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NORTH END OF ISLAND ENJOYING PROSPERITY

MR. H. S. CLEMENTS, MEMBER FOR COMOX-ALBERNI, ON A TOUR OF THE UPPER ISLAND, SAYS PROSPECTS WERE NEVER BRIGHTER—BELIEVES THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL ELECTION IN THE DOMINION FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR—NEW FRANCHISE ACT.

MR. H. S. CLEMENTS, member of the House of Commons for Comox-Alberni, paid a brief visit to Cumberland yesterday. Mr. Clements is paying a flying visit to his constituency for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information as to the conditions. Speaking with a representative of The Islander, he stated that so far as he could see and hear, everything was going along smoothly in the upper end of the Island. He had never known this section of the Island to be in a more prosperous condition, and he found fewer complaints and less unrest than at any time in the past. To use his own words:

"In all sections of the north end of the Island prosperity is in evidence. The logging camps and lumber mills are running at full capacity, and there appears to be an abundance of employment for everybody who wishes it. In your own city of Cumberland I find no unemployment whatever, with the exception of an occasional idle day at the mines. This, of course, is accounted for by the lack of shipping facilities. If there were a sufficient number of freight vessels to handle the trade there would be no such thing as idle days at the mines, except for necessary repairs, for years to come. When the shipbuilding programme of the government gets well under way the prosperity at present enjoyed by Cumberland will be assured, if not increased, for many years to come."

"How about the financial condition of the country?" was a question put to Mr. Clements.

"There is no country in the world which stands in a better position financially than does Canada. Of course, with the stringency in the money markets of the world, Canada's borrowing capacity abroad has about reached its limit. This, however, does not mean than Canada cannot finance herself. It has been amply demonstrated during the past three or four years that there is a sufficient amount of money right here in Canada to supply all the needs of the government, and the people are not at all backward in lending it to the Dominion. Yes, I believe there will be another Victory Loan next year, and for three or four years to come. This, however, does not mean that Canada is going into debt in the real sense of the term; the people are simply lending the money to themselves."

"Is there any likelihood of a general election taking place very soon?"

"No, I don't think there will be an election until after the session following the one which will convene shortly. The franchise will be extended to the women of the country, and it will be necessary to bring into effect legislation looking to this end. The basis of the franchise will be the same all over the Dominion, and for this reason the provincial lists cannot be used, because the various provinces have a different basis for their franchise. I believe the system of having enumerators will be adopted, as this has been found the best way to get good clean, fresh lists, and that is what the people want when they come to do their voting."

"Is there anything in the suggestion made by Gen. Odlum that Gen. Sir Arthur Currie may step into the premiership if Sir Robert Borden is compelled to retire?"

"I don't believe there is the slightest ground for any such suggestion. Gen. Currie has no desire to enter politics; he is a soldier, and he feels he can serve his country well enough where he is. In any event he is entirely aloof from politics, and has many times expressed his desire to remain so."

"How have you found the returned soldier during your tour; does he show many signs of discontent or unrest?"

"Well, those in the large centres of population show considerable discontent, but in the country districts there does not appear to be very much of it. Of course, we are all aware that the returned men are not entirely satisfied with the action of the government on the question of gratuity, but this cannot be avoided. The country is not in the position financially to undertake such an enormous outlay, at the present time at least, and I believe the veterans are beginning to view the whole matter in a different light."

Mr. Clements had nothing to say with regard to provincial affairs. He had no idea when a general election would be held, nor did he care to express an opinion as to how the next contest would go.

After completing his trip through this district Mr. Clements will proceed to Ottawa to be present at the openiing of the House.

ILLEGAL HUNTING CASE GOES TO HIGHER COURT

Conviction Confirmed by Judge Barker and Permission Granted to Appeal to Supreme Court.

Last Tuesday at Nanaimo the case of the four Cumberland men found guilty of illegal hunting by Magistrate Beevor-Potts and against which an appeal was taken, came up before Judge Barker. None of the accused gave testimony and the crown did not call upon any of its witnesses.

The judge reviewed the evidence as produced at the original trial and confirmed the finding of the lower court.

Counsel for the accused was granted permission to appeal to the Supreme Court, and accordingly the case will now come before that body. The time set for the hearing of the appeal is some time during the month of May, the accused in the meantime being allowed their liberty.

Poll Tax Collections.

The provincial police is busy gathering in all those who are liable to the provincial poll tax. Already a large number have paid up, but there are still many more to come.

This Has Become Necessary

The Islander wishes to announce to the people of this city and district that hereafter advance notices for entertainments, dances and other forms of amusement and entertainment, except when being conducted in connection with purely charitable institutions, will be charged for at the regular advertising rates for reading notices. Where space is taken in tne regular advertising columns advance notices will be published free of charge. Our experience during the past three months has proved to us that this step is necessary, and those interested will please bear this in mind.

FINANCES OF FRANCE STRAINED

Liquidation or Compression of National Debt May Become Necessary.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Paris, Jan. 30.—Commenting upon the exchange situation, a Paris newspaper says this is one of the gravest crises of the past five years. If no remedy is possible and if gangrene has infected the national organism, only an operation will save us. In financial language this means liquidation or some kind of compression of our debt. The financial policy of the French Government is to avoid restricting trade with all nations, particularly her allies and associates, and any prohibition of imports will be measured only by absolute necessities of the exchange situation. Although the gravity of the situation is fully appreciated it may be said that there is no panic, the feeling in official circles being that necessary sacrifices must be made at once and that they will be willingly made by the people. It is estimated that it will require about five years for France to overcome her financial difficulties.

PROHIBITION DISCUSSED IN ANGLICAN SYNOD

Special Despatch to The Islander.

Vancouver, Jan. 30.—Prohibition before the closing session on Thursday night of the provincial Anglican Synod. Dean Quanton of Victoria introduced a resolution asking for enforcement of the present provincial prohibition act in the interests of law and order and of true temperance without hinderance from the federal government. The resolution also asked for relief from the degrading burden that was imposed upon doctor with regard to prescriptions. Strong exception was taken to this resolution by a number of doctors and after considerable discussion it was withdrawn.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Messrs. Wm. Horwood and Wm. Matheson arrived from Revelstoke last Wednesday on a month's vacation and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Horwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, who have been here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, returned to their home in the Crow's Nest on Wednesday.

John Sutherland, manager of the Big Store, Simon Leiser & Co., Ltd., left for Victoria on Monday.

J. C. Mortimer, provincial constable left for Nanaimo on Monday and returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson of Victoria are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham.

The Misses Downey of Comox were here during the week on a visit to Mrs. C. Dando.

Earl Fletcher of the Geo. A. Fletcher Music Co., Nanaimo, arrived on Thursday.

Well-known Lady Passes Away.

The many friends of Mrs. Lockwood Wray, a lady well-known in Cumberland, will be pained to learn that she passed away to her reward at Fernie, B.C., early this month.

Local Lad Successful.

Mr. W. H. Mordy, son of Mr. T. Mordy, City Clerk, Cumberland, B.C., came second in intermediate examinations for chartered accountants, at Vancouver.

CANADA MADE GOOD SHOWING

Came First in the List of Dominions Contributing Men for the War.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Jan. 30.—Revised figures compiled by British statisticians on the contributions of the various Allied nations to the fighting forces during the war place Canada well in the lead of the overseas dominions not employing native troops. The Dominion is credited with 640,886 effectives, Australia coming next in the list with 416,809. India's army, composed largely of native troops, was 1,401,350. The statement shows that Great Britain during the period of the war placed a grand total of 8,354,467 men in the field. The contributions of the United States is estimated at 2,000,000 men.

GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS NO JURISDICTION

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—A suggestion was made before the parliamentary committee investigating the question of soldiers' civil re-establishment last session that a scheme of small holdings for market gardens in the vicinity of towns and cities should be established. The scheme was based on a system of circulation from rivers and streams within reach of the land selected. The government has decided that on constitutional grounds it could not participate in such a scheme, the federal authorities having no jurisdiction over streams in the provinces. Anything done would have to be done by the provinces.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY EXTENDS RAMIFICATIONS

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Jan. 30.—The Labor party in Great Britain has embarked on a bold campaign for enlisting in its ranks the "blackcoated workers," or as they are now familiarly called the "Salariat." To obtain this object a conference has been called composed of mill operators, engineers, draughtmen, transport clerks, insurance officials, scientific workers and bank officials. There is every probability of many of the associations joining hands with the Labor party, and the new converts will undoubtedly become the leaders of the party. The fault up to now has been that the Labor party in Parliament was too much a servant of the trades unions.

LOWER PRICES WILL NOT COME FOR SOME TIME YET

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Jan. 30.—Lower prices will be long coming, said Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer and now chancellor of the London City and Midland Bank, addressing the stockholders today. Any attempt suddenly to bring about a decrease in the cost of living he said would mean disaster. The spending power of the public has increased from one and a quarter billion pounds in 1918 to two and three-quarter billion pounds at present, he said.

LEGISLATURE OPENED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Victoria, Jan. 30.—The Legislature opened on Thursday afternoon. After the usual preliminaries the House adjourned until Monday. Mr. C. F. Nelson of Slocan will move the address in reply to the speech from the throne and Dr. Sutherland of Revelstoke will second it.

CANADIAN COLLIERIES REORGANIZATION PLAN

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF LOCAL COMPANY HAVE AT LAST BEEN PLACED ON A SATISFACTORY BASIS—BONDHOLDERS TO TAKE SHARES IN PLACE OF BONDS—TIMES AND TELEGRAPH SCORE THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT FOR ITS ATTITUDE.

