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Annual Meeting of Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association

First Year's Work Been Very Successful—Chas. O'Brien Re-Elected President

The first annual general meeting of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association was held in the Lecture Room of the hall on Sunday evening, and was exceptionally well attended; so large was the attendance that there was not sufficient accommodation for all. The corridors, reading and writing rooms were crowded out.

The report of President Chas. O'Brien showed that the club had had a most successful career during its first year of life, the club being instituted on the 20th of January last. The total revenue for the year amounted to about $7600, while the expenditure was around $7000.

Election of Officers.

Several matters of importance were discussed and disposed of. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Chas. O'Brien, re-elected by acclamation.

Vice-President—A. J. Taylor, elected by acclamation.

Treasurer—E. D. Pickard, elected by acclamation.

Appointed by Canadian Collieries—Chas. Graham, Geo. O'Brien and W. Walker.

Elected by Association—D. Stewart, Syd. Hunt, R. C. Walker, A. Thomson, H. L. Bates, T. Walker.

The six seats on the Board of Management were keenly contested, there being nine nominees. H. Waterfield, E. Hughes and J. Horbury were the defeated ones.

The new Board will take office on January 1, 1922, the old Board and Committee automatically ceasing to exist after December 31. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring Board for its work during its term of office.

Lucky Turkey Winners.

A very interesting event took place after the election, when the grand Christmas drawing was pulled off. This was closely watched, as was but natural, each member looking forward to his number being drawn. However, there were but 20 turkeys, and consequently there could be but 20 winners, whose names are: No. 597, J. Francioli; No. 163, A. Derbyshire; No. 581, Pete Manincor; No. 442, Chris. Edwards; No. 389, C. Cavallero; No. 93, E. Hughes; No. 240, Dan Gordon; No. 255; Jas. Potter; No. 304, J. C. Brown; No. 423, J. Davis; No. 357, A. E. Jeffrey; No. 89, Fred Martin; No. 601, John Westfield; No. 174, Fred Crawford; No. 578, Angus Macdonald; No. 120, Wm. Bagly; No. 420, Geo. Deane; No. 418, Ed. Anderson; No. 109, Dave Wilson; No. 39, Chas. Reynolds.

Here's hoping the non-winners have better luck next time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Officers and Members of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association.

Comrades,—As your President I desire to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I also desire to thank the members for their kindly co-operation during the past year, and would remind them that on many occasions during the first year of our existence the Management of the Canadian Collieries has co-operated on a very large scale with the Board of Management to secure for the membership the best advantage.

Our gratitude goes out to Mr. Thos. Graham and Mr. Chas. Graham, who personally suggested that certain action be taken for the welfare of the association. We have the fullest assurance of the co-operation of these gentlemen in matters pertaining to all phases of activities in connection with the club.

There is still a great amount of work to be done,and as your President I shall be always ready to do all in my power to accomplish this work. I feel sure of your co-operation in the coming year, and appreciate the honor of being elected President for 1922.

Again wishing you one and all the compliments of the season, I am, yours sincerely,

CHAS. O'BRIEN.

FOOTBALL DANCE ON MONDAY NIGHT

Second Division Club Holding a Holiday Dance in Ilo-Ilo Dance Hall.

The executive of the Cumberland Second Division and Junior Football Club have made arrangements for a dance to be held in the Ilo-Ilo Dance Hall on Monday night, when no doubt a big holiday crowd will be present. Liddell's Orchestra has been engaged to gvie the latest dance music.

Dancing will commence at 9.30 and kept up until 3 a.m. Lovers of dancing will take this opportunity of celebrating the holiday.

COLD SNAP FROZE MANY WATER PIPES

Skaters and "Near-Skaters" Had Plenty of Fun at Maple Lake Swamp.

The cold snap which gripped the Northwest for some days was keenly felt in Cumberland, the thermometer going down to near zero at times, but n Courtenay it was a couple of degrees lower, if there is any consolation in that fact.

Many water pipes were frozen in the district, causing some inconvenience, though no serious damage is reported.

Mr. J. Shortt, of the Water Works Co., has been very busy doing the cold days, keeping the main water supply clear of ice so that the city water supply would not be blocked. He made several trips up the hills to the different dams, where much ice had formed.

Monday night the glass rose considerably and snow began to fall, proving a welcome change. However, the fall was light and the cold is with us again. Foster, the weather man, predicts warm weather for next week.

Fine Skating at Maple Lake Swamp.

During the cold spell the ice which covered Maple Lake swamp was the scene of much activity among the skaters who gathered from all parts of the district to enjoy the real winter pastime. Every afternoon and evening skaters and near-skaters could be seen doing all kinds of stunts on the ice, and in many instances some would see "stars" that are not in the heavens.

One of the jolliest parties was that which was held on Monday evening, when a number of local young people journeyed to the swamp to indulge in some of the acrobatic stunts which they thought they could do, and it was surprising some of the clever turns and twists some of them made. After skating for a time they retired to the bank, where a big fire was burning and the ladies served hot coffee and sandwiches, which was certainly enjoyed by all, after which skating was kept up until almost midnight, when the happy but tired party returned home.

Another Burglary On Monday Night

Courtenay Store of Willard and Son Entered and Money Taken From Safe

A burglar broke into the store of Messrs. Willard and Son on Union Street on Monday night or Tuesday morning, and took approximately $100 in paper money.

The store building, which is one of the oldest in Courtenay, is built on a slope, the store being flush with the street, and a lower room used as a workshop and store house. The thief appears to have broken two panes of glass without much regard for the noise he made, and climbed through the window on to a work bench where some strips of leather lay. On the window sill and on the leather are marks such as the spikes on a caulked boot would make and the imprint of a large foot is clear on the piece of leather. The thief went up the ladder to the store and attacked the safe. He either was an expert at safe opening or he was lucky enough to hit upon the combination for the safe was opened and $100 taken in paper money, ten dollars in silver being left. On the top of the safe he left a pile of old cheques and he did not trouble to take two cheques inside the safe. Then he closed the safe again. He tried and opened the till but drew a blank there, and it is believed he helped himself to a pocket knife out of the window. Then he tried to get out by the front door but there is a lock as well as a catch and it baffled him and presumably he came out by the same way as he entered.

Mr. Thos. Aitken first noticed the broken glass and drew the attention of Mr. Chas. Willard to it when he arrived from Cumberland. Mr. Willard then discovered his loss.

The city and provincial police are following up any clues that they possess.—Argus.

ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

There will be a meeting of the executives of the Baseball League on Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the club rooms, to wind up the business of the past season.

Visitors to the hall during the past week included T. A. Spruston, W. Wilson, Thos. Strang, Jas. Strang and Geo. Dickson of Ladysmith; Jas. M. Savage, F. O. Armstrong, C. E. Thomas, F. J. Macfarlane and J. C. Baker of Victoria; R. G. Spruston, Extension; E. Searle, Union Bay.

Special Christmas Service Sunday

Special Programme Arranged for Presbyterian and Methodist Combined Service.

The congregations of St. George's Presbyterian and Grace Methodist Churches will unite for a Special Christmas Service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear some special Christmas music.

The programme for the service is as follows:

Doxology, invocation, opening hymn.
Anthem, "The Heavenly Sign," by united choirs.
Solo, selected, Mrs. Colin Campbell.
Leson, Rev. Jas. Hood.
Anthem, "Through the Silent Starry Night," united choirs.
Solo, "The Holy City," Miss Jessie MacDonald.
Trio, "Where Jesus Leads," female voices.
Solo, "Nazareth, " Mr. Geo. Ramsell.
Hymn, "Joy to the World," choir and congregation.
Address, Rev. Geo. Kinney.
Anthem, "What Mean Those Heavenly Voices?" united choirs,
Solo, selected, Mrs. E. G. Drader.
Chorus, "The Guiding Star," male voices.
Solo, selected, Mr. W. C. Edwards.
Anthem, "He Walks With Me," united choirs.
Closing hymn, "All Hail the Power" (Diadem), choir and congregation.
Organist, Mr. C. J. Parnham.
Conductor, Mr. W. C. Edwards.

FORD CAR GOT INTO TROUBLE ON HIGHWAY

Joy-Riders From Nanaimo Got Into Mix-Up and Automobile Put Out of Shape

A party in a motor ar coming up from Nanaimo Saturday met with an accident on the Highway when nearing Cumberland. It appears that the driver, in coming around a bend, in order to avoid a car travelling in the opposite direction, swerved too close to a stumpso2ho-betaoietaoishshshss to the side of the road, hitting a stump in doing so, and the other car also hit the first car. The top and windshield were damaged and the mudguards put out of shape, the occupants escaping without serious injury.

A rumor was current around town that the car had overturned and that two men in the party had been badly hurt and taken to the hospital, but fortunately this was unfounded.

NORTH WELLINGTON TO PLAY HERE ON MONDAY

Cumberland City To Meet Team From South in Second Division Game, at 2 P.M.

The Cumberland City and North Wellington teams will meet in an Upper Island Second Division Football League game on Monday next, 26th. The kick-off is scheduled for 2 p.m., when Referee Jones of Vancouver will handle the whistle.

The following are the players selected for Cumberland City: Foster, Cairns, Gough, Brown, Carle. A. McWhirter, Jackson, Collins, J. McWhirter, Slaughter, Scott; reserve, Somerville. All Cumberland players are requested to meet at the Waverley Hotel dressing room at 1.15 p.m.

CUMBERLAND GETS ONLY $700 FROM LIQUOR SALES

A sum of $200,000 has been divided among the municipalities of the province from the profits of the Government Liquor Control Board for the period from June 15 to September 30.

A statement has been issued by the Premier showing the payments made to the different municipalities of the province, the population being based upon the Federal census of 1911. Under this table, Cumberland is credited with 1200 population and receives $705.89; Courtenay with 800 gets $470.60; Alberni, with 500, $294.13; Duncan, the same as Cumberland; Nanaimo, 8000 population, $4,705.88; Ladysmith, 2800, $1647.06; Port Alberni, 750, $441.18. The big money goes to Vancouver, which gets $60,705, and to Victoria, $20,588.

Under this proportion Cumberland should receive about $2500 as a year's share in the profits, if busines keeps about the same.

FORMER RESIDENT OF CUMBERLAND DIES

Mr. John Thomson received telegraphic information during the week this his brothér-in-law, Mr. John Baillie, of Roslyn, Wash., had passed to his rest on Tuesday last.

