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BUSINESS MEN OF CITY START ON WARPATH

DETERMINED EFFORT TO BE MADE TO SEE THAT CUMBERLAND GETS EVERYTHING THAT IS COMING TO IT, BOTH IN THE WAY OF SECURING GOOD ROADS AND TRADE FROM THE OUTSIDE, AS WELL AS PROPER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT—JOINT MEETING HELD.

Business men of Cumberland have set their hands to the plow and have expressed their determination not to look back until their objectives have been attained. This was brought out clearly at the joint meeting held at the City Hall on Thursday night, at which members of the Cumberland Board of Trade, the City Council, Board of School Trustees and Automobile Association were in attendanec. Throughout the meeting was a most harmonious one, although at times some lively discussions took place, and everyone left in the best of good humor, feeling that much had been accomplished and that the city would soon feel the benefits of the united action which had been decided upon.

The meeting was primarily called at the instance of the Board of Trade, and there was a full representation of the other organizations. Owing to illness, His Worship Mayor MacDonald was unable to be present, so Ald. Charles Parnham was asked to take the chair, and in a brief speech announced the object of the meeting, which was to hear reports from the Board of Trade and to arrive at an understanding regarding the sending of a delegation to Victoria.

Reporting for the special committee of the Board of Trade which had been appointed to visit the camp of Messrs. Bloedel, Welsh & Stewart, Mr. W. H. Youhill stated that the committee had met with even greater success than had been expected. As a result of the interview with Mr. Riley, superintendent, and Mr. Macdonald, manager of the camp, it was practically certain that direct telephone communication would soon be established between the camp and the city. The delegation had also been informed that the logging camp of the company would eventually be located on the Trent River at the point nearest to Cumberland, and the company were anxious to have a road opened up from the city to the camp, so that business could be transacted in Cumberland with as little trouble as possible.

The committee had also gone to Merville to enlist he sympathies of the settlers in that district for the opening of a road connecting the Cumbrland-Bevan road with the Headquarters road. Petitions had been circulated and about one hundred names of settlers had been secured. The applause which greeted these announcements showed that the meeting appreciated the work which had been performed by the committee.

Members of the other organizations were then asked to bring before the meeting subjects which they wished discussed.

On behalf of the School Board, Chairman Willard spoke of the crying need for more school accommodation and also increased financial assistance from the government. At present the city was struggliing under a heavy financial burden and the schools still needed more assistance. Trustee Neil McFadyen endorsed the remarks of Mr. Willard.

Mr. A. MacKinnon, secretary of the board, explained the plans the board had under consideration for a new school, and stated it was the wish of the board that the government be pressed to pay the whole cost of the new school. More increases in the salaries of teachers were necessary, as the board was not now getting the best services of the teachers owing to the small pay.

Mr. Charles Graham, president of the Automobile Association, stated his association had decided to send him to Victoria for the sole purpose of bringing to the attention of the public works department the deplorable condition of the roads in this district. He would, however, give every assistance to the other mmbers of the delegation. Br. Graham also drew attention to the unfairness of the government in taxing the amusement tax which he said, should go to the municipalities. He also emphasized the need for more school accommodation.

Mr. Carey also spoke strongly on the question of education. It was the bounden duty of the city to see that the rising generation was properly educated, and he felt no effort should be spared to attain this end.

Mr. P. P. Harrison spoke on he question of having the government return to the municipalities part of the tax collected on automobiles as well as the amusement tax.

Ald. Parnham then gave a succinct statement of the city's financial position, showing the absolute necessity of finding some means of augmenting he civic exchequer.

On resolution it was then decided that each organization represented should appoint one delegate to go to Victoria, and Mr. Charles Graham was named as the representative of the Automobile Association and Mr. Clinton was selected as the representative of the Board of Trade, with Mr. Youhill as alternate. The City Council and the Board of School Trustees will make their selections today.

The delegation will leave for Victoria on Monday morning's train and expect to interview the government that same evening or the following day.

Those present at the meeting were: P. P. Harrisno, W. W. Willard, A. MacKinnon, C. H. Grant, G. W. Clinton, J. W. Cook, J. C. Brown, A. C. Lymn, N. McFadyen, T. Rickson, J. H. Cameron, J. Dick, T. E. Bate, R. Rideout, J. J. Weir, F. Pickard, W. McLellan, S. Davis, W. G. Marshall, G. O'Brien, T. H. Mumford, J. Sutherland, J. Thomson, E. D. Pickard, C. Graham, T. H. Carey, J. Walton, C. J. Parnham, W. H. Youhill.

INTERESTING LECTURE ON FIRST AID AND NURSING

Mr. H. S. Schoffield of Vancouver Tells Auditors How to Care for Sick and Wounded.

A lecture well illustrated by a large number of lantern slides, dealing with the subject of first aid to the sick and injured and home nursing, was given in the English Church Hall on Thursday night by Mr. H. S. Schoffield of Vancouver, official instructor and organizer of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

The lecture which proved interesting and instructive was listened to by an appreciative audience, who were strongly urged to establish a class in nursing amongst the ladies of Cumberland. High tribute was paid to the efficiency reached by the Cumberland team in recent first aid contests, but emphasis was laid on the need for skillfull nursing in dealing with the "flu" epidemic, so prevalent in the south of the Island. The lack of trained help in Victoria was greatly deplored, where had there been a more general knowledge of the nature and object of counter irritants, of the taking and recording of temperature, pulse, respirations, etc., and the care of the patient generally, the inroads made by the disease in the past and present epidemic, would have been greatly lessened.

Classes, which for men and women, may be commenced immediately, said Mr. Schoffield, through the local secretary, Mr. Robt. Reid.

JOHN BAIRD APPOINTED STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

Provincial Government Has Selected Its Agent in This City for the Vacancy.

Announcement was made this week of the appointment as stipendiary magistrate and coroner of Mr. John Baird, Provincial Government agent in this city. From all quarters come flattering remarks regarding the selection. Mr. Baird has been a resident of Cumberland for nearly a quarter of a century and knows the district and its peculiarities thoroughly. He is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his new appointment.

Officers Pay Visit.

The Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., and the president of the Rebekahs, visited Union Lodge, No. 11, Cumberland, on Friday, February 13. They were given a cordial welcome and during the evening there were several pleasant functions. After refreshments had been served several songs and recitations were rendered by the sisters and brothers of the above lodges. During the evening several more applicants were ready to become members of the Rebekah Lodge, and they were put through their degree work on Saturday night. After the business was over another evening was spent in the best of friendship and the happy gathering finished up with "Auld Lang Syne."

BEVAN GENERAL NEWS

Mr. A. C. Wright of Victoria, formerly of Ladysmith, has arrived in Bevan and in all probability will make his residence here.

"Buster" Baine, traveller for the famous E. & S. Currie neckwear, passed through Bevan on Saturday.

Postmaster Burns has a complimentary letter on view in the postoffice that is certainly worth comment. The P.O. Inspector at Ottawa has noticed the diligent work of Mr. Burns and compliments him for his promptness in reporting missent mail, etc. Bevan may be a suburb, but Ottawa notices it.

Contributors to Shouldice Fund.

Following is a list of the contributors towards the Shouldice fund received at the office of The Islander up to last night:

Thomas Graham	$10.00
E. W. Bickle	5.00
D. R. MacDonald	5.00
A Friend	1.00
F. Oliver	2.00
Anonymous	1.00
C. Parnham	2.00
T. Bannerman	2.00
F. Pickard	2.00
W. Henderson, Sr.	2.00
Rev. F. Comley	2.00
	$34.00

Hospital Linen Shower.

Friends of the Cumberland General Hospital are asked to remember the linen shower which is being held in the Church of England Hall by the Women's Auxiliary next Wednesday afternoon. Tea will be served.

Vancouver G.W.V. Elect Delegates

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Eleven delegates to represent the G.W.V.A. at the Dominion convention at Montreal next month were elected at the general meeting of the association last night. The following were chosen: Ian A. Mackenzie (president), Comrades A. Barnes, H. A. Benbow, B. DeWiele, W. Drinnan, H. A. Lees, L. Johnstone, C. J. Lennox, W. McKinstry, E. A. Paige, C. W. Whittaker and P. Brown as alternate. Plans in connection with organization by the G.W.V.A. of the Veteran and Civilian Co-operative Association of Vancouver Limited were presented. Officers were now ready to receive applications for shareholders. Each share will cost $20, of which $10 will be on call to be paid in three installments. The association while essentially a retail society, will also conduct a wholesale business under its charter until plans for a separate wholesale society are completed. The association is seeking an efficient manager to conduct the business. There will be no understanding with other merchants. The money that has been loaned by the G.W.V.A. is to be paid back, and the society taking its start from the G.W.V.A. will be run entirely by the shareholders.

Large British Loans.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London(Feb. 20.—The council of premiers after taking up the discussions of the allied relations with Russia at its session yesterday, decided to adjourn the debate on the subject until Premier Millerand of France returns on Monday. Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, in an open letter revealed that Great Britain's loans to Russia total 568,000,000 pounds. Other loans were: France 471,500,000 pounds, Italy 470,000,000, Belgium 86,500,000, other nations 71,000,000. These loans were exclusive of 21,000,000 pounds to be granted the Allies and other powers for reconstruction work.

Declared Regents.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Rome, Feb. 20.—Kiamil El Baisank, an Albanian leader, and the Bishop of Scutari have proclaimed the fall of the provisional government and declared themselves regents of the Albanian throne, according to the Temp, which asserts this act was taken after an unsuccessful attempt had been made by a large force of Albanians to capture Duiazzo.

Big Fight Promised.

Special Despatch to The Islander.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—When the B. C. Federation of Labor meets at Victoria in March a fight will be waged for control of the organization between the international trades unions and the O. B. U. wing of the labor movement. The executive officers of the body are now controlled by the O.B.U., but it was intimated at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council (Int.) last night that the matter will be fought to a finish at the annual convention.

AT THE CITY CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Anglican services—Morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m., Cumberland; evening prayer and sermon at 7 p.m. Preacher at the evening service will be Archdeacon Collison, Sr. of Kincoleth. Service at Union Bay at 3.30 p.m.. Lenten service every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

St. George's Presbyterian—Services will be conducted at the usual hours tomorrow.

Grace Methodist—The usual Sunday services will be held in Grace Church tomorrow.

TRIAL OF GERMANS TO BEGIN WITHIN MONTH

LORD BIRKENHEAD AND M. JULES CAMBON TO HEAD ALLIED COMMISSION TO ENSURE CARRYING OUT OF TRIALS—TRIAL OF EDITH CAVELL'S MURDERERS MOST IMPORTANT ON BRITISH LIST——HOLLAND TO LOOK AFTER KAISER IF ALLOWED TO REMAIN.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Feb. 20.—It is understood that Lord Birkenhead (Sir A. E. Smith) and M. Jules Cambon will head the inter-allied commission which is to ensure the carrying out of the trials of German war leaders by the Supreme Court at Leipzig. Lord Birkenhead is in Paris attending the first meeting of the commission. Germany is rushing preparations for trying the Germans, and examinations of witnesses and arguments will commence next week. According to a dispatch from Berlin pleadings will be commenced before the Leipzig court within a month. The Allied commission will draft the indictments at today's conference and will compile thousands of pages of documentary evidence against the Germans. Separate indictments, it is learned, will be made against each of the accused.

Lord Birkenhead's task will be easy compared with that of France and Belgium, for the British Government is calling for only 97 of the 800 or 900 wanted criminals. The trial of Edith Cavell's murderers is expected to be the most important under Lord Birkenhead. The majority of the other cases for him to prosecute concern the U-boat outrages, Zeppelin raids, and cruelties to British prisoners of war.

Premier Lloyd George has stated that the list of criminals contains the names of some Germans now in the hands of the Allies. Whether these are to be tried by an Allied court will depend on the German reply to the recent note.

Dispatches from The Hague indicate Holland has been satisfied by Wilhelm that he is willing to settle down to a life at Doorn. They may suggest this solution of the difficulty to the Allies. Holland, it is said, is willing to guard Wilhelm at Doorn and to accept responsibility for his not disturbing the world's peace hereafter.

Rear-Admiral Peary, Noted Arctic Explorer, Passes to His Last Reward

Special Despatch to The Islander.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Rear-Admiral Peary, retired Arctic explorer and discoverer of the North Pole, died at his home here today from pernicious anaemia, from which he had suffered for several years. Peary submitted to blood transfusion at the hospital here ten days ago, and later was removed to his home. His condition then was reported somewhat improved, but he gradually grew weaker, however, and the end came early this morning. Dr. H. F. Strine, the admiral's physician, disclosed that the transfusion this month was the thirty-first to which Admiral Peary had submitted within two years.

