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STEADY PRESSURE FORCES HUNS BACK

London July 17.—The successes of the Entente Allies are following each other rapidly. Today brought news of further important gains for them on both the Eastern and Western fronts, arousing enthusiasm among the British public hardly less than that caused by the reception of the news of the Allied offensive.

The despatch from General Sir Douglas Haig today shows that the steady pressure of the British arms is forcing an ever-deepening salient into the German lines, and the commander-in-chief for the first time produces evidence in the shape of documents captured from the Germans giving testimony to the high price the Germans are paying in casualties.

The British have improved their position along almost the whole of their lines of the battle front, capturing by assault 1,500 yards of German second line positions north of the Bazentin-le-Petit wood, and a strong German position at the Waterlot farm, between Lougueval and Guillemont, besides completing the capture of the whole of the village of Ovillers-La Boisselle. These gains bring the British almost to the crest of the Albert plateau, where stretches the German second line.

The news from the Eastern front today was equally important. General Kuropatkin, the Russian commander, has launched an offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg on the Dvina River, and General von Linsingen's troops southwest of Lutsk has been compelled to retire behind the Lipa River, while in the course of Sunday's fighting in Volhynia the Russians captured 13,000 prisoners and thirty guns. General von Linsingen's retirement, according to the Petrograd military critics, represents a great Russian tactical success. It was preceded by heavy fighting, in which the Russians smashed the Teuton front on a width of a mile and penetrated several miles into their positions.

The war is now costing Great Britain £6,000,000 daily, but with such news as the success of the Entente Allies, this sacrifice is not grudged. The powers of endurance of the Teutonic allies, should they be forced to act entirely on the defensive, have still to be tested. The British nation is full of confidence. It is taking nothing for granted, however, but it is fully prepared to acquiesce in the advice of its leading ministers, like Foreign Secretrry Grey and Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna, who are publicly exhorting the nation to the need of patience.

Mr. McKenna announced in parliament to-day that the daily cost of the war was £,6000,000. He informed the House that nobody could estimate what the nation's war expenditure might be a month ahead. He also intimated that it would become necessary this week to ask parliament for fresh borrowing powers.

Nanaimo Talent Highly Praised.

The entertainment given in the Ilo Ilo Theatre on Thursday last by the young ladies of Nanaimo, was undoubtedly a complete success, each number being loudly encored and the large audience appreciated the evening's musical program, as evidenced by the words of praise heard on all sides. While all numbers were excellent, the songs receiving the most applause were, "Here Comes Tootsie," sung by Miss Cavalsky and chorus, "When Chumley Came to Town," by Miss Hazel Martin and chorus, and "Toyland," by all members, while "Soldiers in the Park," sung by Miss Cavalsky and chorus was handled as if by veterans. Miss Jean Patterson, in her song "Rock Me to Sleep" captivated her audience as usual, and many expressed a wish to hear her again. Dr. Ingham, who has had the training of the young ladies has certainly made a success of it, and if the young ladies return in October with an operetta there is no question about the house being well packed.

"Peg O' the Ring" which will be shown at the Ilo Ilo tonight, made another escape last night from the fire at Courtenay. See her tonight and be assured of her safety.

SCORES LIBERAL LEADER.

Winnipeg, July 18--Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, this evening addressed the five hundred guests who attended the banquet following the annual Manitoba Conservative convention held here today. The Minister was in excellent form, and made a fighting speech which aroused the greatest enthusiasm. He strongly denounced Laurierism, for not only having tried to keep Canada from making any preparation to do her duty as part of the Empire, but for having, during the war, endeavored to hamper the efforts of the Government. He also sketched briefly the Government's designs for the coming days of peace and the steps to be taken for looking after the immigration which is confidently expected then to pour into Canada. He declared the Government were ready to take care of this development, and felt sure of the support of the country in the measures it would initiate. Mr. Rogers, after some introductory remarks, said: "It is true, for reasons within the common knowledge of all, that we have not had many opportunities for political meetings since the outbreak of the war. During that period the Government have been called upon to meet an emergency the like of which no Government has ever been called upon to meet in Canada before. We had no precedent to guide us, for never in all our history had we such conditions forced upon us. The Government, however, took hold of the situation determinedly and fearlessly. We recognized that Canada was British to the core, and we believed then as we believe now, that all loyal Canadians would endorse our every action in taking the necessary steps to aid in the protection of our Empire and securing victory for her flag and our flag. We recognized that in such a crisis assistance promptly given was doubly valuable, and therefore acted without a moments delay.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS.

