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Largest Still In B.C. Raided At Hornby Island

A sensational raid was made last Sunday by Provincial police officers and Mr. George Norris, of the Victoria Customs preventive service, on Hornby Island, resulting in the seizing of a valuable still and a large quantity of liquor, while Provincial police made three raids in different parts of Nanaimo, gathering in large quantities of bootleg liquor and a valuable cache of opium.

Ostensibly running a ranch on Hornby Island, a Chinaman named Ah Yick, it is stated made beer and liquor at his own distillery and shipped the products of the still to Vancouver and other Mainland ports by motorboat. The police and Mr. Norris captured the Chinaman "red handed," and took his motorboat, liquor and still to Nanaimo.

The raids were actuated from the belief by the Provincial police that a considerable quantity of liquor was finding its way into Nanaimo illegally and that it was thought the liquor was homemade. All the places raided Sunday were found to be operated by Chinese.

The net result of the raid on Hornby sland was the finding of a complete still, twelve thirty-six-gallon barrels and eighty-four gallon barrels of bootleg liquor, three tons of rice, a quantity of mash and a thirty-five-foot gasoline launch.

The Nanaimo raids resulted in the seizing of $800 worth of unsealed liquor and moonshine, together with opium and smoking paraphernalia. Six Chinese, alleged inmates or keepers of the raided places, were placed under arrest. A number of others are to be summoned as a result of the discoveries. Those arrested in the case will be brought before Magistrate Beevor-Potts in Nanaimo this week.

P.C. League Game Scheduled For Sunday Postponed

The Pacific Coast Football League game scheduled for Sunday morning on the local ground, when Cumberland United should have met Victoria Veterans, has been postponed. We understand the reason given is the so-called International game to be played in Nanaimo on Sunday afternoon when several of the Cumberland players are expected to travel to the Hub City and earn an "International cap." It seems rather ridiculous to postpone an important league game for a so-called International game. The writer has seen these kind of games pulled off in the terminal city and has yet to see one that proved successful, either from a playing or financial point of view. For the good of soccer let the league games continue.

HOLIDAY CARNIVAL DANCE AT ROYSTON

The management of the Royston Imperial Pavilion anounce that on Saturday, December 26th, a monster Carnival Dance will be held with the music supplied by the famous "Jazzarimbo" Orchestra, of Nanaimo.

Horns, paper hats, ticklers, balloons, serpentine, etc., will be a big feature of this dance, which commences at 9 p.m. sharp. Gentlemen, $1.00; Ladies, 25 cents. **

HOLIDAY DANCES TO BE HELD BY FOOTBALL CLUB

Two special Holiday dances will be held by the Cumberland United Football Club, one on Christmas night and one on New Year's night in the Ilo-Ilo Hall. At the dance on Christmas night the Football Club drawing will take place when a large number of valuable and seasonable prizes will be drawn for. Plump's Orchestra will supply the best and latest music. Dancing commences at 9:30 and continues until—well, come and see. The price of admission at both these dances will be Gents, $1.00 and Ladies, 25 cents.

Cumberland United Eliminate Nanaimo From Competition

Cumberland United put Nanaimo out of the running for the McDonald Cup on Sunday afternoon last on the Central Sports ground, Nanaimo, winning handsomely by a score of five goals to two.

Cumberland scored their first goal after twelve minutes of play in the opening half, after a corner, taken by Fowler was well placed to Hitchens, who in turn passed to Graham, the centre forward made no mistake, scoring a nice goal. This success was, however, short-lived as Alex. Thompson made it an even score 5 minutes later. With about fifteen minutes to play of the first half, Graham scored number two for Cumberland on a passs from Fowler. Nanaimo fans claimed Fowler handled the ball, but the referee did not see it and the incident was allowed to pass. Right from the centre kick Cumberland made tracks for the Nanaimo goal, so hard pressed was Grainger that he gave away a penalty, Jock Stewart converting with a magnificent drive.

Cumberland led at half-time 3-1.

Five minutes after the opening of the second half Plump made it 4-1 in favor of Cumberland, scoring the best earned goal of the day. After twenty minutes play Wilson scored for Nanaimo, but a few minutes later McDonald put Cumberland further ahead, the game finishing with the Blue and Whites easily masters of the game and well worth their 5-2 win.

Fred Deluce, who last week-end arrived in town from New Zealand, has, we understand signed for the Cumberland United Football club. Deluce will be remembered as the flash outside right of the day of Milligan, Turner and Graham, part of the local team of eighteen months ago.

Fred Foster another of Cumberland's old-time players has returned from the prairies and has signified his intention of signing for his old club, the Cumberland United.

Word was also received this last week of another of the old-time players in the person of Tommy Heyland, who is now located in Brandon, Man. He sends Christmas Greetings to all his old friends in Cumberland and also sends the hope along that Cumberland will go back east in quest of the Connaught cup. Tommy is making preparations right now to be in Winnipeg on that occasion. He does not seem to doubt for one single moment that any other team but Cumberland will make the trip—its up to you boys not to disappoint our old friend Tommy Heyland.

MUSICAL CONTEST REVEALS SURPRISING YOUTHFUL TALENT

The musical contest held in the Ilo-Ilo Theatre last evening for children under 14 years of age brought forth a deal of keen competition and musical ability that one would hardly think could be found in Cumberland, so that on the whole the judges had a very difficult task in choosing the prize winners. Preference however was given Robert Cossar, Mary Sweeney, and Jack Hill who were awarded respectively the first, second and third prizes.

The excellent performance of the competitors came as a great surprise to the audience, more especially those who understand the technical points of music. It must indeed be gratifying to all music lovers to find so much unsuspected talent amongst the young people of our City, and it is only through such contests or concerts as that held in the Ilo-Ilo last evening that the public can hear and appreciate the musical talent that is around us every day. This latent talent certainly should not remain latent. Great credit is due the teach-

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"THE FARM GARDEN" AND "FRUIT POSSIBILITIES IN THE COMOX VALLEY"

Two Interesting Lectures at Courtenay Delivered by Mr. W. H. Robertson and Mr. E. W. White Were Appreciated by Large Audience in Agricultural Association's Lecture Hall.

