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MR. BURRELL AND THE CENSUS The Dominion government has apparently recognized that the system of census-taking is not all that it should be. It is giving cognizance to the numerous complaints received, and if any grave injustice is caused to any places through the publication of the figures is possible that a recount may be ordered. The Hon. Martin Burrell, as minister of agriculture, presides over the census department and this, which is among his first official announcements, will be welcome news in Victoria. He believes as he states in an interview that if an investigation into the methods of enumeration recently employed should show that these are faulty it may be necessary to adopt the de facto system which prevails in Great Britain whereby the entire census of the country is taken in the same night. There appears to us little doubt that

there is something radically wrong with the system of enumeration which was employed last June. Numerous cities have had just cause to complain and Victoria is amongst these. Mr. Burrell is to be congratulated on the energy with which he has entered upon the details of his office and the courage of his pronouncements with regard to the census is very encouraging.

VICTORIA'S PUBLIC LIBEARY

It is to be hoped that the apathy of the ratepayers will not again allow the Library bylaw to fail when it comes up for decision on November 2nd. The sum of \$15,000 is not a great deal of money for a city as large as Victoria to spend yearly on such a deserving institution as the Carnegie Library. The monthly returns show that public interest is increasing, and with additional funds to provide a wider selection of reading matter it is probable that the present popularity of the Yates street building would be considerably stimulated. In the matter of civic advancement the need of providing wide and wholesome reading for the people is of an urgent character. In this respect we do not want to lag behind other communities. Visitors to the city have commented on our present inadequate public library, and the sooner we rectify existing con- over Grand Prairie as straight as an

from the end of the railway at Okan-agan Landing. Here is being done for the fruit trade what the Colonist has always said would be done for the lumvalue of the land. The people of the inicipalities believe in assessing nds at their full value. This makes t possible to keep down the rate. They rade on the West Coast of Vancouver bject to a low valuation and a high 1sland. We left the steamer at Summerland. rate. They say that one of the first after a sail of 78 miles, and at Sum-meriand we went to the Apple Show. questions an intending settler asks is the rate of taxation, and it is an ad-This exhibition was displayed in Ellison vantageous thing to be able to tell him Hail, a building erected for such pur poses, a very excellent and commodiou it is low, and also that it is upon his structure, situated in what is to be land only and not opon his improvevery fine park. I have seen fine disments. It is undoubtedly attractive plays of apples in the Eastern Provinces to a person contemplating setting up and the Eastern States; I have seen fin displays at Victoria; I have attended in fruit-growing to be told that a piece

the New Westminster Exhibition and of unimproved land pays just as much was at the Vancouver Apple Show. But taxes as a piece of similar size that is nothing I had previously seen prepared improved. The valuation is increased me for may as well be frank and say that in from time to time. take the case of common with the rest of our party, I a mature orchard, and let us say that did not suppose such a collection of the property would sell readily at \$800 apples could be got together anywhere in the world. The qualities which go an acre. Deduct from \$800 what would to make up good apples are size, juicibe the cost of setting out the orchard ness, freedom from blemish, uniformity, and bringing it to maturity, and the color and flavor. In all points the apples remainder is the value of the land for shown were everything that could be taxation purposes. This remainder is wished. The most striking feature was their color, for this the eve took in at also the value of unimproved land. That once. That is why color is so important is to say, as improved land advances in an apple intended for sale. It apin value over and above the cost of the peals to the eye, which is the first of improvements, so unimproved land is our organs of sense to pronounce judgment upon anything material. Brilliant advanced in its assessed value. There seems a strange word to use in connecmay, of course, come a time when the tion with a display of apples, but it is assessed value of the land cannot be appropriate to the Summerland show. The colors varied from the deep, dark increased without 'exceeding its sale red of the King David to the bright value. When that happens, if the characteristics of the Greenings. The municipality needs more revenue, it most striking were perhaps the Mcwill have to increase its rate. Intosh Reds and the Winter Bananas. I have never observed the latter in Vic-