The results of the June examinations held in the High Schools of the Province are announced by the Department of Education.

Bridgeport, Esquimalt, Matsqui, Peachland and South Vancouver High Schools, Hedley and Maple Ridge Superior Schools, and at St. Ann's Academy (Vancouver), and St. Louis College (New Westminster) have passed 100 per cent of the candidates presnted for examinalion.

In the advanced course, junior grade, Dorothy Blakey, of King Edward High School, Vancouver, stands first with a total of 857 marks out of 1,000. In the commercial course the leading student in the second-year course is Francis O. Tremlett, of King Edward High Shcool, Vancouver, who leads the list with 1,037 marks out of 1,200.

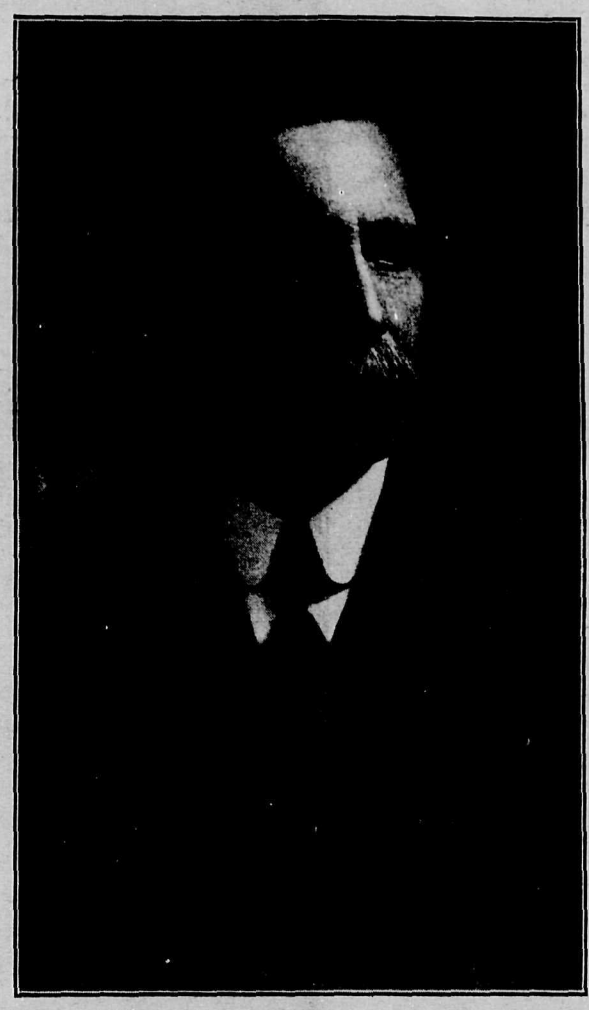
Of the 1,317 candidates who presented themselves, 974 passed.

Cumberland High School—Advanced course, junior grade. Maximum marks 1,000. Number of candidates, 7; passed, 4: Jacob Lighter, 634; Charlotte Jaynes, 564; Lena M. Carey, 567; George Mordy, 546.

Full course, junior grade. Maximum marks, 1,200. Number of candidates,5; passed 1: Phyllis M. A, Partridge, 683.

Courtenay Superior School—Advanced course, junior grade. Maximum marks, 1,000. Number of candidates, 1; passed 1: Thomas J. McQuillan, 553.

Private Study—Third Class, non-professional. Maximum marks, 1,100. Number of candidates, 1; passed 0.



MICHAEL MANSON, Conservative Nominee for Comox Electoral District.

For Better Lighting System.

To the Editor of THE ISLANDER:

A proposal from the electric lighting company to the City Council in the form of an agreement to have the present lighting system contract replaced by another, will be a question that will be submitted to the ratepayers shortly for their approval or disapproval.

As their seems to be considerable misinformation regarding this project, I wish to state as concisely as space will permit some of the reasons gleaned chiefly at the recent ratepayers meeting' why this very necessary change should be approved of. As to our present lighting system and the need of having a radical change little more may be said than to suggest to anyone to take a look at the town on a dark night.

