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Comox Creamery Association's Annual Report Notes Progress

COURTENAY, Feb. 9.—The annual directors' report of the Comox Creamery Association, which is just issued, shows a considerable increase in the turnover of butterfat. Equivalent of 350,000 pounds was the amount that was handled for the year ending 31st December. This includes sweet cream shipped to Victoria and other markets, cream used in the manufacture of ice cream and cream sales to Powell River. The report says that the feature of the butter business was the sudden shrinkage in volume in the early fall, which while expected, came with unprecedented suddenness and for a period it was impossible to meet the demand for Comox Butter. The average price paid for this butter for the year was: special grade, 44.21; first grade, 41.16; second grade, 38.36 cents. The volume of eggs handled by the association for its patrons has increased during the past year by over twenty-five thousand dozens. As the year 1925 showed an increase of 17500 dozens more than in 1924, it will be seen that the egg business is making rapid strides.

The ice cream and ice department is reported as having made a somewhat better margin with about the same amount of turnover as during the previous twelve months. The feed, machinery and potato departments all show losses, the net loss in the feed department being $2,22.44. With total gross sales in all departments amounting to $310,395.34, however, the association's balance sheet shows a profit for the year of $6579.14. Of this amount the directors recommend that ten per cent be placed to reserve fund, and that a divident of seven per cent be declared on paid up shares.

The annual meeting will be held at the Agricultural hall here on the 22nd of this month, when extraordinary resolutions affecting the existing contract with producing patrons will be passed on. The retiring directors are Messrs. G. Russell, Denman Island; John Pritchard, Comox; R. M. Halliday and C. E. Yockney, Sandwick.

St. David's Day To Be Celebrated Here

The Welsh Society, of Cumberland, which met with such success when St. David's Day was celebrated here last year, has decided to again remember the anniversary of their patron saint and for this occasion will once more take complete charge of the Ilo-Ilo building on March 1st. The event will be similar in nature to that of last year's, that is the eveneing's programme will consist of a concert, banquet and dance.

The Society has not yet made full arrangements, but it is known that the concert will commence in the upstairs portion of the theatre at 6:30 p.m., and will be followed by the banquet and dance in the downstairs part. Admission is $1.00 per ticket, this including concert, supper and dance, but those desirous of attending the concert only may do so at the cost of 50 cents.

Further announcements, and the programme complete, will be published in a later issue of The Islander.

Play Last Game In The District Cribbage League

The Cumberland Men's Club will be at home to the Literary Club cribbage team on Tuesday evening of next week in the last league game in the district cribbage tournament. The Athletic Club team grace the lowly position and very strenuous efforts are going to be made to put the Men's Club in that position. We would suggest a neutral scorer, not that any member of the press is looking for the job. Far from it. Some of these "crib hounds" can count too fast altogether for a mere Printer.

CANADIAN LEGION WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE, FEB. 18TH

The Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., together with the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a whist drive and dance in the Memorial Hall on Friday, February 18th. Whist 8 to 10, dancing 10 to 12. First class music. Admission 50c.

JACKIE COOGAN IN HIS GREATEST PICTURE AT ILO-ILO THEATRE

"Johnny Get Your Hair Cut"

At enormous expense the management of the Ilo-Ilo theatre and the Gaiety theatre has book Jackie Coogan in his greatest and best picture: "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut." This super-special will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo on Monday only, February 14, and at the Gaiety on Tuesday, Feb. 15th. If you really want to see a first-class production, visit the Ilo-Ilo on Monday evening—a picture that appeals to old and young. For the convenience of the children, a special matinee will be held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Ilo-Ilo, and at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

There is not the slightest doubt about this being Jackie Coogan's best picture and the management of these two theatres are very well pleased at being able to book "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut." Prices for the matinee at both theatres will be: adults 35c, children 15c; and for the evening shows, adults 50c, children 25c.

Quick Work By Volunteers Saves Contents Of Home

Fire visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mitchell, Union Bay, about 3:30 Thursday afternoon and did quite a lot of damage before being got under control. Mr. W. McLellan Jr., of Cumberland, happened to be working at Union Bay and led a willing bunch of volunteers in an effort to save as much of hte contents of the home as posible. In this they were singularly successful, as everything save as much of the contents of the home as possible. In this they were ing at the windows. The blaze was eventually got under control, but the house will have to have a new roof, all the rooms re-papered and new wiring throughout.

ERRATA

Owing to an oversight, in the report of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Cumberland General Hospital an error occurred. The amount spent during the past year for hospital supplies amounted to $386—not $386 for the past three years.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Birthday party will be held by the Ladies' Aid of Cumberland United Church, February 23rd, in the Church Hall.

Resident Of Long Standing Passed To Her Reward

It is with real regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Hugh C. Mitchell, a resident of long-standing in Cumberland and one of British Columbia's pioneer residents, death occurring Friday afternoon last at Extension where, with her husband, she has been living for the past four years. Mrs. Mitchell had been in ill health throughout the month of January, but recovered and was well enough to go about her usual household duties. On Friday, however, she complained of pains in her head and side and on arrival of the doctor it was advised that the family be summoned, but death came while Mr. Mitchell was getting in touch with his daughters here in Cumberland.

Deceased was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, nearly seventy years ago, and has resided in British Columbia for the past forty years. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were settled in Cumberland, where Mr. Mitchell carried on his blacksmith business in the small building next to what is now Henderson's Garage. He was also employed by the Canadian Collieries for some time. Four years ago they removed to Extension.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Mitchell is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. Haslam, South Cedar; Mrs. Robert McNeil and Mrs. C. V. Dando, of Cumberland; and Miss Margaret Mitchell, Extension. One brother, Mr. Andrew Robertson, resides at Kamloops.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, interment being in the Nanaimo Cemetery. Mr. McTurk conducted the services and the following grandsons acted as pallbearers: R. McNeil, J. McNeil, J. Haslam, W. McNeil, Jno. Haslam and R. Haslam.

Cumberland Fire Fighters At Most Successful Banquet In History Of The Brigade

Days Of The Bucket And Well Recalled

Ample proof that fire-fighting is but one of the many accomplishments of the members of the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department was furnished some twenty-five guests of the Department at a very successful banquet held in the Waverly Hotel last Friday evening. Chief John Thompson and his fire fighters from Courtenay, together with the Cumberland City Council and other prominent citizens were the guests of honor on this occasion, and when the company was assembled round the tables in the large dining room not one of the fifty odd chairs was vacant. Mr. and Mrs. Dallos and the kitchen staff of the Waverly had prepared a repast which would have been a credit to the culinary department of an hotel in a city very much larger than Cumberland, and the guests were not lax in bestowing fitting praise both for the excellence of the food and the service.

Acting as toastmaster for the evening was Mr. Charles Parnham, chief of the Cumberland Department, and after the tables had been cleared he made welcome the visitors, introduced several of them personally and explained that the banquet was being held not only for the promotion of good will between the Department and the City of Cumberland, but also as a compliment to the Courtenay Brigade, the latter having had the Cumberland members as their guests on more than one occasion during the past year. Following the toast to the King, which was accorded musical honors, the programme opened with a very fine vocal selection by Mr. Robert Goodall, and Mr. Harry Jackson contributed his well-known imitation of Chinese grand opera. Both artists promised their audience additional renditions later in the evening.

"The City of Cumberland" was proposed by Mr. Alex MacKinnon, secretary of the Fire Department and a resident of long-standing in this community. Mr. MacKinnon dwelt at first on the progressive steps made by the Fire Department in the past twenty years, beginning with the era of the hand-drawn hose cart and terminating in the present two motor trucks, with other improvements yet to come. Referring to the city in general, the speaker dwelt briefly on Comox coal and the fame this product of Cumbreland has rightly received the world over for its steam producing qualities. Mayor Alexander Maxwell responded in kind, stating that it was a great credit to Cumberland, with only one industry, to be in such financially sound condition when other cities all over Canada were struggling to show even the smallest balance on the right side of the ledger. The council did not propose, however, to save this money for the proverbial "rainy day"; rather will it be spent on many improvements needed here at present. One point on which Mayor Maxwell laid particular emphasis was the fact that nearly eighty per cent of the houses in this city are owned by the people living in them.

