

REHEARSES TALE OF TRIUMPHS

Deputy Minister of Agriculture Tells of Laurels Won by Provincial Fruit

"British Columbia is the province above all others of the Dominion which is attracting the attention of prospective immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland as well as interesting investors throughout the old country."

Such is the statement of W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture who has returned from his tour of charge of the provincial fruit exhibit during the year which has passed since his last visit and where before there were enquiries by scores today, these number hundreds.

And moreover according to Mr. Scott is not with enquiry. He expects to see a very large number of settlers of a most desirable character. People of means, retired navy and army officers and business men all with capital and anxious to settle upon small holdings are included in the number, while there are many others with a capital of from £200 to £5,000, who purpose migrating to British Columbia to engage in mixed farming, fruit growing and chicken ranching.

During the two months during which the deputy minister of agriculture was absent, exhibits were made at twenty-four shows, an increase of eight over last year. Six of these were cattle shows where no awards for fruit were granted, but despite this he brings back with him twenty-two medals captured by the horticultural display in this province at the eighteen fruit shows proper.

Predicts Liberal Return.

Of conditions generally in Great Britain, Mr. Scott would merely observe that interest centres in the political struggle now pending. An ardent tariff reformer he is, but he does not admit that the Liberal government will probably be returned with a slight majority. It will be compelled to retreat again to the country very shortly after he believes, as it is unlikely that it will secure a working majority and then will come the triumph of the Unionists and tariff reform.

The budget has alarmed capital and driven millions of pounds from the country. Much of this is going to the colonies and to B. C. amongst others, but the effect is to have a large amount of unemployment in Great Britain and to render conditions there intolerable. The tariff reform is growing again in popularity and is gaining adherents.

The Liberal government's stand with regard to Home Rule has estranged many of its supporters also.

Invasion.

It was with regard to the subject of the provincial exhibit that Mr. Scott in his interview said that the car of fruit completed loading at Vancouver, Oct. 12, and in all 723 boxes was sent forward to transhipment to England. In the shipment were included 20,000 apples from the lower mainland, Victoria, Salt Spring Island, Spence's Bridge, Kamloops, St. James, and the Vernon Fruit Union, Stirling & Pitscottie, Kelowna, Summerland, Nelson and Kootenai. A Montreal business man, who was en route to Ireland, arrangements were made for the fruit to go forward per the Cornucopia. Arrived at England, a central depot was arranged in cold storage warehouses in Liverpool and the campaign began.

The Spoils.

Exhibits were arranged as follows: the fruit obtaining the awards mentioned at the Crystal Palace, London, where a silver gilt medal was awarded; Bath, a gold medal; Bristol, silver medal; Southampton, gold medal; Gravesend, gold medal; Leeds, silver medal; Manchester, gold medal; Scottish Horticultural, Edinburgh, silver gilt medal; Haddington, gold medal; Leeds, silver medal; Aberdeen, gold medal; Chester, gold medal; Liverpool, silver medal; York, gold medal; London, gold medal, four silver gilt medals, and three silver medals.

At the following exhibitions no prizes for fruit were offered: Birmingham, Ipswich, York, Ashford, Ipswich, Norfolk and Norwich, and Leeds.

Cinematograph Shows.

"At most of the above mentioned places," continued Mr. Scott, "cinematograph lectures were given, usually four a day during the time the show was in progress. The attendance in most places far exceeded the capacity of the halls engaged. Tickets entitling the holder to admission were given out at the exhibit to the respectable persons and intending emigrants and by the means the raffish were excluded. The good done by these lectures was evidenced by the large number of people who stayed at the conclusion of each to obtain further information about our province."

"The result of the publicity conducted by the B. C. government for the past five years is plainly evidenced by the increasing interest manifested throughout Great Britain. Wherever I went in England, Scotland and Ireland, great interest was shown in our exhibit and the demand for practical information was very great. There is no doubt but that British Columbia is the best advertised province in the Dominion. The cinematograph show is one of the best means of advertising the province and the most effective."

The views shown represent various industrial scenes, such as lumbering, farming, fruit-raising, fishing and mining.

At the Royal Horticultural Society's show the largest exhibition of fruit ever known in the United Kingdom was made by the province. It comprised 48 cases of apples or all told nearly 10 tons of fruit. The exhibition was their gold medal to the British Columbia government for the fifth year in succession and the exhibition was held for individual exhibitors as follows: Okanagan Fruit Union, silver medal; Kamloops Fruit Union, silver medal; St. James Fruit Growers' Association, silver gilt medal; British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, silver gilt medal; C. Cooney, Kamloops, silver medal; J. Smith, Kelowna, silver medal; B. C. Fruit Union, silver medal; Salt Spring Island, silver medal; The Royal Horticultural Society's show has opened this year by the Princess Louise, who evinced the greatest interest in British Columbia.

