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RUMOR THAT LARGE IRON INDUSTRY WILL LOCATE AT UNION BAY

OLD COUNTRY COMPANY WITH CAPITAL OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN FORMED AND WILL ESTABLISH WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A COAL MINING COMPANY—REPORT FROM A RELIABLE VANCOUVER SOURCE SAYS THE INDUSTRY WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SEAPORT OF CUMBERLAND—LOCAL CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT, HOWEVER, IS LACKING.

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Vancouver, March 12.—News has reached this city from the Old Country to the effect that an iron and steel industry of gigantic proportions is to be established in British Columbia in the near future for turning out of all the products of this industry. The concern is a big organization and work on the preliminaries connected with its flotation for activity in this province has already started.

The company is to be capitalied at five million pounds sterling, which is an indication of its importance. It is definitely stated that it will work here in conjunction with an established coal company which has rail and water connections, and it is said will solve the fuel problem which is so important to a steel producing plant. The native ores of British Columbia will be used and the whole industry will be established along broad lines guided by British experience and operated by practical and highly experienced officials.

This is all the definite information which can be secured regarding this new industry, but it is commonly reported among men in this city who are in close touch with the financial world and who are intetrested in British Columbia iron deposits that the plant will be located at Union Bay on Vancouver Island. It is pointed out that this place is the logical spot for such a concern, being in close proximity to huge iron deposits, the ore from which can easily be taken by water to that port. Credence is also given to the report because of the fact that the Canadian Collieries mines, located at Cumberland, are connected with Union Bay by railway, and there are established at that point large coke ovens which are capable of turning out large quantities of the very fuel which is required for smelting purposes. There is also at Union Bay accommodation for the construction of immense wharfs which would be necessary in connection with such a large industry, and as the water close in to shore is very deep, no dredging will be necessary.

In connection with the above report from Vancouver, The Islander got in touch with Mr. Thomas Graham, general superintendent of the Canadian Collieries, but that gentleman was unable to confirm the report. He had been made aware of the reported formation of the company, but personally he knew nothing further about it. While Mr. Graham did not confirm the report he did not deny it, and there is good reason to believe that it is well founded.

RUMOR REGARDING FLU BAN DECLARED TO BE GROUNDLESS

City Medical Health Officer Says There Is No Truth in the Statement That the Town Would Be Closed Immediately Because of the Prevalence of the Disease—Unless the Epidemic Spreads Things Will Go On As Usual.

There is no likelihood that the ban will be placed on Cumberland on account of the flu, for a time at least, and unless there is a marked increase in the number of cases it will not be necessary to take drastic measures. This statement is made on the authority of Dr. E. R. Hicks, medical health officer, when interviewed by The Islander yesterday.

It has been found necessary to close the room in the Japanese school occupied by city pupils, the teacher and one or two of the pupils having developed flu symptoms, but the rest of the city schools have not suffered from the dread malady.

A rumor was started about the city during the latter part of this week that the ban was about to be placed on the city, and it is thought this was started by the fact that it had been found necessary to take such measures in Courtenay. Both Dr. Hicks and Dr. MacNaughton assured The Islander yesterday that there was no cause for alarm in Cumberland, and that unless there is a marked increase in the spread of the disease there will be no necessity for altering the present conditions in the city. There are only a few cases of flu here and these are of a very mild type.

SEN CHING ADMITTED HE SMOKED OPIUM

And the Magistrate Said He Was Running a Joint and Fined Him.

This week Sen Chung was tried under two charges before Stipendiary Magistrate John Baird. The first was with having opium in his possession and the second with being the keeper of an opium joint. A conviction was sustained in both cases and a fine of $20 and $25 and costs or two months imprisonment was awarded, respectively.

The prosecution held that a room in a private dwelling house to which the inmates resorted for the purpose of smoking opium constituted an opium joint within the meaning of the act, which contention was upheld by the magistrate.

Chief of Police Bunbury prosecuted for the provincial authorities and Mr. P. P. Harrison appeared for the defendant. Mr. Harrison informed the court that he would lodge a notice of appeal.

Must Give Their Names

Recently The Islander has been in receipt of several communications on various subjects, in which were contained some rather startling statements, and which, while they may be founded on fact, are not known to be so by the editor. The columns of The Islander are open to anyone who has anything of interest to write about, but we must insist that correspondents send their full name and address along with their communications. These are not necessarily for publication, but are taken as a guarantee and to guard the paper against any complications which might arise from articles by anonymous writers.

Anglicans Will Lose Their Pastor

Rev. F. Comley Compelled to Quit Cumberland Charge Owing to Ill-health.

Deep regret was expressed on all hands this week when it became known that Rev. F. Comley, rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in this city, will soon retire from that parish and seek a more congenial climate. It has been known for some time that Mr. Comley has not been in the best of health, but his congregation hoped that he would be able to remain with them. On Sunday last Bishop Schofield visited the parish, and during his stay held a meeting with the congregation at which the seriousness of Mr. Comley's condition was made known. After the conference the congregation left the matter in the hands of the bishop, with the result that Mr. Comley has been granted leave of absence for six months. It is, however, hardly likely that he will return to Cumberland and arrangements are now being made to provide a successor to this parish.

No definite announcement can be made as to when Mr. Comley will leave, as he will have to await the appointment of his successor, but he expects to get away about the middle of May. It is his intention to go at once to England on a visit to his old home, where his mother now resides. If his health improves while in the Old Country it is likely he will remain there.

Rev. Mr. Comle's departure will be a distinct loss to the whole community, and universal regret is being expressed at the prospect of having to part with such a sterling Christian gentleman.

RESIDENTS MUST KEEP ASHES OUT OF LANES

Chief of Police Issues Warning Regarding a Prevailing Bad Custom.

The public are hereby warned that the practice of dumping ashes on streets or lanes is an offence against the by-laws, as also is the dumping of ashes on any part of the city dump except the extreme outside edge. In future a summons will be served on any party disregarding this warning and the heaviest fine allowable will be imposed, as the city authorities are determined to put an end to this practice.

C. J. BUNBURY,
Chief of Police.

CUMBERLAND LADY MARRIED AT VANCOUVER

Miss Mary Walker Becomes the Wife of Mr. Joseph Derbyshire.

On Tuesday of this week, March 9, one of Cumberland's most popular young ladies embarked upon the sea of matrimony when Miss Mary Walker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Walker of this city, was united in marriage with Mr. Joseph Derbyshire of England. The groom recently arrived from the Old Country and the marriage ceremony took place at Vancouver, Rev. Mr. McIntyre officiating. Mrs. F. Slaughter acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Hugh Davis supported the groom. The bride was a resident of Cumberland for twenty-five years, where she has a host of friends whose best wishes follow her. Mr. and Mrs. Derbyshire will reside at Nanaimo.

Choral Society to Meet

A meeting of the members of the Cumberland Choral Society will be held in the Anglican Hall on Sunday, March 14, at 8.15 p.m. Business of importance will be transacted. All members are requested to be present.

WILLIAM GORDON GOES INTO A PARTNERSHIP

Well-known and Popular Young Man Decides Upon a Matrimonial Career.

Mr. William Gordon, one of the best known and popular young men of Cumberland, sprung somewhat of a surprise on his friends on Thursday evening last when he quietly motored down to Sandwick, accompanied by Miss Florence Potter, and while there prevailed upon Rev. Mr. Menzies to start he and his lady companion in a life partnership. The ceremony was performed at the manse, and the newly wedded couple returned at once to Cumberland with the announcement that they were married.

Mr. Gordon has for some time been an employee of the Canadian Collieries, but recently he decided to go to the Crow's Nest district. He left for there on Friday morning. Until he gets located in his new home Mrs. Gordon will remain in the city. A host of friends wish the newly-weds every success throughout life.

NOTED ENTERTAINER HERE NEXT TUESDAY

A. Mather Hilburn, the Last of the Ellison-White Attractions at the Ile-Ile Theatre.

On Tuesday evening next the last of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau attractions to visit this city this season will be seen, when Mr. A. Mather Hilburn, the master entertainer will appear. If it is true, as some philosopher has observed, that "a laugh is better than medicine," then Mr. Hilburn is a benefactor of the human race who deserves the title of doctor extraordinary. Hilburn operates on folks painlessly. He cures blues and cuts out grouches with a treatment entirely Hilburnesque in quality. One critic has said, "In Hilburn you find the attraction of no regrets." That's the verdict of a thousand communities he has immeasurably pleased.

THE FLU BAN HAS BEEN PLACED ON COURTENAY

Schools Have Been Closed and Public Gatherings Are Prohibited.

The spread of flu in the Courtenay district has led the medical health authorities to place the ban on all meetings of all kinds, and it is possible that the churches will be asked to refrain from holding services. As yet there have been no deaths in the district from the disease, and it is thought that with proper precautions the spread of the epidemic will be checked.

