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AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WILL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

Important Statements Made by Ministers at Meeting of Central Farmers' Institute—Representative Gathering of Agriculturists

What promise to be a most successful and useful gathering of agriculturists, the Ninth Annual Convention of the Central Farmers' Institute in British Columbia, is now in session in the Department of Agriculture, The proceedings opened at 10 o'clock Tuesday, and there were delegates present from no less than twenty-five localities in the province. The speaker, Mr. W. J. Brantford, acting as chairman of the convention, those present include A. E. Gale, Victoria; J. T. Collins, Nanaimo; Joseph Randie, Nanaimo; G. A. Spencer, Alberni; Wm. Duncan, Comox; James Mars and R. Phillips, Matsqui; A. L. Foster, Henry Harris, Langley; Wm. Abbott, Mission; W. E. Buckingham, Richmond; H. H. Curran, Kootenay; James Evans, Salmon Arm; J. Whipple, Kent; W. L. Keene, North Vancouver; and George Heagrie, Spallumcheen.

Morning Session.
The morning session was devoted to a address from the Premier and Minister of Agriculture, both being received with great attention and punctuated with liberal applause. Several important announcements were made, particularly that at the coming session of the Legislative assembly steps will be taken to deal with the irrigation problem by the dry belt. The adoption of the Legislative assembly steps will be taken to deal with the irrigation problem by the dry belt. The adoption of the Legislative assembly steps will be taken to deal with the irrigation problem by the dry belt.

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SPECULATION IN LAND BY DOMINION OFFICIALS

Action of Immigration Commissioner Smith Criticized in Commons

PREMIER'S TRIP MAY BE DELAYED

Cannery and Fishermen Talk With Ministers—Question of Canadian Labels on Canned Fish

Ottawa, March 6.—A flagrant case of violation of public duty was given to the house by Mr. Northrup, member for East Hastings.
A year or two ago prominent Vancouverians with means went out to the Northwest and bought a tract of land, through J. Obed Smith, commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg. Mr. Northrup, in a speech, stated that the purchasers came to investigate their holdings they found they were over 7,000 acres short of the quantity they had ostensibly purchased.

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NO SUNDAY CARS

Toronto, March 6.—Premier Whitney has decided not to allow Sunday cars to operate in Port Arthur, as is done at present.

A CONDUCTOR KILLED

Winnipeg, March 6.—Conductor W. J. Welch of Winnipeg was killed near Mather, in southern Manitoba, yesterday, being hurled from a snow-blow while working last night on the Lyleton branch. His wife is at present visiting friends on the Pacific Coast.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF

London, March 6.—It was announced at a meeting of the council of the Ladies' Golf Union here today that an international match would be arranged between British players and the American women golfers who are competing for the championship meeting to be held at Newcastle, county Down, Ireland, in May.

MAKING FAST RUN

Winnipeg, March 6.—The Overseas Limited Canadian Pacific train from the Pacific Coast, passed through the city at noon today. It is stated that the train will endeavor to establish a record on the run across the continent. The regular time for arrival here is 10 o'clock this afternoon. The train left the city at 12:40 p. m., and is expected to reach the Atlantic coast by the hours in advance of the regular time.

PRAIRIE CATTLE LOSSES

Lethbridge, Alta., March 6.—H. A. McMillen, C. P. R. stock inspector, was in the city last night with a party of men. He is counting and taking descriptions of the cattle that are being driven to Medicine Hat, in the first forty miles he found a percentage of the thousand of cattle that drifted across the railway. In the last 100 miles of the country was most fortunate compared with points north and east.

PROTECT FISHING GROUNDS

St. Petersburg, March 6.—In order to prevent the Japanese from encroaching on the sparsely-guarded Siberian littoral during the fishing season, commencing in April, Russia has decided to send to the Pacific coast small cruisers now in the Black sea. They will pass through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, and will be a private agreement with Turkey. The treaty negotiations between Russia and Japan are still hanging fire. It is expected that the parliamentary developments before entering into a definite agreement regarding the sherrif's duties, who it had been alleged were named by Rusef.

DYKE COMMISSIONERS ARE HERE FROM SUMAS

Will Endeavor to Secure Government Aid Towards Big Land Scheme

The five members of the board of dyking commissioners of the municipality of Sumas arrived in the city, and are now registered at the Grand, awaiting the opening of the house. With them is E. Hill of Seattle, the engineer of the Sumas Dyking and Development company, a corporation organized for the purpose of redeeming thirty-five thousand acres of the richest farming land on the Fraser river.

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BOSS RUEF'S EFFORTS TO ESCAPE TRIAL

Search for Fugitive Taken Out of Hands of Sheriff O'Neill

MAYOR SCHMITZ RETURNS TO CITY

Charge of Drunkenness Against Judge Hebbard to Be Taken Up by Bar Association

San Francisco, March 6.—Attorney Abraham Ruef, jointly indicted with Mayor Eugene Schmitz on five charges of extorting money from keepers of restaurants, tonight is technically a fugitive from justice, according to Superior Judge Duane, who late today decided that Sheriff O'Neill had not shown due diligence in producing Ruef for trial, and appointed Coroner Walsh to serve a bench warrant for Ruef's appearance in court. The coroner was ordered to make a return of service tomorrow afternoon.