COURTENAY, Dec. 12—Under the good offices of Comox Agricultural and Industrial Association, whose activities along educational lines have been marked during the present season, two interesting lectures were heard in the lecture hall of the association last night. The lecturers, Mr. W. H. Robertson, Provincial Horticulturist and Mr. E. W. White, District Horticultuist, under the Department of Agriculture, took for their subjects respectively, "The Farm Garden" and "Fruit Possibilities in the Comox Valley." In opening his remarks relative to the farm garden, Mr. Robertson described himself as merely a horticulturist and said that the Courtenay-Comox district was an outstanding agricultural area particularly as regards potato growing and dairying. Of first importance was the location of the farm garden. It should be conveniently situated to the house so that the housewife could obtain garden produce when required, but she should not be expected to do the hard manual work. Location was even more important than soil. Owing to the great variety of soils throughout the district, fertilizers were a matter of individual study. The use of chemicals was explained and the necessity of maintaining or building up the fibre content (humus) was pointed out. For this purpose barnyard manure, straw, seaweed or cover crops would, the speaker said keep up the physical condition of the soil; and where chemical fertilizers only were used there was a danger of the land loosing its humus unless this method was adopted. Chicken manure with straw or bracken was an excellent fertilizer also. Hot beds and cold frames were discussed showing the advantage of early crops raised under glass. Besides the very early vegetables being most used in the house, the cash returns from this source, particularly at the early season of the year when the farm income may be at its lowest, were usually very acceptable.

Plant pests well known to all gardeners such as the cabbage root maggot, cut worms and flea beetles all came in for a good deal of attention and remedies were given. The growing of rhubarb for very early trade was shown to be a profitable undertaking and detailed instructions as to how to proceed were clearly explained. This forcing of rhubarb would also produce a cash return at a very needful time (January-February) and the average returns have shown a price of 13c. to 15c. per pound to the grower.

Mr. White commenced his remarks by commenting on the growth of the poultry industry in this district which he said, is noticeable every time he visits the Courtenay area. He believes however, that the Comox Valley has great possibilities for fruit. Although Vancouver Island is not looked upon as a commercial fruit growing district every farm should have a home orchard. There is probably no farm which is not adapted to the growing of an acre of fruit trees. The speaker had evidently given this subject a good deal of thought and had made a clear plan of one acre cotaining 48 trees in eight rows of six trees each. Five of these rows were devoted to apple trees, one to pears, one to plums and sour cherries and the last to sweet cherries. Logan berries and Himalayan blackberries came in for some attention, but the speaker did not encourage any extensive planting of Logans. With regard to strawberries however, he firmly believed that there were excellent opportunities for marketing these in more extensive quantities. He showed how the picking acreage on the Island had decreseed in the last year or so while the price for both jam and crate berries had been very fair for the last season. He predicted a severe shortage of strawberries for next two or three years. During these addresses many questions were asked and answered. Mr. R. U. Hurford acted as chairman. The hall was well filled and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers.

"Aunt Susan's Visit" Proved To Be Sparkling Comedy

Aunt Susan's visit, heralded for the past three weeks through the columns of the Islander and on the street by word of mouth, materialized finally Wednesday evening. The old lady from Pepper Corners was introduced to a packed auditorium in St. George's United Church and before many minutes had elapsed it became quite evident to her curious spectators that the press reports had far from over-rated her ability, her originality, her bluntness and her charm. She was a scream, a riot, or in common parlance, a knockout. Those who could not gain admittance, and there must have been many for the church was crowded so that many had to stand, certainly missed a play that has never been surpassed in Cumberland by a cast composed of purely amateurs. To Mr. A. J. Taylor, under whose direction the play was produced, must go the credit for its great success.

The play opened at the breakfast table of John Thomas Tibbs in his home in Golden City. The morning mail brought a letter from his Aunt Susan saying that she was arriving Saturday morning for a long visit, and she did arrive—eggs, pumpkin pie, cookies, feather bed and all. Thinking this ignorant old lady would hinder her elder daughter's debut in society as well as her chance to catch a rich husband, Mrs. Tibbs, assisted by the daughter, Rebecca Jane, tried every artful means to keep Aunt Susan from meeting the rich and titled guests that called, but Auntie would have none of it. When anything was going on she was right in the midst of it, but as things turned out she captured the hearts rather than disgusted the visitors so that in the end Rebecca did get her rich husband, Mr. Guy de Marchmont Coggs, and in addition the other daughter, Mary Alice, became the blushing bride of a rich senator, Hon. Samuel Smith, whom Aunt Susan had known in Pepper Corners as "little Sammy Smith." Even the poor of the neighborhood benefitted from contact with this blunt old lady and the play closes with both poor and rich alike giving a farewell party for their benefactress before she departs for her home.

Mrs. H. Conrod carried off the name role in perfect style—it is safe to say that no one could have filled the part better. The part of Rebecca Jane was doubtless the hardest of the whole play, with the exception of the main character, of course, but Miss Edith Hood's rendition of this rather snobbish person was very creditable; in fact all the characters were extremely good. The members of the cast were as follows: Mrs. H. Conrod, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacLean, Miss Edith and Miss Etta Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Lockner, Mrs. H. Brown, Miss A. Conrod and Miss Lillie Banks.

At the end of the play the actors gathered on the stage and delighted the audience with several well-rendered songs. Those assisting in this part of the entertainment were Mrs. J. Ledingham, the Misses Etta and Edith Hood, Miss Alma Conrod, and Messrs. R. Goodall, G. Ramsell, C. Edwards and Dr. E. R. Hicks. Miss Conrod's contribution was a recitation entitled "The Ladies Aid" and was perhaps more truth than poetry. Several orchestra selections were rendered between acts by Messrs. C. J. Parnham, A. Pilling, C. Newman and H. Murdock.

SOCIAL EVENING WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hitchens, Maryport Avenue, entertained last Saturday evening at an enjoyable card party and social evening, some eighteen or twenty guests being in attendance. Whist occupied a greater part of the evening and several other entertaining games brought forth much amuse- served.

Those present included Mr. and ment. Dainty refreshments were Mrs. J. H. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Strachan, junr., Mr .and Mrs. J. Damonte, junr., Mr. and Mrs. H. Peters, Miss J. Stevenson, Miss H. Lockhart, Mr. A. Farmer, Mr. H. Stewart, Mr. G. Brown and Mr. W. Hutchinson.