THE following press dispatch, received during the week will be of interest to the residents of Cumberland. It is interesting because it sheds some light upon the attitude which the Provincial Government has maintained towards the Canadian Collieries, and the comments of the London Times and the London Telegraph are somewhat of a rebuke for those in control at Victoria. Coming just at the opening of the Legislature it will no doubt have the effect of causing considerable discussion and of being a source of worry to those who have apparently not been showing a very kindly feeling toward certain vested interests in the province:

London, Jan. 27.—A scheme has been adopted for the reconstruction of the capital of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, a British Columbia concern, which disappointed the hopes of those to whom over two million pounds, five percent. first mortgage gold bonds were issued in 1910. The reorganization will enable if necessary prior lien bonds to be placed in front of existing bonds, present holders to surrender mortgage and arrears of interest and receive an equivalent amount in five percent. income debenture stock with $100 per hundred pounds in new preferred stock and $500 per hundred pounds in ordinary stock. The effect is that the creditors become the owners of the property without delay and without the expense of foreclosure, and the Company is free from continual menace of insolvency, through its inability to meet fixed charges. The Times approves of the scheme as does the Telegraph which also criticizes the attitude of the British Columbia legislature, having been the reverse of helpful to such an undertaking. It is hoped, adds the newspaper, that better counsels now prevail with the Government and capital will be less shy of venturing into the province.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO CUMBERLAND GARAGE

Dunsmuir Avenue Concern Does Some House Cleaning and Makes Other Alterations.

During the past few weeks Mr. J. H. Cameron of the Cumberland Motor Works has made some very necessary alterations to his building, and has also been doing considerable house cleaning. A series of shelving has been installed in which repairs and accessories for motor cars may be kept ready to hand, and a liberal application of fresh paint has worked wonders to the appearance of the building. Just at present Mr. Cameron is kept pretty busy in his hospital for sick cars, and he also reports the prospects for the sale of new cars this year as being very bright.

VANCOUVER BUSINESS MEN VISITED CITY

Men Prominent in Business Life of the Metropolis Accompany Local Member on His Trip.

A trio of prominent business men of Vancouver visited Cumberland yesterday, having come here in company with Mr. H. S. Clements, M.P. The party travelled by motor and stopped at various points on the road, combining business with pleasure. They were Mr. Charles M. Buscombe, the well-known crockery merchant; Mr. Charles Deitrich, Jr., of the Shurly-Deitrich Co., and Mr. Perry C. Town. They will tour the whole of the upper portion of the Island.

AT THE CITY CHURCHES

Holy Trinity, Anglican—Diamond Jubilee Anniversary services of Anglican work on Vancouver Island. Morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Special corporate Communion for W.A. and all church workers Royston School at 3.30 p.m. Evening prayer and sermon at Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. Special preacher, Dr. Quainton Dean of Columbia. Dr. Quainton will also address a united church meeting in St. John's Church, Courtenay, on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m.

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

Grace Methodist—Services tomorrow will be held at the usual hours.

UNION BAY ACTIVITIES

An Enjoyable Whist Drive and Dance Held—Good Sleighing Indulged In.

Union Bay, Jan. 30.—A whist drive and dance was held in the School Hall last Thursday evening. A large number attended. Progressive whist was enjoyed until 10 o'clock when the floor was cleared and dancing commenced. Courtenay Jass Orchestra supplied the music. Many catchy selections were rendered during the evening, the greatest hits of all being "Fox Trot," "Ladies' Choice," "I'll Say She Does," "Too Slow!" All those who attended voted the evening a great success.

Mr. Broder has purchased Mr. Partridge's share in the business of Dale & Partridge, and will make his home in Union Bay. The firm will be known in future as "Dale & Broder."

Sleighing was enjoyed by a great number at Union Bay early this week, the hill past Fraser & Horne's being the scene of all the excitement.

Mr. A. Auchinvole was a passenger by Friday morning's train for Victoria.

The following vessels coaled at Union Bay during the week:
Malaspina, coastwise.
Grey, Victoria.
Burrard and scows, Vancouver.
Chemainus, coastwise.
Moresby, coastwise.
Joyful and scows, Comox.
Hulk 100, Vancouver.
Peerless, coastwise.
Dauntless, coastwise.
Canadian Raider, Australia.
Olive M., coastwise.
Sadie and scows, Vancouver.
Ketchican, Alaska.
Isaac Reed, San Francisco.
Glenboro, coastwise.
Vancouver, coastwise.
Relief, San Francisco.
Oregon and scows, Seattle.

Auto Numbers Now Ready.

Owners of automobiles are reminded that their numbers are now in the hands of the provincial police and may be obtained. In order to avoid complications they should procure the same at once, as last year's numbers will not be recognized as valid.

Mrs. W. H. Youhill returned to Vancouver on Monday.

Music and Photoplays

Editor Islander,—The critic who reported on the concert given at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre last Friday week has chosen to enlighten us on certain demerits in Miss Stevens' violin playing that are astonishing, and to me amusing.

Being familiar with every solo she played it would interest me very much to know where she was faulty in any fourth position work. Might I also enquire where she was guilty of a tendency to too much slurring? I was very interested in her bowing work and thought it particularly clean. She is thought quite a lot of by her fellow professionals in Vancouver, two of whom informed me there only last Thursday that, with close application she will develop into a good soloist. One of my informants is regarded as one of the teachers on the Coast.

Any young person who starts out on a professional career in music has to stand criticism as it comes along; but for heaven's sake let it be just criticism and let it come from qualified parties. In this case it is directly knocking the artist in question. I am sufficient of an authority to make the assertion. The party who accuses Miss Stevens of slurring too much in any of her solos played here simply does not know what he or she is talking about.

I would esteem it a favor if you will give this communication the same publicity which you gave the report of the concert.

W. A. OWEN.

[Mr. Owen's Vancouver friend is no doubt perfectly correct when he says that "with close application Miss Stevens will develop into a good soloist.—Ed.]

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The Cumberland Orchestra pleased a fairly large audience at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre last Sunday evening when they put on the first of a series of concerts which it is proposed to hold on Sunday evenings during the remainder of the season. The performance was in every way a credit to the conductor and the musicians alike. The selections on the programme were sufficiently varied to display the ability of the players, and the applause after each number testified as to the audience's approval. It would, perhaps, have been more pleasing had there been played a good collection of British airs, either Scotch or Irish, in preference to the American numbers rendered, and this no doubt will be attended to at the next concert, which is booked for a week from tomorrow evening. Cumberland is to be congratulated upon having in its midst such a splendid collection of musicians.

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The Artists' Trio, which appears at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Wednesday evening, is receiving very favorable comment from the critics in the various cities in which they have been playing recently. Particularly flattering notices are given of the work of Mrs. MacKelvie as a cartoonist, whose pictures are described as those having a purpose as well as humor. The lady draws with either hand with equal facility. Miss Florence Thorpe is credited with being an exceptionally good performer on the mandolin, and she is also the possessor of a rich contralto voice. Miss Alma Merriman as a reader is in a class by herself. She possesses an exquisite speaking voice and has real histrionic ability. She also plays the piano and cornet very well.

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Mae Marsh's art lies in being typical of a million girls. She is at her best when given the opportunity to be wistful, dreamy and the victim of circumstances. In this guise she comes as "Spotlight Sadie" in her newest picture to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Tuesday night. It is said that rarely, if ever, has she had a role more completely to her liking nor has she been seen as the principal figure in a play more human and poignant and charming than this romance of Ireland and the theatre.

Apart from the fidelity and beauty of the scenes close to the Irish Sea, and the dramatic ones in the theatre, "Spotlight Sadie" is replete with illuminating flashes of Mae Marsh's unique individuality. Often they are seen in short episodes apart from the main issue of the narrative, but once viewed her status as an artiste is never in doubt.

An outstanding example of this is found in that most unimaginative environment, the five and ten-cent store. Without exaggeration it can be said that only the personality of Mae Marsh would shine in such a cheap setting. And it does.

She is Sadie Sullivan, who has come from the Emerald Isle to live with her sister in America, the land of magic promise. Like countless others her castle in the air fades into humdrum work—hard work. She dispenses household trifles from behind a counter. Yet many of her admirers will concede that the whimsical Goldwyn star is at her best in this scene. Questioned about it by a caller at the big California studios Miss Marsh smiled enigmatically.

"How can I tell you anything you don't know about playing such a scene?" she smiled. "One just does as one feels. If the result pleases, then the player is pleased. I think it all comes from whether one has sympathy or not. I believe I have much, especially for girls such as Sadie Sullivan. Her dreams and aspirations belong to us all at one time or another. The thoughtful actress remembers her own dreams and tries to live them over again when she is playing such a role," was Mae Marsh's characteristically feminine way of disposing of the query.

The five and ten-cent store shown in "Spotlight Sadie" was equipped with articles obtained from a real store in Los Angeles and as every player in California keeps house, Miss Marsh had a hard time reminding her associates that she couldn't really sell them all the spoons and pans and tinware they wanted.

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What's the best way to get acquainted with a pretty girl when you don't even know her name? In his new photoplay, "Brass Buttons," William Russell solves the problem by borrowing a policeman's uniform, selecting this particular disguise because he imagines her a lady's maid. As it happens she's as wealthy and fashionable as she is beautiful—but the bogus "copper" gets away with the situation, nevertheless.

Just at first, to be sure, the really-truly maid threatens to introduce the jealousy of the woman scorned into an already complicated situation, but happily this is diverted by the opportune release of her lover from the prison where he has been "spending the summer."

The borrowed uniform gets Russell's hero into some very snappy scraps before the wedding cake is served; but, what these difficulties are and how resourcefully he deals with them, one must see for one's self when "Brass Buttons" appears at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Thursday.

The part of the society girl, who garbs herself as a French maid, all for sweet love's sake, is prettily portrayed by Eileen Percy. Carl Stockdale, bad man specialist, and "Bull" Montana, famed as the possessor of the ugliest "phiz" in the celluloid world, are splendid in their roles, as are likewise Helen Howard, Frank Brownlee and Wilbur Higby.

