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Useless To Speculate On Political Situation.

It is useless to speculate on the present political situation until complete returns are in and the party leaders have had a chance to confer in regard to it. What seems clear is that the government must go on and that it will be the duty of the groups to get together and see that there is no check to the progress of the province. This is to be assumed will be done. Very soon it should be possible to speak more freely in regard to the peculiar situation that has developed.

The defeat of the two leaders, Oliver and Bowser, make necessary the choosing of others to take their places. There is a possibility that a seat may be found for Premier Oliver, but that seems hardly likely. It would seem rather as if he would retire from political life. Possibly before this goes to press an announcement may be received from him as to his future course.

Forgot Elections, Went Outdoors.

Yesterday almost all the people of Prince Rupert decided to forget the elections and went out to the beaches, the Salt Lake and other points of interest in the district. It was noticeable that Conservatives mixed freely with Liberals and Provincials and Labor people and that there were no divisions caused by the recent political rivalry. That is as it should be. A political campaign should cause no more ill feeling than rivalry in football or baseball. We are all looking for the same progress, only we look for it in a different way.

Fox Farming This Coast.

Fox farming should be one of the future industries on this coast. Despatches tell of the good sale of blue fox pelts in London. These came from the fox ranches of Alaska where the fox farms have become an institution. The British Columbia islands are just as good for the purpose as the Alaska islands and in the near future there is reason to believe that a number of fur farms will be established on the B.C. section of this coast.

Raising Sheep On The Islands.

It is said that sheep might be successfully raised on the islands of this coast. Some good results have been obtained in a small way but more might be done even without the expenditure of vast sums in clearing land. Possibly the grazing of sheep may help to keep down the moss and prevent the second growth of timber although goats would be much more effective in this respect.

POLICE BROKE UP UKRAINIAN PICNIC

Discovered Leaders Using Gambling Devices to Raise Money For Propaganda

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 21—While the members of the radical wing of the Ukrainian Labor party of Fort William held a supposedly innocent picnic at Murphy park, police swept in and discovered the leaders of the organization running gambling devices, one of the methods used in amassing sums of money for Bolshevik propaganda.

Two arrests were made, the leaders being brought to the Fort William jail. Tried, both men were fined, although a more serious charge could have and may be laid. Following the news last week of a systematic plan by the reds to raise large sums of money, closer scrutiny is being kept on their activities by the local authorities, whose own actions are being kept secret at present.

FOREST RANGER WAS WISE MAN

Interesting Essay by Miss Miss Nancy B. Preece of Driftwood in Provincial Competition

Of all the pioneers of the Rainbow River district, probably the wisest, if not the oldest, was Sam Sheen, district ranger. He was a type of character rarely seen. His love for his work gave him the nickname of "Evergreen Sam" and the originator must have had more of a sense of truth than humor.

As he walked along this night with the smell of sweet resin in his nostrils and the firs swaying on the breeze, he was meditating, and his face wore a puzzled expression. He wanted to awaken peoples' interest in his beloved forests and was wondering how to do so. Tonight, towards this end, he was going to conduct a meeting, his subject being "The Preservation of Forests." Entering the hall he ascended the platform. His hopes sank as he looked at the disinterested faces before him. Making a resolute effort he started:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here tonight to discuss the "Preservation of Forests."

Subject of Worry

"First let me state that in the last few years the frequent outbreak of fires has been a subject of worry to all interested in the forest wealth. If any of these fires did good instead of harm no one would complain. Fires are started in different ways. Only fourteen per cent of these are caused by natural agencies, eighty-six per cent being caused by campers, smokers, railroads and settlers. Naturally some will exclaim, "So there's the chief trouble!" but the small percent of fires caused by settlers are usually started for a purpose, while pleasure seekers; who, in pursuit of their joys forget such things as lighted matches or discarded cigarettes, cause harmful fires.

"After the fires we consider their effect on the whole province,—they mar the scenic beauty, reduce the natural resources, and lessen the public revenue by destroying a large amount of timber, which, if left, would have produced poles, ties and lumber. This lessens the royalty money gathered from lumber and timber industries, which is used in improving the country, reduces labor and causes unnecessary expense.

Loss of Life

"Fires also cause a huge loss of animal life, which is affecting the fur trade, decreases the country's wealth, and threatens the Indians' main means of a livelihood. It is impossible for animals to thrive and increase under these conditions.

