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Speech of Finance Minister Exposes McLean's Financing

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Tax Reductions in B.C. Impossible Because of Liberal Deficits Says Finance Minister

Victoria, Feb. 21—That the government finds itself unable to make substantial tax reductions at this time owing to the necessity of restoring trust funds used by the former administration to offset dificits was the statement made to the Legislature this afternoon by Hon. W. C. Shelly, minister of finance, in presenting his initial budget. The only relief in the way of taxation will be by amendments to the Succession Duties Act eliminating duties on estates under $20,000 and on life insurance and annuities to blood relation or named beneficiaries. Loan bills will total $12,500,000, of which $9,500,000 will be mainly used in essential highway and bridge construction. The remaining and separate loan measure will be for $3,000,000 as the first repayment contribution to trust funds.

The minister was outspoken in his condemnation of the policy of the former administration in making use of trust funds, declaring that had any private trust company been guilty of financing in a similar manner it would have had its charter cancelled and its directors would have been liable to heavy penalities.

Total Deficits Not Determined

The exact total sum that the government will have to set up to meet accumulated deficits of the Liberal regime will not be definitely known util the end of the present fiscal year, but it is anticipated that it will be in addition to the $3,000,000 named in the present loan bill, $2,000,000 to cover deficits for the present year, and $1,745,000 being the balance on previous losses.

In dealing with the loan bills for $12 500,000 which will be placed before the Legislature for consideration, the minister of finance intimated that he would probably have to later on increase the $3,000,000 loan bill for the consolidated revenue account by enough more to cover the anticipated $2,000,000 deficit for the current year, and a balance of roughly $1,745,000 to complete setting up the deficits that had accrued during recent years.

It will be necessary, he said, to bring down a loan bill for the following amounts:

Roads and bridges	$7,100,000
Buildings	1,900,000
Dewdney dyking district relief	165,000
Strathcona Park	335,000
	$9,500,000

Only Necessary Work to Be Done

In explaining the proposals which he enumerated, the minister said that only the most pressing highway needs would be undertaken this year, and that a much larger sum should—had the state of finances permitted—have been included for road construction.

"This loan," he said "is therefore an initial amount in the launching of an aggressive road building scheme over a period of years."

The particulars of the year's programme, he said, would be submitted later by the minister of public works, Hon. Nels Lougheed.

"The proposed capital expenditure on bridges," he continued, "is also greater owing to many important bridges along the highways of the province being beyond the state where repairs can restore them to a degree of safety commensurate with the loads they are called upon to sustain, therefor necessitating new and more substantial construction."

The fixed interest and redemption charges for roads and bridges, the minister explained, giving figures of previous borrowings, would be set up out of motor vehicle collections and gasoline taxes. Revenue from these sources was estimated to be for the coming year $2,550,000.

Tax Reductions Impossible

Turning his attention to matters of taxation, which he characterized as a prosaic subject, devoid of romance, Hon. Mr Shelly said:

"This government when it assumed office was sincere in its hope of reducing taxation, but I think I have already given sufficient reasons why, at this time, it is impossible to implement this promise. I will further elucidate the reason. Out of a total expenditure of some $25,000,000 brought down in the estimates this year we find that out of this amount 85 per cent., or $21,250,000, is uncontrollable and is tied up or committed. We have therefore, only $3,750,000 that may be controlled, and when you consider that out of this sum maintenance of roads, buildings, bridges and other works has to be provided, you will, I am sure, at once see how taxes could not be reduced in the short period we have been in office.

"I am stating a fact, but not without hope. Taxation reduction, I am afraid will have to be deferred until the whole of the fiscal system of the province has been carefully analysed and proposed economies effected.

"In the meantime, I propose to present an amendment to the Succession Duties Act, giving a straight exemption on all estates up to $20,000 to direct beneficiaries, exempting also all insurance and anuities to blood relations or named beneficiaries of the first class. I am of the opinion that this will eliminate the most contentious features of the act and make it the most liberal act in its administration of any province in Canada."

Mr. D. B. Christopher was a visitor to Cumberland during the week.

United Church Feather Pushers Take on Whippets

Churchmen Win Good Series By One Game

The members of the Whippet Badminton club paid a return visit to the courts at the United Church hall on Tuesday evening and engaged the Churchmen in a series of inter-club games, the United Church members running out winners eight games to seven ,the scores being United Church 113 points, Whippets 114 points. The games were in a good many instances stubbornly contested and the scores were practically level all through the evening. During the play, members of the United Church club served delectable refreshments. The scores were as follows with the names of the United Church players first in each instance:

Mixed Doubles

Miss L. Sheppard and B. Wilcock beat Miss Parnham and W. Bennie, 11-4; Mrs. Murdock and D. MacLean beat Miss Sehl and W. Whyte, 11-8; Miss Watson and T. Little lost to Mrs. Bannerman and D. Bannerman, 2-11; Mrs. H. Brown and Auchterlonie beat E. Hunden and Norman Frelone, 11-6; Miss Mann and Dr. Hicks beat Miss Boffey and C. Mounce, 11-10; Mrs. Murdoch and C. Nash beat Mrs. Graham and C. Graham, 11-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Misses Mann and Sheppard beat Misses Hunden and Boffey, 11-10; Mrs. Murdock and Miss Watson lost to Miss Sehl and Miss Parnham, 2-11; Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. Brown lost to Mrs. Bannerman and Mrs. Graham, 2-11.

Men's Doubles

Horwood and Little beat Bennie and Whyte, 11-5; McLean and Auchterlonie lost to Mounce and Bannerman, 5-11; Mann and Wilcock lost to Graham and Bennie, 9-11; Nash and Hicks lost to Bannerman and Frelone, 4-11.

Trap Shooting Popular With Rod And Gun Club

Trap shooting will prove a most popular pastime this spring and summer with the members of the Cumberland Rod and Gun Club judging by the number of members who were noticed trying out the trap during the week. Whilst the club will sponsor and encourage trap shooting it will be self supporting as the members going in for this form of recreation must buy their own clay birds. These must be purchased through the club and it is expected that a large supply will be on hand shortly as Mr. J. H. Cameron, who is attending the annual meeting of the British Columbia Game Protective Association in Vancouver, has been instructed to purchase a barrel of clay birds.