Archangel, Main Port for Allied War Supplies, Captured by Bolsheviki

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Feb. 20.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow today claimed that the Bolsheviki have captured Archangel and that garrison had joined the Reds. Russian Bolsheviki forces have taken the offensive on the front south of Archangel and have captured Eletskoe as well as several villages on both banks of the Dvina River, sixe miles south of its confluence with the Emtso. Archangel was for a long period during the war the main point of entry for Russian war supplies from the Allies. Abandonment of the Archangel expedition by the Allies and associated powers was determined upon last year and British and other Allied forces were withdrawn during the summer and fall.

Premier Oliver Defends His Position

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Victoria, Feb. 20.—Premier Oliver in a three hours speech on Thursday afternoon defended the government's course on the Pacific Great Eastern administration. He issued a challenge to opposition leader to make good his charges or retract. There was much lively cross-firing. The Premier reviewed the government's administration generally and concluded by seeking to establish connection between the Vancouver World and the Conservative party. He read a letter from Geo. Black which asked Conservative support for that newspaper.

Grave Doubts Regarding Constantinople

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Feb. 20.—Very sharp differences of opinions as to leaving Turkey in possession of Constantinople have arisen between members of the British cabinet, according to the Daily Mail, which says the position of the government in this matter "is in no wise easy, although it would be inaccurate to say there is a crisis."

Music and Photoplays

There was not a very good attendance at the performance of the Serbian orchestra last Monday evening, but the few who were present were treated to one of the best concerts ever heard in the city. The selections of the orchestra ranged from grand opera to the lighter rag-time music, and there was a variety that must have satisfied all tastes. Besides being instrumentalists of high order, the members of the orchestra are possessors of splendid voices, and their vocal numbers were much appreciated. After the performance in the theatre the orchestra supplied splendid music for the dance in the hall beneath, when the lovers of this pastime were treated to the latest dance music, played in perfect time.

The next Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau engagement for the Ilo-Ilo Theatre will be Mr. A. Mather Hilburn, master entertainer, the date of which will be announced later. This is the last of the series.

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One need not spend much time in studying the motif of a motion picture story when it has a comprehensive title. This is the case with "Men, Women and Money," Ethel Clayton's new Paramount starring vehicle, which will be displayed at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Monday.

The story concerns a young and unsophisticated girl of the Meddle West who becomes initiated into the ways of the smart set and from then on is a slave to that kind of life until she is finally awakened and finds that beneath the glitter and glamor of society lies a dark current which sooner or later penetrates to the outer surface and engulfs its victims.

With all her money gone, the heroine performs honest labor to pay back her gambling debts and those contracted for gowns at Madame Ribout's. She awakens the love and admiration of Cleveland Buchanan, a wealthy idler, who also starts in to make his life more useful by helping unfortunate men and women.

Miss Clayton is afforded an excellent opportunity to display her emotional talents as the picture abounds with highly dramatic situations.

George Medford directed. The story is by Cosmo Hamilton and Beulah Marie Dix wrote the scenario. Paul Perry was the photographer. An excellent cast supports the star, including Lew Cody, Sylvia Ashton, Irving Cummings, Winifred Greenwood, Edna Mae Cooper, Mayme Kelso, ZaSu Pitts, Fay Holderness, Charles Ogle and other well-known Paramount players.

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When a millionaire marries a girl whose father is a bankrupt, he ought to have a pretty good hunch that she likes his "dough" as much as his personality—especially when she has already turned him down at a previous proposal.

In "The Rescuing Angel," a new Paramount picture starring Shirley Mason, Miss Mason plays the role of Angela, the girl who is caught in just such a peculiar situation. To cap the climax, a boyish lover whom she cared for but had to discard for a man with money, resented her attitude, and to prevent her marrying his rival explains to the rival that the girl wanted to marry him merely for his money. The boy didn't know, however, that the marriage had already taken place.

One might say the poor fish should have known that it was his money that she wanted, and not him, and shouldn't have had to be told that by a mere boy. But wait a minute—maybe one would be wrong and perhaps the girl did love him. Maybe in the beginning she didn't even know that she loved him, but discovered it afterwards. If you want to find out all about it see "The Rescuing Angel" at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Tuesday.

Walter Edwards directed the picture. The story was adapted from the original play of the same name written by Clare Kummer. Among the supporting cast are Forrest Stanley, Arthur Carew, John Steppling, Carol Edwards, James Neill, Edythe Chapman, T. D. Crittenden and Parks Jones. James C. Van Trees was the photographer.

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Agnes C. Johnston, Mary Pickford's scenario writer, shaped for Baby Marie Osborne one of her most charming and appealing stories of child life in "The Sawdust Doll," which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Wednesday. It has all the elements of popularity—prime entertainment for the little people and a profound, intimate interest for the grown-ups, inasmuch as it deals with vital problems of the home.

When a man marries his troubles begins, runs the old saying; but when a man is a widowed father of a baby girl troubles arise from a different source, as shown in this case where the baby girl is an unusually lovable, intelligent little creature, who is yearning for the motherly affection of which she has been deprived and whose dearest companion is her sawdust doll-mother. She wondered why she did not have a flesh and blood mother, and, finally through the innocent affections of the child daddy married again.

But the new mother was not a success and tragedy was impending until Sallie Lou burned up her dolly to save the troop train. There, upon this splendid self-denial and sacrifice came a transformation of the soul of the woman. Love and happiness were born out of a simple action of a child.

This appeal to both the young and old is the strong merit of "The Sawdust Doll," which has been pronounced a perfect "heart story" and is interpreted by a specially selected cast including Claire DeBrey, who is unrivalled in the portrayal of worldly-wise women; Jack Connolly, the handsome athletic hero of many a film story; William Quinn, a finished and convincing portrayer of villainous characters; and the laugh-inciting, frolicsome pickaninny Little Sambo. All work to the rounding out of a perfectly delightful entertainment, as it has been pronounced by critics on its first showing in New York.

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Edward Johnson, Canadian tenor, or as the States are claiming him, "American tenor," made his initial operatic appearance recently at the Lexington Theatre, New York, as "Avito" in Montemezzi's "Love of Three Kings." With Mary Garden in the role of "Flora" and several other well-known singers in the cast, the opera was an unqualified success.

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A director of one of the largest music publishing houses in London made the statement recently that since the soldiers have come back from the war the sale of their songs in low-keys has greatly surpassed the sales in the higher keys. Before the war the high keys always sold best. Has the chest development exercise, open air made the men's voices deeper and more sonorous?

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Chaotic conditions threaten to wreck several well-known American orchestras and the outlook is anything but promising. It appears to be a commercial war pure and simple, economic conditions creating unrest among players who often on account of meagre salaries paid them are forced to seek positions outside of the regular orchestral work in order to live. Then it is said that rival orchestras are endeavoring to lure away each other's best elements, as competition for the finest material is keen among the leading symphonies. Edwin Franko Goldman, the widely known conductor of Goldman's concert band, speaking of the situation, says: "Musicians do not want to play in the symphony or orchestras any more. It used to be considered a high distinction to belong to such an organization, now the men consider the strain of the constant rehearsing, the fact that they are expected to be in their finest form to play at performances, and, worst of all, they consider how much money they can make elsewhere. 'Why, I can get more money playing for dances than at concerts,' a man said to me lately; and of the difference in the artistic standard of the two performances he didn't seem to think at all. 'Why should I play for opera singers when I can make records?' 'It's easy money, and more of it,' says another man, and off he goes. Unfortunately there is no system in America of pensioning the musician such as one finds in Paris and other cities in the old land. 'I must make hay while the sun shines,' says the player to himself; and perhaps no adage ever coined has been more destructive to artistic endeavor."

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Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler, the eminent pianist, after several years absence from the concert platform, recently appeared in an orchestral concert at Carnegie Hall. Mme. Bloomfield Zeisler, although born in Austrian-Silesia, has made Chicago her home since as a very small girl she came to America with her parents. Her prominent place among pianists of the first order was won in a comparatively short time. After European triumphs of 1894-5 she was unanimously acclaimed the equal of Essipoy, Menter and Teresa Carreno; and since then her art has maintained itself at that exalted level. With characteristic modesty she herself once remarked that her specialty is "being no specialist." Works by classicists, romanticists and modernists are interpreted by her with whole-hearted appreciation and enthusiasm.

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AND

Beverley Bayne

in the title roles.

¶ Although essentially a tragedy, Romeo and Juliet is one of the greatest love stories ever written. In it the author introduced characters which, throughout the years since it was written, have tested the histrionic abilities of the greatest of the world's actors. Not only this, but the numerous scenes demand the most elaborate stage settings of all the Shakespearean plays. The celebrated balcony scene has long been regarded as the crucial test of the actors' capabilities, for, once having mastered the subtlety of the dialogue, their stage career was assured.

¶ The story itself vividly portrays the impulsive nature of youth in love, and with all the lessons it has taught during all these years, the world today sees the same youthful errors and tragedies repeated.

¶ In the series of eight reels to be seen at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre this evening, Francis X. Bushman as Romeo and Beverley Bayne as Juliet, bring out to the utmost the beauties and alluring subtleties of the masterpiece.

Monday, February 23.

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IN

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Shirley Mason

IN

The Rescuing Angel

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Baby

Marie Osborne

IN

The Sawdust Doll

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AND

Friday, February 27.

Jack Pickford

IN

Bill Apperson's Boy

CHRISTIE SPECIAL

He Married His Wife

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COST OF LIVING COMMISSION ISSUES QUARTERLY REPORT

In a Statement to the Dominion Minister of Labor It Tells How It Arrived at the Amount of Increase to Which the Mine Workers of Vancouver Island Were Entitled—Says It Is Not Within Its Scope to Go Beyond September, 1918, in Making Estimate.

THERE were received in the city this week copies of the report of the Cost of Living Commission, appointed by the Dominion Department of Labor to determine the fluctuations in the cost of living on Vancouver Island as they affected coal miners and operators, and upon which the schedule of wages is based for the succeeding three months. A careful perusal of the report reveals many ambiguities and illustrates the many devious ways in which the commission has arrived at its decision. The report is in the form of a communication addressed to Hon. Gideon D. Robertson, minister of labor, Ottawa. The report follows:

Vancouver, B.C., January 26, 1920.

Report of Cost of Living Commission re Vancouver Island Coal Miners and Operators for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1919.

Dear Sir,—

We have the pleasure to herewith submit for your consideration and approval report of the Cost of Living Commission appointed for the purpose of investigating the fluctuations in the cost of living prices on Vancouver Island in compliance with the agreement between the coal operators and the miners, said report being for the quarter ending December 31, 1919.

The usual method of sending out forms containing a list of the commodities on which prices were required were forwarded to the merchants in advance in the different districts in which the miners were employed. The forms contained the same list of groceries, provisions, meats, etc., that was used on all previous investigations.

The method to determine the amount to be awarded by the fluctuations that had occurred during the quarter under investigation was the same as used on all previous adjustments, that is, to take the prcentage of increase, or decrease, of December 31, 1919, over that of September 30, 1919, for groceries, provisions, meats, etc., and adding two-fifths (2-5) of the percentage of such increase or decrease so found as an equivalent to cover similar increases or decreases in clothing, boots and shoes.

The base rate of the day miner effective at the mines wherein he is employed will be used to determine the amounts granted to such employees who are entitled to participate under the present award.

After a thorough comparison of the lists of groceries, provisions, meats., etc., submitted by the merchants for the quarter ending December 31, 1919, with those submitted for the previous quarter ending September 30, 1919, we find the general increase for the quarter ending December 31, 1919, to be .0446 per cent., apportioned as follows:

Increase in foodstuffs, meats, etc	.0318
2-5 of above increase added to cover similar increases in boots, shoes and clothing	.0128
Total amount of increase awarded	.0446

The above amount of .0446 added to the base rate of the day miner in the districts where the base rate is $3.00 per day will give an increase of .1338, or approximately thirteen and one half (13½) cents per day; where the base rate is $3.15 per day the increase will be .1405 or approximately fourteen (14) cents per day.

The increase awarded to become effective from and including the first day of February, 1920. All underground, surface, clerical and office employees shall be included as parties to the award.

Retail price lists were submitted by fourteen general merchants and eight meat dealers where the majority of the employees affected are accustomed to trade in the towns of Nanaimo, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Courtenay, South Wellington, Union Bay, Bevan and Cassidy's.

With the exception of fresh beef, all meats showed a slight decrease; lard, ham and bacon showed sharp decreases. Sugar, syrups, preserves, standard flour and butter showed sharp increases; the majority of other commodities contained on the list showed slight increases or remained stationary.

A resolution was received from the Cumberland Grievance Committee and endorsed by a committee representing the returned soldiers of Cumberland, asking the Commissioners to supplement the existing list by adding potatoes, eggs, coal, shoes, apples and clothing, and allow the miner all increases on the above-mentioned commodities as from February, 1914. Respecting the request that clothing, boots and shoes be added to the list, the commissioners decided adversely as ample provision is made to take care of any increases by the two-fifths allowed in addition to whatever increase may occur in foodstuffs. In making this decision the commissioners have in view the increased expense and labor involved and the hopelessness of attaining results that would prove as equitable to all parties as the present method.