The King's Visit.

"But the crowning honor the fruit of the province has received took place when at Inland the Majesty the King made a special visit to the gallery on

purpose to see the B. C. exhibit. The King had never before visited the gallery and this gracious and diplomatic act of his means a great deal to the province. Every newspaper in the United Kingdom and Ireland gave an account of it and by this means British Columbia was brought before the public very forcibly.

"The King displayed a very lively interest in British Columbia. He asked many questions about the fruit industry and congratulated the government on their beautiful display. His Majesty was pleased to accept four cases of apples as follows: One Spitznberg, one Golden Wonder, one Golden Russet, one Grimes golden, Stirling, Pitcairn, one King, Kaslo Fruit Growers' Association."

"At the conclusion of his visit His Majesty said:

"I will convey the government of B. C. my heartfelt congratulations on the magnificent display of fruit you have shown at Inland. Your province from what I can see is eminently adapted for fruit growing."

Literature Distributed.

"There has been distributed throughout Great Britain this year about 50,000 copies of the Handbook of General Information and Agricultural Bulletin and approximately 200,000 copies of the leaflets. This means a very wide and effective dissemination of literature and should be of great benefit to the fruit industry throughout the province. The condition of the fruit this year was excellent though the color owing to the backward summer was not as good as usual. There was, however, an improvement in the packing and grading though there is still room for improvement in grading to a more uniform size."

"At most of the places where our fruit was shown the whole exhibit was sold to one of the leading fruiterers using a special window display, and the government literature was distributed to those interested and by these means the good work was extended. In London at the conclusion of the Royal Horticultural Society's show, very large window displays were made by the Army & Navy Stores, Whiteley's and Andrew & Loane."

"In conclusion I may say that I received very valuable support and assistance from Mr. Bullock, Webster and Mr. Bickmore, both old British Columbians who represent the province for me to be present; and also from Mr. J. A. Turner, the son of the agent of B. C. and are thoroughly conversant with conditions here and a great deal of credit is due them for the zeal and enthusiasm shown by them in our exhibition and publicity work."

"The value of the efforts of Mr. J. Turner, agent general was very apparent. The volume of inquiry has been increased since my visit there and the stream of visitors to his offices was continuous and unbroken."

While en route to England, Mr. Scott received in mid-Atlantic a Marconi telegram announcing that a Marconi gazetted deputy minister of agriculture.

SUCCUMBS TO HIS INJURIES

Lumber Company Employee's Apparent Light Injuries Result in His Death

Struck on the head by a piece of timber, a lumber company employee, who was apparently not seriously hurt, died at the hospital after a few days. The victim was a Canadian, named John, who was employed by the Michigan Lumber Co. at Jordan river, took a sudden turn for the worse on Thursday evening succumbed to his injuries. The body was brought into the city yesterday afternoon on the tug Beatrice.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Gustafson, with a party of twenty fellow workmen, was engaged in the work of blasting out stumps. All the men had been warned that a blast was about to be discharged, but the blast was fired and the victim was struck on the head with a piece of stump hurled towards him by the dynamite. He was not injured at the time, but he was not taken to the hospital until he was found by some of the workmen. A scalp wound appeared to be all that was the matter with him. He walked to the camp, about a mile away, where he was taken to the hospital by J. Johnson, the company's bookkeeper.

At about 10 o'clock the same evening he became unconscious and lingered in a comatose condition until Thursday evening, when he died.

No inquest will be held but an examination of the injuries indicated that Gustafson had succumbed to a fractured skull. Little is known of the dead man, who had been working in the lumber business for a comparatively short time. The arrangements have not yet been made.

CURLING CLUB IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14.—Curling, apart from that pleasing pastime indulged in by the feminine section of the population, is a sport that is not followed in Vancouver at present, but will be, it is hoped for long.

Next Wednesday night a Vancouver curling club will be organized at a meeting to be held in the offices of Messrs. Cowan, Macdonald, & Parke, 137 Hastings street, and in the not very distant future that inspiring shout "Soup or up" will be heard here.

Some time ago a company was formed to erect a cold storage plant and supply refrigeration for a curling and skating rink on a site on this side of False Creek. It was the intention of the new curling club to make suitable arrangements with this new company and probably the curling rink will be in full operation by next winter. The club will lease the grounds if enough funds are forthcoming, and erect a commodious rink.

According to the plans of those interested in the proposed new club two rink will be sent to the provincial hospital at Nelson, B. C. Ultimately it is the intention to send teams to the curling games of the Dominion, the Bontepel is to be held on Jan. 24, and a large number of rinks from the ice towns of the province have promised to be represented.