The drive for new members is progressing very favorably and last year's number will be surpassed. Mr. Harry Maynard, of Victoria, Honorary President of the local Rod and Gun Club sent a donation to the secretary this week of $20.00.

ENJOY SPORT ON FORBIDDEN PLATEAU

The Forbidden Plateau, in the neighborhood of the cabin on Mount Beecher, was the scene of much animation on Sunday. Ski-ing, tobogganing and snowshoeing were thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of young people. Several spent the week end from Friday to Sunday evening, making the cabin, which is quite comfortable, their headquarters. The comparatively light snowfall on this plateau makes conditions ideal for winter sports. Excellent visibility during the week end lent enhancement to the plateau.

Badminton Games Arranged For Saturday Night

Capt. Kimmond to Take Place of N. Radford

There will be one absentee from the list of badminton players scheduled to appear at the Imperial Pavilion on Saturday night. Noel Radford, the coming champion, is indisposed and his place will be taken by Capt. Kimmond.

The Captain is reckoned a real first class player and is always well up in the provincial play-offs. Games arranged for Saturday night are as follows:

Men's Singles—Jack Underhill versus J. Muir.

Ladies' Singles—Miss Eileen George versus Mrs. Draper.

Men s Doubles—J. Underhill and R. Underhill versus Captain Kimmond and J. Muir.

Ladies' Doubles—Misses Hopkins and Eileen George versus Mrs. Muir and Mrs. Draper.

Mixed Doubles—J. Underhill and Miss George versus Mr. and Mrs. J. Muir.

The games start at 8 o'clock and practically all reserved seats are sold.

The players will arrive by stage and will be welcomed at Courtenay by Mayor Theed Pearse and other members of the council of the City of Courtenay.

City Lose Mare

The Cumberland City teamster got the surprise of his life the other morning when one of the city team he was driving across Dunsmuir avenue dropped down dead. The teamster who is a braw' Scot said to his partner, who happened to be an Italian and not very familiar with the "lingo" of the teamster, "gang awa' doon and tell Wullie Henderson a wanna talk te him." The Italian loked at him in surprise and after a short space of time confided to one of his friends that Jimmy was offering up a prayer for the dead horse. Fred Pickard coming down to open the store shortly after was met at the corner of the Cumberland Hotel by Charlie Dalton and was greeted with "well I see the city lost the mare this morning." "You don't say," said Fred. "When did he die."

ASK CO-OPERATION OF MOTORING PUBLIC AND HAULAGE CONTRACTORS

Re Vehicle Traffic During Abnormal Weather

The assistant engineer for the Comox District is in receipt of of a circular letter from the Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer which has been sent to haulage contractors and others and is as follows:

"You are requested to make as little use as possible of all public highways while the frost is coming out of the ground and while the roadbed is soft and liable to be damaged.

"In this connection please be advised that Regulations Nos. 3 and 7 pursuant to Section 33 of the "Highway Act', prohibit at this season of the year a greater gross load of more than 10,000 pounds for a vehicle, a greater gross load an any one wheel of more than 3,000 pounds, while the gross weight permissable on any one tire, having regard to the width of the tire is as follows:

"Tire width 3" to 4", total weight in pounds, 1200 to 1600.

"Tire width 4" to 5½", total weight in pounds, 2000 to 2750.

"The loads above referred to are applicable to the usual country highways of this Province but I would further advise that under certain conditions these loads are excessive particularly when the frost is coming out of the ground, I have therefore to request that you will do everything possible in your power to co-operate with the Provincial Public Works Department in the preservation of our Highways.

"Your co-operation in this will be appreciated by the public at large.

"P. PHILIP,
"Deputy Minister and
Public Works Engineer"

Story From North Of Island Promises Discovery of Gold

Lonely Miner Locates Precious Metal in Solitude; Fisherman Brings Word from Hermit

A man may plunge into the wilderness in the northern portion of Vancouver Island and be lost to sight for months without seeing a single human being. This has been the experience of F. B. Eldridge, a watchmaker of Fort McMurray, Alberta, who yielded to the lure for free gold in the Brooks Peninsula, northwest coast of the Island.

Believed to be lost when searches of his rendezvous failed to disclose a trace of the wanderer, a fisherman has at last brought word to Quatsino, after the Provincial Police had been advised of the man as missing. Eldridge has found gold on Amos Creek, the only considerable stream known to empty into the Pacific from the Peninsula's precipitous plateau.

Traditions of gold in this little frequented area have prevailed from Spanish times but the district lies so far outside the domain of modern prospecting that few have ventured into this virgin solitude of rock and forest.

Eldridge was landed on Cape Cook one day last August, with supplies for six or eight months, and equipped with a small canoe. His avowed intentions were to prospect and trap. Arrangements were made with R. Nosler, who took him there, that Nosler should bring his mail, at a rendezvous at Klaskisk Inlet (N.W. side of Brooks Peninsula), and Eldridge was to make his way there for trapping. Eldridge established a base cabin at Cape Cook.

In November smoke was seen in the shack visible from the sea, and an investigation conducted without finding any trace of him. Nosler went to the rendezvous at Klaskisk Inlet in January,and failing to find Eldridge he persuaded Captain Samuelson of the American halibut schooner eclipse to have a dory put off at Cape Cook and a search made at taht point which was done on January 28, the cabin being found deserted. This further search increased the alarm, which has only been allayed when just before the last setamer sailed for the south Eldridge was located by a fisherman and reported that he would come out in April. He has located gold on Amos Creek, reporting lots of fine placer. Details will not be available until the exile is brought out to Quatsino in the Spring.

Vancouver Artists Here March 1st

Concert, Supper and Dance By Cumberland Welsh Society

Friday next, March the 1st, the Cumberland Welsh Society announce that they have been fortunate in securing the services of Professor Morgan's concert party of Vancouver, who will give a varied concert commencing at 7 o'clock. The Vancouver artists appearing here will be Mrs. Howard Leggatt, soprano; Mrs. Nesta Hudson contralto; Mr. North West, tenor; Miss Margaret McIntyre, violinist; and accompanist with Professor Morgan, director. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson will be remembered as members of the Moody Manners Opera Company and of Queen's Hall London. Miss McIntyre is well known to Cumberland music lovers, apearing here a year ago when she won the hearts of all who heard her.