The deceased lived in Cumberland 26 years ago, when he was employed in No. 4 Mine. His son, "Bob" Baillie, of Vancouver is well known here.

Want MacDonald For Another Term

Many Electors Urging His Worship to Allow His Name To Be Put in Nomination.

Some time ago Mayor MacDonald announced his intention of not seeking re-election as chief magistrate of the city for next year, but so numerous have been the requests of electors that he allow his name to be placed in nomination that his worship will probably consent to election for another term.

Mayor MacDonald has served the city well during the many years he has been in public life, especially during his terms as Mayor. The position during the past few years has been no sinecure. If he allows himself to be nominated there is not the slightest doubt that he will be re-elected with a big majority if there should be an election.

Other Vacancies.

The other vacancies to be filled at the forthcoming elections are six aldermen, two school trustees and one police commissioner.

On the council, Ald. J. C. Brown announces his intention of retiring from public life for the present, and one or two other aldermen will likely take a similar course.

Mrs. Banks and Mr. N. McFadyen retire from the Board of School Trustees, and Mr. A. Maxwell from the Board of Police Commissioners.

The day of nomination is Monday, January 9, and the election Thursday, January 12, at the City Hall.

METHODIST BOYS' CLUB HAD PLEASANT SURPRISE

Many Gifts Contributed by Merchants Distributed to Each Member of Club.

There was a surprised lot of boys at the meeting of the Grace Methodist Church Boys' Club last Tuesday night. The evening's entertainment took the form of a Christmas tree. According to arrangements the members brought presents for each other. After the programme of recitations and songs was rendered, these presents were distributed, much to the fun of the boys.

Then came the big surprise. Three big bags full of presents were brought in and loaded on the tables. These were gifts presented by merchants of the town, as follows: Campbell Bros., 2 dozen oranges and bag of nuts; R. E. Frost, a large sack of choice candies; Corner Store, two boxes of Japanese oranges; Burns and Brown, bag of nuts; Wm. Henderson, 2 boxes of chewing gum; T. D. McLean, number of books and a card each; A. MacKinnon, a number of toys; C. H. Tarbell & Son, toys; N. Nakanishi, toys and a horn each. These generous gifts were greatly appreciated by the surprised boys.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR DECEMBER

The following are the honor lists at the Public School for the month of December:

Division 5.—1, Kathleen Cooke; 2, Low Mau and Tatsumi Iwassa; 4, Tadaki Asao; 5, John Horbury; 6, Lihla Lewis.

Division 6.—1, Norma Parnham; 2, Margaret Hughes; 3, Yaye Nagai; 4, Lily Leversedge; 5, Nobuo Hayashi; 6, Fusayo Sugimori.

Division 7.—1, Margaret Salmon; 2, Norman Frelone; 3, Edna Davis; 4, Kishio Davis; 5, Sarah Lawrence; 6, Willie Allara.

Division 8.—1, Beatrice Cavallero; 2, Mary Mah; 3, Norma Frost; 4, Rita Devoy; 5, Jemima Mitchell; 6, Isabel Brown.

Division 9.—1, Oswald Reid; 2, Lena Yee; 3, Violet Williams; 4, Edward Stockand, Kitty Prior and Norio Herosi; 5, George Strachan; 6, Harry Westfield.

Division 11.—1, Jenny Laurence and Wilton Dalby; 2, Archie Welsh; 3, Chow Fung and Alice Taylor; 4, Muriel Harrison; 5, Bennie Nicholas; 6, Chow Foo Lung.

Division 12.—1, Jamie Joe; 2, Bryson Parnham; 3, Chow Kee; 4, May Mah; 5, Agnes MacKinnon; 6, Muriel Thompson.

CHRISTMAS MAILS

Owing to the limited train service, there will be no mail coming in on Saturday, Christmas Eve. As Monday's mail will likely be a large one, and people anxious to receive their Christmas parcels and letters, Postmaster Cooke has acceded to special requests to sort the mail on the holiday; the wickets at the Post Office will be open on Monday evening between 7.30 and 8.30, when all mail will be distributed.

Abe Martin: The feller that knows just exactly how to farm is allurs on th' lecture platform.

Christmas Cantata Wednesday Next

Children of Grace Methodist Sunday School to Present "Santa's Mistake"

A very interesting Christmas cantata entitled "Santa's Mistake," will be given by the Sunday School children of Grace Methodist Church on Wednesday night, December 28, commencing at 7.30.

The church will be fittingly decorated for the occasion and a large number is expected to attend.

The tickets of admission will be sold by the children, 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

A brief synopsis of the cantata is as follows:

The children plan to meet at one place at Christmas so a sto save Santa the trouble of going to so many homes to deliver his presents. A little "match girl," taken in off the street by the little girl of the home where the children assemble, is given many surprises. Santa appears and finds the little "match girl" in the beautiful home. He has brought a bundle of sticks for Mabel, the hostess, whose name he has got mixed with that of another girl. While the "match girl" is exonerating Mabel, the latter makes up and the children rush in. They seize Santa and amid song and chorus reveal to him his mistake. The plot ends happily and all share the many gifts Santa has brought.

RULE OF THE ROAD

Commencing at 6 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, the rule of the road on Vancouver Island will be changed—thereafter it will be

KEEP TO THE RIGHT

instead of the custom at present prevailing. Drivers of all vehicles, especially motor cars, are requested to use every care when the new rule goes into force, in order that the new order will be adopted with as little confusion as possible and the minimum of accidents.

Theatre Burnt Down in Courtenay

New Water Supply Saved Valley Town From Serious Fire Early Sunday Morning

Early Sunday morning the Majestic Theatre, the moving picture house of Courtenay, was almost completely destroyed by fire. The high, icy cold wind blowing at the time made the work of the fire brigade very difficult.

The Riverside Hotel had a narrow escape and only the fact of Courtenay's new water supply being in use saved both it and a large part of the town from destruction, as the wind was blowing in the direction of the buildings.

The loss is estimated at over $6000, which is partly covered by insurance. The property was acquired not long ago by Mr. F. R. Biscoe, who had spent a large sum in improvements. The owner was in Vaucouver at the time of the fire.

Cumberland Motor Truck Met With Accident.

Several individuals sent calls in to Cumberland for the fire brigade to go down to assist in quelling the fire. First reports said half of Courtenay was ablaze, causing no little excitement locally. Fire Chief Banks decided to take the big fire truck down, and he was accompanied by Assistant Chief Parnham, Driver A. Thomson and Firemen Banks and Brown. But on arrival their services were not called in use.

On the return from Courtenay, when near the Roman Catholic cemetery, the spokes in one of the rear wheels broke, halting the truck, which was only travelling at a moderate speed at the time. Help was obtained from Cumberland, but the weight of the big truck was too much, even for two big motor trucks which were sent out to assist, and the fire cart remained on the highway until Monday afternoon. Investigation has shown that no damage by freezing was sustained by the engine, as was at first feared.

Courtenay Extends Thanks.

Fire Chief Banks has received the following letter of appreciation from the City Clerk of the Corporation of Courtenay:

"Courtenay, December 20, 1921.

"Mr. Thomas Banks,

"Fire Chief, Cumberland.

"Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by the Municipal Council and on behalf of the citizens of Courtenay, to express to you and through you to the members of the Cumberland Fire Brigade, our appreciation and thanks for your kindness in turning out to the assistance of our Fire Brigade at the fire on Sunday morning last.

"Yours very truly,

R. McCUAIG, C.M.C."

There was no danger to Cumberland while the fire truck was down the valley, as plenty of apparatus was left, in case of need.

Routine Business Before Council

Municipalities to Receive One-Third of Revenue from Motor Licences

The fortnightly meeting of the City Council was held on Monday last, Mayor Macdonald being in the chair and Aldermen Parnham, Brown, Thomson, Pickard and Bannerman also present.

A communication was received from J. E. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Public Works, concerning the change in the Rule of the Road, which goes into effect January first next. From that date all traffic will observe the rule of 'Keep to the Right."

Revenue from Motor Licences and Race Meeting Taxes.

A copy of the "Act to Aid Municipalities" was also received. This act provides that at dates to be fixed, the Minister of Finance will pay from the Consolidated Reserve Fund of the Province in aid of municipalities an amount equal to one-third of the aggregate of the annual licence fees hereafter collected from time to time under the "Motor Vehicle Act" in respect of motor vehicles other than motorcycles.

All moneys paid to each municipality out of amounts appropriated pursuant to this provision must be placed to the credit of a special account in the municipal treasury, and shall be paid thereout only for the purpose of constructing or maintaining public roads within the municipality.

Race Meeting Taxes.

The Proviuce will also aid municipalities under this act to an amount equal to the aggregate of the taxes collected from time to time under the "Amusement Tax Act" in respect of moneys deposited for the purpose of betting at race meetings under the system known as the pari mutuel.

The amounts appropriated under this act among the municipalities in the Province will be in proportion to their respective populations.

Bills and Accounts.

The following bills and accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee:

Cumberland Motor Works, repairs to car	$ 7.75
B. C. Telephone Co.	3.70
Architect's fees on new houses.	363.00
Stamps, etc.	11.30
Labor	27.60
Dominion Rubber Co.	28.32
P. P. Harrison, professional services	30.00
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., castings, etc.	21.73
Hargreaves & Smith, supplies	32.28
Courtenay Hardware	8.55
Electric Lighting Co., repairs	1.05
Light and water	88.64
Lamps and fixtures	25.95
Western Municipal News, supplies	5.13

Want Milk Tested.

Under discussion of the duties of the Medical Health Officer, several aldermen advocated that samples of milk delivered in the city should be taken and tested occasionally to see that the milk is pure and comes up to the standard.

Auditor Appointed.

Mr. C. B. Wood, B.A., was appointed to audit the books of the council for the past year.

Municipal Election January 12.

City Clerk Mordy was appointed returning officer for the municipal elections to take place early next month. The day of nomination is January 9, and the election on Thursday, January 12, at the City Hall.

The positions to be filled this time consist of the Mayor, six Aldermen, one Police Commissioner and two School Trustees.

The City Clerk reported receiving a cheque for $230 from the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, being their portion toward the improvement of Dunsmuir Avenue.

Soldier Houses Cost $9000.

The accounts for the building of the six houses erected under the Better Housing Scheme were dealt with at length. The figures show that the six houses had cost about $9000, $6000 of which was loaned by the government, the men arranging for the balance. These accounts will be finally dealt with at the next meeting of the City Council, which will be the last under the present council.