the display at Summerland. I

toria, but they must be the most beauti

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ful apples grown. They are a golden Venus was shining brightly in the yellow, blending into a rich red. In size they vary from what is suitable morning sky when the telephones in our for dessert to a weight of half a pound. rooms at Kamloops rang to tell us it A very notable feature of this apple was time to get up, for we had many show was the assembly of what may miles to make by motor to Vernon to be called "trophies," where the fruit was catch the train at noon, and you never shown amid decorated surroundings. Of these there were several and the taste can tell just what a motor is going to displayed in them was eloquent testido, and, time being the essence of the mony to the quality of the people who contract, we could not afford any needproduced the fruit. Further testimony was afforded by the exhibition of woless chances. Not that I ought to say men's work. Such a collection of artitoo much about that, for since we cles could only come out of houses of started out we have motored over some

education and refinement. six hundred miles of road, some of it very good, some of it very bad and THE PREMIER'S ADVICE some of it indifferent. The best was the Malahat Drive; the worst the fourteen Premier McBride's advice about the miles between Princeton and Tulameen. desirability of employing white labor although for "footing" for the machine has given rise to considerable comment about six miles of road in course of and in nearly every instance this has making between Penticton and Narabeen of a favorable character. There is mata reached what must be pretty near little doubt that if it were followed the limit in that regard. this province would, from physical,

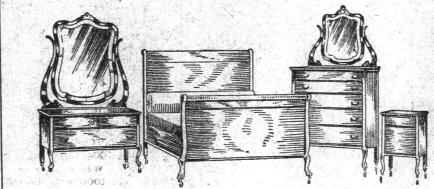
Venus had faded by the time we took scciological and material standpoints. our motors in Kamloops. There was a form a much more stable community. In marked tang of frost in the air, but no addition its adoption would remove any wind and we had the finest sort of a possibilities of racial differences, and ride. We were three and a half hours make this section of the Dominion an In reaching Vernon. I shall not say all-white British Columbia. This is how great the distance is lest some part of the Premier's policy, as evidenced by the clauses which he has had inone might suspect that we exceeded the serted in provincial contracts with railspeed limit; but there is a piece of road way corporations engaged on construction work here. It is a movement in ditions the better for our citizens as arrow and as smooth as a table, over which the people of British Columbia are with him heart and soul. With rewell as our reputation abroad. There is which I am persuaded a motor could gard to his latest stand employers of make without inconvenience 45 or 50 labor may ask the question if they get miles an hour in a fine frosty morning rid of Orientals can they be certain of in October without the least inconveni- white men being available to take up ence to any one. It is an exceedingly their work. We think that if this is not possible at the moment that it will be picturesque ride. In places the roadway within a very short time. Any step is flanked by high hills. I recall one which might be taken in the direction tion of the services of Dr. Hands place where, although the hour was towards which the Premier has pointed 9.30, the sun had not yet risen, although nust necessarily be slow. A beginning, we could see where its rays were turn- however, could be made, if those who control the lumbering and fishery intering the trees on the summits into deliests in the province show that they are cate lace-like tracing in silver. As a sufficiently patriotic to couple national general thing the road is through set- obligations with self-interests. If they tled country. Perhaps the prettiest place | decide to adopt the policy advocated by the Premier time will provide them with the opportunities, and all the white of Summit Lake. labor that they want. Immigration to We had heard a good deal about this province is increasing yearly. Men Okanagan on our trip. The Finance of all occupations are coming in, and the Minister did not let us forget it. When great bulk of these new arrivals are of the Anglo-Saxon race, and men of such we saw anything particularly good, he a character as will swell the wealth of admired it with the rest of us, but althe community and help to develop the ways added, "Wait till you see the country both nationally and provincially. Okanagan," That's all he would say. With white men, and especially men of our own race employed in all our indusand when our motors round a turn and tries it will be assured that the money we get our first glimpse of Okanagan, they earn. will be put into homes of we knew why he did not say more. It their own and not sent to foreign counis a country that must be seen to be tries. Thus each of our workers will appreciated. "See Naples and die," says have a stake in the country, and if unhappily the time should come when Canada is embroiled in war dependence live" is the shiboleth of all the people could be placed on every able bodied living in this splendid valley. Our first man of the population lending his aid glimpse of it raised our hopes high, and to preserve his heritage. That is what Premier McBride means by an all-white British Columbia. fied our highest expectations. The question is undoubtedly a large We caught the train; I have an imone to grapple with, but the country is pression that we would have caught it young, and now is the time when steps if it had been running away from us. should be taken looking towards the end it. The rate imposed in these munici- Forty petrol horses on a frosty October in view. By adopting a drifting policy the time may come when it will be impalities covers schools as well as other morning would catch anything except possible to set things right. Already, the blues. The train took us to the as the Premier pointed out, our fisheries steamer, the good ship Okanagan of the are almost exclusively in the hands of Asiatics. We have just passed through an election, the result of which proved on her spacious deck we sat as she made very conclusively that our policy is her way down the lake. Lake Okanagaa "Canada for the Canadians." In the working out of this ideal there are many years ago; now they are largely covered points it must be at least four miles things to be considered in a country towards which the tide of immigration is setting so strongly. Here in British Columbia we have problems which do not exist in any other part of Canada, and it is our duty as Mr. McBride says, out the single-tax system under most morning soft fleecy clouds were form- to take hold of them ourselves. Governments can accomplish a good deal in prejudices to be overcome; no old or- the steamer and a good many miles of preserving the type of citizen which they desire to have, but they always officials and the taxpayers alike ex- it is an exceptionally beautiful sheet of tions. We here in British Columbia sides and can say with knowledge that have to consider international complicahave no antipathy against any of the Asiatic races. We have it, however, principle of the assessment is the valu- told yesterday at Penticton that the day largely in our own power to say what kind of population will, inhabit this country in the future. By keeping the province in so far as we are able for those who are of our own color, and who would be entrained for their destinapossess similar ideals we will be not tion. At the principal wharves there only insuring ourselves against time of were standing cars of the C. P. R. trcuble, but safeguarding this wonderful heritage for the generations that are to