The only conceivable reason that I can see why we have tolerated this condition so long must have been on account of the unfavorable financial position of the city until recently. As this state of affairs was remedied to a considerable extent through the aid given by the Provincial Government last year, the finances of the city, according to statements made by various Aldermen is now in a better state than has been the case for a number of years. This position caused Alderman Bate to assert that there would be no increased taxation, if this work should be proceeded with: that the total cost would be paid out of the general revenue. Alderman Carey, chairman of the finance committee also stated definitely that judging from every present indication the city would be free from debt at the end of the year; Alderman Henderson and McDonald also declaring that the rateyayers had every reason to be optimistic in this respect.

The total original cost of installation of the new system according to the contract from the Electric Lighting Co. will be not more than $800. The method of light distribution by the new plan will be fully reported in another column of the Islander. Although the average monthly charge will exceed the present rate somewhat, the considerable increase in the light received will be more than off set when compared with the extra cost because of the various advantages accruing.

The regulation of the power wanted, and the sensible method by which light may be switched off or on according to the season, and the fact that light required will be under the control of the City Authorities at all times—not as at present—will certainly be more benificial, and far ahead of the "flat rate" we have now.

The general advantage that will accrue should incline every ratepayer favorably toward this proposed improvement. It would be the means of retarding the progress of the city, if we should make the same mistake as committed ten or twelve years ago; when we had the most advantageous opportunity of having, with government assistance a sewerage system, that would have made Cumberland as clean a town as there is in the province.

There is one particular point I would ask each ratepayer to recollect, and that is, that the darker, dirtier and drearier a town is the more each separate property is depreciated in value, and vice-versa.

To summarize the foregoing, we have the following definite statements by members of the Council.

There will be no increased taxation, if this work should be proceeded with.

Cost of installation will be paid out of the general revenue.

Power required will be under the control of the City Authorities.

There will be no minimum charge.

The extra monthly charge will be more than offset because of the many advantages that will accrue from the increase in light received.

It will be necessary to renew at considerable expense shortly worn out attachments on the poles, if present flat rate method is continued. A lighter; cleaner, brighter town is wanted; a town we need not be ashamed of.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

LIGHTING SYSTEM TO BE SUBMITTED

A representative gathering attended the public meeting of the ratepayers in the City Hall, on Monday evening, to consider the new electric lighting system. His Worship, Mayor Parnham, occupied the chair and outlined the object of the meeting, pointing out that the Council desired to ascertain the views of the ratepayers before entering into an agreement with the Cumberland Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., and read the following estimate of the improved lighting system:

CITY OF CUMBERLAND.

Estimate for Improved Street Lighting.

Dunsmuir Avenue—	
1-10' cutter inner rope mast arm	$ 14 30
1 copper reflector equipped with 12' x 6' opal globe, equalizing ring and hanger	6 95
Labor	1 00
Complete cost of fixtures	22 25
5 fixtures at $22.25	$111 25
1-3' Arcadian gooseneck complete	4 80
1 copper reflector, equipped with 10' x 6' opal globe & equalizing ring	5 85
Wire, etc.,	50
Labor	1 00
Complete cost of fixtures	12 15
4 fixtures at $12.15	$ 48 60
Rest of City—	
1-3' cutter type "Arcadian" streethood, complete, consisting of 1¼' ornamental gooseneck, wired inside and one piece fluted streethood	10 20
Wire knobs, etc.,	50
Labor	1 00
Complete cost of fixtures	$ 11 70
22 fixtures at $11.70	$257 40
3rd Wire System—	
8650' No. 10 W. P. wire	$223 50
Insulators, brackets, etc.	26 00
6 switches complete, including conduit, conduits, etc.,	39 00
Labor	40 00
	$328 50
Total cost of installation without lamps	$745 75
Lamp Prices—	
60 watt nitros, each	$1 10
100 watt nitros, each	1 25
350 watt nitros, each	3 50

The above company hereby agrees to furnish current for lighting the city streets for a period not exceeding twenty years at the rate of 7c. flat, per K. W. Hour.

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The mayor further stated, it was the intention of the Council to string a third wire through the city and place 350 nitro lamps on the corner streets of Dunsmuir Avenue on a ten foot mast arm with 100 nitro lamps in between each 350 nitro lamp, the corners of the remaining avenues would be equipped with 100 nitros with 60 nitro lamps in between and to be controlled with a swith and time clock, which would allow of any portion of the lighting system to be shut off at any time during the night, as the city authorities may wish.