Regarding that part of the resolution requesting that apples, potatoes, eggs, and coal be added to the list, your commissioners decided to refer back to a joint conference of miners and operators. In dealing with that part of the resolution that 1914 prices will be used in comparison with current prices to determine the increases to be allowed on any new commodities that may be added to the present list your commissioners decided that it was not within their scope to consider for comparison prices antedating September 30, 1918.

A request was also received by the commission from the Cumberland Grievance Committee for the sub-dividing of the present district into three separate districts, each district acting independently of the other, and the increases and decreases found in the cost of living prices, and the awards thereto, in the separate districts would apply only within such districts. Your commissioners decided that further information was necessary on this change before a ruling could be given and therefore recommend that the question be submitted for the consideration and approval of the miners and operators coming within the scope of the commission.

All of which is submitted for your consideration.

We have the pleasure to remain,

Yours respectfully,

D. T. BULGER, Chairman.
TULLY BOYCE, For Operators.
JOHN McALLISTER, For Miners

HON. GIDEON D. ROBERTSON,
Minister of Labour, Ottawa.

COUNCIL NATURALLY GAVE THEIR CONSENT

Public Utilities Commission Wished to Know If They Would Allow a Reduction in Light Rate.

A letter which caused considerable amusement about the City Council board on Monday was read from the Public Utilities Commission, in which the question was asked if the Council was willing that the Cumberland Electric Lighting Company should reduce the cost of lighting the city streets from seven to five cents per kilo hour. After the laugh had subsided it was discovered that as the rates were fixed by the commission, that body is required to enquire of municipalities if they have any objections to offer to proposed changes.

Naturally the council decided they were perfectly agreeable to the reduction and the commission will be so informed.

CITY FIRE HYDRANTS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Ald. Brown, Fire Warden, Makes Thorough Inspection and Reports Everything O.K.

Ald. J. C. Brown, city fire warden, made his report to the City Council on Monday evening, in which he stated that after a thorough examination in company with Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the water committee, he had found everything in first-class shape, with the exception of a few minor details which were easily straightened out.

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RUNNING ON THE ROCKS.

THE Oliver Government is having a very stormy passage during the present session of the Provincial House, and although the members of the cabinet are straining every nerve and putting forth every effort to avoid it, the ship is steadily drifting towards the reefs of public opinion, where it will surely be broken up when the hurricane reaches its full force at the next general election. It is an ominous sign when hitherto staunch party men cast themselves adrift from their leaders and turn their artillery of criticism upon the men whom they were wont to applaud, and it is not to be wondered at that, under these circumstances, the leader of the government and his colleagues are showing signs of nervousness and irritation, even while putting on a bold front and feigning indifference to the criticisms which are being levelled at them.

As will be seen by a perusal of another column, at least four of the government's supporters have indulged in very strong criticism of the administration. In one instance sufficient pressure has evidently been brought to bear, and the recalcitrant member has been persuaded to return to the fold once more. How long he will remain there is problematical. The members of the government have been compelled to resort to the practice of refusing to answer questions put by members of the opposition as well as their own nominal supporters, and this in itself is a sufficient indication of the precarious position in which the government stands. When the leader of the government is unwilling to give straightforward answers to reasonable questions, there is "something rotten in the state of Denmark."

Indications point to the fact that there are quite a few of the Liberal members of the Legislature who are strong for an election. They apparently realize that the electors are anxious to get a chance to express their opinions as to the record of the government, and they naturally figure out that the longer the government awaits before appealing to the country the less likelihood there is of it being returned to power. They also know that John Oliver has never been endorsed as Premier and that he he is only there by accident. They also realize that since the exposures of Mr. Hanes of North Vancouver he has lost his boasted title of "Honest John."

On the other hand, the members of the cabinet, headed by the Premier, are desirous of hanging on as long as possible. They have become accustomed to the sweets of office and they are loath to run any chances of giving them up until the very last moment. However, their hanging on will only prolong the agony, because, unless a miracle comes to pass, the government at Victoria will eventually break up on the rocks ahead of it, and the longer they wait the greater will be the wreck.

FIGURING OUT THE COST OF LIVING

IN another column of this issue will be found the report of the commission charged with the responsibility of figuring out the cost of living as it primarily relates to the men engaged in the coal mining industry on Vancouver Island. In reading it over carefully, one cannot but marvel at the manner in which they collect their information and the system by which they arrive at their deductions. It has long been established that in order to arrive at the increase in the cost of living a comparison must be made with prices which prevailed in 1914 before the war started. It has been conceded by those who are in a position to judge that the standard of living enjoyed by workmen during that year was the most ideal that had been known up to that time, and it is also conceded that, now that the war is over, the workman is entitled to the same standard of living which he enjoyed before prices commenced to soar as a result of the great conflict. In making reference to this the commission says it is beyond their scope to go past September, 1918. If that is the case, then their scope should be extended.

To us, the manner in which they arrive at the cost of the various commodities is rather crude. Fancy sending out circulars to the various merchants asking their prices and expecting to get the real figures, that is those which the consumer has to pay. There are no doubt some who give conscientous replies, but there are many more who do not do so. Instead of asking the dealers for prices, a much better system would be to make a collection of the counter checks which the workman receives when he makes his purchases. By this system the actual cost to the consumer will be arrived at. It is only natural that a dealer will be anxious to advertize his place as a good one in which to deal, and it is only natural that he will quote prices as low as possible and also select the poorer grades. This is unfair to the consumer, because it has been shown on many occasions when the cost of commodities has been under investigation that the consumer is compelled to pay more than the quoted price of the dealer.

Another astounding feature is the manner in which the commission arrives at the increase or decrease in the prices of boots and shoes, clothing, etc. In their report they state they take two-fifths of the increase in the cost of groceries as the standard for these other commodities. One has but to study the figures contained in the Labor Gazette to discover how manifestly unfair this is. It is a well-known fact that clothing and shoes have advanced in price almost double the percentage of advance in meats and several groceries, and it is therefore not a fair basis of calculation to take only two-fifths. Why not take each item separately? Why not compile a budget composed of all the commodities which enter into an average household and calculate the increase or decrease from that? That has been shown to be the only fair and reliable way.

We know full well there are many who will not agree with these statements, but the writer can assure them he knows whereof he speaks. After an experience covering many years in adjusting wages according to the cost of living, we believe we know the proper way to go about finding the increase or decrease. It cannot be found by striking an average; every item must be considered separately in order to arrive at a true basis.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

AT last the business men of Cumberland have got together and reorganized the Board of Trade, and judging by the enthusiasm shown at the meetings held this week this institution is now established on a sound basis. Cumberland is therefore to be congratulated. When its energies are applied in the proper direction there is no institution which can be of more benefit to a community than a Board of Trade; t must work along right lines to be of real benefit. Already the Cumberland board has made good progress in the matter of bringing trade to the city. During the week committees have been throughout the district with the object of inducing large concerns to make their headquarters here, and they have been fairly successful. They have also succeeded in interesting settlers to the north of the city to the extent that they are asking for direct cimmunication with this city, which in itself will mean much. Cumberland is not blessed with a very extensive farming community in its immediate vicinity, so that most of the produce which is consumed here is drawn from districts at a distance. In many instances these supplies are handled by middlemen two or three times over, so that when they arrive here the prices asked for them are much higher than those prevailing in the centres nearer the source of production; and the producer does not reap any of the benefit of the enhanced prices.

At a joint meeting of the Board of Trade, the City Council, the Board of School Trustees and the Cumberland Automobile Association held this week it was decided to send a deputation to wait upon the government at Victoria and lay before that body the needs of the district. Especial attention will be paid to the roads, which in this district are a disgrace to any country. The question of meeting the cost of educating the rising generation will also be taken up. This is one of the most serious problems confronting the people of this city at the present time. During the present year it will be necessary to place the school rate at the very limit allowed by law, and it is even then doubtful if sufficient funds can be realized by this means. Another matter to be taken up will be that of granting to municipalities the right to collect the amusement tax. When this tax was first imposed it was called a war tax, but it was soon discovered that it was travelling under a false name. The government collects the tax and the municipalities receive absolutely no benefit from it, and such being the case the tax should be collected by and go into the coffers of the municipality.

It is hoped that the delegation will be able to straighten out all these matters.

After the experience of a couple of years watching over the fugitive from justice, Holland will probably repent of her ways and wish she had complied with the request of the Allies to hand the ex-Kaiser over for trial.

The misfits at Victoria are getting uneasy. They find they cannot fill their seats now properly. Perhaps if they were allowed to remain in the "cold shades" for a time their dimensions might improve.

When that road connecting the new logging camp with Cumberland is completed there will be a noticeable difference in the amount of business done in this city. Every citizen should boost it.

In view of the splenid way in which the weather man treated this district during the past week, Cumberland can boast of having "some climate."

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Who Pays for Shorter Hours?

BY THOMAS JONES

A Thinking Employee of the Ever-Wear Shoe Co.

"Mary," said a shoe factory man to his wife the other evening when he came home from the shop, "for my part I am going to have nothing more to do with our Union's agitation for shorter hours. I read an article in a trade paper the other day which claimed that the workman paid for his own shorter hours. I did not believe this at first, but just the same it set me to thinking. Today I did some figuring and found it is true. More than that, we have to help pay for the shorter hours of men in other factories. The shorter the hours the more we have to pay and the less we can buy with my week's earnings. As for myself, I think the shorter hour question has gone far enough. I am sure that if I can get the other men to understand what I have figured out today they will agree with me that we would be a lot of fools to carry this thing any further."

"Wait, Mary, just listen and don't call me a knocker until I explain how it works. If I can get you to understand and agree with me in what I have figured out, then I am sure that I can convince my fellow workmen that it is time to call a halt on asking for shorter hours."

"Now, Mary, you know that my week's pay won't buy nearly as much as it would a few years ago. You also know that we have been blaming it on the war and one thing or another, but to tell the truth we never did understand what was the cause of it. We always thought that it was a profiteering scheme and that the merchants were making more than a reasonable profit. But, I will be hanged, Mary, from the way it figures out, if this shorter hour business is not to blame for the whole thing, it has a whole lot to do with it anyhow. Then to think that we have been chuckling in our sleeves and believing we were getting the better of the boss and that the capitalists were paying for our shorter hours. Naturally, we thought if we got $24. for 60 hours and then the time was reduced to 48 hours and we still received $24, we sure had the best of it. If we could still get $24 and work only 40 hours or 44 hours, we would be fools if we don't do it."

"That means, if a man's rate was 40c. an hour for 60 hours he would be getting 60c. per hour on a basis of 40 hours per week. If a fellow was getting 60c. per hour at the start, the change in hours would make it 90c. per per hour. You know, Mary, you have always thought we were getting the best of it. Then to think of overtime at 90c. rate, $1.35 and $1.80 per hour is sure some nice rate. But, Mary, you will not believe me when I tell you that the overtime rate is a trick. We have to pay for it out of our own pocket just as much as we do the shorter hours. Blamed if I haven't convinced myself that you cannot get anything you do not work for, unless you steal it and I suspect you would have to pay for that some day."

"You would not think that of me, would you, Mary, after the way I have been standing by the Unions on this 44 hours per week business. Just listen how it works out when you put it down in figures. When we worked ten hours per day, the boss always told me that the manager expected him, with 100 men, to complete 100 pairs of shoes each day. That was the same as each man making one pair of shoes complete in 10 hours; six pairs of shoes each week or in 60 hours. That included helpers and all. I believe he used to tell me that taking all together, the rate averaged 40c. per hour, which would make six pairs of shoes cost an average week's pay, or $24. This would make the labor on a pair of shoes amount to $4 and we will say $2 per pair for material and expenses, making a pair of shoes cost $6. Now, when we are working only 48 hours per week, one man produces only 4.8 pairs of shoes per week. For these the boss pays the same wage per week, or $24 for for 4.8 pairs of shoes, making each pair cost $5 for labor instead of $4, which they cost when we were working 60 hours per week. Besides, supply houses and tanneries are only working 48 hours, therefore, the material the boss buys costs 50c. more, and therefore, pays $2.50 for material which added to the $5 for labor, which we receive, makes the shoes cost $7.50, instead of $6."

"You see, then, when we buy a pair of shoes, we have not only to pay back that dollar, which we receive from the boss, but in addition, the 50c. extra which he had to pay for his material because other shops work only 48 hours also. I have it all figured out here, just what difference it makes per week for each change in hours. Let me read it to you."

