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Good Showing By Gym. Pupils

Newly Formed Class Gives
Credible Performance

Cumberland, March 30.—The old Band Hall at Cumberland was the scene of a very interesting gymnastic display on Saturday night by a number of the members of the newly formed gymnastic classes conducted by two old imperial army instructors, Messrs. Harry and William Jackson. The display was a most excellent one, more especially in view of the fact that the boys have only been training for a few weeks. The result of the intensive training of the past few weeks showed that the instructors have been most thorough in their methods. There was a fairly large good crowd present as the boys paraded round the hall, led by instructor Harry Jackson. The display included exercises over the vaulting horse, club swinging, pyramids, ground tumbling and boxing and wrestling. Those taking part in the display were Bud Coombs, W. Shearer, Clyde Lewis, J. Carrigan, T. Adamson, Sid Hunt, J. Watson, Clarence Lewis, J. Etherington, J. Hoffenz, T. Mossey, T. Conrad, W. Johnstone, J. Robertson, J. Taylor and J. Monks.

The boxing bouts followed the exercises and was a real treat, the participants being loudly cheered. Two little chaps of very tender years stole the show in the initial bout. It was a three two-minute go between J. Bates and T. Gallaso. The youngsters stood toe to toe and "swapped" punches like regular old-timers. The result was declared a draw. All other bouts were of four two-minute rounds, no decision and plenty of action was witnessed by the fans. In all, five bouts were staged between J. Etherington vs. J. Hoffenz; J. Watson vs. Clarence Lewis; T. Adamson vs. Sid Hunt; Clyde Lewis vs. J. Carrigan; Bud Coombs vs. W. Shearer. A four-round blindfold boxing bout between J. O'Connor and R. Marshall was a scream. O'Connor wandered from the centre of the floor and touching the ropes thought it was his opponent. Swing with a mighty wallop he knocked one of the spectators off the end of the bench. The crowd roared with laughter. This comedy ended with neither boxer doing any harm. It pleased the fans immensely, however.

A two-round wrestling bout between T. Mossey and T. Conrad ended in a draw, both getting a fall each. The final turn of the night was scheduled as a three-round wrestling bout between Harry Jackson of Cumberland, and Harry Barnes of Drumheller. It only went to two rounds, Jackson pinning his man easily.

The Merry Makers' orchestra was in attendance and rendered several popular selections.

Harry Jackson acted as referee for the boxing bouts with Jack Williams as time-keeper. W. Jackson and R. McGrath very ably assisted with the arrangements.

FIREMEN WIN OVER TYEE TEAM.

The local fire fighters branched out and entered the sports game on Saturday last taking on the Tyees of Quathlasi Cove and won rather handily by three goals to nothing. This win over the Tyee soccer stars has evidently put the firemen on their mettle as one hears rumours of them seriously considering entering the sporting fraternity in real earnest. It has been suggested to form a baseball team and also a soccer team but whether plans will materialize is hard to determine at the present. As conditions are at present, the sport-loving fans hereabouts find it extremely difficult to support the various organizations in existence but probably the firemen intend to play the games for the sheer love of the game and not rely on outside contributions to keep going.

Mrs. C. McDonald was hostess at the home of Mrs. R. McNeil on Tuesday night to members of the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club. Three tables were in play, Mrs. J. Quinn gaining first prize, Mrs. H. Parkinson second, and Mrs. A. Clarke consolation. The guest of the evening was Mrs. M. Litter. Those present were Mrs. J. Quinn, Mrs. Gear, Mrs. K. Brown, Mrs. M. Litter, Mrs. C. Whyte, Mrs. R. McNeil, Mrs. H. Parkinson, Mrs. W. Hudson, Mrs. A. Clarke, Mrs. R. Abrams, Mrs. J. D. Davis and Mrs. C. McDonald.

A Challenge to Courtenay

Cumberland, March 30.—At final basketball games played in Courtenay on Thursday last, the president of the league remarked that the Courtenay teams compared favorably with any teams in their class in Vancouver, Victoria, or in fact in British Columbia. The Cumberland Phantoms (boys) resent this statement and take this opportunity of extending a challenge to an all-star team from the Comox District league, from which Cumberland was barred from entering earlier in the season through being too good for Courtenay. The Phantoms wish the net gate receipts to be split and referee rest with their opponents. In the event of this challenge being accepted, kindly notify the editor of the Courtenay Free Press or the editor of the Cumberland Islander.

Auto Park Keeper's Wife Died Sunday

Well Known to Many Local Motorists

The death occurred at Nanaimo Hospital on Sunday afternoon last at 4:30 of Phoebe Bradley, wife of Mr. William Bradley, caretaker of the Nanaimo Auto Park, death resulting after only a brief illness. Mrs. Bradley, along with her husband, had been a resident of Nanaimo for the past 24 years and was exceptionally well known both by the residents of Nanaimo and district and by the motoring public who patronized the Nanaimo Auto Park. Many local motorists will sympathize with Mr. Bradley in his bereavement.

Eagles Speed and Youth Too Much for Vets.

Old Time Soccer Stars Take Five to Nothing Beating

As the Lancashire man says: "There's nowt beats a good old 'un' except a good young 'un." The fact was very clearly demonstrated Sunday last on the occasion of the meeting of Cumberland and Courtenay's old time soccer stars and the Cumberland Eagles on the Recreation Ground when the youthful and speedy Eagles triumphed by five goals to nothing. The score does not really represent the play and it can't be said that the winners were five goals better. Some of the old time stars showed a good control of the ball but not quick enough to part with it, the Eagle players nipping in like greased lightning had the "old boys" completely at sea for a time. In the first ten minutes of the game the Eagles were two goals up but from then on the old timers took a hand in the game and held their youthful opponents up to the breathers. During this half whilst much of the midfield play was in favor of the old timers they never got within scoring distance of Jimmy Walker. The whistle at half time was a welcome relief to Bobby Brown and his crowd, including referee J. L. Brown.

