

ELK HERD AT COWICHAN LAKE

LOCAL SPORTSMAN SHOOT ONE OF THEM

News of the Gun and the Rod in This District.

That a few elk still remain on Vancouver-island is well known, but there is a difference of opinion as to how many may still be here. The invasion of the country by timber cruisers within the last year or two has brought these magnificent animals into notice more than formerly, and in all probability has been responsible for their moving out of their regular haunts and coming very near to civilization. Some time ago a bull elk was shot near Goldstream-lake, and now comes word of one being killed in the neighborhood of Cowichan lake, and of the sighting of a herd of about fifteen of these splendid animals.

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The following morning they were off at daylight. They had seen elk tracks and they moved cautiously and kept a sharp lookout. All morning they tramped through the valleys without seeing anything with antlers. They



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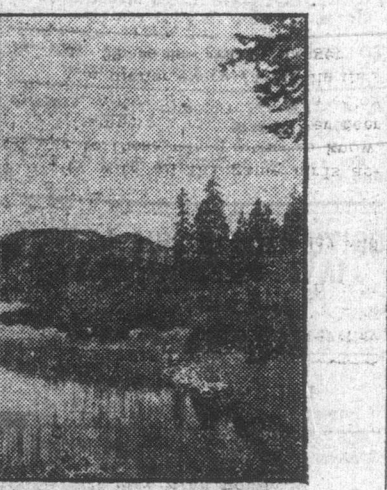
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Bothwick killed his bag limit, and is now having the heads prepared for the decoration of his house. Needless to say, he is proud of his achievement, for he had not been in the woods for a number of years. When he left the lake, Kenneth Gillespie was going in to try his luck after the elk.

The deer hunting season, which closed Tuesday, has been a very successful one. It is very difficult to give an estimate of the number of deer killed in the immediate vicinity of Victoria, but it is pretty safe to put the number at from 250 to 300. Many a Sunday night the E. & N. train has brought down twenty deer, and those are over and above the ones brought in on private conveyances and during the week. The season lasted about fourteen weeks, so that an average of twenty a week would put the number at 280. The deer do not seem much scarcer than they were several years ago in spite of the large number of people who go out now in comparison with the number who hunted a few years ago. Many people from the prairies have come here, who are living retired, and spend a good part of the time during the autumn in chasing deer and grouse.

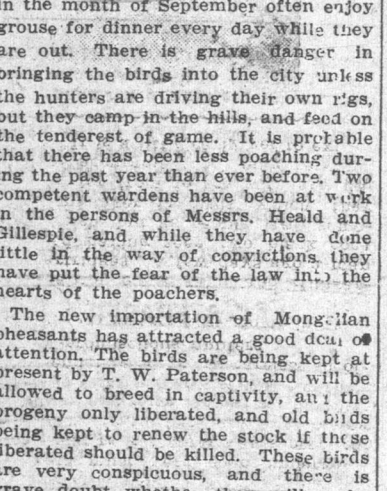
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RADICAL CHANGES IN TAXATION

BRITAIN FACES ANOTHER GRAVE QUESTION

Review of Legislation Passed Last Session—Parliament Prorogues.

London, Dec. 21.—The first session of parliament under the premiership of Herbert H. Asquith came to an end on Saturday. The two Houses will meet again on Monday, but only to receive the King's assent to bills already passed, after which they will be prorogued until February 16th.

Many minor laws were enacted during the year, but of the ten important measures foreshadowed in the King's speech, only five find a place in the statute books. These are the Old Age Pension Bill, the Irish Universities Bill, to which assent was given before the prorogation, the summer vacation, and measures fixing eight hours as the time miners shall work underground, providing for the purchase of the London docks at £135,000,000, and placing them under a central authority, and a bill for the better protection of children. This last bill abolishes police court trials for children, prohibits juvenile smoking, and aims at preventing minors from visiting saloons.

Of the other measures projected, the licensing bill was rejected by the House of Lords, and two education bills were withdrawn because of the failure of the church party and the non-conformists to report a compromise. The bills that aimed at the better housing of the working classes were put off until the next session, while the proposed measure for Irish land valuation never saw light, and the Irish land purchase bill was dropped.

Among those considered of lesser importance, the government passed an act empowering the judges to give habitual criminals indeterminate sentences for the two-fold purpose of reforming their habits and protecting society, and a bill imposing penalties for the attempt to break up public meetings. The latter is the result of the suffragette agitation, one of the political features of the year. So active have the women been that members of the cabinet were unable to secure a hearing at public meetings, and for part of the session the galleries of the House of Commons had to be closed to the public because of a recent organized disturbance.

The session widened the breach between the Liberals and the House of Lords. The rejection of the licensing bill, for which the Liberals claimed they had received a mandate at the election of 1906, augmented the bad feeling resulting last year from the rejection or mutilation by the Lords of the education, plural voting and Scottish land valuation bills.

Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne, says the Westminster Gazette, the chief government organ, "appear to have registered a vow that the Liberals should make no further progress with reforms in the church and schools, land and licensing, hence the House of Lords question is for the Liberal party a question of its own existence, and the obstacles the House of Lords put in the way of Liberal legislation must be removed."