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OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

Yesterday the first session of the Eleventh Parliament of British Columbia was opened. The occasion is a very interesting one, because the administration comes back from the people with a fresh mandate and naturally considerable will be expected from it.

The question of better terms can hardly be passed without a reference, and the government has a right to congratulate the country upon the fact that through the able efforts of the Premier the first official recognition of the claims of British Columbia as a separate province has been secured.

Among the questions which have evoked considerable discussion during the past year or two, is the establishment of a provincial university. The opinion has been very generally expressed that the best way to provide the funds necessary for this purpose is to set apart a certain amount of the Crown Lands.

Events have brought the tenure of Indian Reserves very prominently before public attention. The government has taken such steps as it deemed necessary to assert the rights of the province in respect to the valuable areas which it is to be expected that among the matters to which the attention of the legislature will be invited this will form a prominent place.

During the recess arrangements have been made to accept settlers of desirable class for the province, and they will provide succour and relief to a means whereby the situation in regard to available labor may be relieved. This matter forms the subject of a paragraph in the Speech. So also may the desirability of declaring valuable areas subject to the same provisions as those which apply to coal and petroleum in Southeast Kootenay.

Referring to the development of the Cobalt silver fields and the Hudson Bay route, the British Columbia Globe, in its editorial, has referred to the fact that the Government is not to be taken in by the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific in the locality through which it is to be constructed.

How that such men as the late Robert Dunsmuir and Mr. R. P. Ritchie were visionaries. It has a pretty good opinion of the sagacity of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann. These men and many others were warm advocates of the connection for which the Colonist is working. Why should there be any hesitation upon the part of any Vancouver Island newspaper, why should there be any hesitation upon the part of any Vancouver Island representative, either in Parliament or the legislature, to press the subject upon the attention of the government?

AMBASSADOR BRYCE Ambassador Bryce represents Canada at Washington. Other British ambassadors and ministers have also represented the Dominion in the capital of the United States, but it was not until recently that a Canadian ambassador was sent to the United States. Bryce is a man of high standing and has a long record of public service.

THE FACTS GOOD ENOUGH

The Grand Forks Gazette is of the opinion that exaggeration of the capabilities of British Columbia as a fruit-growing country may have an injurious effect. There can be no doubt that Manitoba unquestionably suffers at one end of the line of the exaggerated reports that were sent abroad concerning the fertility of her wheat fields and the quality of her grain. Fifty bushels of No. 1 Manitoba hard to the acre was the burden of nearly every report that was sent to the United States.

It is to be remembered, however, that there are many other factors which enter into the question of fruit-growing. What is true of one region may not be true of another. Then the nature of the soil, the climate, the amount of rainfall, and also, which is perhaps the most important consideration of all, the skill of the grower himself may determine the whole question.

What is needed is information. The Colonist has a good deal of information on the subject. There is a good deal of it not up-to-date. There is very much more in the minds of the promoters of the unoccupied areas. There is a great deal to be found out that can only be ascertained by expert examination. We would like to see this examination made. The Colonist does not believe that the opinions of Mr. Marcus Smith were only the dream of an impractical man. It does not be-

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LOOK FOR ELECTRIC SIGN JUST BELOW GOVERNMENT AT federal politics. We hope the day will never come when the people of Canada will be divided into hostile parties upon any question affecting the relations between the Mother Country and the outlying portions of His Majesty's dominions. There are enough matters of having a direct bearing upon our domestic affairs for us to divide upon, without introducing these larger subjects into the daily grind of partisan discussion.

THE MONEY MARKET There is considerable uneasiness in the New York money market owing to the fact that the banks are holding their money tight. The financial condition of the New York money market is not very bright. The banks are holding their money tight, and the result is a shortage of money in the market.

Another proposal is that the principle of trade preference shall be extended by the colonies to each other as well as to the United Kingdom. With this principle, Canada is wholly in accord, and an effort has been made to give effect to it with fairly satisfactory results.

The promotion of British commerce in British vessels and the regulation of the coasting trade are suggestions made by Australia. New Zealand suggests that there shall be reciprocal admission of barriers and language-surrounders throughout the Empire, and that there shall be a uniform naturalization law throughout the Empire.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS In 1908 there were 21,353 miles of railway in operation in Canada, all of which, except 74 miles, are laid with steel rails. On June 30th last 2,071 miles of railway were under construction in the Dominion. To operate this

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to be packed in. Personally, he had been forced to encourage those who had to enter the country, by reason of the want of trails and roads. If the cessation of population ceased on the proposed road was secured, a local market would be secured for the cattle. He said, all the way into the interior. At present there were set back 75 miles in. Further progress was hampered by the big slide, and the road to escape it should be built at once. He therefore asked the institute to support the project. All that was asked for during the coming year was about \$3,000. This would enable communication to be had with Coles and Francis lakes. Cattle had wintered in there, although the past winter had been a particularly severe one and they were now rolling fat. James Evans suggested that a rail road be asked for at once. (Laughter.)