"Most consideration must be given to the prevention of forest fires. Anyone can extinguish a fire in its early stages; at one time a man could have extinguished the fiercest fire ever known. The four principal ways of fire prevention are—carefulness, reporting of unwatched fires, quick action and back firing. You will doubtless understand the good to be obtained by preventing fires. Thanking you for your undivided attention I hope we will all profit by this little talk."

When "Evergreen Sam" started his speech, his audience gave him only slight attention, but his sincerity and enthusiasm won the peoples' interest so that at the end all enlisted on the side of "Evergreen Sam" and his cause. After this there were no fires due to carelessness in this district, and the ranger thanked God who had given him the inspiration on that memorable night.

Note—The foregoing essay was awarded first prize for Senior grade pupils of schools in this district in the provincial government's recent forestry essay competition, Nancy B. Preece of Driftwood Creek near Smithers, who wrote it is 15 years of age and her teacher is Miss Kate McKay.

MARY ELLEN SMITH

Lady member for Vancouver who was beaten in Friday's election

HUDSON BAY OR PRINCE RUPERT

Edmonton Paper Argues In Favor of Development of This Port

Under the heading "Hudson Bay and Rupert," the Edmonton Journal quotes H. A. Lovett of Montreal in opposition to the Hudson Bay Railway. That gentleman says that not one westerner in 500 wants the Hudson Bay railway proceeded with.

The paper goes on to say that sentiment for the Hudson Bay railway is not anything like as strong as formerly and points out many of its disadvantages. It then says:

"The fact that eastern business interests have not opposed the development of the route by way of the Pacific but have given it much encouragement, is a complete answer to those who charge then with being unmindful of the welfare of the west because they cannot agree with the advocates of the Hudson Bay route. Mr. James Carruthers, a leading Montreal grain exporter, can see no advantage to be gained in opening up the latter. He is quite as convinced of the service which will be performed by the former as is any citizen of Alberta or British Columbia. Not only has he applauded what has been done to facilitate shipments by way of Vancouver, but during the past week he has described the decision of the government to establish a terminal grain elevator at Prince Rupert as economically sound. He holds that grain shipment on a large scale by way of the Bay is an impossibility and that it would be far better to use the money which would be required for the completion of the railway in the building up of the traffic through the northern British Columbia port."

EDUCATION SURVEY TESTS BEING MADE

Members of the Commission are Already at Work and Will Discuss Finance During Holidays

VICTORIA, June 23.—Survey of British Columbia's education system is getting under way this weeks with tests to determine the standing and knowledge of pupils in the public schools. Dr. J. H. Putman, of Ottawa, chairman of the commission appointed by the Provincial government to carry out the survey, has arranged to conduct a series of tests here and in Vancouver schools during the next ten days. These tests were used by Dr. Putman with success in Ottawa, and will show the relative standing of the children in the East and here.

Dr. Putman and his colleague, Dr. G. M. Weir of the B.C. University Faculty, plan to concentrate their attention on classroom work during the next two weeks and to devote themselves to other phases of the education system during the Summer vacation when there will be no opportunity to meet the children in their classes.

In the vacation months the investigating commissioners will go into the financial questions which they have been instructed to review. They will hold sessions in various parts of the Province in order to meet public bodies interested in education and so secure the views of the general public on school reform.

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TWO SMALLPOX CASES FOUND IN KETCHIKAN

Two cases of smallpox in Ketchikan have been reported to the authorities by a physician, and steps are being taken to prevent a spread of the disease says the Ketchikan, Alaska, Chronicle in a belated number.

Where the smallpox came has not been determined. One of the patients recently came from Wrangell, but the other has been in Ketchikan for months.

According to physicians the first symptoms of smallpox are like the measles, chickenpox or many other so-called children's diseases. To prevent the spread of the disease people who become afflicted with any of these symptoms should, it is pointed out, consult a physician for their own sake and for that of the community. As yet there is no apparent danger of any epidemic but this is no reason why every precaution should not be taken.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

THOSE who wish to be among this year's June brides will have to hurry. There's only seven more days.

BOBBED hair has put a crimp on free speech in the barber shop.

MANY aviators have made high flying records but nothing like as high as the cost of living seems to a young couple who are anxious to entertain a lot.

THERE is a difference between a nervous person and a person with too much nerve.

THERE'S one thing nobody seems to lose and that is a bad reputation.

F. A. PAULINE

Speaker of the Legislature was defeated Friday in Saanich

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