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SCHOOL RATE 40 MILLS?

SERIOUS PROBLEM NOW CONFRONTING CITY COUNCIL

Monday night's meeting of the City Council was featured by a lively discussion which followed the acceptance of the list of proposed expenditures for 1927, as submitted by the finance committee. Estimated receipts for the year amount to $14,220.00, which is $1,649.50 less than the proposed expenditures, and the Council is in a quandary as to how this deficit can be made up without increasing the taxation rate to any appreciable extent. The whole trouble has arisen from the fact that the Board of School Trustees added manual training and home economics to the present school curriculum without taking into consideration the fact that government grants this year might be materially reduced, and as a consequence the City Council was hard put to see its way clear to pass the increased estimates for schools. This was done, however, after much revising and paring, but even yet there will be a deficit of something like $4,000 in the school accounts, and the Government will not give any more assistance, claiming that grants to Cumberland have already reached their peak.

Inspector J. M. Patterson was asked to assist in straightening out the "manual training tangle" and devised a scheme which apparently solved the difficulty to the satisfaction of both School Board and Department of Education. The Inspector, however, wants the City Council to turn over to the Government all monies collected by taxation from the outside school district, and this was the cause of the discussion Monday evening. Cumberland was many years ago given special dispensation to tax this outside district and does not purpose now to give up money so collected to the Government without a struggle. Doing so would mean, Mayor Maxwell pointed out, that there would be a danger of the school rate having to be increased from the present 9 mills to the neighborhood of 40 mills, and this in face of the fact that the Dept. of Education advocates that school millage be not more than 10.

The Council will seek the aid of the local M.L.A., Mr. P. P. Harrison, in an endeavor to have the facts placed fairly before the Department. Correspondence has already been exchanged between the Council and the Superintendent of Education, but the latter's letters were very vague and gave no satisfaction. However, with Mr. Harrison's aid, it is expected that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted in time for the next meeting of the City Council.

Lacrosse Sticks Urgently Wanted

Residents of Cumberland interested in lacrosse met in the Athletic Hall on Tuesday evening last and decided to go ahead with organization of Canada's national game. It was felt by the meeting that an Intermediate team could easily be formed in Cumberland and with that end in view, a committee composed of Messrs. H. E. Murray, "Toots" Plump, J. H. Cameron and Frank Slaughter was named to interview old lacrosse players in the district and enlist their support, and also to ask for any discarded lacrosse sticks they might have or know of. If enough sticks can be located in the district, a further meeting will be called and a day set for an initial practice on the Recreation Ground. Any former lacrosse players in the district, who would be willing to coach some of the young boys, are asked to get in touch with any of the above committee.

Twenty-six sticks have been ordered from a Vancouver sporting goods house for the use of the Public School boys, and it is expected that these will arrive any day now.

Rev. J. R. Hewitt In Able Address To Local P. T. A.

A fairly well attended gathering was present at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on Monday evening last. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the President introduced the speaker for the evening, the Rev. J. R. Hewitt, who took as his subject "The School and the Home in Relation to Citizenship."

Mr. Hewitt, in his opening remarks, pointed out that in our modern social life there are three institutions responsible for the molding and the training of the child. These are the School, the Church and the Home. He stressed the point that of these three the home took the premier place. The School, too, exerted a tremendous influence on the character of the child and it was of paramount importance that our educational system should be of the very best.

By education was meant the programme of life development. One of the best definitions the speaker knew of was this, "Education is the utilization of the infinite capacity of the human being to unfold itself from within." Education was a means by which even those who were handicapped could rise and take their place amongst men. Without education there would be no progress, and the better the education the better the opportunity. By adding to the curriculum the departments of Domestic Science and Manual Training the local School Board was keeping apace with progress, and he con-

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Appointments By B.C. Government

His honor, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make appointments as follows:

Edward William Bickle, of Cumberland, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate in and for the County of Nanaimo, and as such Stipendiary Magistrate to exercise the jurisdiction conferred by the "Small Debts Courts Act" within that portion of the County of Nanaimo embraced in the following described area, namely: Commencing at the south-east corner of section 4, Township 9, Comox District; thence due north to the north-east corner of said section; thence due west to the south-east corner of section 8 of said Township; thence due north to the north-east corner of said section; thence due west to the north-west corner of section 7 of said township; thence due south to the south boundary of Nelson district; thence due east along the south boundary of said district to a point on Fanny Bay; thence in a northerly direction following the shore line of Baynes Sound to a point due east of the south-east corner of section 4, Township 9; thence due west to the point of commencement.

James Greig, of Duncan, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate in and for the County of Nanaimo, and as such Stipendiary Magistrate to exercise within the limits of the Corporation of the district of North Cowichan and the Corporation of the City of Duncan, in the said County of Nanaimo, the jurisdiction conferred by the "Small Debts Courts Act."

FIRST AID MEET MONDAY

A meeting of the First Aid Association will be held at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, April 4th. Members are urgently requested to attend.

Taxation Act Amendments

No Personal Property tax will be assessed on the 1927 assessment rolls except for school purposes in rural school districts, thus there is no tax alternative to the tax on net Income in respect of the 1926 business year.

In substitution of the personal property tax another tax is enacted upon Gross Income. This tax is alternate with the tax on Net Income and where the tax on Net Income proves to be the greater, the amount of Gross Income tax collected shall be applied in part payment.

Returns under this tax will correspond with the same yearly period as is used by the taxpayer in returning his Net Income. That is, if the fiscal or business year is the calendar year, the first return must be made not later than July 31st for the period ended June 30th, and the second return not

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ASSEMBLY NO. 38 TO CELEBRATE JULY 1ST IN STUPENDOUS WAY

POWELL RIVER, March 31.—The local Assembly of Native Sons has undertaken the management of the Dominion Day celebration this year, the fiftieth anniversary of Canada's birth as a nation. Active committees have been appointed and are already hard at work, realizing that if the celebration is to be what they hope to make it, the greatest in the history of Powell River, early preparations will be the means of making the work lighter in the final dash to success. Among the features it is proposed to hold a crowning celebration of a Dominion Queen and if possible, maypole dances. Assistance will be sought from every quarter and it is expected that the efforts being put forward will result in the attraction of a large number of holiday visitors from up and down the coast.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT POWELL RIVER SOCCER GAMES

POWELL RIVER, March 31.—The second game in the playoff series in the local football league took place last Sunday when the Caledonias suffered defeat, dropping a strenuously contested game to the Elks by a score of four to nil. The score does not tell the story of the game, the losers putting up a hard fight until the last whistle. Jas. Reid scored one goal, as did Anderson, while Mills beat the Callies goalie twice. The winning of this game places the Elks on an equity with the Knights of Pythias who won from the Sliamon Indians in the first game by a score of five to three. The final game will be played next Sunday, the winner being eligible for the British Columbia playoffs. Great attendance records have been noted at these games.