Duncan Badminton Club Made Clean Sweep At Royston

The visit of the Duncan Badminton Club to Royston on Saturday afternoon last produced a big surprise to the many players in the district. The visitors won every game with comparitive ease, as the following figures will show. Players from Royston, Cumberland and Comox took part, the Cumberland players being Mrs. F. R. Shenstone, Miss C. McKinnon and Mr. H. E. Murray and Mr. F. R. Shenstone Murray and Miss McKinnon lost their doubles games 15-0, 15-0; whilst Shenstone and Mrs. Shenstone lost 15-2, 15-0. The following is a complete list of the scores with the names of the Duncan players first:

Royston versus Duncan-Men's Singles

Bazzett beat Ash 15-0, 15-2; Kingston beat H. Idiens 15-3, 15-2; Craig beat Blunt 15-4, 15-0; Hall beat Brock 15-0, 15-2.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Sheridan Rice beat Mrs. Ash 11-1, 11-2; Miss Rice beat Mrs. Cook 11-0, 11-1;

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Rice and Miss Rice beat Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Cook 15-0, 15-5; Miss Bazzett and Miss Blythe beat Mrs. Pottinger and Miss Sillence 15-2, 15-1.

Men's Doubles

Bazzett and Kingston beat Ash and H. Idiens 15-11, 15-8; Craig and Hall beat Blunt and Brock 15-2, 15-1.

Mixed Doubles

Bazzett and Mrs. Rice beat Ash and Mrs. Ash 15-0, 15-8;Kingston & Miss Bazzett beat H. Idiens and Mrs. Cook 15-1, 15-3;Craig and Miss Blythe beat Blunt and Mrs. Pottinger 15-1, 15-2; Hall and Miss Rice beat Brock and Miss Sillence 15-5, 15-6.

Comox vs. Duncan—Men's Doubles

Craig and Hall beat Downey and J. Idiens 15-3, 15-0.

Mixed Doubles

Craig and Miss Blythe beat Downey and Miss Wood 15-2, 15-2; Hall and Miss Rice beat J. Idiens and Mrs. Fairbairn 15-4, 15-2.

Ladies' Doubles

Miss Bazzett and Miss Blythe beat Miss Lyche and Mrs. Fairbairn 15-4, 15-3; Mrs. Rice and Miss Rice beat Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. Cliffe 15-4 15-3.

Ladies' Singles

Miss Blythe beat Miss Wood 11-2, 11-2

Cumberland versus Duncan Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Rice and Miss Rice beat Mrs. Shenstone and Miss McKinnon 15-8, 15-0;

Ladies' Singles

Miss Blythe beat Mrs. Shenstone 11-0, 11-3; Miss Bazzett beat Miss Mc Kinnon 11-0, 11-0.

Men's Doubles

Bazzett and Kingston beat Murray and Shenstone 15-2, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles

Bazzett and Mrs. Rice beat Shenstone and Mrs. Shenstone 15-2, 15-0. Kingston and Miss Bazzett beat Murray and Miss McKinnon 15-0,15-0.

The members of the Cumberland, Royston and Comox clubs served tea during the afternoon and after the games the visitors were entertained at dinner at the Nelson Hotel, Union Bay.

Endeavoring To Revive Soccer In Nanaimo City

The following paragraphs were culled from the columns of the Free Press, of Nanaimo, in its issue for last Wednesday:

"Football is once more coming into its own as the most popular sport in Nanimo and local fans will be pleased to hear that in the very near future they will have the opportunity of seeing a team in action equally as good as those that have won honors for the City in past years.

An announcement in connection with the above was made today by the management of the new organization, with the assurance that many of the players in the last Connaught Cup series will again be sporting the black and white strips.

McFarlane, who is without a doubt the peer of center halves in the West, will again fill that position on the local team. Edmunds, who at the beginning of the season transferred his services to the St. Andrews of Vancouver, has returned to his first love, while Jimmie Knight has also consented to return to his home team.

The management is also taking steps to secure the services of several good mainland players to help strengthen the forward line and report that satisfactory progress has been made.

'Dickie' Stobbart will be the manager of the new team, and will, no doubt, make a big success of his new venture as he has of his soccer career.

The officers of the recently-organized club are: President, Mr. Nat Bevis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Pa Seggie."

McKenzie Adds To String of Knockouts

Bill McKenzie, the Comox youth who is making quite a name for himself in the cauliflower industry in Seattle, added yet another to his growing list of kayoes when he put Bob Corbett, of Yakima, to sleep in the third of a scheduled six-round bout at the American city last Tuesday evening.

Of the fight the Vancouver Daily Province says: "Bob Corbett, 180-pounder from Yakima, opened skilfully against McKenzie, 240 pounds. Corbett drove in his left persistently and avoided the big man's fist, but McKenzie, his face covered with blood, kept on trying with his right hook to the jaw, and when the bell ended the second round Referee Ad Schacht was counting over the Yakima man. Corbett's seconds worked hard on him and he came to just as the gong sounded to open the third. But the boxers had hardly put up their fists when Corbett's second, Denver Ed. Martin, a negro heavyweight of old-time fame, tossed in a towel. The bout was set for six rounds."

NOTED STAGE SUCCESS IS FILM MASTERPIECE —"THE MERRY WIDOW"

When Erich von Stroheim filmed the Ambassadors' Ball episode of the noted masterpeice, "The Merry Widow" which comes to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on Christmas Day and Saturday, December 26th, he staged scenes that are reproductions of incidents out of his former life. When von Stroheim was an officer in a Continental army he was present at many court functions in his own country, and then when he became a military attache in other nations he was present at many such affairs as he has reproduced for the modernized version of the famous stage play.

In the scenes he staged were five hundred extra people. Among them were the foreign representatives of every nation of the globe, in full regalia. These with the uniforms of the officers, royalty and nobility of the country that serves as the background of "The Merry Widow," in which Mae Murray plays the title role with John Gilbert opposite her, presented a scene tremendous in pictorial effect.

Mae Murrray, in the title role, wears a gown that is extreme and typifies the character she portrays.

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS Christmas is the time of unselfishness, the season of kindness. Through most of the year we are all too silent with those who are most near and dear to us. We seldom pause to say the things which lie just beneath the commonplace of common things. But Christmas comes at the end of the year to give us all a brief time of thinking of others. Greetings are more cordial, candles gleam in the windows and the carol singers seek out the sick and shut-in to bring cheer to their lonely lives. There is something about Christmas that burns up the ashes of selfishness. December 25th is not unlike all the other days in the year, so far as the sunrise and sunset are concerned, but the spirit of the Christchild, whose birth we celebrate, is abroad on that day and somehow we feel there is truly "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Throughout the rest of the year the cold glacier of matter-of-factness creeps gradually over the heart. As children we often express the love we feel for those about us. But as we grow older we begin to take things for granted. Too often we become ashamed of the tenderness we feel. Everywhere men and women are looking for kindness, for tenderness, for "someone who cares." Nothing is more terrible than feeling yourself utterly alone. And then comes Christmas, the great holiday of the Christian religion, offering a Savior born in Bethlehem, a father in Heaven, a personal God. "Someone who cares," a refuge for the lonely.