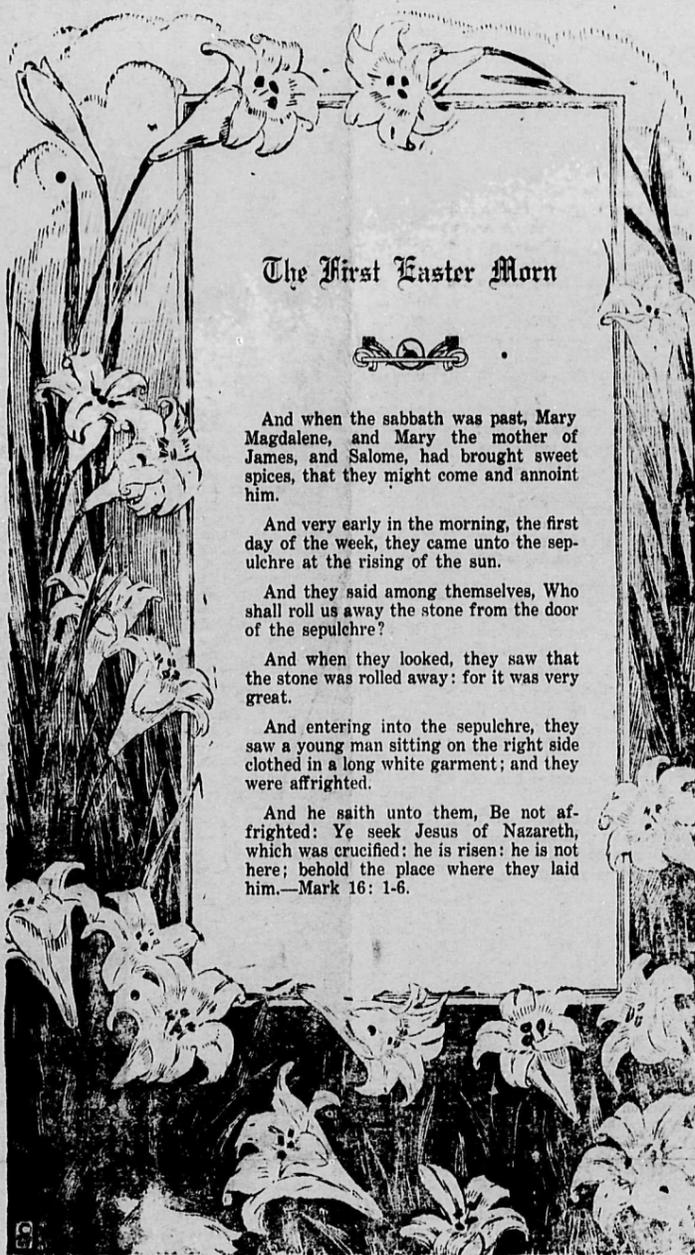
The second half opened all in favor of the Eagles, whose half backs easily controlled the opposing forwards. The crowd shouted for the old timers to open up the game and swing the ball instead of playing too close. Whilst their close together play was at times pretty to watch it did not gain much headway as the Eagle halves were always masters of the situation. Had the ball been swung around more it might have been a different story as the old timers, or at least a number of them showed better ball control than the Eagles and it was clearly demonstrated that youth and speed were far ahead of age and experience. Three goals were scored by the Eagles in this half, bringing their total to five. During the last fifteen minutes the old timers came to life with a vengeance. A well directed raid on the Eagles goal nearly brought goals. Jimmy Walker was tested with a shot from quite 25 yards out by Jack Stewart who had gone to the inside right position. That started the excitement and for at least fifteen minutes the ball was in the Eagle half. Many shots were fired at Walker who saved three or four that looked tagged for counters. However, the ball was eventually cleared and the whistle sounded with play in midfield.

We are not going to say who was the best on the old timers' team, all worked hard and gave of their best. The re-arranged Eagles' team worked very smoothly, the half line was good and Howay at centre forward was real good. He was ready and willing at all times to take chances and came pretty close to going through on several occasions. Bartholdi was not as dangerous as he was expected to be. "Skipper" Murray kept too close a watch on him. The game was clean and very interesting to watch and as an indication of how all the boys tried to play the game and keep the ball in the playing area, it was well on into the second half before the first corner resulted, the Eagles being forced to concede. There was a good crowd of spectators present but the gate money did not realize what it should have done. If the Eagles are to continue the general public will have to be a little more liberal with the "iron men". The Duncan Native Sons are due here on the 12th of April and as the locals have guaranteed a substantial sum to the visitors a good crowd will have to be on hand to cover the guarantee.

Archibald Dick Heads U. B. C. Players Club

Archie Dick is receiving the congratulations of his many friends in Cumberland and district on being elected vice-president of the Players' Club of the University of British Columbia. Membership in the Players' Club is eagerly sought by the students and is looked upon as a signal honor when office is attained in this popular club. The election was held last week and Miss Alice Morrow elected president, Miss Betty Wilson secretary and Mr. R. I. Knight, treasurer. The committee also includes a Courtenay boy, Mr. Harold Tull.

Friends of Mrs. D. Mitchell will be pleased to hear that she is progressing favorably after her accident. Mrs. Mitchell while hanging a blind on the kitchen window slipped off the table on which she was standing, and broke a rib in the left side. Mrs. Mitchell is resting at home.



The First Easter Morn

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen: he is not here; behold the place where they laid him.—Mark 16: 1-6.

Honor Paid To Society Member

Mr. M. M. Brown Recipient of Handsome Military Brushes

Cumberland, March 30.—Members of the Welsh Society gathered at their hall on Friday evening to honor one of their members who lent such valuable aid in the remodeling of the building recently. In the early evening cards were indulged in when the winners were Mrs. B. Tarr and T. McMillan, Jr., first; Mrs. S. Rees and J. Lewis consolation. After the serving of a dainty supper provided by the ladies and served at long tables, the Society's president, J. Lewis asked Mr. M. M. Brown, the guest of honor, to accept a handsome set of military brushes, complete in case with the compliments of the members as small token of their appreciation of the assistance rendered. Though taken completely by surprise the recipient expressed his thanks stating that anything he had done had been prompted by a desire to help and without thought of remuneration. Games of various kinds, dancing to music supplied by Mrs. A. G. Jones on piano, and solos by Mr. and Mrs. Warren added to the merry occasion, the gathering ending at a late hour. Mrs. M. M. Brown and Mrs. S. Covert won ladies' and gent's prizes respectively at the musical game.

PUBLISHED APOLOGY SUFFICIENT, VERDICT

Whitby, Ont., April 1.—Publication of an apology for an error in a newspaper heading was sufficient recompense, it was found by a jury in a libel action brought by Charles Love against the Whitby Gazette and Chronicle. The case was dealt with in Supreme Court at Whitby, Mr. Justice Kelly presided.