Mine Fire Menace At No. 4 Successfully Combated

GREAT COURAGE, SKILL AND ABILITY DISPLAYED BY WORKERS

The inhabitants in and around the city of Cumberland who are directly connected, and in other ways interested in the mining industry of above city, were thrown into a state of excitement and grave concern Monday last by the authentic information spread around that a "mine fire" had occurred in the old workings, near, but beyond the present face of No. 11 West level, No. 1 Slope, No. 4 Comox mine, property of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.

Dating as far back as the years 1910-1911, a fire occurred in this same area, created by spontaneous combustion, one of the many evils that beset coal mining. This fire baffled the mine managing officials at that time, to extinguish.

An attempt was made to overcome it with the use of the Draeger Mine Rescue breathing apparatus which had about that time, been newly acquired by the Department of Mines and served out to its rescue stations. The method adopted of overcoming the fire was by the process of "loading it out," which, after lots of strenuous work, was ultimately declared a failure. This system of fighting a mine fire is, today, considered faulty, except it be an affair of small extent, easy of access, and knowing exactly the location where it must be attacked.

It appears that in the 1910-1911 campaign against this fire the management made no attempt to "localize" it by sealing it off with stoppings erected as near as possible to the affected area, and thus save part of the district for the exploitation of coal. Instead, though the district was very extensive, these stoppings were placed back near the West Main slope counter, which now, in part, forms a return airway. This procedure left a connected area from No. 1 to No. 14 West level, a distance approximating 12,000 feet. Some problem for the present management to tackle and handle successfully.

Until about four years ago all this stopped-off area stood untouched, being more or less filled up with the gases commonly found in coal mines. In 1923 the present management decided to break certain seals for admission to the field for the purpose of extracting all available pillars. This extraction has continued since date of entry, with the result that the present working place off 11 West level is approximately three quarters of a mile beyond the point of entry to this district.

The ordinary difficulties common to abandoned workings of this nature were met and successfully overcome. This mine fire menace taking place, presented still greater difficulties to be met with, and, at first sight and examination, it was considered highly problematical whether the fire could

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Horticulturists To Meet On Sunday

The meeting called for Saturday last for the purpose of forming a Horticultural Society for Cumberland and district, proved to be an unsuitable day for many who would liked to have attended, consequently the meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon at the Union Hotel.

—ANNOUNCEMENT—

First Annual Spring Dance will be held in the Ilo-Ilo Hall, Cumberland, on Wednesday, April 6th, with Lafe Cassidy's 6-piece orchestra in attendance. Spring songs, spring dances, and all the latest musical hits. Gents., $1.00; ladies, 50c. Dancing from 9 to 2. Refreshments.

"WHEN A MAN IS A MINER"

The Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, has secured from the Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C., two moving pictures of great interest to coal mining districts.

"When a Man is a Miner" was filmed in the interest of "Safety First" methods in coal mining and depicts the gradual conversion of a miner, who delighted in taking a "chance," from dangerous methods of work to the point where he not only found that a safe miner was best individually but that a knowledge of modern safe practice enabled him to protect lives of his fellow workers.

"When a Man is a Miner" will be shown Friday and Saturday with "The Prince of Tempters."

Gentlemen, 50c; ladies, 10c. Those are admission prices for the Old Time Dance in the Ilo-Ilo hall tomorrow.

"THE STORY OF COAL"

In addition to the many points of interest to the practical miner there is a very attractive story that is well maintained.

"The Story of Coal" shows the most modern methods employed in mines from the actual mining of the coal until the coal is prepared for the market.

The intent of the above pictures is to encourage the "Safety First" idea among those engaged in the coal mining industry by showing not only what should be done but by also showing the usual disastrous results of doing the things that should not be done.

"The Story of Coal" will be shown Monday and Tuesday along with "Sandy."

Mrs. Wesley Willard Laid To Her Rest

Residents of Cumberland and district will be sorry to hear of the death of an old time Cumberland resident in the person of Mrs. Wesley Willard. For a great many years Mr. Willard was in the harness and saddlery business here, but owing to ill health was forced to give up, and along with his wife went to Victoria. Mr. Willard, we understand, has been a patient in the Esquimalt Nursing Home since leaving Cumberland.

The deceased lady was laid to her rest in the Ross Bay cemetery, Victoria, on Thursday afternoon, with Rev. W. M. Scott conducting the service, funeral being held from the McCall Bros. Funeral Home.

Everybody Happy? Well I Should Say

Saturday is dance day—everybody happy?—well I should say! Happy because Saturday is the day of the old time dances held in the Ilo-Ilo hall. You will be happy too if you go this Saturday. Gents. 50c, Ladies 10c. Dancing from 9 to 12.

Governor-General To Address District Canadian Club

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, from a crayon sketch drawn on "Empress of Scotland."

Viscount Willingdon, Canada's thirteenth Governor-General, will address the Comox District Canadian Club in the Ilo-Ilo Hall, Cumberland, on Monday, April 4th, at a Canadian Club supper, which is timed for 6 o'clock. Admission will be confined to members of the Canadian Club, who will have the privilege of inviting one lady friend. Tickets for the supper are on sale at Lang's Drug Store, Cumberland; Sun Drug Store and Cooke's Drug Store, Courtenay, and at the office of B. S. Abrams, Union Bay. Members are requested to apply for their tickets early as seating space is limited.

Their Excellencies, Viscount and Viscountess Willingdon intend spending a short vacation at Qualicum Beach during their tour of the west, and are expected to arrive at the famous resort this week-end.

His Excellency, who has lived abroad for practically twenty years, in the diplomatic service, has been honored by His Majesty the King in high appointments, as Governor of Bombay and Madras, and in executing special missions to China. We also note that not only the crown, but the people of Great Britain have honored him by electing him to the Commons House of Parliament; first as a member for the Borough of Hastings, of which he is a Freeman, and which is near the battlefield where Harold the last of the Saxon Kings, met in battle array the Norman invader, and fighting fell, and also as representative of the Bodmin Division of Cornwall.

His Excellency has also been honored by being appointed as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada. Honored because he has achieved; achievement following upon responsibility and duty well performed.

Chicken Pox Still Prevalent In City

Outside of a rather lengthy discussion on school finances, there was little on the agenda to keep the City Council occupied for long on Monday evening. Ald. Henderson submitted a good report on the activities of the Works Department, mentioning the amount of repair work being done to ditches and drains and the spreading of ashes on Windermere and Pendrith Avenues. Refuse ashes are also being cleaned up and a car of coal hauled to the school.

Chicken pox is still prevalent in the city, a few new cases being reported by the Health Committee, while there are still one or two mild cases of measles.

For the Fire Wardens, Ald. Ledingham mentioned two calls since last meeting, and in both cases the quick response made by the brigade had been the subject for much favorable comment. An inventory of the equipment (exclusive of trucks) in the Fire Hall had been taken and showed the property to be valued at $1525.00 It was decided, therefore, to insure this in the amount of $1600.00 instead of $800.00, as formerly.

Coming to unfinished business, the Council took up the application of Mr. R. J. Selfe for the position of auditor for the year 1927. In view of the fact that Mr. Selfe is no longer a resident of Cumberland, the Council thought that local men should be given the opportunity to tender. Mr. Selfe's tender will, of course, also be considered. A notice calling for tenders may be seen elsewhere in this issue.