Hour per Week	Pairs Shoes Per Week per Man	Workman's Wage per Week	Labor Cost per Pair of Shoes	Per cent Increase	Material Cost	Total Cost per Pair of Shoes
60	6	$24.00	$4.00		$2.00	$6.00
54	5.4	24.00	4.45	11.1	2.22	6.67
48	4.8	24.00	5.00	25	2.50	7.50
44	4.4	24.00	5.45	36.4	2.73	8.18
40	4	24.00	6.00	50	3.00	9.00
40 Reg. 20 o.t.	6	42.00	7.00	75	3.50	10.50

"Now you see that my pay of $24 per week, when I was working 60 hours, would buy four pairs of shoes. When we changed to 54 hours, my $24 would buy only 3.6 pairs of shoes. Then when we reduced the time to 48 hours (as we are working now)' at the same pay, my $24 only buys 3.2 pairs. Now if we change to 44 hours, my $24 will buy but 2.9 pairs and if we should go to 40 hours per week, as some of the men want, $24 would buy just 2.6 pairs of shoes. Blame it, we have got to stop somewhere or the first thing you know, a week's pay won't buy one pair of shoes."

"Yes, Tom, I do not see anything the matter with that figuring and, after all, it doesn't look as though you have anything on the boss. It also seems that we cannot blame it on either the war or profiteering. It just looks as though we have been fooling ourselves. But, say, Tom, you are making more than $24 per week. You know you work overtime and make a lot more than $24 some weeks."

"Yes, that is what I thought too, and I worked it out, but we do not seem to be any better off than when we worked 10 hours straight time. You see we would work 40 hours regular time for $24, and 20 hours overtime for which we would receive $18. This would make a week's pay amount to $42 for 60 hours, instead of $24 per week when we worked 10 hours per day. Now, of course, in the 60 hours we would make six pairs of shoes for $42, or $7 per pair for labor, and adding the increased cost of material, the shoes would cost $10.50 per pair. But with shoes at $10.50 per pair, we can only buy four pairs with our $42, which is the the same number we could buy with our $24 when we were working the 60 hours straight time per week and shoes cost $6 per pair. So far as I can see, we can only buy in proportion to what we produce."

"Sure, we don't spend all of my week's pay for shoes, but everything has increased the same way and for the same reason. You know it is not only the shoe factories that are working shorter hours, but all lines of business and even the farmers now say they should only work eight hours a day. I say, there is nothing to be gained by a further reduction of working hours. The boss is not paying for it and if he cannot sell his goods at a price that will enable him to pay us what we ask, he is going to close up his shop and quit and I suspect that the boss could get along without running the factory better than we could could."

Table showing purchase value of week's wage according to working hours.

*$24 on 60 hours per week would buy 4.0 pairs of shoes
24 on 54 hours per week would buy 3.6 pairs of shoes
24 on 48 hours per week would buy 3.2 pairs of shoes
24 on 44 hours per week would buy 2.9 pairs of shoes
24 on 40 hours per week would buy 2.6 pairs of shoes
* 42 on 40 hours per week would buy 4.0 pairs of shoes
*NOTE—$24 on a 60-hour base per week buys four pairs of shoes.
$42 on a 40-hour base buys four pairs of shoes.

Who pays for shorter hours?

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MEN OF NO. 7 CAMP SHOW THE PLAYERS FROM THE PORT TOWN A WRINKLE OR TWO ABOUT THE ROUND BALL GAME—IN RATHER ONE-SIDED GAME THEY PILE UP SCORE OF SIX GOALS TO ONE—EVAN FAST NEARING CLASS A STANDARD, AND MUST BE WATCHED.

By The Sporting Sphinx.

BEVAN footballers proved themselves big contenders for the league honors when on Sunday last they trimmed the Union Bays to the tune of six goals to one. The Bevanites completely outplayed the Bays at all angles. McNeil and Lapsansky played a strenuous defence, the Bevan goalie not having a kick at the ball during the first half.

Brown was the keystone for the Bevan team, as usual. The local forwards worked hard and Gibson proved himself some goal-getter by scoring four times, while Lapsansky and Nesbitt each scored. Bannerman and Davis, the speed merchants, were too fast for the Bays, and their passing was always well placed.

Herd and Hunden played first-class ball and were a source of worry to the Bays.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IN DANGER

Two Well-known Local Young Men Training Hard and World's Pros. Had Better Look Out.

If the world's professional golfers do not look well to their laurels there is a grave danger that they will lose them, and that to a couple of well-known Cumberland young men. The bright, warm weather of the past week has caused to well up in the breasts of these two young men an intense desire for golf, and they have been assiduously practising in order that they may take their places in the firmament of golf stars.

Being beginners, they naturally do not require the standard-sized links on which to do their training, and for the present they are content with the undulating land in the back yard of the Canadian Bank of Commerce building. One evening this week, while the townspeople were on their way home to dinner, these two enthusiastic and ambitious athletes afforded the passers-by considerable entertainment as they indulged in exhibitions of their skill.

One of the athletes, Mr. Berry by name, was seen to make numerous fierce swings with a golf club, yet no missile was seen to travel through the air. Upon being asked by his companion, Mr. Jarvis, as to what he was doing, the reply came: "I am just showing you how near I can come to the ball without hitting it." With that he let drive, and then for about a minute one might imagine that a six-inch shell had exploded and scattered the shrapnel in all directions, likewise a cloud of dust. Jarvis wisely dropped behind a friendly knoll, threw up his hands and cried "Kamared."

A spectator, curious to know what was going on, enquired of Berry as to what he was doing, the reply being "Playing golf."

When asked to explain the principles of the game and how it was scored, Mr. Jarvis gave this explanation:

"You take a handful of sand and make a little knoll, on which you place a little white ball (in case you have no golf ball you may use a stone); then you get a crooked club. You strike an attitude, holding the club as high in the air as possible and twisting your body until it becomes a faithful reproduction of a spiral staircase; then you start in making false motions until you have worked yourself up into a sufficient degree of excitement and imagination, and after repeating the spiral staircase stunt several times more, you let drive, knocking the ball as far as you can. That is how you play golf. Now the way you count the score is this: If, after hitting the ball you find it today or tomorrow, then you win. Now you have been let into the secrets of golf. Isn't it a wonderful game?"

"But supposing you don't hit the ball, what then?" asked the curious one.

"That's beyond me. Ask Berry; he knows what happens in that case."

Anderson and Clark Bout Is Ross' Hobby

Noted Boxer Thinks a Go Between Them Would Be Drawing Card.

There is considerable talk about town of pulling off a boxing bout of fifteen rounds between Jimmy Clark and Harry Anderson, and should negotiations at present being carried on materialise, Cumberland fans will see one of the best exhibitions yet held on the Coast. Anderson is very fast and his supporters believe he can get the better of Clark. The latter, however, feels confident that he can hold his own in such a contest.

George Ross, who boxed here on two occasions, is anxious to have this bout pulled off here. In a letter addressed to the sporting editor of The Islander, George has this to say:

"I wrote a Cumberland party a few days ago in regard to a bout between Harry Anderson and Jimmy Clark for ten or fifteen rounds. I sure would like to see you land this match, as it would be a swell drawing card. Anderson is boxing Puggy Marton in Vancouver on the 25th and I am figuring on boxing Irving Gleason on the same card. I will do all I can in regards to getting Clark and Anderson together in Cumberland."

ANTICS OF A BALKY GAS ENGINE

Four "Sports," on Evil Bent, Get Harrowing Experiences on Puntledge Lake and Have Narrow Escape.

Three well-known "sports" started for the upper reaches of Puntledge Lake last Sunday, with the deliberate intention of "doing things" to the big game which abound in that region and are still in season, to say nothing of what they might do to that which is out of season. It would hardly be fair to give their full names, but they can be designated as Billy Gee, Joe Gee and Billy Wye. These were three of them, and they took a Mickey along with them; he made the fourth.

They had visions of a splendid day's outing. A friend named Roy was kind enough to trot out his motor car and give them a ride out to the lake, and his generosity extended to the point of loaning them his best boat, accompanied by an engine, also the best, as it was brand new, and one could not wish for anything better.

When getting the boat ready, Billy Wye was asked to hold the boat by a rope to keep it from drifting. At first he was carefull, expecting the propellor to start at any moment, but when it had not moved after a series of violent crankings, in company with a choice assortment of epithets from Roy, Billy became contemptuous and also neglectful; for with startling suddenness the engine snorted and the boat started out into the lake. Billy was told in the first place to hang on; he did as he was told, and for his faithfulness in obeying orders received a thorough soaking in the lake; the engine had a stronger pull than he had.

Then the "sports" with their Mickey started out, Roy waving them a fond farewell as the boat slipped out of view behind the "Devil's Ladder." After travelling for about an hour without making any apparent headway, Joe wanted to know why it was given that suggestive title. Billy Gee, who had been industriously trying to keep the engine going, casually remarked that it was because "You have a hell of a time passing it."

And how that engine did perform! Perhaps it would be more correct to say how it didn't perform. It backfired and sputtered; it whistled, and it squealed and it groaned; it kicked and balked and did everything that an engine can do, excepting run properly; it was even rude.

However, after considerable patience and a deal of hard work, Billy Gee got it going, and finally landed the party at the head of the lake.

And this was where Mickey came in. He is strong on the proper making of a "mulligan," and the party must needs remain there until he had finished the job. But the result was well worth waiting for.

A start was then made for the rounds of the lake where good sport was promised. After vainly attempting to start the engine for half an hour it suddenly took the notion to start itself, and the boat went tearing through the water.

One of the party wanted to stop and have a try at fishing at the mouth of Cruickshank's River, but Billy Gee would have none of it; he was engineer. Then after a few moments of smooth sailing the well-known and tantalizing squeak again made itself manifest, and in less time than it takes to write it the works stopped.

Space will not permit a description of what transpired in that boat, nor of the assortment and extent of the vocabulary used. The party was in the middle of the lake with a heavy wind blowing. They had oars, but no oarlocks. They were preparing themselves for a sojourn on the briny for the night when the ubiquitous Roy, out for a joy-ride, hove in sight. At once the signal of distress was hoisted and the joy-rider pulled along aside, much to the joy and relief of the "sports."

Roy knew, or thought he did, all about that engine. The trouble was diagnosed as a faulty pump, and in a jiffy the defect was remedied and the "sports" again headed for the end of the lake. Before leaving them Roy very kindly relieved them of their cooking utensils, including a big pot of coffee; he had friends at Boston Bay and he wanted to treat them. That was about the last straw, for no sooner had the party passed the first point than the engine bucked again. Billy Gee conceived the happy idea of firing three shots in rapid succession as a sign of distress, but no results materialized.

After struggling with big oars used as paddles against a strong wind, the party managed to reach a sandy beach and there they sat themselves down to await their fate. A fire was built as the air began to get chilly, and the party had a great longing for the coffee pot which they had so generously given away.

After sitting huddled up on the shore trying to keep warm over a very indifferent fire, the boat containing Roy and his party shot around the point. There at once started up a wild waving of hats and coats, and a chorus of deep, heavy shouts, which finally attracted the attention of the passing vessel, much to the relief of Mickey.

After vainly trying to get the engine started again, even Roy gave it up as a bad job. A tow-line was attached and the shipwrecked "sports" were soon safe in port. But all through that final ride the "mulligan" expert sat huddled up in the stern of the boat and emulated Poe's raven by croaking "nevermore."

But that sure was some engine!

RECENT BOXING BOUTS.

Eugene E. Brosseau, Canadian crack middleweight, knocked out Jack Lunney of Detroit at Montreal in the second round of a ten-round bout.

Pinkey Mitchell of Milwaukee defeated Joe Welling, Chicago lightweight, in a fast ten-round bout at Minneapolis. Ted Jamieson of Milwaukee defeated Andy Schmadar of Omaha.

Al Young of Ogden and Frankie Murphy of Denver, lightweights, fought a fifteen-round draw at Ogden.

Battling Levisky of New York won the newspaper decision over Clay Turner of St. Paul in a ten-round bout at Detroit. Joe Chip of Newcastle defeated Tommy Robson of Malden, Mass., in eight of their ten rounds.

Willie Jackson, New York lightweight, defeated Jack Russo of New Orleans in a six-round bout at Philadelphia.

Sport Notes Gathered From Bevan District

By The SPORTING SPHINX

The new football uniforms were given a good start and the boys intend keeping the ball a rolling likewise.

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The Cumberland teams will certainly need their reinforcements when the Bevanites open an attack.

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Davis is playing in a style that is certainly worth watching. Bevan may be registered in "B" class, but there are players here who play "A" class ball.

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When "Danny" sets the pigskin he usually allows the opposers a viewof his heels. We'll say some speed-bug.

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Bevan, as usual, leads the way. During the coming week the Bevanites will adopt a new pastime. This time it will be volley-ball. The material has been purchased and tournaments will be arranged, and Dave Chambers says that even if his chest has slipped down he figures that he can make a big reduction thereby.

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Big improvements have been made in the club. The hard-working Dave has set up rings, bars, etc., not liquid, and the youngsters are becoming regular acrobats.