CUMBERLAND YOUNG MAN RECEIVES PROMOTION

Mr. William Richards Goes to Ladysmith as Head of the Stores Department.

After serving for many years in the company's stores department here, and latterly as assistant store-keeper, Mr. William Richards has been promoted to the position at the head of the stores at Ladysmith, and left for his new post this week, where he will assume his new duties in the employ of the Canadian Collieries. While his many friends in this city will regret that his new position takes him away from them, they are pleased to know he has been rewarded for faithful services.

Birthday Party.

Miss Edna Conrod celebrated her eighth birthday at the home of her grandfather, Ald. Thomas Bannerman, on Wednesday evening. A host of small friends met to do honor, and Miss Conrod was the recipient of man presents. After a fine supper had been disposed of the children made merry until 10 o'clock, at which hour the party broke up and the guests departed to their homes.

SCOW TURNS TURTLE IN GULF FISHERMEN GET A DUCKING

Plugs in Bottom Were Not Properly Secured and Craft Turned Upside Down, Throwing Occupants Into the Sea—All Men Were Saved But Their Belongings Were Lost—Were on Way to Juneau, Alaska.

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Nanaimo, March 12.—A large scow laden with fishing gear and personal belongings of a score of men, employees of Petriburg Fishing Company of Seattle and Juneau, who were also on board on their way to Juneau, left Seattle on Sunday in tow of two tugs. Apparently plugs in the bottom of the scow had not been securely fastened, for when off the Ballinacs Tuesday night, through the openings, the scow quickly took on such a list that she turned turtle, throwing all the men into the water. Luckily the tugs were able to pick them all up and eventually they succeeded in towing the capsized scow into Northwest Bay. The managing director of the company arrived here last night.

Jellicoe Report Foreshadows Naval Base

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Ottawa, March 12.—Although in the introduction to his report Admiral Lord Jellicoe makes mention of the fact that he was specifically asked by the government to report on the matter of an naval base on the Pacific, there is no further reference to it in his report. In his memorandum he states the subjects on which his advice was requested by the Canadian government. Presumably, if the work of fishery protection is to be carried out it will have to be done on both coasts, and if it is entrusted to men-of-war on the Pacific coast there will have to be a naval base of some sort. There is also indicated in the report that naval colleges would be necessary on both coasts. The Jellicoe report is a document of forty pages. It will require close study before it will be ready for discussion. That it will be criticied goes without saying.

British Labor Troubles Not Yet Over

London, March 12.—Although there has been a general feeling of relief at the result of the Trade Union Congress vote on direct action, the issue in the industrial sky is far from clear. The new agitation on which the miners are about to embark presents dangerous possibilities, and many labor leaders believe that a strike in the coal mining industries is much more likely to develop out of the miners' increased wage demands than was the case when nationalization constituted their objective.

NEW FRANCHISE ACT IS WELL RECEIVED

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Ottawa, March 12,—The long-expected and in some quarters the much-feared Franchise Bill which was presented to the House Thursday by Hon. Hugh Guthrie in his capacity as solicitor-general, has been well received on all sides. General opinion even by critics of the government is that it is broad in its conception and details. It will replace the Wartime Election Act as a general enactment, so the latter is now out of business, and save in retrospect a great object of criticism of the government on the part of the opposition is removed, it is in every respect a much less restricted piece of legislation than the foremr act. There are no disfranchise-clauses in the act. Broadly it provides that British subjects of 21 years of age or over, male or female, native born or naturalized, may vote. Citizenship is the basic qualification for all franchise.

VETERANS START OUT AS BUILDERS OF VESSELS

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Victoria, March 12.—In possession of experience gained under tuition of the S.C.D. instructors, twelve veterans, styling themselves the B. C. Yacht and Boat Builders, have obtained a loan from the provincial department of industries for the purpose of enabling them to set up in the ship building business.

Getting Down to Business.

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Ottawa, March 12.—Parliament got down to real business yesterday. It was private members' day, when much of pent-up flood of curiosity which has been burdening members during intervals in the last session was given an opportunity for relief. Although the session is only about two weeks' old, already eighty-five questions, thirty-five notices of motions, eight government notices of motion and a collection of bills had been accumulated.

GREEKS GET PERMISSION TO GO AFTER THE TURKS

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

London, March 12.—The Peace Conference has decided to permit the Greeks to attack the Turks in Anatolia and take whatever measures are necessary to expel them from that region. This permission was given on condition that after the campaign has been successfully concluded the Greeks will return to the positions occupied by them before the fighting began.

BOWSER CONDEMNS GIVING VOTES TO THE JAPANESE

Special Dispatch to The Islander.

Victoria, March 12.—Hon. W. J. Bowser spoke for one and a half hours on the proposed amendments to the Elections Act yesterday. He discussed the plan to grant the franchise to the Japanese who had fought overseas and strongly condemned this action.

Prince Sails for Canada.

Portsmouth, March 12.—The Prince of Wales sails next Tuesday for Canada, en route to Australia.

PERSONAL MENTION

Earl Fletcher of Nanaimo arrived on Tuesday's train.

Mrs. Rideout left on Wednesday morning's train for Vancouver.

Mrs. Robert Gordon is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frame.

Mr. G. Thompson, government Income Tax collector, arrived Sunday and left this morning.

Mr. Hobbs, auditor of Buttar & Chene, Vancouver, arrived Wednesday and left for Union Bay.

Mr. M. Rae returned on Tuesday from Trail where he has been spending the past two months.

Thomas Graham, general superintendent of the Canadian Collieries, left Monday morning for Ladysmith and returned on Thursday.

Cumberland Public School.

Division XI. held in the Japanese School building, will be closed during the forthcoming week, ending March 19.

Music and Photoplays

She was dancing at a carnival in the hot little equatorial town of O'Compo. As she whirled through the alluring movements of the fandango and heard the shouts of applause from the crowd of merry-makers in the little streets, the Castilian blood in her became more turbulent. She forgot restraint—everything except that she was wildly happy and that she wanted to keep on and on forever. The crowd pelted her with flowers and threw streamers of colored paper at her until her beautiful face and shoulders became obscured in a mass of gayly-colored ribbons.

Then she saw a strong, handsome American face, looked into two blue American eyes, saw two firm lips parted in a smile, and rushed toward them. In her ecstasy she threw her arms about his neck and they kissed. She had met the man for whom her heart had always called. But with the kiss had come the realization that she had done a terrible thing in the eyes of her people. She had kissed a stranger of whom she knew nothing. Filled with mortification, she went home to weep.

The man came for her and they went away, as man and wife, to a little island in the ocean. They were supremely happy there in part of a beautiful home he was building. Her sister, Blanca, and two servants were with her. Then came illness and, soon after her baby was born, she died. Crazed with grief, the husband went away and became a wandering madman. The house remained unfinished. His wife's sister stayed to care for the baby.

The years came and went and the child, Dolores, changed to a woman. The mystery of her father was kept from her. She never was permitted to gaze upon the face of any man except "One-Eyed Mike," the ferryman who brought them food from the mainland.

But one day the shroud of mystery was lifted, and, after a series of thrilling experiences that tried her soul, Dolores came face to face with her father and divided her love between him and a man who had come hunting bugs and found happiness.

This story is depicted, with wonderful photography, thrilling action and by a strong cast of screen favorites in "The Nature Girl," which comes to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre tonight, with beautiful Violet Mersereau in the leading role.

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Like most Italians, the late Cleofonte Campanini was very superstitious about making a will. Realizing that he had failed to do this, at last he expressed a desire to do so, but unfortunately it was too late. So he died without making a will. Under the Italian law his widow will get a third of his property, which was considerable. The rest will go to his nephew Italo, so named after his noted brother, the great tenor.

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Reginald de Koven, the composer, who died so suddenly on January 16, has left his entire estate of $200,000 to his wife.

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Mme. Nellie Melba, who has been suffering for several weeks from a severe attack of influenza, has been ordered to the south of France by her doctor.

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The real Bill Hart—hero of every small boy from Maine to California and from Canada to the Gulf—beloved of all who care for red-blooded action on the screen—will be seen in the new Artcraft picture, "Square Deal Sanderson," which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Monday.

In several of his recent films, Mr. Hart has doffed chaps and six-shooters appearing as a convict in one, and in another leaving the western plains for the asphalt of the city streets. But now he's back in harness, astride a trusty horse and with his wide-brimmed Stetson atop his head. He riots through a picture that is full to the brim of action, excitement and heroic deeds. There are lively scraps, quick shooting, all the characteristic incidents of life as it was lived in the yesterday of the Southwest.

Those who care for action piled on action, true love and the code of honor of the far west; who revel in scenes which show the everlasting hills and the deserts that stretch into miles in every direction; for the strange and strenuous life of the cowtowns, the communities where men live and die hard and are either very honest or very evil—will find it all in "Square Deal Sanderson."