Good music, good floor, good crowd. All these and more at the Old Time Dance tomorrow in the Ilo-Ilo hall.

Cheerfulness And Sweet Charity

We would especially draw our readers' attention to the story, "May —— of First Avenue, somewhere in British Columbia." It speaks for itself, and we would ask our readers to give the story their earnest consideration. Of all the pitiful sights in this world of ours, none strikes the heart strings more than seeing some poor crippled man or woman at a street corner, begging for aid. In some cases, no doubt, the trouble could have been avoided had medical attention been given these unfortunate people in early childhood. The Women's Institute Hospital Association for Crippled Children is doing a noble work, and if any of our readers know of any crippled children in this community, we would earnestly beg of them to get in touch with the above Association, 217 Vancouver Block, Vancouver. Anyway, read the story on page

Through The Telescope

Being a Commentary on Current Topics

By E. O. R.

"Religion" by the Chronicler Editor

AN ANSWER

An article under this heading appeared recently in this paper, which has called forth criticism in many quarters. The writer, in his opening paragraph, is prepared to admit that he is straying on unstable ground, and that his article will not be free from possible errors. Youth is ever venturesome. Were it not so, life would be a very drab kind of existence. It is the experiences of youth which teach us our lessons, and in our 'teens most of us remember a time when we thought deeply on things religious and tried to reconcile our views to those of our elders in these matters. Finally, after straying on unstable ground for some time, we came to a surer footing and "found ourselves."

Looking "through the telescope" at this particular article, one cannot but help recognize the errors that have crept into it. The "errors," as such, are certainly not intentional, but it is as well to try and correct the wrong impressions they may give to other venturesome youths (and for that matter adults) who are groping about in the dark, trying to come to some decision.

There is very little fault to find with the first part of the article. It is in the latter part that certain sweeping statements are made, and which need correcting.

First, there is the comment referring to the doctrine of Jesus Christ. The writer states "There is no doubt that today we do not follow His doctrine. We could not." This has reference, it would seem, to the next phrase about Heaven, and our inability to grasp what it means. It is true that Jesus never defined it, but His teachings are such as to give us a good idea of what He meant. Linked up with it are those imperishable thoughts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. It is Rauschenbush who gives us this admirable definition of the Kingdom: "It is humanity organized according to the will of God in a social order that will guarantee to all persons their freest and highest development. It is the progressive reign of love in human affairs." The writer

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IT NEVER CHANGES

In spite of the fact that human nature never changes the reformers persist in their effort to bring a real brotherhood among men.

We have never made a practice of quoting poetry in this column, but just at this time we would like to have you read the following lines by Homer:

"Whence is it, sir, than none contented lives,
With the fair plot which prudent Reason gives
Or chance presents, yet all with envy view
The schemes that others variously pursue?

"Broken with toil, with ponderous arms oppressed
The soldier thinks the merchant solely blest,
In opposite extreme, when tempests rise,
'War is the better choice,' the merchant cries.

"When early clients thunder at his gate,
The barrister applauds the rustics' fate;
While, by subpoenas dragged from home, the clown
Thinks the supremely happy dwell in town."

You would naturally think that verse written yesterday. It rings not only true, but modern. But it was written by a man who died eight years before the birth of Christ.

Students of the classics are continually reminded of a universal truth—that there is one thing that never changes and probably will not in a million years.

Wonderful machinery is invented, only to pass out of style and be succeeded by something newer. The triumphs of science, crude at the start, are improved upon until they become commonplace. Styles assume varied forms and philosophy varied complexes. Religions are born and pass away, and politics change even as the chameleon. But from the dawn of the ages the one unchanging thing in life has been human nature.

WOULDN'T HAVE TO WALK NOW

On Thanksgiving Day in 1895, there was held at Chicago, the first "horseless carriage" race in America, and Henry Ford, in Detroit, wanted to attend the race, but didn't have the price. Telling about it Mr. Ford said: "I never wanted to see anything so badly in my whole life as I wanted to see that race. But I was in Detroit and the race was in Chicago. It waws too far to walk, I hadn't car-fare and I couldn't find anyone willing to lend it to me."

That was thirty-two years ago. Today the man who hadn't sufficient funds to get from Detroit to Chicago is said to be the richest man in America and he made his money building "horseless carriages." What a wonderful inspiration to the boy of today.

THINK THIS OVER

There is no business on earth that was made by clock-watchers. Success is won in spite of these slackers. It requires a vision that reaches beyond quitting time to build any permanent success.

We agree that it is unreasonable to expect employees to work beyond the quitting hour with the same degree of individual interest as that of the owner of the business, but it is quite certain if an emuloyee's interest flags at exactly five o'clock, the employee will always remain an employee.

By this we do not mean to work in the office or the shop, but take your interest home with you.

What you do from quitting time until the hour you go to sleep will indicate just where you will be in the next two or three years. There are more successes made by study and preparation, after business hours, than by nature or opportunity.

THE SWEETHEART BOB

Marion Aird, who is not in the movies or anything, has invented the very latest thing in ladies' whiskers. Only Marion doesn't call it whiskers. She calls it the "sweetheart bob." The sideburns are extended down the cheeks until they meet under the chin. The bangs are clipped to resemble the top of a heart. The "sweetheart bob" is not only odd but useful. When Marian goes out in the freezing weather her ears are just as warm as the words Marian's father said when he saw her.

OH, LADY, LADY

No, my son, woman's place is no longer beside the kitchen range. Ladies are different nowadays. They do what they please, where they please and when. If you don't believe it, just look at today's news reports from the wide, wide world.

Mrs. Mellie Dunham, wife of Maine's champion old-time fiddler, who visited Henry Ford, just won't stay in the house. While Mellie is cooped up in the carpenter shop making snow shoes, Mrs. Dunham grabs the trusty rifle and goes a-hunting. On her latest expedition she saw a nice red fox before the nice red fox saw her. While she isn't doing anything else, she plays with her grandchildren.

MAY - - - - - - OF FIRST AVENUE SOMEWHERE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

A True Story of Crutches, Cheerfulness and Sweet Charity

She smiled shyly and sweetly at me from her seat in the Clinic waiting room. I did not then know how badly life had handicapped her. Only when the white-frocked nurse lifted her gently but strongly and carried her into the consulting room, did I realize she belonged to the—alas!—too numerous family of crippled children.

Later I saw her pathetically attenuated girlish body under the beneficient radiations of the Alpine Sun and Deep Therapy Lamps. The bright dark eyes met mine with a brave challenge as in answer to a question she told how she had undergone four operations on her feet.- I also discovered she was wheeled to the Clinic a distance of a mile and a half, by a younger sister, in order that she might have these treatments.

I asked her age. Sixteen years! The golden age of girlhood with womanhood beckoning over the dim hills of Tomorrow. And I wondered what dreams she had dreamed through the long hours of pain and weariness that must have been her share.