Plans and preparations are being made whereby a tennis and basketball court combined will be laid out on the recreation grounds, and if enough support and enthusiasm can be aroused a swimming tank will also be made. Bevan has proved that they fulfill their plans and that the "pep" and "go" of the up-island always resides at Bevan.

Seattle Mets Again In Lead

Muldoon's Puckchasers Hand Out Defeats to Both Victoria and Vancouver.

The Seattle Metropolitans are again in the lead in the Coast hockey series. On Monday night they defeated Vancouver on their own ice by a score of three to two, and on Wednesday night they took Victoria into camp at Seattle by six to nil. This latter is the worst drubbing any of the teams have received this year. The two victories for Seattle give them a fairly safe lead in the race for first honors.

The game in Seattle on Wednesday night was a very rough affair, as the following account by the sport editor of the Victoria Colonist will show:

"Tonight's affair was the roughest of the season. Big Jim Riley carried a chip on his shoulder all through the battle, spending fifteen minutes on the bench for roughing up the opposition. But it was Riley's vicious attack that turned the tide, and the full house of fans readily forgave him for his offences. Meeking, Dunderdale and Patrick were also shooed to the penalty cage during the fray and a lot of slashing and cross-checking that escaped the keen eye of Referee Ion cropped up at different stages of the scuffle.

"The overwhelming victory only goes to prove how important a thing is the first goal in hockey. The Aristocrats were holding the home players even when Riley's score broke the tie, yet the goal suprred the Mets on and extracted a lot of the pepper out of the visitors. The play was close for two periods, the locals forcing the attack, but occasional dashes up the ice by Oatman or Dunderdale or Johnson put the Mets on the defensive. Brilliant goal tending by Holmes and Fowler is all that prevented scores during the opening sessions as both clubs were shooting straight and hard.

With both teams playing such hard hockey it took about one period for the rivals to get good and sore. The visitors were giving Riley the bumps quite frequently and when Patrick cross-checked the big wing man, Jim's Irish climbed right up to the tip of his hair and he hooked Patrick in the mid-region, and Lester was hors de combat for thirty seconds. First penalty for Jim five minutes, with Patrick getting a three minute rest. About this time Meeking, who is no gentle player himself, knocked little Jack Walker galley west and drew a three minute penalty.

The feeling was still high at the start of the final session. When Dunderdale slipped his stick between Riley's legs and spilled the long Irishman about the ice, Riley lunged at Tommy's attic, but his aim was faulty. Second penalty for Jim, this time ten minutes. Dunderdale was chased towards the last of the game, making the total penalties of the night twenty-five minutes."

Offer $9650 for Exhibition Meeting.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Directors of the Vancouver Exhibition Association have set aside $9650 in purses for the annual harness meeting to be run off in conjunction with the fair during the week of September 13. A five days meeting is scheduled with three harness and two running events daily. All entries close on July 15. There is a fee of five per cent. to enter with a rebate of two per cent. to all actual starters, and no deduction from money winners. One per cent. must be placed with filing of entry with balance before starting. The Real Estate and Hotelkeepers Stakes will feature the meeting, $1000 being offered for each event. A purse of $500 is offered for the Vancouver Derby.

Strangler Lewis Defeats Zbyszko.

Kansas City., Mo., Feb. 20.—Ed. "Strangler" Lewis defeated Wladek Zbyszko in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match here. Zbyszko won the first fall in 45 minutes and 40 seconds. Lewis won the last two in 11:50 and 8:15.

Fancy Skating at Vancouver.

Announcement is made that a competition for fancy skaters will be staged at Vancouver some time about the middle of March. The Coast championship will be at stake.

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THAT the city fire-fighters are appreciated by the City Council was made manifest on Monday evening at the regular meeting of that body. Among the city fathers who expressed their appreciation of the volunteer fire brigade there were none hearty in their praise than His Worship Mayor Macdonald, and as a result of the lengthy discussion which took place with regard to the needs of the fire-fighting force, the fire laddies will find themselves in much better condition to carry out their work than in the past.

The City Council has made up its mind that nothing will be left undone to bring the fire department up to the standard of efficiency necessary to properly cope with the situation in Cumberland, and at the same time take the ground from under the feet of the fire underwriters when they argue in favor of the high insurance rates which are at present imposed upon citizens, especially those doing business on Dunsmuir avenue. Even with the difficulties under which the firemen labored last year there was only a fire loss in the city of about $700. All told the fire loss in the district was $1445, but $700 of this was for a house in the camp which was totally destroyed because the firemen did not have sufficient hose to reach it. In view of this record the members of the City Council feel the rates should be reduced, but in order to leave no grounds for complaint from the underwriters, several improvements have been decided upon.

Two important reports were presented to the City Council, one from a special committee of the fire brigade appointed to bring the needed improvements before the council, and the other from Fire Chief T. E. Banks. It was while discussing these reports that the members of the council expressed their appreciation of the work of the firemen.

One of the points brought out clearly in the discussion was that the aldermen realize that the old-fashioned methods of fighting fires will not meet the demands of the city, which has enjoyed a considerable growth since the volunteer brigade was formed, and that more modern methods and appliances must be used. This was brought out clearly by the mayor during his remarks on the reports, and His Worship evidently expressed the sentiments of the rest of the council.

Following are the reports above referred to, the recommendations contained in which were endorsed and passed by the council:

Report of Special Committee.

Cumberland, B.C., February 16, 1920.

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen, City of Cumberland, B.C.

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the Cumberland volunteer fire department we have been apointed to place before you the urgent needs of the department.

1st. A tower suitable for the draining and drying of the hose after being used. We would suggest that a tower about thirty feet in height could be constructed in the present hall at a minimum cost.

2nd. The present hose have now been in use for a period of years and are beginning to weaken, and an additional five hundred feet of two-inch cotton rubber-lined hose would be a welcome addition to the present stock. This amount of new hose, along with the hose already in use would give a sufficient quantity to allow for seven hundred and fifty feet being in the fire car and the other seven hundred and fifty feet drying and airing. At present we are obliged to keep all our hose in the car all the time.

3rd. It is necessary to have a provincial license for the car and the department feel that the city should bear this expense.

At times several lengths of hose are taken out for flushing sewers, etc., and are frequently reeled back on to the hose carts in a very wet and muddy condition. We would suggest that same be cleaned and dried before reeling back on the cart.

All motor vehicles require constant and careful attention to obtain best results and for the protection of the machine. The present car has been in use now for almost a year with very satisfactory results. The rear wheel brakes, etc., require cleaning and oiling. This work will require about two days time and the department feel that the council should order this work done.

There are several broken windows in the hall which, to give the place an appearance, should be renewed. The doors require to be swung outward, and other minor details require attention. The fire should be kept properly attended to in cold weather and fuel at hand so that same can be replenished when required. These are matters which the council should take in hand and have attended to.

When the department was soliciting subscriptions for the purchase of the motor fire truck, several ratepayers refused to subscribe, stating that in their opinion the cost of same should be borne by the ratepayers in general and covered by the city rates.

Youre truly,
A. MacKINNON,
CHAS. J. PARNHAM,
C. J. BUNBURY,
Committee Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department.

Report of Fire Chief Banks.

Cumberland, B.C., February 16, 1920.

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen, City of Cumberland.

Gentlemen,—I herewith present to you my annual report of the equipment and work done by the Cumberland volunteer fire department. The department is being re-organized and when this work is completed I shall send you a complete list of the officers and members of the department.

The equipment at the present time is as follows:

One motor fire truck purchased by the department and paid for by public subscriptions, grants from the City Council, a gift of fifteen hundred dollars from the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, and from the funds of the department. A full list of donors will be published at a later date. The truck is equipped with one twelve-foot roof ladder, one twenty-four-foot extension ladder, two lanterns, two pick-axes, two chemical fire extinguishers, and carries seven hundred and fifty feet of fire hose.

There are three hose carts, on one of which is three hundred feet of hose.

The hose has now been in use for about fourteen years and will soon be unfit for service and new hose will be required. There are four service nozzels, two extra axes, two leak stops, one dozen spanners, four hyrdant wrenches and two chemicals not in use.

The department answered nine calls during the year 1919, two of which were false alarms.

List of calls:

John Baird—Fire in hall upstairs; estimated damage $50.

R. Adamson, Derwent avenue—Fire in flue; damage to walls, $50.

P. Shearer—Roof fire; damage $45.

Cumberland Hotel—Roof fire; damage, fire and water, $600.

Empty house in camp—Total loss, not sufficient hose to reach from hydrant to fire; estimated $700.

Two fires in Chinatown; both extinguished.

Alarm at Catholic Church.

Roof fire at R. McNeil's hause, fire extinguished before department arrived.

Total fire loss in district, estimated $1445.

Hose laid at fires and practices, approximately 5000 feet.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
T. E. BANKS,
Chief Cumberland Fire Department.

TELEPHONE COMPANY MUST PAY FULL RATE

City Council Decides That By-law Governing Trades Licenses Must Be Adhered To.

A letter was received by the City Council from the British Columbia Telephone Company at the meeting last Monday, in which the company drew attention to the fact that they had been notified to pay $70 for trades license. The company stated that in the past they had only been charged $25, and they thought there must be some mistake.

During the discussion which followed the reading of the letter it transpired $25 was all that had been charged in the past. The by-law raising the price of trades licenses was passed in 1918, but through an oversight the telephone company had been allowed a license at the old rate. Aldermen thought it was not fair to local merchants that they be charged the new rate while allowing an outside company to get by with the old rate. Accordingly, on resolution, the city clerk was instructed to inform the telephone company that the rate was $70 and that no mistake had been made.

DIRECT ACTION

The Only System in Some Cases

We hear a lot about "direct action" these days, chiefly relative to labor unionism, and similar matters. We are not prepared to say whether or no we believe in "direct action" in politics, or strikes and things like that, but when it comes to ailments of the human body we are all for it.

Listen! If you had a fire in the basement of your house, would you expect the fire brigade to tackle it through the attic window? You would like their action to be a little more direct, wouldn't you? Likewise, if you have rheumatism in your joints, or Neuritis in your arm, or sciatica, or lumbago, or neuralgia, why try to cure it with a kidney pill, or a liver tonic or a blood medicine?

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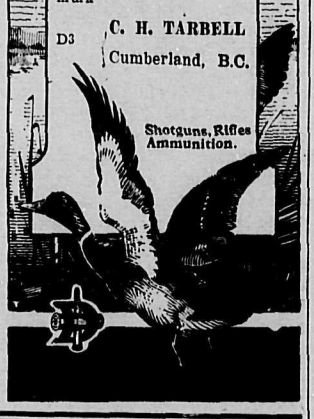

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OLIVER'S GOVERNMENT IN GRIP OF MAELSTROM

SUPPORTERS OF THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION CONDEMN IT AS HAVING BROKEN FAITH WITH THE PEOPLE, WHILE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE VAINLY ENDEAVORING TO PULL AGAINST THE CURRENT WHICH IS SWEEPING IT TO DESTRUCTION.

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—The centre of the political stage has been occupied during the past week by George S. Hanes, Liberal member for North Vancouver, whose advent into the ranks of the outspoken critics of the government he was elected to support has been the chief topic of discussion in legislative corridors. His arraignment on Wednesday of Premier Oliver and his charge that the latter violated the provisions of the settlement agreement reached in 1912 between the government and the Foley, Welsh & Stewart interests, promoters of and contractors for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, now the government-owned road, was the political sensation of the session to date.

From the commencement of the session there have been many plain indications that all was not well with the Liberal party. These pointed to a decided condition of dissatisfaction within the party ranks, a spirit soon made manifest in the early speeches by government supporters in the debate on the address. The barrage of complimentary references which Messrs. Nelson and Sutherland, mover and seconder, respectively, of the address, threw around and over the government trenches was not long in being dissipated as member after member expressed their disappointment at the inaction of the government in bringing forward policies of a real constructive nature, something more original and of more lasting benefit to the development of the province than the single idea of gouging mere money from out the pockets of the already overburdened taxpayer.

Climax of Discontent.

This spirit of discontent reached the climax on Tuesday when Joseph Walters, Liberal member for Yale, roundly condemned the administration of the public works department, assailing it as a "miserable failure" and asserting that the minister in charge, Hon. J. H. King, long known as the silent minister, could also be appropriately termed the "weak minister." Mr. Walters declared that the minister is merely the nominal head of the department, the real "dictator" of which is Public Works Engineer Foreman. Walters' charge came unexpectedly, though other members had also shown marked discontent with that particular department, especially in respect of road work. He declared the members and the district engineers had no say in respect of expenditures in their respective districts; Foreman was supreme.