This unusual photoplay, like the rest of the "Big Bill" series, was made under the capable direction of Henry King. It is the fifth of the new series produced by William Russell Productions for the American Film Company, and strikes one as being the cream of the lot thus far. It is sure to bring many recruits into the ranks of Russell enthusiasts.

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Annette Kellerman, the modern mermaid, and type of the perfectly built woman, is at work on a film series giving an education to men and women in physical exercising. Who would not like to join in, under such a teacher? She hopes to follow this up by skipping round the world with a cinema camera, and making pictures of all the nations at their national games and dances. Rather a neat alternative to the nations at war pictures we have been seeing for the past few years!

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In all of Charlie Ray's latest plays a potato appears somewhere in the picture. "'Tis for luck," Charlie says. Being a fellow-countryman of Kid Murphy, we glory in the prominence thus given him! By the same token, however, we are hoping this vegetable-mascot thing doesn't spread to other players. We'd hate like sixty to see, for instance, a water-melon or a bunch of spinach bob up in all of Elsie Ferguson's society dramas," says Harry J. Smalley in Picture-Play.

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Those venerable Drew pictures, excellent though they all were when new, have only a mournful influence in most audiences since Sidney Drew passed away. Was it not when the rubicund John Bunny died that it was first realized that ever so good a film does not well survive the death of one of its chief characters?

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¶ MRS. VERA MACKELVIE is a charming young woman. She has studied for a number of years at the Chicago Art Institute and is known for her excellent draftsmanship. This, combined with a beautiful personality and a fine singing voice insures a pleasant evening. Her work is above the ordinary cartoonist and her pictures have purpose as well as humor. She draws with both hands with equal facility. Mrs. MacKelvie is a graduate of the dramatic department of the Lyceum Arts Conservatory, Chicago. She is not inexperienced in public work, having filled many professional engagements on the Coast.

¶ MISS FLORENCE THORPE is a beautiful young girl who for two years was with the Beverley Entertainers as one of their leading members. The mandolin, in the hands of an amateur, ceases to be a musical instrument, but in the hands of Miss Thorpe beauties are revealed which few people have ever known existed in the mandolin. Miss Thorpe is the possessor of a rich contralto voice, thus contributing an important feature to the programme by her singing.

¶ In MISS ALMA MERRIMAN we have made a real find as a reader. She possesses an exquisite speaking voice and real histrionic ability. Her part of the programme consists of really interesting material, new stories and sketches used by no other reader. She is especially good in character work. Miss Merriman also plays the piano and cornet.

ADMISSION:

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Children	25c
Boxes	75c

Saturday, January 31.

"The Cambric Mask"

AND

Episode 2. of the

"Iron Test"

Monday, February 2.

"Rustling a Bride"

Tuesday, February 3.

MAE MARSH

in

"Spotlight Sadie"

Thursday, February 5.

W. RUSSELL

in

"Brass Buttons"

Friday, February 6.

"The Rainbow Trail"

AND

"Shadows of her Past"

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GREAT WAR VETERANS WILL ENTER POLITICS

RETURNED SOLDIERS' ORGANIZATION DECIDES THAT IN FUTURE THEY WILL PLACE NO RELIANCE ON THE PROMISES OF POLITICIANS, BUT WILL BE GUIDED ONLY BY DEEDS—LOCAL BRANCH FAVORS COALITION WITH PARTY GRANTING THEM BEST TERMS.

THAT the returned soldier has become aroused to the point where he intends to enter the political arena in order that he may obtain that to which he feels he is justly entitled, was amply demonstrated at the regular meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association on Tuesday evening last. The question of entering politics came up in the form of a communication from the president of the provincial association asking that the local branch answer a series of questions, among which was one as to whether the membership were favorable to entering the political arena and also as to the manner in which that entry should be made—whether in the form of an independent party or forming a coalition with some other party.

From the commencement it was very evident that there was no difference of opinion as to the desirability of entering politics, as all the members were apparently agreed upon that point, and the discussion hinged upon the manner in which the association should enter the arena. During the discussion it was brought out very clearly that the veterans are not at all satisfied with the treatment they have been receiving at the hands of both the Dominion and Provincial Governments. It was made clear that they no longer put faith in the promises of party politicians of either side. It was stated emphatically by every one who spoke that deeds and not promises were the only things which the returned men would consider.

Whatever party the veteran links up with must be willing to make an even break, that is the returned soldier branch of the coalition must have an equal say with the other branch as to the policy to be pursued, and if the party should succeed in capturing sufficient seats in the House of Commons to place them in the majority, then the veterans must be given equal consideration when the question of forming a government comes up.

This was the purport of a resolution passed, which was to the effect that the Cumberland branch favored entering the political field by forming a coalition with whatever party would grant them the best terms, be that party Conservative, Liberal or Labor, but in any event the terms must include a "fifty-fifty" break. As to what course would be pursued in case none of the existing political parties were willing to grant the veterans an even footing nothing definite was decided upon, but it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that in such an event the soldiers would have to strike out independently.

Several of the speakers pointed out that the latter course was not the most desirable one, and should only be adopted as a last resort. It was, however, infinitely better than placing reliance upon the promises of men who had already demonstrated that they would not live up to their engagements with the returned citizen. The plan which appeared to have the great majority of supporters was that the party with whom the veterans coalesced must agree to give the returned men an equal share in the candidates put into the field, that is in at least half the constituencies a returned soldier would be nominated and would be supported by the other branch of the coalition, and the same guarantee would be extended to the other party by the veterans. Should the party as thus amalgamated succeed in capturing a majority of the seats and it became necessary for that party to assume power, there should be an equal division of the portfolios, irrespective as to whether the representatives of the two branches who succeeded in being elected were equal or otherwise; that is, if the returned men succeeded in electing more men than did the other branch, they would grant to that other branch the right to equal representation in the cabinet, and the same would hold good if the strength of the two branches was reversed.

Throughout the whole discussion it was plainly evident that the veterans are in deadly earnest in this matter, and that now that they have embarked on the sea of politics they intend to prosecute a vigorous campaign in the fight for what they deem is their rights.

Although the resolution was adopted by a large majority, it was decided that the question was too important to be decided without giving every member an opportunity of voting upon it. With this idea in view it was decided to have the secretary send out notices to all members apprising them of the fact that the question will come up for final discussion and decision at the next regular meeting on Tuesday next, and that those members who find it impossible to be present be given the right to vote by ballot addressed to the secretary.

The returned men know the advantage of having their full force operating in unison, and they are desirous of giving every member the fullest opportunity to express his opinions on this most important question. Accordingly it is expected that practically all members of the G.W.V.A. will be on hand next Tuesday night to vote upon the question of entering the political field and how it shall be done.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1919.

Trade licenses	$1,470.00
General taxes	4.954.74
School taxes	7,496.35
Sale of lots	605.00
Police court fines	471.60
Scavenger buckets	21.70
Scavenger arrears	108.23
Sewer rental	50.16
School hospital receipts	2,219.96
Hauling	188.75
Pound fees	13.00
Stable account	10.00
Rent of park	14.00
Road taxes	260.00
Scales account	6.75
Night watchman	420.00
Cement walk	2,471.88
Dog tax	40.00
School grants	10,807.30
Night school fees	83.10
Night school grant	210.00
Temporary loan	4,000.00
Cement paving account (material sold)	106.80
Sundries	42.07
	$36,071.29

EXPENDITURES.

Sale of lots		$ 15.80
Salaries—T. Mordy	$ 135.00	
R. Pearce	200.00	
C. J. Bunbury	1000.00	
J. Baird	1311.00	
A. McKinnon	470.00	
Mayor and Council	172.00	
		3,288.00
Court costs		1.50
Scavenger buckets		821.00
School hospital		1,806.74
Stable		550.94
Sundries		470.31
Advertisinig		224.37
Election expenses		97.84
Office—Audits	$ 40.00	
Stamps	51.54	
Sundries	601.62	
		693.16
Telephone		47.00
Fire protection		574.79
Sewer repairs		67.25
Street lighting		764.50
Isolation hospital		5.85
Tools		13.20
Workmen's Compensation Board		27.21
Dog tax		5.30
Road tax		14.00
Street labor		628.50
Scales account		3.00
City buildings		723.28
Interest and discount		135.41
Watchman		420.00
Cement silewalk		4,169.89
Street material		1,687.05
		16,455.89
City expenditure for 1919		16,455.89
School expenditure		14.727.62
Temporary loan repaid		3,000.00
Outstanding cheques from 1918 paid		1,250.88
		$36,434.39

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ACCOUNT.

Assets.

General Rates—		
Arrears (1919 rates plus interest)	$ 553.56	
Delinquent (1919 arrears plus interest)	451.67	
		$ 1,005.23
School Rates—		
Arrears	479.97	
Delinquent	208.24	
		686.21
School District Extensions—		
Arrears	182.15	
Delinquent	97.20	
		279.35
Total rates outstanding		$ 1,970.79
Rents Receivable—		
Sewer rentals	71.21	
Scavenger arrears	200.54	
Scavenger buckets	21.00	
		292.75
Accounts Receivable		68.35
Real Estate and Holdings—		
Land acquired by corporation	1708.17	
City buildings	3500.00	
		4,208.17
Equipment and Stock on Hand—		
Wagons, sleighs and sundries	300.00	
Horses	350.00	
Fire hall apparatus	1000.00	
Fire motor truck	3000.00	
Office furniture	356.00	
Piping	113.38	
Feed	31.00	
Plow	34.11	
		8,684.49
Cash in Bank		98.95
Total Assets		$14,794.29

Liabilities.

Accounts payable	559.59
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	14,234.70
	$14,794.29

D. R. McDONALD, Mayor.
THOMAS MORDY, City Clerk.
A. J. RICHARDS, Auditor.

JANUARY BEHAVED ITSELF VERY WELL

Less Damage Than Usual Caused by Storms and Snow in the Northern Part of the Island.

