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CREDIT TO WHOM IT IS DUE

A great deal of credit is due to Robert Connell, C. C. F. leader, and the other C. C. F. members of the Legislature who voted to save the Health Insurance Act when, by voting otherwise, they might have killed the bill and possibly upset the government. They felt it better to secure the health insurance bill in its present form than to kill it altogether. Their action lifts them out of the category of politicians and places them in the role of statesmen who some day may be trusted with the administration of British Columbia's affairs, if the people feel that they need them.

No matter how we may feel about health insurance at the present time, we can appreciate the motive which made these few men refuse to take advantage of a situation which arose in the House that might have been to their political advantage but which would certainly have killed the measure.

WILL LEAVE SCARS

The debate on the health insurance bill prior to the adjournment of the Legislature became at times acrimonious but it was something of a family difference. Had the Liberals been less strong there never would have been a break. As it is, with prorogation following closely on the debate, it is difficult to guage the effect of the difference on the future alignment of the parties. It is probable that the insurgent Liberals will fall back into their former places but the rather caustic debate is bound to leave some scars that quite possibly may have an effect on future political relations.

The intermittent war upon Premier Pattullo in certain quarters ever since the election indicates that the financial powers fear him and his alleged radical tendencies. Evidently he did not seem to worry over the break but enjoyed the fight as much as the spectators. He is said to have had a smile on his face throughout. Now he is in Ottawa putting up another fight for the people of British Columbia and it is quite probable he will make a better showing than most people seem to expect.

DEATH OF LOCAL CITIZEN

The death of George Woodland yesterday afternoon came as a great shock to people of Prince Rupert. It was expected that he still had many years of service to give to the community and the company by which he was employed. His passing is deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends. Prince Rupert loses a good citizen.

The frost is coming out of the ground rapidly, the perennials are already showing remarkable growth and there is now every evidence that spring is with us at last. Just as soon as the ground is dry will be a good time to begin spring operations which have already been much delayed by the frost.

There is a ticket selling campaign in progress and the way they are going seems to indicate that there will be a large attendance at the annual banquet next Tuesday evening of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society. The great attraction for that event is the series of colored slides of beautiful gardens and of bulb farms which is to be shown immediately following the dinner. There will be a brief report from the president and secretary but, beyond that, speeches are taboo. Featured in the garden scenes are Butchart's Gardens near Victoria and the garden of Mr. Coulter, collector of customs at Whitehorse, Y.T.

It was wonderful how quickly the plants in the gardens seemed to scent spring from afar. Two days before the frosts ended there was a slight growth and, by the time the rain started, some plants had sprung up at least an inch. Dried up perennials which seemed dead began to show signs of life and, by this time, there is a general movement of most plants that have wintered outside.

Daffodils and Narcissi like these will soon be in bloom here.

Delphiniums which started to grow the beginning of March got a bad setback but, while badly checked, they are coming again and I do not think one plant will be lost, although they may be considerably weakened.

Pinks seem to have suffered badly. I see a number of gardens where they have stood the winters for years but the March frosts this year have pretty well done for them. Happily nothing can kill the auriculas and polyanthus and primroses seem to have come through quite safely, whereas last year they were mostly frost-killed.

There is much speculation over the rose trees. I know some of mine are all right but I am expecting thirty percent loss. A big Dr. Van Fleet at the back of the house facing easterly seems in excellent condition ready for another big bloom.

I have had little luck with aubretia. Last year I sowed some seeds outdoors and the plants bloomed in the fall. All but one or two seem to be killed and even those are badly shrivelled. There is a two-year old plant in the front rockery that has kept green all winter and spring even when the frost was at its worst and is now in line for a heavy bloom when its turn comes. Some mauve arabis also has come through well although the late frosts scorched the leaves a good deal. They will be in bloom within a couple of weeks.

In my back garden I have a horseradish root which I do not require. Anyone can have it if they move it at once. The first applying gets it. There is no cost. I want the ground for something else.

The thing about gardening is that you get interested in all your neighbor's places as well as your own. You like to compare notes, swap plants, yarn about your favorite flowers, get new hints on how to kill slugs and never use them. It's great to have a garden and be one of a wonderful fraternity.—H. F. P.

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Halibut production for the Pacific coast during the year 1910 totalled 53,006,376 pounds, the value being $2,650,880, official statistics show.

As a result of the "Battle of Kelly's Cut" the day before yesterday, fifty men have been arraigned before Magistrate Alfred Carson in city police court on charges ranging from intimidation to shooting with intent to kill. The prisoners are being kept in a special "bull pen" run up to the rear of the government buildings.

LONDON, April 8: (CP)—Edgar Chapman, for 20 years stage doorkeeper at the Duke of York's Theatre, received a legacy of $500 from the estate of Miss Violet Melnotte, the late actress-manager, who left $67,000.

STORK GENEROUS TO 96-YEAR-OLD

Young Wife of Near-Centenarian Expecting Her Second Child

NEW BERN, N.C., April 8: (CP)—At 96, George Isaac Hughes awaits the event that will make him a father for the second time within 17 months. His 28-year-old wife expects the birth of their second child—his 18th—in May.

Following the birth of his son Franklin Delano December 23, 1934, Hughes' claim as America's oldest father was confirmed by a group of specialists in a report published in the American Journal. Franklin now is a husky lad considered by doctors to be in perfect physical condition.

The Hughes' new child, lacking less than four years of being 100 years younger than its father, will have a "big brother" 59 years its senior. He is Benjamin Hughes, oldest living child of Hughes, born during the administration of President Grant. Hughes has been married twice. His first wife, Sarah Ellen, bore him 16 children. He married the present Mrs. Hughes in 1933.

WOULD FREE CHINA'S PRESS

PEIPING, April 8: (CP)—Newspapermen of North China have formed an association with the announced aim of "freeing the Chinese press from all its existing shackles." The association urges abolition of censorship. Many newspapermen have been assassinated in recent years.

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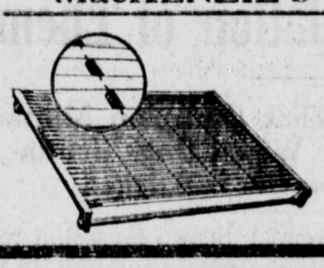

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