A limited number of tickets for the concert, supper and dance are on sale and the committee in charge would impress upon all their friends that if they desire to go to the supper, a ticket must be procured, charge for same will be $1.25. This ticket will admit one to all three affairs. If it is desired to go to the concert only the charge for admission will be 50c. The same charge will apply for anyone desiring to go to the dance only, 50c. It was reported last week that the supper would be held in the Veterans' Hall. Arrangements have now been made to hold the supper in the Cumberland Hall, next door to the Cumberland Hotel. The supper will be held immediately after the concert.

The K. & K. Pole Company sent a bunch of men up to the head of Puntledge Lake this week. They were followed up two days later by a huge raft with horses and supplies. If the weather holds good, a few more weeks time should see quite a gang located at the head of the lake.

GOV.-GENERAL TO VISIT COAST NEXT MONTH

Vice-Regal Party Will Spend Four Weeks on Mainland and Island

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Governor-General with Lady Willingdon is leaving here at the end of March for the Pacific Coast to spend one month at Vancouver and Victoria. While in Vancouver they will attend the sessions of the National Council of Education which will be held under their patronage from April 8 to April 13. Delegations will attend the conference from Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand.

A. W. Neill And Thanksgiving Day

Local Member in Interesting Debate in Federal House

The observance of Thanksgiving and Armistice Days has caused quite a lot of discussion in the country and on Wednesday, February the 13th, Mr. F. W. Gershaw, of Medicine Hat, moved in the Federal House the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni.

"That in the opinion of this house, the day to be observed hereafter for national Thanksgiving Day, shall be Armistice Day, November the 11th."

Mr. Gershaw said, "This resolution is brought forward as a tribute and to do honour to those who served in the Great War. This proposal did not come from the returned soldiers, but since it appeared on the order paper many branches of the Canadian Legion have expressed approval of it, and many resolutions have been passed by that body expressing such approval."

Mr. Neill in seconding the motion said:

"Mr. Speaker, I have much pleasure in seconding and supporting this resolution. In order that the house may be fully informed of the situation, I may explain that in 1921 the Union government passed an act which is now chapter 9 of the revised statutes of 1927, the second section of which provides that:

"'The Monday in the week in which the eleventh day of November shall occur shall be a legal holiday and shall be kept and observed as such under the name of Armistice day'

"The next section goes on to state that the holiday commonly called Thanksgiving day shall be proclaimed and observed on the same day. It is on that that this resolution rests. Experience has shown and the feeling of the returned men as expressed by their bodies is that Armistice day is very liable to be and is in process of being merged and forgotten in Thanksgiving day. One cannot very well conceive the permanency of a celebration which may be moved anywhere within a week. Can you picture Christmas day, if it fell on Saturday, being observed, for instance, on the previous Monday? Yet that is the situation in this case. Armistice day, according to the law in 1921, is to be observed on the Monday of the week in which it falls. The object of this resolution is to reverse this situoatin and have Armistice day held on the eleventh day of November and Thanksgiving day on the same day if necessary.

"I have under my hand a resolution passed by the Dominion convention of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. It is only a few words, and I will read it:

"'Resolved that whereas November 11th is a day sacred to all ex-service men—

"I would like to emphasize the point that in the opinion of returned men and indeed in that of all of us it should be a day sacred to all ex-service men.

"'—and the date set apart by the federal government for observance is a day other than this date;

"'Be it resolved that this convention requests the federal government to amend the present act so that in unison with other parts of the English speaking world Canadian citizens may be enabled to commemorate the actual day upon which the armistice was signed as a national memmorial day, and substitute it for Thanksgiving day.'

"I have a number of other resolutions from various branches of the legion, mostly in the district which I represent, and I will briefly quote from one or two. One of them reads:

"'We feel that this day should be set apart from any other holiday as Armistice day cannot come on any other date any more than Dominion day can be called Christmas.'

"This is another one:

"'Whereas Armistice day hertofore has been made subservient to Thanksgiving day—'

"That is the point they have taken, that Armistice day has been and is made subservient to Thanksgiving day.

"'—this branch hereby resolves, and do pray that Thanksgiving and Armistice day be annually celebrated on November 11th of each pear.'

"Another one, after expressing the sentiments I have already read, goes further and says amongst other things

"'Further, that the matter of the considering the advisability of arranging for Thanksgiving day to always be observed on Armistice day, be left

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$71,000.00 To Be Spent On Courtenay River Dredging

Royston Wharf Repairs, $7,300; Union Bay Wharf, $5,300; Denman Island Wharf $1,900

Dominion Department of Public Works appropriations for 1929, as set out in the estimates tabled in the House of Commons on Monday, include about $200,000 for buildings, wharves and breakwater works on Vancouver Island and adjacent islands.

For works in the immediate vicinity of Victoria, including votes for Ogden Point piers, William Head quarantine station and the Naval Baracks, $76,100 is provided, the principal item being for Ogden Point.

One of the most exposed landing places on the East Coast of Vancouver Island is to be protected in the provision of a breakwater and float at Campbell River, costing $7,200.

A long agitation has been conducted in connection with the dredging and improvement of the Courtenay River, to give river traffic direct access to the city and for this work the sum of $71,200 is appropriated.

Adjacent is the Union Bay wharf, upon which repairs are to be made at a cost of $5,300.

On the West Coast there are appropriations of $7,300 for wharves at Port Alberni, and $1,500 for the Port Alberni Postoffice building.

The usual appropriation for maintenance of the automobile ferry wharf at Sidney of $3,000 is continued.

Votes on the Island for wharves and similar structures are as follows:

Cracroft Island, renewal of float approach, $1,100.

Denman Island, float replacement and improvements of ferry landing, $1,900.

Port Washington, wharf repairs, $3,500.

Quatsino ,wharf repairs, $1,200.

Royston, wharf repairs, $7,300.

Shushartie Bay, renewal of float, $3,900.

South Pender Island, wharf repairs, $3,500.

No Meeting Of Board Of Trade

Only three men turned up at the Board of Trade meeting which should have been held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday night. There must be something radically wrong somewhere when only three business men find the work of the board of trade sufficiently interesting. If the business men of this town are not interested in the work, how on earth do they expect the rank and file to become interested. If there is a little slack period in sight at the local mines some of the business men can find enough time to wring their hands and cry blue ruin from one end of the town to the other. If the local board of trade is going to function at all, either new blood will have to be introduced or a burial will take place. It must have been very disheartening to the three members on Tuesday night to have practically wasted a night—for nothing. In the case of one of the gentlemen, we know for a fact that he could have been better employed. However, there is bound to be another meeting shortly. There are several matters of major importance to the town to be brought up and it is very likely that at the next meeting, something will be introduced to pep up the "dead" board of trade and at the same time deal with the blue ruin artists.

