

## RESERVE PLACED ON OKANAGAN WATERSHED

Conservation in Interests of Growing Centres of Population Decided Upon by Provincial Government

As a result of investigations instituted some little time ago by the Provincial Minister of Lands, Hon. Price Ellison, supplemented by representations made to that minister by the Board of Trade and the city council of Summerland, as well as other public bodies, during his Easter visit to the Okanagan from which he has just returned, it has been decided to place a reserve upon the entire watershed on both sides of Okanagan Lake, as well as Mission, Penticton and the other creeks contributing their waters to Lake Okanagan. This is done in order to assure throughout the future an abundant supply of water for both domestic and irrigation purposes for all the prosperous and rapidly growing districts about the lakes, of which Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton and Summerland are the chief population centres. In connection with this important conservation policy, it is the intention of the minister to put in the field forthwith three survey parties operating under the provisions of the Water Act, and specially instructed by Chief Water Commissioner W. S. Drewry, P.E.S. These will be engaged during the coming summer to make a complete investigation of all conditions of the streams emptying into the lake from the White Valley, so that the extent of the available supply from these may be determined, together with data and all possible information as to the most economical and successful methods to be adopted in utilizing this water for domestic and irrigation purposes.

Intimation of this important conservation movement was given yesterday by Hon. Mr. Ellison, in the course of an exceedingly busy morning, during which a great mass of correspondence that had accumulated during his fortnight's absence from the capital claimed first attention.

Had a Conference  
"During my Easter visit home," he said to the Colonist, "I had a conference with the Board of Trade and the Council of Summerland in respect to these conservation proposals, and it has been decided to place a reserve upon the watershed upon both sides of Okanagan Lake, the headwaters of Mission Creek, and in fact all the streams emptying into the lake from the east of the Okanagan Valley, as well as the headwaters of Gray's Canal on the large plateau to the east of the city of Vernon. The reservation decided upon will include Mission and Penticton creeks and all the other streams in the district down to Armstrong, to which the cities and towns of the district have to look for their water supply for domestic purposes. These conservation proposals had the opportunity to bring before the Forestry Commission last year, when that Commission held its sitting at Vernon, and the subject was regarded by the Commissioners as one of the most important touched upon during their extensive and useful investigations."

At Penticton, Hon. Mr. Ellison had the pleasure, during his recent tour of participating in the celebration of the installation of the waterworks and electric light services under municipal ownership, turning on the light for the first time and afterwards attending the magnificent ball given by the bachelors of the district in celebration of the occasion. The municipality expects an early date to also operate its waterworks service for irrigation purposes. It is regarded as of the very greatest importance to the future of the district that the Municipality of Summerland have recently acquired the valuable system of the Summerland Development Company, originally promoted by Mr. J. M. Robinson, and of which Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy is president. This company was the original owner of the property at Summerland when the era of development for that district was inaugurated, and contributed very largely indeed to the making of the district by bringing in an abundance of water by an irrigation system of considerable magnitude for the improvement of the lands subsequently acquired by many far-sighted settlers from the company. The municipality has now acquired the irrigation system so that it may be improved and extended generally, to the greater advantage of the entire municipality.

The people of Summerland, during the short stay with them of Hon. Mr. Ellison, took occasion to celebrate with a banquet in his honor, the presence of the Okanagan's foremost citizen and first settler in the home of the government of British Columbia.

### CENTENARIAN KILLED

BROCKVILLE, Ont., April 5.—Mrs. Alex Ingram was instantly killed this afternoon by a shunter while crossing the tracks at Elm street.  
The woman was in her one hundredth year, and was in the habit of using the street four and five times daily, going to and from the residence of her son to the home of her daughter in another part of the town. On this occasion she was plodding along as usual, and when the shunter rounded the curve, a short distance away, he going at full speed, Mrs. Ingram was almost upon the crossing. The sound of the whistle seemed to confuse her, as she continued on, only to be struck and rolled under the train for nearly four car lengths. Every bone in her body was broken, and when picked up life was extinct.  
A switchman standing on the pilot attempted to push the woman from the track when he came within reach of her, but failed to do so.

To Bring World Peace  
WASHINGTON, April 5.—A joint resolution to provide for an international federation for the purpose of world peace and settlement of difficulties between nations before an international court was introduced in the senate by Mr. Berthoud of Missouri today. It empowers the President to appoint a commission of five members to urge upon the attention of other governments to establish an international federation.

