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ANNUAL MEETING OF B. C. DAIRYMEN

Reports Show That Important Industry Is In Flourishing Condition

SUGGESTION AS TO INSPECTOR

The Association Favors Cow-Testing Stations as Recommended by Dominion Commissioner

At the opening session of the annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's association held Thursday, gratifying reports were received from the directors of the organization and the secretary. They were adopted. It also was decided to elect Mr. Logan as the inspector for the province. The opinion was expressed that if he were placed in a position where he could devote his whole time to the work which would naturally result upon such an official, the industry would receive material benefit. Another question discussed was the advisability of accepting the suggestion of J. A. Ruddle, Dominion dairy commissioner, made through Mr. Logan, of cow-testing associations should be established in the different agricultural districts, a member of the federal staff to undertake the work of visiting the various centres at regular intervals for the purpose of conducting and recording tests. A motion in favor of the proposal carried unanimously. The president, Mr. C. Wells, of Chilliwack, occupied the chair. Among those in attendance were: W. H. Buckle, secretary; J. A. Ruddle, Dominion dairy commissioner; Mr. C. Wells, Chilliwack; John Oliver, Chilliwack; G. R. King, Victoria; H. Baymum, Kelowna; Thos. Cunningham, Vancouver; W. H. Buckle, L. M. Vasey, Ladner; J. Davis, Ladner; Chris. Brown, Ladner; B. B. Smith, Courtenay; W. E. Buckle, Courtenay; J. T. Collins, Salt Spring Island; R. D. MacKenzie, Courtenay; George Heggie, Enderby; S. Smith, Dewdney; C. Nixon, Victoria; Thos. Murray, Nanaimo; W. H. Buckle, Courtenay; Mr. F. M. Logan (secretary-treasurer), Victoria.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA WATCH OVER PERSIA

Erstwhile Enemies Agree on Policy to be Followed in the East

GENERAL SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

Understanding Between the European Powers Facilitates Russo-Japanese Negotiations

London, March 8.—The internal affairs of Persia, which, according to official information, are far from satisfactory, are being closely watched by the officials of the Foreign Office here. While it is hoped that the intervention of the powers will not be necessary, Great Britain and Russia have already agreed on the steps to be taken by them in such a contingency. Great Britain anticipates that should the condition of the country reach a critical stage, the Shah, who before he ascended the throne, frequently called on Russia for financial assistance, and sought the advice of the representative of that country in other emergencies, will ask for Russian aid to restore order. The Russian government could comply with the request with the full knowledge that no objection would be made by Great Britain. Russia may even offer assistance without the invitation of the Shah, but an offer which Great Britain would accept. The Russian ruler to accept. Great Britain would do her part by sending warships to the Persian Gulf ports, but she would not go further unless the Shah should be induced to accept the protection of foreigners in southern Persia, which in an agreement between Russia and Great Britain, would be recognized as the latter's sphere of influence.

FIRE IN CHEMUNUS CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE

Hotel, Store and Number of Smaller Buildings Completely Destroyed

Nanaimo, Feb. 8.—The town of Chemunus was the scene of a \$200,000 fire last night when the Lewisville Hotel, a large two-story building, a coal shed, a number of smaller houses, and a number of outbuildings, all in the same block, were reduced to ashes. The fire broke out in the hotel shortly after 10 o'clock and made rapid headway, the volunteer fire brigade was quickly on the scene to scope in what clothing they had on, losing all their personal effects. The upper part of the building was by that time a mass of flames and quite beyond the efforts of the volunteers to contain. The fire, like Trojans, to save the adjoining buildings, and to save the hotel, the fire was not a single article in the building was saved.

PROMINENT JAP IN TROUBLE

San Francisco, March 8.—F. Kurajana, known as one of the richest Japanese in California and prominently connected in Japan, was arrested here last night on a charge of obtaining more than \$21,000 under false pretences.

TO VISIT CANADA

Washington, March 7.—Ambassador Bryce called upon Secretary of State Root today and had a general talk about pending matters of business in which the state department and the British embassy are mutually interested. The ambassador has arranged to go to Canada next month to confer with Earl Grey, the governor general, concerning all questions of a diplomatic nature now at issue between the two states and Canada.