Naval Barracks To Be Put In Good Shape This Year

Prospect of Sailors Training on the Old Spit Look Rosy

The barracks on Goose Spit at Comox have been allowed to get into rather bad condition during the past few years, but according to the tenders called for work at the Spit, the barracks are going to be put into a better shape than has been the case for a number of years. Now that there is talk of the sailors training there for some months this year, the buildings are going to be made habitable. All buildings will be renovated, chimneys built and stoves installed. It is also rumoured that militia units on the Island may use the Spit this year for their annual camp. With the Comox waterworks laying a pipeline to the wharf at Comox one of the great draw backs to the camp will be rectified.

The Cumberland cricketers are looking forward to the sailors coming to Comox. They have in mind the very enjoyable cricket games played with the navy teams last year and are looking forward to trying conclusions with the "boys in blue" once more.

Changes At The Colliery Offices

Several changes at the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited have been announced by Lt.-Col. Charles W. Villiers, the General Manager. Commencing on the first of February, Mr. Thomas Graham, became Consulting Engineer of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited and the Western Fuel Corporation of Canada, Limited.

Mr. John Hunt, in addition to his duties as General Manager of the Western Fuel Corporation of Canada, Limited, has been appointed Mine Superintendent of all Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited mines in the Ladysmith and Nanaimo areas. Mr. Thomas Williams, of Cumberland has been appointed Mine Superintendent of all mines in the Comox district.

Mr. Alexander Auchinvole has been appointed Superintendent of Railroads Wharves, Stores, Shops, Washeries, and Power Plants in the Comox, Ladysmith and Nanaimo divisions.

Victim of Sleigh Accident Improving

Miss Elsie Bevis, who sustained serious injuries in the sleighing accident on Fitzwilliam street on January 30, and who has been confined to the hospital since, was on Tuesday removed to her home in the D. J. Jenkins, Ltd., ambulance. Miss Bevis has made exceptionally good progress towards recovery. Mr. Donald McKinnon, another victim of the accident, is still in the hospital,and, while progressing nicely, will be confined there for some time yet.

Cumberland Liquor Store Profitable

The seventh annual report of the Liquor Control Board for the period April the 1st, 1927 to March the 31st, 1928 has just been published, total sales amounting to $13,956,909.67 showing an increase over the previous period of $151,820.17. Net sales at the Cumberland store amounted to $81,004.80, a gross profit of $23,911.79 being made. Operation costs amounted $3,727.41, giving a net profit of $20,184.38. In the appropriation of profits to Municipalities, based on school attendance, Cumberland shows 174,813½ days attendance at school by pupils, the amount of money allotted to the city being $6,355.50.

Last Games Played In Crib League

Athletic Club Team and Vets. Finish Schedule

The meeting of the Veterans' Cribbage team and the Athletic Club team on Wednesday night did not produce any excitement as the City team had previously made sure of the Maynard trophy by defeating Union Bay. The Vets. and Athletic team decided to fulfill the schedule and a very pleasant evening ensued.

After the games which the Athletic team won by 16-14, refreshments were served and what with drinks and smokes and jolly jokes all present were in real good humour. The jokes told, or at least some of them if printed would outshine Balzack's Droll Stories.

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SOMETHING WRONG, SOMEWHERE.

WHEN only three men turn out for a meeting of the board of trade, as was the case on Tuesday night, there must be something wrong. The difficulty, probably is, that one or two men are willing "to carry on", and the rest are willing to stand by and let them do it. Let it be given out however, that a dinner of the board of trade is going to be held and a well-known politician is going to address those present on the conclusion of the eats. Say, there's hardly a dining room in town big enough to hold the crowd. There must be something wrong, somewhere.

For there is no doubt our board of trade is sick, very sick. When we can get only three members to turn out and hang around for a time in the hope that enough would show up to form a quorum, the feeling that naturally comes to mind is, if the business men themselves do not bother with the Board of Trade, why should anyone else worry about it.

It would be worth a lot to this community, especially to the business section, if someone would produce a recipe warranted to cure a sick board of trade or could provide a sort of permanent hypodermic—but not of the sleep producing variety, but one of pep.

How to put new life into the board of trade is quite a question and it will be interesting to see what the president will do about reviving the sick board.

FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS

WHILE Canada has abandoned the plan of federal aid in the making of permanent highways, the United States has encouraged rural citizens by the completion of sixty-five thousand miles of federal aided roads during the past twelve years. These roads have cost twelve hundred million dollars, or nearly half the federal public debt of the Dominion. Canada keeps taxes up and reduces her debt very little beyond what can be done by book-keeping manoeuvers. The United States reduces taxes and reduces the national debt by hundreds of millions a year. Is it not reasonable to assume that greater attention to the means of modern transportation in this counry would produce conditions of greater general prosperity her, so that there should not continue to be so marked contrast between the national debts and taxation.

In the United States as in Canada, the making of good roads had lagged while the duty of making them was left to local authority and local taxation. After the adoption of federal aid the states were obliged to refashion and create highway departments in order to comply with the new law. Federal aid has benefited the states far beyond the monetary consideration, through the introduction of capable highway departments and through the stimulating effect of federal participation.

Administration of the federal aid funds is in the hands of the U. S. Bureau of Public Works, although actual construction of the roads is carried on by the state highway departments. On the latter rests the selection of routes to be improved and type of improvement, application of federal aid to these projects being subject to approval by the Bureau of Public Roads. Requirements for federal aid are: That each state lay out a comprehensive connected system of the most used roads composing not more than seven per cent. of the state highway system; that each state maintain federal aid roads else this will be done by the federal government and charged to the state; that the states receive federal money in accordance with their population, area and mileage of roads over which U. S. mail is transported, one-half the cost of approved projects to be paid for with federal funds, the balance with state funds.

