THE CUMBERLAND ISLANDER

With which is consolidated the Cumberland News.

FORTY-FOU... 52. CUMBERLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1925. SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: TWO DOLLARS PER ANNUM

Provincial Library Victoria B.C.

179

A. J. Taylor Again Heads Literary And Athletic Assn.

Very businesslike was this year's annual meeting of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association, held in the Lecture Hall at 8:30 p.m. Sunday last. The gathering was a very representative one, all the retiring officers and board of management being in attendance as well as a majority of the club members. Although the hall does not normally hold a large crowd, it was packed so that even standing room was at a premium Sunday evening.

The minutes of the previous general meeting and also of a special general meeting were read by the secretary and adopted with but a slight alteration. The retiring president, Mr. A. J. Taylor, then submitted his report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association, I beg to submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

"The past year has been fairly successful under the circumstances that have prevailed. The source of income having been cut in half this year, and therefore it has been impossible for your Board to do as much as they have in the past; at all times a careful and close study of the expenditures has been made, bearing in mind the welfare and interest of the Membership.

I wish personally to thank each Member of the Board and the various Committees for their hearty co-operation and support and their help to me during my term of office.

Attached hereto you will find a financial report of the transactions carried out by the Board at their meetings during the year.

Estimated receipts for year 1925	$3986.00
Estimated receipts for year 1924	6921.00
Expenditure for year 1925	4291.00
Expenditure for year 1924	6561.00

I am, Sirs, your obedient servant,
A. J. Taylor, President.

This report was accepted with satisfaction by the meeting as was the financial report submitted by the secretary, Mr. Robert Strachan, and which will be found following this article.

The president then declared vacant all offices and asked Mr. George O' Brien to take the chair in order to proceed with the election of officers for the year 1926. This item on the agenda sheet, contrary to the practice set at other general meetings, was disposed of with very little difficulty. The complete board follows: President, Mr. A. J. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. James Robb; secretary, Mr. Robert Strachan (all of whom were re-elected unanimously); treasurer, Mr. John Walton; and six board members as follows: Messrs. James Smith, Fred Simister, Harry Jackson, Geo. Shearer, R. T. Brown, and Ed. Hughes. The three repres-

(Continued on Page Three)

CUMBERLAND PLAYS IN 'PORT SHIELD FIXTURE

Cumberland United meets Ladysmith Saturday afternoon at Nanaimo in the final round of the Davenport Shield competition. The team will leave Cumberland by jitney at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, and will be chosen from the following players: Walker, Mortimer, Stewart, Foster, Gough, Monaghan, Conti, Brake, Deluce, Plump, Fowler, McDonald and Hitchens.

LOCAL MAN SECURES THE DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY DEGREE

Mr. A. J. Taylor, of West Cumberland, successfully passed all examinations held in Osteopathy, during the past few weeks. The Islander extends hearty congratulations to Dr. Taylor on his success. He has been the recipient of many congratulatory messages from his many friends on gaining such a signal honor.

TURKEY SHOOT FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING

A monster Turkey Shoot will be held at Perseverance Trail, Cumberland on Christmas Morning commencing at 9.30. About fifty Turkeys will be shot for. Come and show the boys how to shoot and incidently get a Christmas dinner cheaply.

WEDDING BELLS

MULLEN—HOUGHTON

Mr. Patrick Mullen, of Cumberland, and Miss Aina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Houghton, of Chase River, were married by the Rev. P. R. Kelly, at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning in the manse, 763 Albert street, Nanaimo. The happy couple left on the afternoon boat for their honeymoon, which will be spent in the Sound cities. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen will reside in Cumberland. Mrs. Carruthers, sister fo the bride, was the matron of honor and Mr. Carruthers, the best man.

Aunt Susan's visit last week was nothing compared to the Merry Widow—She will be here in town on Christmas Day—Better get acquainted...Meet her at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre.

HEALTH OFFICER SUBMITS REPORT FOR HALF YEAR PERIOD

Mayor C. J. Parnham and Aldermen Maxwell, Mumford, Ledingham and Potter were the council members present at the last meeting of the 1925 term held in the City Hall last Monday evening. Ald. Jeffrey's absence was unavoidable while Ald. P. Mullen, though not in attendance, had a communication before the meeting with his resignation enclosed. Although so close to the end of the year the council had no course other than accepting the resignation and this was done with regret. Mayor Parnham and both Ald. Maxwell and Ald. Mumford expressed their appreciation of the conscientious manner in which Mr. Mullen had carried out his duties while a member of the council.

Two additional communications were read, one of which is published herewith:

Board of Health,
Cumberlad, B. C.

Dear Sirs:—

The following is the health report for the second half of the year 1925.

During the extreme dry spell, and water shortage that the people of Cumberland experienced during the months of October and November the health of the residents was not as good as usual. It was noticed that there was a larger number of case of Dysentry than usual. These cases all cleared up as soon os the citizens started boiling the drinking water. There were no fatal cases.

One case of Scarlet Fever developed in the City during the month of October. This case was quarantined and treated at home, and made a good recovery.

During the month of December a case of Scarlet Fever developed in Camp. This case was transferred to the City Isolation Hospital, and is at present undergoing treatment there.

At present a mild epidemic of Whooping Cough is passing over the City and surrounding country. So far 5 cases have been reported in the City. All cases are being isolated and the homes are being placarded as soon as the cases are reported. So far one death has occurred, this being due to Pneumonia which developed as a complication of the Whooping Cough.

Sincerely yours,
E. R. Hicks, M.H.O.

(It should be explained that in the Medical Health Officer's report given above the death noted was a Japanese baby from Union Bay).

OLD TIME DANCE NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

An old time dance will be held in the G.W.V.A. Hall on Friday, January 1st, 1926. The following programme of dances will be played by an orchestra composed of Messrs. R. Goodall, C. Newman, S. L. Robertson and T. McLellan: Waltz, Two Step, Three-Step, Circassian Circle, Polka, Minuet Lancers, Quadrilles, Spanish Circle Waltz, Schottische, Pas de Quarte or Paddy Cat, Pickles, Flowers of Edinburgh Country Dance, Jersey, Highland Schottische. Dancing will commence at 9:30 sharp, with Mr. Thos. Carney as master of ceremonies.

The price of admission has been placed at $1.00 per couple with 25c. for extra lady.

AT HOME JANUARY 1st.

The American Consul and Mrs. George W. Clinton will be at home on Friday, January First, 1926, New Year's Day, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the American Consulate, Cumberland.

Contentment

Let us learn to be contented with what we have, let us get rid of prejudices and false estimates, set up the higher ideals—a quiet home; vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of genius; a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love us in turn; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or sorrow; devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion empty of all bigotry, full of trust and hope and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give up all the empty joy it has.

With the compliments of the Publisher and staff of

THE CUMBERLAND ISLANDER
who wish you one and all
A RIGHT MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

December School Report

Division 1, Mr. H. E. Murray. Percentage of attendance 98.8, Lates 0, Perfect attendance 21. Honor roll—Stephen Jackson, Norman Freloni, K. Kaga, K. Emily, J. McLean and F. Sugimori, tie.

Division 2, Grade 7, T. A. Gallivan. Percentage of attendance 97.9, No. of lates 0, Number on roll 33, Perfect attendance 31. Honor roll—Oswald Reid, Floyd McMillan, Sadako Iwasa, Violet Williams, Harriet Horbury, Beatrice Caveallero and Dorothy Gordon, tie.