There is still talk of the dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country, but it is more likely that Premier Asquith will try another session, the main feature of which will be the budget, introducing radical changes in taxation. The changes include the reform of the income tax, a high license for saloons, and taxation of land values, which would chiefly affect brewers, land owners and the weather classes, and which the Liberal leaders believe would prove popular with the masses. One difficulty arises in the fact that the bonds uniting the various factions of the Liberal party are not so close under Mr. Asquith as under Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and the Liberals would not present such a united front as they did in the last election.

Sir Oliver Lodge to Put His Discovery to the Test.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the great electrical scientist, believes that he will be able shortly to rid the British Isles of one of the worst enemies of their property—the variety of fog which from time to time ties up the entire activity of whole communities. The matter is of such great commercial importance, leaving out the considerations that the highways committee of the Westminster city council has decided to give the scientist every chance to prove the value of his discovery.

Sir Oliver's idea, upon which he has been working for some time, is to dispel fog banks by electrical discharges. Thus he has conducted his experiments on a small scale, either in laboratory or under unfavorable conditions, and yet he has had such success that it is believed a great secret has been discovered. The Westminster council has rented a large open space of ground near Grosvenor canal, where, within a few weeks, an experiment will be carried out. It will cost £18,000.

WILL EXHUME BODY. Mystery of Deaths in Somerville Woman's Family to Be Probed.

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 19.—In order to satisfy, as he said, an element of suspicion regarding the six deaths in the family of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, now under observation as to her sanity, District Attorney Higgins authorized to-day the exhuming of the body of Catherine Kelleher, aged 62 years, whose death last July was said to have resulted from ptomaine poisoning.

DEATH OF MRS. LUCAS. After Protracted Illness She Passed Away Last Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The death occurred late last night at the family residence, Tormie avenue, of Mrs. Lucas, relict of the late Wm. Lucas. For a number of years Mrs. Lucas has been in delicate health. During the past week her condition became serious and her end was not therefore unexpected, although it came as a shock to the members of the family. Three daughters reside at home, including Miss Mary Lucas, of the teaching staff of the Hillside school. One son, Oscar, is in business in the city.

INSURANCE DIVIDEND. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—Liquidator Clarkson has declared a dividend of 40 per cent, on policies of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company in Canada.

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WOMAN DYNAMITER.
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, who was convicted of conspiracy in the dynamiting of the house of Judge Ogden, in this city, was sentenced to-day to imprisonment for life.

According to records recently compiled Europe is growing steadily colder.

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STEARNS' PATENT SAFETY VALVE. The new safety valve for steam engines, invented by James W. Stearns, is now on the market. It is a simple and reliable device, and is particularly adapted for use on small engines. It is made of brass and is of a compact design. It is sold by all leading engine and boiler makers.

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CHINA'S DESIRE RANK AMON
Carrying Out of Empire May Lead to Recognition of
Pekin, Dec. 24.—The Chinese government has received a cablegram from the Washington government, expressing favorably to the proposal made by China to raise a loan at a rate of interest of 5 per cent, and to have the loan guaranteed by the Chinese government. The proposal was made by the Chinese government to the United States government, and the United States government has expressed its approval of the proposal.

China is very sensitive of an equal diplomat in Japan, especially since the visit of the American minister to Peking. Only half the Chinese vessels visited the Chinese ports, and the Chinese government is very anxious to strengthen the effort to reform the court.

It is believed that the foreign board of the existing court practice, the adoption of a new system of courts, and the abolition of the system of extra-judicial consular courts, tend to influence the Chinese government to accept proposals for the reform of Chinese diplomatic relations.

TEACHERS MAY IN SUPER
Provincial Government bringing Question of Them in Be
In the new civil service provincial secretary, Mr. McEwen, will introduce into the legislature the approaching session a bill which will give to the teachers in the province an opportunity to be heard on the question of the adoption of the new system of courts. The minister, however, has stated that the question under consideration is still in the hands of the provincial secretary, and that it is probable that certain conditions will be included in the general bill.

RAILWAYS BUY
Negotiations Complete in Terminating
Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The provincial government has secured new terms for the purchase of the one or more big trams, negotiations for the purchase of the False creek waterworks, and the purchase of the N. P. Ry. is still in progress. The price is right, and the property involved in the deal comprises all the waterworks on the upper basin of False creek, and the Heatley avenue boundary avenue.

INJURED IN
Alfred Smith, Lulu Smith, and May
Vancouver, Dec. 23.—In harnessing a team of heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, known rancher of the city, probably fatally injured. He was standing by the side of the wagon when the team started suddenly and ran over him. The man was tangled in the harness, and was thrown against a heavy wagon that was still carried on the wagon. He was killed instantly, and his body was buried in a grave.

RUSHING HE
Rudolph Spreckels Coal Burned in Nippon
Honolulu, Dec. 22.—A fire in San Francisco present in court passed on Abraham Spreckels, who was arrested in that city, and sent to the Nippon Maru, which sailed Sunday, has agreed to pay for the coal burned in the fire. The Nippon Maru sailed on Thursday.