Henry Harris said a wagon road, as he thought to be asked for as it would be only three or four feet wide, was proposed, in amendment that a wagon road be asked for. Mr. Hammer said all asked for was a single road, as it could be built next summer. The motion was altered to "read" instead of "be built" and passed without dissent.

On motion of D. Dodging, of Nicola, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That where during construction of a railway company is compelled to put in a road which is reasonably safe for the traveling public and further that such road shall be divided from the railway by a substantial fence whenever the track and road run side by side."

R. D. MacKenzie, of Surrey, in support of his resolution asking that better cattle guards be provided by railway companies, said that if cattle were killed by the rails, no time for recompense could be obtained. He explained that cattle and horses could cross the rails, and that the same was so much a great road.

Henry Harris of Langley, supported the motion on the ground that as railroads were becoming more numerous the matter was one of increasing importance. This carried.

W. J. Brandt introduced a resolution asking that shooting be prohibited altogether on Sunday. He said that was a case of "pop, pop, pop, from early morn to dewy eve, which was not only annoying but also a danger to life and limb. The motion carried.

Two important addresses were delivered at Wednesday morning, the 7th of the Central Farmers' Institute. Thomas Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, gave an address on the progress of the year's work and some timely advice regarding the application of fruit pests.

R. M. Palmer, secretary of the provincial bureau of information, spoke on the result of recent exhibits in England and detailed the long arrangements that had been made with the Salvation Army for the relief of the present shortage of labor in the province.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, occupied the chair and in addition to those mentioned yesterday, were present N. T. Baker, of Cassiar; R. J. Long, of Nelson, representing the East Kootenay Institute, and James Johnstone, of Nelson, representing the Nelson Fruit Growers' Association, the medals won by personally and his name was mentioned at the Royal Horticultural Society's Exhibition in London.

Thomas Cunningham was the first speaker. In opening he expressed his pleasure in being present and asked all to give him their moral support in the forward movement now going for the removal of all infected fruit trees in the orchards of the province. There were a very important one and should have been made many years ago. It would have been had the province been sure of political unity and not unruled. No government in the past had sufficient strength behind it to secure the absolute obedience of its mandates.

It was not a pleasant thing for anyone to be brought into court and he, the speaker, had always avoided legal contests. But the regulations against the importation of diseased nursery stock, decisions of fruit inspectors, must be enforced. This had been done without involving the Board of Horticulture in any controversy. The procedure would be continued in the future, as it was not advisable to invite conflict with inspectors in the east. In accordance with the position taken by this province, he did not wish to select on either side of the line between Ontario and the Dominion, but their action affected British Columbia, and not advantageously. Neither the governments he referred to had taken the strong position assumed by this province. In the past, British Columbia stood alone and despite opposition in many quarters had obtained success. This success invited hostility, or at all events jealousy, of many interests in the east.

Ontario Eclipsed. It could not be pleasant for the government of Ontario to realize that, despite the many years of experience of the farmers and fruit growers of that province, it was not able to face British Columbia at an exhibition in London and compete for the highest awards of the Royal Horticultural Society. Twice it had backed out at the last moment. It was jealous, but that was only human nature. The very success achieved by this province made it advisable not to arouse hostility.

Some horticultural legislation of the Dominion government was also exceedingly unfortunate. It was impressed in Vancouver recently when fruit growers attempted to obtain damages from the C.P.R. for damage to their orchard. There was ample condition, and boxes of fruit shipped in that were placed on the table in showing the company's lawyers were able to bring forward evidence that this Dominion government, in its regulations, had provided the presence of ten per cent of infected fruit in the case of apples, and the case was thrown out. It was a danger signal, the same argument might be brought to try and alter the provincial regulations, which was certainly proof of the unfortunate legislation.

"First Class Fruit." The province took the ground, and the opinion that only first class apples should be put into a box classed as No. 1 has always been this stand and him. Another unfortunate thing was a resolution of the Entomological Society of Canada, that when in con-

vention last October or November, had taken up the question of inspection of fruit. Without debating the matter properly a resolution had been passed against the rejection of apples infected with the San Jose scale. This was telegraphed over the country and had a most injurious effect. A few weeks ago a commission from Vancouver had taken the matter up in the press and protested against the condemnation of fruit of all grades with this pest.

He, the speaker, had, however, taken the matter up with the officials of the society mentioned, and had written them strongly on the subject. It was a most unfortunate decision and most embarrassing to officials in British Columbia who were trying to protect the interest of the fruit growers. He had pointed out to the society that no one was permitted in this province to allow diseased fruit to be sold in any of its markets. The decision was also most unfortunate for Ontario than here. Just as long as that province allowed diseased trees to be imported and diseased orchards to remain, so long would diseased fruit be sold.

Need of Spraying. It was only right to compel men to spray their trees or else cut off the crop. In British Columbia it was a case of cut down the trees. The interests of Ontario were hurt by this decision, which was proved in the same paper as conveyed the news of the resolution.