When May first came to the Crippled Children's Clinic she was fourteen years old. Diagnosis revealed spastic paralysis and curvature of the spine following infantile paralysis and deformed feet in early childhood. She was very thin and frail. All her joints were stiff. She could just get around on crutches if helped on to them. She could not stand alone. She could not get up if lying down. Her head dropped helplessly backwards and she had to pull it into position with her hands. Her weight was fifty-one and one-half pounds.

Under the doctor's prescribed treatment, remedial exercises, massage and the Alpine Therapy Lamp, gradual improvement and progress developed. After two years of hopeful patience and modern curative methods May can kneel on one knee, get up on a stool, help with the ironing, sew on the sewing machine, and she does all the mending. She can walk up the back steps without stopping and can wheel her own chair. So May looks out on life through new spectacles colored with cheerful optimism. One likes to think that there are compensations unknown to those who have not suffered her limitations, in store for this gallant-hearted little girl.

The "sweet charity" I mentioned in my sub-title, is the practical outcome of the co-ordinated efforts of the Women's Institutes Hospital Association for Crippled Children. The generous impulse and mothering hearts of kindly women in town and country have made possible this benevolent fund which provides the best professional skill and scientific equipment for the necessitous crippled child, free of all expense.

If you, dear reader, who have followed this little story of May, know of any crippled child who could be helped as May has been helped, write to the Headquarters of the Society, 217 Vancouver Block, Vancouver, and find out more about the humane and wonderful work that is being done there for the little ones who must otherwise have fallen by the way. Already nearly 100 children have been assisted and in many cases cures have been effected. The various disabilities include lameness following paralysis; congenital club foot; bow legs; knock knees; tubercular spine; spastic paralysis; malformations of hands and feet and other physical deformities too complicated to list here.

WILL YOU HELP A CRIPPLED CHILD—if you know of such—to take advantage of the tonic and therapeutic values of this Radiant Heat Treatment which has already achieved such remarkable results in so many apparently hopeless cases. Even an incomplete survey of the crippled children in British Columbia makes evident the fact that there must be many who could derive great benefit if their parents or friends only knew there was such a Clinic as this as near to them as Vancouver.

Reports and enquiries should be addressed to Dr. Frank McTavish under whose personal supervision and direction the Clinic is conducted.

Blanche E. Holt Murison.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bird, 443-19th Ave. West, Vancouver, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Olive Dinah Bird, to Mr. Robert Cecil Gilchrist, of South Westminster. The wedding will take place on May 6th.

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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 intention 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 in 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.

Through The Telescope

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is wrong when he says we could not follow Christ's doctrine. The real reason is that we won't. We are so intensely selfish that the majority of us will not be troubled "to take up our cross daily and follow Him." An Oriental speaks as follows: "You wonder why Christianity makes such slow progress among us. I will tell you why. It is because you are not like Christ." We preach "Brotherhood" but dislike practicing it. Jesus Christ, in teaching His disciples to pray, taught them to say "Our Father . . . . Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus elsewhere speaks of seeking to do His Father's will, and of making known to His disciples all things that He had heard of His Father, and he emphasizes the need to "love one another."

Another paragraph which calls for comment is as followsw: "Let us cast pitying sneers if we may at the Mahommedan and Buddhist, but let us not forget our faith is no better." In the first place, the true Christian does not sneer at the Mahommedan and Buddhist. If he does he is not a Christian. Neither does he sneer at the heathen. It is true that he pities them. The Christian feels that his religion offers something better. The emotional basis of Buddhism, for example, is pessimism, and its ethics are negative and consist of prohibitions which must be carried out o the full before the soul merges into that state of Nirvana where all individuality ceases to exist. There is little comfort in Buddhism. Its objective is not to fit man for life but to withdraw him from it.

As to Mahommedanism, it is a fatalistic religion in which the follower cries out "Kismet, Kismet. It is fate; nothing can alter it." Where the hope, the optimism, the love which should act as a spur to make one rise above these conditions where "Fate" (Allah) has willed that it should be so? Anyone who unthinkingly asserts that the Christian religion is no better than these others, knows very little about the subject of "Comparative Religion." The Christian religion had its birth in the East with these other great religions in the world, and perhaps those in the East are better able to understand its ethics than we are. It is foolish to say that they only have a distorted idea of Christian doctrine.

Another statement which shows the lack of insight as to what Christianity stands for is that in which the writer says, "Above all, let us not send out Missionaries to convert the heathen." The Christian religion is essentially a Missionary religion. The command of its founder was "to go out and preach the Gospel to every creature." As soon as the Missionary spirit ceases, then Christianity ceases too. It can't be otherwise. The Editor of "The Chronicler" would have the cannibal boil his mother-in-law if he likes and eat her. We should not interfere. Then logically, we in Cumberland should all be eating our *mothers-in-law in these days*, and Dr. McCoy should have no adherents. Jerome, the great Christian scholar of the fourth century writes: "When I was a boy living in Gaul, I saw the Scottish people in Britain eating human flesh, and though they had plenty of cattle and sheep at their disposal, yet they would prefer a ham of the herdsman or a slice of the female breast as a luxury." Had it not been for the advent of Christianity into Britain we might still be living in such a state! As it is, the Scotch people eat porridge and have, as a race, given the world some of the greatest Christian missionaries that ever breathed, for example, David Livingstone. One could gather illustration after illustration to confound the politics of those who would have missionary enterprise cease. One will suffice. A few years ago there walked into the office of the dean of one of the greatest American universities a man from one of the South Sea Islands (one of those who would boil his mother-in-law), whose cheeks were scarred with the mutilations of primitive savage rites. He was eight years old before he had seen a white man. He was asking now for a course in advanced Semitics that he might translate the Old Testament from its original sources into his own tongue. He had passed in a single lifetime from the lowest pit of barbarism to the highest intellectual privileges of the modern world. His mother-in-law is probably still living!

The "Chronicler" also infers that God is indifferent. The problem of suffering is one that puzzles us all, but suffering gives birth to sympathy, sympathy to love, love to understanding, understanding to self sacrifice. It is through Humanity itself that God intervenes to save us, and some of the greatest scientific discoveries of the age have been made by men who kept in close communion with their Creator. It is Paul who says that the foolishness of God is wiser than men. The Cross of Christ is the answer to the assertion that God is indifferent. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." The laying down of a life means the saving of a life. And when a man lays down his life for his friends he is a victim, not of indifference, but of self-sacrifice.

Then in the closing paragraph the old worn-out fallacy of the survival of the fittest pokes up its hoary head and demands a challenge. A Christian cannot agree with this theory for one of his principles is that any strength that does not serve weakness is itself doomed. Paul again writes, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves," and Jesus, so he writes again, was rich yet for our sakes became poor that we, through His poverty, might become rich. All through, the Christian religion is permeated with the spirit of the strong serving the weak. In fact, so far from believeing in the theory of the survival of the fittest, every Government is out to make the weak survive. Education, legislation, science all walk hand in hand with Christianity in this respect.

LELAND, YOU CERTAINLY DID WALK ON UNSTABLE GROUND!