The system would be on a meter and the city will pay for what they use.

T. D. McLean wanted to know what the estimated cost per month would be? The mayor informed him about $70.00 per month; cost of installing the new system would be $745.00 without the lamps.

H. Mitchell wanted to know if everything was included? The mayor answered yes.

T. D. McLean wanted to know what would be the total cost of installation, including the lamps? The mayor informed him about $800.00.

Alderman Bate thought a little explanation was necessary, and said the cost of the new lighting system would be taken out of the general revenue; there will be no increased taxation; in the past we have been paying about $43.00 per month for little or no light before changing the lighting system. Some of the aldermen thought it best to discuss the new scheme with the ratepayers; that is why we are here tonight. We all want more light and better light, and it is possible to have more light without costing the ratepayers one cent extra. I believe, by having a meter system, we can have more light and pay less.

Alderman Carey, as a member of the finance committee went into the third wire system extensively, also the finances of the city, pointing out by figures, that he seemed to have at his finger ends, that the city was in better shape today financially than it was five years ago, and able to pay for the new lighting system out of the general revenue with a third wire; each succeeding council will control the amount of power consumed, or in orher words light the city according to our income.

Alderman Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, spoke also on financial matters, and favored the new lighting system, and said there is one of two things we must do, either enter into a new agreement or spend money in repairing the old lighting system.

Wesley Willard wanted to know what meter rent would be charged?

The mayor said that no meter rent was mentioned and again read the agreement which promised to light the city for twenty years at seven cents per k. w. hour. The meeting was unanimously in favor of the new system as outlined by the mayor and council with the exception of two who are invariably against any improvement for the benefit of the city.

Conservatives Elect Officers.

The regular annual meeting of the Central Conservative Association of the south half of the Comox electoral district was held in the City Hall on Friday, July 14th when the president, secretary, and treasurer read their annual reports for the past year, which were very gratifying. The election of the officers resulted in D. R. Macdonald of Cumberland being re-elected president, Dr. H. P. Millard of Courtenay vice-president, and Colin Campbell secretary. There was a large attendance from the various executives of the district assosciations and all felt confident as to the result of the coming election. The majority for Michael Manson, the Conservative candidate would be greater than ever and the Comox electoral district will as usual remain Conservative. The singing of "God save the King" with three cheers for Manson brought the proceedings of the Central to a close.

BUSINESS SECTION COURTENAY GUTTED

A disastrous fire took place at Courtenay about 10.30 p. m. last night causing the destruction of one half of the business section that is now lying in ruins. All told fifteen buildings were burned down or blown up to save the remaining part of the town including Royal Bank of Canada, Courtenay Opera House, Calhoun Block, Peretz Block and the Courtenay Review. The bucket brigade did exceedingly good work in saving the Riverside Hotel.

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The reason why some towns grow is because there are men of push and energy in them who are not afraid to spend their time and money to boom their town. They erect good buildings, organize stock companies and establish factories, secure railroads, work for public improvements and use every means in their power to induce people to locate in their city. Wherever they go they tell of the advantages of their city, they write about them in every letter, they send circulars and newspapers to all whom they think they can get to visit their city, and when anyone visits them treats him so kindly that he falls in love with them and their city at once. It is enterprise and everyone pulling together that makes a progressive town and don't let the fact escape your memory.

To hear every person saying something pleasant about its people and its interests is the surest, quickest and easiest way to make a town attractive with that sort of attraction that will draw other people to it is for every man and every woman to have a plesant word for the people and town generally. Talk up your town if you would have it do well. Talk up your town if you would have others come to you. Talk up your town if you would feel an interest in it, and have its people feel an interest in you. There is no better way to do it. And many a time one little word of unplesant reference to something that does not exactly suit you and not particularly concern you as to that matter, will turn a good man's influence away from your town and may even drive him away. At your own fireside, talk up your town. Among your neighbors talk up your town. When you come in contact with strangers, talk up the most potent agency ever set in motion for helping your town.