Ann Little is leading woman and the only woman in the cast. Lambert Hillyer wrote the scenario from Charles Alden Seltzer's story in Argosy. He and Mr. Hart directed.

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Certain New Yorkers are making efforts to provide adequate housing for music students and teachers in that city. Undoubtedly one of the circumstances that has adversely affected the patronage of many of New York's music teachers has been the inability of prospective students to find, under reasonable conditions, a place in which to live. In Chicago it is possible to obtain board and desirable lodging for rates ranging as low as seven dollars a week. In New York—well—ask any Canadian who has had the temerity to go there to study, particularly since the war, and they will tell you how almost impossible it is to secure good lodging and the use of a piano, which is of course indispensable—and live—unless, of course one has unlimited means, something the average student is rarely blessed with.

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William Mengelberg, the eminent Dutch orchestral leader, will come to America next year as guest conductor of the New Symphony Society of New York. The engagement of Mr. Mengelberg was suggested by Arthur Bolansky, permanent conductor of the New Symphony, whose duties with the Metropolitan Opera Association prevent him from giving his entire time to the orchestra.

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The cast of "Pinto," Mabel Normand's latest Goldwyn starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on Tuesday next, is unique in that all the supporting characters with but one exception are men. Most of the action of the story takes place in Arizona where Pinto lives on a ranch under the guardianship of five cattlemen appointed to this task by the girl's father just before his death.

As Pinto, Mabel Normand is seen in one of the most distinctive roles of her screen career. Pinto is a magnetic little imp, wild, mischievous, bighearted, and so full of the joy of living that she hasn't time to be mean or vain.

Cullen Landis plays the lead in support of Miss Normand as Bob De Witt, a young New Yorker whom Pinto finds interesting despite the fact that he doesn't know a pitchfork from a corral. Landis is climbing fast to fame in pictures. In "Pinto," he is the same sincere, likeable young man who won so much favorable comment as "the Curley Kid" in Goldwyn's "The Girl from Outside."

Edward Jobson's appearance on the screen as "Looey" is always good for a laugh. Looey is a big, fat cowboy who serves as Pinto's chaperon, nurse and tutor.

To George Nichols is allotted the tortures which Pop Audrey endures on leaving Arizona to enter the society scramble of New York. Mr. Nichols is excellent as the big cattleman whose new order of life compels him to dress for dinner, wear tight pumps, and suffer the presence of society's favorites.

Hallam Cooley has the role of Armand Cassel, a colorless parasite whose langued presence in the Audry home is not due to Pop's being there.

Edythe Chapman as Mrs. Audry is seen as a haughty social climber. Her ultra moral attitude towards Pinto is strangely in contrast with her secret affection for Cassel. William Elmer as "Lousy" and Manuel R. Ojeda as the horse thief contribute their share of good work in important parts. Of course, the five dear, old-timers come in for their share of the fun. They are John Burton, Joseph H. Hazelton, Richard Cummings, George Kunkel and Andrew Arbuckle.

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Recently Norma Talmadge, the movie queen, passed the Lexington Theatre and noticed the large posters announcing "Norma." Turning to her manager, who was in the car with her, she asked languidly: "What picture of mine are we showing there this week?"

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Much difficulty is being experienced by American theatrical managers in booking attractions in Canada owing to the difference in the value of Canadian and United States currency.

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When Tita Ruffo sings he scores what the baseball fans call "a double play." He raises the roof and brings down the house.

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Cecil Fanning, the baritone, expects to tour England in concert soon, and will not return to the States until early in the fall.

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A new piano piece by Cyril Scott, "Twilight-Tide," is said to be one of the loveliest pieces he has written.

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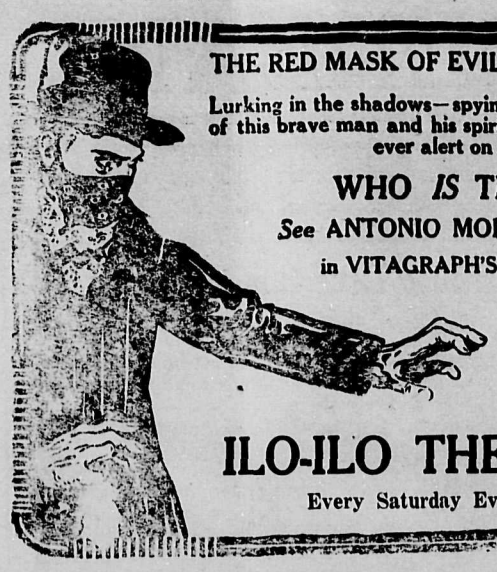
When Carrie Jacobs-Bond, famous as author of popular songs, went to a New York department store shortly after her recent arrival in New York, she signed the purchase slip and was promptly asked by the head of the department if she would stand and allow of the sales girls in the department to get a look at the woman who wrote "The End of a Perfect Day." Mrs. Bond is writing several new songs which will be published soon.



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Pinto

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GOVERNMENT FIGHTING WITH ITS BACK AGAINST THE WALL

Continued Heavy Attacks by the Opposition and the Internecine Strife Within the Government Ranks, Puts the Premier on the Defensive, His Only Active Support Coming From the Attorney-General—Haines of North Vancouver Goes After Premier Oliver Again and Makes New Revelations.

(Special Correspondence of The Islander.)

Victoria, March 12.—The fifth week of a session which, the longer it lasts, the more apparent it becomes that the government was almost wholly unprepared with its legislative programme and which, almost daily, has given evidence of a lack of direction, has nevertheless not been lacking in points of interest. Oppositions, especially one as numerically handicapped as is that in the present legislature with what Mr. Bowser is wont to call a "brute majority" arrayed against it, can expect to have a difficult task in exercising the functions cast upon it under the present political system. The fact is that to date honors have gone to the minority; the week has found the government on the defensive. True, the Premier continues to display his wonted militant frame of mind and, with a political chip upon his shoulder, continues to assert his readiness to meet all-comers, but the clear evidences of the growing independent spirit in his own political following is indication that party methods designed to keep the rank and file in line are lacking in that essential quality known as punch.

It cannot be said that the Premier is finding much assistance from his confreres in the cabinet, with the possible exception of Attorney-General Farris, whose chief effort during the week has been to rally to the defence of his chairman of the Game Conservation Board, who and whose administration of that office has come under hot fire from the Opposition.

To the onlooker following the daily proceedings of the House, the impression is irresistibly conveyed that there is an almost entire lack of team-work in the government ranks. If ever there was a session characterized by by an evident spirit of "get by" it is the present one. Five weeks consumed and not a week's real work done is not a showing for which the present administration can hope to claim much kudos. Legislation is coming down in dribblets and, at times, the close of the day's work has seen the order paper almost cleaned up. True, there have been a number of items dealt with which, to the uninitiated, might appear to be of first importance, but most of them are introduced with the idea of creating the impression that British Columbia is being imposed upon by the Federal government, and all form part of that propaganda arising out of which will be heard at the next general elections the cry of "Privincial Rights." The motion by the minister of lands calling upon the House to urge upon Ottawa the necessity of handing over to the province the lands within the railway belt and the Peace River block; that of the minister of mines calling for the maintenance of the work of the Dominion Geological Survey, a work which necessarily suffered during the war, and motions by various government supporters ,clearly inspired, calling for returns bearing upon matters having a federal aspect, such as fisheries, dual titles in the E. & N. railway belt, settlers' rights, and others, are all "old stuff," but being dished up again, a species of political camouflage designed to impress the public with the idea that the administration is actually doing something worth while.

The House early in the week was treated to another exhibition of the internecine strife within the government ranks, when the irrepressible George S. Hanes, Liberal member for North Vancouver, returned to the charge he levelled three weeks ago against the Premier, one accusing the latter with having, through his interference with government inspectors sent to check up assets taken over from the former P.G.E. interests under the settlement reached in 1918, permitted valuable assets to be retained by those interests.

Hanes was evidently not at all satisfied with the general denial made by the Premier in the course of the latter's speech in the debate on the address in reply. His motion calling for the appointment of a royal commission was, however, ruled out of order as was predicted it would be. But it was productive of lengthy debate and some new and interesting sidelights upon inside political happenings and motives. For instance, Hanes took occasion to correct a former statement of his relative to the motive which, he asserted, moved the attorney-general during the 1917 House investigation into P.G.E. affairs to resist his (Hanes') demand that W. J. Bowser, K.C., Opposition leader, should be called to testify to what he knew concerning contributions of P.G.E. moneys to party campaign funds. Hanes said that his previous declaration that the attorney-general had then told him to go easy because "Bowser knows too much" was true in substance but that that was not exactly how the attorney-general expressed himself. "For God's sake, don't call Bowser, he's got the goods on us" is how the attorney-general, then chairman of the investigation committee, expressed himself, Hanes declared.

