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Putting Crimp In Mail Order Houses.

Mail order houses are not doing the business they did once. With the development in local centres and the influence of keen competition and persistent advertising, mail houses are losing their grip. People like to buy where they can see the goods and have something more than a catalogue choice.

Take Prince Rupert as an example. Here there has been a much greater development in the retail business than is generally thought. Prices have dropped until they compare favorably with those of other places and in many cases are as low as the mail order houses.

As the city grows, the development along these lines will be even greater. Daily we are becoming more like other cities and the feeling of being in a frontier city with frontier prices is being eliminated.

One reason for the mail order success has been due to the persistent advertising they have done. Their expensive catalogues have been scattered far and wide at tremendous cost. The goods they sell have to pay for all that expense. Yet they have been able to make profits. If local merchants advertised as persistently through the newspapers or other sources, the mail houses would have their business still further restricted. Some houses are already doing that and have themselves worked up a good mail order business with outside places. It is they who have been the chief factors in putting the crimp in the mail order business.

Washington Legislators Visit B.C. Parliament.

On Thursday the members of the Washington state legislature were the guests of the British Columbia legislature for a few hours during which they heard the minister of finance deliver his budget speech, they saw bills voted on and passed and signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and they would have explained to them the elastic nature of the constitution of this country as compared with the rigid system of their own.

These international visits tend toward unity of purpose. They help us to see the advantages and disadvantages of each system. Doubtless the members of the B.C. Legislature learned a good deal from their visitors and the result is an added interest in the affairs of each other generally.

Progressive Gain In Peace River.

The Progressives have gained a seat in Peace River, which offsets the one that went Conservative recently. It is one more indication that the present government is likely to remain in power. The administration of the country must go on and the country certainly does not want another election. The only option is for the Mackenzie King government to continue.

We do not want to seem to be trying to lull the opposition into a condition of somnolence until an election is sprung for with such a small majority as the government will have it must be admitted that carrying on will be a difficult task. At the same time it is not good for the country that it should be in an everlasting condition of turmoil. The election is over and some people do not seem to realize the fact. Let us talk about something else. There is work to be done in this constituency other than political. This is the time to be doing it.

City Manager To Be Made Possible.

It seems as if it will be possible for Prince Rupert to have a city manager if the citizens so decide. A bill is before the British Columbia Legislature providing for it but it has not yet passed. However, the legislative committee has approved it and it is likely to become law.

A great many cities are using the city manager system with good results. Possibly there have been a few failures, largely because political influences were too strong to be overcome by any system. If it is a better system of government of cities, and the preponderance of opinion seems to favor it, we should not hesitate to adopt it here.

Traveller Tells of Visits to Druse Tribesmen who are Much in Public Eye Today

They Are Fighting Men Who Believe Gate to Better Life is to Die Fighting for Liberty: Believe in Reincarnation

Today there is a struggle going on in Syria in which the Druse Tribesmen and the French are principally concerned. Z. D. Ferriman, in the Manchester Guardian, tells about these people and of frequent visits made to their homes. He says:

The first Druse I ever saw was a boy, a servant at an hotel at Haifa. He was a bright, engaging little fellow, so different in type and manners from the people of the place that I asked his nationality.

"Are the Druses nice people?" I inquired of his master.

"How can they be nice when they are not of the true religion?" was the reply.

The speaker was a Syrian Protestant.

Shortly afterwards I found myself at Dahlieh, one of the two Druse villages on Mount Carmel. It was the first time I had been in a place where there was neither church nor mosque nor synagogue, and the absence struck me as singular. The katwehs, or meeting houses of the Druses, bear no outward sign distinguishing them from an ordinary dwelling, and they are not frequented by the whole population, but only by the initiates. They are "tiled" like a Masonic lodge, and none can normally enter save those who have a right to do so by virtue of their initiation. On certain occasions strangers are admitted, but not to worship. Of the nature of the ceremony no one has yet given an adequate account.