Division 3, Grade 7, I. McFadyen. Percentage of attendance 96.08, No. of lates 1, Perfect attendance 25. Honor roll—Aida Mitsuyie, Hatsumi Mujahara, Victor Tomassi, Yoshi Kawaguchi, Magnus Brown, James Bell.

Division 4, Grade 6 snr., Miss C. MacKinnon. Percentage of attendance 98.21, No. of lates 5, Perfect attendance 29. Honor roll—Katherine Brown, Cazuko Iwasa, Nina Shields, Hisako Nakano, Muriel Partridge, Norio Herose.

Division 5, Miss E. Hood. Percentage of attendance 94, No. of lates 2, No. on roll 35, Perfect attendance 23. Honor roll—Lorna Osborne, Bessie McLennan, Nellie Jackson, Dilys Williams, Hiroshi Okuda, Willie Sweeney (improvement).

Division 6, Miss V. Aspesy. Percentage of attendance 97.27, No. of lates 2, No. on roll 38, Perfect attendance 28. Honor roll, Jr. 6—Tommy Adamson, Robert Marshall, Choo Foo Lung. Jr. 5—Willie MacNaughton, Shigera Kiyona, Kiyoka Abe and Richard Kirkham, tie.

Division 7, Grade 4, Miss B. M. Bickle. Percentage of attendance 98.5, No. of lates 4, Perfect attendance 29. Honor roll, Grade 4 snr.—Harold Hughes, Willie Logan, David Hunden. Grade 4 jnr.—Rhoda Walton, Lettie Swingler, Madge Bryan.

Division 8, Grades 4 Jr. and 3 Sr., Miss G. McFadyen. Percentage of attendance 96.3, No. of lates 1, No. of pupils 34. Honor roll, Jr. 4—Ettie Buchanan, Robert Logan, Jackie Hassell. Sr. 3—Margaret Marpole, Willie Johnston, Jean Quinn.

Division 9, Grade 3, Miss C. Carey. Percentage of attendance 98.3, No. of lates 5, Perfect attendance 31. Honor roll, Sr. 3—Yoshitoshi Kawata, Ella McWhirter, Billy Merrifield, progress. Jr. 3—Mary Read, Harue Okata and Stanley Lawrence, equal.

Division 10, Grades 2 sr., and 3 jr., Miss P. Hunden. Percentage of attendance 95.27, No. of lates 1, Perfect attendance 29. Honor roll, 3 jr.—Margaret Beveridge, Irene Jackson and Isobel Vincent (equal), Tommy MacMillan, Mary MacMillan, progress.

Division 11, Grade 2, Sr. and Jr., Miss J. E. Robertson. Percentage of attendance 94.94, No. of lates 1, No. on roll 36, Perfect attendance 23. Honor roll, jr. 2—Betty O'Brien, Shunko Saito, Hanaye Nakaguichi. Sr. 2—Gladys Collings, Lily Tobacco, Hugh McWhirter. Improvement, Dorothy Sweeney.

Division 12, Grades 1 sr., and 2 jr., Miss C. Richardson. Percentage of attendance 92.14, No. of lates 1, Perfect attendance 23. Honor roll—Charles Read, Masayuki Kumabe, Haruhiko Tateishi, Wanna Williams, Seichi Kishimoto, Billy Hunden.

Division 13, Grade 1B, Eva G. Drader. Percentage of attendance 86, No. of lates 2, No. on roll 34. Honor roll—Norma Cavallero, Albert Hicks, Ronald Spooner, Bobbie Rutherford, Betty Brown, Viola Martinelli.

ALDERMAN H. COOKE HANDS IN RESIGNATION

COURTENAY, Dec. 22—At the close of last night's meeting a surprise was sprung on those present by the resignation of alderman H. Cooke. The alderman's decision was conveyed to the meeting by a letter read by Mayor Duncan. Alderman Cooke said in explanation that he found it impossible to give the necessary attention to both his own business and the duties of the city. His business therefore had to come first and he hoped the Council would take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy at the coming election. The mayor replied that he was very sorry to hear alderman H. Cooke's decision. He had been a very valuable man at the council table. His colleagues also expressed their regret and thought the resignation should not be accepted. On motion of ald. Field the letter was ordered to be laid on the table at the next meeting for consideration. Ald. Pearse, Mc Kenzie and Cooke had been appointed a committe for the revision of the Trades Licensing By-law; and ald. Pearse the chairman of the committee explained the proposed alterations as affecting the various businesses. After a good deal of discussion the readjusted by-law passed its first and second reading subject to amendments. A letter from the Provincial Department of Public Works concerning the regulation of load capacity for vehicles using primary roads; and recommending the city to pass similar rules applicable to the roads within the city was amongst the correspondence. Ald. McKenzie pointed out however, that loads did not come on to the city streets unless coming off a primary road and the communication was ordered filed. Ald. McDonald in re-

(Continued on Page Five)

SPECIAL SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY

Special services, including three anthems by the choir and a solo by Miss Jessie MacDonald, of Vancouver, will be held next Sunday evening at St. George's United Church. The pastor will deliver a message appropriate to the Christmas season. Evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket No. 177 won the beautiful Mantel Clock drawn for at the Moose Carnival Dance on Friday night last. The lucky ticket was held by A. W. Watson.

SISTER OF CUMBERLAND RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

There passed away in the Vancouver General Hospital on Tuesday, December 15th, after a short but painful illness, Miss Sebbie Topper a resident of Mount Mary Ann, Mission District, and for the past year a nurse in training at the Vancouver General Hospital.

Miss Topper contracted spinal meningitis about a month ago and in spite of all that could possibly be done for her, passed away early on Tuesday morning. The funeral was held at Hatzic Thursday afternoon.

Besides her mother and father, she leaves four sisters, Myra and Mabel at home and Mrs. Geo. Apps, Jr., at Cumberland, and Mrs. Le Grand at Vancouver, also two brothers, Basil at home and Robert, teaching school at Dennison, B. C.

GEORGE GRAHAM SIGNS TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN BOSTON

Soccer fans of British Columbia, and particularly those of Cumberland, will learn with regret that player George Graham has left the ranks of the Cumberland club and will travel to Boston, having signed a form to play professional football in that city. Dave Turner, of St. Andrews of Vancouver, has signed a similar form and both players are already en route to the American city where Tom Blair is at present making a name for himself in the professional game.

Turner and Graham, well known to all soccer followers as being two of the cleverest forwards in the game in the Dominion, were both at one time members of the Cumberland team but lately Dave had cast his lot with the Vancouver Saints while George preferred to play for his first love. There is no doubt at all that the Cumberland and St. Andrews teams, as well as soccer in general, will be the poorer for the loss of these two fine players.

Corporation of the City of Cumberland

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Corporation of the City of Cumberland that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Council Chambers on the 11th. day of January, 1926, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor, Aldermen (4), Police Commissioner (1), and School Trustees (3).

The three vacancies on the Board of School Trustees have arisen by virtue of two Trustees having completed their regular term of office, and one trustee having resigned before his regular term of office for which he was elected.

Candidates shall be elected to the said offices as School Trustees in the following manner:

The two Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to hold office for the term of two years. The Candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to hold office for one year, that being the unexpired term of office for which their predecessor was elected.

The Mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two electors of the Municipality as proposer and seconder and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and two p.m. of the day of nomination.

