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THE KAISER'S LETTERS.—The U-boat captain (to President Wilson): "My dear sir, it's only a little 'Lusitania' blood that you see on the envelope!" Telegraaf, Amsterdam.

At the Ilo Ilo Next Week.

Following is a list of the Bluebird films booked until the end of February, 1917, and while it is not always possible to receive them on the dates advertised, on account of the films being closely booked and delays in shipment sometimes occurring, the list will be followed as nearly as possible:

Jan. 8—The Flirt, Marie Walcamp in the lead. This story was written by Booth Tarkington, produced by the Smalleys (who played and directed "Hop, the Devil's Brew." In the support of Miss Walcamp are a number of names well known to the screen. Jaun de la Cruz has the role of the swindler who succeeds where all the others have failed in touching the heart of The Flirt. In private life he is the Count De Morety, the descendant of a very old Spanish-Italian family. Very important to the story is the character of the terrible younger brother, played to perfection by Antrim Short, one of the cleverest of the juvenile actors.

Jan. 15—"Tangled Hearts," Louise Lovely featured in a sparkling society drama of a lovable meddler. Tense with unusual situations.

Jan. 22—"John Needham's Double," Tyrone Powers, an actor whose work if once seen will

make him welcome on all other occasions. His ability is unquestioned and ranks among the leading stars.

Jan. 29—"The Great Problem," Violet Mersereau.

Feb. 5—"Gay Lord Waring" with J. Warren Kerrigan, one of the most popular of screen stars.

Feb. 12—"Wanted A Home," from the fascinating story by Lois Weber. Although Mary MacLaren has been in films only a short she is already in the first rank and her work is in great demand.

Feb. 19—"Chalice of Sorrow" Cleo Madison in a powerful emotional drama, the story of a fruitless love.

Feb. 26th.—"Social Buccaneer," J. Warren Kerrigan.

American Consulate

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clinton will be "At Home" Monday, New Year's Day, from 3 to 5.

Mr. Watson, of Victoria, has been appointed teller of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and commenced his duties Wednesday morning. W.J. McFadyen left for Chilliwack Thursday.

Miss Olive Bickle, daughter of E. W. Bickle arrived in Cumberland last Saturday from Victoria on a three weeks' vacation.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK IN JANUARY

The National Service Board of Canada has been charged with the duty and responsibility of making investigations and formulating plans that will in some measure provide for those adjustments in our national life, necessary for the maintenance of the agricultural and other basic industries of the Dominion, at that point of production and efficiency so absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war, while continuing unimpaired the indispensable public services of the country. To accomplish these results, and insure the maximum production of war material and equipment, the services of all available men and women of Canada must be utilized in such a manner as will, while achieving these purposes, permit of the release from their present employment of men who, physically fit and of suitable age, may desire to serve Overseas with our military or naval forces.

To lay the foundation for this work an inventory of the manpower of Canada must be made quickly and at a minimum cost. It has been decided to utilize the facilities provided by the Post Office Department for the purpose. A vigorous and united effort, extending over a definite period of time, is necessary to insure the desired result. The Director General therefore, asked that the first week of the New Year be observed as "National Service Week" for the taking of this inventory.

The following instructions have been received by the local postmaster:

The National Service Board of Canada requires an inventory of all males between the ages of 16 and 65 inclusive residing in Canada.

The Board has asked that this inventory be taken through the recognized efficient officials of the Post Office Department, which having ramifications in every part of the country is possessed of the necessary means to help in this patriotic work.

I therefore invite every Postmaster and Postmistress to use every means at his or her disposal to ensure the complete success of the project and by so doing confirm the high reputation and esteem in which Postmasters and Postmistresses are deservedly held by the general public of Canada.

By prompt efficient action the Post Office officials will also be rendering vital service to the country at a moment of great national peril.

