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The British Columbian.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 11, 1882.

"Snaggy Reach."

Very great difficulty and no little danger are experienced during the latter part of the season in navigating that stretch of the Lower Fraser commonly known as "Snaggy Reach," and almost every season the river steamers are obliged to haul off earlier than would otherwise be the case on that account. Last year it will be remembered that the steamer Reliance was very badly snagged on her downward trip, and the steamers went into winter quarters some two or three weeks earlier than would otherwise have been the case just on that account, the owners declaring that the risk was too great to justify continued running. It may not be amiss to explain for the information of such as are unacquainted with the matter why it is that "Snaggy Reach" presents greater obstacles to steamboat navigation during the autumn months than at other times. In the first place it is during these months that the water is low and snags become exposed which, during higher water, present little or no obstacle. Secondly, and, chiefly, because during the season of short days and dark nights steamers are compelled to run in the darkness, and it so happens that during the shortest days the mail steamer leaving Yale at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, as she is obliged to do, must of necessity make her way through "Snaggy Reach" in the darkness. It was, under these circumstances, considered of the utmost importance that the snags should be removed, at least to such an extent as would open a channel through the reach; and as questions of navigation appertain to the Federal Government, an appropriation for that purpose was applied for and obtained. Tenders were invited for the removal of these snags, to be sent in by the 15th September. The contract for removing twenty snags at $100 each was given out, and the contractor was given till the 15th December to do the work—*three months to do, at the outside, ten days' work!* The absurdity of the time limit must be sufficiently apparent. The injuriousness of it will be obvious when it is remembered that, by giving such a ridiculously lengthened period this fall's navigation is unnecessarily subjected to the obstacles and dangers which it was intended to remove. Had the work been done by the first, or even by the middle, of October—and there was no reason in the world why it should not—steamboat navigation could have been continued up till Jack Frost placed his seal on the river; and that would, to all appearance, be a long time yet. And there perhaps never was a season in the history of the country when the importance of prolonged steamboat navigation was so great. The progress of railway construction has created a demand upon the river navigation never before experienced. It was, therefore, of vital importance that the work referred to should have been done in time to enable this fall's navigation to enjoy the benefit of it. But instead of that here we are in the middle of November and not a blow struck yet! The contractor certainly cannot be blamed for this. He would be unlike other men if he did not take all the time he could get and do the work when and how it answered his own purpose best. Who, then, is to blame for it? Who is to blame for the station-house contracts? Who is to blame for the postoffice contract? The reader may not be aware that the contractor for the new postoffice in this city has till the middle of March to complete it. The work could have been done before the rainy season set in, and then the walls would have been of a much more enduring character. This dilly-dallying about letting contracts and doing ridiculously protracted periods in which to do the work seems to pervade the department. But this thing of business is simply *criminal!*

BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

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Poetry.

[For the Columbian.]

Elegy on the Death of Nora.

The wind is breathing soft and low,
The dew-besprinkled earth is cold,
The distant hills and mountains glow
With tints of purple and of gold.

The river glideth swiftly by,
Its wavelets sparkle in the light,
Like trembling stars that faint and die
Upon the bosom of the night.

I hear the minstrels of the grove
Sing out a clear, melodious strain—
A song the very soul of love,
And joy that's unallied to pain.

An influence o'er my spirit steals—
A breath like the sweet air of morn—
A voice that hidden life reveals,
And says, "Rejoice that thou wert born."

Rejoice! but ah, can I forget
The light and love of other years?
No,—even now my eyes are wet,
For memory breaks the fount of tears.

I touch the lyre; the sounding string
Breathes out a melancholy strain;
And sadness runs through all I sing,
For her I ne'er shall see again.

Alas! before the violets came,
"Before the snows of winter fled,"
From trembling lips I heard her name,
And some one whispered, "She is dead."

Yes, she is dead! for some fell blight
Has nipped the bloom of that fair face,
That oft hath glowed in beauty's light,
So full of tenderness and grace.

Closed are those eyes whose wonted fire
Bespoke the kind and generous heart;
Their glance no more can hope inspire,
Nor light, nor joy, nor thought impart.

And that sweet voice is silent now,
Whose tones were music to the last;
For over that pale, faultless brow,
The chilling winds of death have past.

O bitter thought! it wrings the heart
To think that she, in youth's full bloom,
Should sink 'neath the destroyer's dart,
Into the cold and darksome tomb.

Oh, why does beauty fade and die,
And friends depart and be forgot?
Is there no realm of cloudless sky,
Where friendship lives and death is not?

O Nora! in what deathless sphere
Does thy immortal spirit shine?
Canst thou no distant murmur hear
Of him who weeps at thy pale shrine?

New Westminster, 1882. —TROILUS.