Mr. Watkin Williams was roundly applauded for his contribution to the programme, a vocal selection; while Mr. Bert Whittle and Mr. H. S. Baker of the Courtenay brigade, brought gales of laughter with their comic songs. It was one occasion when Mr. Baker's little bell would have stood him in good stead for his audience absolutely refused to let him "run away."

Deputy-chief John Cameron proposed the toast to the Courtenay Volunteer Fire Department, coupling with it the name of the chief, John Thompson, better known as "Bonnie Wee Jock." That Mr. Cameron was the logical one to propose this toast was readily understood when he began to speak, for, to use his own words, he is practically "a godfather to the Courtenay brigade," having dreamed of it with Mr. Thompson, planned it and finally helped it to evolve from the old-fashioned "bucket brigade" to its present high state of efficiency. Chief Thompson, on rising, stated that he felt no little pride in his department, the more so since it had risen to its present position without any assistance from industry such as Cumberland enjoyed in the Canadian Collieries Co. He spoke in glowing terms of the assistance rendered at Courtenay fires on more than one occasion by the Cumberland brigade and frankly admitted that had it not been for such aid at the disastrous fire in Courtenay on May 24th last the damage would have been much greater than what it actually had been. As it was, nearly half a city block had been wiped out. Such

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FIRST AID MEETS TUESDAY

OnTuesday, February 15th, at 7:30 p.m., a meeting of the First Aid members will be held for the purpose of arranging ladies' First Aid classes. All interested please attend.

HITCHENS SAVES HIS TEAM FROM DEFEAT

Charlie Hitchens, now with the Wood Fibre eleven, made his presence felt in the game against Britannia Beach, scoring the equalizing goal two minutes from time. "Wally" Brake was instrumental in scoring Wood Fibre's first goal, giving his inside right a perfect pass to score after 20 minutes of play. The Beach equalized 5 minutes later, and shortly after the opening of the second half obtained the lead. Two minutes from time Hitchens raced away from a pass by King, beat both backs and drew Hammond out of his goal before shooting into the open net.

Y.P. Society Entertain Friends From Courtenay

In response to an invitation from the Cumberland Young People's Society, the Courtenay St. George's Guild spent a very pleasant evening with their Cumberland friends in the United Church Hall here last Monday. Some thirty visitors arrived from Courtenay and with a somewhat larger number of local young people, the hall was comfortably filled. After a short devotional period, various and sundry games were played and enjoyed and Mr. Harry Jackson amused with a clever exhibition of juggling. The comic monologues of Mr. Jackson's, and his dialogues with others were very mirth provoking. Refreshments were served before the gathering broke up at eleven o'clock.

It is about two months since the Cumberland society were guests of the Courtenay guild, and it is hoped that this may prove to be a commencement of more frequent and closer relationship between the two bodies.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

In addition to the big super-special, "Rolling Home," starring Reginald Denny at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on Saturday, Mr. Gomer Harding and Mr. Robert Goodall will be heard in something new and original.

Married Men Not Wanted In Local Club

Members of the Linger-Longer club spent an enjoyable social evening in the Anglican hall Wednesday last, the event being held for the purpose of making a small presentation to Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcock and Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Murray. Having but recently joined the ranks of the benedicts, Mr. Wilcock and Mr. Murray are no longer entitled to membership in the club.

The evening passed pleasantly with games and other forms of amusements and after refreshments were served the presentation was made by Mr. W. Whyte, president. Both Mr. Murray and Mr. Wilcock expressed their sincere thanks in neat words, the former laughingly remarking that "if marriage means being dropped from the club, then I hope the whole lot of you are dropped before many months pass."

Mr. Bob Robertson and Mr. Cyril Newman furnished the music for the ensuing dance. The evening was made much merrier by the unexpected arrival of six of the members in masquerade costumes.

Mrs. J. J. Potter was elected president of the Ladies' First Aid Association at a meeting held last Monday. Mrs. J. D. Davis is vice-president and Mrs. H. Parkinson took the office of secretary.

COURTENAY ELKS' BILLIARD TEAM TO VISIT CUMBERLAND

The Courtenay Elks' billiard team will pay a return visit to the Cumberland Literary and Athletic Association tonight, and engage the local cue artists in a series of billiard games. Two weeks ago the Cumberland boys decisively defeated the Elks at Courtenay, but a whisper is going round that it will be different this trip.

A team of cribbage players will also come over with the followers of billiards and endeavor to show the Athletic Club crib hounds just how the game should be played. It is expected that about twenty players will journey from Courtenay, and after the games refreshments will be served.

School Board Estimates For Year

School Board estimates for the year 1927, totaling $39,653.00, were completed last evening at a short meeting of the Trustees and will be submitted to the City Council at that body's next meeting. Actually, the usual estimates amounted to $705 less than last year, but the extraordinary expenditure, caused by the introduction of manual training and home economics, will make an increase over last year's total of $5,073.00. The individual amounts are as follows:

Ordinary Expenditure

Salaries, teachers	$24,500.00
Salaries, sub. teachers	300.00
Salary, janitor	2,100.00
Salary, secretary	200.00
Salary, medical officer	200.00
Improvements to Grounds	800.00
Repairs to Buildings	600.00
Fuel	900.00
Furniture	500.00
Light and Water	300.00
Janitor's supplies	250.00
Transportation	300.00
Sundries	500.00
Insurance	575.00
Library	350.00
High School supplies	500.00
Public School supplies	1,000.00
TOTAL	$33,875.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Manual Training:	
Hardware	$ 365.00
Drawing books	20.00
Drawing supplies	33.00
Freight	35.00
Lumber for fitting room	100.00
Labor	150.00
Extra	75.00
Salary (instructor)	900.00
Transportation	50.00
Lumber (year's supply)	100.00
TOTAL	$ 1,828.00
Home Economics:	
Alterations	$ 2,000.00
Salary (instructor)	900.00
Expenses (transportation)	50.00
Equipment	1,000.00
TOTAL	$ 3,950.00
Ordinary estimates	$33,875.00
Manual training estimates	1,828.00
Home Economics estimates	3,950.00
GRAND TOTAL	$39,653.00

Courtenay City Guarantee $850 Per Month For Electric Supply

COURTENAY, Feb. 9.—The second meeting of the 1927 City Council took place on Monday night and was productive of a fair amount of business. Ald. Douglas, reporting for the Fire and Works committee, told how the Courtenay Fire Department had been the guests of the Cumberland brigade at a banquet at the Waverly Hotel in Cumberland, at which Chief Parnham and Mr. Thos. Graham had been present and a very good time had been spent. As chairman of the Board of Works, he reported the completion of 100 feet of ditching on Anderton St., gravel hauling on city streets, and snow shovelling.

Ald. MacDonald reported that the electric committee had met Mr. Thos. Graham, of the Canadian Collieries, in reference to the proposed electric light agreement. The new agreement was practically the same as the old with the exception of clause 5, which would now guarantee the Colliery Co. an income of $11,050 per year. This is equivalent to $850 per month. The city had a covering letter from Mr. Graham in the absence of the agreement, which had to go to England for completion. He had, therefore, instructed the city solicitor to prepare the necessary by-law. Ald. MacDonald also reported that the city had ordered the transformer for the Nob Hill extension and that a light was being installed at the Government wharf in the city.

