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A DODGE INDEED.

No dodge is too disreputable for adoption by the friends of the Bowell government in their present desperate condition. A good indication of the state of distraction to which they have been reduced is afforded by their repetition of the very stale falsehood that Mr. Laurier used the expression: "Thank God there are no Orangemen among the Liberals." Mr. Laurier has denied that he said this, and the papers which misreported him have admitted that their reports were wrong in this particular.

THE PUGET SOUND LIAR.

It is hard to say what new lie concerning the Alaska boundary some of our jingo friends across the border will invent to torture themselves with. Once it was capture by the mounted police, then the Canadian surveyors had contrived a scheme to enclose Uncle Sam out of some territory, and now our remarkable astute government has devised the plan of seizing Juneau through the agency of a mail contract. There would be nothing very surprising in eastern people being imposed on by such Munchausen tales, but one is naturally taken aback when the people of the Puget Sound district allow themselves to be thus hoodwinked.

FALLEN ON EVIL DAYS.

According to a late report the government has at last plucked up courage enough to think of a date for the West Huron election. This riding was the first of the lot to become vacant, but it is to be about the last to have its election; in fact the date spoken of, January 9, is a week later than that fixed for the opening of parliament. Of course everybody understands the reason for leaving West Huron to the last; there is a pretty sure prospect of the government candidate being defeated there, while in all the other districts the government majorities in 1891 were large. It is a patent fact, nevertheless, that the government is not sure of retaining any one of the six vacant seats. Even Montreal Centre, which in 1891 gave a Conservative majority of over 1200, is regarded as doubtful, and notwithstanding all the professions of confidence, the government and its friends are in reality dubious in regard to the whole lot. This is surely the worst commentary that could be written on any combination of politicians. Time was when a Conservative government could count on carrying any district at a bye-election, unless it was hopelessly Liberal in its composition. Things have changed, and now the Bowell ministry cannot feel sure of a place which formerly was overwhelmingly Conservative.

EPIDEMICS.

Nobody wants to see an epidemic of infectious disease in the city, and yet there is difficulty in inducing some people to submit to the measures which seem necessary to avoid epidemics. In dealing with smallpox, scarlet fever, and

kindred plagues the residents of a city should constitute themselves a co-operative society, each member having the same concern for the public safety as for his own. The health regulations would in that view become a set of articles of agreement by which all must abide. If this view had been taken by all the people in Victoria there would have been fewer cases of scarlet fever in the city within the past few months, and the children's health would have been less exposed to danger. The health regulations and the health department provide the means for keeping down infection, and it is to be regretted that any inconsiderate selfishness should hinder their operation. We have heard of people who during the recent visitation failed to let it be known that there was scarlet fever in their houses, thus needlessly exposing their neighbors to danger. Some have objected to the posting of warning placards on their houses and the quarantining of their families. All of these things augur a selfish disregard for the safety of others—that smacks of criminality. The medical health officer should be notified of every case of infectious disease as promptly as possible, and no obstacle should be placed in the way of the necessary precautions being taken. If the officer does not do his duty properly it is quite possible to have him disciplined in his turn.

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

There is much to be said in favor of Mr. Marchant's contention that steps should be taken to preserve the existence of the small debts court, now threatened by the decision of the Hon. Justice Crease. One step, of course, is an appeal from that decision, and it has been generally assumed that an appeal will be taken, wherefore the comparative indifference of the public to the situation that has been created. This indifference is not a true indication of public opinion in regard to the court, which has been very generally recognized as providing necessary means for the collection of small debts. The county courts were created with this end in view, but the county courts have been diverted from their purpose. The constitution of the Ontario county courts made it possible in that province to create subsidiary tribunals, so to speak, in the shape of division courts, for the work of which the county judges were available. That material was not at hand in sufficient quantity in this province, and so arose the idea of calling in the aid of police magistrates. We believe the operation of the courts as constituted has met with general approval from the public, and that the regret will be as general if they cannot be continued. The provincial government will no doubt show themselves alive to the advisability of taking some action likely to secure their continuance in something like their original form.

GOVERNMENT TRICKERY.

At the Antigonish Conservative convention Mr. Chisholm, who was nominated to again oppose Mr. McIsaac, said the government was pledged to remedial legislation and could be relied upon to pass it. Ministers Tupper and Dickey were on the platform and endorsed this declaration. But in North Ontario the Conservative candidate pleads ignorance of what the government will do, and refuses to say what position he will take. His course is approved by members of the government. There never was a more shameful exhibition of cowardice and evasion than this in the part of any government or set of politicians. The people of Antigonish are told one thing and the people of North Ontario another. And yet, while indulging in this species of trickery, Sir Hibbert Tupper attacks Mr. Laurier and charges him with cowardice and insincerity on the subject of the Manitoba schools. Nobody but a Tupper could be so brazenly impudent.