So begin now to say the full sweet word to those in your home. Speak cheerfully to the friend you meet upon the street and even give a smile of recognition to the stranger. Soon out of sight one of these will go, those dear familiar ones who have trudged by your side so long will drop beside the way, and sitting alone with loneliness, you will think of some kind word you might have said and they might have heard.

For some people this is easier than for others. Some, like those in Holmes' poem "The Voiceless," feel deeply but are unable to put their sentiments into words. But there is one way in which everyone can express his affection for others. This is by the universal language of actions, for actions, says Emerson, are after all a kind of words. We all can say "A Merry Christmas." We all can forget for one day in the year the ordinary things of life and be good and kind to someone else.

DOING THE SHOPPING If human nature were not what it is, the Christmas season perhaps might not be one of rush and worry over what to buy, and sales forces in stores would not be rushed to exhaustion in the one or two weeks before the event. If people did their shopping when it could be done under the least congested conditions, it might extend over months instead of weeks, and it would be not the less seasonable.

However, none but the exceptional person thinks of doing shopping until it cannot be put off longer. Then it becomes an ordeal and is so strenuous that it tends to rob the season of the "cheer and good will" that attach to it sentimentally. The "good will" might actually pervade the shoppers were they not overworked trying to find what they want and struggling to get it. Yet it would not be Christmas for a lot of people were it otherwise. They have become so accustomed to waiting and then making a hurry-up job of it that they would not feel right were it done betime.

Human nature is a peculiar thing despite the fact that all of us have it. It wouldn't be human nature if it wasn't odd. If we did everything in a reasonable and sane way we would not be human beings. We would be superhuman and that is too much to expect. It is the prerogative of human beings to do as they please and of course most of us please to delay as long as we can the doing of what we cannot avoid. There may be those who are forehand in Christmas shoping but they are rare and so different from the mass that they are odd, too.

By the way, we must do our shopping very soon, next Friday is Christmas.

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Science gives us artificial rain and synthetic lightning when what we want is some means of making winter merely hypothetical.

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There are no statues of men who felt sorry for themselves.

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association will be held in the the club building on Saturday, December 20th, 1925 at 8.30 p.m. Prize drawing will take place at meeting and tickets must be produced there to obtain prizes. Several bundles of Scientific Perodicals will be offered for auction

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COMMITTEE REJECTS PROPOSAL MADE BY TRADES COUNCIL

VICTORIA, Dec. 17—The Municipal Committee of the Legislature has been considering a proposal made by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council that the property qualifications be abolished for candidates for municipal office. The committee rejected this proposal, holding that it was not desirable that persons without any stake in the community should be placed in the position of being able to commit the taxpayers to outlays.

ATTENDANCE OF JAPS IN WHITE SCHOOLS SHOWS BIG INCREASE

VICTORIA, Dec. 17—Some illuminating information with regard to the growth of the Japanese population in British Columbia is contained in answers given by the Minister of Education to questions put in the Legislature. The Minister stated that whereas there were 1422 young Japs attending the public schools in 1923 and 1725 in 1924 there are no less than 2414 enrolled in 1925. The Chinese attendance, on the other hand, is going down slightly. It was 1346 in 1923 and 1423 in 1924 but this year it is 1313. Of Hindu children there are 26 as compared with 30 last year and 16 in 1923. The white school population, which would naturally be expected to be increasing at a greater ratio, is relatively standing still. It was 92,120 in 1923, 93,156 in 1924 and is this year 94,228. In other words, the number of white children attending the public schools of British Columbia in 1925 has increased by two and one-third per-cent over 1923, while the attendance of Japanese children has increased by seventy per-cent.

INSURANCE ACTS TO BE CONSOLIDATED IN ONE GENERAL ACT

VICTORIA, Dec. 17—The Attorney General has introduced in the Legislature a bill to consolidate the various insurance acts in one general act, the only classes of insurance not included in the bill being marine and mutual. The provisions of the law are tightened up in many particulars for the better protection of the assured. It has been decided not to prohibit insurance in unlicensed companies so as to protect the public against possible monopoly, but such companies are prohibited from soliciting in the province and the tax on premiums is to be 5% instead of 2%. In spite of a strong demand by insurance interests against the part-time agent, it has been decided not to change the law permitting these. Hereafter insurance societies and clubs will have to incorporate under the Societies Act. Automobile insurance must in future be written by resident agents.

The best things beyond their measure cloy.—Homer.

POULTRY BREEDERS GET RESULTS FROM THEIR ADVERTISING

The Record-of-Performance Poultry Breeders' Association of British Columbia have received an order from Denmark for seven hens and three cockerels. The hens must have a record of 250 eggs a year, while males must be from a 300-egg strain. The price is $40 per bird. The association as a result of advertising, has been making shipments to various parts of the globe during the past few months

NAVAL VESSELS TO USE DOUGLAS FIR

In future British Columbia Douglas fir will be used for decking British naval vessels. It will replace pine from the Southern States, which has hitherto been used for this purpose. It is expected that the British Admiralty will steadily extend the use of B. C. fir in the Imperial naval yards.

THE PUZZLE CORNER

Puzzle No. 11

Danny went over to urge Kate to name the day.

"Ths is entirely unexpected," gasped the maiden; "but I will marry you when the week after next is the week before last."

"Had I received this promise yesterday," said Danny, "the waiting would have been six days shorter."

Can you tell on what day of the week Danny popped the question?

Puzzle No. 12

Charlie Chaplin handed the bank cashier a U. S. bank note and said: "Please break this into 'small time' change. Give me some ones, twice as many 2's; 5 times as many 5's as 2's; 10 times as many 10's as 5's and the balance in 20's.

Now, what is the smallest U. S. bank note that Charlie could have furnished to pay for that change?

Puzzle No. 13

Down at the Park we crawled up the "Shoot the Chutes" at the rate of 2 feet per second and shot down at the rate of 20 feet per second, so it took us just one minute to make the round trip. What was the length of that chute?

Puzzle No. 14

An apple and a half are worth three quarters of an apple and half a cent. Half an apple is worth three quarters of a pear; so what is the fewest number of whole pears that I can buy with an even number of pennies?