Ald. Douglas brought up the matter of a city pound keeper, and Mr. Geo. Bell was appointed in that capacity.

The absence of a health report for the past year was drawn attention to by Ald. MacDonald, who thought that Dr. McKee was the logical person for the position. Dr. McKee attended the meeting in response to a telephone call and agreed to furnish the Sanitary Committee with a quarterly health report after hearing from the mayor what was expected of the Health Officer. Dr. McKee was then formally appointed. He expressed his thanks for the honor and said he

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DOES THE DEAN SWEAR?

Just Hear Him in "The Use and Mis-use of the English Language"

The following conversation was overheard on the street the other evening: "Does this here Dean Quainton swear, Bert?" "Well, I guess he must know something about it all right." The conversation evidently had reference to the coming visit of Dean Quainton of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, who is paying one of his rare visits to Cumberland this week-end, and who will lecture in the Parish Hall on Monday evening at 8 p.m. His subject will be "The use and mis-use of the English language." On the face of it the subject looks a dry one, but those who know the Dean can guarantee that the tears will be rolling down the cheeks before he has finished. Dean Quainton is recognized as one of the best lecturers in Western Canada, and Cumberland is lucky in having this opportunity of hearing him.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR CUMBERLAND SCHOOL

Local Girl Wins Gold Medal For Second Time

Once again it is our great privilege to be able to announce a Cumberland girl as winner of the Gold Medal in the fire prevention essay competition. The medals, which are offered each year by the Ancient and Honorable Order of Blue Goose and the Vancouver Fire Insurance Agents' Association, have been won in the past three years by scholars from the Cumberland Public and High Schools. The 1924 medal was won by Miss Claudia Harrison, the 1925 medal by Miss Kathleen Emily, both pupils of Mr. H. E. Murray, of the Public School. The 1926 medal, according to an announcement just made, was won by Miss Claudia Harrison, a pupil of Mr. F. R. Shenstone, of the Cumberland High School.

The competition is divided into nine districts, seven districts on the mainland and two on the Island. District No. 1 takes in all schools in the city of Victoria, both Public and High, whilst District No. 2 takes in all the rest of the Island, both Public and High.

The many friends of Miss Harrison will be pleased to hear of her success, and along with the Islander extend heartiest congratulations.

Last year the local Board of School Trustees were so pleased at the success of Miss Emily that a gold chain was presented to her in appreciation of her achievement. We wonder if the trustees have let themselves in for a present every year. Here's hoping.

The winning essay will be found on page 5 of this issue.

Ilo-Ilo Theatre, Next Monday Only
Special Matinee at 4 p.m.
JACKIE COOGAN
in "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut"
Coogan's Latest and Best

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OUR NEIGHBORS

Our neighbors generally are the people who have houses near to our own, that nearness varying according to the size of the district and the number of householders of the same social rank as ourselves. In town they live in the same street; in apartments they are on the same corridor; in the country they are separated by a field only or a garden wall; in sparsely tenanted places they are at a distance of a mile or two miles, or it may be six. And the neighbor par excellence is the one who lives close alongside ourselves perhaps in the other half of the semi-detached house where we have our home or just across the road and opposite, not to the side. This is the general idea of a neighbor, and when we use the term we rarely mean aught else.

But in the point of fact we have neighbors wherever we turn—men and women to whom we are bound to render such service of kindness as comes into the possibilities of the time and place. It is not only domicile and the rates and taxes which make us neighbors. It is not only when we live divided by a party wall one from the other at the foot of the hill, or standing face to face across the road, when we can signal our goings out and our comings in and be helpful and neighborly in the matter of the garden roller and the preserving pan. It is not only when we know all the family history, and how our friends and our neighbors are impeccable as to their grandfather and without the crooked lines of scandal across their family escutcheon. It is not necessary to be intimate, nor even to have been introduced, for the obligations of neighborliness to be strict and strong. For wherever we can render a service, show a courtesy or do a kindness we have our work cut out for us in the way of duty to our neighbor, and he is our neighbor who stands in need, great or small, of such help as we can offer.

READ THIS AGAIN

You may read the books of the grea authors, you may listen to the ablest orators, you may take lessons from the best teachers, but there is one thing you must do for yourself, and that is —Think. Men improve in mentality only when they work out life's problems for themselves. The masters and teachers may point the way for you but you must do your own thinking and solve your own problems. Now, read this again.

THE TELEPHONE

Did you ever stop to think what a wonderful time-saver the telephone is? Think of the many errands you would have to run if it were not for that handy instrument that stands at your elbow. The telephone, at which you growl so impatiently when there is the slightest delay in getting your call through, saves you hours every week, it has helped to facilitate your business and it has brought the country people nearer to each other and nearer to town. When the writer was a young man and wanted a date with a girl he had to send her a note or wait until he met her. Now the youth of today simply give the lassie a ring and everything is fixed up in a jiffy. A long distance call brings the information in a moment that it would require hours to get by mail.

But whatever the telephone has done to help young lovers or to put pep into business, it has not had an improving influence upon our courtesy or our manners. Many people imply language and use tones over the 'phone which they would never think of using if they were speaking to the listener face to face. We are cross and impatient with the telephone girl and we insult the grocer's boy in a manner that does not argue well for our good breeding. Did you ever notice how some people bark at you over the 'phone and what a thrill of pleasue it gives you when a soft and gentle voice responds to your query.

And then there are the inopportune times at which the 'phone rings. Nobobdy likes to be called out of bed to receive the information that the party calling has the wrong number, or to be asked some trifling question that could just as well have waited until morning. You would not think of calling at your friend's home in the middle of the night or at meal time, yet you disturb him at such hours over the 'phone. In the home of a friend whose wife was seriously ill the telephone rang continuously. Kind friends were eager to know of the patient's condition and from daylight to dark the family were worn out and driven half mad by the continuous jangling of the telephone bell. Let us use a little judgment in our use of this wonderful time-saver, the telephone. Let us always be polite and considerate. We have not said anything about the listener-in on a party line or the women who get the line and hold it for hours while they pan their mutual acquaintances. That is another story and we haven't room for it this week.

Courtenay City Guarantee $850

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would try to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

New Truck to be Purchased

A new Chevrolet truck was ordered to be purchased after some discussion in which Mr. A. Cleland was allowed to join. The cost of the new truck is $1165, and as the dealers are allowing $275 on the old truck, there will be left a cash payment of $890.

Ald. Pearse, chairman of the finance committee, referring to the necessity of preparing estimates, requested the chairmen of the various committees to prepare their figures for the next meeting. The matter of the collection of trade licenses was brought up by Ald. MacDonald, who was in favor of making some deal with the provincial police whereby they would collect the money. The mayor was authorised to enter negotiations with the police.

Boat Service Still in Doubt

The Powell River boat was introduced by Ald. Pearse, who inquired if anything further had been done in the matter. The mayor submitted a report of the committee that met the owners of the "Ruth B," a semi-Diesel engined boat that was inspected by a number of citizens last week. The boat owners had proposed selling the vessel to the city. They were coming back to Courtenay in the near future when the matter might be again taken up. The mayor also referred to negotiations with the Courtenay-Vancouver Transportation Co. There was a possibility that Mr. Jos. McPhee and other residents would form a company and purchase a boat, perhaps the one that was here last week. Ald. MacDonald said that there had been a recent meeting of members of the council and of the Board of Trade with C. P. R. officials, when the matter of a boat service between here and Powell River was discussed. He thought that either the city council or the Board of Trade should drive this matter to a head. Ald. Pearse was opposed to the city trying to run the boat as it was essentially a matter for a transportation company that knew the business. Finally it was decided to invite Mr. McGillis of the Vancouver-Courtenay Transportation Co. to Courtenay to discuss the question.