The month of January behaved itself rather better than usual in the northern portion of the Island at least. This statement is made on the authority of Mr. Thomas Hudson of Union Bay, whose duties require him to look after repairs to the government telegraph line for a distance of about thirty-five miles in this district.

Mr. Hudson states that this is the first January in his twenty-one years experience that he has not been called upon to repair or rebuild portions of the government line through damage caused by snow and storms. The line was not out of commission once during the month.

FOREIGN.

Austrian war vessels, which, under the terms of the peace treaty, must be handed over to the Allies, have undergone a "second Scapa Flow," but on a smaller scale, according to a telegram received from Turin by way of Lugano. The dispatch states that the Allied naval commission, which arrived recently at Cattaro, confirms first reports that the Austrian fleet had been seriously disabled. The Austrians are said to have destroyed or removed the principal parts of the machinery of the ships, rendering them incapable of navigation. Only the hulls remain in good condition. Repairs, it is stated, will require several months before the vessels can be made ready for the sea. The fleet includes one battleship, three large cruisers, four torpedo cruisers, twelve torpedo boats and some smaller craft. The Austrians are declared to have acknowledged the damage but to have blamed the Czecho-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs.

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THE VETERAN IN POLITICS

The returned soldiers of British Columbia, as represented by the Great War Veterans' Association, have at last decided to enter the field of politics, and there to fight for their rights as they see them. It has taken them a long while to make up their minds to adopt this course, but they apparently have been forced to take this step. Viewed at from all angles, it is not to be wondered at that the returned men have deviated from the platform which they laid down for themselves at the time of organizing the Great War Veterans' Association. One of the clauses in their constitution stipulated that they would not go actively into politics, but this was at a time when they had every reason to believe that they would receive fair treatment from the powers that be. Since then it has been demonstrated, to their satisfaction at least, that in view of the many promises made before going and after coming back from the war, they cannot place any reliance in promises made by party politicians, and they have determined not to rely upon anyone but to depend upon their own resources.

To say that the entry of the veterans into the political arena will have a far-reaching effect is only putting it mildly. There were all told something over 500,000 men who went overseas, besides a great many who did not succeed in leaving Canada. Out of that number some 60,000 lie buried in France or Flanders, and these, of course, have no voting strength of their own. They have, however, left behind them those who will stand in their stead at election day, and together with those men who have returned, many of them maimed, and the friends and relatives of all overseas men, they will wield a voting power which no political party can afford to ignore. And there can be no doubting that the veterans will prosecute a vigorous campaign. They have learned the advantages of united action while in the field, and they will follow the same tactics in politics. There is every reason to believe that the veterans will go into the political fight with the same spirit in which they went over the top at Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele, and that they will as stubbornly resist the attacks of their adversaries as they did in the early days of the war at Ypres.

The programme as now mapped out anticipates a coalition with one of the present political parties. This amalgamation, however, is contingent upon the veterans getting a "fifty-fifty" break in the matter of candidates to be placed in the field, and also in the composition of the cabinet should the coalition succeed to power. They feel that their voting strength entitles them to this and they will be content with nothing less.

They have decided that they will not throw their support to any man who can not do more than make promises and who is a member of either of the old parties. They have learned to their cost that these men are party men first, last and all the time; that is they will obey the behest of the party leaders, even to the length of turning their backs on the men to whom they made such glowing promises and who in a great measure were responsible for their election. They are well aware that just as soon as a member of Parliament enters the caucus, whether it be that of the government or the opposition, he loses his independence and he must needs pay heed to the instructions of the party whip if he wishes to escape political oblivion. The veterans know this and decline to any longer pin their faith to the party politician.

The veterans also know that so long as the present party system of government is maintained the caucus will be the real ruling power, and so they have decided to form a party themselves, or assist in forming one and to play the politicians at their own game. In this they will only be repeating their performances in the field. The Germans soon learned that the Canadian soldier was not slow to adopt his tactics against himself, and in the coming political struggle the other political parties will discover that the party to which the veterans belong can just as adroitly play their game.

The veterans have discovered that passing resolutions and sending deputations to the seat of government is of little avail. They know from experience that the promise of "serious consideration" means nothing if the party caucus decrees that nothing should be done, and they evidently intend to use the only weapon upon which they can rely—the ballot.

As to which party the veterans will amalgamate with one can scarcely figure out. The party at present in power at Ottawa has incurred the displeasure of the returned men as a result of its refusal or neglect to fulfill its promises solemnly made, and the opposition has not ingratiated itself with the old soldier. There is, however, a likelihood that a certain large section of the party which has been supporting the government may withdraw that support and return to the old party lines. In this case it would not be a difficult matter to bring this section and the veterans together. If this should be accomplished there can be very little doubt as to the result of the voting at the next general election, and that both the straight opposition and governmeet parties will find themselves in a hopeless minority.

There is, however, a possibility that the veterans may join with the moderate labor element, because after all this is the class to which the majority of the returned men belong. Before going to war the greater part of them were numbered with what is known as the labor class, and while they may not agree with the Labor party as popularly known by that name, there are hundreds of thousands of men in the labor movement with whom they can and do agree, and these are the ones with whom the veterans may possibly amalgamate.

But whatever course the veterans may decide upon, the other political parties will discover in the next contest that they have opposed to them a united body of men who will neither ask nor give quarter.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HOLLAND?

The government of Holland has declined the request of the Allied powers that she turn the former Emperor of Germany over to them for trial for the misdeeds committed under and by his authority during the Great War, and the question is naturally being asked as to what will happen to that country now. It will be remembered when the last British elections were being held, Premier Lloyd George declared emphatically that William Hohenzollern would be brought to trial when the League of Nations had been set up, and Lloyd George has never been made conspicuous at any time by going back on his promses. Holland is a small and weak nation compared with Great Britain and the other Allies, and it would not be a difficult matter for any of them to compel her to hand over the ruffian Hun by using force. Her weakness in this respect, however, will not militate against her, because it is beyond the bounds of possibility that the very nations which went to war on the question of respecting the sovereign rights of smaller nations should now turn on the little country which maintains its right to grant a haven of refuge for political outlaws.

It must also not be forgotten that for years Great Britain has been doing the very thing which Holland is now doing. When General Boulanger attempted to emulate Napoleon and his coupe was discovered before he had gained control of the state he escaped and fled to England, where he was granted a safe refuge. The late King of Portugal has also found a peaceful home in England ever since he was dethroned, and there have been many other instances where men guilty of high political offences have found immunity on British soil.

The case of the ex-Kaiser, however, is vastly different from that of either of the two men above referred to. He has charged against him the taking of innocent lives and outrages such as the world has seldom if ever known. He is not charged with high treason, as was Boulanger, but he is charged with murder, and the murderer has never found a haven of refuge in Great Britain; at least not within the past century or two. And the Kaiser's crimes were not only against the countries over which his armies ran; they were against humanity at large, and he is therefore not entitled to the protection of any country which has respect for itself and the well-being of the world. If the Kaiser is allowed to go unpunished, what guarantee has the world that someone else will not dare to follow in his footsteps and plunge the world into carnage greater than that witnessed between 1914 and 1918? The Allied nations have a difficult problem confronting them in the matter of the securing of the ex-Kaiser and bringing him to trial, but it is safe to say that they will hit upon some means whereby they will accomplish their aims. But what will become of Holland as a result of her refusal to give up one whom she can not consider in any other light than that of a murderer?

The ditches and sewers are just now filled to overflowing with last Tuesday's fine sleighing.

The sound of a fog-horn may mean everything to the mariner, but the honk of the automobile horn has very little meaning for the jay-walker.

The United Farmers of Ontario are beginning to discover that it is not all smooth sailing when the government of the country is being considered.

When one reads the accounts in the newspapers of the actions of people when an ordinary earthquake makes itself felt one is tempted to wonder what kind of a dust they would kick up if Gabriel should suddenly sound his trumpet.

For the next fve or six weeks we will be entertained by the misfits at Victoria sidestepping the many embarrassing questions which will be put to them in the House, and none will be more amusing than their evasion of those regarding the enforcement of the Prohibition Act.

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A WAIL FROM THE "SPORTS" DOWN SOUTH

SOUTH WELLINGTON FOOTBALL EXECUTIVE TRIES TO COVER UP ITS RECORD IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTROVERSY BY INDULGING IN SILLY AND PUERILE REMARKS ABOUT THE ISLANDER EDITOR—THE TRUE FACTS OF THE CASE SHOW THEIR REAL POSITION.

(By ALEX. ROWAN.)

"Kindly permit us, through your columns to acknowledge the ignorance of one who, in the pages of The Islander, imagines he can gain the confidence of the sports of that city by such nonsensical abuse as was published in the last edition. He (not the Cumberland footballers) accuses the South Wellington boys as being anything but true sports, and says throughout the league that we were unfair. Is he dreaming of his palmy days in Vancouver and his promotion to The Islander, or does he listen to the prattle of some fool? No sensible person ever told him this.

"For his benefit we might say that the South Wellington team met every schedule game, paid every bill, did not have one protest entered against it, never protested a game, and accepted every ruling without a kick. Can all the other teams of the Upper Island League say the same?

"Since he wrote the uncalled-for article with no authority from the Cumberland football management, he evidently has been appointed the whole show, for in the last issue the assertion is made that the final will be played on a lot more of his imaginative days, too silly to mention.

"Mr. Islander Editor, if you want to see sport, first of all be a sport. The boys of your town don't appreciate your methods, we know. Yours, with the Cumberland boys for clean sport.

SOUTH WELLINGTON FOOTBALL EXECUTIVE."

