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Premier McBride is apparently through with the north. It has been a good friend to him, but that friendship was only reciprocal in fair weather. The hard times which hit the provincial money chest is showing where the premier's heart is. The north is a great country on which to make eloquent, empty speeches, but when it comes to choosing between the north and the south the premier smiles on the south.

In discussing the necessity of the new loan and the cutting down of the annual expenditure by \$3,000,000, Premier McBride admitted that "Some of the newly projected works, such as new highways in the interior, particularly in the north, may have to be deferred until next year."

That means that the government is too hard up to open up the country for development. The few settlers and prospectors who have gone into the north and interior of British Columbia are to be left to their own resources.

The government has never had a policy of getting settlers on the land or of developing the great natural resources.

Now the premier admits that the few who have tried to open up the country in spite of the government are to be abandoned in the wilderness.

All the world is talking optimistically of the financial outlook and preparing to carry on big undertakings, but the premier of rich British Columbia finds his job too big for him.

The government may plead that it is so hard up it cannot give us roads, particularly in the north, but that plea does not hold good in the Wark Channel power request of Prince Rupert. The government needs nothing more than a proper conception of its duty to the people to grant that water right to Prince Rupert. Unfortunately, it is as barren of that conception as the treasury is bare of the late surplus.

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DRAINAGE AND LIME ESSENTIAL FOR GARDEN

Horticultural Society Heard Lecture on How to Put Muskeg Under Cultivation

Very unfavorable weather conditions did not deter quite a number of citizens and those interested in pretty homes and gardens from meeting in the city hall last evening. The call was made by the Horticultural Society.

The feature of the evening was a talk by Mr. A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, on how to prepare muskeg for lawn or garden. Muskeg, he explained, is imperfectly decomposed vegetation, which is acid and sour. The very first essential in bringing it under cultivation is drainage—deep under drains. Several kinds were described, but those he advocated as the cheapest and most serviceable are drains made with slabs of cordwood. Tile is not advisable, as it requires a hard, even base.

Lime is another necessary ingredient to be added to the muskeg. It can be put on generously without doing damage. It neutralizes the acid in the ground. Wood ashes aid chemical and bacterial action. Coal ashes in moderation supply some mineral and help to break up the muskeg. Sand, gravel and ground rock aid in drainage and add food for plant life. Manures are necessary to supply plant life.

Seaweed also makes a splendid manure. It is best put on green and turned into the soil. The lime used should be caustic, but any kind is helpful.

A general discussion on the subject was indulged in.

M. M. Stephens, who was chairman, gave some information about the society. Secretary Harris had arranged to have a mixture of clay and muskeg which is taken out of the post office site excavation stored on an adjoining lot. This can be had gratis for use in making lawns, and it will be loaded free of charge. Mr. Harris is also making arrangements for a special price on seeds for members of the society.

A committee from the society had asked the city council for free water for lawns and for a stump puller. The council will probably comply with the request.

A series of monthly pamphlets on timely topics of local horticultural interest will be issued to the members.

It has been suggested that a summer flower show be given, which idea seems to be popular.

Those who want lime for their lawns should place the order through the secretary.

A general canvass for members will be made.

Big Mine Soon Working

D. J. Williams, manager of the Rocher de Boule mines at New Hazelton, has awarded the contract for clearing the right-of-way for the aerial tramway which will convey the ore from the mine to the railway. Work on this has already been started. The completion of the big towers for carrying the tram is all that now delays active mining operations. In six months the big works will be all under way and large shipments sent out regularly to the smelter. It is likely that the Granby smelter will handle this ore, which will all be shipped through Prince Rupert.

The North Coast Towing company's twin-screw tugboat is now in good shape for the season's work. The Imperial Machine works have just finished boring out the cylinder and giving the engines a thorough overhauling.

REV. KERR MAKES HIT IN NEW WESTMINSTER

Large Congregation Turned Out to Hear His First Sermons in New Charge

(New Westminster Columbian.)

Rev. F. W. Kerr's first sermon in his new ministry of St. Andrew's church, delivered before a well-filled church on Sunday morning, had for its topic the mission the Saviour gave to His church and the mission given to St. Andrew's church in the downtown section of New Westminster. In an earnest manner, the new minister spoke of the challenge there was to every Christian to do the Lord's work in that part of the city. Was it right, he asked, that the souls of the young men and women in this section should be lost, and were they ready to clasp hands with him in that work? He emphasized the important field of the work. What virtue was there in foreign missionary work if the Hindus and the Chinese and Japanese were not gathered into the churches here for instruction? What is home mission work if the waterfront workers, the residents in lodging houses and in all manner of places in the city had not the gospel brought to them? As the largest congregation in the city, St. Andrew's had a large work to do. If there was corruption in the city, the church was concerned about it; if there was not everything clean in sport, in all forms of recreation, in social life, there was work for this church to do. He asked the congregation if in this they were prepared to stand behind him. Referring to his Prince Rupert ministry, he said that he had left a congregation where there was harmony and earnest working together, equal to any congregation in the west. He answered the call to New Westminster, for he had felt that there was special work to be done here. The conclusion of a sermon which revealed the new minister's intense earnestness and zeal for social-religious work, was a prayer for deep harmony to be shown here in all religious and social betterment work, which, he reminded his attentive hearers, always exists when men work with an eye single to the glory of God.

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