THE PUZZLE CORNER

Puzzle No. 255

The first of the following sentences contains the name of one of the 13 original colonies in America, likewise the second conceals one of the 13 colonies. The third and fourth sentences hold two bold, successful American revolutionary soldiers; the fifth sentence will yield the name of a fort captured by revolutionary Americans; in the sixth sentence is hiding one of Washington's generals, while the seventh holds the name of an important battle of the Revolutionary War:

Patriotism, respect for order and righteously-made law are the foundation of good government.

The servile page or giant baron has no place in this land of free and equal men.

A free American I would rather be than all ennobled royalty.

Put name above fame and patriotism above self-interest.

The king in parliament grew frantic on derogatory rumors and declared war against the colonies.

Washington's lucky star kept in the ascendant through virtue of his splendid self-confidence.

Pauper and prince to natural rights eually entitled, was Thomas Jefferequally entitled, was Thomas Jefferson's finest declaration.

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Puzzle No. 256

Take a serpent, add a beverage, subtract an insect and the resulting letters will spell BOAR.

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Puzzle No. 257

I asked Bill Sykes if he wanted to work and he asked, "Why should I work?" "To earn money," I replied. "What's the use of earning money?" he said. "To save it up," I replied. "But what do I want to save money for?" he asked. "So that when you grow old you can rest," says I. "But I am growing old as fast as I wish now," says he, " and what's the use of working to rest when I can begin to rest right now?" I failed to convince him, but I got him to contract to just try for 30 days at 16 shillings a day, but stipulated that he would forfeit 20 shillings for every day he idled. At the end of the month neither owed the other anything, and Bill was convinced of the folly of labor. Can you tell just how much work Bill accomplished?

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Puzzle No. 258

My first is nothing but name,
My second is more small;
My whole is of little fame,
It has no name at all.

Puzzle No. 259

Take a porker, add part of a window, subtract a cooking utensil, add an insect, add a weight, subtract a vegetable and the resulting letters will spell PIGEON.

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Additional puzzles, as well as the answers to the foregoing, will appear in this column next week.

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Answers to Last Week's Puzzles

No. 250—NEST plus REAM minus STREAM plus VALE minus ALE plus CANADA minus CAN equals NEVADA.

No. 251—Miss Pocahontas Smith must have been twenty-four and little Captain John but three, with thirteen brothers and sisters ranging between. "Seven times older" is equivalent to "eight times as old."

No. 252—Catkin, Cat-o-nine-tails, Intricate, Prejudicate, Publication, Suffocate, Abdicate, Supplication.

No. 253—CABINET plus SOW minus CAB minus NETS plus ACORN minus CORN equal IOWA.

No. 254—In the walking match puzzle, 8, 17 and 26 being in arithmetical progression, it is clear that A goes eight-ninths; so that 250 being one-ninth the cirfumference would be 2,250. Any division of that sum, like 1,125, 750, 450, or 375 would bring them all within 250 of the starting point, but they would have met previously at a point eight-ninths of the circumference from the start.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

MEAT PIES ASSORTED PASTRY

BUTTER HORNS

Apple, Lemon and Pineapple Pies

Marocchi Bros.

PHONE 11 CUMBERLAND, B. C.

Try our Cracked Wheat Loaf

Cumberland Fire Fighters

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assistance from Cumberland was very greatly appreciated not only by the fire departmeht but by the citizens as well, Mr. Thompson said, and Courtenay would be ever ready to help in like manner should the need ever arise in Cumberland. Mr. P. Booth, deputy chief, and Ald. Wm. Douglas, chairman of the Courtenay Fire Committee, spoke along lines similar to those of their chief.

In the interval before the next toast Mr. Ed. Morris, of Cumberland, and Mr. J. Aston, of Courtenay, pleased the audience with two well-rendered vocal selections, and the Jackson-Bannerman dialogues were the cause of many laughs. Their "professor" act was a scream, and although it may not have been mental telepathy it is certain that those watching the performance could not have been more mystified.

To Mayor Maxwell fell the honor of proposing a toast to the Canadian Collireies (Dunsmuir), Ltd., "the parents of this town" as the speaker aptly remarked on arising. The very cordial relations existing between the city and the Collieries Co. were strongly emphasized, and the fact that this relationship has been all for the good of Cumberland was brought out when His Honor stated that "this city would not be in the position it is today had it not been for the Canadian Collieries." On drinking the toast, the entire company joined in singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows." Mr. Thos. Graham, general superintendent of the Collieries, thanked those present for the hearty manner in which the toast was drunk and also for their kindness in inviting him to be present on this occasion. He took great pride in Cumberland's Volunteer Fire Department, and on looking around the table was gratified to see the number of men who gladly devote their work and time to its interest. Mr. Graham was at variance with other speakers in that he thought the Canadian Collieries was more indebted to the Fire Department than the reverse, as had been intimated, but at any rate he let it be known that the good will existing in the past between the two would by no means be diminished in the future, as far as the Company is concerned. Again expressing thanks for the toast, Mr. Graham concluded by saying that "the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department has truly done great work for Cumberland."

Other toasts were "The Boys of the Old Brigade," proposed by Fireman Fraser Watson and responded to by ex-Chief Thos. Banks; and "The Press," proposed by Ald. T. Mumford and responded to by Hector Stewart. Mr. Banks gave a very interesting account of the old days of fire-fighting in Cumberland and some of the disastrous conflagrations that had raged here. As a contrast to the present system, Mr. Banks recalled the time when buckets were used and the only water available was from wells dug at various places throughout the city. Others contributing to the programme were P. Booth, T. Bono, B. Whittle, R. Goodall and W. Williams, with songs, and Mr. R. C. Lang, who spoke briefly on the valuable work done by the fire department. Mr. Lang has been kind enough to keep the first aid boxes on the fire trucks well filled with the necessary supplies, and the department is very grateful to him.

The final toast, which preceded the closing of the banquet sharp at midnight, was to the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department, proposed by Chief Thompson of Courtenay and replied to by Chief C. J. Parnham. Mr. Parnham referred to his department as one of the most up-to-date volunteer brigades in the province of British Columbia. It has now two motor trucks, one for chemicals and the other for hose, and both are now equipped with the very lates devices for combating fire. It was pleasing to note that the chemical truck had been built entirely by the members of the brigade and was ranked as one of the best in the Province. It is also very gratifying, the speaker said, to know that the firemen are now insured when on duty or while practicing, the City Council having made arrangements for this important matter with the Workmen's Compensation Board at a very reasonable rate.

SHORE SONG

BY KATHERINE REEVES

In the February Scribner's

The waves are other children running in
To play a game along the disk-dim beach—
Children with silver sandals on their feet
Kicking the shore, treading the twilight's rim,
Holding their lacy hands above their heads
To feel the flutter of the new moon's wings.

The waves are other children growing tired,
Growing too weary as the night comes down
Even to loose the sandals from their feet,
Even to weep because the little moon
Keeps out of reach of lacy finger-tips.

There they lie sleeping on the dusk-dim beach,
There they lie sleeping in their silver shoes.

COURTENAY LOCALS

COURTENAY, Feb. 9.—Mrs. R. R. McQuillan has returned from a trip to Alaska, where she has been visiting one of her sons.

Dr. McDonald, of the veterany branch of the Dept. of Agriculture, has been conducting tests of some of the dairy herds in the district.

Mr. W. B. Crombie, fire loss adjuster of Victoria, was a business visitor in town early this week.

Mr. A. B. A'Court was in town on Tuesday on business from Vancouver.

The last of a series of meetings at Elim hall was held on Wednesday evening, when Mr. St. John, who has preached in every country in the world, gave a very interesting address on the subject of prayer.