Right at the time the society said it was wrong to try and stamp out the pest, there was a record of sales on Ontario apples in the open market at Bristol, England. It only opened two months ago a barrel of British Columbia apples 30 cents at the factory and, in addition to the cost of cultivating, the freight across the Atlantic had to be paid. Here was one result of such mistakes.

Striking Contrast. Right in the same month apples from British Columbia had fetched eighteen shillings a box of 45 lbs. Here was a contrast. Ontario apples, fifty cents a barrel; British Columbia ones at \$4.50 for 45 lbs. Such results would always work out, it was merely a question of the survival of the fittest.

This made it apparent that it was extremely necessary the province should not be lathered with by those in the east. Unfortunately there was a chance that trouble would arise.

Another thing that was a disadvantage to British Columbia was the recent Dominion legislation regarding berry boxes. The question had been fought out here years ago. It was not right to say to the fruit growers here, you must not sell your fruit by the pound but pack a certain decimal part of a quart in each box. Such was not good legislation. But the position taken regarding it by the Dominion officials was extraordinary. They had sent Cunningham with the law, you must use these berry boxes but you need not fill them up. This showed the Dominion was not fair.

Why E. C. is Successful. British Columbia believed in proceeding on a different basis. It forwarded clean, fresh, packed, and honestly packed. This was the reason it was so successful at the great exhibition and why fruit from this province commanded such high prices. These good prices had caused him to advance and he, the speaker, was always stand for pure fruit and trust to providence for the result. It was not pleasant to all to clean his orchard or cut it down, but such a course was necessary. Inspectors had to stamp out the pest, but instructed to approach the farmers in a kindly spirit, and to explain that trees in health and vigor meant good profits.

Mr. Cunningham was applauded heartily when he resumed his speech and a vote of thanks for the address was passed unanimously. He also answered many questions regarding different phases of the horticultural industry.

Dairyman's Appearances. The chairman then announced that the Provincial Dairyman's Association would hold its convention today and tomorrow at the Victoria Hotel. The institute to remain over and attend it.

A resolution asking the establishment of further experimental farms in British Columbia was next adopted, on motion of James Johnstone, and a request from Alberta that the fall lectures be held there as near September 27th as possible, referred to Mr. Anderson.

Daily Inspection was discussed shortly and the feeling of the convention embodied in a resolution asking the government to appoint a duly qualified official to devote his full time to that work.

R. M. Palmer's Address. R. M. Palmer was then called upon to deliver his address. He was accorded a gratifying reception. After expressing his regret at being unable to attend all the sessions of the convention, he offered congratulations on its apparent success as reported in the press.

Before taking up the subject of immigration from Great Britain, Mr. Palmer referred to the success achieved by fruit from this province at the country exhibitions. Much had probably been reported already, he thought, but he would again mention it. He had secured the gold medal at Edinburgh, a special award of merit at Norwich and the London show of the Royal Horticultural Society. He had more than duplicated his success of the year previous by obtaining one gold medal, two silver-gilt, five silver and four bronze ones. No province had ever obtained such great success before. (Applause.)

At the Colonial Fruit Exhibition British Columbia did not meet with such competition as expected. It was true that Nova Scotia had an exhibit, and she, too, but the judges did not think that it compared at all with that of British Columbia. Only one silver medal was awarded for it.

price was 14s. Some varieties, not in such favor on the English market as the Newtown Pippin, that attained the top figure, were sold at from 12s. to 14s. The latter were Baldwin's and Sprys.

The varieties most to be relied on were in addition to Newtown Pippin, Cox's Orange Pippin and Spilmeless. Competent judges admitted that those from British Columbia equalled, if they did not surpass, those from Great Britain. All that need be considered was the question of price, packing and transportation.

Immigration from England. The greater part of his time in the Old Country, Mr. Palmer continued, was devoted to the question of immigration. As a result the provincial government had been able to make satisfactory arrangements with the immigration department of the Salvation Army under which immigrants would be selected in England, taken charge of, brought to Vancouver, and where required, there were a number of societies in England engaged in the same work but all were more or less copying the Salvation Army method. But, with the exception of the Central Immigration Board of London, which was organized in Canada to receive the incoming settlers on arrival. It was not sufficient to bring them here, they had to be placed after arrival.

He would, he continued, like to say a word to the convention as far as the old style of housing farm employees was a thing of the past. Arriving immigrants from Great Britain would look for at least as good accommodation as they were used to in their own homes. They were looking forward to making British Columbia their permanent residence and the high standard of wages offered here would secure the best class.

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Mr. Palmer, after the applause resulting from his address, then passed round the medals won by the province and some individual exhibits displayed at the exhibition at the Royal Horticultural societies are known by pictures to many people, but not so good. The medals were of the size of a dollar, made of gold and had besides the commemorative inscriptions, a design of the ship which the Scotch coat of arms most beautifully engraved.

He then read a related telegram received by the minister of agriculture from Hon. Wm. Templeman. It was sent to the convention by Mr. Anderson and was as follows: "Minister of agriculture thinks first class fruit from British Columbia should be on Island and later in dry belt. Dr. Saunders will examine possible sites for the production of fruit as to advantages of each."