Many back yards are abominations to the eye and nose. One find them in all sorts of litter from an oyster can to old boots. Here the slops of the kitchen are poured to increase odors which ought to warn every thoughtful person of the malarial influence breeding there, to break out eventually in fevers or diptheria. If any member of the family dies from one of these deceases, his death is probably lamented as a "mysterious dispensation of Providence." But the minister would say, if he were to visit the back yard, that death was caused solely by a violation of hygienic laws. A very strong argument against dirty back yards is the spirit of deception which is apt to foster in the young members of the family, for it is a cosntant deceit to present a clean and attractive front yard to the gaze of the passers, while the back yard is not fit to be seen. Children should be taught to be clean, for the sake of cleanliness and not because outsiders criticize them. Do not allow anything to be thrown about. Have drains made to convey all slops entirely away from the house. Make good walks and let the ground have a fine covering of grass, not weeds. Put up strong supporters for the clothes line. Keep the fence in repair and plant currant bushes near it. Set vines about the refuse barrel and train them over it until it is hidden. If you have a receptacle which can be closed and not a row of old barrels to offend the eye, and give out a cloud of ashes every time the wind blows. Make it a rule to have the back yard at all times as clean as the front one.

More and more we are convinced that what this country most needs is a religion or training that will make a man pay his debts. Shouting does not settle accounts with God or man. Often we want to bounce a fellow right out of church because he went fishing on Sunday, but never say a word to the pious scamp who never pays his debts, and such people are doing the church more harm than any lot of Sunday desecrators, for there are more of them in the church. Reaedr, are we getting close to you? Then lay down this paper and go and pay up and you can read on at ease. And don't you stop paying because the "statue of limitations" excuses the open account which you made for bread and meat. You must pay it in cash or God will make you pay it in fire and brimstone. God knows no such excuse for paying as "homestead exemption," When you raise that excuse to keep from paying your debts you can stop singing, "When I can read my title clear to mansions in the Skies-" You've got none up there.

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All of which goes to show that it is advisable that the elector who desires to vote intelligently on the subject should carefully examine the Act before election day.

The "Wide-open" clause of the Act, Clause 57, reads in part as follows:

> "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere
> (a) with the right of any person to import from without the province liquor for bona fide use in his private dwelling house."

This clause means that any resident of the province is allowed to purchase all the liquor he desires, just as often as he wishes, without any control or regulation by the government, so long as he sends his money outside the province for his supply.

This clause would, for instance, allow any person to place a standing order with any liquor dealer outside the province for a weekly or monthly shipment of whisky to be delivered to his dwelling. On such an order the supply of liquor would reach him constantly as long as he met the bills. In the face of such conditions the question may well be asked "Is this Prohibition?"

In the preliminary campaign in connection with the bill and at the present time prohibitionists have made a grand stand play, both on the platform and through their propaganda literature, of the drunkard and the frightful evils which accompany drinking. Yet, in the bill for which they themselves are admittedly entirely responsible they have done absolutely nothing to lessen the consumption of liquor in British Columbia, the sole effect of the legislation being to send money spent for liquor outside the province. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the drunkard who already has the taste and the habit is the man most likely to be the first to take advantage of the privilege to buy outside and, should the act pass, would thereafter have liquor in quantity in his home, whereas he now takes his liquor by the glass. As the small boy would say, "What's the Use?"

The great question lying behind the referendum vote on the prohibition question is whether the regulated sale of liquor under government license and control is not better than the unregulated and unrestricted importation of liquor from outside points.

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Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns shall be furnished at least once a year.

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WHEN HE RETURNED

Human Interest Story of Broken Financier's Home-Coming.

By JOHN LINFOOT.

Bremerton, huddled up in his seat looked out of the window of the Westbound Limited. Neat farm houses, well tilled fields, flew past, with sleek cattle that looked up, munching contentedly, out of the lush grasses. It was the prairie country of Iowa, the region of black earth and farmlands, the nation's dairy and the center of her agricultural wealth.

"It looks like my home country," he reflected, as he caught sight of a distant range of low hills, blue in the haze of the afternoon. "And to think that I might have been living here, perhaps with my few acres, happy never knowing or caring of anything that lay behind these hills!"

The train slowed, drew into the station, waited a few moments, and then puffed out again. A man came into the carriage and stopped at Bremerton's side. The financier looked up with a start and unconcealed impatience.

"Excuse me, sir, but are you John Bremerton?" asked the other.