TORTURE OF PRISONERS

London, March 8.—An official investigation of the report published in St. Petersburg last month of the torturing of prisoners of war in the hands of the German army, has confirmed the statements. Premier Stolypin has ordered that proceedings be taken against the guilty prison officials.

SMALPOX IN FRANCE

Dunkirk, France, March 8.—The serious epidemic of smallpox which has spread to the city of Lille, a case of the disease is also reported to have occurred in the fashionable quarter of Brussels, Belgium.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP

Montreal, March 8.—After nearly two weeks of anxious waiting on the part of relatives and friends the mystery which surrounded the disappearance of Mrs. Arthur Behenna, was yesterday cleared up by the receipt of two messages stating that the New York artist was in Norfolk, Virginia, alive and well. One of the two messages was received direct from Norfolk, Mrs. Behenna's daughter writing the news to the missing lady's relatives in Montreal. In neither case was any explanation attached to the brief message that Mrs. Behenna was in Norfolk.

MONTREAL CALAMITY

Coroner's Jury Lets School Authorities Cover Up

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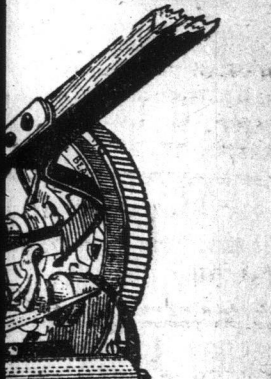
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In view of the fact that the stars are visible above our heads every night, we are inclined to think that the stars are not so far away as we are told.

detected between them. There is absolutely no way of estimating the distance with even the slightest possibility of the approximation being accurate.

barren of food becomes a mess of potage in the shape of public patronage or perhaps something less honorable has led men to sell themselves.

Messes of potage. They are to be found at every turning place in the world. From the cradle to the grave, and none of us is wise enough to go on our way always without exchanging something for them, which afterwards we would give much to regain.

When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers and the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him? It is an inspiring thought that we are made in the image of him, who upholds the stellar marvels by the word of His power.

MESSSES OF POTAGE

Esau came back from the Hunt, hungry and weary almost to death. Jacob, the home-staying, "good potage," the King James version of the Bible puts it; that he was making vegetable soup, and Esau asked him for some of it.

THE WEST AS A CHARACTER BUILDER. We hear a great deal nowadays of typical westerners, but as a matter of fact there is not at present a class of men in existence whom one can designate as typically western, in the Canadian western sense of the word.

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AN HOUR WITH THE EDITOR

Lord Dudley's Umbrella. Lord Dudley was talking with the governor in the Mico hall when the Jamaica earthquake occurred.

A Grievance. "So you favor a strike? Aren't wages going up?" "Wages are high enough."

Public Protection. The people of Canada will generally agree with Mr. Wilfrid Laurier that it is the duty of the government to prevent strikes on railways.

May Be Either. "What I want," said the young man, "is to get married and have a peaceful home."

Closely Acquainted. "Friend—when did you first become acquainted with your wife?" "The first time I asked him for money after we were married."

Food for Thought. "That was a very nice letter of Patrick's, starting you, but I don't think I shall write to him."

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CURRENT VERSE

An Ode to the Almighty. O, Thou Eternal One! whose presence bright, All space doth occupy—

In its sublime research, philosophy necessary out the ocean-deep—may count the sands, or the sun's rays; but God, for Thy word created all, and both are finite.

Thou, from primeval nothingness, didst stir First chaos, then existence, Lord; on Stagnant had its foundation; all Spring forth from Thee, of light, joy harmony.

Thou art, beginning with the end hast bound, And beautifully mingled life and death As when a mountain upwards from the fery blue.

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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

A sword! A sword! Ah give me a sword! For I would then in your error... The stout man enters in. And change and fate still hold the gate...

It may have been that the sentiment went for more than the music, or it may have been the nicety of the words... "Nay, dear dame, it is I who turn and betwixt you and me. I beg that you will recite a romance, who you know...

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As I See Spring

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