Department of Justice Will Take No Action.

In reply to the City Council's recommendation to the Attorney-General's Department that more stringent investigation should be made into such cases as that of the shooting of the late Alderman Francescini, Mr. Carter, Deputy Minister of Justice, replied that the evidence in this case had been gone into and no ground for further action was found.

KUMBERLAND KOON KLUB

Members of the above club are asked to make a note of the fact that there will be no practice of the club held until after the Christmas and New Year holidays. The date of the next practice will be announced later.

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

Last Shopping Day Before Xmas

Don't you need New Shoes ?

WHY NOT MAKE IT A CHRISTMAS PURCHASE?
We Will Make It Worth Your While

LOOK AT THESE PRICES

50 PRS. MEN'S BLACK AND BROWN CALF SHOES—Goodyear welt, swell fitters. Regular $7.50 value. HOLIDAY PRICE **$5.00**

200 PRS. WOMEN'S OXFORDS, TIES, PUMPS AND SADDLE-STRAP OXFORDS—In Calf and Dongola, Brown and Black. Values to $8.50. HOLIDAY PRICE **$5.85**

50 PRS. WOMEN'S CALF LACE SHOES—In Black and Dark Brown, with military and low heels. Regular $7.50. HOLIDAY PRICE **$5.50**

BOYS' AND GIRLS' STRONG SCHOOL SHOES—Leckie and other reliable makes. From, per pair **$3.25**

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In Leather, Carpet and Felt. Priced upwards from, per pair **$1.00**

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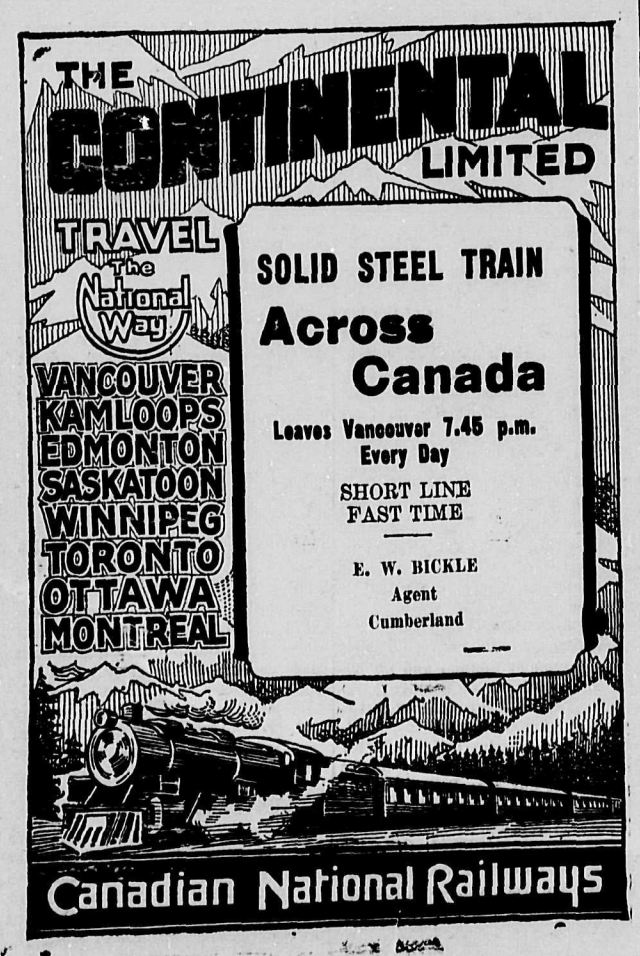

TRICKS FOR CHRISTMAS

COIN TRICK.

Place a five or a ten-cent piece in the bottom of a conical wineglass and over it a fifty-cent piece, which will rest in the glass at some distance above. It is not necessary that the larger coin be your own, as on Christmas Day few persons have a half-dollar left, unless he's a miser.

Now tell your audience that without touching anything with your hands, you will remove the ten-cent piece from the glass to the table (you may even point out the part of the table) while the fifty-cent piece will remain in the glass.

When everyone is puzzling over it, you will stand behind the glass and blow hard on the edge of the fifty-cent piece which lifts it to an upright position and your breath, reaching the bottom of the glass, will cause the smaller coin to leap out of the glass and jump to the table in the direction in which you blow, while the fifty-cent piece will return to its former position.

A MUSICAL GLASS

Take a thin cut-glass goblet and, having cut out of stiff writing paper a cross with arms of equal length, lay it on the top of the glass and then turn down each end of the four arms, so that the cross will not slip off. Having thus fitted the cross, take it off the glass and pour water into the glass until it is nearly full. Now wipe the rim free of moisture and replace the cross. You may make the glass vibrate and give out a sound by rubbing your dampened fingers over some part of the exterior. If you rub under one of the arms of the cross, the cross will not move, but rub it between any two arms and the cross will begin to turn slowly, as if by magic, and will turn until one of the arms reaches a point immediately over the place you are rubbing. You can then move your fingers round the glass and make the cross move as you please.

SWIMMING NEEDLES.

There are several ways of making needles float. The simplest is to place a piece of tissue paper on the water and lay the needle on it, the paper soon becomes saturated and sinks, while the needle is left floating.

Another method is to hang the needle in two slings made of thread, which must be carefully drawn away as soon as the needle floats.

Nothing Mean About Him.

A farmer boy and his best girl were seated in a buggy one evening in town, watching the people pass. Nearby was a popcorn vendor's stand. Presently the young lady remarked:

"My, that popcorn smells good!"

"That's right," said the gallant. "I'll drive up a little closer so you can smell it better."

THE EXPLODING ATOM

Discovery Shows That Atom is Probably a Miniature Solar System With Central Sun

In 1899 Becquerel Giesel and others showed that the rays given off from uranium could be attracted by a magnet, and the idea began to dawn that they were, perhaps, particles of electrified matter, like the partciles flying about in the vacuum-tube to which Sir William Crookes had given the name radiant matter.

Meantime a search was being made for other radio-active substances, and M. Curie and his wife succeeded in extracting from an ore of uranium two tremendously radi active substances, which they named radium and polonium; they were both thousands of times more active than uranium. So powerful are the rays of radium that one 6,000-millionth of a grain can be easily detected by its effects. Thus Sir William Crookes' tubes and two photographic films had led to the discovery of a tremendous new power. But what did all these strange things mean?

A Revolutionary Discovery.

At first the thing was a mystery, but great men like Sir J. J. Thomson, Sir Ernest Rutherford and Professor Soddy set themselves to solve it; and by sheer brain power they succeeded. They proved that radium, unanium, thoroum and other radio-active substances were really elements that were breaking up and flying to pieces, and that the so-called radiations were neither light nor phorphorescent light, but really electrified fragments of atoms, and that the radiant matter in the vacuum tube was not, as Sir William Crookes supposed, composed of indivisible atoms, but were merely fragments of atoms. The particles shot forth from radium were shown to be of two kinds, small negatively-electrified particles of the same nature as the particles flying in the vacuum tube, and larger positively-electrified particles which turned out to be atoms of the rare gas called helium. It was further shown that after the radium had broken up and given off these fragments it was charged into lead.

What a tremendous discovery, and how revolutionary! Though some astronomers had been inclined to think that the spectroscope indicated breaking atoms in the sum, every scientist in the world still believed that there was nothing more eternal and indestructible than the atom, and yet, lo and behold! atoms had been exploding all around us, and had even been undergoing transmutation into other atoms. We now know as Prof. Le Bon first suggested, that all atoms break up, and that the little fragments now called electrons are to be found everywhere. In the vacuum tube they bang against the glass till it phosphoresces. Every flame and hot surface gives them forth copiously. They swirl in the sun spots of the sun, and dance like fireflies in its carbon and calcium clouds; and shooting 93 million miles across space, they pelt against our upper atmosphere till it shimmers green and red with the aurora borealis.

Exploding the Atom.

All this is wonderful enough, but the study of the breaking atoms soon showed more wonderful things. It showed that the atom is probably a miniature solar system, consisting of electrons spinning with terrific velocity round a central sun. So terrific is the velocity that when the electrons fly off like stones from slings they flash through the air at the rate of 180,000 miles a second, almost exactly the speed of light. Particles, however small, become a tremendous power when flying at 180,000 miles a second, and there can be no doubt that in the atom we have discovered an almost infinite source of power. Some day we shall learn how to explode atoms as we explode gunpowder, and then the whole conditions of life will change.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN A MAN

Editor Wharton, the writer, told his war story: "The American wounded were being brought in from the second Marne battle," he said, "and a fussy American woman in a khaki uniform and Sam Browne belt knelt over a stretcher and said, 'Is this case an officer or only a man?' The brawny corporal who stood beside the stretcher gave her a grim laugh and said: 'Well, lady, he ain't no officer, but he's been hit twice in the innards, both legs busted, he's got two bullets in both arms, and we dropped him three times without his lettin' out a squek, so I guess ye can call him a man."—Seattle Argus.

TRAGEDY.

Act 1.
Their eyes meet.
Act. 2.
Their lips meet.
Act 3.
Their souls meet.
Act 4.
Their lawyers meet.
(Curtain.)

GIRLS ORGANIZE BUGLE CORPS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—A girls' bugle corps has been organized here. It is composed of 20 pretty young women attending high school or working in local offices and stores. They will wear natty uniforms with cavalry forage caps cocked on one side of their heads. Their services are already in big demand, several offers coming from the States to attend conventions and other gatherings planned for 1922. The girls are already proficient in bugling.

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A French scientist, Countremouline, who is chief of the bureau of radiography for the hospitals of Paris, is preparing a report to the French Academy of Science, dealing with his experiments with an X-ray apparatus. Countremouline has proven that he can photograph subjects through a stone wall. It will take, he claims, from 10 to 15 years to insure the success of his work as applied to biology. It will be steady uphill work, but he is certain of reaching his goal.

The results he has obtained were gotten by means of an apparatus that photographed through a one-inch marble slab at a distance of 50 to 200 feet. It may be stated that the first radiograph machine was used in 1896, requiring eight hours' exposure with the plate only 10 inches distant. The remarkable advance in gain of time exposure and increased distance makes it quite plausible to believe that soon people will be living in glass houses.

Another thing we have yet the pleasure of seeing is a woman sweeping cigar ashes from the rug, smiling like the lady in the vacuum cleaner ads.

THE SAILOR'S LADY

Caressing winds of morning,
Take thou this kiss from me;
Now waft it to my lover
Sailing the gleaming sea.