N. T. Baker, of Agassiz, then moved a resolution asking that legislation be passed requiring a certificate from a veterinary surgeon as to the soundness of all entire horses before they were permitted to stand for hire. This was opposed by Alex. Dowie, of Delta, who pointed out that at the present time, the prize at Victoria had been turned down at the New Westminster fair, showing that the stock was of a high class, that really should be permitted to stand.

Mr. D. Curry supported the resolution, stating that in France, where some of the best breeds, such as the Percheron, were raised to perfection, no one was permitted to own a stallion that was not in first-class condition. In this province, however, bleached, spayed, ring-boned entire horses traveled at large. W. E. Buckingham said that he was in accord with the spirit of the motion but did not think the time ripe for the passage of such a law. He thought it would be met in another way. It was proposed to have a lien placed on the horse, and if the owner refused to permit this lien to hold when it being noted, the convention adjourned till 2 o'clock.

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CHAPTER III.—Continued.

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Had two of these ropes settled upon the horse...

On the road which led to the old deer park...

Such was the young man's chattering...

But this time there was no haughty air...

"Nay, Squire Loring," said he, "if you have played the part of a good Christian...

It was the scold, however, who answered...

upon the monk, and his sunburned face darkened with anger.

"A just law I fear and obey," said the monk...

But the stout red-faced farmer shook his head at the proposal.

"Keep your bolts for your weasels!" said the monk...

"His pride is as stubborn as the horse's hoof," said the monk...

"I take your gift, monk," said he, "though I know well why it is that you give it."

While he spoke the young Squire had climbed on to the top of the wall...

as he snapped; but again a heavy blow from the loaded whip caused him to swerve...

Never had the dull round of the lives of the brethren of Waverley been broken by so fiery a scene.

And still, do what he would, the man clung fast to his heaving sides...

clatter of hoofs, but ere they could swing the ex-hide curtains of the carriage...

And yet another outrage! It was bad that this creature should still cling so tight upon the horse...

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him off behind an arrow. He took off behind a bullock and leaped a furze-bush on the farther side.

And now came such a ride as still lingers in the gossip of the lowly country folk...

Before them lay a rolling ocean of dark heather, knee-deep, swelling in billow upon billow...

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would not let him go. Through the village he passed, his eyes straining in his agony...

The first young Squire was the first to recover, and kneeling by the pinto overwrought horse...

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with plates and dishes filled one and the other with a little of the other furniture...

But if the actual fittings of the room would have appeared scanty to one who had lived in a more luxurious age...

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"It was a pity," said Nigel, "that it was clear that he was a good knight and bore himself very bravely."

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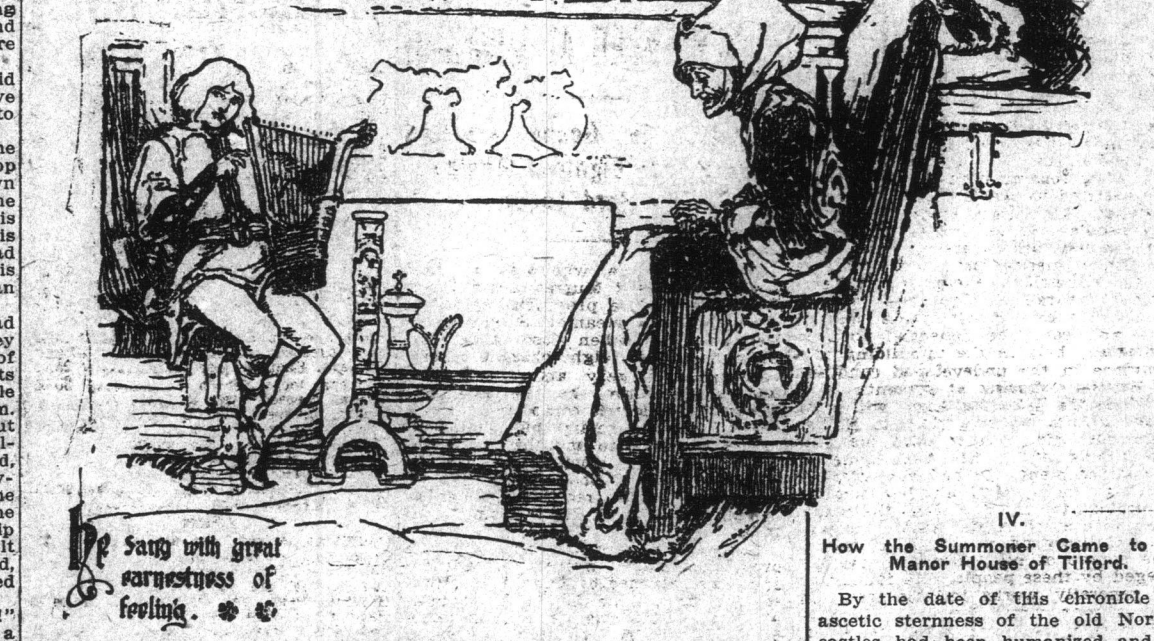
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How the Summerer Came to the Manor House of Tilford.