RETAIL QUOTATIONS FOR FARMERS' PRODUCE CAREFULLY CORRECTED.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Oats, Wheat, Corn, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

AMERICAN.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Early this morning fire was discovered in Jas. Kirk & Co.'s soap factory, when nearly 200 men were compelled to flee to save their lives. Many reached the ground by way of the fire-escape. The loss is between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

says that in 1840 the investment of £1,908,000,000 in farm lands in Britain produced £218,000,000, giving employment to 8,400,000 hands, an average of £5 per hand. In 1870, with an increased capital of £2,287,000,000, the products were £251,000,000, and the number of hands employed 2,500,000, and the average product per hand only £97. Agriculture in Great Britain has, of course, suffered from the pressure of foreign competition, especially American, yet under all circumstances it has held its own remarkably well.

A Toronto dispatch says: Vice-President Dr. Wilson put in his resignation at last night's meeting of the Young Conservatives, on account of the declaration by President C. C. Robinson in a recent address that no resolution criticizing the policy of the Ottawa government would be entertained. He did not believe, he said, in a policy which refused to allow criticism within the ranks of the party. A resolution was moved that the resignation be not accepted, and a debate followed, several speakers sympathizing with Wilson. President Robinson finally announced he would himself resign unless Wilson's resignation was accepted, and the matter closed by this being done.

The Vernon News points out this possible consequence of the proposal to raise the property qualification of mayors and aldermen: "In many of the smaller cities of the province, such a qualification would practically shut out the great majority of the ratepayers from becoming candidates for civic office, no matter how much their mental endowment and business ability might fit them for the position." The objection is an entirely valid one. There are so many objections, though, to Ald. Williams' proposal that it has not the remotest chance of adoption, and it is hardly worth discussing.

During the past year official analysts of the Dominion have analyzed 926 samples of foods, drugs and fertilizers. Of the number 680 were genuine, 161 adulterated, and the remainder, 85, doubtful or unclassified. The most noticeable adulterations are in respect of butter, which consists of excess of water or salt, sometimes of both, indicative of carelessness rather than fraud. It is gratifying to observe that infant foods and meat extracts are generally genuine, wholesome and nutritious.

The Globe: The separate school agitation precipitated by the vacillating policy of the Ottawa ministry is a thing to be deplored by Canadians of all creeds, but it will at least have the good effect of exposing the gigantic humbug that some of the self-appointed champions of Protestantism have been practising on their admirers.

It is rather amusing to find Dr. Montague, "the Halldimund windbag," attacking Mr. Laurier's record. Perhaps the worthy political medico thinks this is an offset to the scathing criticism of himself lately offered by that vigorous Conservative, Edmund E. Sheppard.

Hamilton Spectator (Conservative): It does not seem to strike our friends of the government that they are the people who are endangering the National Policy for the sake of a few French halfbreeds up in Manitoba. There are two ways of looking at some things.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

There are no changes to report in prices for this week. The next shipment of Ogilvie flour is expected early next week, when a still further reduction in retail prices will probably be made.

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WAS A GREAT GAME

Vancouver Defeated Victoria at Rugby Football on Saturday Afternoon.

Corbett Comes Out of His Shell—The Franklin Road Race Disputat.

The annual Rugby football match between Victoria and Vancouver was played at Caledonia park on Saturday afternoon in good football weather, the ground being perhaps a trifle soft. A splendid game was witnessed by those fortunate enough to be present, and although the result was not satisfactory to the home team, winners and losers alike were deserving of credit. Turning to the personnel of the visiting team, old footballers were pleased to see and welcome C. H. Woodward back again in his place on the Vancouver team, and from the game he played it is evident he has not deteriorated by his absence from the last few games played here between the teams of the rival cities.

Vancouver kicked off from the upper end of the field at 3.15 p.m., and Schofield returned, but did not find touch, as did Woodward the next moment, and the game settled down in neutral territory. The Vancouver back division soon gave evidence of being above the average, and the spectators were treated to some very pretty combination. The Vancouver forwards, headed by Purvis, rushed the ball into the home 25, where Sargue tackled Ernest Martin before he could pass. The Victoria forwards were now settling down to work, and tackling well and smartly. Goodwin was the best of the combination of the opposing backs. At length Frank Miller essayed a drop at goal, but did not shoot straight, and a touchdown only resulted. Soon after the kick-out Chance was called upon to save, which he did with a very neat kick into touch. Wollaston now became prominent, but the advantage gained was neutralized by F. Miller with a good run, spoiled at length by a forward pass.