Calm winds of summer's noontide,
A thought I give to thee,
Transmit it to my lover,—
This thought of him from me.

Soft, teasing winds of evening,
Hold me in you rembrace,
Then hie thee to my lover,—
Blow gently in his face.

Strong, daring winds of midnight,
Sweep fast across the sea,
Fill out the sails of my lover's ship
As he hastens back to me.

G. H. G. in Canadian Pictorial.

He was the keeper of a livery stable and he would never allow a horse out of his sight without giving strict instructions to the hirer not to ride fast.

One day a caller asked for a horse to attend a funeral.

"Certainly," said the liveryman, and then forgetting the solemn purpose for which the customer wanted the horse, he added, as was his wont: "Don't ride fast."

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VANCOUVER HEN LAID 381 EGGS IN ONE YEAR

VANCOUVER.—Elizabeth, the elderly dowager of the hennery of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Foster, old-time residents, has gone on record with 381 eggs as the result of her efforts during the past year and two weeks. Elizabeth is a White Wyandotte and a prize winner in many shows. This is said to be a record. Her proud owners are going to present their pet to the experimental station, Invermere, B. C.

MANY BAD CHEQUES

VANCOUVER.—As usual at this season of the year, bad cheques are in evidence again, and many merchants have been victimized. Several clubs have been "stung" and one place had to close because of heavy losses from this source. One suave individual, claiming to be a scion of nobility, represented himself as the organizer of a big syndicate and got away with a lot of money before he vanished. A warrant is out for his arrest.

And Then the Fight Started.

Murphy and Moran, who had not met for years, were exchanging confidences at an Irish fair.

"Shure, it's married Oi am," said Murphy, "and Oi've got a foine healthy boy which the neighbors do say is the very picture av me."

Moran gazed at his friend's far from beautiful face, and then said:

"Och, well! what's the harrum so long as the child is healthy?"

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF NANAIMO

Holden at Cumberland, B. C.

In the matter of the Estate of John Olson Loseth, deceased; and in the matter of the Administration Act.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of the Hon. Judge Barker made the 14th day of December, 1921, I was appointed administrator to the estate of the said John Olson Loseth, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 15th day of January, A.D., 1922; and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

WESLEY WILLARD, J.P.,
Official Administrator.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1921.
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WIRELESS TELEPHONES SAVE FORESTS OF B. C.

Enable Quick Communication to Be Made With Headquarters —Airplane Service

It has been truly said that where there is no progress, there is a backward tendency. This applies to modern methods of fighting fires in cities, which have shown such a huge improvement in equipment and methods used, and this is no less true in forest fire fighting.

In cities, however, communication with the fire suppression force is rapid and accurate, and it is this factor which bears such a large part in keeping down fire loss; by quick knowledge of an outbreak and quicker action. But forests are far from towns and cities, as well as the usual commercial methods of communication, that of the telephone or telegraph or even roads. This feature is still further accentuated where the forests adjoin a coast line of approximately 12,000 miles, such as that of British Columbia, with its sparsely settled inlets from 20 to 70 miles in length; isolated logging camps scattered along the shores, and out of touch with the world except for the irregular visits of the camp tug boat, or occasionally of some coasting steamer.

Patrolling Remote Areas.

With huge inlets of such length to cover, when a forest ranger starts to inspect the camps situated along these inlets on his launch, it means that he would be out of touch with his headquarters for a week, or possibly two. It also means that he could not be reached in time to direct him to make certain inspections or give him other information until he returned to his headquarters, or could not be informed of the fact that he was needed because of a forest fire.

Conversely, he could not communicate with his headquarters, requesting help in the way of men and tools; so that the initial action, which is all important in the case of fire, could not be taken or become really effective.

To overcome this handicap of communication, advantage was taken of advancing science in the form of the wireless telephone and three land stations, and five launches were equipped with wireless telephone sets, which allowed communication with the district supervisors' headquarters, being effective within a radious of 40 to 50 miles, and the whole in touch with the district office in Vancouver, and it is now no uncommon occurrence for a ranger to receive a message within the space of a couple of hours that would, with the existing methods of communication, have taken a week or more.

Thousands of Messages by Wireless.

From May to September 1, 1921, a total of 3074 messages were received at and from the different wireless sets, and 3115 messages were transmitted, containing a total of 212,606 words. These figures convey some idea of the use to which these instruments are utilized, and approximately 90 per cent. of these messages were in reference to matters of forest protection.

The days of the foot patrolmen and the horse are nearly gone; new methods and ways were necessary as the problem of protecting the forests from fire became more complex each year; and each year sees the adopting of modern scientific methods to combat forest fires, of which the wireless telephone is but one, though a most important and necessary, link in the chain.

Splendid work was done during the past season by the airplant patrol, which patrolled Vancouver Island and the mainland coastline regularly, reporting fires at once, and in many instances taking men to fight the fires.

Women—Always!

North: "What style of architecture do you like best?"

West: "I've always favored the tall, thin ones."

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[When overtaking any vehicle going in the same direction pass to the left, except street-cars.]

All persons in charge of vehicles on any highway within the Province will please govern themselves accordingly.

By Order.
J. H. KING,
Minister of Public Works.

Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.
Department of Public Works,
December 1st, 1921.

Christmas Eve

Over the hills in Palestine
The silver stars began to shine;
Night drew her shadows softly round
The slumb'ring earth, without a sound.

Among the dewy fields and rocks,
The shepherd kept their quiet flocks,
And looked along the dark'ning land
That waited the divine command.

When lo! through all the opening blue,
Far up the deep, dark heavens with-
drew;
And angels in a radiant light
Praised God through oil the list'ning
night.

Again the sky was deep and dark;
Each star relumed his silver spark;
The dreaming land in silence lay
And waited for the dawning day.

But, in a stable low and rude,
Where white-horned, mild-eyed oxen
stood,
The gates of heaven were still dis-
played,
For Christ was in the manger laid.

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas-time Dan Cupid plays
The cantrips that all lovers know;
He sets the coldest heart ablaze
To watch where careless Beauty strays
Beneath the magic mistletoe
He turns the baldest prose to rhyme
At Christmas-time.

Old maids forget dour days that lie
Beneath their autumn and their
spring;
The moth becomes a butterfly,
Powdered with silver, bright of dye,
And daily wilful on the wing—
For seriousness is like a crime
At Christmas-time.

Old bachelors, that will not see
Their April's lusty green again,
Wag frosty head, bend gouty knee,
Because the frolic deity
Has made the blood through every
vein
Prance with remembrance of their
prime
At Christmas-time.

Young maids stand out upon the floor,
And old wives gossip by the fire,
While this skilled Archer, as of yore,
Sends forth his arrows by the score,
All winged and pointed with desire.
Who will may creep, who will may
climb:
Love misses few at Christmas-time.

—NORA CHESSON.

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT

Along the slopes of an ancient hill,
Lo, we are shepherds and watchers,
still.
Behold the flocks of our shepherd-
care:
The faith we hold and the love we
bear.

Lo, we are shepherds, the same as
they
Who kept the Christmas of yesterday,
Who *rose at even and followed far*
The golden path of a princely star.

Beside old memories watching here
This holy night of the passing year,
Across the vale and along the hill
The Light of Christmas is with us still.

And we are glad of the sacred sign
As were the shepherds of ancient line.
We rise to follow—what less might we
Than they, the watchers across the
sea?

We rise to follow—and home we fare,
Our gifts of incense and myrrh to bear,
And lay them down, with the rest,
beside
The blessed Child of the Christmas-
tide.
For 'neath the roofs of the homeland
far,
We still keep faith with the Christmas
Star;
And Love is Master, and Love is all
Tonight wherever its rays shall fall.

F. W. HUTT.

CHRISTMAS-LAND

I wonder where the railroad starts
That runs to Christmas-land?
And do excursion tickets cost
More than a boy can stand?

If I had time and money, too,
I'd start to travel, and
I'd wander up and down till I
Had found the Christmas-land.

I wonder if good Santa Claus
Would leave a map for me.
I'd like to figure out how long
A voyage it would be.

The Management and Staff of
The Cumberland Islander extend to all its
Readers Best Wishes for a Very
Merry Christmas and Happy and
Prosperous New Year

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

By L. G. MOBERLY.

"NO, Giles, I don't believe in Christmas. If I have told you so once, I have told you a score of times. I will not have any Christmas flummery where I can see it. Please understand that distinctly."

"Very good, my lord."

"You can stick holly and evergreen in the servants' hall, *if they can't get on without it*, but I will have no Christmas foolery anywhere else in the house. Christmas is an effete, nonsensical revival. I will have nothing to do with it."

"Very good, my lord," the butler repeated *respectfully*, leaving the library to return to the housekeeper's room and announce that,—

"His lordship was worse set against Christmas than he had even known him in all these years."

"*Old curmudgeon*," the *housekeeper*, a *newly-imported* personage, said, with a resounding sniff, "he doesn't deserve to be in a Christian land."

Giles stiffened. He disapproved of anyone who called his master, or his master's actions, in question.

"His *lordship* has a right to his own opinions," he said coldly, "and Christmas is a time that reminds him of many things. No doubt he knows his own business best."

"Oh, no doubt," snapped the housekeeper; "and I have a right to my opinion, too, which is that your precious lordship is a curmudgeon, and ought to be ashamed of himself; that's what I think. You can take it or leave it."

Mr. Giles presumably left it, for he sauntered majestically from the room.

While this conversation was in course of progress downstairs, John, Earl of Maresbrook, sat upstairs alone in his library, his armchair drawn close to the blazing fire, an open book in his hand. But his eyes were not looking at the printed page, they were turned toward the glowing coals in the grate, and the frown which had drawn his brows together at his butler's words, still rested on his face.

"Holly and evergreen in the hall indeed,—and in here! Bah—the old fool must be in his dotage. When have I ever wished to be reminded of Christmas, or to see Christmas decorations—since—since—"

No—he had never been able to endure Christmas decorations, or to tolerate any Christmas rejoicings, since that *day so long and long ago, when he and Jack had spent* their last Christmas here together.

Pshaw! It was ridiculous to allow these tiresome memories, these thoughts of bygone days, to rise up and look him in the face now,—now, when they had been dead and buried and—forgotten for many and many a year. In spite of the warm, well lit room, the old man shivered, and put out his hands to the blaze, as though those memories of his past chilled him.

