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It is expected that the session of the Federal Parliament will prorogue the early part of next week. The session began on September 1st.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY the 14th November, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 3 times per week on the Tracey Station Rural Route No. 2, from the 1st April next.

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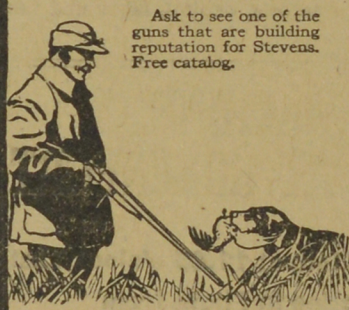
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THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
HOME FROM WESTERN TRIP

(Chatham World)

In response to inquiry, Hon. Robert Murray, who has just returned from the Pacific Coast, said:

During my trip through Canada and while passing through the prairie Provinces I made enquiries from time to time as to the alleged shortage of crops. The information I received, generally speaking led me to believe that the crops are not so short as advertised, and while there was great drought in the Southern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the crops there are practically nil, and while the black rust has struck in certain portions of Manitoba, I concluded that generally speaking led me to believe Provinces were at the least on the whole an average crop. It appears that every year in those Provinces there are shortages in some sections, sometimes caused by drought, sometimes by too much rain, and sometimes by

Provinces. There are a great many of them, and particularly Miramichi people in Vancouver.

At Calgary I had an automobile ride with R. Travers D. Aitken, brother of Lord Beaverbrook, who formerly practised law in Newcastle and is now in Calgary, but is making preparations to go and locate in Los Angeles.

At Vancouver we also met Cham Russell, formerly of Newcastle, now manager of the Dunsmuir Hotel there. Ninian H. Bain, formerly of Chatham, Everett V. Miller of Newcastle, John Ullock formerly of Black River, Thomas Matthews and wife and a number of others; including Graham Jardine, formerly of the Royal Bank, Newcastle. I also met Mel McArthur, a Chatham man who is doing business there and is reported to be making money at the rate of \$7000 a year.

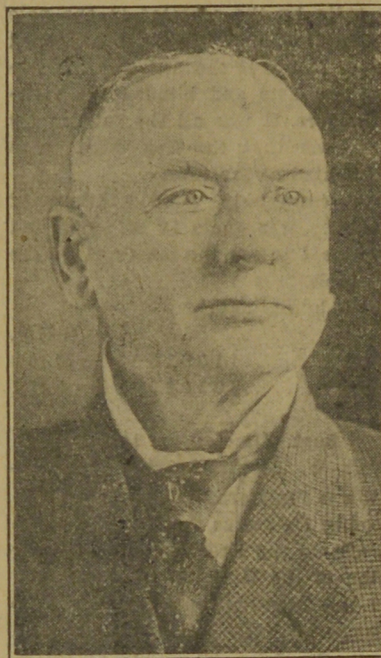
While in Vancouver it was a very difficult time to see people, as H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was there and people were all out to see him, so that it was very difficult to find friends at home.

At Victoria we met and visited George King, M. L. A. of Queens County in this province, and his brother Dr. King, who is the Minister of Public Works of British Columbia. He showed us all through the Parliament buildings at Victoria, which are certainly a magnificent structure. He also showed us through the Alexandra Hotel there, which is an excellent structure and commanding a beautiful view of the Bay.

On the train between Edmonton and Vancouver we had with us as a fellow passenger Mrs. C. W. Robinson of Moncton, whom we were very much surprised to meet. On the steamboat from Vancouver to Victoria we were surprised to encounter Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Swim of Doaktown.

At Duluth I visited my nephew, Harold England, who is a captain in one of the Fire Stations there. I also met there Joseph Wright formerly of Newcastle, and at South Superior I visited my Sister, Mrs. E. J. England.

In addition to the above mentioned we also met a number of other Miramichi people at different places and particularly in and about Vancouver.



HON. ROBERT MURRAY

hail, so that so far as crops are concerned the past season does not appear to vary much from other seasons.

'Did you meet many Miramichi people on your trip?'

Yes, I met a great many Miramichi people at different places. New Brunswick wickers are common in the Western

EX-PRINCESS
AMAZES DUTCH

Amsterdam, Holland, Oct. 6.—Dutch public opinion is amazed at the attitude of the former German crown princess during her visit to Wieringen and Amerongen. Besides the fact that she signed the golden book of the Amsterdam royal museum with the addition to her name of "crown princess of Prussia" it is learned that she gave her photograph with her name signed in the same way as a present to the station master at Oudenzaal.

She gave her photograph to the commander of the Dutch frontier guard who also received from a cigarette case with the crowned letter "W" before she left Dutch territory. Dutch newspapers ask whether the Dutch authorities are not chiefly to blame for these eccentricities, because they pay too much attention to the visit of the dethroned princess.

The Victory Medal

General Military Orders issued at Ottawa on October 3rd give further information as to the Victory Medal. This medal is identical in design with that issued by the other Allied and Associated Powers. The medal itself is of bronze and is attached to the ribbon by a ring. The ribbon is colored with red in the centre with green and violet on either side, imitating the colors of the rainbow. This decoration is to be awarded to all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British, Dominion, Colonial and Indian forces, to members of women formations under a direct contract of service for service with His Majesty's imperial forces, civil medical practitioners, nursing sisters, nurses and others employed with military hospitals who actually served on the establishment of a unit in the theatre of war.

Halifax Chronicle: British Columbia Conservatives have again chosen Hon. W. J. Bowser as their leader, and the Toronto Globe describes their action as "another triumph of hope over experience."

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CHINESE COOLIES
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Shanghai, Oct. 8.—All nations have men who sell their strength—who have nothing else to sell whereby to make a living except physical strength which can be turned to account in unskilled labor—but China is the one nation above all others the majority of whose men folks have no other way of making a living.

They are the coolies, whose only friends appear to be the Americans who are sent here by churches in the United States.

The word "coolies" means "the man who sells his strength." The coolies are found in many classes of labor, but the ricksha coolie is the most picturesque to the occidental mind and the one that lingers the longest in the memory of anyone who has visited China or Japan. The ricksha is not indigenous to the celestial republic, but was imported from Japan about half a century ago.

In this city alone there are about 10,000 public rickshas with a shifting population of probably many times that number of ricksha coolies. Episcopal church workers estimate that total number of coolies in Shanghai, including all who "sell their strength" in physical labor of all kinds, is about 400,000, or two thirds of the city's population.

The life of the ricksha coolie is brief—from three to five years, ten at most. Heart disease, induced by their great physical exertion, and tuberculosis, which is China's "yellow plague," carry off the majority.

Most of those taken to the mission hospitals for treatment are in a state of collapse due to insufficient food, bad living conditions and the intense physical strain caused by running.

A ricksha coolie earns, on an average, 3 to 4 cents a day, or about as much as an American workman would earn in ten minutes or less. Upon this pay the coolie must support himself and his family in a town known throughout China for its high cost of living.

Those who are married live in little colonies in the city's outskirts. They

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