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CONSERVATIVE SITUATION

The local Conservatives seem to find the situation a rather difficult one. Last year S. M. Newton announced his candidature as a supporter of Dr. Tolmie. Then pressure was brought to bear on him to induce him to withdraw and to await the verdict of a convention of the district. This he did and since that time has been very busy registering voters and making a personal canvass both in the city and at other points. He is said to have a strong support among Conservatives who think the nomination is due to him and that he is the most likely man to put up a good fight against the minister of lands.

There is also talk of importing a man, of choosing a man from one of the outside districts, or of inducing one of the local stalwarts to enter the lists. Possibly it may be necessary to bring the Conservative leader, R. H. Pooley, here to settle the matter.

STUMPS AT WESTVIEW

Stumps on the boulevards at Westview are an annoyance to the residents. When the right of way for the streets was cleared some of the big stumps were left at the side of the road and there they are today, making it very difficult for the people to improve their gardens.

Westview promises to be very busy this summer. Seven or eight people at the very least are planning to build new homes there and all will want to have gardens. It is because of the beautiful location there that they have chosen it. What they are now asking is that the city shall co-operate along lines suggested by the parks board and have the stumps removed or burned. Possibly the city is only waiting for fine weather to undertake the work.

WHY ALWAYS HOSTILE?

Why are the Conservative leaders at Ottawa always waving the flag and yet showing themselves hostile to Great Britain or to other parts of the Empire? Yesterday a despatch came through by the Canadian Press service showing both R. B. Bennett and Hugh Guthrie, leader and former leader, objecting to concessions to Great Britain in regard to the woollen trade. They do not seem to believe in giving Britain any preference in our markets.

Similarly they are always objecting to the Australian treaty under which British Columbia products find a market in Australia and the Empire is drawn closer by one part trading with the other. It reminds one of the former position of the English people who bought all their goods from United States while professing to be imperialists. Now the English people have changed. They are ready and willing to do business with us. Australia, too, is anxious to trade. Why shut the door against them?

CONSERVATIVES AND NAVY

Again we notice that the party which waves the flag on every possible occasion does nothing in regard to a Canadian navy. It was the Liberal party under Laurier that first started to form a navy and when that party was defeated at the polls, tenders had already been received for the building of naval ships in Canada. Then came the Conservatives who cancelled all contracts and upset the Laurier policy and suggested making a contribution of money to the British navy. This was voted down by the Senate and since that time not a word has been said in favor of a Canadian naval policy.

Now people are beginning to realize that Canada should do her share in national defence but Bennett, the Conservative leader, is silent in regard to it.

We are not very keen on militarism but when it comes to flag waving, the Conservative leaders are always to the front. It is only when considering a practical policy for welding the Empire or increasing the naval strength that they fall down. Many will think their inaction is right, but if so, the Tories do not admit it, or cease waving the flag.

Liberals have never been very enthusiastic for a real defence policy but they have made no professions. They were not the ones who shouted against trade with the United States in 1911. They have been fairly consistent and any steps for the navy have been taken by them and not by the present opposing party.

WHAT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN

As Told to Harold C. Burr By FANNIE HURST

"I MIGHT have been a lady Ph.D., a newspaper woman or a tired actress."

Thus spoke Fannie Hurst, writer of novels that are hailed by the critics and short stories that sell for a king's ransom. She met the interviewer, so to speak, halfway at her New York studio, lighted dimly by biblical-looking lamps near the ceiling, churchly pictures on the wall, and a secular incense of moth balls about. She was really away for the summer.

"I left my home in St. Louis with a three-pronged brain," she continued. "Writing, the stage, and teaching. But extensively I came to Columbia to teach."

"At Washington University I'd done newspaper work and college theatricals. After graduation I taught high school, but it was horrible. The dramatics gave me the stage bug," she confessed. "I wrote a sketch while a senior and got it put on at Keith's. One of my professors acted in it with me, and nearly lost his job, poor man! I got \$100 per week—for one week."

When she arrived in New York she got some indifferently successful newspaper assignments and a small part in "The Concert," adapted by the star, Leo Dietrichstein, and staged by David Belasco. "I'd just two words to speak. 'Oh, master!' But Mr. Belasco evidently didn't view me as another Leslie Carter. As I recall it now, his expression was politely blank when I was around. I'd been a more conspicuous success the theatre might have claimed me for its own then."

All this time she was writing feverishly. "I'd so much rather write lines than speak them," she explained. She decided to work her way over to Oxford to study philology. But here again she was finding that words didn't interest her as much as the people who uttered them.

"And along about then it looked as if whatever she was going to be was not to be—the family sent for her to come home. 'There was no reason for my hanging around. My father could provide all the creature comforts. Very often that's harder to combat than poverty. Just then two things happened—'The Concert' closed and I sold a story. I knew then it was going to be writing, but it was a year before I sold another."