The said writing may be in the Form No. 5 in the Schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act" and shall state the Name, Residence and Occupation or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll shall be opened on the 14th. day of January, 1926, at the Municipal Council Chambers, of which each and every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The Qualifications necessary for Mayor are: Must be of the full age of 21 years and a British Subject and have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination the owner of land and improvements within the City of values as assessed on the last assessment roll of One Thousand dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges.

The Qualifications necessary for Alderman, Police Commissioner and School Trustee are: Must be of the full age of 21 years and a British Subject and have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination registered in the land Registry Office as owner of land or land and improvements within the City of the value as assessed on the last assessment roll of Five Hundred Dollars or more over and above all registered judgment and charges.

Given under my hand at Cumberland this 21st. day of December, 1925.

W. H. COPE, Returning Officer

Mayor Parnham Reviews Work Of Past Year

It was with a sense of having completed a year of work well-done that the 1925 council of the city of Cumberland held its last regular meeting of the term on Monday evening. In fact, as Alderman Maxwell said, no former council has worked so harmoniously together as the present one and the city has probably never before completed a better year from a financial standpoint. It should indeed be gratifying to the citizens of Cumberland to know that the council has some two thousand dolars on hand and the board of school trustees an amount of somewhat more than six thousand dollars—these without the addition of the cheques for the liquor and pari-mutual profits that are yet to come. Taxation has been reduced and the affairs of the city in general are in a very healthy condition. This alone, an infrequent condition amongst Canadian municipalities, is ample proof of the ability and integrity of the men under whose management the city of Cumberland has been for the year 1925.

Deserving compliments were given and received by the various members of the council. Mayor Parnham especially was showered with congratulations by the aldermen and in expressing his thanks His Worship said the year which is about to pass away had been the most pleasant of all the years he had spent in connection with civic affairs. The city's sound financial condition he attributed to the Finance Committee and he also congratulated the remaining committees concluding his talk by wishing all a right merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. The city clerk, W. H. Cope, was given praise as well for the active interest he has taken in affairs pertaining to the city's welfare.

Hearty thanks were voted to the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd. for the many courtesies and assistance rendered the council at frequent times throughout the year.

STORES WILL CLOSE DAY AFTER XMAS

It has now been agreed amongst the majority of the local merchants they will fall in line with the other towns of the Province and close Saturday, December 26, as well as Xmas Day. The extra day will come as a welcome relief to the staffs after the strenuous Christmas rush.

All Government offices (including the liquor store) and the bank will also close on that day.

"MERRY WIDOW" IDEAL FILM ENTERTAINMENT

Seldom does a picture create such widespread interest as has "The Merry Widow" the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production coming to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre Cumberland on Christmas Day and Saturday of this week, with matinees on both days at 2.30, prices 50c. for adults and 25c. for children. But it was inevitable with such a significant combination of story, director and cast. The title suggests picturesque romance, and in the hands of the gifted director, Erich von Stroheim ideally suited to stage such a thing, the production has exceeded the fondest expectations held for it. The title role, in which Miss Murray is featured furnishes this piquant actress with the best role of her career, and that she gives "The Merry Widow" the charm and vivacity it needs goes without saying. John Gilbert, one of the most popular men on the screen today invests the part of "Prince Danilo" with a brilliance and dash which has come to be associated with this actor Other members of the cast including Roy D'Arcy, a new von Stroheim discovery who plays the villainous Crown Prince, Tully Marshall, George Fawcett, Josephine Crowell, and Dale Fuller acquit themselves nobly in their respective roles.

"The Merry Widow" was filmed at the Metro-Goldwyn - Mayer studios. The picture is based on the international famous stage play of the same name as written by Victor Leon Leo Stein and Franz Lehar. It was adapted to the screen by Erich von Stroheim and Benjamin Glazer.

Mr. Frank Potter, student at the University of British Columbia, is in Cumberland to pass the holiday with his parents.

The Cumberland Islander

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY AT CUMBERLAND, B.C.
EDWARD W. BICKLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1925.

IT MAKES ALL THINGS NEW While it seems impossible to say anything new on the subject of Christmas celebration, the miracle of the season is that the custom of nearly 2,000 years makes practically all things new. The aged become young again through their rejoicing in the delights of the grand-children with the things that once made their own eyes open wide in wonder—memories of their own childhood also come back to them.

It is not simply a jest that papa also likes to play—even though he may say it is just to test them—with the toys he buys for the youngsters. Thus, while the holiday is particularly a festival for the children, emphasizing the story of the Babe in the Manger, it also has for the elders its pleasures and the wider significance of that world-inspiring event in Bethlehem.

THE OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS Old-timers caught in the holiday rush and gazing at the wonderfully alluring panorama of the shop windows often fall into a reminiscent mood and re-live the Christmasses of the long ago. Who does not fondly recall the magic of Christmas in his childhood?

Most of the presents were home-made. Perhaps grandma furnished mittens, knitted by oil lamp after you had been tucked in bed—thick, warm mittens with a long cord that extended up through coat sleeves and around the neck to prevent loss. Aunt Saphronia gave you a basket of Christmas cookies, shaped like animals and stars and covered with delicious colored sugar.

Uncle Tom gave you a watch, and his generosity appalled you even if it was the old turnip that he had discarded. You can imagine the reaction you would get if you tried giving a 1925 boy a second-hand timepiece.

Most of the presents were useful, in the old days, including a reefer overcoat and a new pair of shoes. As for the "boughten" presents, they were limited to "The Erie Train Boy," by Alger, Henty's "With Clive in India," a New Testament, a sled, a pair of skates and that most wonderful of all old-time toys, a tin monkey that climbed a string.

At that, Christmas of long ago represented proportionately as big an outlay as now, comparing earnings in the two periods.

But the gift itself was secondary to the spirit of the giver. Somehow every grown-up can't help believing the Christmas dinners of those days were superior. The Christmas eve entertainment at the church was as enjoyable as the modern movie. And the ride in a cutter over the deep snow beat the auto-trip of 1925.

Christmas is always changing and, to adults, never for the better.

THE FIRST CAROL A Christmas celebration in Old England would not be complete without the singing of Christmas carols. For hundreds of years these have been sung in church and hall and manor house. Today, throughout the Christian world, the good old custom is growing in popular favor. The first of all the carols known to have been written in England, "Lordings listen to our Lay," was discovered on the blank leaf of one of the manuscripts of the British Museum, written in the Anglo-Norman language, and believed to date back to the thirteenth century.

Much that passes for philosophy is no more than a good digestion.

* * * * *

A pipe is really cheaper, and is much preferred if you don't mind solitude.

* * * * *

Wisdom is merely the reaction that follows contemplation of receipted bills.

* * * * *

A woman's declining years come before the age of 30. After that she is glad to accept.

* * * * *

Every normal youngster passes through an age when it seems that the crass old world can't understand.

* * * * *

The meek shall inherit the earth. But there won't be much fun in a world peopled exclusively by henpecked husbands.

* * * * *

The problem of the son and daughter who go out every evening isn't much more distressing than the same kind of furnace.

DECEMBER

Oh! holly branch and mistletoe,
And Christmas chimes where're we go,
And stockings pinned up in a row!
These are thy gifts, December!

And if the year has made thee old,
And silvered all thy locks of gold,
Thy heart has never been a-cold
Or known a fading ember.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be.
Oh! sing a carol joyfully
The year's great fast in keeping!

For once, on a December night
An angel held a candle bright,
And led three wise men by its light,
To where a child was sleeping.

—Harriet F. Blodgett.

One idea of the softest job in the world is: gathering eggs that a rooster lays...