Calf Worship

The vulgar notion, both among Christian and Moslem Syrians, is that the Druses practise calf worship, for which there are no better grounds than for that of the ancients that the early Christians worshipped an ass. It is the result of the secrecy with which the Druses surround their religion. They seek no converts, and if questioned about it ask what is the faith of the questioner. If the reply is "Christian" or "Moslem," the rejoinder is "So am I." Some of their tenets, however, are known.

My object was to pass the night at Dahlieh, and I had no difficulty in finding shelter. Indeed, the offer was made without any effort on my part, for hospitality is a sacred duty with the Druses, in common with most other Orientals. So I found myself installed in a household differing in no way visible to me from an Arab one of the better class—the broad divan running round two sides of the room, the floor covered with grass matting, scrupulously clean, the capacious cupboards in the walls, from which in due time were drawn the mattress and quilted coverlet which composed my bed. But there was a difference in the human element.

Women Unveiled

In a Moslem household the women would have been strictly veiled, and in a Christian one they would have kept their own apartment, and would not have shown themselves without being partially veiled. Here the women who ministered to me at supper with uncovered faces moved freely about the place with no sign of concern. And they were very comely—tall, stately, with something of the dignity of a Roman matron, according to the conventional acceptance of the phrase. Only they took no part in the conversation.

On this subject of veiling I have read somewhere that Druse women remain strictly veiled even in the presence of visitors of their own sex. This astonishes me, for neither here on Carmel nor afterwards in the Anti-Lebanon and the Jebel Hauran, where I have enjoyed Druse hospitality, have the women concealed their faces.

I don't know how this particular household was composed. Probably it consisted of brothers and their spouses, for the Druses are monogamous. The men talked, but only so far as courtesy demanded. The keynote of the establishment was gravity and dignity. The repast they served differed in no way from that of the rest of the inhabitants of Syria. There was lamb, roasted on the spit, the kebab, universal in the East, and grapes and leben sour milk, served on a round platter placed on a low stool. Horn spoons were used for the sour milk. The rest of the viands were consumed by the aid of nature's implements

alone. My hosts, male and female, bade me a courteous farewell next morning—refusing reward. But I placed a guerdon in the hand of one of the children, knowing something of Eastern manners.

Like English

No gift is more prized by a Druse than an English florin bearing the effigy of Queen Victoria. It appears that in the settlement after the disturbances in Syria in 1860 Lord Dufferin, the British High Commissioner, did something I do not remember what, which greatly pleased them, and a Briton is always welcome among them. They have long memories.

These Druses on Carmel are isolated from the mass of their compatriots. They are more numerous on Hermon, where I visited them in later years, but the bulk of them are settled on the volcanic range beyond the red plateau of Hauran, and there is a tendency for the other centres to migrate there. I saw the Druses last in that region in 1907, when going from Deraa to Salkhad over some of the ground which has been the scene of recent fighting. A stronghold of theirs is the Lejah, that strange volcanic outcrop on the plain which looks like a low black cliff but when approached reveals itself as a corrugated tract of basalt and lava penetrated by a labyrinth of gorges whose secret is known only to the inhabitants. It was there that the Egyptian army under Ibrahim Pasha was defeated, with a loss of 15,000 men, and in 1852 the Turks, under Kibriyly Pasha, met with a similar fate.

Death No Terrors

The Druses are all armed from the age of fifteen. Of their valor they have given constant proofs. Death has no terrors for them, for they are convinced that it is the gate to another and a better life if they die fighting for their liberty. One tenet, and perhaps the strongest, in their religion is that of reincarnation, which looks as though they had some connection with India. They themselves say that they once lived in China, and some maintain that they will live there again. Some also aver that they remember former lives. Unlike Christians and Mohammedans, they do not practise prayer and fasting. They say that truth is better than prayer. They quarrel with no religion, but believe their own is the best. They believe in God who is one and incomprehensible, but who has manifested Himself in successive incarnations of which the Fatimite Khalif Hanzan in the tenth century was the last. Those who live on Carmel revere the prophet Elijah and visit the traditional cave under the Carmelite convent above Haifa.