This second spasm by the member for North Vancouver evidently forced the attorney-general to conclude it was about time he spoke up for himself. He gave Hanes the lie direct, declaring the latter's statement to be a deliberate falsehood.

The Premier, too, went over his previous defense producing is additional proof that the settlement had not contemplated the taking over of plant and equipment used for construction purposes, a photographic copy of a lease between Pat Welsh and the Walsh-Day Lumber Company. It was the mill operated by the latter company at Cheakamus on the line of the P.G.E. railway, to which Hanes pointed as one specific instance where a property properly coming to the province had been allowed to go back to the P.G.E. interests.

But Hanes claimed that evidence at the House enquiry in 1917 had shown conclusively that Pat Welsh and Foley, Welsh & Stewart were one and the same, that correspondence on file proved the interests of both were identical, and that while Foley, Welsh & Stewart were the contractors, Welsh was a member of the firm and his dealings were theirs throughout. He claimed the mill should have come to the province, that materials turned out by it since the settlement were rightfully the publics, and that when the mill was recently destroyed by fire, insurance to the amount of $35,000 was collected by Pat Welsh which should have come into the coffers of the province.

Premier Oliver administered a verbal spanking to this most recalcitrant member of the party flock and wound up by challenging Hanes to meet him before a jury of his own constituents. The impression among the members was that the Premier's challenge meant that he would, at the next elections, jump into the North Vancouver riding and contest the seat. But later developments disclosed that all the Premier intended by his "challenge" was to meet Hanes in another debate on the subject, a mere repetition of the slanging match to which the House has now been twice treated this session.

But the dispute, as aired in the House this week, was not without its amusing features. It appears that Hanes had taken his motion to Mr. Speaker for revision in the hope that when it finally appeared before the House it would be iron-clad so far as compliance with the rules was concerned. Hanes says Mr. Speaker revised it for him. Certain it is, Mr. Speaker threw it out on a point of order raised by the Premier. The resolution called for the appointment of a royal commission by the House. Mr. Speaker held that under the Public Enquiries Act the House has no authority to appoint a royal commission, a step which can only be taken by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Further, he ruled, as the motion called for the terms thereof being incorporated in any instructions that might be given to such a royal commission, it was quite out of order as it presumed to dictate the frame and scope of the commission being asked for.

Attorney-General Farris showed considerable heat on Wednesday when he rallied to the defense of Dr. Baker, head of the Game Conservation Board. He was peeved because of opposition demands for a return showing just what amount has been paid out of the public purse on account of disbursements on behalf of that official who is supposed to executing his duties

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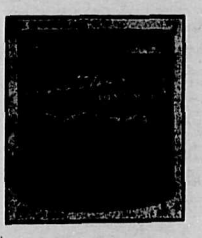

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WHO IS THE COWARD?

During the course of their debate at North Vancouver, when Premier Oliver met Capt. Hanes on the public platform, the former spent a good deal of his time calling the latter some very harsh names, and among them was the statement that the member for North Vancouver was a coward. The Premier did not state his grounds for applying such a term to his opponent, so that one must come to the conclusion that, together with the other epithets and inuendos in which the Premier indulged so freely were manufactured out of whole cloth or were the children of a disordered and vindictive mind. At all evente Mr. Oliver did not succeed in convincing Capt. Hanes' constituents that their member was anything but a thorough gentleman and one in whom they could safely place their confidence.

It might not be out of place to enquire as to which one of these two public men is showing the greater amount of cowardice. In the first place Capt. Hanes had the courage to rise in his place in the House and tell the members that the Premier had been neglectful of his duty as a minister of the crown and as the servant of the people when he allowed to be retained by private parties property and assets which rightfully belonged to the people of British Columbia. Capt. Hanes made his statement in the proper place and upon his responsibility as a member of the Legislature, and how the Premier can honestly say that he acted the part of a coward in doing so is beyond the powers of ordinary reasoning. After making his statement Capt. Hanes demanded that a royal commission be appointed to investigate the charges which he had made, so that the people would know whether his statements were correct or not. In making that demand Capt. Hanes did not display any great amount of cowardice, in fact his demand would prove the very opposite.

But how was his demand met? When he offered his resolution asking for a royal commission, the Premier jumped to his feet and demanded that the Speaker rule the resolution out of order. Had he remained seated the resolution would have gone before the House, as Capt. Hanes had already taken the precaution to submit his motion to Mr. Speaker for revision before presenting it to the House, for the very reason that he wanted to make sure that he was in order. The Premier exerted his influence with the Speaker and succeeded in obtaining the decision that the resolution was out of order. Does that act of the Premier show very much courage, or even any courage at all? Does he imagine for a moment that the people of the province will place confidence in his denials when he refuses to have the charges made against him investigated by a competent and impartial commission? Does he think for one moment that by resorting to bluff and bluster he can convince the public that he is all good and that Capt. Hanes is all bad? If his dealings with the contractors of the Pacific Great Eastern will stand the light of day, why has he shown so much determination to keep them concealed? One would imagine that a public man occupying the position of Premier of this province would only be too ready and willing to have all the acts of his government thoroughly investigated if they were as honest as Premier Oliver delights in saying they have been.

In performing his duties as minister of railways we agree with the leader of the opposition that we believe that personally the Premier has been perfectly honest, but we do think he has demonstrated that he is not capable of filling properly so important a position. At all events his handling of the Pacific Great Eastern matter has all the earmarks of incapability, and there is probably no one who realizes this more than does the Premier himself. In all likelihood it is the fear of having his incapacity exposed which causes Mr. Oliver to display such an antipathy to an investigation by a royal commission, and he evidently lacks the courage to allow his handling of the Pacific Great Eastern to be reviewed by an impartial tribunal.

In view of all the circumstances it might not be out of place to ask "Who is the coward?"

COAL VS. OIL AS FUEL.

Unless the signs are misleading, there is coming in the near future a sharp conflict between coal and oil for supremacy as the fuel to be used for makiing steam. Not only does this apply to steamships, but it includes railways and other large users of steam power, and it is quite probable that the outcome of the impending struggle will settle the controversy for some considerable time. In this struggle communities which derive their main support from the mining of coal will be affected to a greater extent than will those which have other industries upon which they can rely, and Cumberland is one of those places which depend almost entirely upon the production of coal. It is therefore well to consider carefully what means can be adopted to prevent oil from supplanting coal as fuel.

In the first place it is the part of wisdom to recognize the fact that the price charged for the two different commodities is bound to be the determining factor. If the price of coal remains as it is or increases, there can be little doubt that it will have to give way to oil, while on the other hand if its cost can be appreciably lowered it will be able to not only hold its own but it will probably succeed in driving its competitor to the wall. The question naturally arises as to what can be done to bring down the price of coal. There are many people who will say that this can be accomplished by reducing the wages of the men who mine the coal, and they are no doubt correct to a certain degree; but they are not engaged in mining and do not know the conditions which exist in coal mining centres. The man who mines coal is like every other workman: his wages must be large enough to guarantee him a decent living and enable him to put by something for the proverbial rainy day. It will be found that it makes very little difference to the workman whether his wages are large or small; what does count with him is the amount of necessities he can purchase with the money he receives in exchange for his labor. And the same thing applies to those who are operators: the price of coal does not enter into consideration, the main question being whether, at the price charged, the operators can afford to continue in business. The price of coal, however, has a marked effect when that fuel has to enter into competition with oil or any other article from which power can be extracted.

In order to bring down the price of coal the start should not be made on the wages of the miners, because this would very soon prove to be a lamentable failure. It would no doubt have the effect of lowering the price of coal, but it would also drive the miner out of the business altogether, and he would soon be found engaged in other occupations in which he could earn a livelihood, and the mines would eventually have to close down for want of workmen to produce the coal. The first step which must be taken to reduce the price of coal is to reduce the price of everything which the workman has to purchase. When this is done it will then be possible to seriously consider the question of lowering wages. but not until then. And there is only one power which can bring down the cost of necessities, and that power is the government, which in reality means the people.

We are of the opinion that just as serious a crisis exists now as was the case when war was declared, and we believe the government should adopt the same measures to meet that crisis as were adoptd when the enemy began to make inroads into the territory of the Allies and threatened to overwhelm them. Let us make ourselves plain: When men were needed to do the fighting and they were not forthcoming voluntarily, the government conscripted them and compelled them to fight for a certain stipulated sum. They had no option in the matter. We believe that the same measures should now be adopted with those who are responsible for the high prices of everything which now prevail. The power that could compel a man to go to the firing line and fight for a dollar and ten cents a day can also compel the farmer to till his land and grow wheat and other commodities for a given price. By this means the reduction of prices would be commenced at the proper place. Not only do we believe that this is the proper way to bring the cost of living down to normal, but we are convinced that the government made an awful blunder when it undertook to set the price of wheat at a figure which would induce the farmer to increase his production. What the government should have done was to set the price of a bushel of wheat at one dollar or thereabouts and then compelled the farmers to produce. Had this been done we would not now be confronted with the problem of bringing down the cost of living. But just so long as the price of wheat is maintained at its present standard and the profiteers are allowed to exploit the public, just so long will it be impossible to appreciably reduce the cost of living.