—o—

The secretary of the postoffice department defends the postoffice pen. What the postoffice pen needs, sighs Cameron, is a point.

The man who is roused neither by glory nor by danger it is vain to exhort; terror closes the ears of the mind.—Sallust.

The moment of finding a fellow creature is often as full of mingled doubt and exhultation, as the moment of finding an idea.—George Eliot.

FOR SALE—CHILD'S BAMBOO COT and Baby Carriage, both in good condition. Apply Islander Office. 52-3

Here's Wishing Ye Olde Tyme Merry Christmas!

Remember to specify the brand "Comox Creamery" when you place your order for BUTTER, EGGS, POTATOES, and JAMS, for this year's Christmas Feast.

Comox Creamery Association

Courtenay, B. C.

Campbell's
Cumberland

Xmas Holiday Goods on display

Gift Hdkfs.—Gift Hdkfs, Hand embroidered in fancy boxes and priced from 35c to $1.25 per box

Silk Lingerie—Ladies' Silk and Wash Satin Lingerie in Crepe-de-chene Nightgowns, Step-ins, Bloomers, Camisoles, and Boudoir Caps.

Special values in Ladies' Silk Bloomers in all shades, priced at each $3.50

Silk Hosiery—Pure Silk Hose in all the wanted shades in Venus, Mercury, Monarch makes. per pair **$1.75**

Dresses—Ladies' and Misses' Dresses in fine flannels with the Broadcloth finish; also Tricotine and Crepe-de-chene dresses at popular prices.

Coats — Ladies', Misses' and Children's fur-trimmed Coats at the lowest possible prices.

Dress Goods—The newest novelty Cloths in fancy dress goods Suitable for evening wear, in Wool Satins, Satin Cantons, Flat Crepes and Brocaded Tinsel Cloths.

Special value in novelty Silk Crepes in all shades per yard **$1.50**

Fur and Marabou Trimming in all shades. Corsage Bouquets and Tinsel Ribbons and Hair Bandeaus.

Everything in Infants' Wear

Ladies' Scarfs—in fancy wool knit Silks, Crepe-de-chene, and Georgette Crepes in the newest color combinations.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hand-bags and Felt Slippers, Cut Glass and China ware, Bureau Scarfs, Tea Cloths, Cushion Tops, fancy Towels, Eiderdown Quilts, Lace and Silk Bed Spreads

MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Clothing—Men's Suits in Tweed Plain and Neat Stripe Worsteds and Serges, in Brown, Navy, Grey and Black in the popular 2 Button Sack. Styles from **$18.00** .....**to**..... **$35.00** in all sizes to fit all figures.

Overcoats—Men's and Youths' Overcoats in light and dark Heather Mixtures, Tweeds and Chinchilla Cloths with Satin quilted and leather-lined Yokes in the three-way belt styles, at **$18.00** .....**to**..... **$35.00**

Hats and Caps—Men's Best Quality Velour and Felt Hats in all the newest shades and styles.

Men's Shirts—Newest patterns in Men's Broadcloth, Percale Silk Striped and All-Silk Shirts with the new Reversible Cuff.

Neckwear—Newest Christmas Novelties in Men's Ties. Special values at our Special Price Tie Tables of **75c, $1.00, $1.50,** and **$1.75.**

New lines in Men's Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets & Felt House Slippers.

Special values in Boys' Suits, Sweaters, and Sweater Coats. Men's Suspender Sets, Belts, Armbands, Gloves, Hdks., Silk and Wool Mufflers, Fancy Embroidered Cashmere and novelty patterns in Silk Socks, Collar Boxes, Military Brushes and Safety Razors.

Suit Cases
Trunks **Club Bags**

GROCERY DEP'T.

New Season's stock of—

Currants, bleached and seedless Raisins, Fancy Puffed and seeded Raisins, whole and cut mixed Peel, ground Almonds, **Almond Paste, Candied Caraway** Seeds, Caschous (silver candy), Glace and Crystalized Cherries.

Cluster Raisins, whole mxd. Nuts, dainty Dates, candied Honey, table Figs and Cordials.

Just arrived an assortment of Robertson's plain and fancy iced Xmas Cakes, Scotch Short **Bread, Plum Puddings and Oat** Cakes.

Cranberries, California Head Lettuce and Jap Oranges now in Stock.

Campbell's

Lumber

In every sorts of building materials,

MOULDINGS,
WINDOWS, DOORS,
SHINGLES,
KILN DRIED FLOORINGS,
AND FURNISHINGS.

WE DELIVER TO ANYWHERE IN SHORT NOTICE WITH REASONABLE CHARGES.

Royston Lumber Co.
Limited.

CUMBERLAND, B. C.

PHONES { Night calls: 134X Courtenay / Office: 159 Cumberland

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR
at

MANN'S BAKERY

The Home of Good Bread, High Class Cakes & Pastry.

Christmas and New Year Cakes are—

Sultana, Cherry, Light Fruit, Dark Fruit, Genoa, Pound and Butter Sponge.

Our real Scotch Bun is delicious.

Scotch Shortbread, Plain and Ornamental.

All made from the finest materials.

Order now and avoid disappointment. All orders delivered.

SATURDAY SPECIALS AS USUAL AT

MANN'S

Phone 18 Cumberland, B.C.

A Christmas She Will Never Forget!

GIVE HER THE WORLD FAMOUS GRAND PRIZE

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner

$65.00 with attachments complete **$65.00**

$10.00 SET FREE

of Eureka Attachments—With Every Grand Prize Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Purchased! **Special Christmas Terms.**

Cumberland Electric Lighting Co., Ltd.

Red Top Relief Valves, $7 each

TO KEEP "CLOSED" PLUMBING "OPEN"

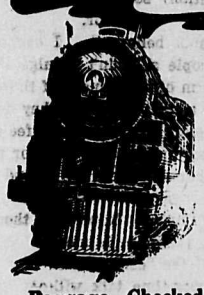
This is a ½-in. valve for use on domestic hot water supply systems for relief of damaging pressures caused by ranges and tank heaters.

APPROVED

Both Red Top Relief Valves are approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and by State and Municipal Bureaus of Water and Boiler Inspection.

CUMBERLAND AND UNION WATER WORKS CO. Limited.
G. W. CLINTON, Managing Director.

go EAST



LUXURIOUS COMFORT ON THE CONTINENTAL LIMITED

All Steel Standard and Tourist Sleeping Cars, Dining Cars Drawing Room-Compartment-Library-Observation Cars Radio Equipped

Baggage Checked Through

For Further Information, Fares, Reservations, etc., apply to

EDWARD W. BICKLE, Agent
Cumberland, B. C. Telephone 35

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

LEAVE DAILY 9.50 P.M

CUMBERLAND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

will hold

2- EXTRA SPECIAL -2

DANCES

Christmas Night

AND

New Year's Night

A REAL HOLIDAY TIME FOR ALL!

Dancing from 9:30 p.m.

PLUMP'S ORCHESTRA PLAYING TANTALIZING TUNES

Gents, $1.00 Ladies, 25¢

The Christmas Prize Drawing of the Football Club will be held Christmas nightat the Dance.

PETER McNIVEN

TRUCK AND GENERAL DELIVERY

PETER McNIVEN—CUMBERLAND Phone 150

Coal Wood, Ashes and Hauling of Every Description At Reasonable Prices.

STAR LIVERY STABLE

ALEX. MAXWELL, Proprietor

Autos for Hire. Coal and Wood Hauling given very prompt attention. Furniture and Piano Storage if desired.