Please note carefully the following:

(1) You will shortly be furnished with a supply of National Service Cards and self-addressed envelopes, sufficient for the estimated number of male persons between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, inclusive, who use, or reside in the neighborhood of your Post Office.

(2) Public Notices in printed form will also be sent to you. Please post them in conspicuous places.

(3) Please distribute these cards and envelopes by placing the same in the boxes in your Post Office, or by handing a card and envelope to every person who may enquire for mail at your office and generally use every means that you may deem advisable, in co-operation with teachers, lawyers, notaries, clergymen, boy scouts and others who have

OVERSEA DOMINIONS TO BE REPRESENTED

London, Dec. 26.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a telegram to the Dominions explaining the purposes for the forthcoming Imperial conference Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains that what the Government contemplates is not an ordinary Imperial conference, but a special war conference of the Empire.

The Prime Minister from each of the Dominions is "invited to attend a series of special meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecuting of the war, possible conditions on which in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to its termination, and problems which would then immediately arise."

The Premiers are urged to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A cable received by the Governor-General today from the Colonial Secretary amplifies the announcement made in the British House of Commons last week by Premier Lloyd George in regard to the imperial conference to be called to consider the co-ordination of war efforts of the Empire. Mr. Walter Hume Long, Colonial Secretary, explains that the proposed conference is to consider with the British war council war measures, possible peace terms and the problems immediately following the termination of the war. The attendance of the Dominions' Prime Ministers is especially desired, and it is hoped that the conference can assemble by the end of February at the latest.

"I wish to explain that what is contemplated by His Majesty's Government is not a session of the ordinary Imperial conference, but a special war conference of the Empire. His Majesty's Government, therefore, invites your Prime Minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the war cabinet to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to its termination and the problems which will then immediately arise.

"Your Prime Minister, for the purpose of these meetings, would be a member of the war cabinet. "In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, it is hoped that your Prime Minister may find it possible, in spite of the serious inconveniences involved, to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February.

"While the presence of your Prime Minister himself is earnestly desired by His Majesty's Government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties, he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they regard it as a serious misfortune if any Dominions were let unrepresented.

been requested to and may offer their services in that behalf, so that every male person between the prescribed ages in your district may correctly fill in and promptly return the card and envelope.

(4) Will you kindly assist those who may require instructions in connection with filling in their cards?

Leslie Aston, Dunsmuir Ave. shoemaker, extends to his many patrons best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

ALLIED COMMERCE PROTECTORS

New York, Dec. 26.—The statement from a reliable source that there is now an allied fleet of heavily armed "commerce protectors" of a new type, bears out stories that skippers of the Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to port of strange appearing craft that are making their way westward.

These ships made no reply to signals, and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course, and were described variously as in the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers, and even of submarines. Pieced together, the reports fitted in with the suspicions, now apparently confirmed, of shipping men. Since the commerce protectors are described as large and powerful and having a capacity of fair speed, they were designed, it is stated, to meet German submarines, in anticipation of an attempted raid similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantucket on October 8.

The British Admiralty is determined to make impossible another such raid, and the fleet of commerce protectors was the result.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of Allied warships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors. They are heavily armed and are disguised.

For obvious reasons, their exact disposition is not revealed, but the arrival in American waters of this newest unit of the British and French Admiralties was made known from a source that can hardly be mistaken.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 26.—Commissioner Perry, of the R. N.W.M.P., stated today that "just as soon as the Alberta Provincial authorities can take over the stations in the province now held by the R.N.W.M.P., this famous unit will be recruited to full strength and will come under the Federal authorities for military duties.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Greek line steamer Patria, with six hundred passengers on board from Piraeus for New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar, it was learned today from N. A. Galano, the local agent of the line. "We have been officially informed by the British Government that the Entente Allies have declared a blockade against Greek shipping," said Mr. Galano. "The Patria, we presume, will be detained until the blockade is lifted.

Mrs. G.R. Johnston and son of Bellingham, arrived on Friday evening.