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

Answers to last week's Puzles

No. 6—The landlady placed 20c on the counter to pay for the 1½ pounds of bologna. Louis cut 2¼ pounds. She took 1⅛ pounds for 15c and invested the remaining 5c in pickles.

No. 7—The young man was 19 years of age and figured his yearly keep at $228. Therefore, on his 21st birthday he would owe his dad $4,788.

No. 8—We went to Philadelphia at the rate of one mile in 4 minutes and returned at the rate of one mile in 3 minutes, the average speed thus being 17 1-7 miles per hour, and not 17 ½, as would appear at first blush.

No. 9—Butte, Washington, Easton, Oregon, Denver.

No. 10—His mixture consisted of 10 pounds of the 15c tea and 30 pounds of the 25c tea.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PURCHASE

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

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

HOMESTEAD LEASES

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

LEASES

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

GRAZING

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

CANADA

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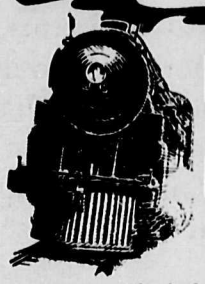

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By "Junius"

"Why so depressed, Jimmy?"

"The horrible cost of living, old chap; constant bills for materials, paint and shingling."

"What, house?"

"No, daughters."

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A Cumberland man was fishing in Comox Lake recently. He caught a big fish, the biggest he had ever landed in his long and busy life. Crazed with joy, he ran to No. 4 Mine and telephoned his wife: "I've got one, weighs seven pounds and is a beauty," and his wife replied: "So have I, weighs ten pounds. Not a beauty—looks like you. Come home."

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Man: I would like—ah—you see—I want to—

Salesman in jewelry store: Take the elevator, diamond rings on third floor.

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POME

The shades of night were falling fast,
When for a kiss we asked her,
She must have answered 'yes' because
The shades came down still faster.

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Don't discard that worn-out lawn mower. Lend it to your neighbor next time he comes to borrow things. This will soon discourage the habit.

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The man who says honesty is the best policy, never tried telling an ugly girl how she looked, mutters Heck.

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If a man loses his money he may get more, but "Sheik" says if he loses his nerve its gone forever.

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Sign in phonograph department of Cumberland store: "Kiss the Girl You Love" and many others.

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A father wrote to a country boy who had gone to work in a city bank: "I hope you acquit yourself well," and the boy replied, "I had nothing to do with it."

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A husband is a person who begins to love shoes about the time his wife tells him they are disreputable.

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A wise man knows he is acting foolish to fall in love this close to Christmas.

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Christmas is one day that requires no organized drive to assure its observance.

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At Christmas

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;
Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,
And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for,,
He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is bet ter in his part;
He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.
All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile
And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.
Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

If I had to paint a picture of a man I think I'd wait
Till he'd fought his selfish battles and put aside his hate.
I'd not catch him at his labors when his thoughts are all of self,
On the long days and dreary when he's striving for himself.
I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed,
But I'd look for him at Christmas when he's shining at his best.

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood;
There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good,
But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside
And his petty hates are vanquished and his heart is opened wide.
Oh, I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be.

—EDGAR A. GUEST

After We Pass

WE are told that visitors to the Mosque of St. Sophia, Constantinople, are at once greeted with fragrance when they enter the building. This fragrance pervades the building because, when the mosque was built a thousand years ago, the stones and bricks were laid in mortar mixed with a solution of musk. If we, in our youth, build our years out of helpful, friendly, neighborly acts, we will offer to the world the fragrance of lovable personalities when we go down the Western Slope. We are thinking too, even after we have passed away, our works will go on living for us and praising us.

Children's Day in Zuni Land

AMONG the stories which are told of the gentle, child-loving people known as the Zuni Indians in Western America is one concerning what is called Christmas Day in Zuni Land.

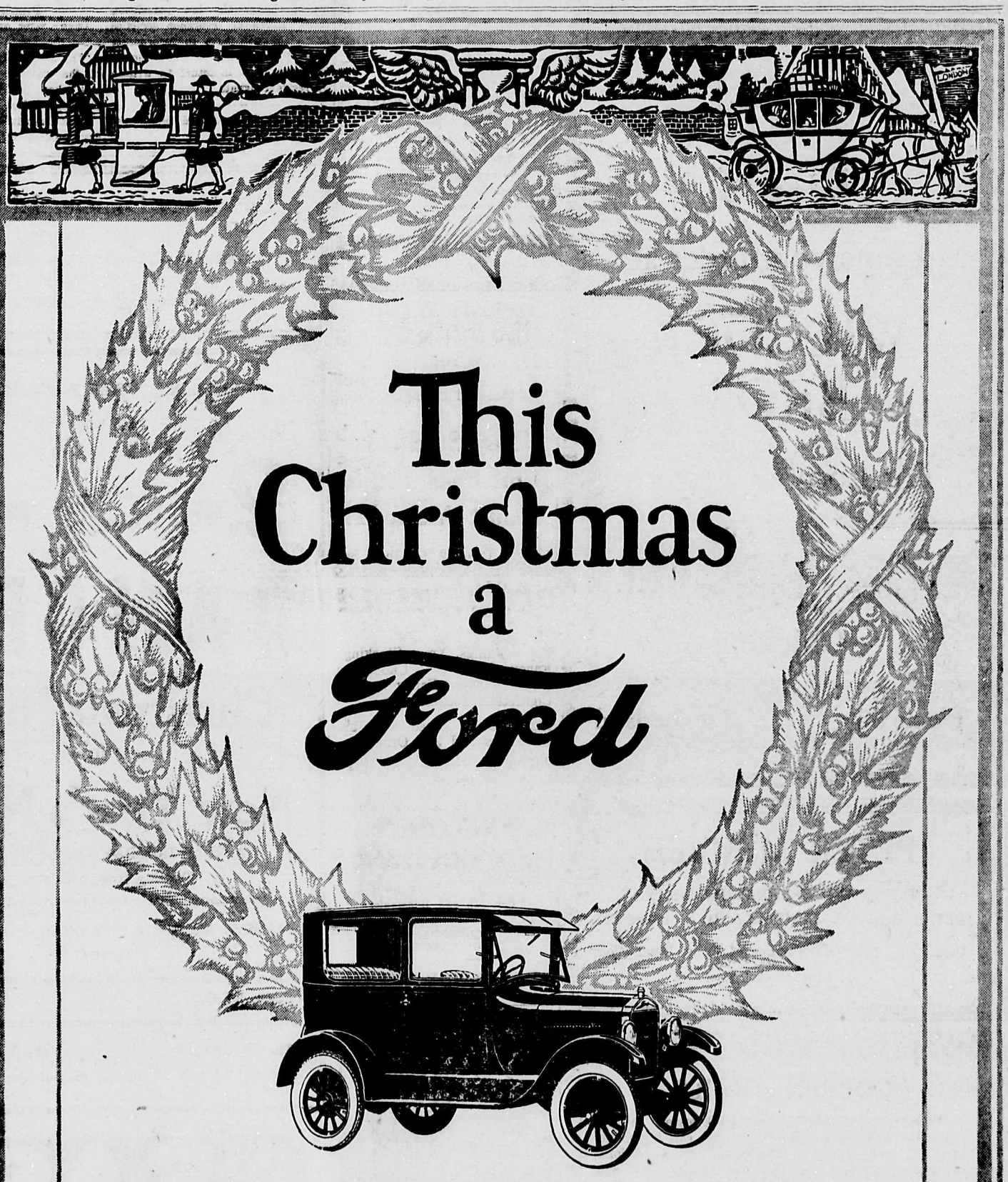
This wonder day for all the three-year-old children comes in the late autumn, when the harvests, "the gifts of the beloved gods of the wind and rain," have been gathered. Fully dressed as little men and women, they are taken by their mothers into the square dance-court, one side of which has been especially reserved for them. Presently appears a line of dancers gorgeously dressed and masked to represent the gods of creation, marching to the music of rattle and drum, and carrying mysterious packages decked with evergreen and strings of popcorn.