The statement of claim said that the name of Charles Love had appeared in the heading of a story telling of conviction in Police Court of Clifford Love on a charge of stealing. Charles Love claimed that his good name had been damaged in spite of the published apology and that his credit had been injured. Defendant claimed that the right name appeared throughout the body of the article, but through a typographical error the name of the plaintiff had appeared in the heading. An apology had been offered and published when the plaintiff had brought the error to notice of the defendant. In announcing costs against the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Kelly, replying to an objection by counsel for plaintiff, said: "I am not impressed at all with your client because the evidence showed he did not co-operate in mitigating damages. I am quite convinced he was 'out of law' I don't encourage any such conduct."

Semi-Final For Provincial Cup To Be Played Here

Native Sons of Duncan Will Oppose Local Eagles

The Cumberland Eagles will meet the Native Sons of Duncan in the semi-final for the O. B. Allan cup, emblematic of the provincial junior championship. The executive of the local Eagles guaranteed the visitors a substantial sum and with a neutral referee, a Mr. Gordon, of Nanaimo, the expenses of the official arbiter will also have to be met. The game will take place on Sunday, April 12, and is sure to attract a large number of fans. The Duncan team are reputed to be a fast aggregation and as a number of ex-players of Ladysmith are with the team, experience as well as speed combines to make the Duncan Native Sons a hard team to beat. The Eagles are training faithfully and are out to give the best that is in them in an endeavor to bring the junior soccer championship to Cumberland. Ways and means of raising enough money to cover the guarantee are being considered by the Eagles' executive and it is up to every soccer loving fan in the district to get behind the locals and attend the game.

A. W. Neill, M.P. And Armistice Day

Plea Made for Nov. 11th to Be Permanent Date

In introducing a Bill to amend the Armistice Day Act in the House of Commons last week, A. W. Neill, M.P., said: "The Armistice Day Act, passed in 1921, comprises two sections. It provides that the Armistice day celebration shall be held on the Monday in the week in which November 11 falls. The second section provides that Thanksgiving day shall be held on the same day. The bill I now ask leave to introduce repeals both these sections, substituting for them one section which provides that the celebration of Armistice day shall be held on November 11 in each year and no other day. It makes no reference to Thanksgiving day and therefore the procedure in regard to that will revert to the practice that prevailed prior to 1921, when by proclamation the government could fix the day at any time they liked. I do not say anything in this bill as to Thanksgiving day, I leave that entirely open; I provide in one section that Armistice day shall be celebrated on November 11 and upon no other day."

Sudden Death Of Cumberland Man

Interred Wednesday Afternoon in
Cumberland Cemetery

Ernest Silbey, colored, dropped dead on Sunday afternoon as he was entering his home, West Cumberland, death being due to heart failure. Little is known of the dead man locally. He was born in the West Indies and was 47 years of age and has been in British Columbia 22 years, the past two or three years in Cumberland. As far as can be ascertained the deceased had no relatives in this part of the country. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking parlors of T. E. Banks, Dunsuir avenue, interment taking place in the Cumberland Cemetery, Rev. J. R. Hewitt officiating.

The deceased had been in failing health for some time, Dr. E. R. Hicks attending him a year ago, under whose care he has been more or less since then. The coroner decided an inquest was not necessary.

Text Of Brief Presented To Prime Minister

We have already published the report of the delegation of the Cumberland Board of Trade which waited on Premier Bennett and we now publish, in part, the brief prepared by our delegates, taken from the Nanaimo Herald of Sunday last:

The brief submitted to Premier Bennett as prepared by Messrs. Graham and Hindmarch, and endorsed by Messrs. A. W. Neill and C. H. Dickie, reads as follows: In presenting this resolution of the Cumberland Board of Trade, and this accompanying petition of the Vancouver Island coal mining communities, Ladysmith, Cassidy, South Wellington, Extension, Nanaimo, Cumberland, Union Bay and district, we draw your attention to the fact that the resolution has the endorsement of every existing Board of Trade on Vancouver Island, including the Associated Boards of Trade, and also the Chamber of Commerce of Victoria, B.C. The resolution in itself sets out quite fully the existing conditions of the industry and what we believe is necessary to rehabilitate it.

The platform upon which you and your party successfully appealed to the country in the recent general election, was chiefly built upon a protective policy, and the election results we look upon as being an approval of your policy by the people of Canada. In other words, you and your government were given a mandate to put into effect such a tariff policy as was outlined in your platform. We who have for years lived in the local mining communities of Vancouver Island, and who have watched the steady decline of the coal industry for the past twenty years, a decline that can be clearly traced to the importation of fuel oil from foreign countries, believe that coal, which obviously should be a basic industry, must be included in the list of industries requiring assistance in any tariff revision under consideration.

We were further strengthened in this thought by the inclusion in your platform of a plank calling for the creation of a national fuel policy. We are not unmindful of the difficulties attending the creation of such a fuel policy but the very fact that it contains difficulties is all the more reason, that in an issue so paramount to our future industrial life, we should at once set ourselves to the task of advancing it until we have successfully attained our objective. Nor have we forgotten that the placing of a tariff on fuel oil will meet with strong opposition from interests that are not only numerous but are powerful, inasmuch as they represent large and influential vested interests that are carrying on industries within our country and giving employment to many men. It is, therefore, deemed necessary to submit to you some argument as to why we believe that our petition should be granted. We shall endeavor to be as brief as possible.

Coal was discovered in Nanaimo in 1851, and three years later coal mining on Vancouver Island had been established as an industry. This was well over 70 years ago, so that it may be said that the coal industry was one of the earliest industries on the Island and it has always been, and still is one of the most important. The market for coal in the earlier days of the industry was very limited, but still the industry went steadily ahead, more than keeping pace with the growth and development of the Province. Indeed, up to 1900, and for a few years later, it not only supplied the fuel needs of the Province, but shipped its surplus output as far south as San Francisco. In addition to the mines of Nanaimo, other mines were opened up at Cumberland, at Wellington, at East Wellington, at South Wellington, at Ladysmith and Cassidy. All these mines are located on the east shore of Vancouver Island and from Ladysmith south to Cumberland north, the distance is only about 100 miles, and covers what is known as the central portion of Vancouver Island.