But by Friday Walters had been whipped into good behavior again. He made an adject apology to the House, asserting with considerable ingenuousness that he marvelled that members could have construed his criticisms as an attack upon the honor and integrity of the minister against whom, apparently, his only complaint was, as he put it, that "it is that peculiar bedside manner that has been so disconcerting to me on several occasions when I have approached him in a somewhat suffied frame of mind."

Premier Centre of Attack.

Mr. Hanes' assault upon the administration centred upon the Premier who, he asserted, in his capacity of minister of railways, had violated the terms of the act by which the Legislature had ratified the agreement with the Pacific Great Eastern interests. The Premier, he opined, had been wont to criticize the late Conservative government for its violation of statutory laws, especially in connection with this very P.G.E. project. Now, apparently, the Premier's ideas had changed. That settlement was the outcome of proceedings the government had initiated at its first session in 1917 to investigate fully the affairs of the railway under the regime of the former government. The facts of that investigation by a select committee of the House and the subsequent issuance of a writ against the P.G.E. interests is now history. But it remained for the member for North Vancouver to add, even at this late date, a new and decidedly interesting chapter.

That action never came to trial, for in the meantime the government and the P.G.E. interests got together and the result was the settlement in 1918. Among the provisions of that arrangement was one set forth in section 14 of the act as follows:

"The parties of the second part covenant that all the rolling stock, equipment, plant and machinery, now in, upon or about the said line of railway, or adjacent thereto, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for use by them or any of the said companies, in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway are the properties of the said companies and are to be transferred, set over and delivered to the provincs."

Province Swindled.

Mr. Hanes charged that following the ratification of that arrangement by the Legislature, the government inspectors who were sent out to check up these assets preparatotry to the province taking them over, had been interfered with and obstructed in the execution of their duty of protecting valuable assets of the province. He gave as a specific instance of this in support of his charge, the case of the saw mill on the P.G.E. operated by the Welch-Day Lumber Company, lessees from the P.G.E. interests, to whom the Premier had sent instructions to desragerd the instructions of the government inspectors, Anderson and Morrissey. By that action, Hanes declared, the mill, a valuable property, had been lost to the province. Assets which had been valued at $1,000,000, he said, had been affected by the agreement. He intimated that other valuable assets had also been allowed to escape the grasp of the province by reason of the Premier's interference with the work of the inspectors.

The nature of the Hanes charges was such that members of the Legislature expected the Premier would be content with nothing less than a formal investigation. But it appears there will be none.

Mr. Hanes gave many inside details of the now famous P.G.E. enquiry during the 1917 session. He referred to his repeated efforts to have W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition, summoned before the committee to give evidence as to the alleged disposition of contributions which D'Arcy Tate, general manager of the P.G.E., had sworn he had contributed to party campaign funds. But there had appeared a strange reluctance, Mr. Hanes stated, on the part of the members of the government to have that step taken. He had been told by the attorney-general to "go easy," because "Bowser knows too much." Even the suggestion by the North Vancouver member at that time to the then Premier that "we have been trying for a long time to get Bowser, now is our chance," apparently did not move the ministers, Mr. Hanes said. He also stated that the attorney-general had promised the action brought against the P.G.E. interests would be prosecuted and, if Mr. Hanes desired it, to give the latter a written undertaking to that effect. Mr. Hanes told the House he had thought that such was not necessary and, he naively added: "That is where I missed my opportunity; I took his word for it."

Jackson and Fisher Also.

But Messrs. Hanes and Walters were not the only party members to give indication of the rising tide of insurgency within the government ranks. M. B. Jackson, Liberal member for The Islands, came out flat-footed with the assertion that the people are expecting the government to formulate some definite agricultural policy as to land clearing, cheap stumping powder and settlement. While that member likened Hon. E. D. Barrow to "Abe Lincoln" in appearance, the comparison stopped there. He declared the department of agriculture has been asleep and he damned with faint praise the policy of the lands and forest departments, stating that something should long ere this have been done to provide shipping by which British Columbia's timber products could reach the world's markets.

He had had no use for the Conservative ship-building policy under which twelve ships had actually been constructed, a policy that was dropped by the present administration before it was well commenced, but he admitted that the late government had had the courage to inaugurate a policy at any rate. Either the government should co-operate with the lumber interests or start ship-building on its own account, Mr. Jackson insisted.

Mr. Fisher, Liberal member for Fernie, held the government had been remiss in failing to secure a board of commerce investigation into the high cost of food products, notably sugar and meat.

The almost unanimous chorus of criticism was added to by F. Giolma, soldier member for Victoria, who, as illustrative of the different view-points of the government's critics, opined the administration should not pass any important legislation at this session, but rather appeal to the country and give the people opportunity to express their views on a government which had been elected to power while a large section of the electors were absent overseas, and which is now facing conditions unusual by reason of the problems arising out of the war.

Bonded Debt Of Province Has Doubled

In Little Over Three Years the Government Has Borrowed Some $14,000,000.

Minister of Finance Claims a Surplus of Over a Million on Current Account.

Victoria, Feb. 20.—With the recent loan of $2,500,000 floated by the Provincial Government for Pacific Great Eastern purposes, the aggregate bonded indebtedness of the province is approximately $33,000,000, or nearly double that at the end of 1916, when it took office, a little over three years ago.

Then the debt was approximately $18,000,000. The present government has, therefore, borrowed about $14,000,000. Next year this large total will be added to by another $4,000,000 to be borrowed to permit the completing of the Pacific Great Eastern to Prince George.

The financial operations will undoubtedly be a fruitful topic of discussion at this session. The opposition scoffs at the claim made by Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, to a surplus of some $1,040,000 in current revenue over current expenditures for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, as shown by the public accounts for that year just tabled. They assert this so-called surplus is merely a book-keeping one.

Mr. W. R. Ross this week in the House suggested that the minister of finance, being a young and inexperienced man, was "just kidding himself" into the belief that he had a real surplus.

Government Is Very Reticent

Not at All Anxious to Let the People Know How It Has Conducted Affairs.

Victoria, Feb. 20.—The opposition ran up against another snag this week in the Legislature in its effort to secure information from the government. Last week Mr. Bowser lost out when a straight party majority sustained the contention of the Premier that information asked for in the shape of questions on the order paper must be expected in the shape of a return to the House.

Mr. Bowser stated on the strength of his experience of the present government that the returns need not be expected until the last day of the session, when they would be useless to the opposition.

This week Mr. W. R. Ross, Conservative, wanted information, by way of a return, on the contents of reports made by forest rangers to the minister of lands, covering a recent forest fire near Cheakamus on the Pacific Great Eastern, when a saw mill and other valuable property was destroyed. The minister refused to produce these reports on the ground that as they were merely personal opinions of the rangers they were, therefore, confidential and should not be made public.

It is hinted that these reports would throw an interesting light upon a threatened action for damages against the government by the saw mill concern, the fire, it is stated, having originated from the railway and, at the time, there were no forest rangers available to check the progress of the blaze.

Mr. F. Giolma, soldier member for Victoria, brought balm to the feelings of members on the government side when he stated on Friday that in his opinion the government has lived up to the spirit of a resolution which was passed by the House last year, calling for a preference to returned soldiers in filling of government positions. That resolution, it will be remembered, was passed only after long debate and in the face of opposition from the Premier, and in line with an amendment moved by the opposition leader, Mr. Bowser.

But the opposition this year is persistently demandiing to know how it is that well-paid government positions are still held by men who, when the war broke out, were of military age but who did not enlist for service overseas, while veterans back from active service and capable of holding those positions are seeking amployment.

Mr. W. R. Ross aroused the ire of the minister of public works by askinig for the ages of certain of the public works district engineers, and if their failure to enlist had been due to their having been rejected. The answer disclosed that those engineers were of military age at the outbreak of the war. But on the point of whether they offered their services to their country, the minister returned the reuly "no information."

The opposition is also interested in one W. L. Woodford, now holding a responsible position under Commissioner Gillespie, the government receiver in charge of the affairs of the municipality of South Vancouver. It is asked if he is the same W. L. Woodford who was associated on the "inside" Liberal campaign committee in Vancouver with the notorious John T. Scott of "plugging" fame and Joseph C. Cook, the last named being now a fugitive from justice, having recently levanted after, in his capacity as cashier in the provincial police office there, stolen over $3000 of public funds. Individuals who were active at that by-election campaign in Vancouver appear to have nearly all been subsequently given government positions at satisfactory scale of pay.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Notice of the following appointments appeared in the last issue of the British Columbia Gazette:

To be justices of the peace—

Francis Wheeler Cushman of Avola.

Archie Douglas Darliington of Shushartie.

Henry Noble Coursier of Revelstoke.

James Frederick Mather of Vancouver, district registrar of the Supreme Court, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

John Grant of Glasgow, Scotland, solicitor, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits within the county of Lanarkshire, for use in the courts of British Columbia.

To be notaries public—

Charles E. Falkner of Vernon, barrister and solicitor.

George Hymes of Pritchard.

Alexander Robertson Macleod of Vancouver, barrister and solicitor.

Sidney Alexander Smith of Vancouver, barrister and solicitor.

Harold Helmcken Brown of Victoria.

Robert Anderson McIntyre, secretary of the Comrades of the Great War, Victoria chapter No. 2, Victoria.

William Henry Douglas Ladner of Vernon, barrister-at-law, to be deputy official administrator for the North Okanagan electoral district.

Blake Wilson, Ronald Burns and Mrs. Ethel Cody Stoddart to be members of the board of directors of the Vancouver General Hospital for one year from the 13th day of February, 1920.

Made a Mistake

THROUGH an error in the shipping department of a Ladies' Wear House we received a shipment of Ladies' Crepe de Chine Blouses that we did not order. To return these blouses would mean quite a loss to the shipper, so instead they offered us a big discount, which enables us to run them off at the very low price of

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SPLENDID PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AT NEW LOGGING CAMP

Headquarters of Bloedel, Welch & Stewart Between Royston and Union Bay Presents an Animated Scene—Bunk Houses Nearing Completion, While Grading for Railway Is Being Pushed Forward Rapidly—Company Expects Camp in Full Swing in Three Months.

A visit to the scene of operations of Bloedel, Welch & Stewart, midway between Royston and Union Bay, this week, revealed the fact that splendid progres is being made on the logging camp of that company. Already half a dozen splendid bunk houses have been erected and several others are nearing completion. These are of substantial construction and are being built on skids so that they can be placed on flat-cars and taken into the woods when the actual logging operations begin. The railway dump is also fairly well advanced, that to accommodate the siding to serve the present headquarters being completed and the ties are being laid. A squad of men is also working on the bridge which the company will build over the tracks of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo and the Canadian Collieries railway tracks. As soon as these are completed work will be commenced on the railroad into the heart of the timber limit.

During the visit of a number of Cumberland business men an interesting talk was had with Mr. Riley, the company's superintendent, and Mr. MacDonald, manager of the camp. From them it was learned that when logging operations begin the camp proper will be located on the Trent River at the nearest point to Cumberland, and the hope was expressed by the company's representatives that a road would be constructed from this city to a point near the camp. It was stated that the company desired this because they figured on having considerable business in Cumberland, and the construction of this road would mean much to them. When the camp is in full running order there will be anywhere between 500 and 800 men employed, and this would mean much to the merchants of this city if the road were constructed so that the men could get here without too great difficulty.

During the conversation, Mr. Riley spoke interestingly on the exchange situation. He is an American citizen himself, but he felt that the people of the United States were making a grave error by insisting on so great a discount on Canadian currency. However, he was sure this error would eventually be of great benefit to Canada, as it would have the tendency of making the Canadians produce much of the material which they have been in the habit of importing from the United States. In the past the balance of trade had been greatly in favor of America, but recently a change had come over the situation and already the Americans had felt the effect in fewer orders.

Both Mr. Riley and Mr. MacDonald will be guests of the Cumberland Board of Trade at the banquet to be given at the Cumberland Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, March 3.

School Trustees Standing Pat

Show No Inclination to Reduce the Amount of Their Estimates for Year.

The Cumberland Board of School Trustees are showing no inclination to meet the City Council in the matter of reducing the amount of their estimates for this year. On two occasions the council has invited them to a joint meeting without avail. At the meeting of the City Council last Monday a letter was received from the School Board stating that they were willing that certain items of their estimates be included in a by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers, but only on the condition that if the by-law failed to carry, the City Council would guarantee the amounts so included.

In discussing the letter the aldermen expressed their conviction that the School Board was not making any reduction. The greatest objection to the estimates was the amount of $1500 for incidentals. Several aldermen, and more especially the chairman of the finance committee, expressed themselves as being unable to see why such a large sum should be required for this purpose last year, when considerable repairs to the plumbing in the schools had to be made.

The council realizes that it cannot compel the School Board to cut down its estimates, nor can they compel the members of the board to attend a joint meeting to discuss the situation. In view of this and also that time permits of another meeting of the City Council before the estimates must finally be decided upon, it was decided to lay the matter over till the next regular meeting. In the meantime the aldermen will try "moral suasion," so to speak, on the School Board.