Phones 4 and 61 Cumberland, B.C.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

MEAT PIES ASSORTED PASTRY

BUTTER HORNS

Apple, Lemon and Pineapple Pies.

Plain and Decorated Christmas Cakes

Marocchi Bros.

PHONE 11 CUMBERLAND, B.C.

MY "LIZZIE"

My "Lizzie" 'tis of thee, short road to poverty, of thee I chant; I blew a pile of dough on you some time ago, now you refuse to go or won't or can't. Through town and countryside, you were my joy and pride, a happy day. I loved thy gaudy hue, the nice white tires so new, but you're down and out for true, in every way.

To thee, old rattle box, of many bumps and knocks, for thee I grieve; badly thy top is torn; frayed are the seats and worn, the whooping cough effects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze, while good folks choke and sneeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice; now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why.

Thy motor has the grippe, the spark plug has the pip, and woe is thine. I, too, have suffered chills, fatigue and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills, since thou were mine. Gone is my bank roll now; no more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet if I had the mon, so help me John—amen—I'd buy a car again, and spend some more.

"Just my luck!" said the prisoner, as he threw the magazine across his cell in disgust. "Nothing but continued stories, and my execution's fixed for next Friday!"

MINERAL OUTPUT GREATLY INCREASED

The mineral output of British Columbia this year will reach a value of $60,000,000 approximately one-fourth more than last year, according to an estimate prepared by the provincial mineralogist. The value of mineral production last year was $48,704,604, while for the first eight months of this year it has totalled $41,000,000. Gold production shows a large increase, a greater output of coal and zinc is also noted; while smelter activity is evidenced by a big increase in the output of coke.

DR. W. BRUCE GORDON
Dental Surgeon

Office Cor. of Dunsmuir Ave.
Opposite Ilo-Ilo Theatre
CUMBERLAND, B.C.

At the CAPITAL

VICTORY IS GAINED BY FARMERS—MAY SHOOT PHEASANTS

VICTORIA, Dec. 22—The farmers of the province who may be the victims of pheasants eating their crops gained a victory in the Legislature on Friday, when an amendment was added to the Game Act which gives them the right to shoot pheasants which they find actually destroying crops. This may be done without securing a license or reporting the shooting to a game warden. The House, however, declined to allow quail and Hungarian partridge to be included in this concession. An amendment which would have given wardens the right to shoot any dog found in bird districts during the summer was struck out.

CANINE RACE FINDS LEGISLATURE HAS AN UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—Dogs, which found friends in the Legislature when it was proposed to give authority to shoot them if caught in bird districts in summer, did not fare so well when amendments to the Sheep Protection Act came to be considered. These require all owners of dogs to take out licenses for them and authorize the killing of the animals if caught off the owner's premises without a tag or not on a leash. No dog shall be at large between sunset and sunrise unless accompanied by the owner or within reasonable call. The provision as to damages for loss inflicted on sheep by dogs is extended so that where it is impossible to recover from the owner because he is unknown, application may be made to the Minister of Finance within six months and the claim paid at the end of the calendar year out of a dog tax fund to be created from the license fees.

NOTARIES' BILLS ARE WITHDRAWN

VICTORIA, Dec. 22. — Pending a peaceful settlement of the recent dispute between lawyers and notaries over notarial powers in British Columbia no legislation on the subject will be enacted now.

Capt. Ian MacKenzie, sponsor of two bills designed to restrict the powers of notaries, today withdrew these measures in the Legislature.

He took this action after receiving assurance from notaries and lawyers that they would get together at a friendly conference soon and settle the matters outstanding between them.

$2.95

A PAIR

Sizes 11 to 5 in Boys' Strong Brown School Shoes.

Will they wear well at that price? If they don't we will give you a new pair.....Isn't that fair enough?

CAVIN'S SHOE STORE

Cumberland

The "GEM" Barber Shop

Opposite Ilo-Ilo Theatre
Cumberland, B.C.

ALBERT EVANS
Practical Barber & Hairdresser

Ladies' hair cut, any style 50c
Children's hair cut any style 35c

The Greatest of all the Fairbank Pictures, at the

GAIETY THEATRE, COURTENAY

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30th, NEW YEAR'S DAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd.

Special Matinees New Year's Day and on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

THE PUZZLE CORNER

Puzzle No. 15

Have you ever noticed that the big painted clocks in front of jewelry stores all indicate the same time? It's something between 15 and 20 minutes past 8, and the two hands are a like distance from 12. What is the exact time?

Puzzle No. 16

With the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 0 we express all the evolutions of arithmetic. Here is a little test of your familiarity with those digits. See if you can arrange the figures in a sum, the total of which is exactly 100.

Puzzle No. 17

Smith, Jones and Brown were great friends. After Brown's wife died, his niece kept house for him. Smith was also a widower and lived with his daughter. When Jones got married, he and his wife suggested that they all live together. Each one of the party (male and female) was to contribute $25 on the first of the month for household expenses, and what remained at the end of the month was to be equally divided. The first month's expenses were $92. When the remainder was distributed each received an even number of dollars without fractions. How much money did each receive and why?

Puzzle No. 18

Two ferryboats from opposite sides of the river started at the same time and met 720 yards from the shore. They remained in their respective slips 10 minutes and on the return trip met 400 yards from the other shore. How wide was the river?

Puzzle No. 19

The combined ages of father, mother and Bobby amount to 70 years. Father is just six times as old as Bobby. When their combined ages amount to twice 70 years father will be only twice as old as Bobby. Now then, what is the age of the mother?

Additional puzzles, as well as the answers to the foregoing, will appear in our next issue.

Answers to last week's Puzzles

No. 11—On Sunday, the first day of the week, Kate promised to marry Danny "when the week after next is the week before last." Therefore she will marry Danny in 28 days after her promise. Had she promised a day earlier, then on Sunday, 22 days later, her promise would have fallen due.

No. 12—Charlie Chaplin must have handed the cashier not less than a $5,000 bill for which he received 4 ones, 8 twos, 40 fives, 400 tens and 39 twenties.

No. 13—We rose one foot in one-half a second and fell one foot in 1-20 of a second—11-20 of a second to rise and fall one foot. Sixty seconds divided by 11-20 gives 109 1-11 feet as the length of the chute.

No. 14—Four cents would buy nine pears.

AN OLD LEGEND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Offero, as the saint was known in his youth, was a very strong, tall, and brave young man, whose chief ambition was to serve the greatest king on earth. Leaving home, he travelled far until he came to the palace of a king who was said to be the greatest and bravest that lived. Offero then enlisted and served in the king's army. One day he learned that the great king feared one greater than himself. So Offero left him saying, "I may not serve thee longer. I have promised to serve only the greatest, and one who feared nothing. Since thou fearest an Evil One, I must seek and serve him."

Offero eventually found the Prince of Evil, and served him. One day, as they were passing a wooden cross set by the wayside, the Prince of Evil trembled. Again the youth set out to find the king whose cross had caused even Satan, the terrible Prince of Evil, to fear and tremble. He was directed to a holy hermit, who told him the story of the cross and instructed him in the service of the Lord Christ. Offero stationed himself at the edge of a dangerous stream where many travellers had to cross. On account of his great size and strength, he rendered great assistance and saved many lives. One very dark and stormy night when the river was in flood and exceedingly dangerous, a small child came to the river bank, and asked to be taken across. Offero placed the child upon his broad shoulders, and waded out into the tumbling water. As he went the child seemed to grow heavier with every step, and his mighty strength was taxed to its utmost. He safely reached the far shore and set his burden down. Then, as he looked, a strange light enfolded the child, and before him stood the Christ whom he had so long been trying to find. A clear sweet voice came to him saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me. It seemed indeed a heavy burden, for I bear on my shoulders the sins and sorrows of the whole world. Thou are well fit to be my servant, and henceforth thou shalt be known as Christ's-Offero (Christopher), and as a sign that I am thy King, take thy staff and strike it into the earth." As the voice ceased, the light faded, and the child was gone; but Offero struck his staff into the earth, it took root and budded out into leaves of tender green.