These coal mining cities and communities grew and prospered with the steady development of the coal industry. Nanaimo, it might be pointed out, was incorporated as a city in 1874, at which time the big city of Vancouver was not much better nor bigger than a sawmill camp. It was the coal industry and the spending power of the coal mining communities that, more than anything else, helped and speeded up the development of the Island. It was the needs of these communities and the business that was to be done with them, (Continued on Page Two)

Must Relieve Unemployment

Government Opponents Ask Additional Direct Relief

Ottawa, March 31.—Warning of serious developments, widespread distress, and even riots, if something is not done to relieve unemployment, were heard in the House of Commons today. The supplementary estimates were sidetracked for all the afternoon and a large part of the evening sitting, while members from Labor and Liberal benches pressed the Government to continue direct unemployment relief. It would be disastrous, they said, if relief was discontinued today—the last day of the present fiscal year when votes passed at the emergency session of Parliament for this purpose, would, they contended, expire.

No indication had been given which inspired hope that the Government proposed to bring in measures to deal with the serious unemployment situation, said A. W. Neill, Independent, Comox-Alberni. Mr. Neill declared that municipalities in Canada had strained themselves last year to alleviate unemployment conditions. They could not be expected to continue doing this. It was time now for the Government to make preparations for next fall when, when conditions would certainly be serious again. He was afraid that "we are just going to drift along until a desperate situation faces us." There must, said Mr. Neill, be greater cooperation between capital and labor in industry. Some form of unemployment insurance might be necessary for the future, but unemployment insurance was not a thing which could be established in a day. It should be a very well thought out scheme on a contribution basis. In the meantime the unemployed must be provided for. Finally after half a dozen or more speakers had expressed their views, the discussion went itself out and the motion of Premier R. B. Bennett that the House go into committee of supply carried. The supplementary estimates were taken up without the Government having made any pronouncement on the unemployment situation.

Doings At The Athletic Club

Good work is being done to the lawn at the Cumberland Bowling Green and it is confidently expected that play will commence not later than May 24th. The lawn has been forked up and is being given a top dressing of sand. The right kind of sand is very hard to obtain but the secretary of the club managed to get some from the road leading to Jock's Point but as there was only a small pocket of it, not enough was obtained to do quarter of the green. The kind of sand required is known as coarse bristly sand which is extremely hard to obtain.

Cribbage and checker tournaments at the club have almost reached the final stages which will bring to a close for this winter all tournaments. Great interest has been shown in the tournaments this season and some real good games have been witnessed. The pupils of the gymnastic classes under instructors W. and H. Jackson intend to put on a monster show at Courtenay in the near future.

CUMBERLAND STORES TO CLOSE ON MONDAY.

Following the custom of previous years, all stores in Cumberland will be closed on Easter Monday, as well as Good Friday. This notice will give shoppers ample time to prepare their shopping lists for presentation to the store-keepers on Saturday. All stores of course, will be open until the usual time Saturday night.

Oil Deposit Is Found In Mine

Fernie, March 25.—An oil deposit was discovered recently in one of the coal seams of the Michel mines. It is only of local nature. The remains of the oil would suggest that it had flowed from some other source. All the gaseous part of the oil has long since evaporated, leaving numerous small lenses of hard oil residue, impregnating the coal and giving the coal a very lustrous black color. Sample were sent to the geological department at Ottawa. This department states that this deposit is of a very unusual occurrence but is of no commercial value.

East Lynne at Ilo-Ilo

The management of the Ilo-Ilo has been successful in booking East Lynne for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April the 23rd, 24th and 25th immediately following the showing of this great play at the Capital Theatre, Vancouver. There is a wonderful cast in this great talkie including Ann Harding, Clive Brook, Conrad Nagel, Cecilia Loftus, Beryl Mercer, O. P. Heggie, Flora Sheffield, David Torrence, Eric Mayne, Wally Albright and a host of other players. The story is the original theme, derived from the world-famous novel by Mrs. Henry Wood, has been embellished and enriched by two of the most expert screen writers —Bradley King and Tom Barry. East Lynne is said to be the greatest stage play of all time —it is infinitely better as a talkie.

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THE ORIGIN OF EASTER

THE ORIGIN of Easter as a Spring festival is shrouded in the haze of the awakening of the earth from sleep of winter as worshipped with pagan rites long before the primitive missionaries of the Christian church separated to establish their new religion throughout the world, as it was then known. Coincident with the date of this celebration was the Paschal feast of the Jews, so that all peoples and creeds recognized the occasion. Before the time of the Puritans in England and Calvin in Europe—two great influences regulating the religious thought of the times—the celebration of Easter had become an unlicensed carnival to which people yielded themselves as a reaction after the preaching and example and element of austerity of Lent, but through their dignity was restored to the annual festival, and in this spirit it has been continued to the present day.

In all countries is this celebration observed, and, up to a few years ago, none more so than in Russia where the Greek Church prevailed. Social and religious events in that country were marked by rejoicing and the meetings of the people in the streets—whether Czar of Moujik—were signalled by a kiss and the greeting, "Christ is Risen!" Particularly at Rome, Paris, Berlin, Jerusalem and Mexico is the festival celebrated with pomp and ceremony, but in all cities and places does the Easter festival demand the full glory of the Spring—the loveliest flowers, most sumptuous music, gorgeous sacerdotal vestments and smiles and grace and joy of women and children in beautiful attire.

The Easter festival of our forefathers covered a period of fifteen days. The week beginning with Easter Sunday was almost given over entirely to sport and games and general merry-making. An odd feature of the old-time celebration was that of heaving or lifting, the "heaved" sitting in a chair decorated with white ribbons. Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday were known as heaving days, the women sitting in a chair on Monday and the men on Tuesday. Those heaving or lifting the chair were expected to lift it three times and then kiss the occupant, who, in turn kissed them. To the regret of the lads and lasses in the district where the novel ceremony was once performed, the custom has long since died out.

Some people are blest with abundance left them by their ancestors, and are not compelled to battle for the necessities of life, which may be a happy state, but after all it's a little thing to boast of and really impertinent to go about expressing the idea, "I don't have to work." It's a God-send that all are not so blest, for if none had to shift for themselves the old world would soon become as stagnant as a cess-pool. Necessity, it is said, is the mother of invention, and those that "have work" are the ones that keep the wheels of progress moving, and not those that are resting at ease in the plenty which others have earned and bequeathed to them.