The cimmitmnets of the present call for the construction of 187,000 miles of road, which at recent rates of progress would take twenty years or more. However, those who have realized the benefits from the better highways show signs of impatience at having to wait for another generation even for the completion of the present programme, and are insistent upon speeding up the work and extending its scope. At the same time it is hoped that the money saved from the cost of maintaining what have become federal permanent highways will be vigorously applied to the minor roads, so as to ensure the most widespread benefit possible. —The British Columbian.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

A TOWER OF STRENGTH

1928

Assurances in force (net) - An Increase of $408,925,000	$1,896,915,000
New Assurances Paid for - An Increase of $112,836,000	441,244,000
Total Income - - - - An Increase of $41,972,000	144,747,000
Surplus earned during the Year - - - - -	40,264,000
Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries - -	49,920,000
Surplus and Contingency Reserve - - - - An Increase of $9,157,000	66,938,000
Total Liabilities - - - (Including Paid up Capital)	422,020,000
Assets, at December 31st, 1928 An Increase of $87,652,000	488,958,000
Rate of Interest earned on mean invested assets (net)	6.58%

DIVIDENDS TO POLICYHOLDERS INCREASED FOR NINTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR

The Company has also inaugurated the practice of paying a special maturity dividend on participating policies, ten or more years in force, terminating by death or maturity.

EXTRACTS FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT

. . . After deducting amounts re-assured, the total assurances in force now amount to $1,896,915,934.57, an increase of $408,925,254.48. Policies in force number 633,240, and in addition 136,293 certificates of assurance are held by employees of corporations and firms under the group plan.

While every field of operation contributed its full share to these impressive advances, the rapid development of our business in Great Britain and the United States is especially noteworthy. The generous reception of our Company in countries served by powerful domestic institutions is particularly gratifying, as testifying to widespread appreciation of our record and services.

. . . The amount paid to policyholders since organization, together with the amount at present held for their security or benefit, exceeds the total amount received from them in premiums by $111,370,229.10.

The strength and resources of the Company have been still further enhanced.

The net rate of interest earned on the mean invested assets, after making provision for investment expenses, has risen to 6.58 per cent. Dividend increases, bonuses and stock privileges, accruing on many of the Company's holdings, contributed substantially to this gratifying result.

A net profit of $11,028,854.59 has been realized from the redemption or sale of securities which had risen to high premiums.

The securities listed in the assets have been valued at figures substantially below the valued placed on them by the Government. This under-valuation of our securities represents an important safeguard against possible adverse market fluctuations, additional to the reserves specifically provided against that contingency.

We are again able to report that on the bonds and preferred stocks listed in the assets, not one dollar, due either as interest or as dividend, is in arrear for a single day; while the dividends accruing to common stocks exceed by several million dollars those payable on the same stocks at the time of purchase.

The surplus earned during the year, based on the values given in the accounts, amounted to $40,264,088.52.

$10,000,000. has been deducted from the already heavily marked-down value of securities, as additional provision against possible fluctuations, increasing the amount so set aside to $20,000,000.

The special amount set aside as a liability to provide for unforeseen contingencies has been maintained at $12,500,000.

$15,822,339.65 has been paid or allotted as profits to policyholders during the year.

After making all deductions and allocations, $9,157,966.34 has been added to the undivided surplus, bringing the total over liabilities, contingency accounts, and capital stock, to $54,438,862.48.

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A. W. NEILL AND THANKSGIVING DAY

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to those in authority for due consideration.'

"In other words, they do not absolutely demand or ask that Thanksgiving day be held on the same day but they do ask that Armistice day be be held on the 11th of November. I have several more telegrams, but I will not read them.

"Two objections have been raised against this change, and I will deal briefly with them before I sit down. One is that it would cause two holidays in one week and that is calculated to be embarrassing to business people and to business interests. It is not necessary to have two holidays in one week. It is quite possible, as I have suggested and as the resolution suggests, to have Thanksgiving on November 11th. This would do away with that objection. Besides, if necessary, Thanksgiving day could be held in October. It has been held in October before now and we are not particularly committed to holding it in November. Labour day comes in September; Thanksgiving day might well come in October and Armistice day on November 11, but that is a matter for the government to decide. That does away with the objection that we cannot afford to have two holidays in one week.

The other objection, which is one that is given great weight in some quarters, is that it is inconvenient for travelling men and those whose business takes them away from home to have the holiday on any other day than Monday. It also interferes perhaps with those living in a town who wish to visit their relatives or friends in the country for what is called a long week-end; unless Armistice day comes on a Monday that is prevented. It is undeniable that it would be more convenient for travellers to have the holiday on Monday, but I would point this out: Thanksgiving day, Labour day, Victoria day, and these other days are intended to be public holidays, and to be for the convenience of those away from home and for those who wish to visit their friends, but Armistice day was not intended at all for that purpose. It was never designed or set apart as a public holiday for the convenience of those who wished to visit their homes or their friends. It was intended and designated—it was consecrated, I might say—to the memory of the men who died at the front and those who had the good fortune to come back, men equally gallant, equally brave, equally ready to take the risks of war, in order that the rest of the population, and especially the rising generation, who were mere children while the war was on, should be reminded of, and should be instructed in, so to speak, the reverence and the respect and the obligation we owe to these men who risked their all at that time. As the resolution of the Dominion Convention of the British Empire Service League says, 'it is a day sacred to ex-service men'; it has nothing whatever to do with a week-end holiday, and therefore I submit that Armistice day should be observed as such. I would point out that in every other English-speaking country with which I am familiar, they observe Armistice day on November 11th, and not on the previous Monday or on any other day.

Again the argument is used: After all, that is a mere matter of sentiment that should not be allowed to interfere with the convenience and material interests of the everyday workaday world. Well, a great poet once said that it was sentiment that ruled the world and that is quite true. What would this world be without sentiment? Why do we spend large sums, both as nations and as individuals for the relief of the sick and the poor and the destitute? Is it not from sentiment, from a spirit of charity and sympathy and goodwill? What about the war memorials scattered throughout the this country, which must in the aggregate cost an enormous sum? They were erected purely from sentiment, and from a worthy and proper sentiment. I do not think the argument is a good one that this is a matter of sentiment and should therefore be ignored. Think of the tombstones that dot this land. They are erected from a spirit of sentiment, and sentiment only.