When I last talked with Druses, in 1907 in the Hauran, they told me that some of them had emigrated to America, which greatly surprised me. Physically they are the strongest and handsomest race in Syria, where in the mountains the standard is high.

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They know no tongue but Arabic, and are probably the result of a migration from Arabia. No people in the variegated population of that country is so capable of enlisting the sympathies of Englishmen as the truth-telling, valorous Druse. His virtues are knightly.

THE MAN IN THE MOON

SAYS:

THE girl she wink
A wicked wink
Quicker than any
Man could think,
Fascinated he
Became her slave
He's now an idiot
Learning to rave.

DE Wolf Hopper has married six times and yet we have not heard of many women who are trying to keep De Wolf from the door.

IT'S rather sad to think the Anti-Conservative majority is increasing. It seems to me hardly fair for the Liberals to hold on when they were supposed to have been beaten.

A WINNIPEG paper says two women walked a thousand miles and then arrived at Vancouver. It suggests that was a terrible place to arrive at after going so far.

JAKE says he hears one of the visiting parsons here the other day went to sleep while the other was preaching. Apparently the parsons do not like to take their own medicine.

YOU remember about those apples that sold for five hundred dollars a box in Toronto. It was the freight rates that made them so expensive.

WRINKLE, wrinkle, little star,
That's the sort of girl you are:
Drawing salary so high,
Spending it at night, oh fie!

Ten Years Ago

in Prince Rupert

November 28, 1915.

Hon. George C. Cole, United States consul at Prince Rupert, is on a visit to his old home in West Virginia. He expects to retire from the consular service and resume law practice.

F. H. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries, and D. N. McIntyre, deputy minister of fisheries for the provincial government, will visit Prince Rupert next week. Local interests are making plans to take up several grievances with them.

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital today to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parkin, 855 Borden Street.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on north shore of Shannon Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE that James Fielding Strang and Robert C. Gosse, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation claimants, intend to apply for a lease of the following described fore-shore at Shannon Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands—

Commencing at a post planted on the shore of Shannon Bay about 500 feet in a south-westerly direction from south-west corner of Lot 1548, said post being north-east corner of an application to purchase by Jas. Fielding Strang; thence south-westerly following high water mark of Shannon Bay about 700 feet to a post 950 feet south and 767 feet west of south-west corner of Lot 1548; thence west 128.5 feet to the high water mark of an island being an application to lease by Robert C. Gosse; thence northerly, westerly and south-westerly following the high water mark of said island to a point 929 feet south and 1153 feet west of south-west corner 1548; thence west 400 feet; thence north 530 feet, more or less; thence east 956 feet, more or less, to the point of commencement, and containing 8 acres, more or less.

ROBT. GOSSE and JAS. FIELDING STRANG, Applicants.
Per W. M. G. Mitchell, Agent.
Dated November 10th, 1925.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land in Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Coast Range 5, and situate on North Hachuel Island.

TAKE NOTICE that Alfred Swanson, of Prince Rupert, occupation claimant, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands—

Commencing at a post planted on the south point of North Hachuel Island; thence around high water mark to the point of commencement, and containing 30 acres, more or less.

ALFRED SWANSON, Applicant.
A. E. Wright, Agent.
Dated October 26th, 1925.

CASSIAR LAND DISTRICT.

Recording District of Telegraph Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that John Jacob Fowler, of Great Glacier, Stikine, rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of the Stikine River, near the Great Glacier, at southeast corner; thence running north 20 chains; thence in a westerly direction 20 chains; thence in an easterly direction 20 chains, to commencement point.
Dated August 21st, 1925.
JOHN JACOB FOWLER.



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