• • •

Ere the strains of "Adeste Fidelis" have died away for another year, could better resolve be made by the strong young men of Canada, than that they too should seek and serve only the best and greatest, and find the Christ-child in "His Dominion?"

CUMBERLAND HOTEL

WM. MERRIFIELD, Proprietor

GOOD ACCOMODATION
EXCELLENT CUISINE

Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland

Xmas Day Special

AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th

ADULTS 50¢ CHILDREN 25¢

Matinee Both Days, Friday and Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

CHILDREN 25¢ ADULTS 50¢

ERICH VON STROHEIM'S PRODUCTION

from HENRY W. SAVAGE'S stage success by FRANZ LEHAR, VICTOR LEON and LEO STEIN

The MERRY WIDOW

with Mae Murray as the Widow

John Gilbert as the Prince

Two Great Stars!
The Genius Director of the Screen!
The Best-Beloved Love Story in the World!
The Most Gorgeous, Glittering Film Presentation Ever Made!
— no motion picture has ever offered more!

Against a background of gilded glory, is now shown in pictures at last the immortal story of the Prince and the Merry Widow—a tale of passion unrestrained.

Produced with breath-taking magnificence, employing thousands of players, this gorgeous picturization of the famed international stage sensation catches in its web the gaiety, the mad revels, the intrigues, amidst which is told the greatest love story of them all

Without a doubt the best picture that has ever been shown in the city of Cumberland

SPECIAL MERRY WIDOW OPERATIC MUSIC

At Last! The World Famous Stage Sensation in Motion Pictures

YOU ENJOYED AUNT SUSAN'S VISIT LAST WEEK —BUT WAIT UNTIL "THE MERRY WIDOW" APPEARS AT THE ILO-ILO THEATRE ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND ALSO ON SATURDAY, DEC. TWENTY-SIXTH

Ilo-Ilo Theatre

Cumberland

DE LUXE SHOWS AT 7 and 8.45 NIGHTLY.

A. J. TAYLOR AGAIN HEADS LITERARY AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Continued from Page One)

entatives of the Canadian Collieries are Messrs. Geo. O'Brien, R. Strachan and W. Walker.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Robb thanked the meeting for the honor thus accorded them, after which the annual Christmas drawing was proceeded with. The fifteen four-dollar prizes were won by Messrs. P. Scavarda, G. Hoffeinz, O. Harrison, W. Henderson, R. A. Robertson, A. Bogo, E. G. Everett, S. Cameron, Geo. Ramsell, W. Davis, W. Walker, Robt. Abrams, R. Dunsire, J. Bennie and T. Clarke.

After the meeting several bundles of scientific magazines and periodicals were disposed of to several interested members.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS—	
General Membership dues	$2910.72
Associate " "	68.00
Pool Room receipts	695.75
Public Library Fees	17.10
Locker Deposits	3.50
Telephone Pay Calls	3.50
% of Basketball receipts	36.13
Sale of old Newspapers	1.00
Gov't. Library Grant	191.15
Tournament Entry Fees	28.75
Wash Room Fees	2.50
Library Fees, etc.	1.70
Estimated for remainder Dec.	26.00
Total receipts	3985.80
EXPENDITURES—	
Salary Sec'y, 1st quarter	425.00
Salary Sec'y. remainder '25	180.00
Salary Steward	1250.00
Salary Steward	900.00
Pool room Equipment and Supplies	41.38
Lecture room Expenditure	1.00
Library Expenditure	330.00
Reading room Expenditure	177.10
Wash room Expenditure	39.25
Equipment for Building	103.52
Freight, Express, etc.	31.20
Rents, phone, P.O. box	84.35
Refunds, Bevan dues, lockers	144.45
Sundry supplies, Stationery Postage, etc.	163.44
Entertainments, Xmas drawing, Lectures, etc.	327.40
Books lost in circulation	34.70
Working change to Stewards	4.00
Sports Bulletin	15.50
Basketball Trophies	50.00
Total Expenditures	4302.38
Total Expenditures	4302.38
Total Receipts	3985.80
Expenditure over receipts	316.58
Approximate bank balance December 31st, 1925	610.00

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intension to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding Pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESTEAD LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtained after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

FORTUNE TELLER'S PROPHECIES THAT ARE SURE TO COME TRUE

Are fortune-tellers really as harmful as the law (judged by a recent prosecution) seems to think? says a writer in The Mirror.

I cannot believe it. I cannot see why people shouldn't indulge in this mild form of amusement, if they want to. As a matter of fact, they do—for example, at Wembley, for a fee down. Why not in private—also for a fee?

I gather that there are a good many people engaged in the industry, and it is a mystery to me why there are not many thousands more.

Of all the "cushy" (if I may use a bit of war-time talk without looking too hopelessly old-fashioned) occupations in this world, I should think that of a diviner of the future is the cushiest. They simply cannot lose; their prophesies are bound to come true.

Let us examine for a moment the sort of prophecy that the average seer hands you.

"You will go to a large building," she says mysteriously. "I cannot see exactly what, but you will talk to a lot of people."

Theory of Chances

At first hearing how thrillsome! But cold analysis tells us that in ordinary life we cannot avoid going into large buildings and pretty frequently, too! Think of the many large buildings which enter our daily life at some time or other—banks, stores, schools, for instance. Our existence is simply beset by large buildings.

"You will talk to a lot of people."

Naturally!

Short of barricading oneself in the back attic, and having one's food pushed under the door, one cannot avoid talking to a lot of people.

Another favorite phrase is "Hasty news."

Well, while we have wireless, telephones, telegrams, and a postal delivery every hour, any news we get is more or less bound to be hasty. This perfectly meaningless catch-phrase is of course, a survival from the middle ages, and is simply pointless in the twentieth century. Still, the fortune-tellers keep on using it, and unthinking folk keep on being thrilled by it.

With a "Dark Man"

Another obvious piece of eye-wash is the familiar, "You will have business talk with a dark man."

In spite of our boasts about our Nordic ancestry, many of us are dark, as the most cursory observation will show. To meet a really fair man is the exception. So far our fortune-teller is on velvet; and a "business talk" might mean anything. If I ask a dark-haired tobacconist to sell me a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches, I am fulfilling the prophecy to the letter.

"Something is coming to you from across the sea."

I should say so!

What with Argentine beef, Australian mutton, Danish bacon, German toys, Sweedish matches, American cigarettes and many other articles of ordinary use, we meet things from across the sea at every turn. So there is nothing in that to get excited about

I should imagine that the sporting tipsters must bitterly envy the fortune-tellers. Their prophecies are absolutely unbeatable. fear-nothing naps.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES AT FRELONE'S AT PRICES THAT WILL ASTOUND YOU

Call and Investigate

New Stock of Christmas Fruits Just Arrived

Luxury Cake, 2 1-2 lbs.; Sultana, Cherry, Genoa, and Dark Fruit Cake, 3 lbs.
Fancy Iced Cakes and Fancy Iced Shortbread.
Fig Puddings, Xmas Stockings, Fancy boxes of Chocolates, Xmas Crackers, Fancy wrapped Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.
Xmas Candy, Mixed Nuts, and Chestnuts and Jap Oranges.

