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Productive Soil
This District.

While the potatoes sent to the provincial potato fair from Osland, Smith Island, did not take a prize this year, they stood well in the grading and beat several other points where the soil is supposed to be more suitable and the climate less moist. The fact that three growers from Osland had sufficient interest in their work to send in exhibits speaks well for the settlement there. Possibly next year if they try again they may secure one of the prizes. The Daily News takes pleasure in extending congratulations to the residents of the Island and urges that still greater efforts be made to develop it as a residential small-farm settlement. Where it has been proved that crops can be raised successfully and where there is the nucleus of a good settlement with school established, there should be little difficulty in extending the community indefinitely. There is always a market for the crop in Prince Rupert.

Prince George
Again Winner.

Prince George of course has done well in carrying off first prize. After seeing the exhibit at the Prince Rupert fair this year it is easy to understand how that district could win anywhere. The other districts have all taken a share of the honors, especially the points in Omineca. Another year there should be more competition and when Prince Rupert fair directors are considering their new prize list they might well make special provision for potato exhibits with special prizes.

Trade Treaties
Good For Canada.

A new trade treaty with more favorable tariff terms has been closed by the federal government with France and a similar one with Australia has been negotiated. Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, arranged the former on his recent visit to France and Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce, is returning from Australia from a similar mission.

The provisions of the Franco-Canadian pact show that there will be a reduction on 128 articles entering Canada from France such as light wines, perfumery, books, printed matter, automobiles, locomotives, lace, silks, fur, rubber goods, feathers, and cinema films. All are necessary imports and will not have the effect of increasing importation at the expense of Canadian production. No doubt when the provisions of the Australian agreement are made public they will show tariff reductions along similar lines.

Such tariff reductions are in line with Liberal policies. They aim at bringing necessary imports to the Canadian markets at lower prices thus tending to bring down the cost of living. They will have some effect in bringing down prices of Canadian goods at the same time. In return for these preferences, the countries affected will make reciprocal reductions. Thus the trade tariffs will have the double desirable effect of stimulating Canadian exportation and benefitting foreign trade while the average citizen enjoys a visible benefit in the lowering of prices of imported articles. It is such measures with such effects that are needed at this time of high prices and economic reorganization and the federal government is doing good work in having negotiated two such agreements in the first year since it was returned to power.

INTEREST IN
LIQUOR ACT
AMENDMENTSLegislature, Irrespective of Party
Gives Attorney General
Good Support

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—The passing of the liquor amendments, providing among other things a jail sentence instead of fine for the first offense in beer selling cases proved to be one of the interesting features of the session. It was well over midnight and the galleries were practically empty and members sleepy when it came before the House. During its course members were called from the corridors more than once to vote.

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was followed by a number of innocuous measures, when suddenly the Liquor amendment Act was called and the interest in the proceedings increased. Reporters who were still in the House scrambled back into the press gallery and members who had been quietly sleeping in their chairs, awoke and were alive to the things of the workaday world once more.

Contentious Clause

The chief contentious clause in the bill was that providing for a jail sentence in first offenses in beer selling cases. Ian McKenzie was fairly on the rampage in his opposition to the clause. While giving Mr. Manson credit for his efforts in law enforcement he appealed to the fairness of the House, to the patriotism of the members, to the sympathy they had with the men who had been his comrades in arms, and was on his feet again and again to advocate the elimination of the offending clause. He proposed an amendment but this was rejected. The Attorney General was adamant. He declared that as long as the House refused to have beer sold by the glass they must back him up in enforcing the law. This could only be done by the measure proposed. Fines were useless as had been proved. A beer vendor was fined and then neither took his place. They never caught the same man twice.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Manson made some caustic remarks about the police commissioners and provincial consulates who made no attempt at enforcing the law. The latter were gradually removed and others would go as proof of their inactivity was secured.

Had Strong Support

Mr. Manson had very strong support in the House. While a few members spoke, whenever a division was called there was a substantial majority for the Attorney General. The big vote to eliminate jail sentences was passed by 22 to 15. As it was in committee names were not recorded but it was noticeable that a number of Liberals opposed the fine and a number of Conservatives supported it.

Other clauses in the act did not arouse as much interest but they were criticized at some length by R. H. Pooley and others, passing, however, with good majorities. One rather outstanding incident was a statement of the attorney-general in connection with some liquor prosecutions that had gone against the government was that the magistrate and the trial judge had agreed to let the offenders go, yet the men were guilty. He was asking for the right of appeal against decisions of magistrates.

Manson's Courage
Mr. Manson, while having

rather a strenuous and trying time piloting his bill through against the wishes of some of his supporters, did not flinch at any time. His courageous manner inspired confidence. Had the opposition supporters switched at the last minute the prestige of the government would have been injured, but there was no sidestepping and no suggestion of giving way at any stage of the proceedings.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

December 19, 1912

J. Fred Ritchie arrived today by the Prince Rupert and will spend some weeks in the city. Master Robert Ritchie, who has been attending the University school in Victoria, returned with his father.

Wm. Manson, M.P.P. and family expect to leave on Friday to spend Christmas in Nanaimo.

A. J. Morris and Mrs. Morris, after an extended visit in California, returned to the city yesterday. Mr. Morris is very much improved in health as the result of the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allison will spend some days in Victoria where the parents of Mr. Allison will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

The Man in the Moon
SAYS—

IT is bad taste to wear kilts at a tobogganing party.

A MAN who would hide behind a woman's skirt nowadays would be a magician.

IT'S hard on the feet but it's a good deal easier on the coal bin.

SLUSH, slush, slush,
Mush, Mush, Mush,
Slush, Slush, Slush,
It's terrible walking
By gosh.

THERE was once a city that had a sudden thaw and the crossings were cleared off in order that pedestrians might not have to walk nearly up to their waist in slush. It was not Prince Rupert.

THE radio concerts have one good thing in their favor. You don't hear the insane remarks of some would-be wit behind.

BOBBED is a much used word. We have heard of bobbed hair now we hear of bobbed salaries.

THERE is one good thing about the short skirts. The demure young thing is not obliged to lift them when crossing the street.

IT'S funny how at Xmas time the very person who remembers you is the person you forget.

SMITH ISLAND ROCK
DELIVERY CONTRACT
NOW TO BE CLOSEDCouncil Rejects Offer of Capt.
Babington to Sell Buildings
and Equipment for \$1500

In view of the fact that the delivery of Smith Island rock to the city streets as contracted for between the city and Capt. H. B. Babington is nearly completed, the council last night authorized the mayor and city solicitor to close up the contract by paying the balance of the retention money due Capt. Babington. Outstanding accounts owed by Capt. Babington in connection with the use of the city. The contract with Capt. Babington called for the delivery of 12,640 cubic yards of rock more or less and the city engineer reported that all but 30 or 40 yards had been delivered. It was the opinion of the city solicitor and the city engineer that the contract to all intents and purposes had been fulfilled and it might be closed. On motion of Ald. Montgomery and Ald. McLeod it was decided to have the mayor and city engineer take the necessary steps to that end.

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