Money By-law Finally Passed.

The money by-law, introduced by Ald. Parnham, chairman of the finance committee, at a prior meeting of the City Council, came up for final consideration on Monday evening last and was finally passed. The by-law calls for the borrowing of $3000 from the Royal Bank and is to be repaid by the end of the present year. The money will be used to pay current expenses until the taxes come in.

Bright Prospects For City Autoists

Automobile Association Holds Meeting and Discusses Important Matters.

At a meeting of the Cumberland Automobile Association, held at the City Hall on Wednesday evening, several matters of vital importance to the organization came up for discussion. Among these was a proposition to enter upon a publicity campaign for the purpose of drawing to the attention of the authorities the extremely bad condition of the roads in this district.

During the discussion on this subject one of the members pointed out that, considering the population, the Cumberland district paid more money into the coffers of the Provincial Government than any other part of the province. This gentleman was responsible for the statement that the government received annually from this district in the neighborhood of $500,000, while the sum spent on the roads was avery meagre one in comparison.

Another member spoke very strongly on the poor judgment shown in the matter of repairs to the roads. According to him a certain amount of money was allocated to a district, and those responsible for the carrying out of the work chose sections of road where the work would be easiest for them, irrespective of the crying needs of other sections. It was also brought out that a road foreman who did the work himself received $4 per day, while if he hired three men on the work he drew $5 for merely keeping the time of the men who did the work. Naturally the foreman hired the men. By this means much money was wasted, as the roads derived no benefit from the timekeeper.

The Automobile Association has very bright prospects before it. Already an energetic campaign has been entered upon for the securing of new members, and the results so far have been very gratifying. After a thorough canvass of the district has been made a mass meeting will be called for the purpose of selecting an emblem for the association. Each member will be entitled to carry the emblem on his or her car, and this will mean much to the owners of cars when going on tour, as the members of other associations recognize the emblems of others and do everything possible for tourists carrying them. Those wishing to join the association should apply to the secretary, Mr. J. Dick, Canadian Collieries head offices, or Mr. J. H. Cameron, Cumberland Motor Works.

The president, Mr. Charles Graham, was selected as the delegate from the association to accompany the delegation from the Board of Trade, School Board and the City Council, which will go to Victoria to interview the government on matters of importance to Cumberland and district.

Fire Destroys Residence in Chinatown

House of Wing Chong, Together With Outbuildings, Consumed by Flames.

City Fire Brigade Made Good Time Considering Condition of the Roads.

At about half-past two on Tuesday afternoon an alarm of fire was rung in from Chinatown, and in less than ten minutes after the sounding of the fire bell the city fire department was on the scene battling with the flames which were quickly consuming the home of Wing Chong. The fire had evidently got a good start before the alarm was sounded, and it soon became apparent to the firemen that there was no hope of saving the building. They then turned their attention to the adjoining residences and succeeded in saving them after strenuous efforts.

Ten members of the brigade turned out, the squad being in charge of Mr. H. Conrod, acting in place of the chief and deputy chief, who were unable to turn out owing to other duties. In speaking of the length of time taken to reach the scene of the fire, Mr. Conrod stated that the department made splendid time considering the fearful condition of the road leading to Chinatown and also the streets in the village. In some places the road was almost impassible and the fire auto had to be driven at a slow pace in order to avoid accidents. The fearfully muddy condition of the street in Chinatown made it difficult to lay the hose properly and they were in a very dirty condition in consequence when they were taken to the fire hall.

Another cause for complaint was the lack of hydrants in Chinatown, there being only one on the north end of the street, while the fire was at the other extreme. This necessitated going after more hose. After the fire had been extinguished a resident of the village very thoughtfully showed the firemen another hydrant hidden under some boxes on private property. While this information was a trifle late in coming to be of any use at Tuesday's fire, the firemen welcomed it as an advantage on future occasions.

During the course of the fire Mr. Marshall, of the Geo. A. Flethcher Music Company, assisted with his auto in getting an additional suply of hose. Unfortunately, while going to the aid of the firemen a Chinaman got in front of his car and was knocked down, a front wheel passing over his neck. He was picked up in a dazed condition, but it was found that beyond a shaking up he was none the worse of his adventure.

The loss sustained is estimated at about $800 on the residence and outbuildings, all the contents being saved. It is not known whether there was any insurance.

Two lengths of hose succumbed to the pressure, which hampered the firemen to a considerable extent in their work.

NOTED HYPNOTIST TO VISIT THIS CITY

Man Who Puts People to Sleep at Will to Give an Amusing and Instructive Entertainment.

Dr. Paris, the noted hypnotist, will visit Cumberland next Thursday and give an entertainment at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre. Dr. Paris has the power to put people to sleep at will and also cause them to lose their identity for a time. His entertainments are among the most amusing of that class on the road today, and wherever he has visited the people have been most enthusiastic. Doors will open at 7, the performance commencing at 7.30 and continuing for three full hours.

Look out for and reserve the date for operatta and dance at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on April 5, Easter Monday. Particulars later.

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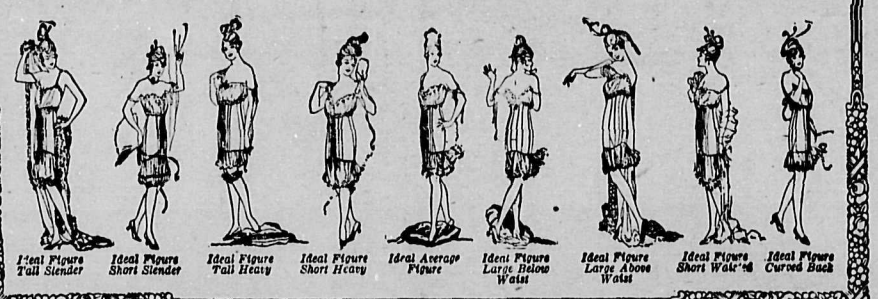

INCREASE OF ADMISSION DECIDED UPON

Managers of the Local Theatre Find It Necessary to Put Up Their Prices.

The managers of the Ilo-Ilo Theatre wish to announce that it has become necessary for them to increase the prices of admission to their moving picture shows. For over a year the price of admission to such shows has been lower in Cumberland than in any other town or city in the province, and the managers have reluctantly been compelled to advance the rates owing to the recent sharp advances in the price of films and also increased rent. Commencing March 1 the prices of admission will be: Adults 35c. children 15c.; box seats 50c. In future ushers will be employed to conduct patrons to their seats.

PROMINENT CHINESE VISITS THIS CITY

Mr. Koliang Yih, consul for the Republic of China, at Vancouver, who has been on a visit to China, arrived in Cumberland on Thursday and left again yesterday. Before leaving the city he sent his respects to the Canadian Collieries. Mr. Yih was for four years a representative of his country at Washington as an assistant to the Chinese ambassador.

Business Meeting Fourth Thursday.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Cumberland General Hospital will hereafter hold their regular monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month. All friends of this deserving institution are asked to identify themselves with the Auxiliary.

Granted Use of Council Chamber.

On Monday evening last the City Council decided to grant to the Cumberland Board of Trade the use of the council chamber for the holding of its meetings, free of charge.

LEAP YEAR DANCE TO BE HELD NEXT THURDAY

Ladies Will Be Given An Opportunity of Showing Their Appreciation of the Men.

Ladies will be given an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the kindnesses shown towards them by their male friends when on Thursday evening next there will be held in the Ilo-Ilo Dance Hall a Leapyear dance. On this occasion conditions will be reversed, the ladies being charged the admission usual for the men on other occasions, namely one dollar, while the men will get off with payment of the amusement tax. It is predicted that the ladies will outdo those of the sterner sex. During the evening the ladies will select their own partners for dances, when it will be discovered who are the wallflowers among the gentlemen.

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EXISTING CONDITIONS UNDER PROHIBITION DENOUNCED

Members of Legislature Declare That the Act Is Being Everywhere Openly Violated and They Urge That Some Measure of Government Control Be Put Up to the Electors—In Face of Experience Gained Since Act Came Into Operation, It Is Time for a Change, They Declare—Prohibitionists Want Changes.

VICTORIA, Feb. 27.—The chorus of denunciation against existing conditions under prohibition was added to this week by Major Burde, Alberni, and J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Newcastle, both of whom asserted that in the face of the experience gained since the present act came into operation, it is time for a change. They declared the act is being everywhere openly violated, and they urged that some measure of government control be put up to the electors for their approval. They scoffed at the suggestion that the attorney-general's idea of confining changes to the limitation in the size and number of prescriptions would be productive of results. It would be a mere tinkering with a problem which has become critical, they asserted. Their suggestion was that if the government did not possess courage enough to tackle the question, irrespective of party advantage, that it should give the people an opportunity of expressing their views.

This week a deputation of prohibitionists waited upon the government and offered amendments to the act. Chief of these were the appointment of an independent commission of three to administer the act, the limiting of the amount of hard liquor that may be kept in a private dwelling house to two quarts per month, and of beer, two gallons, and the easing up of the present rigorous penalty of a jail term of six months for the first offence of selling liquor, by prescribing a fine not exceediing $500 nor less than $300, the jail term without the option of a fine to be applied to second offences.

Further evidence of the growing disposition on the part of members on the government side to assert their independence and criticize the administration was furnished this week when a division, the second of the session to date, took place following a short but heated argument on the action of Attorney-General Farris in refusing to supply information in response to questions put by the opposition.

Mr. Pooley, Esquimalt, asked for details of disbusrements made to Dr. Baker, chairman of the Game Conservation Board, in the years 1917, 1918 and 1919. The attorney-general replied that the figures could be secured from the public accounts. As the public accounts tabled referred only to the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, the reply by Hon. Mr. Farris was wholly inaccurate. Mr. Speaker ruled that the reply was a proper one and that if the opposition desired the information they could ask in the shape of a return, a ruling to which Mr. Bowser stoutly objected, asserting that the opposition would insist upon its rights. The Speaker's decision was appealed against and the Conservative opposition found support forthcoming from the soldier members as well as from Messrs. Willson of Rossland and Anderson of Kamloops, Liberal members. The latter showed a marked disposition to assert his independence. The vote was 25 to 15, the opposition securing the largest tally it has registered since the present government assumed office.

Mr. Anderson, too, came out in direct opposition to the government when, in the debate upon the motion presented by Mr. Hawthornthwaite calling upon the government to grant tax exemption on homes and homesites of veterans and dependents up to an assessed valuation of $2000, he criticized the evident disinclination of the Premier to meet the request, even though the House last year had gone even further by approving of a recommendation of the select committee on soldier rehabilitation that such exemption should be granted up to $5000. Mr. Anderson declared the Premier could well afford to accept the suggestion by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, especially as the government has already discriminated in favor of a certain element of the returned men by amending the Pre-emptor's Free Grants Act relieving those having crown grants from the payment of taxes, and has also provided for a rebate of $500 to veterans buying land.

Aid for Tatoo Victims.

A simple method to obliterate from the faces of thousands of Armenian girls and women the brands and indelible ink tatoo marks placed upon them during the war by the Turks, Kurds and Arabs who captured and enslaved them, is sought by a sympathetic college professor, who has just returned from a trip through the Near East. The victims of the branding and tatooing, in every case, were Christians, and their captors branded them as Mahomedan slaves. Freed from enslavement, they sought at once to remove the evidence of their bondage, employing disfiguring acids for the purpose. Many of them flocked to the relief hospitals to be treated for the self-inflicted burns.

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Village Smith a Real Personage

The Immortal Poem of Longfellow Was Inspired by a Blacksmith of Cambridge.

Longfellow's immortal poem "The Village Blacksmith," had a real historic fact at its foundation.

The smith was a reality, so was the "chestnut tree," and his house is still in existence.

In his diary of October 5, 1839, Longfellow made this note: "Wrote a new psalm of life—it is 'The Village Blacksmith.'"

The house of the village blacksmith, built in 1811, stands in Cambridge, Mass., covered with vines and shadowed by sleepy old trees, still sought after by tourists and lovers of the old. The "spreading chestnut tree" has been cut down to make room for the widening of Brattle street.

It was the home of Dexter Pratt, the village blacksmith and the friend of Longfellow, who immortalized him and his smithy in verse. The Bachelder family, who bought the place from the heirs of Mary Walker in 1912, have restored the place to its former simple beauty. It still bears the "Sign of the Cockhorse."

Inside, the rooms are restored with all the quaintness of their original form. As one goes in the door they open from both sides of the small hall and each room has a large open fireplace. The mantels are wide and plain, as was the fashion in the early days.

Upstairs, at the Brattle end of the house, one goes down three steps into the end room. You pass through a narrow back passage and find two small bedrooms and back stairs which are sharp and steep.