COAL AND FUEL OIL

VANCOUVER Island coal men went to Ottawa with a petition signed by 7200 people, asking for a higher duty on imported fuel oil, and that British Columbia be granted the subvention now granted to Alberta and Nova Scotia.

As a result, they have assurance that the federal government will consider both these requests.

The Vancouver Island coal situation is serious. Production has dropped from 3,239,000 tons in 1910 to 1,800,000 tons in 1930. In the last four years it has dropped 27 per cent, and the annual drop now is estimated at 10 per cent. The mines employ 38 per cent fewer miners than they did in 1910.

Imports of fuel oil have increased to 160,000,000 gallons a year. Of that, 30,000,000 gallons came in as fuel oil and paid the existing duty of half a cent per gallon. The balance was residue from local refineries and came in duty free.

In addition to higher duty on imports, the coal men want a duty on residues here. The subvention, or bonus, which they ask is applied on exports, and coal men believe it will be of great help to them in entering foreign markets.

Canada needs a national coal policy that will help all her coal-producing provinces. That policy should embrace scientific research and freight rate adjustment, and should go right to the bottom of the tariff question to find the greatest ultimate benefits.

Research will develop the use of powdered fuel, and salesmanship will tell its advantages to the people of Canada and other nations. Freight rate adjustment will involve agreement with the railways that will make it possible to move British Columbia and Alberta and Maritime coal on a competitive basis. The higher duty asked for is designed to protect the industry while it gets on its feet.

Canada can afford to specialize on coal research. She cannot afford to let this big national asset collapse.

—Vancouver Sun.

As the result of the new law in the Isle of Man compelling every seaman to have a life-boat certificate, sailors of 70, ship's pantry boys in their teens and those in between are taking lessons in life-saving.

of British Columbia. Economically and politically there is no reason why the national tariff policy of the Dominion should not be applied to the coal industry of Vancouver Island. The industry is a Canadian industry, and it is exploiting a great natural resource. The tariff policy of the present Government has been clearly stated and is being fearlessly enforced. Here in the Vancouver Island coal situation there is an old established Canadian industry being driven out of its own home market by the unfair competition of American fuel oil. If it is the purpose and the function of the national tariff policy of Canada to ensure adequate protection for Canadian industries against foreign competition then here is a case for its application. Coal mined on the Island cannot compete in Vancouver, or in any other section of the home fuel market, with American fuel oil. This is the case for the application of the tariff policy of the country to Vancouver Island coal. The industry has already been almost driven into ruin, and unless it is granted the benefit of adequate protection, such as is prescribed in the tariff policy of the Dominion for such cases then it will be forced into irretrievable ruin.

If this should happen, as happen it will unless the Government places an adequate duty on imported foreign fuel oil, the prosperity of British Columbia, particularly, and, to some extent, the general prosperity of the Dominion will suffer an irreparable blow.

Turn to the other side of the picture. Who has benefitted from the millions of dollars that are paid to American oil corporations for American fuel oil? The use of Island coal helps to build up the Province; the use of fuel oil benefits only the American oil companies. The money earned by the miners and by those in the coal mining communities serving the miners is spent where it is earned. Everybody within the range of this business benefits from it one way or another. The coal industry enriches the country and builds it up. The American fuel oil business impoverishes British Columbia. It takes the money out of the Province and pulls down home industries. The huge sums of money paid to Californian oil companies for fuel oil by British Columbia consumers when there is a British Columbia coal available, is perhaps one of the most serious aspects of the situation.

It should be considered in connection with the wider problem of a national fuel policy. It has to be borne in mind that no country can hope to achieve real industrial supremacy which has not an independent supply of fuel. It is the countries which possessed a coal supply, making them independent of any other country, which have forged ahead in industry. Canada, in this respect, occupies a peculiar position. It is estimated that the Dominion possesses one-seventh of the world's coal deposits. This natural wealth in coal should, in itself ensure a great industrial future for the country. As it happens, however, geographical factors cut across and interrupt the natural play and trend of economic laws and economic development. The coal deposits of the Dominion are situated on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard, while the great industrial centres of Canada are located midway of each border. From this midway mark across the border to the South, there are huge coal deposits within easy reach of the centres of Canadian industry. Canadian coal from mines of Nova Scotia

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that led to the building of the E. & N. Railway. The Island mining towns have also been big and steady customers of Vancouver business and wholesale houses. Naturally, also they have provided an enormous amount of business and trade for the big transportation companies, so that it may reasonably be claimed that the coal industry has not only played a leading part in the development of Vancouver Island, but has contributed very materially to the general building and prosperity of the Province.

Perhaps might as well be made clear at this point, that no industry puts as much of its product back into wages as the coal industry. For example, in Nanaimo less than two tons of coal were produced daily by each employee of the mine. In other words if one of the mines at Nanaimo produced 2,000 tons of coal daily, there would be more than 1,000 employees. This again would mean a community of about 5,000 people, with all the business that is implied in the purchase of the bare necessities of life. All the wages paid to the miners are immediately put into circulation, and store-keepers, manufacturers, wholesale houses, farmers and transportation companies reap a direct benefit. This peculiar feature of the coal industry must always be borne in mind when its interests are being discussed.

The Island coal mines naturally find their home market on the Island and on the Lower Mainland. This market includes the cities of Victoria, New Westminster, and Vancouver, cities with which the coal mining communities have done all their business for over 50 years, and to the building up of which they have contributed in no small measure. They are still doing business with these cities and with the C. P. R. Co. which provides them with their only means of transportation.

In the first decade of the new century, Island coal industry continued to flourish and there seemed to be

a brighter and still more prosperous future ahead. In the year 1910, the production of coal in British Columbia reached its peak. The output in that year was 3,139,235 tons, whereas last year it had sunk to 1,838,021 tons. It was in the same year 1910, that fuel oil from California was introduced into British Columbia. The total number of gallons consumed in 1910 was five million, whereas last year the total had grown to the huge figure of 160,000,000 gallons. The output of coal in these 20 years dropped almost 50% while the importation of American fuel oil increased by over 300%.

These figures will serve to explain a true history and a plain and simple reason and argument for the request now being made for a protective duty on fuel oil. This is intended to be a true history and a plain and simple statement of the coal situation on Vancouver Island. To put it as briefly and bluntly as possible, the industry is threatened with total extinction. The conditions prevailing are not the result of the world-wide depression in business, although, of course, they may have been aggravated by it. The present disastrous situation in the Island coal industry has been brought about directly and almost entirely by the invasion of the home fuel market by American fuel oil. The situation is that several mines have been closed down, and that the mines still operating are not producing to capacity and are only working slack time. Hundreds of miners have been thrown out of work while those remaining in employment are not earning enough to provide the bare necessities of life owing to idle time.