TOWN TOPICS

D. C. Macfarlane returned from a visit to Victoria on Tuesday.

Miss Percival of the Cumberland General Hospital staff is due to arrive today.

Miss Winkleman of the local hospital staff leaves on Monday for Nanaimo on a weeks vacation.

Miss Rubina Bickle, daughter of Mayor Bickle, of Ladysmith, arrived on Tuesday evening and is the guest of Mr. Edw. Bickle, for a few days.

Grace Methodist Church Sunday School, held their Festival of Happy Days in the church on Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. Thos. E. Banks, of this city.

Commencing on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, the Cumberland Choral Society will hold practices for the Easter Cantata, on Tuesdays and Sundays in the Presbyterian Church at 9 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirst of Victoria arrived in this city on Saturday on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. G. C. Baker, and left for home on Wednesday morning.

The annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary takes place at the home of Mrs. A.H. Peacey on Thursday the 4th, for the election of officers. All members are requested to attend.

J. Macfarlane, formerly with the Canadian Collieries at Union Bay, has been appointed to a position in the C.P.R. ticket office at Vancouver.

Miss Pineo, nurse at the local hospital left for Vancouver on Friday on a two months leave of absence to nurse her mother who is to undergo an operation.

Dr. Inkster, surgeon dentist, of Ladysmith, expects to arrive in this city on January 8th., and open up dental parlors for a period of three weeks and should he receive the desired patronage will open up a permanent office in the near future, which would be to the advantage of the residents of this city and district. We understand that Dr. Inkster, has been associated with Dr. R. B. Dier of Ladysmith for several years and is said to be one of the best dentists in British Columbia.

December Red Cross Collections

The following were the results of the collections made on the 15th., inst., for The Canadian Red Cross Society:

Dunsmuir Ave	\$29.10
Maryport Ave.	11.25
Penrith Ave.	12.35
Windermere Ave.	10.20
Jerusalem	10.70
Camp	10.10
Bevan	10.00

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1916

A Prosperous New Year to All

The Close of the Year

The close of the year is always a time for serious thought and reflection. The past crowds upon us at such a time with far more than usual intensity and especially forces upon our attention our faults, failures and mistakes. Let us look them squarely in the face and profit by them. The wise man always does this, but the fool never. The latter goes on committing the same follies and making the same mistakes, never profiting by his experience of others. Every man makes mistakes. It may not be his fault the first time, but it is if he makes the same mistake a second time. We believe that the secret of success with those who succeed, and the cause of failure with those who fail, will be found largely in the ability and disposition to study the causes of both success and failure, not only in one's own experience, but in that of others. The farmer now has leisure to review the operations of the year, and he should do it candidly and critically. Make a complete analysis of every important operation. Find the weak places in it and trace them to their origin. Nothing will prepare one so thoroughly for the operations of the year to come as this kind of searching investigation.

And while we are about this business we should look just as carefully into our record of moral responsibility. We should be far more anxious to improve character, mind and morals than to improve our farms. Serious study of our weak points and of means to strengthen them is a very profitable business at any time, and if pursued assiduously will strengthen and develop all that is good and admirable in our natures, and make us better, stronger, nobler men and women as the years go by. And the time will come in the life of everyone when such a record of honest, earnest, persistent effort to improve will afford far greater satisfaction than anything else in his account with this world. We can wish no better thing for all our readers than that they begin the new year animated by a firm resolve to turn all its experience into profit for themselves, mentally, morally, socially and materially, and then to faithfully carry out the resolution.

The days, weeks and years slip away like water in a running stream. Time's great clock never loses a moment. Relentlessly, surely, the moments pass, and our eager hands are not able to detain them. We cannot keep back the flying years, but we can and should keep the blessings they bring. Hold fast to the lessons they have taught. Keep the memory of their joys. Enrich every day of life with the garnered wealth of the days behind.

