Notice re Charge Accounts

Our month will end on day, Sept. 28th. All goods rchased on Saturday will charged through our oks as on October account. We do this to avoid ngestion of business on first day of the month d to permit of getting out onthly statements without lay.

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lbs. Kitwanga Turnips.
lbs. Kitwanga Carrots.
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reen Tomatoes for Pickling

We will have another ipment of Cedarvale reen Tomatos arriving iday afternoon.

Our price, **5 lb. for 25c.**

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nall Pickling Cukes, 2 doz. for **25c.**

own Pickling Onions, 2 lb. for **25c.**

rge Heads Celery, 2 for **25c.**

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een Peppers, 2 lb. for **35c.**

d Cabbage, per lb. **8c.**

rge Cucumbers, each **5c.**

ubarb — We have a belated shipment of Rhubarb just in which we are going to clear out at 6 lb. for **25c.**

ubbard Squash, per lb. **6c.**

umpkin, medium sizes, lb. **6c.**

eg. Marrow, per lb. **6c.**

ancy Citron, per lb. **8c.**

yslop Crabapples (the kind you have been waiting for), 3 lb. for **25c.**

Packed in 40 lb. Pear boxes, **$2.75.**

weet Potatoes, 2 lb. for **25c**

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COMBINATION SPECIAL.

anned Fruits, 4 Tins for $1.00.

Your choice 1 Tin each any of the following es:

aker Strawberries, 1's, talls.
l Monte Bartlett Pears, 1's, talls.
l Monte Sliced Peaches, 1's, talls.
msterly Blackberries, 2's.
msterly Crabapples, 2½'s

4 Tins for $1.00.

. 1 Japan Rice, 4 lb. for **35c.**; 12 lb. for **$1.00**; 50 lb. sack, **$3.75.**

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COMBINATION SPECIAL.

anned Vegetables, 7 Tins for $1.00.

Tins Tomatos, 2's.
Tin Corn, 2's.
Tin Peas, 2's.
Tin Golden Wax Beans.
Tin Refugee Beans, 2's.

Special, 7 for $1.00.

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HON. JOHN OLIVER PLAYS HAVOC WITH CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

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that the Conservatives had only three members of the nine on the public accounts committee. Three was a little over their proportion with a representation of 14 in a House of 47. The opposition alleged wrong doing in the matter of expenditures. Public accounts were available to them through the committee but in the six years of the present administration they (the Conservatives) had never reported the wrongful expenditure of a single dollar.

No Wrong Doing

"I say there is either no wrong doing or Mr. Bowser and his associates in the House have absolutely failed in their duty in not reporting it to the legislature.

"Now I must come to another phase. Why do we not stop and talk to the common people like they do? I am sure that you must have been pleased with the condecension of the leader of the opposition in descending to talk with you. I myself do not need to descend. I am one of the common people and always was. I would rather be the leader of the common people than an attorney general depending on a college education. I have worked in the ditch along with the Chinaman, I have worked as a logger in the woods, I have worked as an axeman with a survey and I have worked on a threshing machine for 36 years. I have gone through the whole mill and have no sympathy with the man who thinks he is on a pedestal and is performing an act of condescension in talking with the common people.'

Referring to the possibility of an election being held, Mr. Oliver said he had no doubt one would come in due course. He did not, however, know when and if he did he was not sure that he would tell.

"Mr. Bowser told you he hoped the government would start a road here before the next election so that he could finish it. He did not tell you, however, that he would start it if he were premier. He did not tell you, I suppose, that the government would have to borrow money if it were to be started or that he had condemned the government for borrowing money for necessary public works. When he says that he hopes the government will build the road, he hold two positions that cannot be reconciled.

Mr. Oliver referred to the fact that the Conservative government during the last six years of office had increased the public debt by $19,000,000, had taken millions of dollars out of Northern and Central B.C. but had built no roads.