The game at this point was of a second description, neither side gaining any material advantage, until some splendid passing by Templar (who, by the way, wanted a lot of watching) was only stopped in the nick of time by Smith. The home forwards, among whom the Crease brothers and Langley were working like Trojans, came right away with the ball at their feet, but, hard, afforded Woodward a chance of saving, which he did capably and transferred the game to the home 25, where Chance was again called upon to save with another good kick into touch.

The game was here transferred to the Vancouver 25 by a free kick allowed the home team by Sargue, and Miller and Woodward were again in the thick of it. Woodward was very safe, and the ball was now rushed to the Victoria 25, and after Sargue had got in a "corkscrew" kick into touch, Gamble saved another kick by visiting forwards right on the goal line.

The home forwards gradually worked the ball back to the 25 yard mark, where F. Miller got possession, and, dodging Petticrew, was brought down by Chance, fell across the line and scored the first point for Vancouver after a fine conversion. This success, however, seemed to stimulate the visiting team to greater exertions, and their forwards, headed by Purvis, R. Woodward and Boulton, were very quick, the first named tackling Petticrew beautifully before he could get in his kick. The visiting backs now gave an exhibition of some very good combination, in which Templar, E. Martin, F. Miller and C. H. Woodward all participated, the last named being pulled up by Schofield. Miller splendidly an ugly rush of the Vancouver forwards, Wollaston, Langley and the Crease brothers rushed the ball up the field, but a long kick from a visiting forward sent it back to the home 25 again.

The Vancouver full back was tackled by the ball, but cleverly managed to pass it to Woodward (ever ready for an emergency), who, as usual, found touch with a long kick. Miller tackled Warren in the nick of time spoiled what promised to be a dangerous piece of passing among the Vancouver backs. Sargue intercepted a pass from Templar very neatly, and running up to the opposing full back essayed to punt over his head and gain possession again, but kicked too far, and Woodward saved what looked like being a certain score for Victoria. However, "Barney" returned to the attack and gained a lot of ground with a long punt up to the touch line, and at half time the ball was close to the Vancouver 25 line.

Miller re-started the game for Victoria, and after an exchange of kicks Petticrew was pushed into touch near the Victoria 25 line. The game was quickly transferred to the home 25, where Chance again saved splendidly with a good kick into touch, and immediately after a very ominous combined dribble of the visiting forwards, amongst whom Purvis and Woodward were prominent, was well saved by Miller, who with Chance was playing a sound defence for Victoria. Warren was now unfortunately temporarily laid out in an encounter with Austin, who was making a good run, and some of the spectators showed invaluable assistance in supplying forced draughts instrumental in relieving the home forwards gradually worked the ball down to the Vancouver 25, where W. Miller was tackled with the ball inside the visitors' 25. The partisans of the home team now hoped to see the score equalized, but it was not to be, and had passing was instrumental in relieving the Vancouver line. A free kick was awarded to Vancouver, and Warren, who had now resumed his place on the field, kicked into touch close to the home goal line. The Victoria forwards hurriedly rushed the ball out into neutral territory, but Woodward, by a capital attempt to drop a goal from the 25 yard mark, Victoria touched down.

A FARMER'S WEALTH

Does Not Simply Consist of Broad Acres and Ready Cash.

Health Is His Fortune.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND RESTORES IT WHEN LOST.

Broad acres and a good bank account do not constitute a farmer's true wealth. There are hundreds of farmers around who possess wealth in lands and gold, but who lack that true fortune and coveted possession known as good health. True manhood, vigorous health and strong nerves are Heaven's best gifts for all classes and conditions of men. It is a melancholy fact that men and women in the country, breathing the purest air, drinking from God's bubbling fountains and springs, uncontaminated by the germs of disease, are liable to the same dread diseases that come thick and fast to city people.

Nature's grand laws are continually violated everywhere, and, as a consequence, the penalties come swift and sure. These penalties consist of diseases varying in form and character. We find debility, nervousness, rheumatism, neuralgia, kidney and liver troubles, heart disease, dyspepsia, indigestion, and a variety of terrible blood diseases.

When the arrows of affliction pierce with venomous sting, the farmer and his family must seek the same healing agent that city people use with such success. Paine's Celery Compound is to-day the farmer's great health restorer and true life-giver. Its record in the rural districts of our Dominion is as bright and

Soon after the kick-out Ernest Martin intercepted a pass and ran a long way down the field and passed to Templar, who was promptly thrown into touch. Sargue brought timely relief with a good kick. A series of kicks now took place between Woodward, of Vancouver, and Miller, the home captain, the latter eventually getting some twenty yards, and Schofield directly after made a capital run, but was brought up, or rather thrown down by Woodward, as the way.