When the price of the absolute necessities of life is lowered to the proper level the cost of everything else will come down to normal also, and that includes the price of coal. But until the government takes a firm stand in controlling prices there will be little hope of ameliorating present conditions. To our way of thinking there is no other way out of the difficulty, because the high cost of living has been the primary cause for the increases which have been granted in wages to the workers, and the lowering of the cost of living will also have the effect of bringing down wages. In other words the workman's dollar will purchase for him as much of the necessities of life as he can now get for twice that amount, and he will be content to work for considerably less than he now receives, and he will be infinitely better off and much more contented.

In the attempt to bring down the price of coal so that it will be able to compete with oil as a fuel, the start must be made at the proper place, and the government is the one which should do it.

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ON DISPLAY this week in the Waverley Bar are some of the finest trophies held by any town in Western Canada. The fire fighters of Cumberland were responsible for bringing these trophies here. The trophies are the Vancouver Island Perpetual Challenge Cup for breaking hose; Silver Bugle for hub-to-hub race, and several other prizes for individual work. All credit is coming to Cumberland's fire laddies for their ability and sportsmanship. The following is an account from the Vancouver Daily Province of the doings on September 9, 1914. The trophies will be on exhibition at the Firemen's Dance on the 17th of March.

A great day at Alberni City was Wednesday, September 9, 1914. The Volunteer Firemen's Association was formed on the evening of September 8, about forty men being present. All necessary officers were duly elected. Funds were raised to start the new organization in a very creditable manner. Wednesday dawned auspiciously, the "weather man" being on his best behavior, and the course in excellent shape, which is attested by the fast time made.

Cumberland this year carried off the championship honors, and the Canadian Pipe Company's big cup, given as a perpetual trophy for Island teams. Alberni City Hose Team crowded the winners closely in all cart contests, and easily led in the ladder climbing, and tug-of-war events. Three stop watches agreed in each event on the programme, and there is no question in regard to the accuracy of the times stated.

Summary of events: governed by association rules.

Dry Test—Cumberland 40½ seconds; Alberni 42½ seconds.

Wet Test—Cumberland 39 seconds; Alberni 42½ seconds.

Breaking Hose Line—Cumberland 1 min. 5 sec.; Alberni 1 min. 14½ sec. Prize: Championship of Vancouver Island; pereptual Challenge Cup, presented by Canadian Pipe Co., Ltd., of Vancouver.

Hub and Hub—Cumberland 28½ seconds; Alberni 28 3-5 seconds. Prize: Silver Bugle, presented by the Gutta Percha and Rubber Company of Vancouver.

Ladder Climbing or Dummy-handling Contest—(1) Alf. Drinkwater of Alberni team 27½ seconds; (2)Joe Drinkwater of Alberni team 29 seconds. (3) A. Thomson of Cumberland team 32½ seconds. Prize: Cup presented by Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company of Victoria.

Tug-of-War—Full team of ten men on each side; won by Alberni in two straight heats; first 45 seconds; second 32½ seconds. Prize: Cup presented by Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Co., of Vancouver.

Swimming Contest—Won by F. Hurford, Cumberland; S. Heaslip, Alberni, second. Prize: Cup presented by Fire Chief Thos. Davis of Victoria.

220 Yards Dash—Won by J. Bannerman, Cumberland, 23 1-5 seconds; second, F. Slaughter, Cumberland; third, J. W. Heaslip, Alberni. Prize cup presented by A. G. McGregor, Canadian Pipe Company of Vancouver.

100 Yards Dash—Won by D. Bannerman, Cumberland, 10 4-5 seconds; second, J. Bannerman, Cumberland; third, J. W. Heaslip, Alberni. Prize cup presented by Mr. M. F. Hill of the Canadian Pipe Co., of Vancouver.

All the prizes were awarded in the evening at a smoker which was attended by over a hundred invited guests, and the Alberni Volunteer Fire Department proved themselves worthy hosts. Speeches, music and recitations, followed by the National Anthem, in which all joined heartily, concluded the convention and tournament which was voted a complete success by the mayors of both Alberni City and Cumberland, and all others present.

Cumberland Hose Team

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UPPER-ISLAND CHAMPS CAPTURE FIRST ROUND

Rain Fell, But the Ground Was in Good Shape—Referee J. L. Brown of Bevan Handled the Game Well—Large Crowd Viewed the Contest—Nanaimo Only Scored Once While Their Opponents Pierced Net Thrice.

DESPITE the bad weather of last Sunday, one of the largest crowds was on hand to see the opening game of the McBride Shield Series, that has been on the grounds since Calgary played here. Nanaimo has been building up a very strong team with the aid of a professional coach from the Old Country. They were strong for about twenty-five minutes of the first half while kicking down hill, but the Cumberland boys appeared to be in better shape and could not be kept out of Nanaimo's goal.

Nanaimo had a hard time picking their team, they had so many players to choose from that they had to bring fifteen players to Cumberland, and the team was not picked until they arrived in Cumberland on Sunday morning. It is very hard to choose out any particular stars in the Cumberland aggregation, but special mention must be made of Bobbie Brown; all credit is due to this husky halfback for his showing last Sunday. Bobbie was there all the time and played the best game he has played this season. Harrison at outside left also got into the limelight with one of his dazzling shots from the angle of the penalty box. Ollie can sure shoot them. The three inside men played well together, Conti, Brown and Boothman, Conti netting his usual tally. Bannerman on the right wing was not fed enough but he managed to slip one through while Salty was disentangling himself from the ball and the ground. The defence cannot be beat.

Nanaimo's famous goal getter on the right wing, Husband, was up against that peerless duet, Sullivan and Wilkinson, results nil for Husband. Tom Jackson on centre half seemed to be in his glory the way he went around the Nanaimo men-mountains was a treat to watch. Ollerton could not solve Tommy at all and the once that he got away Smith and Wilkinson just edged him over the line. Smith played a nice game; his kicking and tackling were very good and a little more playing with Wilkinson will improve both their games. Wilkinson himself was the same old stone wall; his kicking amazed some of the Nanaimo boys who had not seen him in action before. Wilkinson's play needs no comment at home.

Jock Clark was his usual self handling them all but one; the ball was wet and greasy, which is quite a handicap to a goalkeeper, but Jock glommed them all after the first one.

Big Tom Leigh, Hinds, Ollerton and Taylor were the pick of the Nanaimo bunch. Ollerton is a dangerous nippy player, in front of goal, and Leigh at centre half played a strenuous game, too much in the first half as he was all in in the second half.

Cumberland's team certainly looked like all stars, and every man on the eleven worked his best on Sunday, outweighed four or five hundred pounds against the heaviest and most aggressive team they will meet in the series. They did wonders and if held together and given a good training before the next game they are sure to be the McBride Shield winners.

Mr. James L. Brown of Bevan handled the game to everybody's satisfaction, only getting the usual jabs from the usual sore heads. Pete Shearer and A. Gavin were the linesmen.

Nanaimo Scribe Victim of Pipe Dream

Not Knowing What He Was Writing About He Jumps at Biassed Conclusions and Succeeds in Exposing His Ignorance.

The refereeing of Mr. Brown, last year's manager of the Cumberland football team enabled Cumberland to defeat Nanaimo United yesterday in a McBride Shield game by a score of 3 goals to 1. Brown's decisions were of the rankest kind his raw work taking the heart out of the Nanaimo players who during the opening stages of the game had it all over their opponents. Nanaimo registered the first goal during the first ten minutes of play. With Nanaimo in the lead, Brown took a hand in the game with the result that Cumberland led at half time by two goals to one, and added another in the second half making the final 3 to 1. The game was played in a downpour of rain, the ball being slippery, resulting in many mishaps. Ollerton, Husband, Hines and Leigh all played good games for United.

The above speaks for itself to Cumberland sportsmen. This is the brand of ignorance and calumny that gets Cumberland a bad name for winning a game with a referee's help. For the information of the Nanaimo Free Press, in which the above article was printed, the Islander would point out to the Free Press that Mr. J. L. Brown, who refereed the game last Sunday never had anything to do with the management of the team last year. Mr. Robert Brown, mine manager of No. 5 mine, was the manager of Cumberland United Football Team. Mr. J. L. Brown of Bevan was a delegate to the Upper Island League and the league appointed him to referee games on several occasions, which he did travelling all the way from Cumberland to do so. Last Sunday Mr. Jack Rogers of Ladysmith was to referee; he did not come. Mr. Quinn travelled with the Nanaimo team to Cumberland; the management of the two teams tossed up for referee between Mr. Quinn and Mr. Brown, with the result that the latter was appointed. As Mr. Brown's record in the past has been one of fair dealing and squareness, we fail to see why the Free Press should set up such a howl about something of which it is clearly ignorant. Howls like the report of the Free Press help foster ill-feeling, kill sport and help to drive honest officials out of the game.