Entitled to Road

"I agree that you ought to have a road and that you are entitled to it just as much as they are entitled to roads in Vancouver or any other part of the south. It will be the policy of the government to give you that road just as soon as our finances permit. Some of my Liberal friends here before this meeting told me that the road has already been delayed too long, but financial difficulties are great and we must put the money where it will give the best return. I know that policy does not give perfect equity but there was only one man who came to earth that was perfect and he was hanged to a tree."

Mr. Oliver said there seemed no reason why Prince Rupert should not also have an elevator. Prince Rupert was the most natural and most economic channel for the shipment of grain from the Edmonton district to the Orient.

The premier referred at length to the freight rates fight and declared that in two years he had accomplished more towards equalization of discriminatory rates than the Conservatives had done in thirten years. Some concessions had already been obtained and he expected within thirty days more would be announced. The concessions already obtained, it was authoratively declared, had been worth at least $2,000,000 to the province.

Famous General

In a humorous vein, Mr. Oliver referred to the recent visit here of the famous General —"the leader of the light brigade, the general who had been famous anywhere except on the battlefront." The idea that the Pacific Great Eastern had been saddled on the province in 1918 and had created a great betrayal framed by two bad men—Oliver and Bowser—only existed in the diseased imagination of some person. It was like the lion and lamb lying down together or the combination of water or fire except in a steam boiler. Mr. Oliver referred to General McRae's millions of dollars made through the sale of lands on the prairies, the sight of which now made the heart ache. There was nothing to his credit in making the millions as he had done. The sale of the Port Mann townsite and the incorporation of the Canadian North Pacific Whaling Co. were examples of his financing. These were official records of his "efficiency, honesty and service to the people."

"This is only a bolt chaser for General McRae. I think I can give him all he wants before he gets through."

T. Ross Mackay rose to ask Mr. Oliver why he had not met General McRae. The premier said he would meet Gen. McRae at his (Oliver's) own convenience not General McRae's. "The business of the people of British Columbia is my first charge." (Applause).

Answering at length Mr. Bowsers charges regarding finances, Mr. Oliver said Mr. Bowser had neglected to say when he declared that his government had obtained as good results with $6,000,000 as had the Liberals with $18,000,000 that they had spent ten millions when their estimated revenue was six. In one year, 1906, the revenue had jumped up from $3,600,000 to $12,000,000 by means of land sales. In 1911 the government had cut off its bonded indebtedness and had a surplus left but had gone behind $19,900,000 in six years. Mr. Bowser did not tell that when the Conservative govenment went out in 1916 it had $50,000 in the treasury and over $4,000,000 to pay. Not only that but they had felt a contingent liability for railway guarantees to the extent of over $74,000,000. Twenty million dollars of this in 1917 had become an active liability and that year the government paid interest of $1,653,000. Had it not been for the federal government the whole $74,000,000 would have been an active liability today. Only after a most thorough investigation had the government (reluctantly decided there was nothing else to do but take over the P.G.E.

Support Oliver

"The P.G.E. agreement was adopted by the government without a word of opposition from the Conservative members. That is the record of Mr. Bowser who asks you to return him to power. I do not believe there is much choice between Bowser and McRae. The only wise course is to support Oliver."

On March 1, 1922, the government had cash on hand and in sinking fund $10,075,000, and a bonded debt of $61,851,000. The debt since 1916 had been increased by $32,924,000. This was the actual figure and not 50 or 60 million dollars. Of this increase $6,189,000 was accounted for in interest on the Pacific Great Eastern debt, loss in operation and maintenance and operation, $1,546,000, construction, $7,667,000, equipmet, $581,000, steel rails and train equipment, $1,759,000, waterworks and workmen's houses, $273,000; right of way, $900,000—a total of $18,000,000—a legacy from the Conservative government.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that the taking over of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, described by General McRae, as "the great betrayal," had been approved by Dr. J. W. McIntosh, then M.P. in the legislature and John Nelson editorially in the Vancouver World. Both were now active members of the Provincial party using "the great betrayal" as their strongest campaign material.