Take the month of February just past. Out of three mines in Nanaimo only one is operating, and even that

one with a reduced force of men. This one mine then only worked eleven days in February, or one day less than half time. There are fortnightly payments for the miners on Vancouver Island, and for the first two weeks in February our miners in Nanaimo had six days' pay to draw and for the second two weeks only five days. And there is a deeper significance to this than appears on the face of it. February is a winter month, when naturally one looks for a brisk demand in the local domestic market. If the mines are to carry on and the miners to live through the summer months, then February should have been a full month, with the mine working every day. If, in a winter month, the mine works less than half time then it stands to reason that it will work even less time in the three hot months of the summer. And should this actually occur, there will be increased and acute distress among the miners and throughout the community, with the gathering threat of the mine being closed down altogether. The other mines of the Island at Ladysmith, South Wellington, Cumberland did very little better and the situation is that the coal mining communities on the Island are in worse shape and suffering greater hardships than at any time in the history of the coal industry. And there is no ray of light nor hope for the future.

There remains, then, only one possible means of salvation for this Island coal industry, one of the oldest industries in the Province. This is the placing of an adequate duty on imported fuel oil, and on residue imported crude oil which is sold as fuel in the fuel market of British Columbia. This duty must be an adequate one, so as to give Vancouver Island coal, at least, an equal chance with American fuel oil in the home market

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Text Of Brief Presented To Prime Minister

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and of Alberta cannot be delivered in the industrial cities of Canada at a price which will compete with American coal in the same centre. This is entirely due to the distance which separates the Canadian mines from the Canadian markets, and the result is that millions of dollars' worth of American coal is imported into Canada, and the American railways reap all the benefit from the hauling of this coal.

The circumstances are entirely different in British Columbia. Here the mines on Vancouver Island are located quite close to the biggest part of the home fuel market. There is no question of hauling, and there is an almost unlimited quantity of coal available. However, preference has been given to American fuel oil, and the problem of a national fuel policy has been made still more difficult. In spite of the fact that the hauling of coal from mining to industrial centres has been one of the biggest factors in the industrial and business development of the United States, the Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's biggest transportation corporation, has been a pioneer user of American fuel oil, and has set an example which British Columbia manufacturers have been all too ready to follow.

The big consumers of American fuel oil (and all of them have used Island coal and thereby increased the volume of their business) are the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Canadian National (and the Powell River Paper Co. The Canadian Pacific Railway was built with the assistance of the Canadian people. The Canadian National belongs to the Canadian people, and is, of course, under the control of the Canadian Government which represents the people of Canada. The Powell River Paper Co. and other paper companies are exploiting one of the natural resources of the Canadian people, so that all three are more or less under the obligation of supporting Canadian industry when the preference lies between this industry and a foreign competitor. In these cases cited, however, an almost incredible preference has been shown for American fuel oil as against Vancouver Island coal. For eighteen years the E. & N. Railway, a subsidiary company of the C. P. R. has run all its trains with American fuel oil. These trains both freight and passenger, run for one hundred miles through a coal country, dotted with coal mining cities and settlements. The company has seen mine after mine closed down, and watched its business steadily decreasing, but still continues to haul its trains with fuel oil burning locomotives. Only last month (February) it was forced to cancel the operation of one of its daily passenger trains which had been running for years.

American fuel oil is being used as a substitute for Vancouver Island

coal for heating and power purposes. There may be cases where fuel oil is more convenient than coal, and where conditions may call for its use in the place of coal. These cases ought to receive every consideration when the question of duty is being decided. But the chief reason why American fuel oil has displaced Vancouver Island coal is that it is a cheaper fuel, and even at that more has been claimed for it than has been proven by experience. In any event, the counter argument is that the coal industry of the Island is worth more to the Province and to the Dominion than the saving in fuel bills effected by the use of American oil in preference to coal. There is the further point that the saving in the fuel bill effected by the use of cheap fuel oil has not come out in lessened prices to the consumer. It used to cost as much to take a car from Nanaimo to Vancouver, a distance of less than forty miles, as it did to ship the same car from Victoria to Vancouver, a distance twice as great. Crude oil comes into Vancouver free of duty, and there in local refineries, gasolines and oils are extracted. There is a marked difference between the price of these gases and oils in Vancouver and the price in Seattle. And then the residue of the crude oil left after the refining processes are completed is dumped into the fuel market of the Province as fuel oil.

The point it is here sought to make is that this oil is a substitute for Vancouver Island coal. No industry would suffer, nor would the progress of the Province be interfered with, if there were no fuel oil available. On the other hand it is the use of fuel oil which is interfering with the coal industry, and retarding the proper and natural development of the Province. The coal industry builds up the Province, and adds to its spending wealth. The trade in fuel oil takes millions of dollars a year out of the Province, and is a burden and a drag upon the progress and the development of the Province. Fuel oil is not necessary to the economic expansion of the Province. Coal is, and the deposits on the Island are a part of Canada's national heritage, and a proven source of wealth. The Department of Trade and Commerce has already completed one public campaign, the object of which was to hammer home to the Canadian people the advantage of buying Canadian products. The campaign was supplementary to the tariff policy on which the present government was elected, and among other things emphasized the necessity of Canadian people buying Canadian products if real progress and general prosperity were to be reached in Canada. Coal is certainly a Canadian product, and just as it fell within the scope and plan of this campaign, so it must be included in the operation of the national tariff policy of the Dominion.

There is just one other consideration it may be pertinent to discuss before closing this case. It has been pointed out that the coal situation here has its bearing upon the question of a national policy. It has been argued inasmuch as a coal industry is necessary to a country's economic expansion and industrial security it is

Town Topics

Members of the Ladies' Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. C. Nash, Maryport avenue on Wednesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess during the evening and a social time enjoyed by all. Among those present were: Mrs. E. R. Hicks, Mrs. G. K. MacNaughton, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ledingham, Mrs. J. W. Frame, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. J. Dick, Mrs. C. H. Macintosh, Mrs. C. J. Parrham, Mrs. E. W. Bickle, Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. D. R. MacDonald (Courtenay), and Miss Armstrong.