## WOULD LURE GOLD FROM A VICTORIAN

The Same Old Spanish Prisoner—Fake Attempted—Two Communications Received in a Day

From the fastness in Spain into which he has been hurled through the machinations of his enemies, Demidoff the oppressed seeks the aid of a Victorian tradesman to free him from the toils and to save the little all—a mere paltry half a million dollars—of Demidoff's darling daughter. Should he grant the desired assistance, he will himself come into a third of the fortune and all will be well.

In other words, the Spanish prisoner known to the police of the four airis, is at it again. Ireland produces potatoes; Germany sausages and beer; Syria exports priests who collect funds for orphanages; but Spain is unchallenged in its supremacy as the producer of the Spanish prisoner fraud. It has been worked with some degree of success in every country of the world. There is hardly a city in Canada where some innocent has not given up to the Hidalgo in Madrid.

Of course, it has never been worked with success in Victoria, but hope springs eternal in the heart of the gentleman in Madrid, and he keeps on trying. His latest effort was detected at Mr. McFadden, a butcher of this city.

In a yellow manila envelope, addressed to "Canada,"

"McFadden, Esq.,  
"Butcher,  
"Victoria,"

"B. C. came the following epistle:  
"Dear sir:—Although I know you only from good references of your honesty, my sad situation compels me to reveal you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune, saving, at the same time that of my darling daughter.

"Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia, as you will see by the enclosed article about me of many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

"I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$40,000 dollars. I have in America, and to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage, paying to the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

"As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz., \$13,333 dollars.

"I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you must send a cablegram to a person of your confidence who will deliver it to me.

"Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secret, I am sir, yours truly,  
"DEMIODOFF."

"First of all answer by cable, not by letter, as follows:  
"Gonsalves,  
"Jacometo, 23, tercero A.  
"Madrid."

"All right.—FADEN."

The Enclosed Clipping:  
"Arrest of a St. Petersburg Banker—Charged With Fraud in Russia and Manslaughter in Spain."

"Interview of the Two Ambassadors.  
"Some months ago, as our readers may remember we referred in these columns to the most scandalous case in St. Petersburg, and in Russia generally, by a noted Banker who absconded, leaving a deficit of over five millions of rubles.

"The Russian Police sought for him for a long time in vain for it seems he had not left the least trace of his flight and the continued search over Europe and America proved unavailable.

"Yesterday, however, a Spanish Inspector, accompanied by two officers from Scotland Yard, and acting under instructions of the Spanish Ambassador, who had previously interviewed the Home Secretary, arrested him on his way from the Hotel where he was staying, to the Steamship office. It seems it was his evident intention to take passage for New York. From information received by the Ambassador, he had been hiding in Spain, where he had lived with a woman and with his daughter. A few days before arriving in London he had quarrelled with another Russian, who was mortally wounded by a revolver shot during the scuffle, and who only lived long enough to denounce his assailant.

"In an interview with the Russian Ambassador, it seems that the name he had been using in Spain, and which he gave on being arrested, was not his real one, Manasseina being simply an alias, but after comparing the prisoner with photographs in his possession, the Russian Ambassador, recognized him as Alexander Demidoff the criminal banker who eloped with 5 millions of rubles; he is a native of St. Petersburg, a widower 48 years old, with an only daughter when he left in Spain on escaping from that country.

"On being arrested, two of Manasseina's or Alexander Demidoff portmanteaus were seized but although carefully searched nothing but personal effects were found in them, in spite of which, the Russian Ambassador declares that prisoner ought to have several million rubles somewhere.

"The Russian and Spanish Ambassadors conferred yesterday evening as to whether the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain or to Russia, and after an interview with the Home Secretary and in accordance with the extradition treaty of England, Russia and Spain it was agreed that the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain, to stand his trial for manslaughter, and that only after his trial can the Russian Government ask Spain, through diplomatic channels, for his extradition."

American Settlers.  
WINNIPEG, April 5.—In the last few days one thousand American settlers have passed through the posts of Regina and North Portal, bound for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Kentucky Has Graft Probe  
FRANKFORT, Ky., April 5.—Judge R. L. Stout, in the circuit court today completed the grand jury to make a complete investigation of charges of bribery made against members of the recent legislature.