THE above communication appeared in the Nanaimo Herald dated January 26, and is signed by the executive of the South Wellington team. The first reprint of The Islander of January 17 is the article referred to by South Wellington. The third is a "jab" from Old Sport's column, and the second is a reprint of the league meeting here. The answer to South Wellington's letter lies in these reprints. With regard to the statement that the articles referred to were published without the authority of the Cumberland footballers, it may be stated that they were all written by a member of the Cumberland club and one who is thoroughly conversant with his subject. We have the assurance of the editor of The Islander that he accepts the statements of a member of the Cumberland Football Club in preference to that of the executive of South Wellington.

As far as the imagination of the South Wellington executive is concerned, it runs riot when they say they played every scheduled game. The whole bone of contention is their refusal to play a game when ordered to do so by the league. They cannot deny this statement, no matter how strong the imagination of the writer of the articles in question may be. We have never questioned their financial ability, and they are not the only team in the league without protested games, but we have questioned their sportsmanship in not playing the final game when ordered by the league. Our nonsensical dates are no more nonsensical than the rulings of the Upper Island League in ordering a team to play for a championship twice. The final answer to the communication lies in these few words taken from the minutes of the Cumberland Football Club meeting and shows whether the public of Cumberland and the management of the team are to be stampeded into a game. The words are: "The meeting voted that Cumberland should play South Wellington at Nanaimo if South Wellington would guarantee Cumberland's expenses for both games, that is the games that South Wellington refused to play at Ladysmith on November 23 and the game to be played in Nanaimo."

Mr. Nat Bevis, the secretary, mailed these conditions to the league secretary immediately after the Cumberland meeting on January 18. There has been no answer to this communication at the time of going to press in regard to the game. The people of Cumberland are satisfied that their team can beat South Wellington team on a football field not in a committee room. The teams on the lower end of the Island have this advantage: they can get to a meeting of the Upper Island Association any time; Cumberland cannot, and the usual notification Cumberland gets of a league meeting is reading the report of it the day after in a Nanaimo paper. Of course that breeds a lot of trust and confidence in the U.I.F.A. in Cumberland football enthusiasts. We may be ignorant and have strong imaginations, also strong nonsensical fancies regarding dates, but we do know that the above statements are facts. Followiing are the reprints referred to which appeared in The Islander:

"At a meeting of the Upper Island Football League held at Nanaimo on Wednesday night the league decided that Cumberland should play South Wellington at Nanaimo, Cumberland setting the date. This decision is exactly the reverse of the one they made when Cumberland travelled south to play

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WONDERS SMASH JOE'S FAKERS

Teams Headed by the Dallos Engage in a Hotly-Contested Basketball League Game.

Thirsday night Fred Dallos' aggregation of wonderful basketball players slipped over a five-point victory on brother Joe's Fakers. The Fakers led all the way until half-time, and then one of their defence men took the notion to run the field, and the Fakers fell down hard from that time on. Farmer was left open time and again, while Cameron was a busy man endeavoring to stem the tide of Wonders that hovered around his basket. It can't be done—a one-man game. Dallos the elder played a whale of a game for the Wonders. Farmer's eye was off in the first half, but his openings were good in the second half and he certainly took advantage of them. Cairns was another shooting star for the Wonders. Mefa Scavardo used his weight to advantage.

Joe Dallos was a bear, and kept his brother Fred humping. Rickson was steadily netting points for his mates. Nunns ran wild and Cameron had to step. Robertson was a little slow in taking chances. Score: Wodners 28, Camouflage 23. Teams:

Camouflage—Joe Dallos, Cameron, Robertson, Rickson, Nunns.

Wonders—Cairns, Fred Dallos, Farmer, Slaughter, Scavardo.

Referee—W. Walker.

Ladies' Preliminaries.

The preliminary game between the Bevan ladies and the Cumberland ladies was a mad scramble for baskets. The Bevan ladies showed their superiority in combination work and managed to nose out a point ahead of the Cumberland girls when the game was called on account of injury to Miss Pinkerton, the Cumberland centre. Tena Bannerman, Miss Pinkerton and Miss Stewart were the brilliant ones for the Cumberland ladies and Mrs. Dan Bannerman and Mrs. Miller were the most conspicuous of the Bevan ladies. The teams:

Bevan—Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Bannerman, Mrs. Chambers, Miss Poprozky, Miss Michaluk.

Cumberland—Miss Stewart, Miss Bannerman, Miss Reese, Miss Pinkerton, Miss Wilcock.

Referees—Lee and Walker.

Bevan Schoolboys Win.

Bevan schoolboys were too much for the Cumberland boys in the preliminary game at the band hall last Tuesday night. The Bevan boys outplayed the young generation of the Coal City of the North. Burns, Williams and Proposky shot goal after goal. Cumberland boys lacked combination, and could not check the Huskie breed from Bevan. Score 20 to 0. The teams were: Bevan—Burns, Proposky, Aitken, Williams, Robertson. Cumberland—Richardson, Coe, Graham, Jones, Bartoldi.

Football Game Tomorrow.

If the weather permits, the game that should have been played between Bevan and Cumberland A team will take place tomorrow .Bevan will line up as strong as they can and Peter Shearer, the Terpsichorean king, will have to make his index letters travel. Many new players will take their places on the forward rank. Team A will field practically the champion's defence. This will be a good opportunity for the fans to look the boys over.

WOBBLIES ONCE MORE BEAT BEVAN

Rowan's Midgets Trim Siberian Huskies in a Hard-Fought Basketball Game.

The Bevan Huskies versus Wobblies basketball game in the band hall on Tuesday night was one of the most exciting games seen in these parts for some time. Both teams were not at full strength, Walker and Conti being absent for the Wobblies, and Armstrong and Bannerman being missed in the Huskies' line-up. This is the second defeat inflicted on the Huskies by the Wobblies, once on their own floor at Bevan and Tuesday's victory.

The game was hard-fought from the start. Wobblies broke away several times and ran up seven points before Bevan guards settled down to their work. Sommerville in his first senior game with the Wobblies made a great showing in this half as did DeKoninck, their centre. Their snap shooting of the basket was a feature of the game. Scaravdo played a useful game at defence, but was inclined to use his weight too much. Half-time showed the score as Wobblies 11, Bevan 9, which indicates the play was fairly even.

In the second half Bevan only scored four points and seemed to be out of condition. Johnny Miller got some hard bumps in this half, and the Lapsansky brothers were checked so close they had no opportunity to show their shooting ability. Ed. Hunden netted four points for the Wobblies in this session, and Jack Williams had the Huskie forwards guessing all the time. His intersepting of high passes was brilliant and his rolling dribble had them fooled all the way. Lapsansky brothers and Bobbie Brown, the ex-Mayor of Bevan, were the outstanding players for Bevan. Score 23 to 13. The teams:

Bevan Huskies—Brown, Lewis, Miller, Gus Lapsansky, Joe Lapsansky, A. Lee, sub for Lewis.

Wobblies—Scavardo, Williams, DeKonink, Hunden, Sommerville.

Referee—F. Dalby.

Short Jabs at Sport

By OLD SPORT

South Wellington are hammering again. If they think a newspaper war will make them champions, they will find that The Islander can give them a battle royal. Lots of ink and lots of paper.

* * *

Basketball is taking a good hold in town. Good crowds have turned out to witness the two games played this week.

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Limpets is the designation of the Cumberland ladies' team. The name is appropriate, for some of them can

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CANADIAN COLLIERIES MAKE LIBERAL OFFER

MR. THOMAS GRAHAM, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, INFORMS FOOTBALL COMMITTEE THAT HIS COMPANY IS PREPARED TO MAKE EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATION GROUNDS—FENCE AND GRANDSTAND TO BE BUILT BY CITY.

AT A MEETING held this week in the Offices of the Canadian Collieries the Cumberland Football Club committee met Mr. Thomas Graham, general superintendent, and Mr. Charles Graham, district superintendent, and had a friendly talk in regard to football for the coming season and the fixing of the present football grounds so that it would be a good pitch for the followers of the round game.

Mr. Thomas Graham explained that the Canadian Collieries were prepared to go ahead and put the grounds in good shape, the company expecting to spend close on two thousand dollars on the project. He said the ground would be uniform in grade; it was not possible owing to the nature of the ground to make it level, but the company's surveyors had run their lines and a uniform grade was the best that could be done. Mr. Graham stated that his company was prepared to go ahead with this work, but he would expect the citizens of Cumberland, particularly the supporters of the football club, to build a fence around the grounds. The repairs would mean the closing of the grounds for a year, but he thought it would be a benefit to the city at the end of that time to have a good playing pitch.

The committee thanked Mr. Graham and the feeling was unanimous that the fencing of the field and a good pitch were essential to good football, and the committee accepted the offer of the company.

Mr. Graham offered to get estimates of the lumber necessary for the fence and a grandstand to seat 500. These estimates would be separate, as the committee felt that the labor could be voluntary and the stand could be built after the fence was erected. Local games could be played on the City Park or at Bevan until such time as the regular field was ready.

Mr. Charles Graham intimated that the company would be able to arrange trains for the games.

The class of football to be played this summer will be entirely different from anything in years gone by. Players are liable to injury on the field at the present time and the executive committee of the club feel that in co-operation with the Messrs. Graham they can supply the best football and the best playing ground on the Island.

The committee is now working on the project and a fencing fund will be one of its endeavors this summer.

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WHEN WILL WE HAVE A POLICE MAGISTRATE?

A QUESTION THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF CUMBERLAND AND DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SETTLED—ENFORCEMENT OF LAW BEING HELD UP FOR LACK OF SOME ONE TO ADJUDICATE—CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE OCCASIONED BY THE DELAY.

WHEN will the Provincial Government do its duty in the matter of providing a magistrate for Cumberland and district? This is a question which the authorities would like to have settled as soon as possible. The appointing of a magistrate to look after this district has been "up in the air" for several months, and citizens feel it is about time the government was making a move. At its last meeting the Cumberland City Council decided to again request the government to make the appointment and those who are charged with the responsibility of seeing that the laws of the land are properly observed are anxious to see the position filled so that they will be relieved of the heavy handicap under which they are at present struggling.