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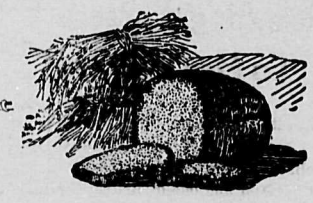

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Confirm Election Of Ald. Pearse

COURTENAY, Feb. 9.—Before commencing the regular business on Monday night, the city council confirmed the position of Alderman Theed Pearse on the standing committees for the year. This was done owing to the recent by-election when Alderman Pearse, after resigning, was re-elected by acclamation.

Ald. Douglas then rose to a point of privilege. He referred to the last meeting when Ald. Fielder had invited him (Ald. Douglas) to be a good sport and resign with himself (Alderman Fielder). Ald. Fielder had, however, failed to hand in his resignation and Ald. Douglas, who had taken up the offer and who prided himself on being a good sport, said that it had been up to Ald. Fielder to have resigned right then and there. Ald. Fielder had made the proposal after referring to the council as "a damned bunch," thus coupling Ald. Douglas' name with that expression. It was this to which Ald. Douglas took keen exception, and he now thought it was obvious that Ald. Fielder was the poor sport and that it was evident that he had not the courage of his own convictions. He wished to make it quite clear that owing to the fact that Ald. Fielder had not done his part and resigned, Ald. Douglas' part of the contract was also void. It was not fair, he said, to resign every time Ald. Fielder thought fit. After all, he went on, the aldermen were put there by the ratepayers because they were supposed to have a little more than the average intelligence. The matter was a comedy, but it was also pathetic. His friends in Vancouver and Victoria would see the report of the meeting and would want to know what it meant. Ald. Fielder, replying, said that there had been no ill feeling. The election had caused a lot of dissatisfaction and he was in favor of another election to clean up the situation.

Ald. MacDonald, referring to what he termed a "grouchers' meeting" which had been held behind closed doors and which Ald. Fielder had attended, said that Ald. Fielder was not playing fair with the rest of the council. He was of the opinion that an explanation was due. At this point the mayor requested Ald. MacDonald to address his remarks to the chair.

Ald. Fielder thought the city should make a thorough investigation of the election. Ald. Theed Pearse then rose and expressed himself as being heartily in favor of a clean up, provided there was something that needed cleaning up. He thought he had done his best by resigning his seat as there appeared to be a lot of criticism and bickering going on. He considered Ald. Douglas a real good sport and had always shown himself such. He hoped the council was going to work agreeably together and that if anyone had any charges to make they would come out in the open and make them.

Mayor McKenzie explained that he had been asked by phone to the meeting referred to, after it had been in progress for over two hours. He found Mr. McPherson in the chair and was questioned regarding the legality of the election. He had explained his action on polling day in the absence of the returning officer, when he had followed the instructions of the city solicitor. He told the meeting that he felt there was something deeper than appeared on the surface, and had made the offer that if a percentage of the ratepayers would petition the council, he would recommend the resignation of the entire council. No actual business had been transacted at the meeting and before the close there had been a proposal to pass a vote of confidence in the council. It was pointed out, however, that the meeting was hardly representative enough for such action.

Turning to Ald. Fielder, the mayor said: "Now, Ald. Fielder, what have we to investigate? Nothing, absolutely nothing." Ald. Fielder then asked Mayor McKenzie if he intended to have the election investigated and received the emphatic reply, "Certainly not." This closed the subject and the regular business was proceeded with.

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Lad And Dad At First Banquet- Successful Affair

COURTENAY, Feb. 7.—The first father and son banquet to be held here took place in the basement of St. George's United Church on Friday night. The banquet was under the auspices of the Trail Rangers, an institution connected with the church, and one to which Mr. Charles Rive has devoted a good deal of his time and service. The tables were set in the form of the letter "T" and were prettily decorated with pink and yellow flowers. Everyone present did justice to the ample spread, and it was obvious that mother and daughter had had a hand in the preparation of the tables and the food. A long list of toasts and musical numbers were well given.

"The King" was proposed by chief ranger Jack Hames, after which the following programme was thoroughly enjoyed. Musical selection, Jack McIntyre; toast to the Church, ranger G. Bryant, responded to by the Rev. A. Alexander. Community singing was then indulged in. Toast, "the Sunday School' by ranger W. Morson, response by Mr. Herbert Smith. A humorous hospital scene was enacted by six of the boy members. Toast to the "Trail Rangers" was proposed by ranger S. Wood and replied to by Mr. G. W. Stubbs. A one-act farce entitled "The Cantaford" then kept the gathering in laughter. The C.G.I.T. was proposed by ranger W. Scott and Mrs. Alexander responded. Ranger W. Piket proposed the toast to "Our Fathers," which was replied to by Mr. C. S. Wood. A hypnotist stunt was then given by W. Scott. Mr. Herbert Smith, who responded to the toast to the Sunday School in the absence of Mr. Wm. Duncan, expressed the feeling of all when he said "We do not know what we are missing due to the fact that Mr. Duncan is unable to be out tonight."

During the period set apart for open discussion, Mayor McKenzie said a few words in favor of the work now being carried on among the boys. Much credit is due Mrs. Alexander and several other ladies who turned out to help serve, and incidentally add that feminine touch, without which no banquet is a complete success. The thanks of those present were tendered Miss Duncan for her services at the piano during the evening and on many former occasions. The banquet concluded with the singing of "O Canada' and lad and dad went home feeling that it was good for them to have been there.

13 COWS QUALIFY IN JANUARY TESTINGS

COURTENAY, Feb. 9.—Following is a list of cows qualifying with the reuirements of the Comox Valley Cow Testing Association for the month of January. The figures in brackets show the number of days of the cows' present lactation periods.

(50) "Sunshine Daisy," P. B. Jersey, 1395 lbs. milk, 75.3 lbs. fat, Hugh Russell, owner.

(98) "Hillside North," P. B. Jersey, 1413 lbs. milk, 70.6 lbs. fat; W. A. Urquhart, owner.

(71) "Jane," Gr. Jersey, 1677 lbs. milk, 63.7 lbs. fat, J. Casanave, owner.

(81) "Cherry 2nd" Gr. Jersey, 1677 lbs. milk, 63.7 lbs. fat; W. A. Urquhart, owner.

(31) "Fanny," Gr. Jersey, 1078 lbs. milk, 61.4 lbs. fat; M. J. Hardy, owner.

(34) "Blossom," Gr. Jersey, 1215 lbs. milk, 53.4 lbs. fat; J. Genge.

(249) "Clancy," Gr. Jersey, 824 lbs. milk, 52.7 lbs. fat; W. Uruqhart.

(95) "Buddy 2nd," Gr. Jersey, 1094 lbs. milk, 52.5 lbs. fat; W. Urquhart.

(61) "Cherry," Gr. Jersey, 1016 lbs. milk, 51.8 lbs. fat; J. Cleland.

(43) "Ruby," Gr. Jersey, 917 lbs. milk, 51.3 lbs. fat; W. S. Hunter.

(71) "Dairy Maid," P. B. Holstein, 1334 lbs. milk, 50.6 lbs. fat; J. Casanave, owner.

(31) "Polly," Gr. Jersey, 1199 lbs. milk, 50.3 lbs. fat; S. Dawson.

(62) "Bessie," Gr. Jersey, 1165 lbs. milk, 50 lbs. fat; R. J. Hassell.

CAMPBELL RIVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Parfitt have taken rooms in the Strathcona Apartments.

A dance was held in the Community Hall on Saturday evening by the P.-T. Association. The Melody Joy Boys orchestra was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kalquist are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born on February 1st at Lourdes Hospital.

Mrs. C. A. McRae and daughter, of Menzies Bay, are at present living in the Strathcona Apartments.

Mr. James Cross returned Saturday evening to Campbell River for a short visit.