"I do not anticipate that there will be any serious oposition to this resolution passing the house. This house may be divided for this purpose into two classes,those who went to the war and those who did not. I am sure that those who were at the war will appreciate the spirit of their comrades in asking for this change. It is even more incumbent upon those of us who did not go to the war to see that the wishes of the men who were at the front are respected in this matter, and that they are granted this comparatively trivial change, which in the end will hurt no one, but will be paying to these men the respect and reverence to which they are entitled."

The resolution was negatived.

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On Saturday evening last local basketball fans were treated to a real exhibition of basketball when the Nine O's of Alberni and the local Five Aces locked horns. The game was the play off for the northern section of the Island in the Intermediate B class. The Cumberland team was no match for the Nine O's' accurate shooting and well timed combination and came out on the short end of a 30-15 score. The game was played in the Imperial Pavilion as it is the only regulation sized basketball floor available in the district.

The Nine O's were trained up to the second and their short passing game bewildered the Five Aces, as the latter have no regular coach and combination to them is a matter of passing to the player who is "open" rather than making the breaks. The Five Aces used many long passes and long shots which is playing into the hands of a team that are short-passing artists and have their combination well in hand. But though the local team lost, they gained much valuable experience which should react on their play in future.

The Nin O's will now play the winner of the Nanaimo division.

In the preliminary games the Cumberland Junior boys played a Courtenay team, whom they defeated, 18-15 after a hard struggle. The Cumberland High School girls were to have played the Alberni High School girls but as the latter were unable to make the trip, a scrub team furnished the opposition.

Sometime next week the Ex-High team will play their game in the Inmediate A class which is a play off game for the B. C. Championship, the High School girls will also stage a play-off game.

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Sandwick

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Turner (nee Bridges) are leaving the district to take up a farm near Nanaimo.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods, of Merville, have rented the home of Mr. William Grieve on the Upper Road and will shortly move in.

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The side roads are almost impassable and some quick action is needed if the school busses are to keep running.

A large and hungry owl beheaded five of Mr. J. E. Lupton's chickens while they were drinking from outside troughs.

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The Use of Drugs

Many of our correspondents have written to us, asking for advice in regard to treatment and, particularly concerning the value of some particular drug as a remedy for the illness of which they are the victims.

We refer to this because it shows there is a lack of understanding concerning the use of drugs. In the first place, the proper treatment of disease depends upon a diagnosis. Some treatment may be given to relieve the symptoms of which the patient complains, but the removal of the cause of the disease is directed, as far as possible, towards the removal of the cause of disease. If, for example, a patient suffers from headache due to faulty eye-sight, the proper treatment of such a case is not to give some drug to deaden the headache, but to remove the cause, by prescribing proper glasses which will end eye-strain—the cause of the headache.

All cases are not as simple and direct as this, however. In many cases, it calls for all the skill which the physician acquires, from years of training and experience, to search out the cause and to prescribe proper and adequate treatment. It is just because it does require this special training and experience, which the layman lacks, which makes it dangerous for people to attempt to treat themselves. Not only may considerable harm be done by the improper use of drugs, but, in adition, time is being lost in obtaining skilled medical treatment for the real cause of the trouble. There is no question but that the best chance for successful treatment lies in early treatment. The longer treatment is delayed, the less chance there is for it to be successful.

For these reasons, it seems evident that it is in the interest of the patient to secure proper, adequate treatment from his physician, rather than to attempt to treat himself.

Minto

Quite a number of cases of sickness amongst the school children are registered in the Valley at present and Dr. Hicks is a daily visitor.

Master Austin Davies, who had his appendix removed two weeks ago, is expected home on Sunday.

John and Mrs. Pearse and Walter, from the I. T. Camp, were visitors with their parents on Sunday, as were also Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson from Union Bay.

Mrs. T. Hadden, from Arden, spent Friday last with Mrs. E. Carter.

Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Chard and Mr. W. Davies left on Wednesday morning for Jervis Inlet to make preparatory arrangements for opening a logging camp there.

Mrs. B. Wolf is expected home in a few days after spending a few weeks in Vancouver Hospital.

Well-Known Island Pioneer Passes

The whole district was shocked to learn of the death on Tuesday morning of Mr. Henry James Austin, the father of Mrs. E. L. Macdonald, who passed away at seven o'clock at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Austin, or "Harry" as he was familiarly known, was a well-known figure in Island shipping circles, having been for many years a purser on the coastal boats plying between Victoria and Comox prior to the advent of the railroad. Many an old-timer will recall instances of his kindness and courtesy on journeys up the coast.

Mr. Austin was born in Canterbury, England, on the 8th of March, 1858. As a young man he joined the British Navy and in 1885, forty-four years ago, came out to Esquimalt on H.M.S. Triumph. After serving on the Triumph, Thorndyke, Victor Emanuel, Excellent and Cormorant, respectively, in Pacific waters, he purchased his discharge and joined the service of the E. & N. For a while he was engaged in railway work but transferred to the coastal service and for twenty-four years ran up and down the coast as purser on the Joan and City of Nanaimo. Shortly after the purchase of the E. & N. by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Mr. Austin left the service and joined the B. C. Pilots' Association as its secretary, subsequently resigning to take over the management of the Gardiner Tow Boat Company, of Victoria.

Five years ago he was attacked with diabetes and resigned from the company, then coming to Courtenay with his wife to reside with his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Macdonald and assist in the office of the Macdonald Electric.

On Wednesday of last week, not being in the best of health, he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. Pneumonia developed and it was soon seen that his condition was serious. He passed peacefully away at seven o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Besides his widow he leaves to mourn his death, one daughter, Mrs. Macdonald, one brother in England and one sister in Australia.

The funeral is being held to-morrow, Friday, at three o'clock p.m. from St. John's Anglican Church, under Masonic auspices, of which order the late Mr. Austin was a devoted member.

Trouble man worked all night to restore service

Trouble on three ofthe B. C. Telephone Company's long-distance circuits, two miles west of Mission, on the night of January 30, resulted in a hurry-up call to Abbotsford for a repairman.

The repairman left Abbotsford by automobile at 10 p.m., but because of the deep snow he could not drive farther than a half mile beyond Mission, so he had to make the rest of the trip on foot.

Arriving on the scene he found that he had an all-night task ahead or him, but he gamely tackled the job and by 3:40 a.m. had all the circuits clear.

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Courtenay Locals

Dr. H. P. Millard is in town this week and while in the district is visiting at the home of Mrs. D. Roy, of Royston.

