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## EDITORIALS

A recent decision of the Privy Council will produce another laugh on British Columbia. In case a few people have forgotten it it might be well to point out that this province is run by an autocrat who believes that he has sovereign powers. At any rate he is always putting his own authority ahead of that of the Federal Parliament. The recent case over the fisheries jurisdiction is still fresh in memory. The last case to be decided against our sovereign (?) attorney general has to do with his licensing act whereby he sought to compel all companies with Dominion charters (as well as others) to pay tribute to the province before doing business. The Privy Council decided that a Dominion charter was supreme over any provincial act and W. J. Bowser will have to take a back seat or join the Sultan of Turkey.

The city hydro-electric plant is almost completed and both those who opposed it under present conditions as well as those who favored it will wish it success. So much of the city's money is tied up in it that any failure on its part would be fatal. While the supporters of the movement are taking great credit for having completed the task it might be pointed out that anybody could have done this if the city approved. The question for the

future to decide is whether it was wise to invest so much money in a plant when the city couldn't pay its bills. It's all very good to own our own electric plant but what is going to happen to the people who cannot pay the taxes to support it. The interest on several million dollars which the city has borrowed must be paid. If the people cannot pay the taxes their property will be sold. What good then will it be to own an electric plant? If the city had provided for the expiring treasury certificates instead of borrowing more funds for an electric plant a good many people would feel much better about the future.

Besides the fact that the city's plant ties up too much of our finances it would be a rather fortunate state of affairs if we now had a big corporation to worry along with us about the future of this city. A company with several million dollars invested in our neighborhood would be compelled to boost the city along for its own protection. We have decided, however, that we want it all for ourselves; that we will not allow any outside capital to come in here to share our prospects. Well, we have it all and what are we going to do with it?

It's a mighty poor atrocity that doesn't get by the censor these days.

### BETTER SHELTER FOR THE CANADIANS

Wooden Winter Quarters Are Going Up at Salisbury Plain.

London, Nov. 19.—Wooden winter quarters for the Canadian contingent are rapidly approaching completion at Lark Hill. Seeing that a frost-edged wind scythes over Salisbury Plain almost daily the members of the contingent naturally hail with delight the prospect of leaving the tents for more enduring habitations. The men from the West do not mind the loneliness, although they say that Salisbury Plain beats Calgary way for that, and at Lark Hill they will be a bit nearer such company as the thatched village of Amesbury can offer.

"What they abuse most heartily is the English damp," says the correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, who gives a highly entertaining description of a visit to the camp. "Nevertheless, they are happy under canvas, in spite of a solid month of such dirty weather that they have often worn wet clothes for days. You can not mix with the Canadians for long without being struck by the passionate loyalty of Canada."

"They all express their loyalty, which is a part of their love for Britain," continues this writer. "I did not find a single soldier who does not intend to return to Canada so soon as the war is over. Saturday was a half-holiday in camp, and baseball games were going on at half a dozen places. To one English observer the game looked like a violent form of rounders." At Bustard they dread the long black evenings and all praise Valcartier, which was lighted from end to end with electricity and fitted with open air picture shows and rifle ranges three miles long. The inevitable grumbles about food amount to human weariness of stew and a yearning for more butter."

If you feel blue, figure how you would feel if Germany were dictating its war indemnity terms to England. After that, you may well be cheerful, up and doing.

## LAKE KATHLYN COAL FIELDS WILL BE DEVELOPED AT ONCE

FRANK FRANK, VANCOUVER, HAS GREAT FAITH IN HIS HOLDINGS IN THIS DISTRICT AND HAS ADOPTED MEASURES TO SUPPLY LOCAL CONSUMERS.

On exhibition in the *Omineca* Herald office is a sample of coal from the Chicken Lake coal field which is now being operated by Frank Frank, of Vancouver. This coal is the nearest to the Pennsylvania anthracite of any coal yet brought into this town, and the owner is confident that when he gets some development work done he will get a hard, smokeless coal that will be of great value, not only to all residents of Northern British Columbia, but in the development of the resources of the country.

Mr. Frank was for many years a coal merchant in Guelph, Ont., and of late years has been a resident of Vancouver. He knows coal in a practical way and believes he has a large commercial deposit near Chicken Lake, or Lake Kathlyn.

To The Herald, Mr. Frank spoke of his coal as follows:

"The area of the field may be limited—I mean not as extensive as the Pennsylvania or Groundhog coal fields—but what there is is rich. When properly opened up I would not be surprised to have a coal equal to the Pennsylvania anthracite."

"The croppings are only two and a half miles from the G.T.P. station at Lake Kathlyn. I have already opened up a trail from Lake Kathlyn station to the property, and this will also serve as a snow road to bring out coal in the winter; possibly a quantity will be available for use during the coming winter."

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To Mr. Frank everyone will extend their very best wishes for abundant success in this undertaking. May no obstacle crop up which will in any way hold back the development work he has planned. We all want coal and this is the first time that anything like the real article has appeared within a distance of transportation which will permit of development without the investment of immense capital.

### NO TRACE OF WARSHIPS.

Chileans Have Made Final Search for Good Hope and Monmouth.

Valparaiso, Nov. 16.—The Chilean hospital ship *Valdivia*, which has been searching the seas for possible survivors of the British cruisers lost in the engagement with the German squadron off the Chilean coast November 1, arrived today at Talcahuana, and reports her search entirely without success. She found nothing in the way of wreckage or boats from the British vessel. The Chilean Admiralty announce that its search is now over.

Every office holder in Canada would lose his job if the Germans won in the present war, says the president of the Ontario Historical Society. Is this a warning or a promise?—Ottawa Citizen.

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