Apples from $2.00 to $3.75 per box.

FRELONE'S GROCERY STORE

Cor. 5th and Dunsmuir.

CUMBERLAND

News of Courtenay and Surrounding District

TAXI TAXI
Safety and Comfort
Day or Night
CAR SERVICE
24——TELEPHONE——100
Cumberland Hotel
Car leaves Cumberland Hotel at 8:00 o'clock every Sunday morning and meets boat at Union Bay.
TOURING PARTIES CATERED TO AT REASONABLE RATES
ASK FOR
Charlie Dalton
TAXI TAXI

WHIST CLUB PLAYED TOURNAMENT GAMES

COURTENAY, Dec. 18.—The members of the Courtenay Whist Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tull on Wednesday evening when they played off another series of their tournament games. The rooms were tastefully decorated and the players present were Mr. G. B. Capes, Mr. Geo. H. Pidcock, Mr. Zeuner, Mr. J. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gregson, Miss Hellen Towler, Dr. T. A. Briggs, Mr. Herbert Smith, Miss Every-Clayton, Master Jack Gregson and Master Harold Tull.

P. P. HARRISON
BARRISTER and SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC
CUMBERLAND - - - B.C.

WHIST WINNERS GET TURKEYS AND GEESE

COURTENAY, Dec.21.—The prizes, turkeys, geese and chicken, attracted a huge crowd to the whist drive held in the Booth Hall last Thursday night. No less than forty-two tables were required to accommodate the card players and even then there were those that did not play.

The prizes were secured by the following: Ladies' first, Miss Jean Beasley; second, Mrs. J. W. McKenzie, sr; consolation, Mrs. J. Boomer. Gentlemen's first, Mr. J. W. McKenzie sr; second, Mr. Henry Crawford; third, Mr. Hammond. Refreshments were served followed by a dance. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

CAR CAR
Mason's Taxi
24 HOURS SERVICE
At Very Reasonable Prices
I meet all trains and boats.
A few cents extra will bring you at your house or from your house to the station in Comfort and Style.
ANYWHERE at ANY TIME
See Geo. Mason
At The Royal Candy Store
Or Phone 25
Residence Phone 22
CAR CAR

ARBITRATORS AWARD ORIGINAL AMOUNT OFFERED BY CITY

COURTENAY, Dec. 21.—Thursday last in the city hall, the three arbitrators comprising the court of arbitration in connection with the expropriation by the city of Mr. D. Roy's property sat all day. The arbitrators are Mr. P. L. Anderton for the city, Mr. A. M. Hilton for Mr. Roy and Mr. Melville Haigh, of Campbell River has been chosen by the other two arbitrators. City Solicit or J. M. Mitchell was watching the proceedings on behalf of the city of and C. H. Bool, F. Field and E. D. Mc Courtenay and Mr. Ginnett of Messrs. Killam and Beck for Mr. Roy. Witnesses for the city were C. S. Wood, city assessor, M. B. Tribe, city auditor C. H. Bool, F. Field and E. L. MacDonald adjacent property holders, G. J. Hardy, real estate, and J. W. Ledgerwood and Geo. Breathour builders Mr. Roy gave evidence in his own behalf and Dr. Millard and Mr. D. T. Steel for Mr. Roy. Mr. Roy is claiming $2500 while the city has offered $1100. The arbitrators have now awarded the claimant the amount that the city offered.

UNION HOTEL
CUMBERLAND, B. C.
Comfort and Homelike service.
26 rooms, electrically heated.
Excellent cuisine—
For reservations Phone 15.
R. YATES, Manager.

ALDERMAN COOKE HANDS IN RESIGNATION

(Continued from Page One)

porting for the electric light committee was very anxious to make it plain that the light interruption on Saturday night last was caused by the blowing out of a fuse on the line of the Canadian Collieries in course of transmission to the city. According to ald. McDonald, the city authorities had been much criticised for the interruption but the fact was that the city authorities had nothing to do with the cause. They had, however, it seems, been instrumental in rectifying the trouble. City Clerk Wood thought the merchants would be well advised to keep a lamp or two on hand in case of emergency. The reason so many did not take any precaution he thought was because interruptions were so rare. Mayor Duncan said there was no doubt that the light had been very satisfactory—perhaps more than in larger cities.

Alderman Field reported on the result of the local Armenian Fund. Only about $140 had been received, and this, for the most part, had been donated by children. He also brought up the matter of the Boys' Band The council had previously led Mr. Bramley to believe that the city would assist in this matter. It now appeared doubtful if the city had power to make a grant for this purpose. The city clerk reported that city solicitor J. M. Mitchell had ruled that the city had no such power He thought, however, that some of the instruments might be purchased and loaned to the band, but to remain the city's property. Ald. McKenzie remembered that the city and the public had provided musical instruments for the 102nd. Battalion with the understanding that they were to be returned. The band, however, went over-seas and none of the instruments had since been seen. Ald. Macdonald, who suggested that $100 might be spent for instruments, said that the night school in this connection had started off with fifty to sixty pupils. The matter was left over to the next council meeting.

A great many other items occupied the attention of the meeting to nearly midnight.

When you are in need of a Plumbing & Heating Engineer, See
R. RUSHTON
Phone 124 Courtenay or Phone 157 Cumberland
Your needs will receive immediate attention.

"BAGDAD" DECLARED BEST PICTURE EVER

Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in the marvelous Arabian Nights tale, "The Thief of Bagdad," at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, New Year's Day and Saturday, Jan. 2nd, as well as at the matinees on Friday and Saturday at 2:30.

It was, according to all accounts, the great good fortune of the screen that Douglas Fairbanks came upon this amazingly romantic love story and that he undertook to make it into a photoplay. Moving picture critics is such cities as "The Thief of Bagdad" has been shown, have been unanimous in asserting that it is the greatest film ever made. When it is considered that this story departs from the affairs of every-day life and soars off into dreamland; that there has been visualized and made real the soaring away of the Magic Carpet over the house-tops and into the sky; the Winged Horse, with the Thief galloping off to and through the clouds; the Magic Rope which the Thief throws into the air and climbs up into the sky, up into all sorts of places—it will be seen that "The Thief of Bagdad" is no mere spectacle no mere bringing together of crowds to appal the multitude.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
We Extend to All Our Friends and Patrons Our Sincere Wishes for A MERRY XMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR
BLUNT & EWART Ltd.
District Agents for McLaughlin-Buick and Chevrolet Cars

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! — BRING EVERYONE!
ELKS' GOOD-TIME
DANCE
GAIETY THEATRE, COURTENAY
New Year's Eve
Fun Commences at 9:00 p.m. with
MOODY'S ORCHESTRA
Admission
Ladies, 75c; Including Supper Gents, $1.25

2nd Old Time Dance
GAIETY THEATRE, DEC. 28th, at 8:30 p.m.
Monday after Christmas
ALL OLD TIME DANCES
EVERYBODY WELCOME — NO INVITATIONS
Admission:
Gents, $1.00 Supper Extra Ladies, 25c.

Greetings
WE wish all our patrons a Merry Christmas and hope that by eating our Goods you will obtain a helping strength that will enable you to endure the hardships that may assail you in the coming year.
McBRYDE'S BAKERY AND TEA ROOMS
(First-class Certificate for Cake and Confectionery.)
Courtenay, B. C.