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Mr. R. G. Laver went down to Victoria on business on Sunday.

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Mr. R. Booth, piano tuner, of Nanaimo, is in town this week.

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Mrs. G. Van Hamert left for Vancouver on Tuesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Smillie, of Nanaimo, were visitors to town last week-end.

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The dance held by "Our Gang" in the Assembly Room of the Native Sons' Hall last night is reported to have been one of the "best little dances of the season." It was purely an invitation affair and everybody present had a jolly time. The Blue Bird Orchestra furnished excellent music.

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On Friday evening a surprise party was given in honor of Miss Mildred Wilson by Misses Agnes and Dorothy Sutherland. Miss Wilson is leaving for Victoria shortly to train for a nurse at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

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The annual meeting of the Courtenay Volunteer Fire Brigade was held last night at which the following officers were elected: Chief, J. Thomson; Deputy Chief, P. Booth; Captains, M. Damonte and W. Leighton; Secretary-Treasurer, H. S. Baker.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Perrott left for Vancouver the first of the week to spend a few days' holiday.

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During the temporary indisposition of Mr. G. W. Stubbs, who has a touch of the 'flu, Mrs. Edgar Cliffe is substituting for him at the Courtenay Public School.

Campbell River

Dr. R. E. Ziegler, who has been taking a post graduate course in industrial and general surgery at Chicago, is expected to return to Campbell River on the twenty-eighth instant. He has been accompanied by Mrs. Ziegler.

Messrs. J. Wilcock and G. W. Edwards visited Campbellton on Wednesday where a site was secured for the erection of a butcher shop for Messrs. Wilcock & Co. Construction will be started immediately by Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Charles Bool has also purchased a site for a gas service station and tire shop.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dawson, on Thursday, February 21st, a son.

Merville

A shower was given last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Widen. About thirty guests were present.

A meeting of the settlers was called last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of electing trustees for the Community Hall. It was decided to postpone the meeting as so few were present.

A number of young friends gave a surprise party to Mrs. A. G. MacCulloch and her sister, Miss Kathleen Clifford, last Saturday night at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford. About forty young folks arrived and an enjoyable time was spent with games and music.

Miss K. Clifford left on Sunday for Bowser.

We are glad to see some gravel has been put on the highway as the travelling was getting very bad.

Miss Rena Bonora, of Cumberland, and Miss Lilly Nelson, of Headquarters, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford.

Needs Adjusting

The Lord made Eve to please Adam,
'Tis well He planned it that way—
Had he tried to make Adam to please Eve,
He'd be tinkering with him today!

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Birthday Party for Little Tot.

The home of Mrs. L. Frelone was the scene of a very jolly birthday party when a number of friends of the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Frelone gathered together to celebrate the eighth birthday of Laureen Frelone. The evening was delightfully spent in games and contests, winners in the latter being Margaret Westfield, Thelma Frelone, Muriel Maxwell, and Lillian Saunders.

On the conclusion of the games and contests, the invited guests sat down to a beautifully decorated table, loaded with goodies of all descriptions, the table being centred with a very *finely decorated birthday cake, with* eight candles brightly burning. Needless to say the youngsters did full *justice to all the good things, the go*ing home time arriving all too soon. Those present were: Doretta Brown, Nita Pilling, Janice Henley, Dorothy Bogo, Myrtle Vale, Helen Robertson, Irene Brown, Linda Cavellero; Norma Cavelelro, Muriel Maxwell, Lillian Saunders, Hazel Gordon, Barbara McNeil, Dorothy Simth, Lizzie Conn, Viola Martinelli, Thelma Frelone, Rosie Marocchi, Lillian Tobacco, Margaret Westfield, Betty Brown, Lillian Pickett, Norman Raga, Tommy Conti, Billy Conn, Billy Irvine, Billy Westfield, Alex Lindsay.

Mr. E. L. Saunders while cutting *wood last week end cut his wrist rath*er severely. He was just about to finish the load of wood and in his haste got too close to the chopping block with the result that the handle caught the block, the blade coming down on Mr. Saunder's wrist with great force. Several stitches were necessary and at the time of writing the injured man was progressing very favorably.

Comox Lake

There is a lake beside a town I know,
Which lies amid the purple hills far-flung,
Whose varied beauties still remain unsung.
Above the rugged shores the sunrise glow
Flames on the mountains' everlasting snow;
Majestic timbers cluster there among
Precipitous ravines with fern and creeper hung,
And at whose feet wild torrents plunge and flow.
The upland deer their furtive courses take,
And eagles hover o'er their wide domain.
The lusty trout the placid waters break.
Here solitude doth yet unbroken reign.
O heart, which vainly sighs for lands *unknown,*
Here, at your door, are treasures all your own.

W. Coventry.

CRIB LEAGUE STANDING

The Cumberland district cribbage league games have all been played and contrary to all expectations the head of the league is graced by the City team. The Athletic club team are in the second position with Union Bay and the Vets. being tied. A meeting of executives of the clubs in the *league* will be held sometime during the coming week, when arrangements will be made for the big social and *presentation of the Maynard trophy* to the City team.

The league standing is as follows:

	P	W	L	D	P
City	6	4	2	0	8
Athletic Club	6	3	3	0	6
Union Bay	6	2	3	1	5
Vets.	6	2	3	1	5

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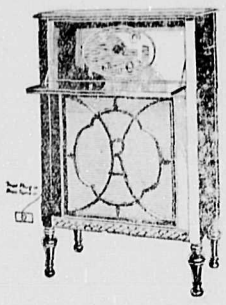

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Cumberland Personals

Editorials from the Cumberland Islander of recent date have been published in The Journal, Wheatley, Ontario, the New Westminster British Columbian and the Lindsay, Ontario, Post.

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Practically all reserved seat tickets for the badminton exhibition to be staged tomorrow night at Royston have been sold.

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The Cumberland Men's Bridge Club met at the home of Mr. L. H. Finch on Tuesday of this week. Next week the members will meet at the home of Mr. T. H Mumford.

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Miss Chrissie Sutherland returned to Alberni on Sunday, after spending the week end with her parents.

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Mr. J. Sutherland made a business trip to Vancouver on Sunday and returned on Wednesday.

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Mr.and Mrs. F. Wilcock and Bert returned on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. McCarthy and her son, of Nanaimo.