Surrey Council.

Council met on the 4th inst. Present — The Reeve, and Councillors Armstrong, Boothroyd and Stewart.

Several bills were ordered paid.

On motion, the Government grant of $300 was appropriated—$200 on that part of the trunk road known as the McLennan road, and $100 on that part known as the Kirkland road, the work to be let by auction on Nov. 13 and 14, at 10 a. m.

On motion, the Reeve and Councillors Boothroyd and Shannon were instructed to examine a certain road and have it repaired, cost not to exceed $20.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to call for tenders for the Haigh road, the same to be let as soon as possible.

H. Walford's communication was placed on file.

Councillor Armstrong gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a bylaw to divide the municipality into wards.

Council adjourned till Nov. 27, at 1 p. m.

Delta Council.

Council met on the 4th inst. Present—The Reeve (W. H. Ladner), and Councillors Tasker, Main, and McKee.

A couple of accounts were passed and ordered paid.

Councillor Tasker gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a Ward Bylaw.

Councillor McKee gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce an Election Bylaw.

Dr. Kent was granted permission to improve the box in the outlet at end of Crescent island road.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to call for tenders for delivering 1800 feet of corduroy for trunk road, and for covering the last corduroy put down with six inches of earth, eight feet wide; and also for delivering one scow-load of sand at Ladner's Landing.

Council adjourned till first Saturday in December at 1 p. m.

Richmond Council.

Council met on the 6th inst. Present—The Reeve, and Councillors Kidd, Smith and Fraser.

Board of Works reported that they had examined outlet ditch and roadway leading to John Cochrane's land, and that they considered it would cost at least $50 to do needful work.

Report accepted and Board of Works authorized to have the work done to their satisfaction.

Councillor Smith introduced a by-law to amend Election By-law, 1882, which was read three times and passed.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with J. R. Hett, regarding deeds of corporation land.

Council then adjourned.

Gold has been discovered on the Chaudiere river, Quebec, one miner having obtained $600 worth in a short time.

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A Private Reading Room, commodious, comfortably furnished, and well supplied with books and papers, is provided for the use of guests.
THE BAR
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IN ENDLESS VARIETY,
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W. J. FRENCH.
New West., July 4, 1882. jy5

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Department is under the very best management both as regards CUISINE and attendance, and parties desiring them can have comfortable Private Dining Rooms, with special attendance.
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Is spacious and well appointed, and provided with STRAHLE'S PATENT CUSHION TABLES, the best in use.
Good attendance and moderate charges.
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April 4, 1882. ap5

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ONE OF THE BEST HOTELS ON THE MAINLAND.
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New Westminster, June 24, 1881. jn25

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THE FOLLOWING:—
15 Fat Hogs,
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1 White Chester Boar,
A number of Horses,
1 Cutting Box,
1 Platform Scale (capacity 1,000),
Also—for sale or lease—the premises recently occupied by me.
To be seen on application to
W. J. FRENCH.
New West., July 4, 1882. jy5

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GORDON E. CORBOULD,
Solicitor for the Applicants.
New West., Sept. 1, 1882. se2

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The dams being choice dairy cows.
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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Taxes for 1882 are now due and payable at the office of the City Clerk.
JAMES ORR, C. M. C.
New West., July 25, 1882. jy26

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY.

Foundry.....R. Law
Notice.....G. E. Corbould
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The British Columbian.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 11, 1882.

Producer and Consumer.