Dave Brown After Swanson's Scalp

Nanaimo Marvel Willing to Put Up a Good Sum as a Wager That He Can Throw the Cumberland Wrestler.

The red-headed demon, Dave Brown, the Nanaimo marvel, is out with a challenge to the old reliable Sinic Swanson. Two hundred and fifty dollars is the amount of money Dave's backers say they are willing to cover on Dave's chances of victory. It looks as if Sinc is going to be a busy man in the next couple of months. Al. Hatch also wants a crack at Sinc, and Sinc says "Let 'em all come." It is hoped to land one of these bouts for Cumberland.

Lambert and Dawson to Mix Here

Lambert and Dawson have written the sporting editor of The Islander that they will appear here on the 10th of April. Jimmy Clark and Harry Anderson are billed to appear here at the same time and with this sterling bill, rounded out with local talent, the promoters promise one large evening of continuous entertainment.

JACKSON WINNER IN JERSEY CITY BOUT

Outfought Johnny Dundee in Six Out of Ten Rounds.

Jersey City, N.J., March 12.—Willie Jackson of New York outfought Johnny Dundee of New York in an eight-round bout last night with two even. Jackson weighed 133 pounds and Dundee 133. Dundee received considerable punishment in the final round.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Benny Valger of New York defeated Jimmy Murphy of Philadelphia in a six-round bout here.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 12.—Pinkey Mitchell, local lightweight, easily outboxed Barney Adair of New York, and formerly champion of Ireland, in his class, in a ten-round wind-up, sporting writers agreed.

Hartford, Conn., March 12.—Jack Britton, welterweight champion, won a newspaper decision over Dave Palitz in this city in a ten-round bout.

WALKER AND OLSON WILL MEET ON MAT

Canadian Title at Stake in Match at Vancouver on March 18.

Vancouver, March 12.—George Walker, light heavyweight wrestling champion of Canada, and Charlie Olsen of Chicago, light heavyweight champion of Sweden, will come together at the Dominion Hall in this city on Thursday evening, March 18. Arrangements for the staging of the bout are now well under way. The bout will be for the light heavyweight championship of Canada, catch-as-catch-can style, the best two out of three falls. There will be no draw, the match going to a finish.

Walker's ability is well known to wrestling fans. Olsen will be here tomorrow to complete his training. Besides the main event there will be two preliminaries.

English Cup Semi-finals March 27.

London, March 12.—The draw for the English Cup semi-final is: Huddersfield vs. Bristol City at Chelsea; Chelsea vo. Aston Villa at Bramwell Lane, Sheffield. The games will be played March 27.

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ENORMOUS AMOUNTS SPENT; SETTLERS NOT IN EVIDENCE

Land Settlement Board Has Cost the Province a Huge Sum, But Very Few Settlers Are Taking Up Holdings—Lack of Foresight on the Part of Those Responsible for Selecting Areas Has Cost the Country Dearly—Friction Between Land Settlement Board and the Department of Lands.

(Special Correspondence.)

Victoria, March 12.—Businesslike methods are no feature of the operations of the Land Settlement Board if information which the opposition has pried from the government during the week is any criterion. Perhaps there is a reason for the lack of this essential in view of the recent happenings which have culminated in the resignation of M. H. Nelems, chairman of the board, a resignation the direct outcome of the dissatisfaction existing among members of the board on account of his autocratic methods and the pulling at cross purposes among the members themselves, conditions not making for harmony or satisfactory results from the public standpoint. As yet no successor to Nelems has been named. Rumor has it that there is some active wire-pulling being done by party supporters to land the job, which carries with it a salary of $3300 per year and expenses.

It cost the public of the province last year $41,550 to maintain the board as a going concern. Directors drew down $13,200 in salaries and $9646 in expenses. Salaries of staff totalled $17,089 and staff expenses $1665.

While the board has been locating settlement areas all over the province—eleven in all with a total acreage of 120,000 acres, of which three, those at Telkwa, Vanderhoof and Marten Lake comprising 66,000 acres, have been opened for settlement, there have to date been exactly sixty-seven settlers placed on the land, according to information supplied by Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture. In addition there are four development areas as follows: Courtenay, 14,000, costing $67,263; Creston, 7000 acres, $84,848; Kelowna, 400 acres, $34,543, and Fernie, 1500 acres, the cost of which is not stated.

But while the public has been called upon to pay some $41,000 odd for administrative outlays for the above small results, the board apparently practically neglected the great work of assisting agricultural development through making agricultural loans to the farmers. Loans to farmers last year aggregated $110,255, 100 applications having been received, but many of them refused. But what action was taken in that respect did not overlook good Liberal friends of the administration. There is at least one individual whose dealings with the Land Settlement Board have been eminently satisfactory to himself. One Thomas Morrison, erstwhile president of the Kelowna Liberal Association, the same individual who secured that $9,000 rake-off on the purchase by the ..y the board of the Christian ranch at Kelowna, a transaction which cost Mr. Deliart, member of the board, his position, has been favored with a $10,00 loan by the board on the security of property in Lot 1040 Kamloops division.

Confirmation of the well-grounded belief that there has been decided friction between the Land Settlement Board and the department of lands in respect of the jurisdiction in the matter of land settlement and development, was forthcoming in the course of the House debate upon the Soldiers' Land Act, one designed to increase the $500,000 provided last year to acquire and develop lands for soldier settlement, to one million. This act is being administered by the department of lands, the while the soldier settlement schemes at Courtenay, Creston and elsewhere are being carried on under the direction of the Land Settlement Board. The department of lands has already spent some $550,000 on the South Okanagan scheme which will, the minister of lands stated, cost "probably another million or two" before it is finished.

Under the fire of opposition critics it was disclosed that there is no really definite policy being pursued for co-operation between the two departments. Hon. Mr. Pattulo stated the arrangement so far has been that the Board, when it acquired lands in the dry belt, had the land department water experts investigate irrigation problems. The opposition promptly queried why, if such were the case, had not this expert investigation been secured, one where, it afterwards de- made before the Creston area was veloped, water rights were already held in other hands and to secure another source of supply would involve heavy additional expenditures.

GOVERNMENT FIGHTING WITH BACK TO WALL

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gratuitously, only his actual travelling and other expenses being given him. The opposition has been directing considerable attention to Dr. Baker and their criticisms of the administration of the game department has been pointed, to say the least, criticisms which have found approval from the government side.

The attorney-general asserted the game administration, one for which he is responsible, as the department comes under his jurisdiction, has never been more perfect, the change from the old system of game wardens to that placing the enforcement of the regulations under the provincial police having resulted, he claimed, in more efficiency at a reduction in cost. He pictures the chairman of the board as a man whose interest in the conservation of game was dictated by the sole desire to be of public service. Opposition critics have been unkind enough to suggest that a motor car, trips and exceptional opportunities afforded by the position to indulge in his hobby of hunting, were more potent influences inducing the doctor to accept the office without remuneration.

The attorney-general's defense of Dr. Baker was inspired to a great extent by the fact that when the bill to amend the Game Act was in its committee-stage—it is still there—marked evidence of the disapprobation of members on the government side with some of the proposed changes in the existing regulations was shown, especially to the change made whereby the old system of game wardens was eliminated, the claim being made that only by such a system of employing men of peculiar knowledge in the subject could the best results be secured and a valuable asset preserved and perpetuated.

But the attorney-general's eulogy of the chairman of the Game Conservation Board may have had another purpose. At his invitation members of the House were this week entertained with a series of moving pictures of game life. He stated he desired them all to see the views as he had in mind bringing down certain legislation, the intent of which the members would better appreciate after viewing the pictures. He did not take the members further into his confidence but, rumor has it, this legislation will provide for sending Dr. Baker to England with the movies as a sort of publicity propaganda.

If the argument advanced by Attorney-General Farris, when moving a six months' hoist for the bill brought in by Major Burde, soldier member for Alberni, to regulate the hours of labor in the sawmills of the province, is any definite pronouncement of government policy, then no further labor legislation may be expected from the present administration until a programme of labor legislation is decided upon by the Dominion and provinces to permit of uniformity of such laws throughout the Dominion. The attorney-general argued that in view of the terms of the peace treaty, to which Canada is a party, of the recommendations of the Washington International Labor Conference, and those of the inter-provincial conference recently held at Ottawa, no provincial measures should be enacted until the wider programme is decided upon.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, socialist member for Newcastle, strongly opposed any such policy claiming British Columbia has already led in legislation reducing the hours of labor and whatever might be the outcome of the wider programme, present day needs required changes. He pointed to the Workmen's Compensation Act, the eight hour day from bank to bank in the coal mines, laws passed by the former government, as striking examples of advanced and needed legislation.