Rev. J. R. Hewitt In Able Address

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sidered that these departments were a definite step forward in preparing the girls and boys for citizenship. Education involved a twofold process. Whilst taking into account efficiency, it also recognized the wonderful possibilities to be developed in character. The whole future of a country depended upon the recognition of these facts. Character should be the end and aim of our educational process, and it was here that the influence of religion played its part. Our system of education, whilst being the means of imparting knowledge should also be the means of bringing the child in contact with all that is best and highest in the experience of men. A tremendous responsibility rested on the teachers in this regard. It was necessary that the teachers should be men and women whose moral character in and out of school would be an example to the children. A child had a firm faith in God, an optimistic view in life as well as a sane and right conception of life. In looking back on our own school days, and our experiences at the Universities one realized that the intellectual side slipped into the background whilst in the foreground there stood out the lasting influences of the teachers and professors with whom we had come in contact. The responsibility which rested on the teacher was that of a wonderful opportunity in directing into the right channels the lives of the children in their care during school hours. But most of all the home stood out as the most helpful agency in building up character and training the child. The parents were in constant and vital touch with their children during the most sensitive and receptive periods of their lives. It was a pity that so many homes were lacking in religious training and example, for this lack was stamping itself on the character of our boys and girls. As a resut of this lack, many provinces had made it possible for religious instruction to be given in the schools. British Columbia was one of the few, if not the only province, where this provision was not made.

Not only must we teach the highest and the best, but it must be lived. The child had to be armed with a definite motive in life which would enable him to play his part as a worthy citizen of the Dominion. A citizenship which does not include character is not safe. "Men must not only think clearly but act rightly and therefore unless the soul of the boy or girl is awakened they will each lack the faith, the power and the originality which are vital to success in life. It is the high privilege of the teacher in the school and the parent in the home to awaken in the heart of the child those innumerable qualities of the soul, and thus start the youth of our land on the highway to real success in life."

Mr. Hewitt was warmly thanked by the President for his able and convincing address to the Parent Teachers Association.

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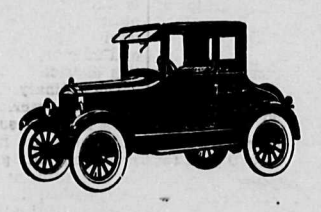

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"Three Weeks in Paris" comes to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7. It is a Warner picture, with Matt Moore, Dorothy Devore, and Willard Louis in the leading roles. Roy Del Ruth directed and made a picture well worth the seeing.

DEEP MURDER MYSTERY GIVES THRILL IN "SILENCE"

Convicted Man Shields Slayer at Risk of His Own Life in Picture

A luxuriously appointed drawing room, three men engaged in heated argument, a beautiful girl of 17, a stream of vehement language in abuse of the girl's dead mother, a revolver shot, one of the men drops dead.

This is one of the tensely dramatic situations of Beulah Marie Dix's screen version of "Silence," a picturization of the celebrated stage success of the same name, which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9.

Who fired the shot? Not Jim Warren, and yet Warren is convicted of the crime on evidence he has doctored in order to shift the blame upon himself. He is sentenced to hang and with the ordeal but a half hour away he maintains a rigid silence—he refuses to divulge the true story of the murder. Whom is Jim shielding—and why?

H. B. Warner, who plays the featured role, that of the condemned man, also played the lead in the sensational Broadway stage production of the famous play. Opposite Warner is Vera Reynolds, while the role of his crooked pal, Harry Silvers, who is mysteriously killed, is played by Raymond Hatton. Rockcliffe Fellowes and Jack Mulhall, with Virginia Pearson, are featured members of the cast, one of the strongest ever assembled for any picture.

"SPECIAL" TOOK MONTHS TO MAKE

Although Robert Kane is known in the motion picture industry as a very painstaking producer, his latest production for First National Pictures Inc., entitled, "The Prince of Tempters," which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo this Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, required one month more to produce than any other picture Kane has made in the past three years.

This is due to the fact that the direction was by Lothar Mendes, a new director imported from Europe, who seized upon the story of "The Ex-Duke" to build a big special.

Mendes conveyed his ideas to Mr. Kane, who was more than satisfied to devote the additional time and money to produce a photoplay that would earn the distinction of 'special' by which the industry classifies a production of more than usual merit—one that if the producer so desired could be road-showed throughout the country at two dollar admission prices.

A larger than ordinary cast—even for a special—is announced by the Ilo-Ilo theatre, with Ben Lyon, Lois Moran, Lya de Putti, the German sensation; Ian Keith and Sam Hardy heading the cast.

Laura La Plante and Einar Hansen, respectively star and leading man of "Her Big Night," the Universal-Jewel showing at the Gaiety Theatre this Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, were comparing the size of film studios in America and Europe. "Universal City is the biggest studio in the world," Laura said. "You know I started from the lunchroom one day at noon toward a set located on the back of the studio. By the time I got there it was dark." The European leading man waved his hand in scorn. "That's nothing," he said. "In Sweden there is a studio so large that I left the barber shop to go to my set, and by the time I had reached it, I needed another hair-cut.

CHORUS GIRL IS HEROINE OF FILM

It is not often that two stars of the magnitude of Charles Ray and Pauline Starke are seen in one picture, but that is what is promised in Robt. Z. Leonard's production of "Bright Lights," which comes to the Gaiety theatre on Tuesday, April 5th.

The production is said to be a colorful depiction of the life of a Broadway chorus girl who tires of the sham of her butterfly existence and goes back to mother in New Jersey. Here she meets a young farmer, who gets the mistaken idea that in order to win her he must go to Broadway and obtain more polish. The ensuing complications are not of the usual sort, and the picture is one to delight the eye as well as being excellent entertainment.

Jessie Burns and Lew Lipton wrote the continuity from a magazine story of the same name by Richard Connell. Lilyan Tashman, Ned Sparks, Lawford Davidson, and Eugenie Besserer complete an unusually competent cast.

MADGE BELLAMY IS CONVINCING "SANDY"

You who have read "Sandy" as a newspaper serial will not want to miss the screen version of Elenore Meherin's novel which is offered as a Fox Film at the Ilo-Ilo on Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5, and at the Gaiety theatre on Thursday, April 7. The highest praise has been given Madge Bellamy, the beautiful actress who plays the title role, with critics and public pronouncing her performance one of the most brilliant of the year. Harrison Ford, Leslie Fenton, Bardson Bard, Gloria Hope, David Torrence and others play in her support.

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CANADA'S TRADE SHOWS GROWTH

The total trade of Canada during the 12 months ended February was $2,295,000,000, while in the twelve months ending February, 1926, it was $2,221,000,000, and in the same period ended February, 1295, it was $1,879,000,000.

Exports were lower in the last 12 months than in the preceding. The 1927 figure was $1,274,000,000 and the 1926 figure was $1,310,000,000. Imports however, made up the increase in the total trade.

Imports in the past twelve months were valued at $1,020,000,000 and in the preceding 12 months $911,111,000. Duty collected from imports in the past 12 months totalled $157,000,000 and in the preceding 12 months $141,000,000.