Members of the Cumberland Men's Bridge Club journeyed to Royston on Wednesday evening to meet at the home of Mr. Frank Dalby. Four tables were in play and a very jolly time was had by all present. Members attending were Messrs. J. Conway, R. Shaw, T. H. Mumford, H. Bryan, C. W. Silience, J. J. McCreadie, W. P. Symons, W. H. Cope, J. H. Vaughan, Wm. Eadie, L. H. Finch, N. O. De Witt, L. R. Stevens, W. Mason, W. P. Kelly, Sergt. Mansell and F. J. Dalby. Appetizing refreshments were served following the card games. The meeting next week will be at the home of Mr. N. De Witt and will be the last of the season.

Miss Tess A. Gallivan, of the teaching staff of the Cumberland Public School, will spend Easter vacation in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Apps and family will spend the Easter holidays with relatives at Mission.

Mr. Harry Norris of the local office of the Provincial Government will spend Easter in Victoria.

Mrs. H. Mortimer and family, of Powell River, are spending Easter holidays with Mrs. Flora Baird, mother of Mrs. Mortimer.

Dr. McKeechie, who has been looking after the practice of Dr. G. K. MacNaughton during the absence of the member of parliament for Comox District, will leave for his home in Vancouver today, Dr. MacNaughton having returned to the city.

of vital importance that it should receive extra consideration in the framing and shaping of national policies. It is clear enough that should ever an economic emergency arise between two countries one of which is dependent for its fuel supply upon the other, the dependent country would be placed in a position of great disadvantage and even of great danger.

This concludes our case in support of the resolution we have been delegated to submit to you, and in behalf of the signatories to the petition we are here to represent. There is no need for any recapitulation of the points and arguments we have laid

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Mr. George Brooks, of Nanaimo, representative of Gainers' Limited, of Vancouver and Edmonton, the well known Western meat packers, was a visitor to Cumberland during the week.

Special Easter services will be held at the Cumberland United Church on Sunday, At 11 a.m. the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered immediately following the morning service. At 7 p.m. there will be a special Easter message by the minister and special Easter music by the choir.

Prizes for the big indoor meet of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Safety First Association are on view at Lang's Drug Store and make a very creditable showing. The meet is being held in conjunction with the Cumberland Centre St. John Ambulance Association and will take place at the Ho-Ho Theatre, Cumberland, on Saturday, April 11th. It is expected that this meet will be one of the largest ever held on the Island, over a hundred competitors taking part.

Miss M. Mitchell is spending a week's vacation at Courtenay, the guest of Mrs. Marlon Stewart.

Mr. E. Hughes and Mr. R. C. Lang motored to Victoria on Friday, returning to the city on Monday evening.

Miss D. Cannon, home economics teacher at the Cumberland and Courtenay schools will spend Easter vacation in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Derbysire entertained the "Nomads" crib club at their West Cumberland home on Friday last with five tables in progress. Many interesting games were played after which the hostess was assisted in serving a delicious supper by her sisters, Mrs. James and Mrs. F. Slaughter. Ladies' prizes were awarded to Mrs. Mossey first, Mrs. J. D. Davis second, Mrs. T. Brown consolation and in the men's to T. Brown first, T. James, second and Bill Brown consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McLellan, Sr. motored to Nanaimo at the week-end where they were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Biggs.

Mrs. R. D. Brown was most pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening when a number of friends arrived unexpectedly and spent a jolly evening at bridge, "500" and whist after which an appetizing supper was served. Winners of the prizes were Mrs. R. D. Brown and Mrs. J. Thoburn firsts, Mrs. R. Luttler and Mrs. S. Davis consolations for the ladies while for the gents M. Luttler and Bill Whitehouse the consolations. Other visitors included Mrs. M. Luttler, Mrs. A. Whitehouse and Mr. Jas. Thoburn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bannerman and Miss Ellen Hunden spent the week-end in Vancouver motoring to and from Nanaimo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunden, Miss Pearl Hunden and Ed Hunden motored to and from Nanaimo on Saturday.

Miss Margaret Westfield was a youthful hostess on Friday evening to a large number of her friends when a merry time was spent at games, music and dancing, Cyril Davis and Douglas Baird acting as pianists. Refreshments in abundance added to the evening's pleasure. Those present included Margaret Westfield, Barbara Martin, Lily Pickett, Bessie Brown, May Beebridge, Enis Bonora, Alice Brown, Christie Robertson, Allison Geikie, Myrtle McMillan, Donna McRae, Mary Baird, Winona Baird, Floyd McMillan, Wilton Dalby, Don Percy, David Hunden, Bill MacNaughton, Joe Whyley, Harvey Herd.

Sixteen tables were in play on Saturday night on the occasion of the weekly whist drive of the Cumberland Welsh Society held in the Cumberland hall. Following cards, refreshments were served by the ladies of the Society and winners at whist announced as ladies' first, Miss M. Richardson; second, Mrs. Nash. Gent's first went to C. Davis with T. McMillan gaining the second.

Mr. Alec Watson, at one time a resident of Cumberland visited his brother Mr. Joe Watson over the week end, before leaving for England where he will visit for a time. Mr. Watson has been at Britannia during the past four years. He leaves on Friday for the east, sailing from Quebec on the Duchess of Bedford the following Friday.

Mrs. W. Weir's many friends will be sorry to learn that she is a patient in the local hospital.

The Young People's Society of Cumberland United Church held a jolly social at the church hall on Monday evening. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed.

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Junior President, Mrs. O. Bond and her W. B. A. Committee gave a very interesting whist drive on Tuesday evening in the Fraternal Hall in aid of the Rose Court funds. Eight tables were in play, Mrs. S. Covert securing first prize, Mrs. F. Wilcock and Mrs. S. Davis tied for second, Mrs. Davis withdrawing in favor of the visiting player, Mrs. J. Cunliffe taking the consolation and Miss Vera Murray the special prize completed the list of winners. Mrs. Bond was assisted in the serving of bounteous refreshments by Mrs. W. Herd, Mrs. R. D. Brown, Mrs. Kate Weir, Mrs. J. Thoburn, Mrs. S. Davis and Mrs. Jas. Bennie.

Mrs. J. R. Hewitt was a hostess at the tea hour on Friday afternoon at her home on Penrith avenue. The tea rooms were tastefully decorated with daffodils and violets. Those present were Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. MacNaughton, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Donald, Mrs. Hunden, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Horbury, Mrs. Beveridge and Mrs. Brown.