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TWENTY-THREE MILLIONS ARE BORROWED IN THREE YEARS

Borrowings of Previous Administrations Pale Into Insignificance in Comparison With the Record of the Present Liberal Government at Victoria—Net Bonded Indebtedness of Province Increased by Over Four Millions—Pacific Great Eastern to Be Extended to Prince Rupert This Year, It Is Said.

(Special Correspondence.)

Victoria, March 12.—Twenty-three millions in a trifle over three years is a borrowing record before which all previous borrowings by all previous administrations in the province combined pale into insignificance. Yet the present Liberal administration, by the time the two bills brought down in the legislature on Friday are approved, bills which at one fell swoop provide for further provincial loans to secure a net $8,000,000 on the P.G.E. railway account, will have accomplished that financial feat. To be exact, the aggregate borrowings by the government will total $22,570,000, but in these days of stretching the credit of the province wholesale a few hundreds of thousands do not cut much figure. This total exceeds by just about an even four millions the total provincial net bonded indebtedness when the recent administration took office in November, 1916. And the end is not yet. There must be further borrowings for such government purposes as land settlement, etc., which may not be provided for immediately by flotations, but will be provided for by loans from the bank for short terms. Inevitably, however, the bank loans must be taken up and further bond issues floated.

Of the $8,000,000 to be borrowed, four millions will be devoted to carrying on construction of the P.G.E. railway line into Prince Rupert this year and for securing additional equipment: the $4,800,000 is to take up the promissory note given by the company, following the action of the government under the P.G.E. settlement arrangement last year, and in arrangement with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, advancing that amount to the Union Bank of Canada, thus retiring the loan made by the former P.G.E. interests with the latter bank, one secured by railway stock of a par value of approximately $6,000,000 being put up. The loans will be made at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent, repayable not later than June 30, 1945, and the money will be loaned to the railway at a like rate, security in the shape of a mortgage upon the entire assets and undertaking of the railway, being taken.

The Abbeys of Yorkshire

No Less Than Twenty-five of These Famous Old Buildings Found Within Borders of the County.

When it comes to selecting the region of abbeys and priories in England there is but one county to think of. That county is Yorkshire, which has no less than twenty-five famous abbeys and priories within its boundaries, several of them renowned all over the world as being the finest and most beautiful ruins and scenes one can possibly expect to view in this connection.

Twenty-five, at least, of these beauty spots, the ancient founders of religious houses selected in Yorkshire centuries ago. Of course not all those twenty-five, in their ruins and environment, are so amazingly beautiful and picturesque today. Kirkstall Abbey, charming as it still appears in certain ways, is too much overshadowed by the smoke of Leeds and the murky, evil-smelling water of the Aire. But when the old monks first came to this abbey, the vale where it rested was almost surely as delightful as Fountains' wondrous scene is today. However, most of the Yorkshire abbeys even yet retain their pristine delightful surroundings, their fairy-like loveliness, and have thus won a world-wide renown, and are visited by tens of thousands of folk from every quarter of the globe year by year.

Moreover, not only are these Yorkshire abbeys famous for their scenery, but a large number of them have splendid historic associations, whilst others have literary ones equally notable. Then, again, the numerous times they have figured in celebrated paintings by great masters, in glorious pageants of olden and modern days, in striking photographs, pictures, poems, and stories, have made them known far and near to millions of people, at least by name and repute.

You have only to think of Bolton Abbey; Fountains' Abbey, at Ripon, Selby Abbey; Rievaplx Abbey; Jervaux Abbey; Whitby Abbey; with Bridlington Priory; Coverham Priory; and York Priory, to understand what a glorious record belongs to these ancient fanes throughout the great county in the North of England. Think of the occasions when they have figured in our country's annals; of the high places they hold in its literature, of the wonderful paintings they make in our picture galleries; of the historic men and women who have trodden them in history's pages!

There is certainly not a town—indeed, hardly a village—of any sort in the British Empire but can boast somewhere a replica of the the great J. M. Turner's "Bolton Abbey in the Olden Time"; whilst in more than one noted poem by Wordsworth you will find this same abbey described and figuring, with the mysterious Strid and the delightful Wharfe rumbling or roaring through the verses. Bolton Abbey is splendid, yet perhaps not even the most splendid of these White Rose wonders of the kind.

There stand on the high cliff today the last walls of that weather-worn secred shrine which has defied the storms and winds (on one of the worst cliffs in Britain for such things) during the passing of close on fifteen centuries! The Abbess Hilda's renown alone is sufficient to have made the fame and fortune of Whitby! We talk about "women sitting in Parliament" today as if this were a new item in Britain's history! Why, Hilda was specially called to Parliament, on account of her wonderful wisdom in counsel, as long ago as 670!

It is doubtful, then, whether the palm for supremacy, amongst these immortal Yorkshire abbeys ought to be awarded to Whitby, to Bolton, or to Fountains, though there are not wanting enthusiasts who would speak of Selby, Jervaux and even of Kirkstall in this connection—worshippers who would overlook the clouds of the twentieth century, and see only the lovely summers of the fourteenth round the ivy-clad stones of the old abbey beside the Aire.

What of Selby's glorious fane, with its immense length and fine stained-glass windows? Here Henry I. was born; here was the great market for all the east part of Yorkshire. Here, by the side of this old abbey, along the length of the brown Ouse, came merchants and travellers, wending their way over the "Great North Road" from London to Edinburgh, via York. Here pilgrims wandered to kneel at Selby's altar; highwaymen, as in the case of Dick Turpin, dashed handlong over the abbey's stones in full flight; kings came to pray, and to thank God for success in battle.

And what of Jervaux (pronounced 'Jarvis") Abbey, in lovely Wensleydale? Think of the part it has played in history and literature. It figured largely in the famous "Pilgrimage of of Thurstan, Archbishop of York; of John De Cancia, Bishop of Ely; of the great St. Bernard of Fontaine, after whom the abbey was named; of the Lords and fights of Craven; of the original seven yews, two remaining, each over 1200 years old; of Chancellor Aislabie's tower, with its marvellous view over the whole of the great plain of York?

Again, can't you imagine Robert Southey wandering delightedly in his own day around the ruins of Kirkstall Abbey? Kirkstall must truly have been lovely in those days! When the great Cranmer received this abbey as a gift from King Henry VIII., at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1540, it was still one of the wonders of the north. Grace," for which fault its last abbot, paid with his life at Tyburn.

There has not been for 300 years a time when Fountains' Abbey did not draw men from all parts of the land to gaze on its amazing loveliness and fairy-like scenery. But the kind and loving are of the De Grays at Studley Royal, during the past century, have made Fountains' more famous than ever.

Who shall even try to describe the beauty of Fountains'; the view of it from Anne Boleyn's Seat, the Grecian temples and porticos which peep out so charmingly; the wonders of stone, of ivy, of flowers, of turf, of tower, of wall, of river, of vale and tree? Who shall tell you drowsily amid this dream of Robin Hood; of the Curtail Friar;

Movie Censor Looked 'em Over

Government Official Takes In Sights at the Public Expense.

(Special Correspondence)

Victoria, March 12.—While the public accounts committee has not yet really got down to business, having so far held but two meetings, the first of which was for purely organization purposes, some interesting details of financial disbursements by officials of the government have been obtained. For instance, Civil Service Commissioner McInnes, on a $4000 a year salary, has been charging up $7.25 on week-end trips to Vancouver, ostensibly on "inspection work." Until recently his family continued to reside in Vancouver, where he was formerly prominent in the local Liberal party affairs.

To Mr. Bowser, the comptroller-general admitted he did not consider these vouchers should properly be charged to the provincial treasury, but the provincial secretary, it appears, considered they should be paid. It is significant that when the commissioner recently brought his family to Victoria to reside, these week-end trips ceased. The vouchers he was accustomed to put in were supposed to be based upon a special rate for accommodation at the Vancouver Hotel. Mr. Bowser suggested the commissioner stayed with his family when in that city.

The public purse has also been drawn upon by Walter Hepburn, chief censor of moving pictures, to pay the expenses of a trip to Sunny California, in the course of which he made a side trip to Universal City, the home of the movie industry. Ostensibly, Hepburn's trip was in connection with his duties as movie censor in British Columbia. He was after new ideas. The side trip to Universal City was not a very expensive one, it cost some $60 odd. At that point are housed the bathing beauties so frequently screened before British Columbia audiences in fetching apparel consisting chiefly of sun-burn and smiles. Mr. Hepburn, at the public expense, was enabled to "Look 'em over."

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SECTION "I".
VOCATIONAL LOANS.

Regulations Re Loans to Vocational Re-Training Graduates Starting in Business—Authority: Order-in-Council Para. (A) P. C. 2329.

