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VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

Doctors Under Fire—Frank Calder Talks of Liquor—Esquimalt By-Election

VICTORIA.—The medical profession is catching it a bit in the neck this session. Usually only Burnaby's Mr. Winchester says anything against the doctors. But this year several members are hinting that the doctor's aren't co-operating to make hospital insurance a success.

These members—though they don't say so openly—are of the opinion that the doctors fear that, if state hospitalization is a success, the public will demand state medicine.

Young Frank Calder, the shy, personable native member for Atlin, made a plea in the House to change the law so that Indians could go into beer parlors and purchase liquor at liquor stores if they want to, like anyone else. The way it is now, Mr. Calder said, the bootlegger is the No. 1 man among the Indians, who must drink in alley-ways and boats out on the harbor—and drink 'er down quick, so that the law won't catch them. Most people, this observer believes, will agree with Mr. Calder. There's no scientific evidence to prove that Indians get any drunker than white men.

The Provincial Library here is believed to have an edition that no other library in the world has—and that's something.

"It's 'Commentarius ad Pandectas' in Latin, by Johannes Voet, a Dutch expert on Roman law, and published in Brussels

in 1723.

It's the Brussels publication that sets this edition of two volumes apart and makes bibliophiles green with envy.

For years the edition has been lying around a basement of the Provincial Library, unnumbered and ignored. Finally Provincial Archivist Willard Ireland, with that sixth sense all good librarians have, started examining the two volumes. He looked up the catalogue of the British Museum—no mention of a fourth edition of the "Commentarius ad Pandectas" published in Brussels.

He wrote to the Royal Library in Brussels. No, the Royal Library had never heard of a fourth edition published in Brussels. He wrote to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. No, that famous library had never heard of a fourth edition published in Brussels, only a fourth edition published at The Hague.

The B. C. library, said the Library of Congress, apparently has the only Brussels edition in North America. Now Mr. Ireland is writing to the National Central library in Rome, to see if

its librarians can help.

Mr. Ireland doesn't know how the edition found its way into the Provincial Library. He thinks it may have been there as long as 40 or 50 years.

"We suspect it's a pirated edition," he says. "We don't know exactly what we've got, or how valuable it is, but we certainly have a rarity. It makes us very rich in the library world."

Death of Charles Beard and the vacant Esquimalt seat in the Legislature have finally been recognized. But it was quite a struggle. Andrew Whisker, the member for Cowichan-Newcastle, did his best to inform Madame Speaker that the Esquimalt seat was vacant, but he didn't go quite far enough. He deplored the vacancy, said he had to do a lot of Esquimalt's work, and he said there were many complaints the by-election was not held before the session. But that wasn't enough. He should have directly informed the Speaker there was a vacancy in the House. Next day Mrs. Tilly Rolston planned to come right out with it—and so force the government to start the election machinery and hold the by-election within six months. But Premier Johnson heard of Mrs. Rolston's plans—and he beat her to it. Before she could speak—the Premier hopped up to say there was a vacancy in the House and that the Esquimalt by-election will be held within six months.

That by-election is going to be interesting. Liberals and Conservatives in Esquimalt are at loggerheads. Each want the Coalition nomination. Premier Johnson and Finance Minister Herb Anscomb, the Tory chief, aren't happy about the situation at all, at all. But, they'll have to face it.

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AS I SEE IT
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Punjabi pyjamas. Most wear their hair in long, glossy black braids. A poor man walks with his family. One not quite so poor may have a bike, with wife riding behind, carrying a baby. Little pony carts carry whole families—all laughing and merry. The small-sized velvet-skinned cows walk everywhere.

TODAY WAS SOME SPECIAL day at a Hindu temple. I don't know what was going on inside, but outside thousands upon thousands were having fun. People bought balloons, candy on sticks and colored drinks. There were a dozen small ferris wheels, turned by hand, and carrying laughing adults as well as some kids.

In the bazaars, people were making and selling just about everything under the sun. Outside the temple I can best describe it as a sea of sound—sound which came in waves of life.

People tell me there is plenty wrong with this country. But if ever I saw life bubbling up and bubbling over, I saw it here.