Happy New Year! What a blessed phrase! Speak it from the heart, and then strive to make everyone's New Year a happy year and yours will be happy, indeed.

PATENT NEW YEAR RESOLVES.

I will get up and dress when the breakfast bell rings.

I will not complain when everything does not suit me.

I will treat my wife as politely as though she was a perfect stranger.

I will go out by myself oftener, in order that my family may enjoy the tranquil and improving pleasure of a long, uninterrupted evening in the quiet sanctity of a happy home.

I will strive to be more thoughtful for my own comfort, that others, seeing me happy, may also endeavor to be contented.

I will not spend so much money this year on the useless frivolities of life.

I will endeavor to impress upon my family the duty of greeting, with cheerful voices and happy faces, the father of a family when he returns home, wearied with the depressing cares and labors of a long business day.

I must be more unselfish and take better care of myself that I may long be spared to be the joy and light of the home which it has pleased an appreciative Providence to bestow upon me.

I will pay my pew rent this year, if I have to deny myself a new overcoat, and my children have to go without shoes. I feel that we have not heretofore sufficiently denied ourselves in little luxuries for the sake of maintaining a good appearance at church.

As you turn the corner into the new year, look back a minute over the road you have been traveling the past year. It seemed a long way when you started out, but it has been traveled at last. See the line of that road ever winding on, while twisting here and there. Do you remember that boggy place into which you strayed? How you promised yourself in your better moments, "I will turn over a new leaf." Have you been true to yourself. If not, once more before you step out into the pure New Year, renew your promises to your better natures. Don't stay, but linger near the pleasant outlooks, keep near the bits of high ground where you breathe purer air and can see afar off Heaven's high hills of blue, make the motive pure work for the object. Be diligent in seeking the better ways and in twelve more short months, take another retrospective glance and see how much pleased you will be with yourself, how much more of goodness and genuine worth this will seem to possess.

This is to urge you

that you get your Suits Cleaned, Repaired and Pressed for one month. Then form your own conclusion. If it leads to better spirits, better health, continue it. If it does away with dirt, improves your appearance, continue it. Remember a well-dressed man always wants the best.

Also you must get your shoes cleaned; and don't throw your tan shoes away because they are old—have them dyed.

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Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations
COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns shall be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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Grabbed Wrong Boy

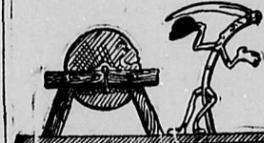
An impetuous inspector who was visiting a country school was much worried by the noise of the scholars in the next room. At length, unable to bear the uproar any longer, he opened the door and burst upon the class. Seeing one boy taller than the others talking a great deal he caught him by the collar, hustled him into the next room, and placed him in a chair saying, "Now sit there and be quiet." Ten minutes later a small head appeared around the door and a meek little voice said, "Please, sir, you've got our teacher."

THE GRINDSTONE

Do you know what a grindstone is? It isn't much to look at for sure. It's rough and clumsy and weather-beaten. It stands in a corner among the weeds. The cold rains drench it, the winds buffet it, the winter snows cover it. And it stands there, meek, uncomplaining, unnoticed.

Naturally you think that dun-colored old contraption isn't of much use, but there's where you're wrong.

That old grindstone has to father most all of the other farm implements



in one way or another. It's the one instrument among them all that can put a sharp edge on scythe, sickle or reaper knife and make the old farm crop secure. No, taint much to look at but it's there when the work has to be done.

Heven't you seen people who put you in mind of that old grindstone? Fathers, mothers or big brothers they are maybe, and they look as though they had buffeted the sleet and storm and snow, and I guess maybe they have. They don't look up to much, but—they're right on hand when they're needed just like the old grindstone, and they're known for their true worth in the home. After all it don't matter a ding what you are or any other fool outsider consider 'em, so long as they're known there.

But sup'posin' we remember that it's a mighty big thing to be able to put a sharp edge on steel. Hats off to the old grindstone.