(1) Applications for loans not exceeding $500.00 free of interest, for five years, for the purchase of tools and equipment will be dealt with under the following provisions:

(a) Loans will only be made to those men who have satisfactorily completed a re-training course with the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and wish to start in business in line with the training they have received, and who are unable to do so without such assistance.

(b) Loans may only be made for the actual purchase by the Department of Tools and Equipment necessary to establish such men in business for themselves, or in partnership with some other person.

(c) Applications for loan must be made within four months from January 1st, 1920, or two months from date of completion of re-training course, whichever is the later.

(d) All applications for loans will be forwarded to the Director of Vocational Training, marked for the attention of "Loans Officer."

(e) Men who have already received loans from the Soldier Settlement will not be eligible for loan under P.C. 2329.

(f) Under no circumstances will cash loans be made.

Under Sub-Section "B".

"Those with a disability due to or aggravated by War Service and whose pre-war training or education has been interrupted by War Service and who are in need of assistance for the purpose of continuing such training or education thus interrupted," may get further information upon application to the Loans Branch, Dept. S.C.R., Central Building, Victoria, B.C.

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Looking After Their Friends

Government at Victoria Place Party Heelers Before Returned Soldiers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Victoria, March 12.—Opposition curiosity concerning the doings of the present Liberal administration continues unabated and some interesting information is being secured in answer to questions asked. The fact that a man is a relative of a member of the cabinet is no bar to his being given a nice position in the public service these days. There was a time when such a thing was frowned down upon by Liberals—when they were in opposition. But times have changed and, well, other times, other methods.

J. L. Watson, brother-in-law of Hon J. D. MacLean, minister of education, has been safely ensconced in the position of head of the free text book branch of that department at a salary of $175 per month as a starter. In answer to questions by Mr. Pooley, Conservative, Esquimalt, why some one in the service had not been promoted, Dr. MacLean admitted that his relative was "the best man available for the position."

Samuel Weaver, a relative of the Premier, has again broken into the limelight. Last year he made application for a grant to certain tidefiats in Mud Bay, where he is living. His and other similar applications were not favorably considered, the minister of lands stated. Weaver is the same individual who, in 1917, was hired at a substantial daily wage to watch P. G. E. auditors engaged upon an audit of that company's books then held in the custody of the government. It was what might be termed a "soft job," permitting Weaver to add to his intellectual equipment through the medium of the provincial library, the while he sat and guarded the P.G.E documents. It was of Weaver, in respect of whom Hon. John Hart, replying to opposition questions suggesting that a returned soldier, preferably a disabled one, might well have been given the work, made the maladroit reply: "It was necessary to employ some one who was trustworthy," a reply which created a bitter feeling among the returned soldiers.

It has remained for Hon. T. D. Pattullo to add to the gaiety of the House by pulling a brand new one in the way of a camouflage answer. "Civilian duty" is his reply to opposition questions in regard to the war service, if any, of C. B. Peterson, assistant to the minister of lands, and William Turnbull, recently appointed lumber commissioner. Both these individuals have made rapid progress in the public service. Both came from Prince Rupert, the minister's constituency, and both wre ardent political supporters of Hon. Mr. Pattullo, who has a faculty of looking after his friends. In two years their salaries have been jumped from $150 to $350 per month, the while old-time civil servants, with long and meritorious service in the public interest, have received no consideration.

AT THE CITY CHURCHES.

Holy Trinity Anglican—11 a.m., Denman Island; 3:30 p.m., Royston School; 7 p.m., Cumberland. Sunday, March 15, will be observed as a special thanksgiving day in all Anglican churches in Canada for the wonderful financial results in the recent "Farward Movement" drive. The amount promised on Vancouver Island has now passed the $90,000 mark, and for Cumberland district $1060.

St. George's Presbyterian—The regular weekly services will be held tomorrow at the usual hours.

Grace Methodist—Services will be conducted at the usual hours tomorrow.

Operetta Caste Is a Good One

Entertainment by Talented Children Gives Promise of Being a Complete Success.

If close attention to their work and constant practice counts for anything, the operetta which is to be given in the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on the evening of Wednesday, April 5, should be a splendid success. The children taking part are pupils of Mrs. Oliver and Miss Geoghegen, and they comprise the most talented youthful performers in the city. Both the lady tutors are enthusiastic over their pupils and they feel assured of providing the treat of the season. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Oliver, The Islander is enabled to publish the complete caste of "A Day in Flowerdom," accompanied by a synopsis, which will be found below:

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Belle Linnette, prima donna, V. Campbell.
Miss Moss Rose, a spinster, E. Hood
Miss Poppy, Miss Lily and Miss Bluebell buds of Rose Arbor, F. Richardson, C. MacKinnon, D. Stanford.
Mr. Sunflower, a gay bachelor, D Sutherland.
Mr. Pansy, master of ceremonies, E Macdonald.

SCENE I.—ROSE ARBOR.

Overture.
Opening Chorus, "June is Here."
Conceited Frog," Papa Jaque, Mama Jacque and chorus.
"Singing Birds," duet, Pink and White Rose.
Fuzzy Caterpillar," Moss Rose and chorus.
"All Hail to Our Floral Queen," chorus.

SCENE II.—VIOLET GARDENS.

Queen's Reception March."
Flora, Our Queen," all.
"Emblem of Truth," Mlle. Linnette.
Sword Dance, M. McIntyre.
"Bubbles," chorus.
Minuet, J. MacNaughton and Helen Parnham.
Song of the Daisies, M. Taylor, J. MacNaughton, M. Jones, M. Adamson, D. Rohan, C. Harrison, M. Richardson, L. Banks.
Highland Fling, M. McIntyre and J. Clark.
"Weeds," V. Aspesy, F. Richardson, M. Oliver, E. McLennan, C. Demonte, D. Boffy.
"Till We Meet Again," chorus.
Butterfly Dance, M. Bunbury.
Recitation—V. Aspesy.
Hornpipe Dance, M. McIntyre.
"The Moon's Lullaby," Queen and chorus.
"Good Night," chorus.
Tableau Finale, "Britannia and Her Daughters."

Remembered by Friends.

The Pythian Sisters gave a surprise party at the home of Mrs. J. Thomson last Friday night in honor of Miss Mary Walker prior to her leaving for Vancouver, where she has since been married to Mr. J. Derbyshire. A very pleasant evening was spent, during the course of which Miss Walker was presented with a beautiful cut glass milk and sugar set, and the Pythian Sisters all join in wishing Miss Walker the best of good wishes in her matrimonial venture.

Shamrock Tea.

The Ladies' Aid of St. George's Presbyterian Church will give a shamrock tea on Wednesday next, March 17, when their friends will be treated to something new in this line of entertainment. Tickets are 25c.

YOUNG COUPLE RECEIVED MANY COSTLY PRESENTS

Cumberland Friends Show mEstee for Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the latter of whom was Miss Somerville before marriage, the announcement of whose wedding appeared in last week's issue, were given tangible proof of their popularity in the community by the large number of beautiful presents which they received from their various friends, a list of which follows:

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, cheque; David Somerville, cabinet of William Rogers' cutlery; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Somerville, pyrex oven ware dish in silver stand; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennet, cut glass fruit bowl; Mrs. George Robertson, china fruit set; Miss Josie Belanyea and Miss Hazel White, cut glass fruit and berry bowls; Comox Aerie of Eagles, cabinet of William Rogers' cutlery; the Woman's Benefit Association, cut glass water set and tray; their uncle, Sam Williams, ninety-five-piece dinner set; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinnon, fruit stand; Simon Leiser — Co., embroidered bed spread; Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, embroidered pillow cases; Miss Baird, napkins; Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, table cover; Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams, sheets and pillow cases; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aspesi, sheets; Miss Vivian Aspesi, towels; Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams, tea set; R. Williamson and family, auto rug; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, floor rug; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson, floor rug; Miss Phylis Boothman, cocoa jug; Mr. Sam Boothman, biscuit jar; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Somerville, tapestry curtains; Alex., Mabel and Jean Somerville, tray; Mr. and Mrs. Donelly, aluminum cooking pot; Mr. and Mrs. R. Herd, table and bureau covers; Mrs. Jean Hatfield, table cover; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson, floor rug; Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker, towels and table cover; First Aid Comrades, eight-day clock; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carthew, Powell River, pyrex oven ware dish in silver stand; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rickson, cut glass cream jug and sugar bowl.

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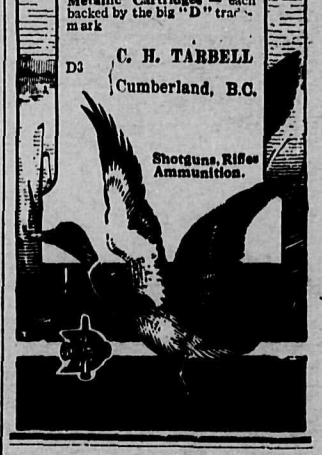

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