,000 on the building, which sum the agents, Pennington & Sons, will be required to remit and repair; \$25,000 on the stock of the Ogilvie Hardware Company; \$30,000 on the stock of Lee & Gowen, and about \$5,000 on the furniture and fittings of the tenants upstairs.

The losses are in many cases nearly complete, very few of the tenants upstairs having taken out any insurance as yet on their furniture. The Ogilvie Hardware Company, which carried a stock of about 75 per cent of their stock of \$23,000, and considerable of this stock will be saved, the damage being caused mostly by water. Lee & Gowen sustained all damage through smoke and their whole outfit. Their spring stock, valued at nearly \$10,000, is a complete loss, and the greater portion of it has just been opened.

The tenants who occupied offices upstairs on the first story were: Dr. H. Burgess, dentist; Globe Agency Company, real estate; J. C. and A. C. Fergus, real estate; the Vancouver Conservative Club rooms, Victoria Perfumery Company, and J. L. Beckwith & Co., manufacturers agents, whose premises have escaped almost completely, suffering only from water.

The building is a two-story brick with three stories on the roadway at the rear, where are located D. Harris, civil engineer; A. Gillespie and J. B. Green, B. C. land surveyors; the Vancouver Conservative Club rooms, Victoria Perfumery Company, and J. L. Beckwith & Co., manufacturers agents, whose premises have escaped almost completely, suffering only from water.

The building will require refitting throughout the interior. The whole of the roof and interior partitions of the upper story are destroyed and the ceiling of the lower story will at the rear part of the building have to be replaced.

The building is owned by Edwin Mahon, of Vancouver, and is insured for \$25,000 in three companies—the Sun, North British and the Hartford. The under Chief Watson quickly responded and took charge of affairs. Great difficulty was experienced in locating the seat of the fire and when the doors were broken the building was found to be filled with smoke. The fire was first thought to have started in the furnace room, but an examination there showed the furnace room to be almost empty and a few charred sticks which were left by the janitor of the building, J. Bartel, at 10:30 p. m. yesterday, at which time the fire was then burning out.

The total number which had been introduced during the season was 248. The season just terminated is the shortest known for a number of years.

Swift Current, April 15.—Eighty-five carloads of settlers' effects have arrived here during the past month. The ground is in splendid shape and June weather prevails.

Walkerville, Ont., April 15.—J. H. Chubb, one of St. Joseph street, and another on Elizabeth street.

PREMIER SCOTT'S WELCOME

Splendid Tribute to Saskatchewan's First Minister on His Return Home.

(Special to the Times).
Regina, April 15.—Eleven hundred members of the recently organized Liberal Club gave Premier Scott a splendid welcome home in the auditorium of the city hall last night. The reception proved a fitting close to the club's campaign for membership.

(Special to the Times).
Ottawa, April 15.—Commissioner Henderson, of Yukon, has been given leave of absence. He wants to visit Vancouver. During his absence Gold Commissioner St. Clair will act for him.

(Special to the Times).
Kingston, Ont., April 15.—G. S. Fife, a student at Queen's, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for Alberta and Saskatchewan. His father is a High School teacher in Alberta.

SCATHING ATTACK ON TORY CLUB

CONDUCT INSULTING TO VANCOUVER ELECTORS

Sir C. Tupper, Bart, Asks if Party to Be Sacrificed to Machine Dictators?

(Special to the Times).
Vancouver, April 15.—The row between the Tupper and the Conservative Club received another thriller to-day in a letter published in the News-Advertiser addressed to G. H. Barnard, president of the British Columbia Conservative Association signed by Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. After quoting the report of last week's meeting as contained in the Province, Sir Charles says regarding the club's resolution:

"During over fifty years since I entered public life, never have I seen anything so insulting addressed to a body of electors. I doubt if a parallel could be found outside of Russia. In my opinion, the fullest opportunity should be given to those interested in securing the ablest representative of this important constituency at this crisis in its history."

"Does this organ of the government not know that the announcement that one of the most prominent leaders of the Conservative party, with an unblemished record of twenty-six years in parliament, has decided to devote his energies to secure the return of that party to power, has given new life to his friends all over Canada and that the expressed confidence of his fellow citizens would strengthen his hands in fighting their battle, and that one and all of those wishing him to be a candidate pledged themselves to support the nominee of the convention, who ever it might be."

"Whether the future of the Conservative party is to be sacrificed by machine dictators on the one hand, or the expression of the opinion of the intelligent electors of this fine city is to prevail in the great issue which has been raised and to which I beg to call your attention since the unauthorized flat as above mentioned has been sent to you."

"I need not point out the ruinous effect upon the Conservative party even if the proposed action of unauthorized individuals approved by the Daily Province."

Tory Club's Reply.
Charles E. Tisdall, president of the Vancouver Conservative Club, sent a reply at noon to-day to Sir Charles Tupper as follows:

"We do not believe that a discussion of the statement issued by this organ on the 10th inst. is politic, appropriate or necessary. It is not directed against any individual, but against the Conservative party as a whole. Your organ is one of the most influential in the province, and it is our duty to call a meeting of the Conservatives of the Vancouver electoral district, who have no control and offer no opinion."