PAWNSHOP BUSINESS HAS HUMOROUS SIDE

Pathos and Comedy Rank Side by Side in the Daily Work of English "Uncles"

The war has brought the English pawnbroker a new class of clients. From time immemorial "Uncle" has been the recipient of little family secrets. Tragedies, comedies, farces and dramas in miniature have daily been unfolded before his gaze to such an extent that he has become oblivious to human emotions. But now faces he has never seen before crowd timidly through the narrow doorway, which is always located up a screening passage. Instead of demanding a definite sum for an article offered in pledge, the new customer nervously asks, "How much will you lend me on this?" That phrase identifies the amateur in pawnshop lore.

Women clients predominate. The husband has gone to the war. Behind him he has left a lot of seemingly useless things. The woman at home needs money, and the War Office payments are not always punctual. But she cannot bring herself to part with poor Tom's property outright, so she strikes the middle course, and pawns it. In "uncle's" keeping it is quite safe, and the interest only works out at two cents per month on every dollar advanced. "This is the sort of thing we get in pawn now," said an avuncular relative carrying on a big business. "This" was the bottom half of the off foreleg of a famous race-horse, stuffed, and forming a useful article to prop open a door, or tap a burglar over the head with. "I lent a dollar on that to a soldier's wife," said "uncle," "though what earthly use it is to me I don't know."

"One of my most regular customers, before the war broke out," he went on, "was a fine, strapping young fellow, not long married. I don't know what business he followed, but I do know that money burned holes in his pockets. A dress suit, a typewriter, pictures, a watch, and some rings were only a few of the articles he pawned here, and on one occasion he made a serious attempt to pawn his fox-terrier dog!" At length he had quite fifty articles in pawn, and used to be here several times a week. Then he joined the army, and now the young wife is redeeming the things one by one out of her separation allowance against his return.

"Women who are hard up will pawn almost everything except their wedding rings. Several times, just by way of a test, I have refused the article offered in pledge by a soldier's wife, and have offered a loan on the wedding ring. Not one has yet accepted my offer. But I've had soldiers' suits galore. One woman had news that her husband was coming home on leave unexpectedly. She rushed here to get his best suit out, thinking he might want it. A few days later she came to re-pledge it. 'He'll never wear it again,' she said sadly, 'he's been killed.' Had the news from the War Office yesterday."

The Lighter Side

"And I am brought into contact with scores of such haunting little tragedies as this. Yet I have to keep my eyes open, in case I am done brown. Weeping widows (?) bring me alleged Crimean or South African medals which have been won by brave husbands—who are waiting around the corner with an unquenchable thirst. One man tried to pawn a picture which he had looted from a church in Louvain. Unfortunately for the imaginative returned warrior, the chap who painted the picture was well known to me, and only lived a few streets away.

"Scores of watches, rings, pins, and so forth, taken from famous (or infamous) German officers come my way; but I'd wager my stock to an orange that the nearest these articles have been to the fringe line is East London.

"I had a jolly nice young fellow in here a few weeks ago. On his joining the forces the employes of his firm had presented him with an illuminated address and a valuable gold watch. He brought both here, and explained that, as he had not a relative in the world, he wanted to pledge them until he came back. The address was no use to me, but I lent him \$50 on the watch. Poor fellow! He'll never wear it again. Shot dead while doing his duty. And—well, somehow, I think I'll keep that watch, and when the year is up wear it myself in honor of a brave man!"