"Well?" Bremerton demanded curtly.

"I was sure that I was on your track. I knew I had recognized you. I want the inside story of the failure of the Cornucopia bank. I am a representative of the Iowa Free-Soiler."

"Good Lord, man, that story has been printed in every newspaper between here and Kingdom Come," said Bremerton angrily. "Don't you read the metropolitan press out here?"

"O yes, indeed," said the reporter, smiling, "but you know, Mr. Bremerton, that the story has never come from your own lips. You have succeeded in secluding yourself from all the newspaper men. Now it would be a great feather in my cap if you would give me an exclusive interview."

"You see, sir," the reporter continued, "of course we have all the details of the failure. We know that you were made the victim of an unscrupulous gang of financiers who wanted your properties. Nobody has ever breathed a word against your re-

"I Have Always Loved You, John."

putation. When the crash came you went back, faced the music, and came out with flying colors. But what are you going to do now? You are an Iowa man by birth, are you not? And you never married, Mr. Bremerton? Have you come back to settle in your state and marry your first sweetheart? I want a real human story."

"A real human story!" repeated Bremerton mechanically, and smiled a little bitterly at the irony of events which had left his life, except for his widened experience, just where it had been when he had left Framington, a penniless country boy, fifteen years before. And his first sweetheart—Lizzie Gray! She was only fifteen then and he twenty-one, but he was going to become rich and famous in the metropolis—perhaps he would even make twenty dollars a week—and then, when that miracle occurred, he was going to send her the fare to come to him, and they would live happily all their lives. He had written—every day for a month, then every other day, then twice a week, once a week, once a month; after a year his letters ceased. After two years he had stopped thinking of her. He had heard, not long afterward, that she was married.

"Framington! Change here for Des Moines!" shouted the conductor, and Bremerton started up hastily and seized his suit case. He had taken passage to Des Moines, although he had been indifferent where he went.

Standing upon the platform he found the reporter at his elbow. He had entirely forgotten him.

"I'm afraid there's a wait of two hours for the Des Moines train," he said. "We just missed the connection. Now, Mr. Bremerton, won't you please help me with that story? It will mean a great deal to me, sir."

Bremerton was a man of quick decisions. He pulled out his watch.

"Three o'clock," he said, glancing at the dial. He turned to the other. "My son," he said, "I'm going to take an hour's stroll through the old place. Perhaps it will get me into a sentimental mood, or a reminiscent one. If it does—well, I'll be back at four and I'll give you that story."

He strolled out of the station. Except that a few new buildings had sprung up it was astonishing how little the town had changed during the fifteen years of his absence. Here was the old, irregular street with its stores—he even remembered the names of them. There was Jim Hawley, the carpenter, still bending over his bench, industrious as ever; there the same old orchard in which he had gathered stolen apples when he was a boy. Then he was passing into the open country, and always his feet led him toward his father's home. He had refused to rent the old place after the old people had died from some sentimental motives which he was ashamed to confess to himself. How empty and forlorn it looked with its boarded windows, and the garden, once trim, but now overgrown with weeds. And at the end of the lane was the Grays' cottage. That was not forlorn, but stood, trim and immaculate as ever, in its neat little garden.

A woman was walking up the lane. She had turned in from below, just where the Gray cottage abutted on the pike. She would see him when she came out of the bend a few feet from the stile. Bremerton remembered how his heart had hammered that morning he had first kissed her. It was here, and Lizzie had walked just as she walked now, unconscious that he waited there. He had wanted to run away, as he wanted to run now. And she had looked up suddenly and seen him, just as she looked up now.

And both had trembled, just as both were trembling now.

And he had kissed her, just as he kissed her now.

For the rush of the years was swept away, and they were boy and girl again beside the rustic stile. And it was only afterward, when they started guiltily away, that they remembered.

Bremerton remembered that he was a mature man, verging upon middle life, who had lost all the happy aspirations and ideals of youth. And she. . . . She had hardly changed except that her figure had grown mature and her face more thoughtful, graver.

"You are—not married then?" he stammered.

She looked at him coldly, the flush of shame slowly fading out of her cheeks.

"How can you ask me that, John?" she said.

"But I heard—I heard—"

"That's why you ceased to write?"

He had never been able to deceive Lizzie. Now the old impulse toward confession burned in him.