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MANY TAKE INTEREST IN GAME PROTECTION

Recommendations of Island Club Endorsed by Large Meeting Held in Vancouver

Never before in the history of British Columbia has there been such marked general interest displayed in the protection of game as at a meeting of representatives of the different districts which took place in Vancouver on Saturday.

One of the most important matters decided was that of the imposition of a license fee of \$2 upon all those carrying guns within the confines of the province. It was agreed that the game which the country affords should be protected by a license fee of \$2.

FINE HORSES FOR ACROSS THE OCEAN

Noted Clydesdale and Hackney Prize Stallions and Mares Arrive in the West

A small herd of Clydesdales and a number of Hackneys arrived yesterday from Scotland consigned to Shannon by the New Westminster Columbian and other local firms.

LOOKING TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

People in the Old Country Take Much Interest in This Province

The difficulty which the province in its endeavor to obtain settlers, had to contend with in bringing them from the Old Country was the expense of travel across the continent.

THE KING'S JOURNEY

Paris, March 5.—King Edward started for Biarritz today by a special train.

PLEASANT PROSPECT FOR FRUIT INDUSTRY

Mr. Palmer's Report—British Columbia's Chance of Securing Immigration

British Columbia fruit will find a practically illimitable market through out the Northwest and in the Old Country. This is the opinion of R. M. Palmer, chief of the bureau of information, who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the fruit industry in the Old Country.

WINNIPEG DESPERADO

Winnipeg, March 5.—A nervey burglar attempted to rob the jewelry store of Vancouver, but was captured.

PRISONER FROM VICTORIA SENTENCED AT SHANGHAI

Frederic M. Goode, Arrested Here, Gets Eighteen Months With Hard Labor

Frederic M. Goode, who was arrested here on suspicion of being a member of the Chinese secret society, was sentenced to eighteen months in prison with hard labor.

JESUIT PRIEST DEAD

Montreal, March 5.—Rev. Father Doherty, J. died here today after a long illness.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE

Table with columns: Date, Time High, Time Low, etc. for March 1907.

POLICE VETERAN DEAD

Ex-Sergeant Martin, Who Served in Two Foreign Regiments

Fort Qu'Appelle, March 4.—An old-timer resident passed away on Feb. 28 at Lebrun in the person of ex-Sergt. Saul Martin, late of the R. N. W. M.

GREY NUNS' HOSPITAL

Regina, March 5.—The assistant manager of the Grey Nuns of the city arranged details for a new hospital that the order proposes building here at a cost of \$20,000.

A PROFESSOR'S DEATH

Halifax, March 5.—Prof. Geo. T. Kenwood, former professor of geology and chemistry at Acadia college, and afterwards professor of science at King's college, died at Wolfville.

DAILY REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKETS

There have been several changes in the local markets since last report, slight rises being made in prices of potatoes and several other commodities.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Table listing prices for various commodities like Vegetables, Flour, and Meats.

RETAIL MARKETS

Table listing prices for various commodities like Eggs, Butter, and Fish.

Planet Jr. Garden Tools

THESE CELEBRATED TOOLS are indispensable for farm and garden work at this time of the year.



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They are light, strong and will work in any soil. Call and examine them or send in your order.

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AGAINST SUNDAY LAW NOTICE

Mining, Smelter and Lumber Employers of Kootenay Protest

A well attended special meeting, hurriedly called, of those representing the mining, smelting and lumbering industries locally, was held at the Strathcona hotel last evening to discuss the question of the proposed amendment of the Sunday law.

HELP WANTED, MALE OR FEMALE

\$100 PER WEEK, BOARD AND EXPENSES to person of energy and good character. The John C. Winston Co., Ltd., Toronto.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Cattle, Bitch, 4 years old, well broken to sheep or cattle, full blood, good temper, to James Hunter, Thetis Island.

TORONTO CHINESE

Police Gather in 120 Men From Gambling Joint

Toronto, March 4.—One hundred and twenty Chinese men, the largest number ever taken in a police raid in this city, were arrested last night when Inspector Cuddy and several of his men from the 101st Queen street west, where a big game of chance was said to be in progress.

TRAIN COLLISION

Toronto, March 5.—The G. T. R. express for Montreal crashed into a stalled freight train in Yorkville and were injured: Miss Marian Milne, Toronto; Mrs. Pemberton, mother of the manager of the Sterling Bazaar; Mrs. Brown, wife of the factory inspector; G. W. Prescott, traveler; A. Clayton, Lamson Mills; M. Stacey, Kingston.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Ladies to do plain and light sewing, including all styles of work, good pay; work sent any distance charges made; send stamp for full particulars to P. O. Box 100, Victoria.

PIONEER MISSIONARY DEAD

Winnipeg, March 5.—Word has been received here that Archdeacon Vincent, one of the greatest of pioneer missionaries, died at Albany on January 28, aged 71.

The B. C. Department of Agriculture

Has ordered that all fruit trees must be sprayed or destroyed. We have the spray that will save your trees. Put up in suitable packages for all sized orchards

Quarts	\$ 35
Half gallon	60
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AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WILL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

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from the market this had to be done. He agreed with other speakers that a man could not be legislated into raising such an attempt as a new legislation. The enforcement of the law would do serious injury.