Damage by Cyclone  
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, April 5.—A cyclone struck the Lansingville section of this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon during the progress of a heavy rainstorm, wrecking a dozen buildings and unroofing several others. Five persons are reported to be injured, none seriously.

Liquor Vote in Michigan  
DETROIT, Mich., April 5.—More than three hundred saloons were voted out of business at Kalamazoo today in Michigan counties today. Of the 38 counties where local options were held, the one county not heard from is Cassiada, which is said to possess only one saloon, so the returns are fairly complete.

## WOULD MAKE DISTRICT PROVINCIAL PARK

Natural History Society Endorses the Propaganda of the Local Branch of Development League

That Cameron Lake, with its magnificent stretches of timber land, unspoiled wilderness and beauty should be set aside now, before it is too late, as a forest reservation and game preserve, has been the opinion of the members of the Vancouver Island Development League for some time. Now the league has the Victoria Natural History Society backing it in the project and influential members of both bodies will use every effort to have the government make the desired provision.

The decision of the Natural History Society was taken at the last meeting of that organization when a resolution was passed, a copy of which was sent to Lt. Col. Prior by Secretary J. R. Anderson yesterday. The former handed the resolution over to Secretary Ernest McGaffey of the league, who has always been a strong advocate of the scheme. Mr. McGaffey had several copies of the resolution struck off and these will be forwarded to all branches of the league with a request for endorsement. Then, it is likely, the proposal will be laid before the government.

"This matter," said Mr. McGaffey, yesterday, "is one in which the league is vitally interested and it is probable that it will be discussed at the big meeting in Alberni in June. It is hoped that the government may be induced to set this reserve aside as a monument to the natural resources of this great island, to stand when the forests of today are denuded."

Text of Resolution.  
The text of the Natural History Society's resolution was as follows:

Whereas—The supplies of wood in their natural state, inexhaustible as they appear in this province, are rapidly being exhausted;

And whereas—We have a grand heritage in our noble forest, probably equalled in magnificence and extent in any part of the world, it behooves us now before it is too late, and ere devastating fires, or the insatiable lumberman have destroyed its pristine beauty, to use every effort to induce the authorities to make such provisions as will insure to ourselves and to those who come after us, at least a remnant of our grand old forests.

The alienation of the forests, one, if not the principal source of our wealth, without due provision against waste and destruction, is certainly not in conformity with the recognized principles governing the conservation of the forests, so well ascertained by long years of experience in the older countries, and even in the older portions of Canada and the United States.

And whereas—Within easy reach by wagon road, and soon by rail, is the magnificent primeval forest surrounding Cameron lake, unsurpassed for beauty, and being as it is a representative specimen of our forest wealth, to say nothing of the streams, lakes and mountains within an area of five to ten miles square. From Mt. Arrowmith alone a panoramic view is to be obtained of the northern and southern ranges of the island of Alberni, Barkley Sound, the Pacific ocean, the straits, the Gulf of Georgia, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Comox, etc., unequalled in any other accessible part of the province; the whole lending themselves in the highest degree as an ideal forest and game preserve, a game sanctuary and tourist resort.

Be it therefore resolved:  
That in the opinion of the Natural History Society of British Columbia, the preservation of the area in question is of paramount importance, not only to Vancouver Island, but to the whole province, and to Canada at large; and the co-operation of the Vancouver Island Development League is therefore asked to use its best endeavors to induce the powers that be, to take such steps as will result in the re-acquisition of all alienated rights within said area, with a view to the formation of a forest reserve and game sanctuary.

OTTAWA WEDDING  
R. S. Lake, M.P. for Qu'Appelle, and Miss Dorothy Fletcher Married Yesterday.

OTTAWA, April 5.—At St. Barnabas Anglican church yesterday, Mr. Lake, M. P. for Qu'Appelle, Sask., was married to Miss Dorothy Fletcher, daughter of the late James Fletcher, of the experimental farm staff, of the experimental farm staff, of the experimental farm staff.

The bride was given away by her grandfather, Collingwood Schreiber, C. M. G.

Mr. Lake's constituents presented the bride with a cabinet of silver, while the groom's constituents presented the bride with a silver coffee service and tray and two silver centrepieces.

The groom's gift was a diamond and pearl necklace. Mr. and Mrs. Lake later left for Washington and the south, where they will spend their honeymoon.

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