Once upon a time Christmas at the Hall had been a season of gaiety and rejoicing, a time of unfeigned gladness,—goodwill; but that was before Jack and he had parted with the bitterness, which all the intervening years had been powerless to wipe out.

With a *great rustling and crackling of its leaves*, he unfolded the newspaper, and spread it before him, mastering its contents by the sheer strength of will which had enabled him to thrust behind him those ghosts of the past that would rise and look into his face—those thoughts of Jack, which stirred at his heart, because the Christmas season had come round again. The opening of the front door, followed by the sound of voices in the hall, made him lift his head sharply.

"I'll see nobody tonight," the reflection went through his mind, "and if it is the rector,—he may be sent about his business like the rest. I will see nobody." He lifted again the paper which he had lowered for an instant, when the library door was slowly opened, and the butler appeared *upon the threshold*.

"A young gentleman wishes to speak to your lordship," he said, in a strangely shaking voice, "he—"

"I can see nobody tonight," the answer came quickly and peremptorily. "I—I am busy; it is past six o'clock,—and I can see *nobody*."

"The—the—little—I should say the—er—young gentleman has come a long way, your lordship,—and if—"

"Ask his business. It cannot be anything urgent, and if it is urgent, it must wait till tomorrow morning. Twelve hours or so will make no difference. I can see nobody *tonight*."

"I am afraid the young gentleman won't take no for an answer, my lord," Giles said gently; "he seems wonderfully determined."

"Won't take no for an answer!" Lord Maresbrook leaped from his chair with amazing celerity for a man of his years.

"Has Christmas driven you mad that you should dare to come to me and tell me you are incapable of turning away *an importunate visitor*? It seems that I must turn out this pushing young person myself,—not take no for an answer, indeed!"

The old Earl walked briskly across the library, and into the hall, when, from out of the shadows near the front *door a small boy stepped into the circle of light immediately* under the hanging lantern. He was a very small boy, slight and sturdy of build, dressed in a rough pilot coat, and holding his cap in his hand. The lamplight fell softly on his curly head, and on the fair uplifted face, from which a pair of bright blue eyes looked up into Lord Maresbrook's startled countenance.

"How do you do?" he said. "I've come home for Christmas. I'm dreadfully disappointed about there being no holly and *mistletoe*."

"Come—home—for—Christmas?" Lord Maresbrook said slowly, deeper and deeper amazement spreading over his face. "What does it matter to you whether there is holly here or no? Who are you? And why have you come here *at all?*"

"Well, you see—I've come for Christmas," the small boy answered, thrusting a confiding hand into the Earl's limp and unresponsive one. "I've always wanted to come ever since I was a tiny weeny little chap, from really ever since I was a baby—ages ago." From the vast age of seven years, babyhood looked very far away, and the small sturdy form was drawn up to its full height.

"You see, out West," he went on, "out West we don't *have houses like this, and I wanted most dreadfully to see* the holly berries shining against the black oak, same as it used to do."

Something in the touch of the little hand that clung to his own, checked the impatient question that rose to the *old man's lips: something about the fair, curly head that* reached just above his elbow, sent an odd, unaccustomed thrill through his veins: the small clear voice seemed like the echo of a voice out of that far away past, when Jack—

"Why ever didn't you have any holly?" the boy's voice broke in upon his thoughts. "Is it too late to put some up now? It ought to be there by Christmas morning, oughtn't it? And I've learned Good King Wenceslaus to say to you, too," he added, with a child's irrelevance.

Lord Maresbrook started, as if he had been stung, and his hand suddenly closed convulsively over the hand he held.

"I never allow Christmas carols here," he said abruptly.

"Dad said you always had carols every Christmas morning—dad said *there was holly just everywhere*, all round the pictures, and up the bannisters, and along the oak in the hall, dad said—"

The sudden clutch of the old mans' hand on his shoulder made the boy wince.

"Who is dad? Why do you come here and tell me what your father says? What does it matter to me?"

"Didn't you know about my coming? Dad wrote a letter," the little lad replied. "'The letter must have got lost in the post, 'cos dad wrote it, and then he sent me home to you for Christmas."

"Who are you, that is the question you haven't answered yet?"

"Why, I'm dad's boy, of course, and dad was your boy. *You haven't forgotten about dad being your boy*, have you? I didn't think dads ever forgot about their own boys.

"I'm—dad's—boy," the child repeated shakily, awed and oppressed by the oppressive silence, "and I—just came—to say my Christmas carol to you, same as dad used to do."

Giles' breathing became all at once like a suppressed sob, and his master turned on him fiercely.

"What is all this tomfoolery?" he exclaimed. "Is it some

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AT CHRISTMAS-TIME

I love to think at holy Christmas-time
The patient kine may share our joy's increase;
Oxen and cow, with eyes of a deep peace,
So reminiscent of that Night sublime.

When near them lay the Child in manger rude,
With Maid Divine who pondered in her heart
The voices and the glory, all a part
Of the eternal bliss each year renewed.

I love to think the sheep have memories
Of when the glory fell upon their sight,
With that of shepherds, on first Christmas night—
Visions—for such do throng their tender eyes.

Comforts to all God's creatures, least of them
As greatest, comfort we will vow to bring,
Henceforth, anew, the while we Noel sing,
And claim heaven's peace, our spirit's diadem.

—Fanny Runnells Poole.

STAR OF THE EAST

Beautiful Star, that dawned in the Orient,
Shedding thy light on the desert's lone way,
Led by thy brightness, we, too, would come bringing
Our gifts, magi-like, in the manger to lay.
Gladly we offer our choicest of treasures,
Seeking, with these, our allegiance to prove;
But our gems and our myrrh, our gold and frankincense,
Are offered in vain if not offered in love.

Beautiful Star, that with mystical arrow
Told where a King was enthroned in a stall,—
Oh, fair are the orbs shining nightly above us,
But thou, in thy splendor, excellest them all.
Shine on in the darkness, bright herald of morning;
Shine on down the ages with lustre undimmed,
Still leading the way to the sweet Son of Mary,
Till through the wide world hallelujahs are hymned.

—MARY B. SLEIGHT.

Sly Santa Claus

All the house was asleep,
And the fire burning low,
When, from far up the chimney,
Came down a "Ho! ho!"
And a little, round man,
With a terrible scratching,
Dropped into the room
With a wink that was catch'ng.
Yes, down he came, bumping,
And thumping, and jumping,
And picked himself up without a
sign of a bruise.

"Ho! ho!" he kept on,
As if bursting with cheer.
"Good children, gay children,
Glad children, see here!
I have brought you fine dolls,
And gay trumpets, and rings,
Noah's arks, and bright skates,
And a host of good things!
I have brought a whole sackful,
A *packful*, a *hackful*!
Come hither, come hither, come
hither and choose!

"Ho! ho! What is this?
Why, they are all asleep!
But their stockings are up,
And my presents will keep!
So, in with the candies,
The books, and the toys;
All the goodies I have
For the good girls and boys.
I'll ram them, and jam them,
And slam them, and cram them;
All the stockings will hold while
the tired youngsters snooze."

All the while his round shoulders
Kept ducking and ducking;
And his little, fat fingers
Kept tucking and tucking;
Until every stocking
Bulged out on the wall,
As if it were bursting,
And ready to fall.
And then, all at once,
With a whisk and a whistle,
And twisting himself
Like a tough bit of gristle,
He bounced up again,
Like the down of a thistle,
And nothing was left but the prints of
his shoes.

S. C. STONE.

IN SANTA CLAUS TIME

Ain't they lookin' rosy—
Ain't they feelin' prime!
Li'l' bit of fellers,
In the Santa Claus time!

Peekin' from the kiver—
Ever' li'l' face,
When the night wind rumbles
In the chimney place.

"Listen to the witch wind!"
Hide each curly head!
It's nuthin' but the runnin'
Of the reindeer on the shed!

An' while the dark is driftin'
To the mornin' beams,
They're in the Christmas country,
Holdin' hands with dreams!

—FRANK L. STANTON.

DECEMBER

No flower has thou, no song of bird;
No vernal leaf by zephyr stirred;
No autumn joys with fruitage rare;
And every tree and shrub is bare.
Thy grasses are all dried and sear;
Thy winds are cold and chill and drea
Thy sun, it fails with warmth benign,
To pierce yon dull gray clouds of
thine;
And Night and Morn they seemed to
meet
Like ghosts of other days and greet.
If mellow skies by chance appear,
And fleecy clouds by blue flecked clear;
Or sunsets fair, with crimson glow,
We still thy form and visage know.
And yet we see nor gloom nor frown,
December, 'neath thy holly crown.
Some falsely name thee month of gloom
And grudgingly they give theee room.
Though Nature has half hid her face,
We give to thee a welcome place.
No other month of all the year
Can bring to us such joy and cheer.
No flower, how sweet, that scents the
air,
With Christmas holly can compare;
No song, how sweet, that bird can
sing,
Like carols heard for Christ, the King.
And, best of all, at Christmas time,
The heart, by *melody sublime*,
Is stirred to noble thought and deed—
To generous care for others' need;
To love more warm and kind and true
In what we think and say and do.

—Alice Arnold.

Ring out the old—Ring in the
new,
Ring out the false—Ring in the
true.

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CHRISTMAS

Over nineteen hundred years ago at Bethlehem in Judea, was born an infant of humble parentage. With that child was born into the world a new civilization, a new religion, a new hope. Christian and infidel alike argee that the life He led was pure and blameless and the principles He taught have blessed and sanctified the world. All over the country—all over the world—sounds the greeting of Merry Christmas! On sea and land, wherever two persons meet who know and love the story of Christmas, the greeting is exchanged. Where can there be parallel to the universal greeting? Is there any other sentiment that has the soverignity of this cheerful and heartfelt word? It travels through the mails like nothing so much as the doves of which the Scripture speaks, for surely the sentiment flits from altar to altar of the hearts of men and is as gentle as the dove.

Nothing so stirs the feelings of sympathy and benevolence so readily as Christmas, says a contemporary; nothing tends so much to gladness and goodwill. Nothing makes memory so tender, or loneliness so keen. We think of days that were and again will never be; of friends we loved and cherished that are no more. Of those we lived for, perhaps, with too tender affection, and who turned away lightly and without a care, leaving a secret desolation. No time revives such thoughts and memories so poignantly as Christmas. And yet Christmas is the dearest day of all the year. We remember, but more kindly. We remember so kindly that we try to forget!—forget our personal griefs or wants and cherish a keener impulse to communicate kindly feeling and helpfulness to others. It is the gift time. Not only the gift of little material things, but the gift of these as symbols of gifts of affection and fraternity. We feel for our kindred and our fellow man. It is an expression of our consciousness of the essential unity of humanity—so often forgotten in the daily pressure of life. We are in the frame of mind, for the moment at least, where "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" is not an empty phrase. And surely this is the primal thought of Christmas, for it celebrates the greatest gift of God to man.