BUILDING
MATERIAL OF ANY DESCRIPTION
Call and See Our Stocks——Get Our Figures
EDWARDS LUMBER COMPANY LTD.
Mill Street, Courtenay
Phone 17 P.O. Box 62

Courtenay Commercial School
Individual Tuition in
SHORTHAND — TYPEWRITING — BOOK KEEPING
BUSINESS METHODS
New Location Opposite Corfield's Garage.

COPPER TRAILS
Extending to various parts of southwestern British Columbia, the copper trails which we call telephone lines are ready to carry long-distance conversations at speeds ranging from 8,000 to 178,000 miles per second. When speed counts —Long Distance.
BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
Pidcock and McKenzie Motors
Dodge Bros. Motor and Studebaker Cars
Courtenay, B. C.

Ford
We Extend to You
OUR BEST WISHES
FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
and ask your assistance in making this New Year a
Ford Year
Corfield Motors, Limited
FORD DEALER
Phone 46 Courtenay, B. C.

1824

Wishing one and all the Compliments of the Season

J. Sutherland
DRY GOODS
& GENT'S FURNISHINGS

THANKS!

We are thankful that in the regular order of our yearly programme there is time to pause and think of the many things that we may be thankful for. We are above all else thankful for your patronage and for your faith in our ability to sell you better groceries at the fairest price. The hearty commendation of our numerous patrons has been a great source of encouragement to us. We are thankful that our business outlook for the coming year seems bright and promising.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Mumford's Grocery

Leave your order at

WILCOCK BROS.

For Local or Eastern
Turkeys
Geese, Ducks and
Chickens

Phone 66 **Cumberland**

Personal Mention

Miss Frances Strachan, who has been studying at Sprott-Shaw, Victoria, returned to Cumberland Saturday evening to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Strachan.

Mr. Cyril Michell, of the teaching staff of the Harewood School, Nanaimo, arrived in the City Sunday afternoon to holiday over the Yuletide season.

Miss Hilda Watson, of Penticton, is spending the holiday in Cumberland with her mother, Mrs. M. Watson. Miss Watson arrived here last Saturday evening.

Miss Besse Stewart, of Vancouver, arrived Tuesday evening in Cumberland to spend the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. Marion Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Shenstone are spending the holiday in Victoria.

Miss Chrissie Sutherland, who has been attending the University of B C., arrived in Cumberland Saturday evening to holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland.

..Wait until you see the Merry Widow —She will be in town on Christmas Night—Oh boy..

NOTICE

On and after this date any person or persons found removing coal or other material from the yards, cars or property of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited without a permit will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

CANADIAN COLLIERIES (DUNSMUIR) LIMITED.

Mr and Mrs. J. Mignone arrived from Vancouver Tuesday evening to spend the holiday with Mrs. Mignone's mother, Mrs. M. Mitchell.

Mr. Duncan McNiven and Mr. A. McNiven are spending the holiday weeks in Cumberland.

A dainty, diminutive thing rushed into Sutherland's with fire in her eye, jammed a box of silk hose in Sutherland's face and said: "Take those back! No wonder they didn't fit me!" Sutherland looked at the label and read: "Made especially for John Sutherland."

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mitchell, of Lake Cowichan, are spending the Christmas holiday in Cumberland with the former's mother, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell.

Foreign lady from Algona went into Lang's and asked for talcum powder. "Mennen's?" asked Malcolm. "*No, vimmen's.*" "*Do you want it scented?*" "No, I'll take it mineself."

We have all heard lots about young widows—See the Merry Widow at the Ho-Ho Theatre this week-end.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. D. Bonora and family, of Cumberland, wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Committee of the Cumberland Relief Fund for their generous Christmas gifts.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan wish to thank all kind friends who lent their unstinted help during Mr. Buchanan's long illness and hope that in return they may sometime be able to help someone else. Wishing everyone the compliments of the season.

Season's Greetings

to

OUR NUMEROUS PATRONS.

LAST WEEK OF SALE

BUY NOW!

PATERSON BOOT SHOP

Courtenay, B. C.

Cumberland Supply Co.

Rickson's Old Stand — Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland

We Can Supply Your Christmas Needs

AT REASONABLE PRICES TO YOU.

Mincemeat (Bulk), 2 lbs. for	35¢
Mincemeat, in jars	70¢
Dates, 2 lbs. for	25¢
Table Raisins, large package,	35¢
Jap Oranges, per box	90¢
Mixed Nuts, per lb	30¢
McIntosh Red Apples, per crate	**$1.95**

Here is an ideal Christmas gift for home!

$6.75 Johnston's Floor Polishing Outfit for **$5.00**

This outfit consists of—

1 quart bottle Johnston's Liquid Wax	$1.50
1 Johnston's Lamb's-wool Wax Mop	1.50
1 Johnston's Weighted Floor Polishing Brush	3.50
1 Johnston's Book on Home Beautifying	.25
Total cost	$6.75

The complete set for $5.00

E. L. SAUNDERS

UP-TO-DATE SHOE REPAIRER.

It pays to have your shoes repaired as they wear longer after repairing than when new.

I aim to give the best in Material, Workmanship and Service at—

THE FAMILY SHOE REPAIRERS

Note address— Opposite the Drug Store.

Xmas Sale
AT LANG'S
Still Continues

THIS STORE OPEN XMAS MORNING ONLY 9:30 TO 1:00 O'CLOCK

Fancy Boxes of Chocolates, Moir's, Neilson's and Sweetest Maid

Lang's Drug Store

The Rexall-Kodak Store
"It Pays to Deal at Lang's

GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

An early visit will be of interest to you as our new season's stocks are now complete and out for your inspection at very reasonable prices.

Including many numerous items

Full stock of all well-known brands of Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobaccos, Cigarette Holders & Tobacco Pouches.

Fancy box Chocolates, Ganongs and Robertsons, in all sizes from 1-2lb up to 5lbs.

Special family boxes of Chocolates and Mixed Candies in 3lb and 5lb boxes, also bulk Xmas mixed Candies from 25c. per lb up to 50c. per lb.

Bon-Bons—All English products in baskets, fancy boxes, etc. Full of novelties and games, etc Just the thing to put a kick in your parties, etc.

"Glass-Ware" Tumblers, Wine Glasses, Table Sets, Fruit Sets, Water Sets, Vases, Bowls and Bon-Bon Dishes, etc.

"Crockery" Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Pots, Jugs, Sugars and Creams, Platters, Cups and Saucers, Plates and Bowls all sizes, and fancy dishes.

"Cutlery"—Stainless Knives, Forks and Spoons, etc. Cabinet Sets and Carving Sets, Pocket Knives, Safety Razors, etc.

Christmas Stockings and Bags in all sizes.

Fancy Glace and Crystallized Ginger, Pineapple and Mixed Fruits, Almond Paste and Ground Almonds, Fancy table Figs, Raisins, Shelled and Whole Nuts, Popping Corn, etc.

Matt Brown's Grocery

FOR QUALITY AND SERVICE, PHONE 38

The Best Is The Cheapest

WE HAVE PURCHASED THE BEST OF THE LOCAL TURKEYS, GEESE AND CHICKENS IN THE COMOX VALLEY. IF YOU REALLY WANT A GOOD XMAS DINNER, PURCHASE YOUR POULTRY AT THE

City Meat Market

W. P. Symons Phone 111

Cumberland