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.
Toronto, April 15.—The Ontario legislature was prorogued yesterday afternoon by His Honor Sir Mortimer Clarke, lieutenant-governor. A hundred and fifty-six bills were assented to. The total number which had been introduced during the session was 248. The season just terminated is the shortest known for a number of years.

SWEEPING AWAY MONTANA TOWNS

UNCONTROLLABLE FLOOD CAREENS THROUGH STATE

Enormous Smelter Said to Be Doomed—River Strewn With Debris.

Helena, Mont., April 15.—An uncontrollable flood is rapidly advancing to-day upon Great Falls, a city of 15,000 people, and it is believed that the Boston and Montana smelter, one of the largest in the world, is doomed to destruction.

The smelter, which is built on the river bank, employs more than 1,500 men. The employees were engaged all night in the construction of a "wing dam" around the smelter. Preparations have also been made so that the smelter secures its power, may be dynamited as a last resort.

Craig, Mont., probably has been wiped off the map, although as far as is known all of the 400 inhabitants escaped.

Cascade, a town of 400 population, 89 miles from Helena, and 22 miles north of Craig, is now under water and in danger of being swept away. The river is thickly strewn with debris of ranch houses. Many animals are battling for their lives in the flood.

VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE.
Winnipeg, April 15.—Fanny P. Moorehouse, a nurse in the family of Walter Moss, Roslyn road, was found dead in her room yesterday morning. Heart failure is said to have been the cause. Miss Moorehouse came to Winnipeg from Birmingham, England, about a year ago.

YOUTHFUL DESPERADO.
Stabs Fifteen-Year-Old Boy For Refusing to Fight.
Woodstock, Ont., April 15.—Because he refused to fight when challenged, Earl Cooper, fifteen years old, was stabbed in the breast by another boy. The blade narrowly missed his heart, and his condition is critical.

"DREAMERS" SUSPECTED.
Religious Sect May Have Fired Medicine Hat Residence.
Medicine Hat, April 15.—The residence of Dan Lehr, south of here, was burned on Sunday night by means of coal oil. A religious sect known as Dreamers are suspected.

SUCCESS TO INJURIES.
Montreal, April 15.—Lawrence Price, an electrical engineer who fell down the shaft in the Algoma mine last week and who was brought to the general hospital here, died yesterday. He was the son of H. M. Price, the well known lumber king of Quebec.

WHIRLS TO DEATH.
Langton, Sask., April 15.—W. J. Robinson, formerly of Winnipeg, the proprietor of a sash and door factory, was instantly killed yesterday. He was caught in an engine drive wheel and belt.

SMALLPOX IN TORONTO.
Toronto, April 15.—Two more cases of smallpox have been discovered in the city, one on St. Joseph street, and another on Elizabeth street.

Liberal Enthusiasm in Yale-Cariboo

Convention at Vernon Endorses and Renominates Duncan Ross—Comprehensive Speech by Sitting Member—Renews Attack on Atty. General Bowser.

(Special to the Times).
Vernon, April 14.—If ever a public man had occasion to realize that his services were heartily appreciated, that was the experience of Duncan Ross, M. P., at the Yale-Cariboo Liberal nomination convention here to-day. A splendid gathering of Liberals, including one hundred and ten delegates, representing almost every section of the great Dominion electoral district of Yale-Cariboo, covering an area of 175,000 square miles, unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed his course in parliament since his election in 1904, and with equal unanimity declared him to be the only possible standard-bearer in the coming campaign.

It was a splendid and demonstrated in no uncertain manner the unqualified satisfaction of Yale-Cariboo Liberals with the policy of the Laurier administration.

The convention assembled at 2 p. m. in the opera house. S. C. Smith, president of the Yale-Cariboo Liberal Association, occupied the chair. A committee on credentials and resolutions was appointed and performed its duties. The convention was regularly organized with one hundred and ten delegates in attendance, which representation would have been greatly increased had it not been for the unfortunate delay of the train from the west which prevented delegates from Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo and some from Kamloops putting in at appearance.

The report of the resolutions committee was received and accepted unanimously as follows:

Resolved that this convention of Liberals of Yale-Cariboo electoral district expresses its profound confidence and esteem in the trusted leader of the Liberals of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and hope he may be long spared to direct the government of Canada and to continue his policy for the permanent binding together of all parts of the British Empire. That through his policy Newfoundland may soon become a province of the Dominion and the Georgian Bay scheme may become an accomplished fact and as soon as the conditions are favorable and satisfactory terms can be obtained whereby the All-Red line may be inaugurated and whereby British unity and inter-British trade may be maintained supreme. That we, the Liberals of Yale-Cariboo, in convention assembled, hereby pledge to the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier our loyal and enthusiastic support in the forthcoming general elections. That we also wish to record our hearty endorsement of the course pursued in parliament by our member, Mr. Duncan Ross, since his election in 1904. That we hereby express our strong approval of the action of the government in appointing the civil service commission and of the course of Sir Wilfrid Laurier following upon the report thereof, and we express our sincere desire that, as a result of that course, so entirely in accord with Liberal principles, the civil service of Canada will in the near future, be established on a strictly non-partisan basis. That we also heartily approve of the broad and statesmanlike manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has dealt with the Asiatic immigration problem.