"No," he answered, "I ceased to write before I was told. But still, I am sure that if I had not heard so I should some day have come back."

"To redeem your pledge, John? Well, I release you from it. So let your conscience rest. My school occupies all my life and is my whole interest. While you—you are, or were, a very busy man and a very famous one."

"Then you have heard?" he asked.

"Of course I've heard of you, John Bremerton," she answered. "I—we have all followed your career with the greatest interest," she continued, coloring faintly. "You know we are all proud of you in Framington."

"Were proud," he corrected.

"Are proud, John," she replied, looking steadily into his eyes. "Because you fell fighting like a man, and never did a single dishonorable thing. And when they got you down it was they who were disgraced, not you. I am glad you came back for this little while, John, so that I could tell you this—that we all believe in you."

"O, if only I had never gone!" he cried. "If I could have life over again I would stay here and live out my life with you. I've been a fool, Lizzie, and in searching for the pot of gold under the rainbow I found the gold—but I guess I missed the rainbow. But now the gold is gone and the rainbow is still shining. Lizzie, I've come back to stay—with you."

"With me?" she repeated. "With me, John?"

"I want you," he cried. "I have never known what happiness meant since I went away. And even though I ceased to write and—well, forgot you—I always had a vision of time when I should come back to you. But you see I thought I had lost the right to come. Lizzie, dear, I have found you again. I want to keep you. Will you be my wife?"

"You—you mean that, John?" she stammered. "But—Oh, no, John, you are just chivalrous. I am not for you now; your place is in the city where you will again make your mark—while I—"

He drew her into his arms, and she lay there at last, happily. He bent his face to hers.

"Tell me you love me," he whispered.

"I have always loved you, John," she answered back. "And somehow I always knew that you would come. Oh!"

She disengaged herself hastily, looking up the lane in terror, and, following her glance, Bremerton perceived the reporter approaching toward them. He was walking blithely and whistling. He had evidently not seen them, but now, coming upon them suddenly, he stopped short and began apologizing nervously.

"I was just taking a walk—" he began. "I thought I need not sit in that station till four. I didn't know—"

"That's all right, son," answered Bremerton. "Never mind that appointment, but sit down on that stile. I'm going to give you a real human story."

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TOWN TOPICS

The balance of our stock of Millinery at reduced prices at Campbells.

The members of the Harmony Rebekah Lodge will hold a sale of work and afternoon tea on Tuesday, August 22nd. Particulars later.

Special to-day, Ladies White Pique Skirts and Middies and Misses Middies and Middy Suits at Campbells.

Sergeant Evans and Alex. King of the Canadian engineers were here on Wednesday on a recruiting trip. Intending recruits should apply to 606 View street Victoria, B. C.

A late shipment of Ladies Silk Sweater Coats just arrived These will be put on sale at Special Prices to clear. These come in Melon, Gold, Kelly, also in Combination Colors: Black& White, Melon & White, Copenhagen & White Etc. Caps to Match. CAMPBELLS.

J. R. Lockard, general superintendent of the Canadian Collieries Dunsmuir Ltd. left for Ladysmith and Victoria on Wednesday.

M. Manson, Conservative Candidate for the district has been visiting the southern half of the constituency during the past week and he is very optimistic as to the result of the coming election. He has represented this portion of the province in the Provincial Legislature for the last 8 years and resided in the district for the past 30 years. He knows the district and its requirements from end to end.

Tenders will be received by T. H. Carey, Secretary of School Board until Saturday, July 22nd. 6 p.m. for kalsomining two rooms in the new school. For further particulars apply to any member of the Board. Key may be obtained from W. W. Willard, Esq.

Union Bay Notes.

The following steamers coaled at Union Bay for the week ending July 15th:—

S. S. Selkirk took on bunker coal enroute for north, S. S. Waernarim after taking on coal cleared for Powell River to load 2800 tons of paper, S. S. Mathilda, Penrith Castle, Blue Funnel liner Tuecer, coasting vessels Coquitlam, Prince Royal, Camosun, tugs Dola and scows, Erin, Clayburn and scows, Burrard and scows, Gleeful, Defiance, Dreadful, Naid, Dauntless, Artic, Nanoose, Qualicum, barges Baroda and Melanpo.

The Prince Albert put in at Union Bay for repairs to her stearing gear.

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