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ALD. NADEN PROVING A TRUE PROPHET.

At the last largely attended meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association there were rumors at the time in the despatches that in order to force through the naval bill Premier Borden was likely to bring forward a closure resolution. In regard to the necessary procedure and how such a resolution when passed would act, the advice of Alderman Naden, as a parliamentary authority, was asked. He gave a lucid explanation of what closure meant and these prophetic words: "In my opinion the Conservative party can gain nothing by the introduction of such a measure, as it will take as long to debate the passage of that as it would to complete the debate on the naval bill." The wisdom of experience always counts and our Ottawa despatch of yesterday bears out the correctness of the alderman's prediction.

THE LIBERAL VICTORY IN ALBERTA ELECTION.

While the Liberal majority in Alberta has been reduced, Premier Sifton has been returned with a following sufficiently large to show that he has the confidence of the province as a whole. The elections in two constituencies were deferred, and of the remaining fifty-four seats the Liberals, according to telegraphic despatches, have carried thirty-three, while eighteen Conservatives and one independent were elected. This gives Mr. Sifton a clear majority of fourteen—a majority so large that there can be no question that his policy has the support of the

bulk of the people of Alberta. These returns, however, are subject to revision, as Premier Sifton himself claims that the next house will contain forty Liberals and sixteen Conservatives.

But granting that the figures remain as at present, the majority is so large that there can be no question that Mr. Sifton's policy has the support of the bulk of the people of Alberta. There were several elements in the election which contributed to the Conservative gains. The campaign was a particularly bitter one on the part of Mr. Sifton's opponents. They hesitated at no accusation to turn the electorate against him, and in addition they had behind them the unscrupulous machine which Hon. "Bob" Rogers places at the disposal of his friends whenever there is need for it in any part of Canada. The redistribution, with the addition of fifteen seats, also made a difference which was not favorable to the government, although the premier was accused throughout the campaign of having shamelessly gerrymandered the province.

On the whole, Mr. Sifton and the Liberals have no cause either to be ashamed or to be disheartened at the result. Their most notable losses, such as the defeat of C. R. Mitchell in Medicine Hat, were the outcome of local causes. In the south of the province, which is hopelessly Conservative, they expected little, but everywhere else they swept the country in a manner which entirely gives the lie to the statement of the opposition that Alberta was thoroughly convinced of their unfitness for office.

There is a government pre-emption reserve two miles wide, on each side of the river, extending for twenty-five miles and containing about 400 pre-emptions. Only about twenty-five of these have been taken up and there is a good deal of choice land besides this that is open for pre-emption.

The Naas river is navigable for launches drawing several feet of water for fifty miles from its mouth and for twenty-five miles further up for shallower draft boats. Power boats are running on the river carrying mail, passengers and freight right up into the heart of the pre-emption reserve. Milk and cream, butter and eggs, vegetables, berries and all kinds of produce can be delivered at Prince Rupert or Granby Bay or Stewart

BEAUTIFUL NAAS VALLEY IS EXTOLLED BY OLD RESIDENT

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"The Naas River valley is one of the finest stretches of agricultural land in the province; the climate is ideal for the growth of all kinds of garden produce, berries, bush fruits and the hardier varieties of tree fruits, dairying and poultry ranching are also industries that can be profitably and extensively carried on. There is very little cold weather in the winter and just enough rain during the growing season to bring on all vegetable growth to perfection and is within easy distance of good markets," said Mr. W. A. Meyers, who has been a resident of that district for four years.

"This valley has been little known and has just commenced to develop," he continued. "There are hundreds of thousands of acres of good agricultural land, very fertile and much of it easy to bring under cultivation. There are river-bottom lands and bench lands with a good depth of soil, some of it sandy loam, and more of it a good clay loam. There are meadows, park lands and lands covered more or less thickly with cottonwood trees.

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in ten hours. Very high prices can be obtained for everything that can be produced in the valley. No irrigation is needed and there is no muskeg to drain. Roads and trails are being graded and bridges built for the convenience of the settlers.

"A trip up the Naas River is one of the most beautiful and exhilarating on the Pacific coast. A great volume of water is poured into Naas Bay, just off Portland Canal, by this river. The Naas varies in width from 100 yards to over a mile wide, and is navigable for seventy-five miles inland for eight months of the year. It is fed from the eternal snows of the high mountain peaks and from the glaciers that can be seen in the distance. The scenery varies from the stupendous and sublime to the sylvan and peaceful. There is bird life, fish life and plant life in endless variety and signs of wild animal life everywhere. Ducks, geese and grouse, black and grizzly bear and mountain goat are numerous, and many kinds of fur-bearing animals abound.

"At the canyon, near the Indian village of Gwinoha, there is an extensive bed of lava, in places as level as the lawn and in other parts broken up and making caverns many feet deep, and hundred of yards in extent. There are a few berry bushes and stunted tree growths on this moulten rock bed. An ice plant also grows on it, which is good to quench the thirst, leaving a pleasantly sweet taste long after the moisture has gone. Opposite this lava bed a huge glacier nestles between two high mountains. There is a beautiful shady camping ground beside the lava bed and extending along the river. There is no better place in all British Columbia to spend a summer holiday. Pleasure launches, drawing three or four feet of water, can navigate from tide water to the canyon and

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Tell It to Borden.

The King and Queen, it is announced, will go to Berlin to attend the wedding of the Kaiser's daughter and the Duke of Cumberland. The fact should still for a time the fears of the German invasion felt by some talking Englishmen. Presumably the Kaiser will not let a war break out to interfere with a social event in which many people in many countries will be concerned. —Montreal Gazette.

Progress on Great Eastern.

The Pacific Great Eastern survey parties have completed their line from North Vancouver to Point Atkinson and are now working on the line to Newport, at the head of Howe Sound. The railroad will follow the shore a few feet above high water mark. Numerous tunnels will be necessary, one of them eight hundred feet in length. The cost will average \$100,000 per mile.

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