They place the packages in careful rows on the smooth-beaten ground, and then begin a drama, the story of creation. Following them are ten clowns—grotesque and horrible-looking creatures, but in reality some of the gravest priests of the tribes—whose duty it is to amuse the spectators while the dramatists are resting, and to teach the children the meaning of the performances. They pick up the bundles and pretend to guess at their contents, and finally, when the drama is ended, discover the presents for this little one or that.

For the boys are painted boys and arrows to which are tied little loaves of bread or cake made into symbols of deer and antelope and mountain sheep; for the girls, tiny cradle-boards upon which are laced carved and painted figures of the dancers, each representing the clan of the child for whom it is intended.

Dangling the toys in the air, the clowns advance towards the children with the most ludicrous postures and gestures. The tiny men and women, remembering their dignity, will not cry, although some of them cannot resist the tempting refuge of their mothers' skirts. But finally, after much coaxing, one little brown hand is stretched out and then another, and the priests pass the presents over, never failing to repeat many proverbs and to teach the prayers and rituals to be used in connection with them. Then at last, when all have received their gifts, the great event is over.

But for the Zuni children the day is a beginning, not a consummation. The toys are to be their teachers for the great lessons of life. Day by day, as the boys play at hunting or the girls nurse their queer painted dolls, the mothers remind them of the instructions of the "good ancient ones," and show them by means of rimes how to care for their playthings, thus teaching them the arts and ways of life that they are to follow by and by. So, hundreds of years before Froebel, this Indian people had discovered the methods of the kindergarten.



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News of Courtenay and Surrounding District

COURTENAY FARM WINS PRIZE AT FOX BREEDERS' SHOW

Vancouver Island foxbreeders firmly established the reputation of the Island as the prospective centre in the West of a rapidly developing industry by their successes in the show held at Vancouver. Three Island breeders carried off premier honors. J. W. Bell, who a year ago opened a fox ranch at Wittier Ave., Victoria, where he now has thirty pairs of handsome silver blacks, took three firsts, two seconds and a fifth. His animals were shown in competition with 200 others from Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. Included among his prizes was the championship prize for the best female in the open class. An indication of the value of high bred foxes is given by the fact that Mr. Bell was offered and declined $2,500 for one of the animals. W. Doyle of the All-Star Ranch, Winnipeg, declined $7,500 for a valuable male.

Other Island breeders also carried off prizes. The Rev. Montague Bruce won honors for the best female silver black on Vancouver Island. W. Stephenson of Courtenay also won a prize for Vancouver Island silver blacks.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Church of Winnipeg, fox inspector for the Dominion Government in a speech he made during the exhibition said he believed fox pelts from the Pacific Coast would prove of the best quality produced in Canada. The conditions were ideal, he said, and because of the absence of real cold weather the fur was not so coarse, but was of a smoother finer texture.

SAYWARD RESIDENTS FAVOR ONE FAIR ONLY TO BE HELD ANNUALLY

Sayward, Dec. 15.—A well-attended public meeting was held in the community hall Saturday. The business consisted of reading of correspondence on the extension of the Island Highway into this district and the holding of an agricultural fair. F. Harris presided. The secretary, William Milne, read several letters, including one from Hon. John Oliver and one from the Vancouver Auto Association.

The question of the holding of an agricultural fair was taken up and the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas it is the opinion of this meeting that it is in the best interest of this district that only one agricultural fair be held in the valley, therefore be it resolved that in order to make this fair a fully representative fair a committee be appointed at this meeting to have full charge of making all arrangements for the holding of the fair and to make aplication on behalf of the residents of Sayward and district for judges, money grant, etc., from the Department of Agriculture at Victoria. That the fair shall be held under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and the B. C. Fall Fairs Association and shall be called the Sayward and District Annual Agricultural Fair. And be it further resolved that all nearby settlements be invited to appoint a resident to represent their settlement on the fair committee and that said settlements be invited to co-operate in making the fair a success. And be it further resolved that the committee invite all local associations to co-operate with the committee."

RECENT ARRIVAL WINS PRIZES FOR BUTTER AND CHEESE

In just four months from the time of her arrival in Canada, Mrs. W. N. Smith became a prize-winner for butter and cheese making. According to officials of the Canadian National Railways colonization department, Mrs. Smith came to this country with her husband and six children under the British Family Farm Settlement scheme last spring and settled at Fort Langley, B. C. At the fall fair held recently at Milner, B. C., she won first prize for fresh butter, first for fancy butter, first for cream cheese and second for clotted cream. Mrs. Smith was an expert butter and cheese maker on their farm in the Old Country and she was not long in Canada before she began to put her knowledge of the craft to good use.

Robert J. Alway, another British settler who came to Canada last April, recently won a first prize for a horse, one first and two second prizes for cows at the Agassiz, B. C. fall fair.