Miss Verbert's short was returned to the city from a short holiday spent at her home near Chilliwack.

MANY FARMERS TO VISIT HERE

Conventions Here First Week in February to Attract Large Number

During the week commencing January 21st, Victoria will be in evidence for important matters pertaining to agriculture. On Monday, January 21st, a meeting of the secretaries of the agricultural fairs and associations of the province will take place. The main aims and objects of the convention are to arrange about the securing of judges for future exhibitions and to compile a circuit that will enable fairs to be held in the same district. Other matters pertaining to the more effective carrying out of the annual exhibitions throughout the province will be considered, and no doubt, as a result of such a conference, much good will accrue to the advancement of agricultural fairs and exhibitions in British Columbia.

Farmers' Institute.

On Tuesday, February 1, and the following day, a meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute will be held, when all proposals, resolutions and matters for important consideration will be placed on the agenda and finally dealt with during the convention. This institute is representative of all the Farmers' Institutes throughout the province, and all matters pertaining to agriculture and the betterment of the present condition of the farmer are laid before the conference for consideration and decision. It is anticipated that many of the institutes will be represented by their representative delegates with proposals to submit to the convention and which, if carried out, cannot but be the best results for practical operation.

Dairymen.

On Thursday, February 3, the annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's association will be held, and on the following day, the B. C. Stock Breeders' association will be in session. A good programme has been prepared for these meetings, and many interesting and valuable lectures will be delivered by well known authorities on all matters pertaining to agriculture.

Nothing succeeds like success, and it is evident that the knowledge disseminated throughout the province of these gatherings cannot but have the best possible results in the further advancement of the agricultural industry throughout British Columbia.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company are issuing special excursion tickets at single rate, and the opportunity afforded the people from near and far to combine pleasure with business in coming to Victoria during the convention, is one not often afforded the public. It is to be hoped that many will avail themselves of the chance to hear some first-class practical addresses and will also seize the opportunity to take part in the discussion which will follow.

Full information of particulars of the conventions can be obtained from R. W. Hodson, secretary-treasurer, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

Colalt Defeated Refuse.

RENFREW, Ont., Jan. 13.—The National Hockey League season opened here last night by a game between the home team and Colalt, in which the home team went down to defeat by the score of 11 to 9. After one of the most exciting games of the season, the Colalt team, who were the score after a few minutes' play, but Renfrew then once more drew ahead. Then came the exciting part, the next seven minutes of play, the Colalt players scored five times. Encouraged by the home team, Renfrew went on and scored two. The third took seven minutes, and Renfrew lost the match for Colalt. The game was a close one, and the Colalt team made the final 11 to 9 in their favor.

JEFFRIES MAY VISIT VICTORIA

Athletic Galaxy May Come to City if Plans Come Through

There is a possibility that James J. Jeffries, the retired heavyweight champion of the world, along with Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler of the world, and the other all-star aggregation may be seen in Victoria in the course of the next few weeks.

A representative of a Vancouver syndicate who is in the city endeavoring to arrange terms for the appearance of the great athletic galaxy of athletes in this city in the near future. The Jeffries troupe is now headed for the coast and will strike Seattle this week. The plans of the organization at present only call for exhibitions at Spokane, Seattle, Vancouver and Portland, but it is just possible that Victorian will get a chance to see the last hope of the white race before he makes his appearance in his final contest with Johnson at San Francisco next July.

Hudson Bay Company Rumors.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Rumors of impending changes in the Hudson Bay company board are getting more precise, and especially concern one important director, who was previously associated with the movement which made Lord Strathcona governor of the company.

Victimizes Many Women.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Hoboken police assert that Baron Emile, a Frenchman, just arrived in Los Angeles on a big game charge, has practiced that crime on a wholesale scale for the purpose of robbing his victims. They say they have information that Von Mueller, who is also known as Von Derhagen, has victimized no less than fifty women between here and California during the last ten years. Von Mueller was arrested on the charge of Regina Verhulst, a woman of Manhattan. She told the police that a week after Von Mueller married, he disappeared with \$2,700 of her money.

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EXTENDING ROAD FROM PRINCETON

Welch & Co. Have Contract for Another Section of V. V. & E. Railway

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14.—Construction of the V. V. & E. railway from Princeton west to Otter Flat, a distance of eighteen miles, will be completed simultaneously with the building of the line west of the Hope mountains between Abbotsford and Hope, and the Fraser river. At the head offices of the Great Northern today, it was announced that both contracts have been awarded to J. W. Stewart & Co., whose engineers are the contractors for the V. V. & E. system. The firm of J. W. Stewart & Co. has built the entire V. V. & E. system from Marcus, Wash., to Ephraim, a distance of over 200 miles. Welch has been in connection with the V. V. & E. work, will leave for Spokane tonight.