It's difficult, you've noticed, to keep



FANNIE HURST "I might have been a lady Ph.D., a newspaper woman or a tired actress"

this author off the subject of authorship. "I can still hear that maid of our back in St. Louis," she returned momentarily to her first days of struggling up the literary hill, "calling up the stairs, 'Miss Fannie, here's another story back!' I wrote avalanches of stuff at the beginning—fiction, blank verse, masques, everything. I must have done three a week and had about 100 out, going the rounds."

In the years since Fannie Hurst has done slightly better, yet even today she gets no joy out of writing. This when she's apt to receive \$50,000 for a prize novel, as was the happy case with "Mannikin."

"I wanted to write. I'm not happy unless I'm writing—and I'm certainly not happy then. I love it and hate it passionately."

But it's something she needs must keep doing until the end—this writing. "It's quite the swanky thing to retire to a farm and raise chickens when you think you've written enough. But when I think I've written enough," slowly, "I'll write some more."

The reporter retreated. "Yes!" he prompted hopefully, when she admitted to harboring kid amonitions. "They were to write," said, Fannie Hurst.

Monday—Otis Skinner (Copyright by Public Ledger.)

NEW HAZELTON

The Women's Auxillary to the Hazelton Hospital has appointed the following committee conveners for the year: buying and sewing, Mrs. J. C. K. Sealy; visiting, Mrs. S. J. Winsby; membership, Mrs. Falconer; drive for funds, Mrs. H. C. Winch.

The Oyster Bridge Club met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. F. A. Goddard.

Miss Boliver has returned to the Hazelton Hospital after spending a brief holiday at Kamloops. Miss Mary Castell has also returned to her duties after an absence of several weeks on account of illness.

The Felix Bridge Club met this week at the home of Mrs. W. W. Anderson. Last week, when the members were the guests of Mrs. Matheson at the Hospital, the prizewinners were Mrs. James Turnbull and Mrs. Newick.

Norman Cary is installing a Canadian Fairbanks-Morse electric lighting plant in his picture show at Hazelton.

Dr. H. C. Winch, M.L.A. for Skeena, returned home yesterday after having attended the session of the legislature in Victoria.

Mrs. C. W. Dawson was a visitor in Smithers last week and was the guest of Mrs. Austin Goodenough.

Mrs. A. Harris gave a tea on Monday in honor of Mrs. Edgar Harris who, with Mr. Harris and family, was a brief visitor in Hazelton while enroute from Smithers to Stewart.

Mrs. Peter Smith and daughter Nellie have returned after having spent a couple of weeks at the coast.

During the past winter, Mr. Cook has taken out 160,000 feet of cedar piling from his timber limits up the Skeena River.

Otto Utterstrom of Kitwanga was a business visitor in Hazelton last week.

Mrs. Schultze spent the week-end in Smithers.

Provincial Constable O. L. Hall of Smithers was a visitor in Hazelton for several days last week.

PRINCE GEORGE

The Canadian National Railways are now preparing to ballast thirty miles of road bed between McBride and Prince George. It is also likely that some patchwork ballasting will be done west of Prince George.

H. G. Perry, M.L.A. has returned to Prince George after attending the session of the legislature in Victoria. He is confident of the Pacific Great East-

ern Railway situation and declares that Premier McLean will either effect a satisfactory sale of the road or complete it into Prince George. Mr. Pary holds that the provincial line will form an integral part of the transportation system serving the Peace River district.

Weather has been mild here during the past week, the lowest thermometer reading having been 22 degrees above zero on Friday.

Rev. S. T. Galbraith has resigned as pastor of Knox United Church here and left for Vancouver. A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday evening to consider the resignation.

The city council this week approved of an expenditure of approximately \$17,000 in order to place the electrical distribution system in shape to permit of the introduction of a continuous power service.

The local branch of the Women's Institute has decided to take over the fancywork department at the Prince George Fall Fair. A committee consisting of Mrs. John Jardine, Mrs. Ernest Thompson and Mrs. MacMillan has been appointed to co-operate on behalf of the Women's Institute with the Fair Board.

Jackson Graham Quinn, pioneer in the newspaper business in this district former owner of the Cariboo Observer at Quesnel and Prince George Leader, part owner of the Prince George Citizen and local trustee, died suddenly here on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The late Mr. Quinn, who was born at Bowmanville, Ontario, in 1875, is survived by a widow and eight children.

WAS SO NERVOUS, and SHORT OF BREATH COULD HARDLY SLEEP

Mrs. Louise Raglin, Golden Lake, Ont., writes:—"For several years I was greatly troubled with my heart. I was so nervous and short of breath I could hardly sleep at night, and if I did sleep for a while I had bad dreams."

"I managed to keep at my work, somehow, until I began to have dizzy spells which got so bad I had to give up. I used many kinds of medicine, but found no help until I got a box of After the first box I found a great change, and after two boxes I was as well as I could be."

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