The following were some of the guests at the Willows Hotel during the week: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Richardson, Mr. Sidney Johnston and Mr. H. Rand.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. Painter will be pleased to hear that their children, Joan and Tommy, have recovered from their recent illness.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their meeting on Thursday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fitzgerald. The ladies voted six hundred and fifty dollars toward the X-Ray at the Lourdes Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hughes, of Menzies Bay, on Thursday last at the Lourdes Hospital, a son.

Mr. Jasper Sutherland returned to Campbell Lake on Saturday evening from a short visit to the States.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of February, 1927.

THOS. S. FUTCHER
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

COMOX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that all assessed taxes assessed and levied under the "Taxation Act" and "Public Schools Act" are due and payable on February 15th, 1927.

All taxes collectable for the Comox Assessment District are due and payable at my office, Government Buildings, Cumberland, B. C.

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The Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates, premier of New Zealand, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of Railways, passed through Canada over the Canadian National Railways recently and while in Winnipeg he inspected the Transcona shops of the company and declared them to be the best railway shops he had even seen. He was accompanied by J. S. Hunter, official secretary to the New Zealand Railways, and they stated that a number of features characteristic of the Transcona shops of the Canadian National Railways would be adopted by the New Zealand transportation system. The photo shows Premier Coates inspecting a piece of railway shop machinery.

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Attractions for the Coming Week

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Syd Chaplin Photoplay Taken From Cartoon, Skit and Stage Play

When Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather was with the British Army in France, he started drawing war cartoons which were published in "The London Bystander." Most of these cartoons dealt with the characters of three army privates, Old Bill, Alf and Bert. One cartoon in particular gained international fame. It showed Old Bill and Alf in a shell hole with bombs bursting about them. Alf was grouching and Bill said, "If yer knows a better 'ole, go to it."

The black, smoke-filled shell holes were known in the British Army as "Johnson Holes," named after Jack Johnson, the fighter. And it was under the title, "The Johnson 'Ole" that "The Better 'Ole" first appeared on the stage, as a vaudeville skit for the London Hippodrome.

This skit was elaborated into the stage comedy, "The Better 'Ole," which ran in London for two years straight. In America Charles Coburn introduced the play in New York, and five road companies were formed forthwith. Maclyn Arbuckle headed a Philadelphia company; De Wolf Hopper did it in Chicago; James K Hackett in San Francisco; Edmund Guerney in Boston, and Charles Dalton in other New England cities.

Presented by Warner Bros. on the screen, "The Better 'Ole" has been acclaimed the funniest of war pictures. Syd Chaplin has risen to the top of screen fame as Old Bill.

"The Better 'Ole" will open on Thursday, February 17th, at the Ilo-Ilo theatre for a run of three days.

KEN RISKS DEATH IN THRILLING SHOT

Riding stunts which absolutely top anything ever attempted for the screen are a feature of Ken Maynard's performance in "The Overland Stage" at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre Wednesday, February 16th.

One of these is Maynard's leap to the near horse of a runaway team, going at breakneck speed. He intentionally falls—for purposes of the story—between the two horses, braving their flying hoofs, and having the wagon pass over him, after which he sits up in the road and gazes after the fast-flying team.

This breath-taking bid for suicide was all accomplished in one continuous scene, so that no camera trickery could possibly be employed.

LESLIE FENTON IN "SHAMROCK HANDICAP"

Leslie Fenton, who was Douglas Keith in "Sandy," plays the part of Neill Ross, an Irish jockey, in "The Shamrock Handicap," Fox Films' latest release, which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, and at the Gaiety theatre on Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

Peter B. Kyne wrote this photodrama and John Ford, who produced "The Iron Horse" and seventeen other Fox Films successes, directed. Janet Gaynor, heroine of "The Johnstown Flood" and J. Farrell MacDonald, famous as Casey of "The Iron Horse" have principal roles.

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Quiet night at a village on the Volga River, Russia, is shattered by a twentieth century Paul Revere, who shouts from a motorboat "revolution, we are free." Immediately the town awakes, cartloads of mixed, ragged uniforms, offsized and antiquated guns are passed out—and a Red Army composed of peasants takes the field.

Such is one of the striking, colorful scenes of Cecil De Mille's production, "The Volga Boatman" which is his second independently directed offering for Producers Distributing Corporation, and which will be seen at the Gaiety Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 17-18-19.

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Miss Harrison's Winning Essay

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Unfortunately for modern times, the world, as in the past contains a large number of negligent and foolish people, who so far as the results of their actions respecting fire are concerned, could well be placed in the same category as Nero.

Though they do not deliberately set fires for the purpose of causing loss or damage, this result is achieved through recklessness in handling fire.

The irrevocable loss of wealth and lives which annually takes place through the careless actions of these modern Neros, is almost incalculable.

We have seen example upon example, ad infinitum, of the disastrous results arising from the dire thoughtlessness of such individuals, who, by failing to adequately extinguish camp fires, matches, cigar and cigarette butts, have been the means of devastating many of our valuable forests.

Nature takes numerous centuries to bring our stately trees to maturity, for the benefit of mankind, yet they are destroyed by the wanton hand of man, who thus deprives of immeasurable wealth, not only the present generation, but also that of the future.

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If people would seriously reflect that the minutest spark may create a monster of insatiable appetite, who, inexorable as the Grim Reaper, Death, discriminates between neither the humble or the mighty, but devours with equal greed the hovel and the mansion, they would use meticulous care in making use of fire.

The following suggestions could well be taken to heart by all:

1. Be sure to use safety matches. Keep these in a dry place, safe from the reach of children.
2. Put hot ashes and all other inflammable waste materials in metal or cement containers.
3. Never place oily rags, paint, gas or oil cans where there is a likelihood of spontaneous combustion.
4. Have all old electrical wiring examined for defects.
5. Always see that the current of electrical appliances is turned off, when these are not in use.
6. See that all open fire places are protected by screens, to guard against stray sparks.
7. Clean all chimney pipes from excess of soot and see that pipes are kept in repair.
8. Take care that all camp fires, cigar and cigarette butts are thoroughly extinguished.

Apart from the question of valuable property in general, the above observations should appeal strongly to the people of British Columbia, in view of the fact that a very large portion of the wealth in this province is wrapped up in its magnificent forests, and more particularly when one considers that the total loss in one year caused by fire, exceeded four million dollars.

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SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PURCHASE

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

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

HOMESTEAD LEASES

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

LEASES

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

GRAZING

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

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SPACING

When he first came to see her,
He showed a timid heart,
And when the lights were low,
They sat this far apart.
But when this love grew warmer
And learned the joy of a kiss,
They knocked out all the spaces
Andsatupcloselikethis.

—Typographic

* * *

Tommy—A little bird told met what kind of a lawyer your father is.

Freddy—What did the bird say?

"Cheep, cheep."

"Well, a duck told me what kind of a doctor your father is."

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WORK AND LEISURE

The lazy man's view of the proper relation between work and leisure is shown in this ingenious table.

Each year has	365 days
If you sleep eight hours a days it equals	122 days
Leaving	243 days
If you rest eight hours a day, it equals	122 days
Leaving	121 days
There are fifty-two Sundays in a year	52 days
Leaving	69 days
If you have Saturday half holidays	26 days
Leaving	43 days
Allowance for lunches, sickness and other things	28 days
Leaving	15 days
Two weeks' vacation	14 days
Leaving	1 day

On which, since it is Labor Day, no one works.

* * *

She was peeved and called him Mr.
Not because he went and Kr.
But the thing that made her sore
Was, that on the night before
This same Mr. Kr. Sr.

* * *

FLOWN

A FLY and a flea in a flue were imprisoned.
Now what would they do?
"Let us flee!" said the fly.
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

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Policeman—How many times have I arrested you?

Prisoner — Don't — hic—ask me. I thought you were keeping the score.

