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The Question Of Sunday Closing.

In view of the fact that there has been a good deal of discussion locally about the recent plebiscite at Victoria on the Sunday closing question, Victoria opinions on the matter will likely prove interesting here. Some people maintain that the result of the vote was an accurate register of Victoria public opinion on the question and that it may be taken as an indication of feeling in the rest of the province. Others claim that the vote was unrepresentative because the majority of Lord's Day Alliance supporters refrained from voting. Mayor Marchant, of Victoria, who was a champion of Sunday closing, falls in with the latter view and declared in an interview that neither he nor his wife had voted on the matter and many others had done likewise on the counsel of the Lord's Day Alliance. "On the other hand," said Mayor Marchant, "a vote such as 7 to 1 against would be impossible to ignore." The matter will be discussed again by the Victoria police commission tonight. Mayor Marchant and Commissioner Stansland favored Sunday closing before and Commissioner North opposed it. Whether their actions now will be changed on account of the vote remains to be seen. In the meantime the Anti-Blue Sunday League is making an appeal to the Attorney-General to withhold prosecutions and it expects that, in view of the vote, Mr. Manson will adopt the attitude that the police commission's policy is contrary to the will of a vast majority of the citizens.

Comment Of Neutral Paper.

Editorially, the Victoria Times, which has pretty well maintained neutrality on the question, said: "The vote on the plebiscite indicated that the unofficial status of the reference did not discourage the zeal of those who organized themselves in opposition to the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act in Victoria. On the other hand it is equally obvious that the supporters of the course of the local police authorities in enforcing Sunday closing, for the most part ignored the plebiscite, so it is impossible to estimate from the count what the comparative strength of the two elements actually amounts to. The number of electors on the roll is 13,200. The total vote on the plebiscite was 4,396, so that only a third of those who are qualified to vote in a municipal election took the trouble to express their views on the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act here, so far as it was possible to give such an expression by this means. Nevertheless, the aggregate vote is larger than has usually been recorded at plebiscites in Victoria, but it must be confessed that few issues have been so energetically agitated as the Sunday closing question has been during the last fortnight. The result of the vote, of course, has no legal significance. It cannot affect the local police authorities, who, until they ascertain what the attitude of the Attorney-General will be, have no other alternative than to enforce the law as their oath of office requires them to do. Law enforcement in most British countries is not determined by plebiscites. If it were there soon would be an end of law enforcement."

View Of Anti-Blue Sunday Newspaper.

The Colonist which has been against Sunday closing, said: "An excellent register of the state of public opinion on the subject of the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act was obtained in the plebiscite. The people went to the polls regardless of the fact that the plebiscite was unofficial. They felt their right to express themselves had been challenged, and they accepted the challenge with a dour satisfaction, conscious in the strength of public opinion. The overwhelming majority against the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act in this municipality cannot be ignored, and it will be the duty of the people to carry on a campaign until their wishes have been given effect. Yesterday's vote was thoroughly representative. It was larger than the most sanguine supporters of the plebiscite believed possible at a time when no municipal election was being held. This fact indicates a determination on the part of the people of Victoria that the municipality shall not be made an example of in British Columbia as the only place where the Lord's Day Act is enforced. "We wish that the bitter feelings to which this question has given rise had never been engendered. They are unworthy of the present age. The people, obviously, are in no humor to be told abruptly that services which have been rendered to the community for so many years in a perfectly legal way are suddenly to be constituted a crime. They felt that an infringement of their liberty was intended. This method of dictation affecting a law, which is patently one of local option, does not jibe with present-day interpretation of democratic government. We hope the Attorney-General will take cognizance of the state of public opinion in this municipality and not be a party to singling out Victoria as the sole city in the Province where the Lord's Day Act is to be enforced. He has given his opinion that the enforcement of the Act is a matter of local option, and he now knows what is the choice of the people of Victoria. For the moment the matter rests there. We may assume that the Attorney-General will give a speedy decision on the subject."



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MONEY talks but a nickel doesn't stand very high in financial oratory.

THERE'S no place like home, especially when there is no other place to go to.

THERE'S a big demand for people to think up new jokes, but there's a bigger demand for someone who will think down the old ones.

WE haven't heard much about Lord Lascelles lately. Before he was married he was somebody but now he's married he's just a husband.

"WATER" said the customer, "I've found a beetle in my soup." Waiter: "Not so loud mister, if the other customers hear you they'll all want one."

OLD Mother Hubbard, Went to the cupboard, To secretly quench her thirst, But sad to relate, The old lady was late, The old man had been there first.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

May 19, 1912.

H. S. Clements, M. P., accompanied by Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P., and a party of local Conservatives including O. H. Nelson, George Kerr, George Tite, Joe Scott and Dr. Tremayne, made a trip to Port Essington on the Evelyn yesterday. The purpose of the trip was to confer with the local Conservatives of Port Essington to see what could be done toward a better mail service for that town. Returning the party called at the Haysport cold storage plant.

A fishing excursion party returned from the Eestall River Saturday afternoon. It consisted of Mrs. Demers, Miss Lelorn, Mrs. Spencer and son, of Victoria, Mrs. Frizzell, Mr. Frizzell, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Rood and Mr. Peck. They landed a good catch of trout.