Following the adoption of the resolutions the secretary read the following letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

Ottawa, March 21, 1908.
G. A. Harris, Esq., Secretary Yale-Cariboo Liberal District Association, Vernon, B. C.

My Dear Sir—I understand that a convention was called for the purpose of selecting a Liberal candidate in the district of Yale-Cariboo. It is an encouraging sign to see that the Liberals of your district are thus getting ready for the contest. The loyalty and enthusiasm of the Liberals of the west have always been to me an inspiration and an encouragement and I feel sure that my friends in Yale-Cariboo will see that so far as they are concerned there will be no breaks in the ranks of the solid seven from British Columbia. Your district is one of immense area and wonderful natural resources, offering a most attractive field for development. We want a supporter from this rich district to aid and advise us in connection with those problems that are incidental to the development of the west and the building up of a greater Canada.

It is not for me to interfere in the choice of the electors; this is a matter as to which they must be left absolutely untrammelled. If I may, however, be permitted to express a wish, I can assure you that no man could be more acceptable to myself and to the Liberal members of the House of Commons than our friend Duncan Ross, the gallant fighting member.

Yours very sincerely,
WILFRID LAURIER.

The nominations for a candidate to represent the Liberal party in the coming campaign was then called for by John D. Swanson, of Kamloops, who in an eloquent and vigorous speech, nominated Duncan Ross. Thos. Lawson, of Kelowna, seconded the nomination, which was further endorsed by stirring speeches by Dr. K. C. McDonald, Vernon; John Hyman, Vernon; Smith Curtis, ex-M. P. P. Rossland, and Senator Postock, all of whom vouched for the faithful and indefatigable efforts of Duncan Ross in his representation at Ottawa of the important constituency of Yale-Cariboo, special emphasis being laid upon his splendid fight for the competition in railways in Southern British Columbia.

No other name was mentioned and with one accord and with immense enthusiasm the large audience rose and cheered Duncan Ross as the standard-bearer in Yale-Cariboo in the coming campaign.

The acknowledging the splendid testimony to the efficiency of his past services, Duncan Ross said that it fully repaid him for the four years of strenuous work he had put in at Ottawa. He reviewed at some length the probable issues of the coming campaign, but deferred extended remarks until the evening meeting. The executive committee for the electoral district then organized, with Dr. K. C. McDonald as chairman; C. A. Harris, secretary, and one representative from each provincial constituency included in Yale-Cariboo federal riding, eight in all.

Evening Proceedings.
This evening delegates were entertained at a smoking concert in the opera house by the local Liberal Association, an important speech being delivered by Duncan Ross, who dealt very fully with the Asiatic immigration question, following up his charges against Provincial Attorney-General Bowser and substantiating them with original documents proving explicitly Bowser's trickery and bad faith in the matter of contracts made by the C. P. R. for the importation of Japanese coolie labor. Other speakers were Smith Curtis, Senator Postock and other prominent district and visiting Liberal workers.

It would have been impossible to have held a more successful nominating convention, or one that more fully testified to the unanimity of the Liberal party and to its determination to re-elect a supporter of the Laurier administration.

If to-day's proceedings be any criterion of Liberal sentiment in British Columbia there can be but little doubt that the Pacific province will continue to be represented at Ottawa by a solid seven.

The following is the speech delivered by Duncan Ross, M. P.:

How can I thank the good people of Vernon for the warmth of their reception to myself. Four years ago I came you a stranger asking for your votes. You were kind to me then because in a rather close contest you established a new record in giving a majority to the Liberal candidate. Four years ago I had no personal record to justify or defend. I return to you after four years of service sometimes strenuous, at times arduous, always interesting and fascinating and it is most flattering and encouraging to be received with so much kindness and enthusiasm.

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FIGHT ON TRAIN.
Robber and Police in Conflict and Former Beaten.
Vienna, April 11.—An exciting fight between a gang of train robbers and police officers took place on a night train running between Agroin and Brod in Croatia, yesterday.

The two policemen found an unfortunate traveler struggling with three men, two of whom were rifling his pockets, while the third was hammering him on the head.

The police at once attacked the robbers with their swords. One of them jumped off the train, which was traveling at express speed. He was killed instantaneously.

The other robbers climbed on the roof of the carriage, and as the train was passing over a bridge across the River Save, one of them jumped clear into the water and it is believed he escaped unhurt.

The train stopped shortly afterward, and the third robber, who was still on the roof, was arrested.

UMATILLA A DAY BEHIND.
Pacific Coast Steamship Will Leave San Francisco on Saturday This Week.
R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, to-day received advices from San Francisco, stating that the steamship Umatilla would be a day late leaving San Francisco this week. She will sail for Victoria on Saturday instead of Friday. The special excursion arranged for the purpose of allowing those wishing to see the American fleet at San Francisco to make a quick trip will be taken by the President, sailing from San Francisco for the Sound on the 23rd inst and returning six days later, leaving here on May 1st.

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