This motion was lost by a small majority.

Meeting of Delegates

Upon a motion of P. H. Wilson, it was resolved that all delegates from districts having agricultural associations should meet at the conclusion of the convention and try to arrange a schedule of dates for fall fairs. This carried out the suggestion thrown out during the previous discussion.

The work of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association was endorsed unanimously by the next resolution. James Johnston, at the instance of West Kootenay Farmers' Institute, was responsible for a resolution asking the government to provide good roads and particularly in the Nelson district between that city and Robson. The last end of it caused a little discussion, some delegates saying that no particular attention should be paid to any special locality. Mr. Johnston expressed his willingness to withdraw the reference to Nelson and the motion was carried after very little further debate.

The resolution laid over from the previous day, asking that a \$2 tax be placed on dogs, except two apiece free for farmers. Henry Harris, of Langley objected to its passage on the ground that it was a tax on dogs and not on tax dogs. Two other delegates said, if the tax was imposed, it should be paid by farmers as well as other people.

On a vote being taken the motion was lost. Two resolutions were then taken up, both asking that the government be requested to direct the agricultural bureau to engage a secretary to the rural literature. In support of his motion, the one that was retained, Mr. Venables said that the rural literature was a most important thing to farmers' institutes and the industry generally.

Mr. Anderson said that he had asked for a much larger appropriation than last year for the purpose and he hoped the government would see its way clear to grant it.

To interview Government Upon motion the chairman appointed J. T. Collins, the Islands, V. D. Curry, Kamloops, and H. R. Phillips, Matsqui, a committee to wait upon Hon. R. G. Tatlow, and submit the opinion of the convention on the various matters coming before it as expressed in the resolutions passed.

Dog taxes in another form came up next. It was proposed that municipalities be empowered to create a fund from the tax mentioned to be used for compensating owners of sheep that have been destroyed by dogs. This idea was approved and the resolution carried.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. A. Blyth, the stenographer for her unremitting attention to the duties devolving upon her. The chairman both in that capacity and as deputy minister of agriculture, both were received with liberal applause. Mr. Anderson acknowledged the compliment in fitting terms.

The delegates thought their indemnity for attendance at the institute should be raised from \$25 per diem to \$150. So they passed a resolution asking the government to pay the extra dollar.

E. M. Logan, B. S. A., at the request of the institute, made a few remarks. He invited all the delegates to attend the convention of the Dairyman's association as he expected that Dr. Tomlin and other authorities would be present.

The Dairying Industry During 1906, he continued, the dairying industry had shown satisfactory progress. A cheese factory had been opened and the output of the older creameries had increased by from 15 to 20 per cent. The cash value of the product of 1906 was \$40,000 more than the year before but there was still room for a large increase. This was most satisfactory, in view of the fact that some of the older provinces the industry was going backward and in other standing still.

Good prices for butter ruled in this province about 5 cents a pound more than any other; and last year the local creameries had obtained an advance in price of at least a cent. One thing necessary, however, was to prevent the large output during the month of June. At this period of the year a large amount of butter was sold last year and the market was flooded. Some of the creameries came soared and reduced the price from 25 cents to 21. This was unnecessary, as within a few weeks the market was here. Those creameries that had kept their butter in boxes, sold it after a few weeks, got from 25 to 26 cents, or 6 cents more than it brought at some period in June.

To meet the needs of the Dairyman's association, it was decided that no creamery could reduce the price, but it was left to a committee of the society.

Spring Stock Fair With reference to the spring fair, to be held in New Westminster on March 20, and following days, the programme would soon be out. A number of stallions and other stock were for sale and those wishing good

animals could obtain them. In addition there would be prizes for the best of getting young men interested in the farm and its animals. If the delegates could not come themselves, it would be a wise thing to send their boys.

In conclusion, Mr. Logan said that he had endeavored to do his best for the dairymen and allied industries during his year in the province. He would have to decide very shortly whether he could stay any longer. While he had not yet decided, he would say that British Columbia was the best province he had ever lived in. (Applause.)

Superintendent's Report The committee on resolutions, then presented its report upon the annual report of the superintendent. It contained congratulatory references to the increase in membership in local institutes during the same to the practical demonstrations and work conducted at the meetings. A very large number of thanks was included to Hon. R. G. Tatlow for his unremitting attention to the betterment of the agricultural interests of the province.

In response to a vote of thanks tendered him for his speech at the meeting, Mr. Logan expressed his appreciation of the interest of the boys and girls in the work of the farm. There was much mention made of the fact that the former had not been some of it at the expense of the rising generation. The convention then adjourned to meet again next spring.

HUDSON BAY LANDS.

Balance of Acreage of Uplands Farm To Be Placed on Market Shortly.

Though James Thomson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, has declined to make any statement regarding the disposition of the balance of the Uplands farm, 500 acres of which was acquired last week by Messrs. Oldfield & Gardner, it is definitely known that it will be placed on the market shortly, either by the company or a purchaser.

Most of the property is leased at present, a large portion to Chinamen, and more to George Dean, and it is understood the leases do not expire until 1910, the company, however, has power to resume possession at any time upon payment of compensation.