At present there are several cases which require the attention of a magistrate clothed with the proper authority to try them but as things remain as they are nothing can be done in the matter. There is in the district a stipendiary magistrate, but he is at present confined to his bed with a serious illness, and his advanced years do not give promise of his speedy recovery. In any event he lives too far from Cumberland to meet the requirements of the city, a magistrate resident here being what is urgently needed.

The district is also without the services of a coroner, which office is usually held by the magistrate, and there can be no question of the need of such an official in a district where so many men are engaged in hazardous employment.

The delay in making the appointment cannot be ascribed to the fact that the government has not been made aware of the needs of the district in this particular, because it has been apprised of it on many occasions during the past four or five months.

The question is: When will the government appoint a magistrate for this district?

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING CALLED FOR TUESDAY NEXT

Business Men of Cumberland Asked to Attend for Reorganization Purposes.

Commercial Interests of City Demand the Services of a Good Live Board.

All business men of Cumberland, as well as others who have the interests of the city at heart, are asked to attend the meeting to be held at the City Hall next Tuesday night for the purpose of reorganizing the Cumberland Board of Trade. At the meeting called for Tuesday evening last a sufficiently large number did not turn out to warrant those present going ahead with the work of reorganization, so a postponement for one week was decided upon.

The city of Cumberland is in need of a good live board of trade, and it is the duty of every citizen who has the interests of the community at heart to help organize and maintain such an institution. Experience in other towns and cities has shown the advantages accruing from the possession of a good board of trade, and Cumberland should not be denied the benefits of such an institution. A board of trade, while being a purely voluntary organization, is a semi-public institution, and the community as a whole derives the full benefits of its activities.

Industries and business institutions are the life of a city, and those places which succeed in securing the greatest number of these are invariably the most prosperous. These institutions, however, very rarely locate in any community entirely of their own volition, and this is where a board of trade operates to advantage. There are prejudices in certain quarters against boards of trade, but this is not the fault of the institution but rather of those who sometimes are placed in control. When the citizens as a whole take an active interest in the board of trade, the community invariably benefits.

It is therefore hoped that the people of Cumberland will grant to the board of trade their hearty co-operation, and that they will take a hand in advancing the interests of the city. The meeting next Tuesday evening is called for 7:30 o'clock in the City Council Chambers.

A WAIL FROM THE "SPORTS" DOWN SOUTH

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the little town's team. The league ordered the game played, appointed the referee, linesmen; Cumberland lived up to the league's ruling, scored one goal and cinched the championship and the medals. The medals have never come; league meetings have been called in the middle of the week when it was impossible for the Cumberland men to be there. It is so rotten it stinks and is just a polite way of handing the honors to South Wellington which were won by Cumberland. There is something the matter with the league officials or they are being run by the South Wellington team, and it appears as though they are doing their best to drive Cumberland out of Island football. Cumberland can join the summer league in Vancouver for games and can travel to Vancouver for less money than it requires to go to Nanaimo on week-ends, and they would be sure of return games. Cumberland is allowed to set the date of the game. We would suggest to them that they choose next New Year's Day as a good date."

"Those who thought football had died a natural death in Cumberland would have been pleasantly surprised if they had stepped into the City Hall last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The hall was packed, standing room only, and the way the business was transacted, and the good spirit shown, means that Cumberland will field another champion football team this year. The first business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mr. George Richardson; secretary, Mr. Nat Bevis; treasurer, Mr. Roberts; trainer, Mr. A. H. Rowan; assistant trainer, Mr. Sinc Swanson. Mr. Richardson took the chair. Under the head of old business, Mr. James Brown, delegate to the Upper Island League meeting at Nanaimo, gave his report of the meeting. Mr. Brown was outvoted at the meeting. Neither of the delegates from Ladysmith or Nanaimo were present, so Mr. Brown had to do the best he could. The meeting voted that Cumberland should play South Wellington at Nanaimo, the date to be set by Cumberland, Cumberland's expenses to be taken out of the gate receipts first, 10 per cent. to go to the league and 10 per cent. for the grounds, and if there was anything over that should be divided between the two teams. The report was adopted. After some discussion it was decided to play South Wellington if they would guarantee Cumberland's expenses for both games, that is the game that Cumberland travelled to play South Wellington at Ladysmith and the game to be played at Nanaimo. The new committee of management were appointed to set the date for the game and make all arrangements for same."

"South Wellington have gone and done it, and they have certainly heaved the boots into Cumberland. The southern end of this Up-Island Football League are certainly a bunch of pikers. They don't know the meaning of the word sport; all the old-timers can tell you about the trips Cumberland has made south without a return game. Things were going to be better this year, Cumberland would be treated right, and we certainly have been."

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Monks of Happy Valley Offer Congratulations.

There was a happy gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Monks of Minto recently, when a large number of friends were present to help them celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and Mr. and Mrs. Monks wish to thank those who so kindly remembered them, and to assure them that they appreciate fully their thoughtfulness. A large number of beautiful presents were received, among which were:

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, silver pickle jar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, salt and pepper cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, silver biscuit jar.

Mr. Munro, silver sugar basin.

Mr. and Mrs. White, silver butter knife and sugar shell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Horwood, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hugo, silver knives, forks and table spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Monks, silver ladel.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Fraser, silver spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Monks, silver pie knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davis, silver egg stand.

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George Ross got a draw in his bout with Jackson of Seattle on Wednesday night at Vancouver. Jackson was touted as a fast, heavy-hitting boy. According to press reports Ross boxed even with Jackson for three rounds and George had the last round by a mile. Lefts and rights in quick succession shook the Seattle boy and sent him to cover. Referee Lynch's decision was not received very well by the crowd.

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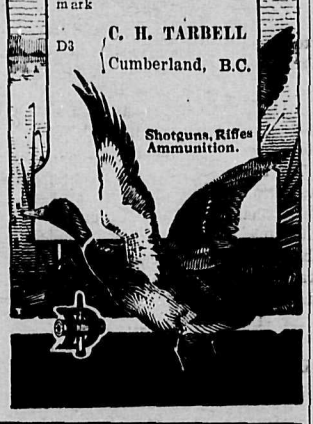

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The production of honey in the province last year amounted to 344,580 pounds.

A new theatre is to be constructed at Vancouver with a seating capacity of 2500.

All the municipal offices of Duncan were filled by acclamation, there being no contests.

Mr. A. A. B. Herd has been elected reeve of the municipality of North Cowichan by acclamation.

The Lewis Lumber Company of Vancouver has been gazetted at Ottawa with a capital of $10,000.

The Ladysmith Smelter Corporation has acquired claims on Mount Sicker which they propose developing.

The number of forest fires in British Columbia last year was 1120, and the loss amounted to $330,000.

The tentative dates for the fall fair of the Cowichan Agricultural Society has been set at September 23, 24, 25.

The Great War Veterans of Duncan are urging the Provincial Government to construct a new court house at Duncan.

A charge has been laid against the Vancouver Breweries of manufacturing beer with too great a percentage of alcohol.

Great preparations are being made at Vancouver for the meeting of British Columbia boards of trade in that city next month.

The annual convention of British Columbia fruitgrowers closed at Vernon last Friday. It was decided to hold the next convention at Nelson.

Vancouver City Council has taken up the question of cabarets and a new law governing this form of amusement will shortly be enacted.

A honey producers' association has been formed in the Fraser Valley and Kootenay districts. The object of the association is to advance the interests of bee-keepers.

Mr. E. G. Macpherson, who recently resigned his position as postmaster of Vancouver, states that the high cost of living was entirely responsible for his leaving the public service.

The prize schooner Leonor, captured by the Rainbow in the Gulf of California in the summer of 1916 has been ordered returned to her owners by the British admiralty court.

Dr. Verner of North Vancouver has been acquitted on the charge brought against him under the Prohibition Act. This is the same doctor who stood two trials on a charge of performing an improper operation.

Struck by an auto while riding a bicycle on Cambie street bridge, Vancouver, on the night of January 18, H. Jackson, 444 Fourteenth avenue west, died in the General Hospital on Sunday from injuries received.

At the annual meeting of the Cowichan Bay branch of the United Farmers of British Columbia, N. P. Wougan was elected president; Ed. Shearing, vice-president; W. J. Lowrie, E. D. Dougan and William Dobson, directors.

The department of marine is arranging to establish a satisfactory method of signalling between Leonard Island lighthouse and the life-saving station at Tofine. An officer has been dispatched from Victoria, on board the patrol ship Malaspina, to investigate the situation and decide how best to establish means of communication.

Instructions have been issued to taxation officials by Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, to take the means provided by the Taxation Act to enforce payment of arrears of personal property and income taxes and the filing of the required returns of personal property and income against all persons who have not made their returns or paid up their arrears by February 1.

A deal which will bring $1,000,000 of eastern capital into the Cranbrook district has just been completed, the East Kootenay Lumber Company selling portions of its extensive holdings to the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Company, and other portions to the eastern company, which will incorporate as a separate company. Altogether 10,000 acres of timber land are transferred and 15,000 to 20,000 acres of timber, the consideration being between $250,000 and $500,000.

Two garages at New Westminster were recently broken into and automobiles stolen. One of the machines is still missing.

Jim Hillis, one of the best-known mining men in the province, died at his home in Vancouver recently.

After several weeks of negotiation, the grievances of the British Columbia pilots have been adjusted and the basis of a permanent settlement reached.

Turning back at Auckland instead of going on to Australia this trip, advices have reached Vancouver stating that the steamship Makura is expected to leave Auckland this week for Vancouver. The steamship Niagara is delayed in Sydney by a strike and it is expected that the Makura will miss the tie-up if she starts back from the New Zealand port.