Miss V. Auchterlonie entertained a few friends at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Auchterlonie, on Friday evening last. A very pleasant evening was spent playing bridge, two tables being in play. The prize-winners were Miss A. Brown and Mr. J. Rennie. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Those present were Misses A. Brown, A. Bruce, V. Auchterlonie and Messrs. W. Hudson, J. Rennie, W. and J. Auchterlonie.

Mrs. J. H. Vaughan entertained a few friends on Monday evening at her home, Maryport avenue, two tables of bridge being in play. Mrs. J. Shortt received first prize for highest score and Mrs. M. Stewart secured the consolation. Delicious refreshments and a social hour followed the card games. Invited guests were Mrs. H. Bryan, Mrs. W. P. Symons, Mrs. F. Pickard, Mrs. J. Shortt, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mrs. G. J. Richardson and Mrs. J. H. Cameron, Miss J. E. Robertson and Miss C. Richardson.

The home of Mrs. J. Auchterlonie, Maryport avenue, was the scene of a jolly party on Wednesday evening when four tables of whist were in play. Mrs. H. Treen secured ladies' first prize, Mrs. H. Mounce gaining the consolation. For the gents Mr. J. Rennie won first prize and Mr. R. Meikle, consolation. Dainty refreshments were served during a social hour following card games. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. Treen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Meikle, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mounce, Mrs. H. Mounce, Mrs. Nash, Misses Stewart, Mrs. G. J. Richardson and Messrs. Jim Rennie, Stan Mounce, Wilbur and Jack Auchterlonie.

Twelve tables of crib were in play at the Cumberland Hall on Wednesday evening when the Elite Cribbage Club held their usual weekly whist drive. Mrs. S. Covert secured the ladies' prize and Mr. J. Lewis gent's prize. Refreshments served by a picked committee were delicious and a jolly time enjoyed by all.

About twenty friends paid a surprise visit to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frelone on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Frelone. A most enjoyable evening resulted, cards and other games being thoroughly enjoyed. The winners were Mr. V. Frelone, Mrs. Aspey, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker and Mr. A. Beaton. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. Jimmy Walker presented to Mr. Frelone a handsome personal gift, wishing him many happy returns of the day and long life and continued happiness. The recipient made suitable reply thanking all for their kindness and many good wishes. Refreshments were served and a jolly evening ended with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Whist Drive By Canadian Legion

Cumberland, March 30.—Cumberland branch of the Canadian Legion held their regular Saturday evening whist drive in Memorial hall with fifteen tables in progress. Court whist was the order of play and very entertaining it proved to be. Miss L. Carey and Mrs. B. Hunt were holders of ladies' highest scores taking prizes in the order named, T. Brown and S. Hunt, Sr., upholding gent's honors in the same manner. Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary, following which a large crowd repaired to the dance hall where a merry time ensued, tripping the light fantastic to the music of Merry-makers' orchestra.

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Dr. P. K. Drummond, plant physician for the Ford Motor Company, Detroit, for 12 years.

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Dr. W. L. Mair—Graduate McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal—Medical Examiner for Sears-Roebuck, Detroit.

Dr. G. Warburton—Graduate famous Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York.

Dr. Eugene Perkins—Physician for Western Electric Company, Philadelphia.

Dr. W. W. Kern—Examining Physician for New York Life Insurance Company—and many others.

In order that the public may receive the full benefit of the advice of these well-known physicians, their reports will be published in later issues of this paper. The statement of physicians of such standing are perhaps without precedent. Study their reports and profit by their advice.

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OCEAN FALLS GETS

BETTER TELEPHONE

CONNECTIONS

The telephone system in the paper-mill town of Ocean Falls was taken over on April 1 by the North-west Telephone Company, which is associated with the B. C. Telephone Company. On the same day Ocean Falls' first long-distance telephone service with the outside world was inaugurated.

A combination of radio and physical telephone connections makes the long-distance service possible. Radio bridges the 210-mile gap between Ocean Falls and Campbell River, where connection is made with the long-distance lines of the B. C. Telephone Company.

Nestling between high mountains and the sea, Ocean Falls is accessible by boat only, and it would be economically impossible to give it telephone connection with other points by means of wires alone. For some months the North-west Company has been experimenting with radiotelephony at Ocean Falls, with the result that it is now possible to talk between that point and any other place within access of the B. C. Telephone Company's system.

There is radiotelephone sending receiving apparatus at both Ocean Falls and Campbell River. When a person speaks over the circuit from Ocean Falls his voice is hurled into the air, and is picked up at Campbell River, from where telephone wires carry it to its destination.

A local telephone system had been operated at Ocean Falls by the Pacific Mills, Limited, which owns the pulp and paper mill there. The North-west Telephone Company will install new and improved equipment for local service.

Miss Sadie Hepworth who has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Strong, West Cumberland, for several weeks has returned to her home in Nanaimo.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS

SPECIAL REVENUE TAX ACT

Commencing April 1st, this Act imposes a tax of 1 per cent upon all employees in respect of wages which are in excess of the exemptions stated below, and requires every employer to deduct the amount of the tax at the time the wages are paid, and to remit the amount so retained to the Provincial Collector for the district on or before the 15th of the following month. A return must accompany each remittance to the Collector, when forms will be mailed to every employer as soon as his requirements have been made known. Therefore all those who have other persons in their employ should so inform the Collector at once, and full information will then be supplied, together with the necessary forms.

The tax must be deducted from every employee whose remuneration, including the value of free board or lodging (at prevailing rates, but not less than \$25 per month) and other perquisites, exceeds:—

(a.) \$25 per week in the case of a married person whose wife or husband resides in the Province,

or
in the case of a widower or widow who has dependent children under the age of eighteen years residing in the Province.

(b.) \$15.00 per week in the case of all other persons.

NOTE.—The Tax is Payable on the Whole Amount if it Exceeds the Exemption.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

If an employee works for the same employer, say, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday of the same week,

or
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of one week, and Monday of the next week and earns in excess of the exempt amount, the tax must be deducted.

If an employee is paid monthly, the tax must be deducted from the full month's pay if the remuneration is in excess of the monthly equivalent of the above exemption.

Dept. of Finance,
Province of British Columbia.

C. B. PETERSON,
Commissioner of Income Tax.