FURLEY, Surrey, England (CP).—Five hundred girls were sent home from school with a note saying "pupils will report at the normal time on Tuesday but will be sent home if fuel has not arrived." Half an hour later four tons of coke were delivered to the school.

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Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Never concede a contract to the declarer. Even when you are sure he has the rest of the tricks, play them out! You may have forgotten a card or miscounted a suit length. And there's always the possibility that declarer may actually have the balance and not know it.

He may take an unnecessary finesse or make some other kind of error. Even the greatest experts are human although I have at times heard the opposite view expressed.

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

North (Mrs. Keen)
S-9 8 4
H-A 3 3 2
D-Q J 3
C-K 3 2

West (Mr. Champion) East (Mr. Muzzy)
S-K Q J 10 S-7 6 5 2
H-8 5 H-K 10 9 4
D-9 7 5 4 D-K 2
C-10 8 4 C-Q J 9

South (Mr. Dale)
S-A 3
H-Q 7 6
D-A 10 8 6
C-A 7 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 C Pass 1 H Pass
1 N T Pass 2 N T Pass
3 N T All Pass

In today's hand Mr. Champion opened the king of spades. Mr. Dale permitted this to hold but was forced to win the spade continuation with the ace. He led the six of hearts and put in the jack from dummy. Mr. Muzzy won with the king and returned a spade. Two spade tricks were cashed, declarer discarding two small clubs and playing the last spade and the deuce of clubs from the board.

Mr. Champion then played the ten of clubs which Mr. Dale won with the ace. The suit failed to break. Mr. Champion discarding the four of clubs on the third round. Next came the queen of diamonds from dummy. It was covered by the king and won with the ace in the closed hand. The six of diamonds was led to the jack on the board and at this point Mr. Muzzy threw his remaining cards on the table and conceded the rest.

Mr. Champion let out a terrifying bellow and Mr. Judge, the expert on the laws, was asked for a ruling. First he quoted law 87 which says that a concession

of tricks by a defender is not valid unless his partner accedes.

Then he referred to law 70 and stated that since Mr. Muzzy had improperly exposed his hand, Mr. Dale could treat the remaining cards of either defender as penalty cards.

Naturally Mr. Dale chose to treat Mr. Champion's remaining cards as penalty cards. They were the nine and seven of diamonds and the eight of clubs. Mr. Judge had also pointed out that when a defender has two or more penalty cards, declarer can designate which one is to be played.

So at the eleventh trick Mr. Dale led the three of diamonds off the board, went up with his ten and required Mr. Champion to play the nine. The last two tricks were won with the eight of diamonds and dummy's king of clubs.