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Increased Coal Output Shown By Vancouver Island Collieries

Increased production of coal by the collieries of the Province is indicated by figures covering the output for the first two months of the present year as compared with that in the same period in 1926. For January and February this year the aggregate production of coal was 426,042 long tons as compared with 340,025 long tons in January and February last year. All important production districts showed an increase this year, Vancouver Island collieries providing one-half the gain. Last year it was Vancouver Island that went behind in production. A longer winter season and better shipping demand are the chief factors in the increased output. The Crow's Nest Pass collieries also showed a substantial increase, with a greater output in coke.

The detailed figures as issued in a statement under authority of Hon. Wm. Sloan, Minister of Mines, are as follows:

Vancouver Island District

	1927	1926
Canadian Collieries (D.) Ltd.—		
Comox Colliery	47,014	37,403
Extension Colliery	33,864	26,417
S. Wellington, No. 5	12,786	6,103
Total	93,664	69,923
Western Fuel Corp., Ltd.—		
No. 1 Mine	59,117	41,618
Reserve Mine	32,297	24,909
Wakesiah Mine	15,692	11,131
Total	107,788	77,658
Other Island Collieries—		
Granby Con. S.M.&P.	30,466	25,732
Nanoose-Well. Co.		10,942
E. Well. Colliery	9,705	7,647
King & Foster Co.	546	3,050
Total	40,717	47,371
Total for Island	242,169	194,952

Our idea of preparation is the boy who took four years of journalism and then opened a newstand.

Taxation Act Amendments

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later than January 31st for the period ended December 31st. A business whose fiscal period ended September 30th, 1926, will file the first return of Gross Income not later than April 30th, 1927, for the period ended March 31st, 1927.

All trades, businesses and professions must be registered by April 30th, and application forms are obtainable from the Provincial Assessor, Court House, Cumberland.

The rates of taxation applicable to Classes A and B, classified hereunder, are ½ of 1% and 1/10 of 1% respectively.

CLASS "A"

Accountants & Auditors,
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- Commission & Financial Agents,
- Manufacturers Agents,
- Real Estate & Insurance Agents,
- Shipping, Passenger and Traffic Agents,

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Assayers,
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Barristers & Solicitors,
Brokers:
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- Business Exchange Brokers,
- Grain, Lumber & Fish Brokers,
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All the regular Mercantile Trade both wholesale and retail plus the following detailed list:
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Dancing Academies,
Musical Studios,
Dressmakers, (where regular establishment is maintained.)
Dyers and Cleaners,
Film Exchanges,
Garages,
Hotels and Boarding Houses,
Laundries,
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Tailors,
Taxidermists,
Theatres,
Undertakers.

March 31st, 1927, is the last day for filing returns of Income earned during the calendar year 1926.

The increased rebates provided at the recent session of the Legislature in respect of married persons and dependents may be claimed for this period. The rebates now in effect are as follows:

Married Persons, also widows and widowers with dependent children..	$1,800
(Where a husband and wife each have a separate income, an aggregate rebate on $1,800 shall be apportioned them.)	
Single persons, and widows and widowers without dependent children	$1,200
Each dependent	$ 300
Insurance premiums paid but not exceeding	$ 500
Non-resident persons	$1,100

Assessors will make the necessary corrections on returns where rebates, as revised, have not been claimed.

An individual whose income does not exceed $900.00 is not required to file a return except upon demand of the Assessor.

Returns should be made promptly in order to avoid incurring penalties.

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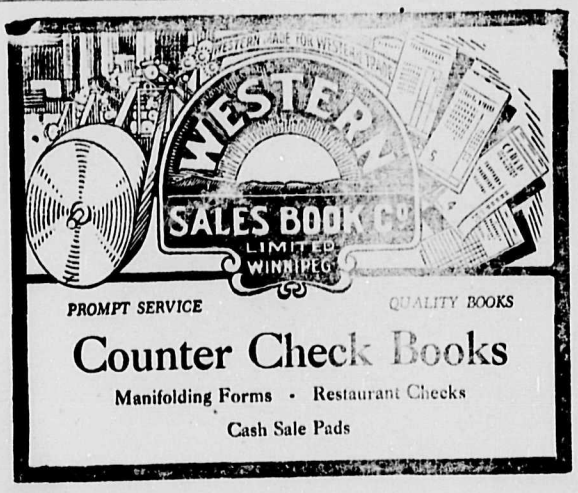

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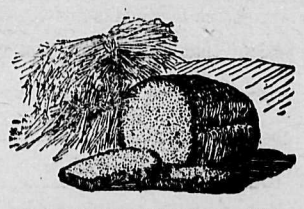

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LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL CONCERT

COURTENAY.—The Gaiety Theatre was packed to capacity to hear the Courtenay school choir and band concert on Thursday evening, March 24. The event was arranged to provide funds for the purpose of defraying expenses of the High School choir and Boys' band for their trip to Victoria, when they are to compete in the Musical Festival there.

The girls' choir, under the leadership of Mrs. M. B. Tribe, gave evidence of having been carefully trained, more especially in elocution. They were enthusiastically received, an encore being demanded for each number on the programme. The Boys band, with Mr. H. E. Murray at its head, was also very well received and showed marked improvement.

That the other items of the excellent programme appealed to the large audience was evidenced by the amount of laughter and applause which greeted most of the items.

Mr. Leslie Buckley, of the High School staff, in a short address thanked the audience on behalf of Mrs. Tribe and Mr. Murray and the school for their unstinted support. It was encouraging, he said, to see such a big turn-out. On behalf of an anonymous donor, he presented medals to the two best "sports" in the school, the recipients being Cliffe Laver and Harold Cliffe.

Mrs. B. Harvey acted as accompanist for the evening.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW AT VICTORIA

The first Spring Flower Show of united Vancouver Island exhibitors will be held at Victoria on Friday, April the 8th, and will be opened by Viscount Willingdon. Upwards of fifteen Vancouver and Gulf Island communities are to take part in the joint affair, which promises to be of an exceptional nature. Entries for the show must be in by April 4th, the prize list, a copy of which has been received at the office of the Islander, can be seen by anyone interested.

The open section comprises Narcissi (all varieties), Early Tulips, Late Tulips, Hyacinths, Bulbs in Pots, Primulas, various Spring Flowers, Shrubs, also a competition for table decoration and miniature garden on Tray, whilst the amateur group follows closely on the lines of the open section.

MOOSE HOME ON ISLAND ASSURED

Says Institution Will Be Established for Purpose of Taking Care of Canadian Infirm

There is a strong probability that the management of the Moose Order will proceed with the plan for a home for aged and disabled members on Vancouver Island in the course of a year or two.

Mr. F. E. Diffendafer, who is the travelling auditor of the Moose Order, from Mooseheart, Ill., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel with his wife, having just completed his inspection of lodges in the Pacific Northwest.

Scheme Designed

He says that the Canadian members, particularly those in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, are entitled to provision for their infirm members nearer home than Moosehaven, Florida, in the opinion of the executive members of the order. They therefore propose to give attention to the plan mentioned about a year ago, of quarters on Vancouver Island modelled largely on the experience of the order's aged people's quarters near Jacksonville, Florida. There the order has 248 elderly and infirm people in their care, housed in separate buildings, meals being supplied at a central building, and where each resident has to perfofrm some task, according to physical condition. This proviso is established to avoid idleness and discontent, factors which often make aged people's quarters a place of unrest.

