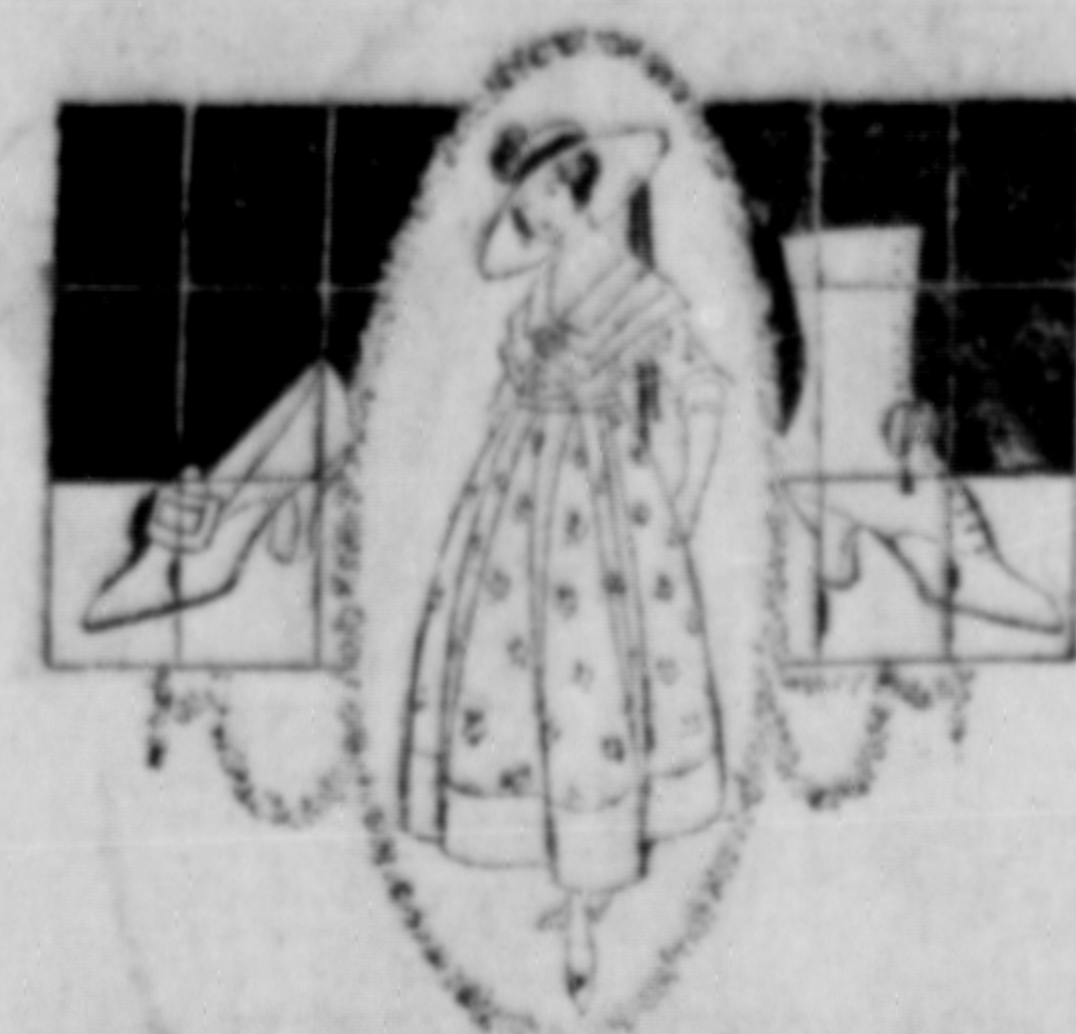




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Paterson Denies That He Paid More Than Market Value For Any Liquor

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—Searching back into the records of about the time when the Liquor Board was established, an attempt was made by R. H. Pooley, Conservative member for Esquimalt, to show that the purchasing agent had paid more than market value for liquor. Quotations were produced, but these it was shown, were all qualified and the purchasing agent stated that none of the agents were able to guarantee delivery. The board had to get whiskey and they purchased a lot that was offered from New Zealand.

Mr. Paterson asked permission to make a statement. He said he had been instructed to stock up and accordingly he was anxious to get the liquor. Some offers made were conditional on the board buying gins and other liquors as well. One man from whom he ordered 600 cases shipped only 300.

He further explained that there were ten agents trying to sell liquor for one from whom they purchased. These were complaining because they did not get any business and the ones who were getting business complained because they were not getting more. He suggested that Mr. Pooley was not fair in his questions. After Mr. Pooley had made a few of the dozens of suggestions he made to witness, Mr. Paterson said:

"I suggest to you Mr. Pooley that if you want to buy goods at a certain time you have to pay the market price. I say yet we have been buying at the lowest prices obtainable. It is absolutely wrong to state that we have been paying more than market prices."

AMENDMENTS MADE TO FORESTRY ACT

Provide for Greater Protection of Life and Property From Fire

VICTORIA, Nov. 14.—With regard to forestry protection, new legislation introduced by Hon. T. D. Pattullo provides where the safety of life and property in any section of the province is threatened through the occurrence or spread of bush fires the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by proclamation, declare that section a closed district in which all operations in, or within half a mile of any forest, shall cease forthwith until the danger is, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, abated. It also provides an obligation on every resident of the province who is aware that a fire has started or exists in any forest or wood-land to immediately notify the department. An amendment to the Act also prohibits smoking in the woods during the close season and makes it an obligation upon the person in charge of any lumbering operation to maintain notices throughout the operation calling the attention of their employees to the require-

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

ments of the Act and designating a place where their employees may smoke.

The provision covering the sharing of costs of fire fighting is being amended so that where a fire originates in a person's operation he will be responsible for the controlling of it, and will not be entitled to receive 50 per cent of his expenditures from the Forest Protection fund.