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"You should think of the future."
"I can't. It's my girl's birthday, and I have to think of the present."

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Strangely enough, a year is like a calendar. Everybody welcomes a new one, but few know what they'll do with it.

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LAUGH!

A laugh is just like music
It freshens up the day
It tips the peaks of life with light
And drives the clouds away.
The soul grows glad that hears it
And feels its courage strong.
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

* * *

Bride (at the telephone): "Oh, John, do come home. I've mixed the plugs in some way. The radio is all covered with frost and the electric icebox is singing 'Way Out West in Kansas.'"

OILING OF THE ISLAND HIGHWAY IS DISCUSSED

The Island Highway Committee of *the Automobile Club of British Columbia*, comprised of Colonel Wilby, Victoria; J. J. Banfield, Vancouver; and Dr. Brown of Nanaimo, assisted by Mr. Shead of Port Alberni, had a conference with the Hon. Dr. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, on Monday last.

The matter under discussion was the oiling of the Island Highway. Dr. Sutherland pointed out that it would take approximately $20,000,000 to do all the work that his department was called upon to look after in the way of roads. They were trying, he stated, to apportion the work fairly where most needed, and that while he could not promise to complete the pavement from Victoria to Campbell River, it was the *intention of his department* to carry it as far as Courtenay at least. This all depended upon the amount given him when the budget was presented, he stated.

Regarding the Cariboo Highway Dr. Sutherland thought it better that no official opening celebration be held, stating that there was no way of accommodating a large gathering along the highway. The estimated cost of upkeep on that portion of the road, stated the Minister, was $20,000 a year. It is proposed to place a toll of around $2.50 per car per season to take care of this expenditure.

A survey had been made, the committee were informed for the purpose of reducing the grade on the Alberni mountain, and of eliminaitng many of the curves.

The Minister showed the greatest courtesy and frankness towards the committee in discussing these matters with the delegation and displayed a wonderful knowledge of details in connection with the highways under discussion.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES WON BY CANADIAN COLLIERIES (D.), LTD.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—For coal supplied at Union Bay to steamships Asquith and Strathfillan and disbursements incurred in respect of the vessels, Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, Victoria, was yesterday in Supreme Court by Mr. Justice Morrison, awarded judgment for $10,573 against the Dominion Navigation Co. *Limited, Vancouver.*

Liability was contested on the ground that the expense had been contracted by defendant as agent for the bankrupt Southern Alberta Lumber Company Limited, which should pay the claim.

TENDERS WANTED

TENDERS will be received up to 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 16th, for the transportation of seven children from the corner of Marsden and Cumberland Road to the Minto School and return. Further particulars may be obtained from the secretary of the Minto School Board. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

(Mrs.) B. DAVIES, Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

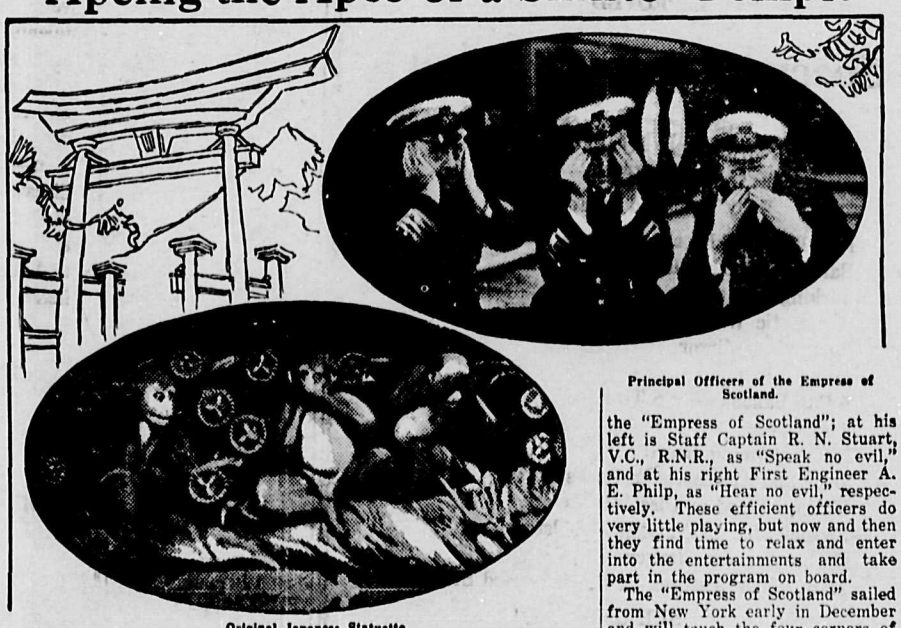
In loving memory of J. William Whitehouse, who died in the No. 4 Mine disaster of February 8th, 1923.

"Only a memory of bygone days,
And a sigh for the face unseen,
But a constant feeling that God alone
Knows best what might have been."

From his loving wife and son.

Royston, B. C.

Apeing the Apes of a Shinto Temple



Original Japanese Statuette.

Principal Officers of the Empress of Scotland.

"Hear no evil; speak no evil; see no evil." These three phrases are well-known in modern parlance. They, and a group of gesturing monkeys, are synonymous, the famous original carving being located in a Shinto temple at Nikko, Japan, Many copies of these allegorical triplets have been made and sold the world over for ornaments, paper weights and book ends. Not the least successful imitators, however, are the three principal officers of the Canadian Pacific steamship "Empress of Scotland," which is at present cruising around the world. The photograph above shows them squatted on deck interpreting the teachings of the famous Japanese statuettes to cruise cameraman. "See no evil" in the centre is the captain, R. G. Latta, commander of the "Empress of Scotland"; at his left is Staff Captain R. N. Stuart, V.C., R.N.R., as "Speak no evil," and at his right First Engineer A. E. Philp, as "Hear no evil," respectively. These efficient officers do very little playing, but now and then they find time to relax and enter into the entertainments and take part in the program on board.

The "Empress of Scotland" sailed from New York early in December and will touch the four corners of the earth on her annual 30,000-mile cruise. Her passenger list is made up of prominent people from all parts of Canada, the United States and many from England and the continent, who crossed the Atlantic to sail from New York The "Empress of Scotland" will visit over twenty different countries and will anchor in 26 ocean ports before her four months cruise is ended.

Announcement

FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW SPRING GOODS

We have on view a smart assortment of New Rayon Dress Goods, Silk Crepes, and quite a number of Novelty Dress Fabrics.

New Broadcloths which have come to take their place as a staple article rather than a novelty, and our new lines comprise some very attractive and good-looking fabrics; also quite an assortment of plain colors. This is the time to get your choice and have them made ere the fine days arrive.

Rayon Ginghams have also come to be looked upon more or less as a staple line, and we have some new coloring in that way.

New Naincheck for Underwear—One of the nicest and most adaptable kind of goods, in Pink, Helio, Blue and White, double width and really cheap. Per yd..... **30¢**

Spring cleaning will be here anyday and one of the things that must look well is your floor coverings. We are featuring a line of Linoleums 12 feet wide, that will cover your whole floor without any joins. See our patterns.

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COURTENAY' NEW LIMESTONE INDUSTRY FILLING MANY ORDERS

COURTENAY, Feb. 10—Courtenay's latest industry, the Comox Limestone and Fertilizer Co., Ltd., is getting away to a good start. Already 325 tons of limestone have been crushed, or is now in the process. A carload of the crushed limestone has been shipped to Parksville, consigned to the Nanoose Co-operative Association and another carload is leaving for Westholm.