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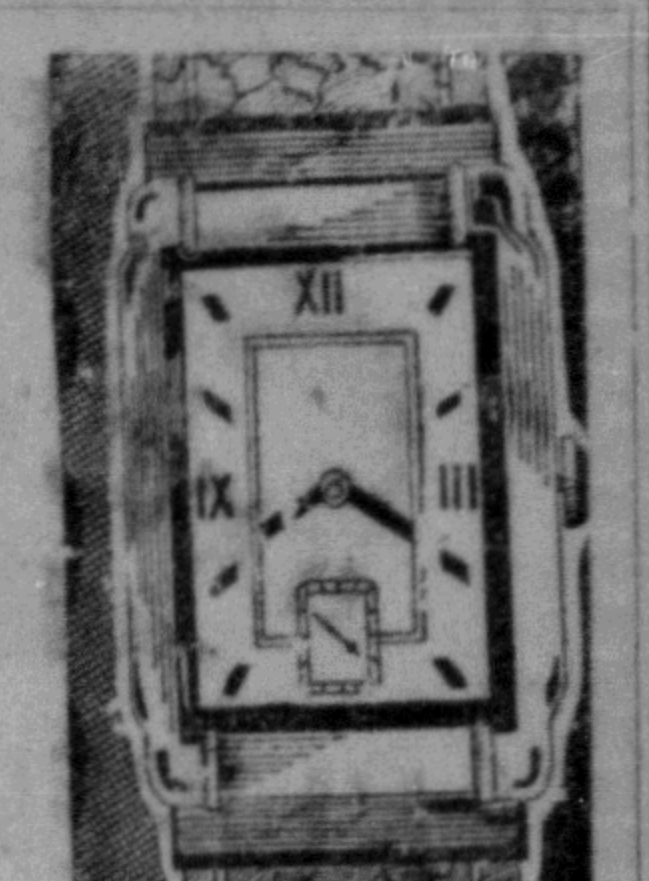
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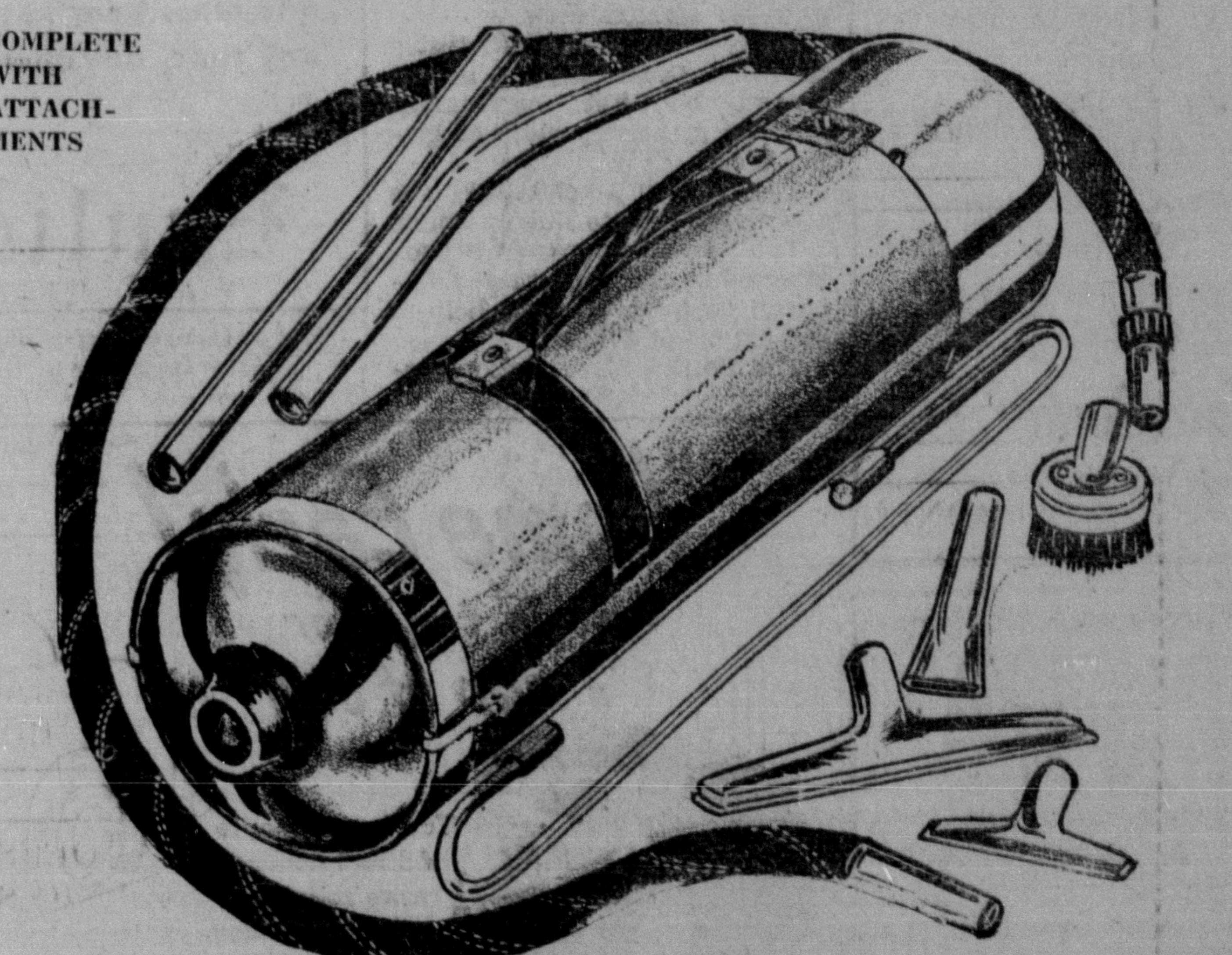
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