The home team were now playing better than at any previous period of the game, and a good rush by the home forwards culminated in Smith getting right away, and on being thrown into touch passed out like a flash to Sargue, who was backing up, the latter literally forced his way over the visitors' line amid cheering. Vancouver raised an objection for the moment, as the referee had sounded his whistle. This he did on Smith being thrown into touch, but inasmuch as the latter threw the ball out at once, even as the whistle sounded, he promptly disallowed the objection. This perhaps was the smartest thing done by Smith throughout the game, and was fully appreciated by the spectators. Sargue tried to convert, but his kick, though straight, fell short.

The home forwards, headed by Sargue and Miller, now played like demons, and worked the ball right down to the Vancouver line, where Gamble got across right under the posts, but the ball was ordered back, and Purvis received it with a long kick. A few minutes only remained for play, and the Victoria backs, as if wishing to show that they did understand combination, indulged in as fine a piece of passing as was seen throughout the afternoon. It was too much for the individual participants in this last and splendid effort of the home team, but it appeared as if the whole back division took part, and the ball must have changed hands more than six times before being eventually dead close to the Vancouver line, leaving Vancouver the winners of a capitally contested game by one goal to a try.

The result of the game was undoubtedly due to the combination of the visiting backs, of whom it is hard to single out any members for individual praise, may be excused for awarding a special tribute to C. H. Woodward, who played grandly, running and tackling like a machine, and withal as safe as the proverbial church. Of the forwards Purvis, Woodward and Boulton were conspicuous, but all played well. Of the home team it was undoubtedly due to Sargue and Miller that the visiting combination was held in check as it was, and the latter was as safe as usual at centre. Sargue was badly handled by the first few minutes by the Victoria full back, but he did everything that cannot be said for the way he accomplished everything he was called upon to do. He did not have much to do in the second half, but it is enough to say, perhaps, that he did everything that could be expected of a good full back. The forwards worked well and played a good game to a man, but perhaps the pick of a good lot were Langley, Wollaston and the Crease brothers. The forwards have, however, a fault which should be overcome—that of kicking too high. In this game they time and time again gained a lot of ground, but lost it all by kicking right into the hands of one of the opposing backs.

It would seem, from all the facts that the referee in the recent road race at Stanley Park, had some knowledge of the side of prudence in barring Mr. Franklin from competing. The referee barred Mr. Franklin from the race because he claimed that, although the C. W. A. had no control over road racing, they had over their individual members, and therefore Mr. Franklin could not compete in the race, for by his competing with Class A men he would make all the members of the C. W. A. members of the C. W. A. accordingly wrote the secretary of the C. W. A. his expression of opinion, and that opinion has already been published in part. The full letter, however, which follows, places a different light on the question and shows clearly that the referee would have been in perfect order in admitting Mr. Franklin. The letter reads as follows:

Stmoe, Ont., Nov. 18, 1895. H. J. Franklin, Esq., B. C.

Dear Sir: Replying to your favor of the 9th inst, I might say that I am not the proper person to apply for an official ruling on such a matter. I have no jurisdiction over racing matters, but almost any member of the C. W. A. in this part of the Dominion would be able to tell you as well as I an undictated C. W. A. exercises no jurisdiction to object if Class A and Class B men compete in the same race, we are not disposed to take more cognizance of a road bicycle race than of a race of a skate race, the referee was certainly in the right in excluding R. Q. T. road race run in Toronto, nearly every prominent racing man of both classes took part.

Yours truly, H. B. DONLY.

ZIM WANTED TOO MUCH. New York, Dec. 9.—The Melbourne correspondent of the American Wheelman called that paper to-day that the great Australian wheel race, the blue ribbon event of the year, was won by Chrisp, of Tasmania, the dark horse rider. This is the race that Zimman was imported to ride in, but at the last moment he was scratched. It is given as the reason that his demands were exorbitant and the committee refused to concede to them. His entry had been made and accepted for this event, but he wanted a bonus besides, which was refused. This move, it is said, has made the American very unpopular among the Australians.

QUEST.

The handicap tournament held by the Victoria Chess Club opened on Saturday evening. The entries are as follows: Class I.—B. Williams, C. Schwengers; class II.—P. T. Johnston, B. Schwengers; class III.—R. H. Johnston, Captain Mitchell; class IV.—H. Gossard, T. Lawrie, W. Scowcroft, J. Barnard, C. E. Clarke, P. Goppel; class V.—J. Arvon, class VI.—P. Wollaston, J. S. Floyd, H. Kemp. The results of the games played are as follows: C. E. Clarke won from P. T. Johnston; B. Williams won from P. T. Johnston; B. Schwengers won from P. Wollaston; and C. Schwengers won from P. Wollaston. The tournament will continue during this week.

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