AN UNSATISFACTORY SERVICE

The northern part of Vancouver Island is once more "enjoying" the tri-weekly train and mail service, the E. & N. Railway Co. having put the new schedule into effect on Monday last. The railway company chose about the worst time of the year in which to cut the service—the week preceding Christmas, when not only is the mail service the largest in the whole year, but it also puts people who want to get home for Christmas to great inconvenience. To this is added the further annoyance of travellers from Vancouver on the Patricia being unable to connect with the up-train any day in the week, under the present steamship service. For some reason not apparent to people of this district, the shipping department runs a single service only on days when the train travels up the Island, the vessel leaving Vancouver at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Thus to make connections, a person must leave Vancouver the day previous, when the Patricia makes a double run, and lay over in Nanaimo until the next day.

The C. P. R. probably have reasons satisfactory to themselves for this mixed-up service, but to us it looks like very bad management.

Passengers have the alternative of leaving Vancouver at midnight, going to Victoria and taking the train from there for up-Island points. This will give the C. P. R. added revenue, but it is mighty poor service for a big corporation. It is hoped they will soon see the wisdom of changing the schedule to a business-like one, so that travellers on stated days can make the through trip without stop-over at Nanaimo or having to travel by the unnecessarily long and expensive Victoria route.

DISTANT FIELDS LOOK GREENEST

Always urging loyalty to the home merchant and the conserving of our local revenues, we are again called to sound a warning against flamboyant stock-selling schemes that are luring much money away from this place. The mails are filled with tempting letters from companies with all sorts of get-rick-quick schemes. And, the pity of it is, results are following. Money is leaving. If any of it ever returns it will be the happening of the unusual.

It is the old story—distant fields look greenest. For the same reason that a hen will pass over ripe ears of corn to peck at a withered flake at the end of the field, and half strangle herself sticking out her neck to reach for it, so many otherwise sane folk will overlook really substantial openings for investment in their own community, and "invest" in a remote, dubious project so shady, at times, that money has to come from a distant part, for investors on the spot would not touch it with a pitchfork. Some of these "investment" schemes can hardly be called even a game of chance, for there is no chance at all in it.

The bank is a good place for your money. Local real estate, farm land, mortgages—lots of sound, local openings are here for your investment. Something of the same thing may be said about much of our mail order buying and the money it takes out of town.—Penticton Herald.

Many British historians and antiquarians seriously believe the legend of Joseph may be founded on fact, and that the Grail, after more than nineteen centuries, will be uncovered at Glastonbury Abbey, where the work of excavation is being conducted. It was there that Joseph of Arimathea, who, legend says, brought the Holy Grail—the cup or chalice of the last supper, in which blood that flowed from the wounds of the crucified Saviour had been miraculously preserved—to England, founded a church. The excavation is being made north of the existing Ladv Chapel and at the base of a pillar on which marks of Joseph's church have been discovered.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands for British Columbia, has been on a joy-ride to Sweden and England, the excuse being an investigation of the hydro-chemical industries of the former place and outlet for timber in the latter country. We should have thought these matters could be more efficiently investigated by engineers with a special knowledge of the matters involved. A report from Mr. Pattullo on technical problems is not worth the paper it is written on; and the joy-ride has cost the Provincial Treasury several thousand dollars which might better have been applied to securing reports from competent engineers or in productive employment for returnd soldiers so much in need, and so deserving of consideration.—Mining and Engineering Record.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

God grant you happiness and mirth,
And little children 'round your hearth,
  And all the joys of health;
And may you own the glorious things,
Which true contentment always brings,
  With just enough of wealth;
And may you find along your way
The Christmas spirit every day.

Home for Christmas

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plot? And are you in it? Who sent this boy here to—to trouble me?"

"I won't be any trouble," the child said earnestly. "I can wash myself and dress myself and all, only sometimes mummy helps me ever such a little bit with difficult buttons."

"I know nothing about it, my lord, nothing what ever," Giles put in tremblingly. "I was as surprised as your lordship could have been when I saw the little gentleman standing on the step outside, and I never guessed, I never thought—until I saw the likeness—"

"The likeness, what likeness?" exclaimed the Earl.

"The little gentleman is the living likeness of the portrait over the dining-room mantlepiece, my lord," was the respectful answer. "I couldn't doubt who he was directly I set eyes on him."

"Turn up the lamps in the dining-room," the old Earl said, shortly, "and let us see this wonderful likeness, then perhaps"—he did not end the sentence, but grasping the boy's shoulder again, he pushed him into the huge dining-room, round whose paneled walls hung the dead and gone lords and ladies of the Maresbrook house, looking down with varying expressions upon their grim old descendant, and the little blue-eyed boy at his side. Upon the mantlepiece stood two tall lamps whose light fell full upon the picture in the centre of the wall, the picture of a boy dressed in the closely fitting white satin of a far off date, a white cap decked with pearls resting on his short fair curls. The blue eyes of the pictured child looked down at the old man on the hearth rug, with an expression which was exactly reproduced in the blue eyes of the living boy: the eyes that were turned from the pictured boy in his shining satin garments, to the small boy in his rough pilot coat, were misty and dim.

"Dad's boy," he said, in strange, broken accents; then looking over his shoulder at the butler in the doorway, he exclaimed fiercely, "Of course I see there is a likeness,—any fool could see that,—but—but it is probably a chance likeness,—and—"

"Dad's often told me about this room," the boy broke in eagerly; "he said there was all our ancestors looking down at us from the walls. And, oh! please, before you send me away again, might I just see the room where dad used to say his carol to you on Christmas morning, when he was a little chap like me? I've learned Good King Wenceslaus on purpose to say it just like dad did."

The old Earl's eyes looked down again at the curly head so little above his elbow, and with again a gesture that was more rough than gentle, he drew the child from the dining-room into the warm, well lighted library.

With a low exclamation that sounded like an inarticulate cry, the old man closed the door, leaving Giles outside in the hall, and shutting himself into the library with the child, whose alert gaze was travelling eagerly round the room.

"It's all every bit what dad said,' 'he cried excitedly; "and oh! if you please, don't send me away till after Christmas. I do want dreadfully to say my carol to you tomorrow morning, exactly the same as dad did."

"Where—is—dad?" The words came quickly and with difficulty; the old man sank into his armchair as if he were very tired.

"Dad's at home on the ranch but he said he was going to send me home for Christmas, to see you, and to see the dear old place,—and I was to say to you,—I was to say—"

"What were you to say?" The old voice grew eager,—impatient.

"My goodness! I nearly forgot," the child's laugh rang round the room. "I've thought about it all the time, and I'm so 'cited now, I nearly forgot. Why, dad told me to say, 'Love the boy for old sake's sake, and let me come back some day.' There! I've remembered, and please may I just stay with you until after Christmas?"

The old man's head bent lower, lower yet, till the gray hairs and the fair curls mingled together; the trembling old arm drew the sturdy small figure into close embrace, the shaky old voice said wistfully,

"I—I think I shall keep you with me now, and—if I keep you,—what would you like to do?"

Two strong little arms were flung round the speaker's neck; two soft lips were laid against the worn old face; and the small clear voice exclaimed triumphantly,

"First, I'd like to put up holly and mistletoe and things all over the house, same as dad used to do, and then we'll sit here and you'll tell me fairy stories same as you used to tell dad: and tomorrow we'll have a happy Christmas,—you and me together, and I'll be your little boy till dad comes home. Will dad be back soon? I'd have liked dad here for Christmas." There was a pause, then the old man's hand rested on the curly head and he said, very gently,

"We can't get dad home for this Christmas but—he will be here long before next Christmas,—long, long before then. You need not be afraid, little chap. Next year daddy will be—home—for—Christmas."

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Fashion note: The only place they are wearing hips this season is on the front end of a hooray!

One difference between a balky horse and a balky wife is that you can unhitch the horse.

Some of our critics who claim that the stuff we print is "too personal" should see some of the stuff we don't print. —Exchange.

A lot of men boast of years of experience. Too many of them have merely had practice. There is a big difference. Practice consists in doing the same thing over and over again. Experience means that you have observed results and applied your accumulated knowledge to improve successive performances.

ONCE again we take pleasure in extending to you our hearty and sincere good wishes for your Christmas, and the hope that the New year will continue to bring to all of us Life, Health and Happiness.

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PETITION OTTAWA FOR RELEASE OF HUGHES

VANCOUVER.—A petition asking for the release of Griffith Hughes has been prepared by D. W. F. McDonald. barrister, acting on instructions of friends of the convicted man, who is now serving a sentence of five years in the provincial penitentiary.

The petition, addressed to the Minister of Justice, states that Hughes' health is impaired, that he has made restitution to the best of his power, and that the ends of justice have been met. Also that his family needs his help.

RED NOSES BUT SHORT SKIRTS AND SILK HOSE

VANCOUVER.—Red noses, numb fingers and short skirts marked the record-breaking cold snap here this week. Vancouver's belles were bundled up in furs reaching to their noses, but the abbreviated skirts and open-work hosiery prevailed as usual. Few young women have been making any concession to Jack Frost in the matter of lengthening their skirts.

WISHING ONE AND ALL
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AND
Happy New Year

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When a man says he wishes to consult his wife about it, he means that he wishes to get his wife's instructions.

The silver lining to domestic clouds is payday.

The elevator man who married a heiress still has his ups and downs.

The least expensive gift is that of being pleasant.

Austria's deficit is 150,000,000,000 crowns, or several dollars.

The Anglo-American Congress of Historians are of the opinion that English history books are warped by prejudice. There is some talk of history being abolished.—Punch.

JOHNNIE KNEW

Johnnie (to new visitor): "So you are my grandma, are you?"

Grandmother: "Yes, Johnnie, I'm your grandma on your father's side."

Johnnie: "Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll soon find that out."

"Dearest, will you marry me?"

"I can't, Edgar. I'm a dyspeptic."

"Oh, that will be all right. You can go to your church and I will go to mine."