Another amendment provides that the forest protection officer of any operator, private timber holder or municipality, who has been approved by the minister, will have the same authority as an officer of the department in regard to calling out men to assist in controlling bush fires.

SUICIDE CAUSED BIG EXPLOSION

That is Conclusion Reached in Regard to Blow-up at Premier Mine

It is believed that the explosion at the Premier Mine last Sunday morning was the successful suicidal attempt of Carl Booy, an Austrian, to end his life and in doing so he injured three others and damaged a part of the mine.

G. F. Thomas, one of the men who was working near the place where the explosion occurred, was a passenger on the Prince Rupert last night when he sailed for Vancouver. He is going to Vancouver for treatment having suffered a fractured skull although he was several hundred feet away from Booy at the time.

The force of the concussion was so great that air pipes and track for a distance of about 100 feet were torn up, bent and twisted. The same fate befell the steel cars that were being pushed into the mine and in some cases they were badly shattered. It was while pushing these cars that the four men were injured.

Was Premeditated

Passengers on the Prince Rupert last night in speaking of the disaster were inclined to the belief that Booy had planned the explosion for some time. He had not spoken to his fellow workers for some time previous and was very moody.

Clifford Cox, chute man on No. 2 level, in giving evidence at the inquest stated that shortly before the accident he had taken Booy to Chute 21 and told him to load his car from it. When he was leaving the man he noted a peculiar look in his eyes but thought nothing of it at the time.

About six minutes later, when at Chute 6, he felt a shock which put the lights out. Shortly after he was told there had been an explosion and that the temporary magazine had blown up.

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On reaching the room off the tunnel that contained the powder it was found that Booy, instead of loading his car in accordance with instructions, had run his car down the track almost to the magazine.

Blown to Pieces

There were about eight barrels of powder stored in the magazine. After finding a piece of an explosive cap near the scene afterwards, the officials were inclined to the belief that Booy tried to connect this fuse with the powder but it went off. All that was found on the spot where Booy was standing was a piece of metal from his lamp, a piece of metal from a watch and a wheel which was found stuck in the rock on the other side of the tunnel. Human hair was found on the roof immediately over the spot where the powder had been and immediately under it was a piece of flesh. It is thought that this flesh came from the deceased's foot.

As it was a coroner's inquiry, no verdict was pronounced but the facts as brought out would indicate that the powder was directly exploded either by intent or accidentally.

SURPRISE PARTY ON FRIDAY NIGHT FOR MR. AND MRS. MCLEAN

Last Friday night the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. McLean, 206 Dunsinuir Street, was invaded by a number of their friends and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. Dancing, games and music was the order of the evening and at midnight delightful refreshments were served, these being provided by the guests. The party broke up in the wee small hours.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. M. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. H. McGlinchy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fortune, Mrs. A. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kilday and J. Kilday.

SEAPLANE PUT UP AT JUNEAU FOR WINTER

Aviator Roy Jones Stores Northbird and Leaves for Ketchikan

JUNEAU, Dec. 9.—The seaplane Northbird has been disassembled and put up in the Union Machine Works building here for the winter. Roy Jones, the owner of the Northbird, said he had decided it would be best to put up the plane here than attempt to fly to Ketchikan, where he has a hangar for the plane.

Jones left here for his home in Ketchikan for the winter. In the spring he will return for his plane, when he expects to have a new motor installed.

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Sport Chat

As the result of a meeting held last week at Terrace, the Terrace Athletic Club was formed. M. Hatt was in the chair and C. W. Wilkinson, formerly of Prince Rupert, was chosen secretary pro tem. It was decided to start the season with a dance to be held in the G.W.V.A. Hall on Christmas night. The proceeds of the dance will be utilized for the provision of the necessary equipment for a basketball team, and also help in inaugurating a gymnasium. The basketball players hope to enter the career of the team with an engagement early in the New Year. At a meeting to be held on Friday, December 29, officers will be elected and a general program arranged.

The Smithers hockey team is endeavoring to arrange a game with some outside team for New Year's Day, probably Burns Lake or Vanderhoof. In the evening the annual dance of the Club will be held in the town hall, to which all members of Telkwa baseball, football and hockey teams and tennis players have received an invitation. The Smithers hockey outfit are anxiously waiting an opportunity to get on the ice, and are confident of being able to repeat last year's successful season. Practically the entire team of last year will try out for positions this year, but new players and several coming youngsters will make this a harder task than last year.

The horse is finding its way back to popularity in the United States as an adjunct to sport. Five polo fours, five new horse shows, a hunt club and a saddle and bridle club with five acres of stables and grounds, are among the more recent additions to pastimes in which equestrianism figures in Buffalo.

The club house of the Saddle and Bridle Club, located on the site occupied by the Pan-American exposition, is said to be one of the largest privately owned riding enclosures in the United States. It is of the Tudor style of architecture, the stables surrounding a huge enclosed ring under a glass roof. Polo will be played in the ring during the winter months.

PROGRAM OF BASKETBALL

Dec. 12.—Kaiana vs. Adanaes; Elks vs. Grotto; Golts vs. S.O.C.	
Dec. 15.—Maple Leafs vs. Kaiana; Grotto vs. K.C.'s; Elks vs. Golts.	
Dec. 19.—Adanaes vs. Maple Leafs; Golts vs. Elks; S.O.C. vs. Elks.	
Dec. 22.—Kaiana vs. Adanaes; Grotto vs. Golts; Golts vs. S.O.C.	
The standings to date follow:	
Senior League	
Sons of Canada	4 1 8
Golts	3 1 6
Elks	0 5 0
Intermediate	
K of C.	3 1 6
Elks	2 1 4
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