MUSICAL CONTEST REVEALS SURPRISING YOUTHFUL TALENT

(Continued from Page One)

ers who have brought these pupils forward so rapidly, for when we remember that the concert was for those only of 14 years and under the ability displayed by the youngsters can only reflect credit on the ability and patience of their instructors.

The management of the Theatre wishes to congratulate each and everyone of the performers and also their instructors and is only too willing to repeat such contests at frequent intervals in the future, and to assist in every way possible in raising the standard of music amongst the young people of thetown.

Following are the judges' very fair criticisms:

No.1. J. Hill—Trombone solo, "All those endearing young charms" Very fair, inclined to go flat. Third prize.

No. 2. D. Baird—Piano Solo. "Selections of Scotch Airs". Execution fair, but no harmony, needless frills.

No. 3. Robert Cossar—Cornet solo, Tone very good, playing accurate, time and accent good, expression very good. First Prize.

No. 4. M. McLeod—Violin solo, "La Traviata Selection". Tone and execution indifferent, time very good. Cornet solo, Scotch song, very good.

No. 5. —H. McLeod—Cornet solo. Breathing poor, tone very good.

No. 6. Mary Sweeney—Piano solo, "Andante." Time erratic, execution fair, too much pedal. Second prize.

No. 7. Cyril Davis—Piano solo. Composition poor, execution fair, time good.

No. 8. Earl Bannerman—Mandolin solo.Instrument not in tune, otherwise good.

No. 9. Norman Freloni—Piano solo, "Military Descriptive Number." Poor selection, very fair playing, inaccurate at times.

Robert Cossar, winner of the first prize, will be an added attraction at the Theatre tomorrow night (Saturday). He will be heard in another of his faultless cornet solos.

It was stated in the British Columbia Legislature, a few days ago, that during the past year the number of industries in the province had increased by 300, employees by 10,000 and payrolls by $12,000,000.

HAWTHORNTHWAITE NOW HEADS GOLD MINE COMPANY

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, president of Stewart Consolidated Gold Mines Limited, announces that his company contemplates building a railway from Telegraph Creek or Glenora to Dease lake to be operated in connection with mining enterprises. He has just returned from a visit to the Cassiar region with a party of railroad and mining engineers, and states that the reports he has received from the engineers have convinced him that the plan to build a railway is not only feasible but probable. Construction work would be facilitated by easy grades along the entire proposed route, he says. Mr. Hawthornthwaite was formerly a member of the Canadian parliament, and has been interested in mining industry for forty years, particularly in the Cassiar country. The Stewart Consolidated Gold Mines is a British Columbia corporation, with an authorized capital of $2,000,000. It is reported that there is unlimited British capital behind it.

TEACHERS' PENSION IS PROVIDED FOR

Victoria, Dec. 16.—An amendment favoring old age pensions for teachers, moved by R. H. Neelands, Labor member for Vancouver South, was approved by the Legislature today.

It gives the Council of the Public Instructions power "to make provision, by agreement with such teachers as desier to become a party thereto, for creation and maintaining of a fund, out of whiHch shall be paid old age pensions to those who, having rendered long service in the profession are unable to continue on account of ill-health or old age.

At least thirty-five herring packing plants are operating this season on the British Columbia coast. In the 1924-1925 season these plants put up 43,639 tons, and practically the entire output was shipped to Japan and China, where the fish fouud a market at approximately $45.00 per ton to the shipper.

A large quantity of potatoes has been purchased in British Columbia for the United States naval station at Mare's Island, California.

The apple crop in the Okanagan valley, this year amounts to a little less than 2,000,000 boxes.

NANAIMO LAND RECORDING DISTRICT, NANAIMO

TAKE NOTICE that I, Jean Treanor, of Calgary, Alta., housewife, intend to apply for a lease of the following described lands, situated in Henry Bay on Denman Island, as follows: commencing at post located about three chains north of wharf, thence about three chains in westerly direction to low water mark, thence fifty chains in northernly direction.

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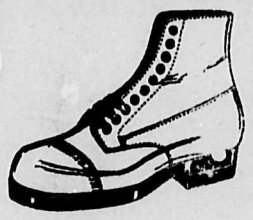
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Ladies' Penman's Silk Hose in Black and a good variety of the popular shades. Per pair **$1.50**

Ladies' Art Silk and Wool Hose just arrived; they are made of a heavy quality such as you would desire for present wear. In new shades, per pair **$1.00**

Ladies' Scarves are in great demand and make a gift that would be appreciated by most Ladies. The colors, the styles and the variety we have on hand are a very choice assortment. From $1.25 to **$5.50**

Hand Made Lace Table centres and Doyleys are an acquisition to the home. Prices from 50c to **$4.50**

Ladies' Handkerchiefs put up in individual boxes; many new colorings with lace trimmings. Come and see our Handkerchief table and we feel you will be able to make a good choice.

Ladies' Gloves, with gauntlet tops, in shades of fawn and brown. Prices, 95c, $1.25 and **$1.50**

Ladies' Wool Gloves with long gauntlets, in new shades and priced at **$1.50**

Ladies' Garters are now being shown in a wide assortment of colorings and qualities. The prices are from 25c. per pair to **$1.25**

Ladies' Art Silk Bloomers, made of heavy grade silk, in Pink, Mauve and White. Prices, pair $1.95 & $2.50

Ladies' Art Silk Slips and Night Dresses in shades of Pink, from per garment **$3.50**

Ladies' Waists in the new shades of mixed heathers, as well as in White and the wanted colors; priced from **$3.95**

Special Snap of Ladies' Flannel Dresses

We have just received per express a shipment of Ladies' Flannel Dresses which we consider the best value we have seen for a long time, and as we bought them at reduced prices we are passing the advantage along to our Customers, so we have marked them all at ONE PRICE. Sizes 16 to 40
For quick sale, each only **$4.95**

Special in Ladies' Hats

If you are considering buying a Hat for Xmas we suggest that you call and see our stock, as we have reduced them to a point where you will appreciate the value.

MEN'S GIFTS

Forsyth Shirts are advertised all over Canada as one of the most appropriate Gifts you could give. See our choice assortment and be convinced; as having worn a Forsyth Shirt it will be a pleasure to remember the name "Forsyth." Prices from $2.25 to **$5.50**

Men's Sox are always in order and always come at an opportune time. You will find our stock worthy of consideration. Prices from 50c. to **$1.50**

Men's Sets Comprising Arm Bands and Garters, come in neat Boxes at moderate prices.