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needs of the public at the Carnegie building but unfortunately their hands --- ded through lack of facilities. In ling extra money to extend their of work we would show our apis assistants as well as giving to ia a library of which she may be

a very canable staff looking after the

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

Some of the Okanagan municipalities have attempted and have succeeded in on it is where it winds along the shore a very interesting experiment. This special reference is to Kelowna, Summerland and Penticton. In these municipalities which are from 7,000 to 11,000 acres in area, the principle of the single tax prevails. The municipalities either own or are preparing to operate their own light and water supply. In Summerland the municipality owns the irrigation system. In Kelowna, the rural roads are lighted by electricity. In neither of them is the tax rate in excess of two per cent.; in Summerland it is only one per cent. The levy is the native of Italy. "See Okanagan and made upon land without regard to improvements. Improvements are assessed on a systematic basis, but no rate is levied on them. The law requires real I am bound to say that experience justiestate and improvements to be assessed separately. The municipalities find the assessment of improvements valuable for the maintenance of their cred-

public services. It is proper to mention that conditions were very favorable to the adop- C .P. R. Lake and River service, and tion of a simple system of taxation in these municipalities. The site of each of them was only a cattle range a few is about 90 miles long, and at some with fruit orchards, and the people who wide. It looks narrower. It is flanked have occupied the land were mostly all in some places by bunch-grass hills, in of an intelligent and progressive class. others by clay banks, in others by very Hence they could put in force and curry steep mountain sides, along which this favorable conditions. There were no ing. I have seen its full length from der of things to be overturned. The it from a motor high upon the hillpress their approval of the manner in water. As an avenue of commerce it is which the system has worked out. The and always will be of value. I was ation of all lands of the same quality on the steamer from Kamloops. They at the same value, wholly icrespective had been driven up from the state of of the improvements made upon them. Washington. At Okanagan Landing they If a man buys a 10-acre orchard tract, he pays just the same taxes upon it, whether he improves it or not. In *- awaiting shipments of apples. timating values the test is the selling cars are conveyed on parges to and come, with 5 large drawers.

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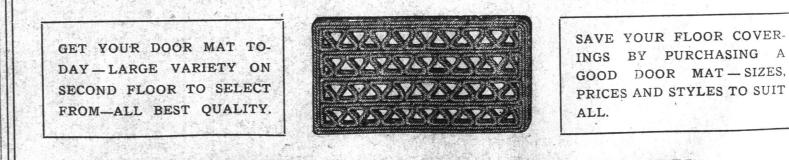
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