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RETURNED SOLDIERS CASE

There is to be a mass meeting of returned soldiers and their dependents in the Opera House tonight for the purpose of considering the advisability of running a candidate in the coming election. The returned soldiers probably know what they are about, and whatever action they may decide on will be entitled to due consideration. What is puzzling us is that our evening contemporary for the past week has been telling all of us that no government has done more or could have done more for the returned soldier than has the Oliver government. It began by the amazing statement that the Oliver government had proved its devotion to the service and ex-service men. Then for three consecutive issues it has reprinted Government propaganda to show what the Government has done, and it claims it could print still more. This being so, why should the returned soldiers hold a meeting at all, especially when the Hon. Wm. Sloan is on deck. The Free Press is absolutely aghast that we should even question Mr. Alex. Forrester's appointment to the office of Provincial Assessor. It is even ingenious enough to say that it will not follow The Herald in its discussion of this appointment. In other words, the appointment, since it was made by its revered patron, the Hon. Wm. Sloan, must be all right, couldn't, in fact, be other than all right. Further than this, our contemporary has gone so far as to reproduce about four columns of Government propaganda with the express object of proving that the returned soldiers were in a divine state of content with the Oliver Government. Curiously enough, our contemporary has continued this kind of argument in its editorial columns without any regard to the advertisement of the local returned soldiers. We are quite content to pass the whole question up to the returned soldiers. If they are satisfied with what the Oliver Government, or with what Sloan has done, in view of all the available facts, then there is nothing more to be said.

ROADS AND VOTES

We had a short editorial on the condition of the Chase River road yesterday, and a few words today on the Government's road policy may not be out of place. First of all it has to be remembered that the Government, so far as Nanaimo is concerned, has no direct revenue from the registration and licensing of automobiles. In spite of all the revenue it has derived from this source, it has refused to contribute a cent to the cost of the laying and up-keep of Halliburton Street. This street is a part of the Island Highway, but even although it is commandeering the whole revenue from the cars owned in Nanaimo, the Government has repeatedly refused to share even a portion of the cost of laying it. Any excuse was good enough to get out of it, and the result is that the miners living on this street have to pay the whole cost of this improvement.

Now the Government, having got this piece of work done for nothing, and at the expense of a few working-men who can ill afford it, is commencing with the paving of the Island Highway from the end of Halliburton street to Chase River. This work is part of the new good roads policy of the Government which was adopted on the petition of some influential organizations in the Province. The Government was to borrow a fixed sum of money and expend it on the paving of certain sections of trunk roads. The policy is all right; but if it is to be effective, it must be properly carried out. The Government laid down a few miles of pavement from the head of the Gorge near Victoria to the Four Mile House. The work was done by contract, subject to Government supervision, and no time was wasted in completing it. The work in Nanaimo is being done under the old Government system, and if it pans out, Gray-Dort has full cantilever springs, Timken bearings and many added new features.

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