The Kettle Valley Railway Company has given notice that it will apply at the next session of Parliament for an act authorizing it to build lines from a point at or near Coalmont, on the joint section operated by the applicant company and the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, thence about twelve miles southerly to the Granite Creek coal areas. The company also will ask further extensions of time on the charters already granted to it.

CANADA.

There are 7,120,197 bushels of wheat stored in elevators at Fort William.

Z. A. Lash, K.C., of Toronto, died last Saturday night following a paralytic stroke ten days before.

The railway between Dawson and Skagway, blocked for many weeks by snow, has been opened and traffic resumed.

The granting of a bounty for shipbuilding in Canada is urged upon the Dominion Government by returned soldiers.

A number of civil servants at Ottawa are resigning because of dissatisfaction with the civil service commission's reclassification.

It is claimed that the Rambrandt painting recently purchased by a Toronto man is one of the many art treasures stolen from France by the Germans during the war.

The dispute between the Winnipeg dailies and the paper manufacturers of Fort Frances has been adjusted and newspapers are again being published in the prairie city.

Owing to the fact that Lord Jellicoe has suddenly been recalled to London, Sir Robert Borden will likely spend two or three months in South America, abandoning his trip to South Africa.

The body of Mrs. Mary Fournier of Montreal, 40 years old, was found in her home by the police, frozen stiff. A plate of apples on a chair nearby were frozen to the hardness of billiard balls.

Jesse Lackner of Lethbridge, who escaped from the provincial jail at that place, was caught hiding in bed in a house in the down-town district. He suffered a fractured leg in making a drop of thirty feet from a ledge at the jail during his escape.

Tomorrow the amalgamation takes place of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and the Dominion Police under the name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A large part of the work of the new body will be to enforce federal laws, especially concerning inland revenue.

Alfred Matthews of Hamilton, Ont., sued George Pearce for $5000 damages for alienation of the affections of Matthews' wife, and a jury at the assizes awarded him $1000 more than he asked for. Matthews testified that he was forced to go to the House of Refuge on account of ill-health and Pearce not only lived with his wife during his absence, but turned Matthews' children out of the house. The jury took only fifteen minutes to come to a verdict.

A rear-end collision on the C.P.R. near North Bay, Ont., last week-end was responsible for the death and injury of many passengers. The transcontinental express was running west in two sections. The front section came to a standstill a few miles from North Bay in a blinding snowstorm, and the second section crashed into it, the engineer of the second train not hearing the torpedoes placed on the track as a warnign. Among the killed were Mrs. Susan Peden and her two little sons of Vancouver.

Sir James Grant, one of the few surviving members of the first Canadian Parliament, suffered a fractured hip, caused by a fall on a slippery sidewalk at Ottawa. He was physician to the Governor-General of Canada from the time of Lord Monck until 1905. He is 89 years of age.

GREAT GRITAIN.

The Corussia, the first German ship to enter London since the war began, arrived from Hamburg last week-end and began loading foodstuffs and domestic necessaries.

It is believed in London that the lifting of the ban on the vast accumulation of Russian products awaiting export may have a far-reaching effect on prices in the world's markets.

A London dispatch says: The Jewish population of the world is 15,430,000, according to David Trietsch, the well-known Jewish statistician. Poland and the Ukraine each have 3,300,000, while there are 3,100,000 in the United States, 900,000 in Russia and 300,000 in the British Isles.

Heat From the Earth's Centre

Sir Charles Parsons, the inventor of the steam-turbine, proposes to obtain power by sinking a twelve-mile shaft, tapping the earth's internal heat.

He made this suggestion seriously in his presidential address before the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Bournemouth, Eng., as follows:

"In my address in 1904 I discussed the question of sinking a shaft to a depth of twelve miles, which is about ten times the depth of any shaft in existence. The estimated cost was twenty-five million dollars, and the time required about eighty-five years.

"The method of cooling the air-locks to limit the barometric pressure on the miners and other precautions were described, and the project appeared feasible. One essential factor has, however, been queried by some persons. Would the rock at the depth crush in and destroy the shaft? Subsequent to my address, I wrote a letter to Nature, suggesting that the question might be tested experimentally.

"Prof. Frank D. Adams of McGill University, Montreal, acting on the suggestion, has since carried out extensive experiments, . . . showing that in limestone a depth of fifteen miles is practicable and that in granite a depth of thirty miles might be reached. When we consider that the estimated cost of sinking a shaft to a depth of twelve miles at present-day prices is not much more than the cost of one day of the war to Great Britain alone, the expense seems trivial as compared with the possible knowledge that might be gained by an investigation into this unexplored region of the earth. It might, indeed, prove of inestimable value to science, and also throw additional light on the internal constitution of the earth, in relation to minerals of high specific gravity.

"In Italy, at Lardarello, bore-holes have been sunk which discharge large volumes of high-pressure steam, which is being utilized to generate about ten thousand horsepower by turbines. At Solfatara, near Naples, a similar project is on foot to supply power to the great works in the district. It seems, indeed, probable that in volcanic regions a very large amount of power may be in the future obtained directly or indirectly by boring into the earth, and that the whole subject merits the most careful consideration."

"Although Sir Charles Parsons did not elaborate further his plan of obtaining power from the interior of the earth, the idea of constructing a deep shaft, and of then allowing water to flow in for the production of steam, that is, using the earth as an immense natural high-pressure boiler, is distinctly bold and original," says Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, "and probably more practicable than the late Sir William Ramsay's project of sealing up a coal-mine and then generating a mixture of air and water gas in situ, by supplying air and water to the burning fuel."

"The greatest difficulty in the practical application of Sir Charles Parsons' plan, in fact, appears to be the time required to sink the bore-hole, which he estimates at eighty-five years, but surely with modern methods and machinery this could be reduced considerably. Since nature is already doing in Italy what Sir Charles Parsons is proposing to do upon a much larger scale, there is nothing inherently impossible in the idea, and therefore more may be heard of this plan of generating steam power by aid of the internal heat of the earth before the present generation is twenty years older."

Earthquakes are an alien product and any attempt to demonstrate them in this latitude will be vigorously resented.—Vancouver Province.

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THE SERIES of revival services which were held under the joint auspices of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Cumberland during last week came to a successful conclusion on Sunday last. During the first three days of the week the services were held in the Methodist Church, while those of the latter four days were held in the Presbyterian Church. All of the services were most successful from every point of view, but more especially because of the ardor and enthusiasm shown by the churchgoers of Cumberland.

The services on Sunday morning were conducted by Mr. George Bell, M.L.A., of Victoria; at least he was the speaker, and his discourse was a most instructive and enlightening one. In the afternoon Evangelist Roper took charge of the united Sunday schools, with the result that one of the most remarkable meetings of the children of the city was witnessed. So deeply impressed was Mr. Roper with the children whom he addressed and conversed with that he was sorely tempted to remain over for another week, and the fact that he had made arrangements to go to Vancouver this week was the only thing that prevented him from doing so.

Again in the evening Evangelist Roper conducted the services, being assisted by Mr. Bell. Unfortunately this service was cut a bit short, as the pastors of the city churches had promised to dismiss their congregations in time to allow them to attend the sacred concert which was being held in teh theatre. However, the discourse of the evangelist was of sufficient force and duration to leave its mark upon a large congregation. A marked feature of the service was the splendid singing of the united choirs, led by Mr. Roper, who is himself the possessor of a beautiful baritone voice which he uses with great effect.

During the evening Rev. Mr. Hood asked the members of both churches for a certain sum of money to be devoted to paying the expenses of the evangelist, and the response was so generous that the sum asked for was increased by 50 per cent.

At the conclusion of the evening service most of the congregation went to the theatre, where they were treated to a splendid musical programme by the Cumberland Orchestra as well as an inspiring address by Mr. Bell and a beautiful sacred solo by Mr. Roper.

Although arrangements have not yet been definitely made, it is practically certain that Mr. Roper will again visit Cumberland and hold another series of revival services, which are expected to extend over a period of two weeks. As a result of the services recently held there has been a great awakening in religious circles, and it is felt that the field in Cumberland is ripe for another and more extended campaign.

CUMBERLAND PASTORS MAKE UNITED APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Church Members and Adherents Called Upon to Do Their Share to Help the Forward Movement—The Campaign Will Open One Week From Tomorrow and Continues for Five Days.

One week from tomorrow there will be inaugurated throughout the whole Dominion a campaign under the auspices of the united Protestant churches with the object of raising funds necessary to carry on, not only the ordinary work of the church, but also to fulfill the extraordinary demands which are being made of the religious organizations. With the object of making the people of Cumberland thoroughly acquainted with the objects of the movement, the three city pastors, Rev. F. Comley, Rev. J. Hood and Rev. G. Knox, have issued the following statement:

"The world needs the church, and the church, God-sent, God-ordained, and God-sustained, is seeking to win the world.

"The programme of the church is the salvation of every man, woman and child in the world, for whom Christ died.

"The world needs Christ in its politics, its economics, its industries and in its society.

"When Christ has His right of sway in the lives of men and women, the highest ideals of personal achievement will be reached.

"The church of the twentieth century is seeking to measure up to her responsibilities to God and to mankind.

"The church is marching forward in a great international campaign for the redemption of humanity. The five leading Protestant churches in Canada, the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational, are uniting their forces in a great financial drive, which will begin on February 9, continuing until February 14, when they expect to go over the top to the handsome sum of $12,000,000. And as a result of this great gift of money to God, there shall result a deepening of the spiritual life of the people.

"The citizens of Cumberland shall have an opportunity of showing their patriotism to their country and loyalty to God by helping in this great, glorious and inspiring work.

"Canvassers from the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches of this city will call upon their respective members and adherents during the week specified above, when it is expected that all will appreciate the opportunity of rendering service to Jesus Christ, our Gracious Lord and Master.