The organization is absolutely at one, he says, in agreeing that the institution for Canada, when established, shall be located on Southern Vancouver Island, owing to the salubrity of climate.

A Ladysmith Case

From Mooseheart, the famous children's quarters for the dependents of distressed brethren, Mr. Diffendafer brings a message of praise from Mrs. Yerkes, a Ladysmith resident, who took her children there several months ago, and is reported to be happy and her children progressing well. Mrs. Yerkes is a matron in the "baby village" at Mooseheart, Ill. She has demonstrated herself a most capable woman, Mr. Diffendafer says. There are now 1,264 children at Mooseheart from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Owner—I say, can you drive a car?
Stranger—No, boss.
"Splendid Fellow; then stay here and mind my car for a little while, will you?" —Passing Show

600 ATTEND BALL OF NATIVE SONS

POWELL RIVER, March 31.—Without a doubt the annual ball of Powell River Assembly No. 38, Native Sons of Canada, held last Wednesday, was one of the most successful social functions ever held in Powell River. More than six hundred persons attended and enjoyed the hospitality of the Sons to such an extent that it was with regret they left the hall at two o'clock Thursday morning. The committee in charge of the affair was comprised of Brothers Thos. Taylor, Thos. McGuigan, William Mowat, Geo. Richardson, Geo. McFall, Edmund Davis, Ray Morrison and W. J. Owen. The decorations were carried out under the supervision of Brother Morrison, red, white and blue bunting and flags creating a distinctly patriotic spirit. The word Canada was formed of electric light bulbs directly in front of the orchestra stand. Music was provided by the Bluebird Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. W. Dunningsworth and was a feature that helped in no small measure to make the dance the success it was.

Among visitors to Powell River this week were Messrs. Frank Cummings, Grand Vice President of the Native Sons of Canada, and H. P. McCraney, also an enthusiastic worker in the Order. They were here on business, but remained for the big ball Wednesday night.

PETITION GOVERNMENT FOR NEW POSTOFFICE

POWELL RIVER, March 31.—The District of Westview just without the southern boundary of Powell River, has witnessed such rapid growth that the Post Office Department has acceded to the request of the residents and will next week open a branch of the Department, and have appointed Mr. William McGuigan postmaster. A petition is also in circulation asking the Dominion Government to erect a new post office at Powell River. It is being freely signed.

BASEBALL AT PAPER TOWN IS CONFINED TO THREE TEAMS

POWELL RIVER, March 31.—The Powell River Amateur Baseball league has been reorganized for the 1927 season, Mr. William McLeod having been elected president at a recent meeting. Mr. Bert Vicars will act as secretary and the managers of the three teams entered will be as follows: Native Sons of Canada, Alf. Hansen; Elks, R. C. McKenzie; and Patricias, Myron McLeod. The number of teams has been cut to three this year in order to make competition keener. There is an abundance of baseball material here and some great games will no doubt be played this summer.

CAMPBELL RIVER NEWS

Mr. William Stewart, of Vancouver, paid a short visit here early in the week.

Mrs. James Forbes, of Campbell Lake, left Thursday for a short visit with friends at Duncan.

Mr. B. Fleming, of Vancouver, was a recent visitor here.

Mr. E. Anderson left Friday for Lund, where he is visiting relatives.

Mr. P. Welsch left Friday for a short stay at Vancouver.

Dr. Shute, of Victoria, arrived here Tuesday for a short visit.

Mr. W. Laing left for Victoria recently.

Mr. H. Lanning, Mr. C. F. Willson, and Mr. S. Acheson called here last Monday with the launch "Mac & Mac."

Mr. Harry McQuillan, of Courtenay, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Drummond and family from Lund, were guests during the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Chas. Thulin left Sunday for a short visit to Vancouver.

The launch "Red Arrow," from Vancouver, called here on her way North early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Lund, are at present visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thulin.

Miss Bernice Landry left Monday for her holidays.

The Ladies' Auxiliary came out quite well as regards finances at their Masquerade Dance held on March 19. Total receipts amounted to $204.65 as against an expenditure of $128.94, leaving a net balance of $75.71.

The development of Campbell River power is one of the most important undertakings in the history of Vancouver Island. Whatever the reason, Vancouver Island has lagged behind the rest of the province. The late R. Marpole characterized Vancouver Island as an empire in itself, and it is. Campbell River has long been tied up for speculative purposes. It is high time that something was done with it. As to the further development of Vancouver Island, the locking up of the E. & N. Railway belt, and the want of inland transportation facilities throughout the length and breadth of the Island, largely account for the backward state of settlement and industrial development. No government seems to have realized the seriousness of these problems and the necessity of their solution.

—Mining & Industrial Record.

LADYSMITH HAD EASY VICTORY OVER WEST COAST UNITED

West Coast United football team were beaten at Nanaimo on Sunday last by Ladysmith, the score being seven goals to one. It was the semi-final for the B. & K. Cup, leaving the struggle for possession now up to Nanaimo City and Ladysmith. The game on Sunday was partly witnessed by a large crowd, but before the last half had been played out, many had left the stand, the game having been too one-sided to prove interesting. The West Coast are handicapped by lack of players and good playing grounds, with the result that when travelling, they are obliged to play whatever men are available, and on Sunday they had several on the field who looked and acted as if it were their first appearance in a football uniform. Ladysmith scored their first two goals on penalty kicks, the first being awarded when the Coast's full-back tumbled Tuffy Davis over just as he was about to score, and the second when the same player relieved the goal-keeper, and cleared the ball with his hands. Two more field goals were chalked up by Ladysmith in the first half and three in the second. Tuffy Davis was having a good time all through the game. He got away from his men at will, and took the ball down the field for three goals, and was probably the busiest man on the field, outside of Perry, in goal for the West Coast, who played a good game, and was not to be blamed for the goals which were scored against his team.

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Heinz Tomato Soup, small, 2 for	.23
Heinz Pork and Beans, flats, 2 for	.23
Heinz Pork and Beans, medium, each	.16
Heinz Tomato Ketchup, per bottle	.31
Heinz Pure Malt Vinegar, 32-oz.	.48
Heinz Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce, flats,	.14
Heinz Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce, mdm.,	.23
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Personal Mention

The many friends of Miss Madge Bryan will be glad to know that she is progressing very favorably after her recent operation for appendicitis.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilson, of Royston, left Tuesday last on a visit to Victoria. Mr. Wilson has been in poor health for some time past.

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Mr. Cyril Mort, of New Westminster is in Cumberland on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mort.

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Old Time Dance in the Ilo-Ilo hall tomorrow evening from 9 to 12. Why not take it in?

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Forbes, of Forbes Landing, Campbell Lake, were visitors to Cumberland on Tuesday last.

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Mrs. J. Clarkson is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mort, Maryport Avenue.

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Miss Allison Mann was a visitor to Chemanius last week, returning to Cumberland on Saturday.

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Mr. T. H. Carey left by stage this morning for Nanaimo.