Dexter Pratt, Longfellow's blacksmith friend, succeeded Torrey Hancock in the ownership of the property, and Hancock had it from his father, who in turn bought it from the heirs of Thomas Brattle, who built the house. Pratt had lived there a long time when Longfellow came to Cambridge in 1836. Boston was then a town and Cambridge just a country village.

After the death of Dexter Pratt in 1847, the property passed through various hands until, in 1870, friends bought it for Mary Walker, an escaped quadroon slave, a woman of refinement and beauty, who had been a servant in several Cambridge families, and afterward taught school in the South.

After her return to the North two of her three children were found and returned to her through the efforts of Gen. O. O. Howard. They were then a grown man and woman, although when she last saw them they were children.

While she occupied the house many Harvard students lived there. Now, purchased from the heirs of the escaped slave, it has become one of the show places of Cambridge.

Longfellow, in the Knickerbocker Magazine in 1840, first immortalized the place. He made a word picture of the village smithy and the blacksmith, and also made a pen and ink sketch of the chestnut tree and the smithy. The tree up to 1876 spread its branches in front of the house.

Longfellow wrote to his father when he was about to have his verse published, calling his parent's attention to the magazine in which his work would be found, and saying what might be considered a song of praise of "your ancestor in Newbury."

This ancestor was the second son of William Longfellow to bear the name of Stephen and to pass it down through six generations of Longfellows.

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Fathers and Sons to Hold Banquet

Popular Movement Inaugurated Recently Has Reached This City.

Time was, and not so very long ago either, when fathers were wont to make chums of their boys, and when the daddies entered into the amusements and pleasures of their offspring with a heartiness that was refreshing In later years, however, there has been a marked tendency on the part of these two to "paddle their own canoe," with the result now-a-days one rarely sees father and son together.

There has been started a movement with the object of bringing about the old state of affairs, and it is proving a most popular one. This movement has reached Cumberland, and next Thursday evening at the Anglican Parish Hall the fathers and sons of this city gather around the banquqet board for the purpose of reviving the time-honored custom in this city. A very catchy circular announcing the event has been issued, which is here published and which should prove a drawing card:

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EXCURSION
FROM DADTOWN TO BOYVILLE
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, AT 6:30.

Points en route—Hikeville, Baseball Corners, Church Pew Resort, Happy Home City, Talk It Over Town, Chumbug, Boyville.

This is a social event for fathers and sons 12 years of age and up. Any father not having a son of his own may befriend a boy. Men (not fathers) may do likewise. It is a get-together time and a good programme is provided. The banquet will be held in the Church of England Hall. Capt. Best of Toronto will speak during the evening.

Hurrah, Dads! Let's spend an evening with the lads.

MOTOR VEHICLES ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

Nanaimo Dealer Reports Many New Machines Are Being Purchased in District.

"There is an exceptionally large demand for motor vehicles in the Cumberland district, and more especially trucks." This is the statement made by Mr. Thomas Weeks, the well-known Nanaimo automobile dealer, who was in the city this week. Speaking of the sales made recently, Mr. Weeks stated he had disposed of four 5-ton Republic trucks during the week and he was here for the purpose of making delivery. These trucks are to be used in the logging camps, and Mr. Weeks said a larger number would be required, the sale of which he was negotiating.

According to Mr. Weeks the automobile business in Nanaimo was never better, and he finds great difficulty in meeting the demand. Recently he brought in five carloads of machines, and they are practically all sold or spoken for.

Mr. Weeks' agent in this district is Mr. Thomas Hudson of Union Bay, and this gentleman has also disposed of a large number of machines this spring. Tom says it is tough luck when a person has to let go their own private car and drive around in a motor truck. But he says: "We are in the business of selling cars, and what the people want we will supply, even to our own inconvenience."

Buy Red Clover Seed Eearly.

Prime red clover seed was quoted at $35.55 per bushel on the Toledo market of the 6th inst. Toronto prices then ranged about $3 per bushel in advance of Toledo prices. Clover seed that would grade "prime" on the Toledo market could be bought in Toronto at $38.50 and, because of exchange conditions, delivered to United States points at approximately $33 per bushel, or about $2.50 less than the Toledo price. The money situation, short supplies, and an earlier demand in the United States will explain the heavy exports of clover seed. The price of red clover seed has advanced almost $14 per bushel on the Toledo market since May last. The world supply will not be sufficient to meet normal requirements. In these circumstances Canadian farmers who delay the purchase of their red clover seed requirements until seeding time may be unable to obtain supplies at any price.

Caught Smuggling Whiskey.

Frank Agnew, ship's steward of the Makura, was arrested late on Sunday night at Union Bay smuggling whiskey ashore from the ship. He appeared before F. Partridge and E. Navey, justices of the peace, on Monday morning and was fined $50 and costs.

Miss M. Peacey Dies at Victoria

Popular Young Lady, Native of Cumberland, Called to Her Reward.

The many Cumberland friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Peacey were pained when word was received in the city on Wednesday that their daughter, Miss Marion Peacey, had died at Victoria that morning. Miss Peacey was a native of Cumberland and had spent all her life here until moving with her parents to Victoria shortly after the first of the year. She was 20 years of age. During the past seven or eight years she was practically an invalid, and though she was unable to enter actively into the affairs of life, she always maintained a cheerful demeanor and bore up under her affliction with Christian fortitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacey left Cumberland a short time ago in the hope that a change might prove of benefit to their daughter, and were contemplating moving to California, but Miss Peacey's state of health prevented them from doing so.

The funeral took place at Victoria yesterday, the Rev. J. W. Flinton officiating, interment being made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

VETERANS TO MEET FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES

Those Who Are Not on the Voters' List Will Have the Opportunity Tomorrow.

All men who served overseas and whose names are not already on the voters' list are asked to attend at the City Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 o'clock for the purpose of registering. A number of forms will be supplied by Mr. John Baird of the government offices and arrangements have been made whereby the men can register with the least trouble. Every man who is desirous of having a vote at the next general election should not fail to see that his name is on the list.

Social Events of the Week

G. C. Baker of Victoria, cashier of the Canadian Collieries, arrived on Tuesday.

E. R. Horwood arrived on Tuesday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Horwood.

Mrs. E. W. Bickle and Eva G. Bickle will leave Cumberland for San Francisco on Monday.

Lorna Dalby arrived home from Nanaimo on Tuesday owing to the illness of her mother.

Mrs. E. W. Bickle returned from a visit to Vancouver on Tuesday.

UNION BAY SHIPPING.

Following are the ships which touched at the wharf of the Canadian Collieries at Union Bay this week:

Shamrock, coastwise.
Grey, Victoria.
Dauntless, coastwise.
Coutle, coastwise.
Pronative, coastwise.
Active, coastwise.
Hopkins, coastwise.
Masset, coastwise.
Bundarra, Everett.
Monteagle, Yokohama.
Buster B., coastwise.
Canadian, coastwise.
Prospective No. 2, coastwise.
Makura, Australia.
Peerless, coastwise.
Joyful and scow, Comox.
Clayburn and scow, Vancouver.
Coutle, coastwise.
Vancouver, coastwise.

WHEN PAYING FINE JIM DIDN'T SING

Oriental Caught in the Act of Evading His Electric Metetr Fined Good Round Sum.

About a week ago Mr. Shortt of the Cumberland Electric Light Company liscovered what he thought was a "bridge" around the meter of a Chinaman living near the Canadian Collieries Railway station. In company with Police Chief Bunbury a close investigation was made, when it was shown that Mr. Shortt's suspicions were well founded.

The Oriental was not home at the time, but a careful watch was kept, with the result that Jim Sing finally found himself facing Magistrate Baird. The evidence was so conclusive that there was no use entering any other plea but that of guilty, and Jim had to dig down for $28 or spend two months in jail. He paid up.

Miscellaneous Shower Held

Friends of Miss Agnes Somerville Remember Her on Eve of Her Wedding.

A delightful miscellaneous shower was given on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. L. Francescini in honor of Miss Agnes Somerville, whose marriage takes place March 2. During the evening games were played and refreshments served, after which the bride-to-be was presented with a basket loaded with many beautiful and useful presents. Those present were:

Mrs. Balagno.
Miss Balagno.
Mrs. V. Frelone.
Mrs. P. Francescini.
Mrs. Hudson.
Mrs. Farmer.
Mrs. Ronalds.
Mrs. Bobba.
Mrs. Bollettino.
Mrs. Bogo.
Mrs. J. Potter.
Mrs. C. White.
Mrs. Mitchell.
Mrs. Pryde.
Mrs. Rickson.
Mrs. Sharples.
Miss Tobacco.
Miss Picketti.
Mrs. L. Frelone.
Miss C. Lockhart.
Miss H. Lockhart.
Miss H. Abbott.
Miss M. Maxwell.
Mrs. Maxwell.
Mrs. Davis.
Mrs. J. Walker.
Mrs. Somerville.
Miss H. Whyte.
Miss N. Robertson.
Miss A. Reese.
Miss M. Bannerman.
Miss M. Collins.
Miss M. Stratchan.
Miss Beveridge.
Mrs. Swanson.

During the evening Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ronalds and Mrs. Farmer gave all the ladies present a delightful ride in the airplane.

RESULTS OF THIRD ROUND, ENGLISH CUP

Following are the results of the games played in the third round of the English Cup:

Liverpool 2, Birmingham 0.
Chelsea 3, Leicester 0.
Preston 0, Bradford City 3.
Bristol 2, Cardiff 1.
Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 0.
Tottenham 3, West Ham 0.
Notts County 3, Bradford 4.
Huddersfield 3, Plymouth 1.

The results of the league football games were as follows:

First League—
Arsenal 0, Manchester United 3.
Bolton 0, Newcastle 3.
Derby 0, Burnley 2.
West Bromwich Albion 4, Middlesboro 0.

Second League—
Blackpool 0, South Shields 3.
Coventry 0, Hull 1.
Fulham 4, Stockport 1.
Grimsby 2, Lincoln 2.
Stoke 1, Bury 1.
Rotherham 2, Portvale 2.

Southern League—
Norwich 1, Brentford 1.
Brighton 4, Luton 3.
Milwall 1, Gillingham 0.
Newport 1, Southampton 1.
Portsmouth 2, Reading 0.
Queens Park 0, Exeter 0.
Swindon 3, Swansea 1.
South End 2, Merthyr 1.

Scottish Cup Games—
Glasgow Rangers 3, Brozburn 0.
Raith 2, Greenock 2.
Lochgelly 0, Third Lanark 3.
Aramale 1, Ayr 1.
Kilmarnock 4, Queens Park 1.
Aberdeen 1, Hearts 0.
Celtic 2, Partick Thistle 0.
St. Bernard 1, Albion 1.
Clydebank 5, Motherwell 1.

Scottish Beague—
Dumbarton 1, Clyde 0.
Dundee 1, Falkirk 0.
Hamilton 3, Hibernians 2.
St. Mirren 4, Airdrieonians 3 .

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The following list of appointments by the British Columbia Government appeared in the last issue of the B. C. Gazette:

To be justices of the peace—
James MacKay of Strathnaven.
Edward Navey of Union Bay.

To be notaries public—
William Vidler Papworth of Kaslo; James F. Tiderington of Vancouver; Elmer Victor Finland of Victoria, barrister and solicitor.
Arthur Smith of Vernon.

John Baird of Cumberland, government agent, to be a stipendiary magistrate and a coroner for the province.

Chilion Graves Heward of Montreal, barrister, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits within the province of Quebec for use in the courts of British Columbia.

Alderman J. J. McRae and A. B. Buckworth, both of the city of Vancouver, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the city of Vancouver for the year 1920.

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Quaker Tomatoes, large, special, per tin 20c
Royal City Tomatoes, large, special, per tin 20c
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NOTICE.

In the County Court of Nanaimo, Holden at Cumberland, B.C.

Take notice that by an order of His Honor Judge Barker, made the 11th day of February, 1920, I was appointed Administrator to the estate of William McLiver, deceased, and all parties having claims against said estate are hereby required to furnish same properly verified, on or before the 1st day of 9pril, 1920, A.D., and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of theier indebtedness to me forthwith.

WESLEY WILLARD,
Official Administrator.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1920.

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Take notice that by an order of His Honor Judge Barker, made the 11th day of February, 1920, I was appointed Administrator to the estate of John Johnson, deceased, and all parties having claims against said estate are hereby required to furnish same properly verified, on or before the 1st day of 9pril, 1920, A.D., and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of theier indebtedness to me forthwith.

WESLEY WILLARD,
Official Administrator.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1920.

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ELIZABETH ANN BURN, NO. 1 GRAham street, Sacriston, Durham, England, would like to know whereabouts of Miss Burn, last heard tell of in Cumberland. Address Thomas Tuck, Box 39, Cumberland.

CEMETERY NOTICE.

The public are respectfully requested to refrain from planting brom trees on their plots in the cemetery. The broom spreads so rapidly that it becomes disagreeable and a nuisance in the cemetery grounds.

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