PREPARING TO CHARGE

Pathetic Story of Frenchman's Last Letter and Reckless Daring

Here is a letter from a soldier of France to his wife to which attaches a story as beautiful as the letter itself. The soldier wrote: "My Dear Jeanne:—While I am writing you the guns are thundering and we are every moment expecting an order to eye the German trenches. You told stori do my duty, but never to expose myself recklessly. The hour has come now, and I hope you shall have come no news of me. I'm proud of me. I love you reason to feel. I can describe but I more than that. Without looking back shall go forward, that no matter once because use I know. It will render how the day ends to-day, to attack me more worthy of you. I thought 'We are getting ready' thought now, dearest, and my every thought is with you. I shall go forward, France and never flinch. It is my life of you that gives me courage and I should fall you will tell our children of the bombardment of B—"

Here the letter ends. The soldier went forward never to return, but at the bottom was added the following postscript signed by his captain and the surviving officers and non-commissioned officers of his company: "After your husband had seen all the officers and non-commissioned officers of his section fall at his side, he took command of his comrades and singing the Marseillaise he led them forward to victory until he fell mortally wounded. We have in the entire regiment no soldier of whom we are more proud. May this help you to bear your great sorrow."

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Write your Answers on the Card which you will shortly receive and Return Promptly. It is Obligatory!

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Municipality of the City of Cumberland.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the municipality of the city of Cumberland that I require the presence of the said electors at the Council Chambers, Dunsmuir Avenue, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:—The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered 5 in the schedule of this Act; and shall state the names, residences and occupations or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, at the Council Chambers, Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, B.C., of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

No person shall be nominated or be eligible as a candidate for Mayor or Alderman unless he be possessed of the qualifications by law required of those officers, and unless the candidate shall, on or before the hour of 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, furnish the Returning Officer with a statement in writing, specifying the land or real property upon which he qualifies, his nomination shall be invalid and shall not be acted upon by the Returning Officer.

The qualifications as candidate for mayor are as follows:—

He must be a male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the city of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of \$1,000.00 over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who is otherwise qualified as a municipal voter.

The qualifications as candidate for alderman are as follows:—

He must be a male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years and not disqualified under any law, and have been for six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the city of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of \$500.00 or more over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who is otherwise qualified as a municipal voter.

Given under my hand at the City of Cumberland this 18th day of December, 1916.

ALEX. MACKINNON,
Returning Officer.

NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Nominations for School Trustees will be received on Monday, January 8th, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, at the City Council Chambers.

There shall be one trustee to elect, for a term of two years, or until his successor in office is elected.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:—

The candidates shall be nominated in writing. The nomination shall be subscribed to, by two duly qualified electors as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time, between the date of this notice and 2 p.m., of the day of nomination, and in the event of there being more than three nominations a poll

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The Season of Remembrances is due once again, when the many anticipations of joy and gladness is made more real by the Xmas gifts received. We have laid out for your inspection, on our counters and in our cases, many suggestive and suitable gifts for the Season.

Appropriate Remembrances for the Ladies :

- Ladies' crepe de chene waists in shades of pink, maize, white and cream. Price \$4.95 and \$5.95.
- Ladies' striped silk Waists, a rich beautiful quality, white and green. \$6.75.
- Ladies' white Japanese silk Waists, good quality, splendid washing silk, Prices \$2.75 and \$3.50.
- Ladies white silk Corset Covers. Price \$2.25
- Ladies' white silk and lace Corset Covers. Price \$1.75.
- Ladies' Silk Mufflers, most desirable as a Xmas gift, \$2.25 up.
- Ladies' Umbrellas, smart handles, most acceptable, prices from \$2.50.
- Ladies' Collars, a very wide range at prices to meet every purse. Prices from 25¢ to \$1.50.
- Ladies' Boudoir Caps, a real smart assortment, from 75¢.
- Ladies' beautifully embroidered Aprons, \$1.00 each.
- Ladies' Felt Slippers, warm and comfy, prices \$1.25 to \$2.50.
- Ladies' fancy Handkerchiefs, from 15¢ to \$1.00 each.
- Ladies' silk fibre and silk sweater Coats, prices \$7.95 to \$20.00.
- A select assortment of Cut Glass in the newest designs and at prices which will meet your approval.