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EXPERIENCE ON EASTERN EXPEDITION

Lt. Col. Warden Tells Rotary Club of British War Expedition into Persian Oil Fields.

"Before saying another thing I would like to pay tribute to the Prince Rupert men who I took away from here in the 102nd Battalion. "With due deference to all other soldiers and commanders, I never had the honor of soldiering with or commanding a finer, braver or more honest body of men than I had in the 102nd Battalion. They were a credit to Canada and their home town while serving abroad, and those of the regiment who have come back to you should be a credit to your community. "So said Lt. Col. J. W. Warden, D.S.O., O.B.E., in addressing the Rotary Club at the luncheon held yesterday in the St. Regis Cafe. In opening on his subject, "Experiences in Persia," Col. Warden said that, after having served with the 102nd Battalion in France for over twenty months, he had been chosen as one of many others to go to the Orient on a secret expedition. There was a branch of the British War Office, whose duty consisted of defeating the enemy, called the Foreign Operations Department. This branch had figured out a way to beat the Hun, and had decided it could be accomplished in 1918, if every man carried out his orders and the task allotted to him. The idea was to beat the Turk first, then the Austrian and finally the German and if their plans worked out the war would be over by October, 1918.

Work on this scheme started in November and December, 1917. The secret expedition was organized and its duty in the East was done in November, 1918. So that the War Office was not very far out in its calculations. Which accomplishment, the speaker said, went to show how thoroughly efficient and well organized the British War Office was.

Baku Expedition.

It was decided by the British authorities that an expedition was to be sent up into the vast oil areas of Baku and Persia, with headquarters at Fiftis, Russia. Many men were floating around in those regions who were to be trained by the expedition and led against the Turks to draw the latter away from General Allenby's front the idea being to split the army in Palestine. They had to gather up the arms and ammunition then lying around in the country as there were no means of getting any such things up there. The party which finally went on the expedition, known as the Dunster force, was selected from all portions of the British Empire, and included Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans and Canadians. All men selected from France were men who had served at least for one year in the trenches and were of good sound physique and absolutely reliable.

Before leaving England the men were rendezvoused in the Tower of London, so that no one would find out where they were going, enemy spies being very active in England at that time. On the way East the party went through France and the Riviera into the Italian war zone where other British troops, who were fighting with the Italians, were gathered up. On the Italian front they had guns up above the clouds on the mountains, aerial and cables were in use for transporting ammunition and the wounded. The party passed through Alexandria, Salonica, Egypt and Palestine, gathering strength as it went along and eventually arriving at Bagdad.

Magnificent Arabs

In speaking of the Arabs, Col. Warden said that in his opinion they were a magnificent race of people. An Arab was a man who would walk up to a person fearlessly and look straight in one's eye. He believed if the British could get hold of the Arabs and train them they would make the finest fighting troops the Empire could get. However, owing to the manner in which they had lived for the past 100 years, having been raided and plundered by other tribes, they

have developed into great thieves. Out there they stole rifles out of sentries' hands and would even come into the camps and steal the waterproof sheets from underneath the men. Holes had to be dug in the trenches in order to hide the rifles and the men slept on top of them.

Upon leaving Bagdad for Baku most of the party started out on foot only thirty horses being allowed them. However, in thorough colonial style they managed to gather a few more horses and supplemented the transportation facilities with camels, mules and donkeys. Owing to the intense heat most of the men suffered with sore feet. The Colonel said that owing to the men suffering so much he stopped convoys on their way up and put the men into the wagons and cars.

Baku Country Mountainous.

The country around Baku was very mountainous, similar to our own country but the mountains were very much higher and in some places the troops had to climb from 8000 to 9000 feet to get over the mountain passes. There were no roads, only camel trails which had been used for the past thousands of years by merchant camel caravans.

Upon arrival the country was found to be in a state of famine, and the people were dying at the rate of 100 per day. The refugees were collected in by the troops and placed behind to lay out roads, the women collecting small stones in baskets and throwing them on the road. For this service they were given shelter and food no money being asked for the labor.

This method of building roads was the forerunner of some splendid roads being built right from Bagdad to the Caspian Sea, and the Colonel said that when he came out the roads built were capable of carrying heavy artillery and motor trucks.

The natives were very treacherous. They would come into the camp at night and drink coffee and next day would snipe at the soldiers from behind the boulders. In that country the natives had no respect for any man who walked and all but beggars rode on camels, mules or donkeys.

Natives Treacherous.

On arrival at Aleppo they found 75,000 men under General Allenby who were there for about a month, when the Turks came up with 15 divisions and made an attack. General Allenby beating them. The Turks in turn showed fight to the Dunster force; who had pushed on but owing to their shortage in numbers and the lack of fighting spirit among the natives they lost 800 men out of 1800.

In closing the Colonel said that the British staff in London had figured this thing out months ahead. He had reason to be proud that he was a British subject. He had served with soldiers of every allied nationality but the British soldier was in a class by himself being the essence of honor and justice.

A vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Warden.

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1.00 p.m. to 2.30—FOOTBALL: England and Scotland v. Ireland and Canada.
2.30 to 3.30—BAND CONCERT and EXHIBITION by BOY SCOUTS.
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