Of the balance of the increase in public debt, $3,600,000 was accounted for by the Land Settlement Board, $1,025,000 by the department of industries, $1,475,000 by loans for irrigation, etc. Out of the $32,000,000 only $3,000,000 had been actually used for strictly governmental purposes and that was borrowed under the Highway Act.

Speaking of the proposed gasoline tax, Mr. Oliver suggested a system of rebate which could be used to protect fishermen of Prince Ruperi.

Referring to Mr. Bowser's criticism of the Civil Service, Mr. Oliver said in the last year of Mr. Bowser's regime it had cost $1,600,000 but if everything that should be properly taken in account was included it should have been $2,175,000. Mr. Bowser said the present annual cost was $3,800,000. This was not fact. It was really $2,910,000 or an increase of $800,000 over the last year under Mr. Bowser. This was accounted for in a number of increased services such as the free labor bureaus, department of labor and department of industries but the biggest item was the general increase of salaries between 1916 and the present time which were unavoidable.

Decreased Percentage

"If you take the civil service list of 1916-17 you will find that it amounted to 34½ per cent of the revenue in the last year in the Bowser government. Last year under the Oliver government it amounted to a fraction over 17 per cent of the revenue.

Mr. Oliver predicted that this would be the last time Mr. Bowser would appeal to the people. If he was rejected in the next election his own party would turn him out as they had already threatened to do.

The premier charged Mr. Bowser with not referring to the building of the court house while speaking here. In other parts of the province he held it up as one of the most glaring examples of the Oliver government's extravagance. This came from a member of the government which at the original sale of town lots had promised a building that would cost twice as much as the one built. He (Oliver) had at first objected to building such a building here but Mr. Pattullo had shown him the promises of the McBride government and its plans and he had been faced with the position that the government must either make good or return to the people the money which had been obtained under false pretences at the sale of lots.

Inconsistency

"We have made our mistakes and have not done things we might have done but in nearly every instance where attacks are directed against us Mr. Bowser and his colleagues have voted money for the expenditure criticized. I think you will agree with me that they should show some consistency instead of attacking the government for spending money that they sanctioned and approved. We have tried to do the best we could under difficult conditions and that will continue to be our policy. If, however, you withdraw your confidence, I still have my farm and clam beach. I am not dependent on the salary of a premier to maintain me the balance of my lifetime."

Before the meeting dispersed, T. Ross Mackay suggested that Mr. Oliver might have taken up equilization of steamboat freight rates between Prince Rupert and adjoining points as compared with Vancouver. Mr. Oliver replied that this was a matter for the Dominion government. Mr. Mackay then started in on a defence of General McRae but he was drowned out in cheers for the premier preceding the closing of the meeting with the singing of the National Anthem.

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High	2:31 a.m.	19.5	ft.
	14:41 p.m.	20.4	"
Low	8:35 a.m.	5.3	"
	20:58 p.m.	4.3	"
Friday, September 28.			
High	3:14 a.m.	19.0	ft.
	15:12 p.m.	19.8	"
Low	9:06 a.m.	6.0	"
	21:31 p.m.	4.8	"
Saturday, September 29			
High	3:48 a.m.	18.2	ft.
	15:45 p.m.	19.3	"
Low	9:39 a.m.	7.0	"
	22:08 p.m.	5.6	"
Sunday, September 30.			
High	4:25 a.m.	17.3	ft.
	16:21 p.m.	18.6	"
Low	10:15 a.m.	8.0	"
	22:50 p.m.	6.2	"
Monday, October 1.			
High	5:11 a.m.	16.3	ft.
	17:03 p.m.	17.7	"
Low	10:56 a.m.	8.9	"
	23:41 p.m.	6.9	"
Tuesday, October 2			
High	6:09 a.m.	15.2	ft.
	17:56 p.m.	17.0	"
Low	11:46 a.m.	9.7	"

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