Men's Braces done up in boxes with Garters to match. Prices from **$1.25**

Men's Ties in a profusion of colorings and at a number of reasonable prices within the reach of all Priced from 75c. to **$2.25**

Men's Suit Cases make something of a gift that most men would appreciate, and our stock is ready for your inspection.

Men's Caps, some of the new lines are just to hand, in small checks and plain colors. From $1.50 to $2.95

Men's Sweaters, both in Coat style and the pullover, warm and cosy, and a gift to be desired. Prices are according to Quality.

Men's Umbrellas during the wet days are acceptable. Get a nice one. The price is within reach of all.

Men's Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs done up in boxes, with an assortment of colors, per box ..... **85¢**

GIFTS FOR BOYS and GIRLS

Boys' and Girls' Hose in the wanted colors are most useful as well as appreciated by Mother.

Handkerchiefs are useful, artistic and something that appeals to the young folks.

Footballs for the little Boys. Teach them to play the game. See our special Football at each **$1.75**

Girls Purses with small mirror enclosed. See the line at each ..... **95¢**

Fancy Garters for the Little Tots in shades of Pink and Blue at per pair ..... **25¢**

Dolls to be cleared out at less than cost. We do not intend stocking Dolls.

FOR CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS call at Sutherland's. Walk around the various counters and see the assortment of Goods suitable for the festive season, laid out, and let us help you to select your Gifts.

Sutherland's, Cumberland

Personal Mention

Mr. H. E. Murray, of the teaching staff of the Cumberland Public School, left today for Vancouver en rout for his home in Armstrong, where he will spend the Christmas vacation.

Miss Annie Logie, of Vancouver, will arrive Saturday as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. MacNaughton.

Mr. Frank and Mr. James Bond went to Vancouver during the week for the purpose of attending the Canary Show held in the terminal city.

Mrs. G. Apps left Monday morning last for Vancouver, being called on account of the serious illness of her sister. On Wednesday evening Mr. Apps received word that the young lady had passed away. Mr. Apps left the following morning to attend the funeral which will be held in Vancouver.

Thomas Graham, jr., student at the University of B. C. arrived in Cumberland last evening to spend the Yuletide vacation with his parents.

Mr. Douglas Partridge, who has been studying at the University of B. C., is in the city to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Partridge.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. M. Cavallero and family wish to extend their sincere thanks to the committee of the Cumberland Relief Fund for its generous Christmas gift.

WEDDING BELLS

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st, at the home of Rev. W. T. Beattie, pastor of St. George's United Church, Courtenay, when Edith Mable, eldest daughter of Mr. and M.rs. Evan Thomas, of Cumberland, became the bride of Mr. George A. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holden, Los Angeles, California. After a short honeymoon to Island cities Mr. and Mrs. Holden will take up their residence in Courtenay.

FORESTERS TO HOLD SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE WEDNESDAY EVENING

After the regular meeting next Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd, of Court Bevan of the Ancient Order of Foresters, a whist drive and social will be held in the lodge rooms. All Foresters and their friends are invited. Admission 25 cents; refreshments will be provided. Whist will commence at approximately 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE

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

CANADIAN COLLIERIES (DUNSMUIR) LIMITED.

2nd Old Time Dance

GAIETY THEATRE, DEC. 28th, at 8:30 p.m.

Monday after Christmas

ALL OLD TIME DANCES

EVERYBODY WELCOME — NO INVITATIONS

Admission:
Gents, $1.00 Supper Extra Ladies, 25c.

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Rickson's Old Stand — Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland

5% Discount for Cash

Every day sees new additions to our stock; every day our business increases; every day assures us the wisdom of carrying out our policy in allowing you five per cent discount on Cash Purchases.

Heinz's famous Goods featured this week-end:

Heinz Tomato Ketchup ..... **35¢**
Heinz Cooked Spaghetti ..... **25¢**
Heinz Malt Vinegar, 16 oz. ..... **30¢**
Heinz Olive Oil ..... **50¢**
Heinz Beefsteak Sauce ..... **35¢**
Heinz Worcestershire Sauce ..... **50¢**
Heinz India Relish ..... **40¢**
Heinz Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce, small, 2 for ..... **25¢**
Heinz Baked Beans with Tom. Sauce, lge. ..... **20¢**
Mince Meat in bulk, 2 lbs. for ..... **35¢**
Special—McIntosh Red and Jonathan Apples, per crate **$1.95**

Lemons, Oranges, Bananas, Cranberries, Dates, Grapes, Onions, Canadian Cheese and Canadian Kraft Cheese. Agent for Shelly's Bread and Cakes.

Our Men's Furnishings have been a success among Cumberland men because they like Quality combined with reasonable prices.

Our Men's Work Pants at $2.45 are the best you can buy—why pay more?

Our Men's Fleece-lined Underwear at $2.35 Suit are heavy and warm garments.

Our All-Wool Flannel Shirts at $3.35 have been given praise by all. Even the Chinaman says: **"Heap Good Shirt."**

Our Work Gloves at $1.25 protect your hands while you make the coin.

Our 3-pair-for-one-dollar Socks are as good as many sold at 50c. per pair.

Jumble Auction

AGRICULTURAL HALL, COURTENAY, B. C.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd.
commencing promptly at 1:30 p.m.

To augment the funds of the Comox Agricultural and Industrial Association

Useful articles and necessities—The Ladies Agricultural Auxiliary will serve afternoon teas.

Anything saleable acceptable—(Produce preferred). Articles gladly accepted at Hall on day of Sale before 1 o'clock. Goods may be left with any member of the Collection Committee, as under:—

Messrs. P. L. Anderton, Courtenay; Butler Brothers, Comox; W. E. Mantle, Sandwick; England and Gunn, Lake Trail, Courtenay; D. M. Isenor, Merville; C. W. Leedham, Comox; A. H. Pattinson, Merville; Norman Pritchard, Comox; J. W. Stalker, Minto; or the Boy Scouts of Courtenay.

Transportation for Goods has been kindly offered by the managers of the local Feed Companies.

Sale Wednesday, Dec. 23 Come and join the crowd. The Comox Agricultural & Industrial Association.

E. FELIX THOMAS, Secretary.

Xmas Sale

AT LANG'S

Still Continues

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

Lang's Drug Store

The Rexall-Kodak Store

"It Pays to Deal at Lang's

GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

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

Including many numerous items

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Stockings and Bags in all sizes.

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

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