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Mr. James Dixon, Chief Inspector of Mines, was a business visitor to Cumberland on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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Mrs. S. Horwood spent last weekend in Victoria, returning to Cumberland on Monday.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William Westwood, in the Cumberland General Hospital on Monday, March 28th, a daughter.

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To Mr. and Mrs. James Whitworth, of Marsden Road, in the Cumberland Hospital on Friday, April 1st, a son.

START TO CLASSIFY ALL BUSINESS FOR MINIMUM WAGE LAW

All British Columbia business will be classified into different branches for the general enforcement of the minimum wage law, under plans drafted by the board in charge of the statute at conference in Vancouver late last week.

After classifying business in this way for the purposes of the act, the board will arrange for public meetings with representatives of employers and employees shortly. Arrangements for these hearings will be made at a further conference of the board this week.

At its recent conference the board decided to extend the scope of the act into all business as rapidly as full investigation into working conditions will permit.

HOLY TRINITY NOTES

BISHOP OF COLUMBIA TO VISIT CUMBERLAND

A visitor to Cumberland this weekend will be the Right Rev. The Bishop of Columbia, who will be preaching at the evening service in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday evening. On Monday and Tuesday evenings he will be holding a mission in the Church, and arrangements are being made for him to address the High School students one afternoon. It is possible that a Confirmation service will also be held but no definite announcement has yet been made.

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ARCHDEACON LAYCOCK HEARD AT ROYSTON

Archedacon Laycock gave a very interesting lantern talk in the Royston School on Tuesday evening before a crowded audience. He took as his subject his experiences as a Missionary amongst the Nishga Indians of the Naas. The slides, which were all productions of his own photographs, were very interesting, and some of the trials and difficulties that were met with caused much laughter. The Archdeacon pointed out that in looking back one could laugh now, but at the time it was the last thing one felt like doing.

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LANTERN TALK GIVEN

A very interesting set of slides on "David Livingstone" formed the basis of a talk in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening by the Vicar.

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BOY SCOUTS AND THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

If possible steps will be taken to have the Governor-General inspect the local Scouts and Wolf Cubs during his visit to Cumberland. The Courtenay Scouts will be notified if plans mature, and the Cumberland Scouts and Cubs are asked to hold themselves in readiness. There will be the usual meeting of the Troop tonight in the Parish Hall at 6:30.

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REV. G. STEVENSON TO COME

The Rev. G. Stevenson, of Nanaimo, will be in charge of the services in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, the 10th of April. Whilst Mr. Stevenson is not well known in Cumberland, he resided in Comox a long time before he was appointed to the Cedar and Five Acres, Nanaimo parish.

The British coal miner is a mystery. The British Empire Steel Corporation brought out a number to work in its Nova Scotia mines. In Great Britain they clamored for a five-day week. When they got to Nova Scotia they found their five-day week, and complained because they could not work six days a week. The company is paying the return fare of those who wish to go back. Is it any wonder the coal industry of Great Britain experienced chaos in its dealings with men of such lopsided ideas? Can we be surprised that the proposal of the British Government to move to Canada those for whom work cannot be found in the British mines is regarded with the strongest disfavor in this country?

—Mining & Industrial Record.

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Mine Fire Menace At No. 4

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be "localized" and, in default of this procedure, recourse would have to be taken to retreat to the former stoppings built about 16 or 17 years ago. This would mean practically closing the mine down, and the loss of from 400 to 600 tons of coal per day .

However, a council was called, consisting of Thomas Graham, Superintendent; Thomas H. Williams, Mine Manager; Jack Williams and Charles Parnham, Overmen, also Thomas R. Jackson, district Inspector of Mines After discussing the matter in all its angles and phases, it was unanimously decided to "fight the fire" and localize it, if possible, by erecting stoppings close to, and completely around it. The use of mine rescue breathing apparatus was necessary for this undertaking, and so John Thompson, Mine Rescue Instructor, was requisitioned to supply the equipment from the Government station in Cumberland. It was also necessary to find men to wear them. This was easily accomplished on account of the company having at its disposal twelve paid men in constant training under the supervision of Instructor Thompson, and these men could be relied upon to use them in this particular emergency.

The management then formed these men, with other workmen, into four squads, each squad to work only six hours, but to change at the scene of operations. This method produced no great hardship on the workmen and indicated that it would work out very efficiently. There was a certificated official placed in charge of each squad to supervise it.

The Paul mine rescue breathing apparatus, the Burrell two-hour Gas Mask, and the half hour Self Rescuer were rushed to the scene of operations and work commenced to battle the fire by stopping it off. By 2:00 p.m. Wednesday a wonderful advance had been made in stopping building, though of a temporary character, was quite sufficient for the task. This act caused a radical change in the composition of the smoky atmosphere, which change represented to a large extent a victory for the fire fighters, and the management considered that led by the management Tuesday will the battle was more than half won.

The detail part of the plan formulated be carried out in its entirety, so that future outbreaks of this nature in this particular area will be completely eliminated, giving a security which has not existed for many years with this part of the mine.

Mention must be made of the good results obtained by wearers of the Burrell 2-hour Gas Mask breathing machine, a very recent acquisition for mine rescue work in the United States, and obtained last year as added and up-to-date equipment for the mine rescue stations of the Province, by order of the Honorable Wm. Sloan, Minister of Mines. This is the first instance these machines have been used in mines on the Island, to act as a substitute for the much heavier and more clumsy Paul, or Gibbs breathing apparatus. The latter two machines, while not so handy or portable, are superior in a more vital respect, namely, that of one performing work with either one in an atmosphere devoid of oxygen. The Burrell machine can only be used where the oxygen content of the air is such as to support life.

The Burrell machine is adapted for quick, light, serviceable work, and the wearers, in this case, were quite unanimous in delivering complimentary remarks, bordering on "bouquets" concerning the value of this handy little device for that class of work.

The half-hour Self Rescuer machine, though little used, received commendation from the wearers, and, no doubt in the future it will be regarded with more respect than it is today, as a handy little safety device, good for doing odd jobs or relief work after an explosion.

Before concluding these jottings, it might be opportune to mention that where coal is liable to spontaneous combustion, the "panel system" of work should be adopted. This system isolates one section from another section, and if fire breaks, the panel can be sealed off without discontinuing coal production in the other panel.

This fire has been stoppinged off successfully to the disfavor of the "loading out" process, because of three points: firstly, the exact location was not known; secondly, the extent was uncertain; thirdly, accessibility. doubtful. Immediately prior to this going to press it can be truly stated that the dangerous occurrence of mine fire existing in the mine at the early part of the week has, upon the strictest examination and investigation, been overcome and mining operations restored to their everyday conformity. No doubt the reader will appreciate and give credit to the men who displayed such energy, courage, skill, and ability towards extinguishing the maker of all kinds of trouble to life and property in a coal mine.

—T. R. JACKSON.

Mr. J. Dixon, Chief Inspector of Mines, arrived on Tuesday and made an inspection of No. 4 Mine. Before leaving on Wednesday he expressed himself as very well pleased and perfectly satisfied with the precautionary measures that have been adopted.

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