"'For as much as ye did it unto these, My brethren, ye did it unto me.'"

VICTORIA MEMBER ON FORWARD MOVEMENT

Mr. George Bell, M.L.A., Delivers Instructive Address on Aims of the Churches.

The address delivered by Mr. George Bell, M.L.A., at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre last Sunday evening was a masterly exposition of the aims and objects of the Forward Movement. Throughout the half-hour allotted to him Mr. Bell held his audience in rapt attention, and his lucid explanation of the movement had a marked and noticeable effect.

Mr. Bell does not hesitate to speak to the point and evidently does not believe in mincing matters. As a result many straight truths were thrust at certain influences which are looked upon as detrimental to the church. He announced the fact that five Protestant churches had joined together in the movement and that their object was to raise the sum of $12,000,000 in Canada. British Columbia's share was $500,000, and the speaker proceeded to show how the money could be raised if the people of the province were only willing to forego one-tenth of their pleasures, such as joy-riding and theatres. The address was well received.

HAPPY MOMENTS CLUB HOLD SPLENDID DANCE

Devotees of Terpsichore Enjoy a Fine Evening's Entertainment Under Auspices of New Club.

The dance held in the Union Hall last Wednesday night was a success from every angle. Crowd was just right, beautiful music, and the lighting effects were splendid. The club has improved the appearance of their hall by floral decorations and brilliant-colored streamers. A combination of lights gave a moonlight effect that was enjoyed by everybody, being a change from the ordinary.

The prize offered in the contest for a name for the club was won by Mrs. A. H. Rowan with the name "Happy Moments," and from now on the club will be known as the "Happy Moments Dance Club." Mr. W. H. Youhill was the judge of the contest, and in a brief speech wished the club many happy moments and much success.

The club intends holding a dance every week and will give dancing lessons one hour previous to the dance. They wish it understood that they do not intend their dances to conflict with any lodge or benefit dances, and are therefore postponing their coming week's function to Friday evening.

New Term Receiving Class.

The new term for the receiving class of the public schools commences on Monday next. Parents having young children whom they wish to start school for the first time this term are requested to send them not later than Friday next, February 6, as this is the last day on which they can be received. Pupils commencing school this term must be six years old before February 7, 1920, or else wait till the summer term.

Additional Donations to Band.

The Cumberland City Band wishes to acknowledge additional donations to the Mrs. Ben Williams fund: Money received at concert, $529.70; donated by the Ilo-Ilo Theatre, $10; donated by Mr. Charles Graham, $5; received from tickets sold at No. 5 mine, $5; total, $549.70.

WILL SOME ONE TELL US?

If the old adage "practise what you preach" is not much abused by a certain member of the Wonders team?

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Would a member of the above-mentioned team be dumb if he lost his hands?

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If a certain citizen considers fresh air a better hair tonic than "Gatz's Special?"

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Why "Attaboy" roots so strongly for the Limpets, rain or shine?

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How Fred liked his shave by the new army barber?

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If the Guideless Wonder thinks "They never come back?"

JABS AT SPORT.

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stick to an opponent closer than any limpet you ever saw.

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Some of the best high jumpers in the world belong to the basketball teams here. The Guideless Wonder made a leap in the game against the Fakers that was hair-raising and if he had gone through the window he would have landed in Bill Jones' bar.

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Cameron's nose is hard. He tears off planks with it, and then he says "my nose bleeds."

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The McBride Shield play comes soon. We may be in the thick of it in the next couple of weeks. It means a lot of work, boys, because the games are to be sudden death by the knock-out system.

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A meeting was held in Nanaimo on Thursday night of the U.I.F.A. By sheer accident Mr. Bevis, our secretary, found out it was going on. I wonder if we will ever be asked to send a delegate to a meeting?

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Maybe they think Cumberland likes to have them run our business.

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Dave Chambers was a frequent visitor to town this week. Men's basketball teams and ladies' basketball teams from the Siberian City keep Dave busy. Go to it, Dave!

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The basketballers and those interested in basketball would do well to get a set of rules covering players, transfers, etc., drawn up. Two men can't please everybody, so when the next meeting is called step out and do your kicking at the meeting.

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Brother Joe Lapsansky is some cartoonist. His work in the cartoon "Events at the Bevan Club." is of a high order and deserves the greatest credit.

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IN Re JING HEN, Deceased.

Take Notice that all persons having any claims against the estate of the above-named decedent, who died at Cumberland, B.C., on the 16th day of December, 1919, must present the same duly verified, for payment on or before the 28th of February, 1920, to Mr. Wesley Willard of Cumberland, B.C., administrator, with will annexed, of the estate of said decedent. After the said 28th day of February the said administrator will proceed to pay the legacies and bequests contained in said will, and otherwise distribute the estate, without regard to any claims respecting which he has had no notice.

WESLEY WILLARD,
Administrator Above-named.
Dated this 20th day of January, 1920.

REYNOLDS—The death occurred on January 6 at the General Hospital, Vancouver, following an operation, of Kate Gertrude Reynolds, aged 36, wife of Charles Reynolds, 1725 Twenty-eighth avenue east, Vancouver, and late of Cumberland, B. C. Interment took place at Ocean View Burial Park, Vancouver, on January 10.

FOR SALE—FIVE ACRES OF LAND, situated off Courtenay road, about one and one-half miles from town. For further particulars apply Box 93.

NOTICE.

The Court of Revision of the Municipal Assessment Roll will hold its first meeting in the City Council Chambers on Monday, February 9, at 7 p.m.

All those desirous of lodging a protest or objection against their assessment must do so in writing, such complaint or objection to be in the hands of the City Clerk not later than the 29th day of January, 1920, after which date no complaints made will be legally within the jurisdiction of the court to deal with.

Of which every person concerned is requested to take due and timely notice.

(Signed) T. MORDY,
City Clerk.

Board of School Trustees, Cumberland.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Cumberland Public and High Schools, for the year ending December 31, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Quarterly grants (government)	$ 8162.90
For outside pupils, government	2644.40
City of Cumberland School District	3727.22
	$14,434.52

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries	$10,886.50
Janitors	1,400.00
Medical officer	100.00
Secretary salary	60.00
Office	7.15
Light and water	84.16
Fuel	288.10
Fence	100.95
Supplies	858.36
Repairs	606.80
Laundry	22.50
School rent	20.00
	$14,434.52

NIGHT SCHOOL.

To salaries	$293.10
By government grant and fees	293.10
Estimates for Public and High School, 1919	$14,315.00
Estimate for fence from 1918	200.00
Total	$14,515.00

WESLEY WILLARD, Chairman.
A. McKINNON, Secretary.
A. J. RICHARDS, Auditor.

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LADIES' HEAVY TWEED COAT—Smart collar, gathered at back with belt, size 38, reg. $25.00. Sale Price..... **$18.00**

BROWN BELTED TWEED COAT—Good quality all-wool, size 40, reg. $27.00, Sale Price **$18.95**

BROWN SERGE COATS,— sizes 36 and 38, slashed pockets, belt and smart collar, reg. $29.75. To go for **$21.75**

LIGHT GREY ZIBELINE COAT—Size 38, full back, with belt attached, a very smart coat, reg. price $25.00. Sale Price **$18 00**

DARK GREEN CHECK TWEED COAT—Good style, size 40, reg. price $26.75 Sale Price **$16.50**

HEAVY GREY TWEED COATS—Size 44, reg. price $25.00. Sale Price **$16.75**

DARK GREEN STRIPED COAT—Last season's, size 38, reg. price $21.00. Sale Price **$11.95**

BROWN CURL CLOTH COATS—Size 36, a beauty, very smart and an extra good quality of cloth, reg. price $32.00. Sale Price **$23.50**

BURGUNDY VELOUR COAT—Size 20, reg. price $29.50. Sale Price **$20.95**

BROWN CHECK TWEED COAT—Size 20, plush collar and cuffs, belt with buckle at back, reg. price $25.00. Sale Price **$19.95**

ROYAL BLUE HOPSACK—Light weight, fine all-wool cloth, reg. price $37.50. Sale Price **$2 50**

BARGAINS IN LADIES' WATERPROOF COATS

BROWN CHECK WATERPROOF COATS—Sizes 36, 38 and 40, reg. price $12.95. Sale Price **$9.50**

LADIES' SILK RUBBER COAT—Size 36, reg. price $18.00. To clear at Sale Price **$10.50**

FAWN RUBBER COAT—Misses' size 34. To clear at **$4.95**

LADIES' FAWN RAIN COAT—Fawn, first grade, To clear at Sale Price **$14.95**

LADIES' OLIVE GREEN RUBBER COAT—Size 38, To clear at Sale Price **$7.95**

Extra Special lot of the very best grade Ladies' Rubberized Coats, specially adapted for motoring, driving or everyday use, most sizes in stock. This special lot could not be bought from the manufacturer today ....at our Sale Price. Our reg. price $35.00. Sale Price **$25.00**

LADIES' SILK MERCERIZED BLOOMERS — In shades of pink and blue, also in white, bought some time ago and we give you the benefit. Sale Price per pair **$2.75**

GREY TWEED SUIT—A splendid quality of goods, coat lined with satin throughout, reg. price $32.00. Sale Price **$25.00**

A few Ladies' Suits which are to be cleared out at a Special reduction, not a bad one in the lot. The styles are plain tailored.

BROWN SERGE SUIT—Size 38. To go Sale Price **$21.75**

LADIES' FAWN NORFOLK SUIT—Lined with satin, made of good quality cloth. A most desirable suit. Sale Price **$27.50**

LADIES' "GODDESS" CORSETS—Known all over the Canada as one of the new and leading lines, laced front. About 30 pairs in this lot. to clear Special Sale Price **$3.75**

Another line in "Goddess" Corsets, front laced, reg. price $3.75. Sale Price **$2.95**

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