Suitable Gifts for Gentlemen :

- Gentlemen's new and up-to-date Ties, price 65¢ to \$1.50 each.
- " Armlets, in sets, from 35¢ to 75¢.
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- " Sweater Coats, prices from \$2.95 to \$10.00.
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- " Valises and Suitcases, prices from \$2.50 to \$9.75.
- " Pullman Slippers, price \$1.50 to \$2.50.
- " Silk Mufflers, price \$2.95 to \$4.00.
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will be opened, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, in the City Council Chambers, Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland, B.C., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected for a term of two years.

The qualifications for Trustee are as follows:—Any person, being a British subject, and of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for six months, next preceding the day of nomination, the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land and real property in the City, of the assessed value, on the last Municipal assessment roll of \$500.00 or more, over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who is otherwise qualified as a Municipal voter.

Given under my hand at Cumberland, B.C., this 18th day of December, 1916.

A. MACKINNON,
Returning Officer.

FOR THE BOYS IN FRANCE.

"As far as loving thoughts, careful consideration and an abundance of gifts can make it, this Christmas will be a merry one for our gallant boys in France.

There is one thing, however, that might be lacking to complete their pleasure, ready money, and this may now be sent in a very convenient form, thanks to the foresight of The Canadian Bank of Commerce, which has obtained a supply of French Bank Notes for this particular purpose.

These notes may be enclosed in your Christmas letter to "your

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boy" at the front; not as a remittance, but merely as an additional Christmas remembrance." These five franc notes are current in the Republic and consequently represent actual cash which can be used anywhere in France; they may be purchased at the Cumberland branch of The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—1 Martin Orme Piano, in good condition. Can be seen any time. A Bargain. Also 10 shares of Cumberland and Union Water Works shares. Apply P. O. Drawer 226. Cumberland, B. C.

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Will be in Cumberland on or about January 8th, 1917, for a period of three weeks. Dr. Inkster will open up a Dental Surgery, furnished with a complete outfit of instruments to perform all dental operations in the latest and most scientific method.

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NOTICE.

INCREASE IN PRICES.

We have been advised by the manufacturers of an advance in the prices on all Electric Lamps.

We happen to have quite a large stock on hand, so we will continue to sell at present prices until the 10th of January, 1917.

On this date the price of lamps up to and including 60 watt. tungstens will be advanced to 40c. instead of 35c. as at present.

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The City Council

The City Council held their regular session in the Council Chambers on Monday evening.

The following accounts were referred to the finance committee, Cum. Elec. Lighting Co. \$ 74.90
H. Parkinson 5.00
C.H. Tarbell & Son 11.65

The account for the installation of the new electric lighting system was presented as follows: Installation and material \$719.40
Lamps 47.50
Total \$ 766.90

This is less than the estimate given to the council.

James Stewart was appointed auditor.

Thomas E. Bate, who has served the city as alderman for nine years, and who took an active part in securing the new electric lighting system during the present year, will be a candidate for the office of mayor at the coming municipal elections. Mayor Parnham will not seek reelection.

Thomas Armit, who was substation operator at the Canadian Collieries hydro-electric plant at Puntledge, joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces two years ago and left for overseas with the 2nd C.M.R. Mr. Armit has now distinguished himself somewhere in France, receiving special mention and recommended for the D.C.M.

COURT OF REVISION
COMOX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
A Court of Revision and Appeal under the provisions of the "Taxation Act" and "Public Schools Act" in respect of the assessment rolls for the year 1917, will be held at the Court House, Cumberland, on Wednesday, the 17th day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated at Cumberland, B. C., December 29th 1916.
JOHN BAIRD,
Assessor and Collector
Comox Assessment District.

In the County Court of Nanaimo and

In the matter of Hing Wang, deceased, and in the matter of the Administration Act.

Take Notice that by an order of the Honorable Judge Barker made the 13th day of December, 1916, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the said Hing Wang, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 29th day of Feb., 1917, and all parties indebted to the said Estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

WESLEY WILLARD,
Official Administrator.