When the area mentioned is placed on the market the Hudson's Bay Company will act in conjunction with Oldfield & Gardner and a local real estate representative, Andrew Wright, in converting the whole farm, about 1,000 acres in extent, into a model residential district.

It is a long time back to April 9th, 1890, when this land and the Oak Bay and Gordon Head districts were acquired from the Ches-Ko-Noin tribe for \$74,100. The total value of the land would be about \$1,000,000 every year. And it must not be forgotten that the market in Victoria, British Columbia, is one of the most active in the world.

It is safe to assert that the total fixed charges on the proposed railway would be paid out of the tolls to be received from the Fraser river and lumber shipped east.

The rates for fruit are given to show what a large revenue will be derived from that source when the road mentioned is built.

Feasibility Unquestioned. The feasibility of the proposed railway has never been questioned. All authorities state it is the most direct route to the Pacific coast, and in mileage to the open sea than any other located or contemplated. Its highest grade would be less than half that on the C.P.R. through Kicking Horse pass.

It is a grand traverse, or have tributary to it, all the southern portion of Vancouver Island, the fruit growing part of the world, it would have the illimitable forests of the island to draw upon; it would open up the Chilcotin plains with the resultant enormous stock and produce trade thereby rendered possible; it would place the mines of "Golden Cariboo" in close connection with a railway; and it would open up the terra incognita that exists between the Fraser river and the Rockies.

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Feasibility and Profitable Working Thoroughly Established By Facts

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During the past month the Colonist has published practically all the available information on the subject, from Lieut. Palmer's exploration in 1862 to the survey of the proposed route by H. P. Bell in 1895. The admirable surveys of Sir Sandford Fleming and his staff in the early seventies have also been drawn upon and many prominent residents of the city and the interior have been interviewed. Various parts of the territory proposed to be traversed have added their testimony as to the feasibility of the proposed construction of the proposed railway.

Case Summed Up. It is now time to sum up the arguments in favor of the proposed railway. To complete a review it would, under less happy circumstances, have been necessary also to tabulate the arguments against it. Such a duty, it is, however, not called for in the present instance as there has not been a word spoken to the detriment of the proposal either as to the feasibility or assured financial success.

Cost comes first. Mr. Bell's estimate is that from Comox to the Yellow Head pass summit the proposed railway would be built and made ready for traffic for the sum of \$23,500,000. This includes two three-track car ferry boats for the passage across Nodales channel and terminal facilities at both ends. This estimate also has a ten per cent addition for omissions and contingencies, so that the total cost would be \$25,875,000. Total Cost Estimated.

For equipment, on the authority of a railway man in the province, about \$10,000 per mile would have to be added. This would make the total cost, as the length of the road would be 477 1/2 miles, \$28,175,000. Taking a five per cent charge for interest and sinking fund, and a one per cent sinking fund charge on 20 year bond—the amount to be provided annually would be \$1,000,000. This is less than \$3,000 per mile per annum, under ten dollars profit a mile for each working day.

Would this profit be forthcoming? Present rates give an indication. Cedar logs, shingles, in carload lots, from Victoria to Calgary cost 3 1/2 cents per 100 lbs., with a minimum of 30 cents for the car or \$13.50 the carload. Freight rates, on the same basis, are 38 cents of \$14.00 the car. Apples and pears, on the same basis, are 40 cents per 100 lbs. with a minimum of 24,000, cost 85 cents per hundredweight of \$204.00 the present mixed fruit carload lots are carried for \$1.00 per hundred, 20,000 lbs. minimum, or \$200.00 the car.

From points along the main line of the C.P.R. alone in this province during 1906, the latest available statistics are available, 102,618 tons of lumber were shipped to the Territories and the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. At 30,000 lbs. to the car this works out as 6,941 carloads. During 1906 a total of 1,200 carloads of this nature were shipped. This meant a revenue of \$779,874. Estimated shipments by rail from the province during 1906 show a total of 1,200 carloads. If only half this amount was carried by the new road, and the total freight for 274,100 lbs. of lumber, the revenue would be about \$1,000,000 every year. And it must not be forgotten that the market in Victoria, British Columbia, is one of the most active in the world.

It is safe to assert that the total fixed charges on the proposed railway would be paid out of the tolls to be received from the Fraser river and lumber shipped east.

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New Combination Wall Papers in the Latest Designs and Colorings on Sale

We have received a carload of wall paper combinations—side walls, ceiling and borders—in time for the Spring business; make your selections and have your work done early—it will cost you less. These new papers include English, German and French importations—considering their value THEY WILL BE SOLD AT REMARKABLE PRICES. Short lots, odds and ends will be cleared out. We have many new novelties suitable for dining, parlor, library or den; and the selection of colors and patterns is comprehensive enough to meet every requirement, including GILT, TAPESTRY and EMBOSSED PAPERS. Special prices, per roll **20c, 15c, 10c, 6c, 5c, 3c**

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Reports Show That Industry Is in Flourishing Condition

SUGGESTION AS TO

The Association Favours Stations as Recreational

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