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ENTERTAINMENT AT UNION BAY SCHOOL

Scholars in the Senior Room Gave Very Creditable and Enjoyable Performance

An entertainment was given in the School Hall by the scholars in the Senior Room of Union Bay School, on the evening of December 15. Mr. Baldwin, one of the School Trustees, occupied the chair, and after a few remarks on school work, introduced the boys and girls taking part in the programme.

The hall was filled with parents and others in the district who expressed their pleasure at the way the children acquitted themselves.

Owing to the pressure of examinations, and the late date at which it was decided to have a concert and entertainment, the time for rehearsal and preparation was short. The performers, however, presented a creditable appearance. The singers were accompanied by Miss Crawford on the piano, who was good enough to assist in rehearsals and practice.

Miss Davis and Miss Bailie of the staff, rendered valuable help.

Among the items was the well known Scottish song, "The Wee Cooper of Fife." This was ably rendered by J. Crawford, who received an encore.

Miss Eva Baldwin recited an old favorite, "Jessie's Dream," with acceptance, Miss Crawford playing the accompaniment pianissimo, the various Scottish airs breaking through at intervals.

A short exhibition of drill (commonly known as "Jerks") by various girls and boys was appreciated, the performers being greeted with applause. The space for drill was restricted, but Tom Formby, who was responsible for the words of command, made the most of his opportunities.

After refreshments, present given by the various pupils to one another were handed out by the chairman, Santa Claus as usual being present on the scene. "God Save the King" ended an evening much enjoyed by all.

JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD PROVIDES NEW THRILLS

Thrilling Tale of the Far North Snow Country Has Beautiful Romance Interwoven

Another triumph of the silent drama is David Hartford's production of "The Golden Snare," which shows at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

Adapted from James Oliver Curwood's fascinating story of the same name, this remarkable photodrama, with a compelling, vital, throbbing plot, fairy smacks of the charm and mystery and primitiveness of the Far North country amid which the scenes are laid.

Lewis Stone, as a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted selected to bring back, "dead or alive," Bram Johnson, long wanted fugitive from justice, is the featured player and gives a wonderful characterization. Wallace Beery plays the hunted Bram Johnson. Ruth Renick portrays the girl Celie around whom the mystery of the golden snare and the mad-man of the barrens centres. Others in the cast are Melbourne MacDowell, Wellington Playter, Francis MacDonald and Baby Esther Scott.

A beautiful romance is interwoven in this thrilling tale of the snow country. The photography is remarkable. Night in the Arctic, a raging blizzard, Bram Johnson driving his pack of savage wolf-dogs—these are a few of the striking scenes which will linger long in the memory.

"The Golden Snare," released by Associated First National, is an extraordinary and splendid picture.

Beside this feature there will also be shown a good two-reel comedy.

END OF THE WORLD PROPHET BOBS UP AGAIN

Halley's Comet Prophet Appears Again With Another Prediction to Upset the Simple

VANCOUVER.—Although he got his dates mixed with his prophecy of the world's ending and the coming of Halley's comet some years ago, "Deacon" Enoch Samuel, a strange character, is back here in the prophet business with another strange prediction. He is attracting crowds who linger in the intense cold, listening to his frenzied harangues. The deacon has been in the States for several years. Police records show he was in trouble in the San Joaquin Valley, California, last year on charges of extortion.

Samuel announces his intention of visiting provincial towns with his mission, and claims divine inspiraton. He never omits to take up a collection.

When Halley's comet was expected he created a sensation by predicting the end of the world with a great cataclysm, but vanished on the date of the supposed event.

Coal Merchant (anxiously): "Hold on! That load hasn't been weighed. It looks to me a trifle large for a ton."

Driver: "'Tain't intended for a ton. It's two tons."

Coal Merchant: "Beg pardon. Go ahead."

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You're young and you're brave and you're bright.
You've had a raw deal,
I know, but don't squeal,
Buck up, do your darndest and fight!
It's the plugging away
That will win you the day,
So don't be a piker, old pard;
Just draw on your grit;
It's easy to quit—
It's the keeping your chin up that's hard.

—Robert W. Service.

As the old darky said, "A chicken am de mos' usefullest animule dere be. You can eat him befoah he am bohn an' aftah he am dead."

HOTEL CLUBS ARE ALL DARK; OTHER CLUBS RUN; SOME BOOZE

VANCOUVER.—The hotel clubs are dark after a week's futile trial. Beer supplies were cut off and the experiment failed. In the meantime, the other clubs are running as usual, but with some shortage of beer. It is said that beer supplies from Calgary are expected to help out the situation. For those who know where and how to wink the right way, there is by no means any famine in liquor at these festive haunts.

NATURE NOTE

If flies are flies because they fly,
And fleas are fleas because they flee,
Then bees are bees because they be.

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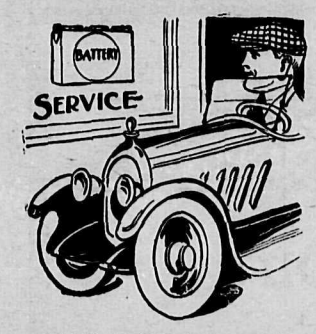

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Colored lady, to one of her own race: "Is dese aigs fresh?"

"I ain's sayin' dey ain't," was the reply.

"I ain't askin' you is dey ain't," she retorted, "but is dey, Is Dey?"

But It's Warmer Down Under.

"Lady just arrived from England wishes to dispose of her entire wardrobe."—Ad. in Australian paper.

RULE OF THE ROAD WILL BE CHANGED ON JANUARY FIRST NEXT

Commencing at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, January 1 next, the rule of the road in this district will be changed to bring it into conformity with the remainder of the province and the North American continent generally.

On that day all vehicular traffic will observe the direction to

KEEP TO THE RIGHT.

The change will require more than usual care, especially on the part of motorists, though there is no reason for misapprehension if drivers will give due consideration to the regulations.

The new regulations provide that any vehicle going in the same direction as others, it will pass to the left

MASONIC HOMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—Forty thousand Free Masons in New South Wales are to be asked to pay one penny a week each, or four shillings a year, to provide for the upkeep of children's homes. The establishment of these homes by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales marks an important development in the benevolent work of Free Masonry. This new scheme was described at the annual dinner of the New South Wales Masonic Club by Rt. Wor. Bro. John Goulston, deputy grand master, who said that on the previous night the Grand Lodge had agreed to a scheme which he was sure would have the approval of all Masons. The Grand Lodge was taking £25,000 from its general purposes fund, and was buying 50 acres of land in a near-by suburb. On this land they would erect administration buildings and bungalows, each of which would contain 24 children, presided over by a mother. These children would be fed, clothed and educated, and given a start in life so that they might be able to earn a good living.

The deputy grand master also made public the ambition of the Grand Lodge for the speedy establishment of a Masonic high school or a Masonic college. A Mason had generously offered a donation of £100,000 to buy land, put up the necessary building and provide for the upkeep of the boys who would occupy the college.

T. D. Mutch, the State Minister for Public Construction, who attended the annual dinner of the club, referred to the new scheme for constructing a building for the club, the cost being raised by the taking up of £50,000 in pound debentures. Mr. Mutch said that the club had started with a membership of 70 and now had more than 2100 members, while its assets had risen from nil to £16,000. The club, which was now about to enter upon its manhood and erect its own home, had already £33,000 in hand.

BASKETBALL

FIVE T'S SCORED EASY VICTORY OVER BROWNIES

The Five T's added to their league points by winning their second game of the season on Wednesday evening. The Brownies were in on the short-end of a 38-8 score.

The Five T's went in to win from the start and succeeded in making ten goals before the Brownies had made a mark on the slate. The combination of the winners was exceedingly good. Conti and Plum each scored five points each, Gough four and Pringle two.

The game was snappy but too one-sided. With more practice the losers will make a better showing. They should open up the game a little more and practice combination work.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BEAT RIFF-RAFFS BY 31 TO 15

The High School team won their second game in the basketball league on Wednesday night, when they defeated the Riff-Raffs, coming out at the big end of a 31 to 15 score.

For the winners Jock Stevenson was the star, with 10 goals to his credit; Nichols and Hood had two each, while Watson scored one. For the Riff-Raffs Winningham scored three and Robertson two. The game was fast and looked as if it was going to be close when the score stood 17 to 13 early in the second half.

THE RETORT CRUSHING

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HOTEL MEN MAY STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST LAW

Would Close Up Hotels—Claim They "Chipped in" $65,000 For Campaign Funds

VANCOUVER.—If present plans carry, Vancouver may shortly see the strangest strike ever staged on the continent. The hotel men are talking seriously of having a week's boycott by closing their hotels in protest against the beer laws that closed their hotel clubs lately.

By this method it is believed the sympathies of tourists would be enlisted, while the great inconvenience caused is expected to draw a strong protest from the Board of Trade and municipal publicity commission. Four of the leaders say:

"If the other fellows will stick with us, we will close up for a week or so, and let folks see how they like it. And we will see that word goes out to the States and prairies, by way of keeping tourists away for awhile. This may show that hotels are playing an important part in the tourist trade here. Hotel men are hostile against Victoria officials, claiming they "chipped in" to a fund of about $65,000 for campaign purposes and got nothing for it.

The Prints of Peace

"Some men," remarked the admirer of poetry, "go into politics with the idea of leaving footprints on the sands of time."

"Some do," replied Senator Sorghum, "and others are lucky if they get out without having their thumb-prints taken."

Sometimes a girl thinks to be a little dear she must be a little bare.

WON FIRST GAME IN NEW LEAGUE

Cumberland United Scored Two Goals to Nanaimo's One in Very Even Game.

The Cumberland United won their first game in the Vancouver Island League's new schedule on Saturday last, when they defeated Nanaimo City team by two goals to one. The game was played on the local Athletic grounds, the attendance being smaller than usual owing to the cold weather and the mines working.

The game was lacking the sting and dash which generally prevails in the encounters between those two teams; no doubt the hard, slippery ground was partly responsible for this.

Referee Jones had charge of the game and the line-up of the teams was as follows:

CUMBERLAND UNITED. — Boyd, Mortimer, Campbell, Irvine, Conti, O'Donnell, Hitchens, Milligan, Sutherland, Brewster and Harrison.

NANAIMO CITY.—Hughes, Foster, Dickenson, Graham, McDougall, Smith, Wylie, McMillan, Redfern, Styles, Husband.