A pleasant surprise party was held last Friday evening at the home of Barbara Martin. Many amusing and entertaining games were indulged in. Those invited were: Margaret Westfield, Lillian Picketti, Barbara Martin, May Beveridge, Chrissie Robertson, Edith Cavellero, Dilys Williams, Margaret Dunsmore, Alison Geekie, Muriel Thompson, Dorothy Thompson Gertie Davis, John E. Bannerman, Wilbert Auchterlonie, Tom Conrod, *Preston Bruce, David Hunden,* Bud Hunden, Leland Bannerman Darrel Thompson, Joe Whyley, Fred Martin, Bill Cloutier.

The whist drive and dance held on Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the F.O.E. proved to be a great success, twenty-three tables being in play. Mrs. J. Anderson won ladies' first prize, Mrs. Wilcock and Mrs. Bates tied for second, cards were drawn and Mrs. Bates was the lucky winner. Men's first prize was won by Mrs. S. L. Robertson (sub.), men's second, Mrs. R. Littler (sub.). Ladies' travelling prize, Mrs. Alex Somerville, gent's, Mrs. Irvine (sub.). Lucky prizes were also given, the winners being Mrs. Stant and Mrs. Schmidt. *Dainty refreshments* were served and very much enjoyed by all. The ladies will hold another whist drive on March 19.

Union Bay

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kay and daughter Gretta motored to Nanaimo over the week-end.

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Miss Hilda Randall, of Victoria, is visiting in town, the guest of Miss Nettie Marshall.

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A very enjoyable social evening was held in the Old School Hall on Thursday evening last by the Girls' Sewing Club. After a dainty supper was served, dancing and games were enjoyed until midnight. Those present were: Misses M. McIntyre, E. and B. Magnone, A. and C. McKay, G. Kay, L. Bradley, F. Jones, L. Brown, K. Formby, Mrs. E. Hicks, Mrs. E. Hirst and Messrs. J. Campbell, S. Walker, T. Lewis, T. Formby, R. Hudson, R. Ray, S. Muir, G. Walker, R. Searle and S. Nakamura.

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The following ships bunkered here during the past week: The S. S. Counsellor arrived from Vancouver and sailed for the United Kingdom. S. S. Suveric from Seattle and sailed for China. Canadian Observer from Ladysmith and sailed for San Francisco via Ocean Falls. Queenswood from Gray's Harbor sailed for United Kingdom. Salmonpool from Vancouver and sailed for United Kingdom.

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Mr. Bert Glover ,of Nanaimo, was a visitor in town over the week-end.

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Miss D. Cannon was a visitor to Vancouver over the week-end.

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Lt.-Col. C. W. Villiers returned to Cumberland on Wednesday.

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Mr. Thomas Graham, consulting engineer of the Canadian Collieries (D.) Limited and the Western Fuel Corporation of Canada returned to Cumberland on Wednesday evening after spending a few days in Nanaimo.

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Messrs. Cameron, Thomson, Maxwell and Martin went over to Snag Bay, Puntledge Lake on Sunday last and enjoyed a great day.

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Mrs. Henning and daughter are guests of Mr. and Mrs. DeCouer. Mrs. Henning came to town to visit her brother, Jim Potter who is seriously ill in the Cumberland General Hospital.

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*The Welsh Society held a very suc*cessful whist drive on Saturday evening in the Memorial hall, there being *twenty-one tables in play* . Prizes were won by Mrs. K. Brown, ladies first; Mrs. Covert and Mrs. Marshall tied for ladies' second and Mrs. Covert won the draw. Gent's first Mr. Schmidt and gent's second Mr. C. Walker. Travelling prizes, Mrs. K. Brown and Mrs. J. Scavarda (sub.); consolation prizes, Mrs. F. Watson and Mrs. J. Bond (sub.). Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock and Mrs. Hudson's orchestra supplied excellent music for the dance.

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A Valentine tea, held by the ladies' auxiliary of the W.B.A., Review, No. 1717, took place in the lodge rooms *on Wednesday afternoon, under the* convenership of Mrs. McNeil. A considerable sum was realized to help *carry on the work of the order.*

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A silver tea was held at the manse on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. F. Horwood Mrs. Abraham, Miss A. Haywood and Mrs. J. C. Brown were joint hostesses. Pussy willows and green foliage were attractively arranged in the centre of the tables, while orange tapers glowed in silver candle-sticks. Presiding at the urns were Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Mitchell. Tea was served by Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Abraham and Mrs. Watson.

Miss Mary Baird left this morning for Union Bay to spend the week-end While in Union Bay she will attend the birthday party of her cousin, Doris Ray.

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Mr. Grant, agent for Fuller Brushes spent the week-end at his home in Victoria.

DEATH CLAIMS INFANT DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. WOODS

Shirley, the year-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Woods died on Monday after a brief illness. The funeral, which was of a private nature was held on Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. J. R. Hewitt offi*ciating, interment taking place in the* Cumberland Cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Woods in the loss of their baby.

The Talent Club met at the home of Mrs. C. Dando, Jr., on Wednesday night and elected officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. E. O. Robathan was elected president, Mrs. H. E. Murray, secretary, Mrs. C. Dando, Jr. treasurer and Mrs. Florence McDonald, dorcas secretary. During the evening Mrs. Dando served refreshments. Those present included Mrs. Robathan Mrs. Dando ,Mrs. Murray and the Misses Cannon, Dando, Mitchell, Emily and Richardson.

The first cricket games of the season for the Cumberland team will probably be against Courtenay at Cumberland on May 24th, at Nanaimo on May 25th against a Vanvouver team got together by Mr. Victor G. *Eccles and against Mr. Clegg's team* from Chemainus on May the 26th or June the 2nd.

Specials Coming to Ilo-Ilo

A few of the outstanding pictures *that are coming to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre* in the near future are: "Battle of the Sexes", produced by D. W. Griffiths; "Submarine", starring Jack Holt, playing at the Pantages Theatre Vancouver at the present time; "Uncle Tom's Cabin; Victor Hugo's "The Man Who Laughs"; Frank Borzage's great production "Street Angel", starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell; "The Patsy"; "Sunrise", starring George O'Brien; "Man, Woman and Sin"; "Revenge", starring Dolores Del Rio and "The Mysterious Laly", starring Greta Garbo.

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