The rock arrives here by the Vancouver-Courtenay Transport Co's boat from Texada Island and is crushed at the company's plant on the Courtenay River. An analysis of tne crushed limestone, which has just been received from Frank T. Shutt, Dominion chemist at Ottawa, gives the calcium carbonate content as 97¼ per cent, and states that the product ranks with the best on record, and that it is well suited for agricultural purposes. Mr. E. R. Bewell, the district agriculturist here, who has done much in getting the farmers interested in lime, is enthusiastic over this method of improving the soil, practically all of which was shown by experiments conducted here last year, to be deficient in lime. The very low cost of crushed limestone now enables most farmers to make use of this necessity.

It would be interesting to know how many Sunday schools in this land of ours ever devote any time to teaching the relation we sustain to the animal world. Of course kindness and justice are part of the Christian faith, but cruelty is quite as much a sin to be guarded against as lying, stealing, backbiting, and other hateful things we warn the young to shun.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Finch entertained on Saturday evening at three tables of bridge, when the prize winners were Miss F. Sehl and Mr. R. Shaw. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cope, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cameron, Mrs. T. H. Mumford, Mrs. J. Shortt, Miss F. Sehl, Mr. F. Dalby and Mr. R. Shaw.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The nursing staff and patients of the Cumberland General Hospital wish to acknowledge with thanks a gift of flowers from the Pioneers' Reunion Committee.

Personal Mention

Mr. J. Stewart, of the Columbia Paper Co. was a visitor to Cumberland on Wednesday and Thursday last.

SATURDAY, Mar. 5—Ancient Order of Foresters Dance at the Royston Imperial Pavilion. Novelty Five Orchestra.

Mrs. W. Hudson and Mrs. Maxwell Sr., were visitors to Nanaimo last week-end, making the trip to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh C Mitchell.

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Mrs. James Hood, who has been in Cumberland since last Monday on a visit to her daughters, returned this morning to her home in Victoria. The Rev. Mr. Hood has been in ill health for some time and has secured three months leave of absence, which with his wife, he will spend in California.

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Mr. Herbert Gibson and Mr. Dave Fielding were visitors to Nanaimo last week-end.

Mr. E. W. Blackmore, recently appointed instructor in manual training at the Cumberland and Courtenay Schools, arrived in this city during the week and is at present making plans to start his classes as soon as possible. Miss Ethel Till, the home economics teacher, will arrive here this week-end from Victoria.

Ninety per cent of the so-called short hauls in New York City in the distribution of bakery products, ice cream, laundry, and milk is by horses. This is what the secretary of the American Horse Association says.

Mr. Robert McNeil, of Britannia, was a visitor to Cumberland for a few days this week.

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Miss Kate Robertson returned last evening from Victoria and will reside here in future with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S .Robertson.

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Mrs. John H. Robertson was prize winner at this week's meeting of the Octagon Bridge Club, which was held at the home of Mrs. M. B. Stewart.

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Mrs. C. V. Dando and Mrs. Robt. McNeil were called to Extension last Friday afternoon by the death of their mother. Mr. McNeil accompanied them, but has since returned to Cumberland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lockhart left Tuesday morning for Vancouver where Mr. Lockhart has again to undergo an operation on his eye. Mrs. Lockhart will remain with her husband until he is well enoufh to return home.

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Mrs. Diana Bruce, of Union Bay, is paying a visit to friends in Cumberland.

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Mr. Hugh MacDonald was a visitor to Cumberland last Sunday, returning to his home in Ladysmith the following morning.

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Mr. J. McNeil, Mr. W. McNeil and Mr. C. V. Dando motored to Nanaimo last Sunday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh. Mitchell. They returned to Cumberland Tuesday.

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The novel manner in which the Gaiety Theatre was decorated was a big factor in the success of the Jolly Bachelors' dance held in Courtenay last Monday evening, for on entering the hall the harmoniously-blended colors and cheery looking orchestra background caused to arise a spirit of jollity that pervaded the whole scene. In fact, jollity was the keynote of the occasion, and the Bachelors are to be congratulated on their success at a time when one can attend a dance almost every evening. This success was due, however, to the fact that their's was no ordinary dance.

As is usually the case, a very large number attended and Cumberland was again well represented. Jack's Joy Boys supplied good dance music until well after two o'clock in the morning, the only break occurring when excellent refreshments were served at midnight.

The wife of a naval man handed the pastor this note:

"Peter Bowers, having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety.'

The minister glanced over it hastily and announced: "P. Bowers, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

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DEAN QUAINTON WILL PREACH AT SUNDAY SERVICES HERE

The Very Rev. Dean Quainton of Victoria will occupy the pulpit at both services in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday. His subject on Sunday evening will be "How to pray with special reference to Healing." The Spiritual or Faith healing movement has for many years been engaging a lot of attention and Dean Quainton has always been a loyal supporter of the work of the Canadian Guild of Health. In the quarterly number of the Guild's magazine he writes as follows:

"The safeguard of the Healing Movement is to be found in allowing it to be part of the normal Church life of a parish, linked to the Holy Communion, bound up with the Prayer-Life, and associated with meditative use of the Bible. For some years we have been trying to do this at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., and I am convinced that much good has been done. In many ways it has been a stabilizing thing—steadying the minds of those who have been looking to the Anglican Church for such help, deepening spirituality, of special assistance to the depressed and neurotic and raising the tone of health to many who have come under its influence."

The Canadian Guild of Health has thrown its membership open to all, and it is hoped to form a branch in Cumberland later on. The times of the services in Holy Trinity Church are 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dean Quainton will also address the High School students at 2:30 Monday afternoon.

VALENTINE DANCE IN ILO-ILO TONIGHT

Though the Cumberland Intermediate Basketball Club is strictly a boys organization, and as such gets along without the assistance of the gentler sex, it was found that for decorating purposes the "female touch" was absolutely imperative if the Ilo-Ilo hall is to make a presentable appearance tonight. The boys undertook this decorating task themselves, but soon gave up in despair and called in their more experienced sisters. The latter soon righted matters.

"But why all this decorating?" you say. Well, simply because tonight is the night of the Valentine dance which the Club is holding in an endeavor to raise funds. And you can bet they are going to raise them, for everyone is going to be there. Valentine novelties galore are in store for you, and even a number of prizes for winners of the special dances. At $1 for gentlemen and 25c for ladies, you can't afford to miss it.

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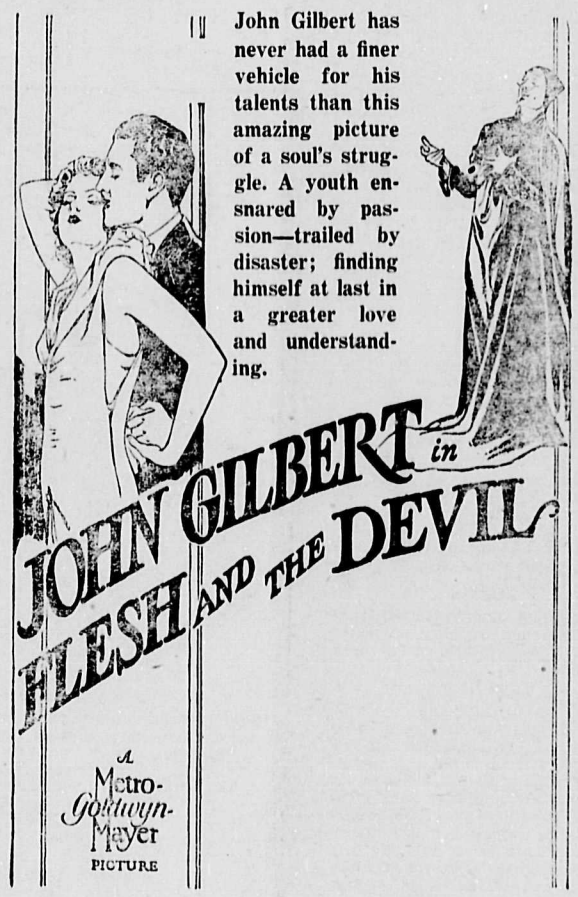

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