Redfern kicked off for Nanaimo and play for the first two minutes was of the give-and-take nature, with Cumberland gradually getting into their stride, and for 15 or 20 minutes it looked as though a one-sided game would be the result. Cumberland forced six or seven corners, and from a corner kick excellently placed by Hitchens, Brewster had no difficulty in beating Hughes. This reverse put quite a little pep into the Nanaimo eleven and right up to half-time they had a fair share of the game.

Nanaimo spurred up in the second period and tried for the equalizer, and fortune came their way. While Redfern pressed Campbell, the Cumberland back, in attempting to clear a difficult ball, put through his own goal, making the score one each. Campbell had an excellent opportunity of putting his team ahead a few minutes later, when Referee Jones awarded a penalty against Hec Smith, Hughes, the Nanaimo goalie, stopped Campbell's shot, which was a hot one; Jock should have got the rebound, but failed miserably.

End-to-end play followed for some time, with Cumberland having a slight edge. From a goal kick, which was badly taken by Hughes, Jock Sutherland, who was lying well up the field, obtained possession and had no difficulty in beating Hughes, making the score 2-1 in favor of Cumberland.

For Cumberland the three inside forwards were the pick, Milligan, Sutherland and Brewster combining beautifully. Foster for Nanaimo played a brilliant game, with Dickenson a close second.

G.W.V.A. Notes

Election of officers for 1922 will be held January 3rd and 10th. Members are asked to remember these dates, as a full attendance of members is requested.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 27, at 7.30 p.m.

Comrades are reminded of "The Canteen Funds Ballot." Voting for disposal of the funds will continue until February 1. Get your ballot card from the local post office.

Those eligible to vote will be all ranks and ratings (including Nursing Sisters, C. A. M. C.) of the Canadian forces who served during the late war.

The fund, which is now in the hands of the Receiver-General of Canada, amounts to roughly $2,000,000.

By the most careful enquiries possible it was found that if the above sum was divided among the individuals eligible it would amount to only $3.50 each.

In marking their ballots, comrades are asked to give careful consideration to Class B, which is as follows: "Establishment of a non-competitive industrial enterprise jointly owned and operated by ex-service men."

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"PUNCHES" FROM PUNCH

The latest fad in America is for men to carry photographs of their wives inside the crown of their hats. By a neat little contrivance moving picture actors are able to change the pictures twice weekly.

A resident of Ferrol, Spain, who claims to be one hundred and twenty years of age, puts his longevity down to the fact that he has been a lifelong teetotaler. A terrible warning to prohibitionists.

The man who cannot quench his thirst before ten o'clock at night, says the Rev. Rees Jones, of Islington, needs education. It should be pointed out that some men have been training to overcome this defect for years.

A footballer has been fined at Epsom for striking and kicking a referee. There is a very strong feeling among spectators about this trespassing on their rights.

An old lady writes to ask us what means the Soviet government has of feeding and clothing the millions of kilowatts mentioned in connection with Lenin's electrification schemes.

A man figures diamonds are worth $350,000,000 a ton. Buy now and avoid the rush.

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PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Big Union Service on Christmas night in St. George's Presbyterian Church. The Methodist and Presbyterian choirs and congregations are uniting for a grand service of song and message.

As Rev. Mr. Kinney will preach at night, Rev. Jas. Hood will deliver his Christmas message at the morning service.

On Thursday evening, the 29th, at 5.30, the Sunday School children will meet in the basement of the church for supper, and Christmas Trees in the church at 8, with presents for all.

Parents are asked to kindly send sandwiches and cakes, and attend themselves.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and and the world laughs at you.

CHINESE BOY FOUND GUILTY OF SHOP-LIFTING

A Chinese boy, named Jim Quong, aged fifteen, was charged before Magistrate Baird on Tuesday with shop-lifting, by appropriating a small "sad" iron from the store of C. H. Tarbell & Son. He was found guilty and fined $25.

Credit is due to Chief of Police Bunbury for bringing the young offender to justice, as the owners were unaware of the theft until it was brought to their notice.

There has been several instances of petty pilfering lately and this example may act as a deterrent.

We shall probably understand the Irish question better when our own Filipinos organize their Sinn Fein.—Columbia Record.

Christmas Gifts

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Holy Trinity Church
Rev. W. Leversedge.
Christmas Day, December 25.
9.30 a.m., Holy Communion, plain.
11.00 a.m., Holy Communion, choral.
7.00 p.m., Evensing, with carols.

Roman Catholic Church
Rev. Father Beaton.
Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25
Mass, 11 a.m.

St. George's Presbyterian
Rev. Jas. Hood.
Combined Service of the congregations of Grace Methodist Church and St. George's Presbyterian Church will be held at 7 p.m. A special musical programme has been arranged and a hearty invitation is issued to everyone to be present.

Grace Methodist Church
Rev. G. B. Kinney.
Sunday Junior Congregation, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.
Combined Special Christmas Service of the congregations and choirs of St. George"s Presbyterian and Grace Methodist Churches at 7 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Everyone cordially invited.

BIRTH

DARCH—At Los Angeles, California, on December 7, to Judge Wm. T. and Mrs. Darch (nee Annie Wier Forsyth), a son.

TO STOREKEEPERS

WARNING

Owing to the prevalence of burglaries in the neighboring town, storekeepers are asked to leave lights burning in the store all night and to look well to the security of their rear doors and windows.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. W. O. Owen left for Nanaimo on Thursday, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. James M. Savage, General Manager of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Savage, returned to Victoria Monday.

Mr. P. S. Fagan, Assistant Secretary of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., returned to Victoria Monday.

Miss Laura Robertson returned from Victoria on Saturday after spending a week's holiday in that city.

Mr. J. Roster left for Victoria on Tuesday, and Mr. R. Roster left on Thursday.

Mr. P. Monte left for Victoria on Thursday.

Mrs. Caleb Dando, Jr., left for Nanaimo Tuesday and returned Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Miss M. Mitchell, who will spend the holiday with her parents.

Mr. Wm. Horwood of Revelstoke arrived Wednesday and will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. Horwood.

Mr. G. C. Baker, cashier of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., returned to Victoria Monday morning.

Mr. James M. Savage, General Manager of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., entertained the heads of the various departments at a banquet on Saturday evening at Beaufort House, the official residence of the Canadian Collieries.

Visitors from Ladysmith over the week-end included Messrs. T. A. Spruston, W. Wilson, Thos. Strang, Jas. Strang, Geo. Dickson and David Martin.

Mr. Albert Winningham left Thursday for Seattle, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Flyorence Horwood arrived from Fort George on Saturday last, and will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Horwood, Minto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hicks-Beach and their three children left Duncan on Tuesday for Los Angeles, California, where they intend to stay for some time. Mr. Hicks-Beach may go on to Mexico later. Since coming here from Royston in October last they have been visiting Mrs. Hicks-Beach's parent's, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jaynes. Mrs. E. A. Price gave a delightful dance in their honor at the Tzouhalem Hotel on Saturday evening. Some thirty guests were present.—Leader, Duncan.

Mr. George Mordy, who has been attending the University of British Columbia, arrived home Thursday evening to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. H. G. Knappett left by motor for Victoria on Thursday to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays at home.

Miss Jessie Macdonald of Vancouver is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Brown.

Miss Aggie Potter of Vancouver arrived home during the week for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. T. H. Macabe leaves Saturday for Victoria and Vancouver for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. T. Ryall leaves for Nanaimo Saturday to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. J. Pringle, well known in sporting circles, left Thursday morning for Vancouver, where he will remain a couple of weeks, afterwards proceeding to Los Angeles, where he intends to reside in futhure.

Miss Marjorie Mordy, who has been attending Normal School in Victoria, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordy.

Mr. Howard Macauley intends to make his home in Los Angeles in the near future. He leaves on Sunday for Vancouver, where he will remain a short time before proceeding south. He will be greatly missed in musical circles.

Mr. Wm. Kerr left Tuesday for Victoria to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. V. Marinelli and two sons left for Victoria to spend their Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Dyer of Victoria.

Miss Hilda Watson is home from Penticton to spend Christmas with her relatives.

Miss E. Horbury and Miss A. Pride, who are attending Normal School in Victoria, arrived home this week to spend Christmas with their parents.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The children of Grace Methodist Sunday School have been practising for weeks past, and on Wednesday night, December 28, at 7.30, will present the cantata, "Santa Claus' Mistake," at 7.30. Admission, 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

A Miss in the hand is worth two in the engine.

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F. O. E. WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE TONIGHT

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is holding a big whist drive and dance in the G. W. V. A. Hall tonight (Friday) commencing at 8 o'clock. Good prizes have been provided for the whist drive. Following refreshments, dancing will commence at 10 o'clock.

One good thing about this bobbed hair fad, says Bill, is that your wife can't find any hairpins in the auto.

TWO DOZEN PINTS LIMIT FOR ONE DAY

By order-in-council a new regulation has been promulgated under the "Government Liquor Act," limiting the amount of beer which can be purchased in one day on a permit. The regulation reads:

"The quantity of malt liquor which may be purchased during one day under any permit issued under clause (a) and (b) of Section 11 of the 'Government Liquor Act' shall not exceed a total of two dozen pints." These clauses cover both single purchase permits and yearly ones. The regulation is evidently aimed at cutting out the supply of beer for alleged "clubs," etc.

Monday being a public holiday, all liquor vendor stores will be closed.

A little girl timidly asked the drug clerk for a package of pink dye.

"What do you want it for?" responded the clerk. "Woolen or cotton goods?"

"Neither," said the child. "It's for ma's stomach. The doctor said she'd have to diet, and she wants it a pretty color.

A DROP TOO MUCH

"I think I'll drop in on the boys," said the miner as he fell down the shaft.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Last night I stayed awake to see what Santa Claus would bring,
I heard a noise above me and the merry sleigh-bells ring.
Perhaps it was a reindeer hoof
That made the snow fall from the roof.
And then I heard a gentle step. I thought that it was he.
The door was softly opened, and my mother peeped to see
If I were sound asleep in bed—
Or Santa would not come, she said.
I tried to look as if I slept and shut my eyes up tight
But when I opened them once more the sun was shining bright.
He hadn't made a bit of noise
But filled the tocking full of toys!
It bulges here, it sticks out there, and here's a ball I know,
On top there is a Teddy bear. What can be in the toe?
I think it has the nicest feel
The whole way down from top to heel.
I'm glad it's mother's stocking for my socks are very small,
I wonder how he knew that I was not so big and tall,
For everything he brought, I see,
Looks just as if he thought of me.