Accused of Defalcation.

MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—Edward Long, a partner in the firm of J. W. Stewart & Co., who is accused of defalcation, has been arrested by the police of Montreal. He is alleged to have stolen from the firm of J. W. Stewart & Co. a sum of \$15,000. He is now being held in the Montreal House of Detention.

Noted Spiritualist dead.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, of this city, who years ago attained a worldwide reputation as an author and lecturer on spiritualism, and as the "Great Spiritualist of Watertown," died at his home in Watertown today. Davis, who was known as "the Poughkeepsie Seer," was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1826. While a young man, he developed wonderful clairvoyant powers. He fell into deep trance, and as he declared, conversed with spirits, receiving from them information as to future life. For many years he held the position of the spiritualist, and was a prolific writer and dealt with the most abstruse subjects.

Bluff Lord Charles.

PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 14.—Soldiers and sailors in large numbers elbowed their way into the hall of the Lord Charles meeting here last night, to the number of at least 800. The sailors are recent, but sympathetic, being afraid openly to visit with Beresford against their own chief, Admiral Scott, and the heads of the Admiralty. The civilians, on the other hand, filled the hall with shouts of "Good old Charles," and so on.

Land Clearing Scheme.

To draw up a final report on the scheme for land clearing, which has been evolved by the Vancouver Island Development League, a meeting of the committee which has the work in hand will be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday morning. A meeting was held yesterday morning when the matter was considerably advanced.

Canada Gazette Notices.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The Canada Gazette contains notice of an application to be made on the part of the Oxford Mountain Railway Co. to the railway commission for the recommendation of the governor general in council for the sanction of a lease of the railway in question to the C. P. R. for a term of 99 years, from the date of the application. The application is for an act to incorporate the Bank of Saskatchewan, to transact general banking business in Canada and elsewhere. The Bankers' Massey Company, Limited, of Toronto, is incorporated; capital \$700,000.

Edmonton vs. Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The Edmonton hockey team, who are in Ottawa this morning to meet the Ottawa team, are in a very bad way. The team is in a very bad way, and the team is in a very bad way.

TALKS OF COMET.

Rev. Father Dandurand of St. Boniface Remembers Its Visit Seventy-Five Years Ago

WINNIPEG, Jan. 13.—Rev. Father Dandurand, the aged priest in the archbishop's palace at St. Boniface, is one of the few survivors who recollect the last visit of Halley's comet. He viewed yesterday and asked to tell his story of that memorable event he said: "I was a little boy then, and I am

nearly ninety-one now. I was born in March, 1819, and the comet came in 1835. I was studying at St. Boniface, where I was under special professors, having nearly completed my classical studies and being near the end of the course in philosophy, as I had begun very young. I saw the comet and was very young. It was a very beautiful sight, and its tail swept the horizon, being millions of miles in length. One could see through the tail; it seemed to be a fluid or gaseous substance. It is all too wonderful to talk of danger to the earth from the comet. I remember that many people used to come to see it, as it was a very beautiful sight."

USE MUCH DYNAMITE

Attempt to Set Off Twenty-Four Sticks in Doorway of Store Proves Failure.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 13.—Twenty-four sticks of dynamite were found in the doorway of a store in Youngstown, where two dynamiting outrages have occurred in the past few months. The sticks were found in the doorway of a store, and the dynamite was found in the doorway of a store.

Forged Baseball Tickets.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 13.—Braham Cutler and Louis Weiner, who pleaded guilty to having forged Yale-Princeton baseball tickets, were today sentenced to state's prison for from one year to 15 months each. Julius Rabino and James Hoffman, charged with the same offense, were sentenced to four and six months in jail respectively.

Glass Blowers' Wages.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Negotiations between the executive council of the national hand-blown glass workers' union and the glass manufacturers for a new wage scale were continued today. A new contract to supplant the one which has until September 1 to run, is desired by the six thousand glass workers throughout the country.

Switchmen Negotiate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Representatives of the Switchmen's union of North America and of the railroads operating out of Chicago were engaged again today threshing out their differences before the Erdman Act Mediators, Chairman Knapp and Neill. It is stated that there is no immediate prospect of an adjustment of the difficulty.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Jan. 13.

Arguments for and against were heard today in the case of the application of the Ontario and Michigan Power Co. for an injunction against the City of Port Arthur, to prevent the city making a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission. At the conclusion of the arguments, Judge McKay refused the injunction. The company has given notice of appeal.