This city does not enjoy a very high reputation amongst the settlers on the Lower Fraser as a market for their productions. It is not so much that the prices are too low. The grand difficulty is the uncertainty, the unsteadiness of prices, and the impossibilities of ascertaining what the market rates are. Indeed, the great trouble is that there is no such thing as market rates, properly so called. The producer may happen to get a ready market at good prices one week, and the next week he may almost have to give away his produce. That this is a condition inimical to the interests of producer and consumer goes without saying. It is also highly prejudicial to the commercial prosperity of the city. The natural remedy, we take it, is the establishment of a public market, where producer and consumer may meet face to face and transact business without the intervention of middlemen. Were this done and the market placed under proper regulations the establishment of regular market prices would soon follow; and the ultimate average result would be that the producer would get more while the consumer would pay less. Another important result would follow. Weekly market quotations would be published in our columns and the farmers, seeing these quotations, could regulate themselves accordingly. They would know exactly what to expect before leaving home, and they would know just what to do. We have repeatedly been taken to task for not giving market quotations as it is. But to do so under existing circumstances would be only a delusion and a snare. As has been stated, there are no reliable market rates to quote. Every dealer has his own price; and such is the unsteadiness of prices that what might be published with all fairness as the market prices this week would in all probability be very misleading so far as next week would be concerned. In fact, to attempt such a thing under existing conditions would be folly. It would do more harm than good. Looking at the matter from a local commercial point of view, it is of supreme importance to this city that a good reputation as a market place both for the sale of produce and the purchase of all such supplies as the farmers require, should be established. We are persuaded that if this people do not look to the interests of the city in the matter of creating a more popular and attractive market for the surrounding country, they will experience the mortification and loss of seeing more enterprising and wide-awake communities spring into existence and snatch the trade which, with proper management, would have fallen into the lap of the Royal City. The duty of providing a remedy undoubtedly lies in the first place at the door of the City Council. The establishment of a public market at some point easy of access from the river would be the first step. That done the next object would be to provide greater facilities for reaching the city. That part of the work would devolve chiefly upon the Provincial Government, and would for the most part consist in opening and improving roads, constructing bridges, and establishing ferries,—notably a steam ferry on the Fraser opposite this city. In so far as that portion of the work devolving upon the Provincial Government is concerned, there is little use in hoping for anything of a really practical and beneficial character at the hands of those now in power. They are altogether too much absorbed in the interesting work of dock-building to have either time or money to spare on such indifferent matters as facilitating the movement of agricultural produce on the Mainland. They are quite content to see a fleet of shipping in our waters laden with foreign produce, while the products of our own acres in many instances lie in the farmers' barns, because no reasonable facilities exist for transportation to the centres of consumption. But there is no reason why the civic government should delay about establishing a market-place. Could not rural municipalities do something towards moving our lethargic City Fathers in this matter? Country and town are mutually interested. Let country and town work together.

"You're a Grit"!

Calling an opponent names for lack of argument forms a prominent characteristic of the Government organs. After exhausting its by no means limited vocabulary of Billingsgate, the *Standard* has taken to calling the Opposition journals "Grits," and we regret that the *Colonist* has so far forgotten what is due to itself as to retaliate in kind. Of course the little echo of the *Standard* follows suit. Now, the distinctive terms "Grit" and "Tory," however significant in Old Canada, where party lines are drawn to their utmost tension, are meaningless on this side of the Rocky Mountains, and will be so until completed railway communication shall have made British Columbia an integral part of Canada in conscious feeling, as she is now theoretically. Until then the people of this Province cannot be expected to fall into strict party line with the old Provinces. But when these organs begin to call Opposition journals "Grits" as a term of reproach, one feels sometimes tempted to indulge in a retrospective glance and see how these papers and those associated with them really stood when "Grit" was king. In 1873, when the news of Sir John Macdonald's defeat was flashed across the continent, who was it that elevated his digits and exclaimed in tones of exultation, "Thank God, Sir John has fallen!" On the eve of the general election of 1874 who was it that telegraphed to the "Grit" Secretary of State, "You can depend upon my bringing from this Province five supporters of your Government"? *The answer to both questions is that it was "DeCosmos," the owner and editor of the Standard!* Again, who stood on the floor of the House at James Bay in the winter of 1873-74, and bestowed such fulsome praise upon the then leader of the "Grit" party as to give rise to the painful suspicion that the interests of the Province were not safe in their hands,—a suspicion which culminated in the memorable *emeute* which broke up the sitting of the Legislature and drove the suspected traitors cowering and shivering with craven fear into the recesses of Mr. Speaker's room? *It was DeCosmos and Beaven and Armstrong!* And yet it is the organ of these very men which has now the brazen-faced audacity to be constantly flinging the term "Grit" at the heads of its opponents! It is perfectly true that the *Standard* did not sail very long on that tack. Whenever it was discovered that the real value and designs of itself and its masters were understood at Ottawa it veered round and tried another game. But if there is to-day in all British Columbia a paper which, in that sense, occupies a "glass house" it is the *Standard*. We might proceed to show how the local organ of the same crowd even "out Heroded Herod" in ultra "Gritism"—of course while that party was in power; but considerations of self-respect forbid the COLUMBIAN paying much attention to so unworthy a member of the "Fourth Estate."

Personal Popularity.

It has been said that some men's virtues only appear after death. It would almost seem as if the Government organs did not discover the worth of Mr. Humphreys till he died politically. But perhaps the most amusing part of the play has been the attempt made since the Yale election to prove that Mr. Humphreys is really very popular in the district in which he was recently so signally defeated. Of course people sometimes adopt very peculiar methods of showing good-will; but it is difficult to believe that Yale voted against Mr. Humphreys, about two to one, by way of manifesting its appreciation of his political abilities and virtues. It appears that a few friends gave him a dinner at Lytton, and it is asserted that some more of them offered him a dinner at Yale, and the public are actually asked to accept that as proof that the man is very popular throughout the district, and that the next time the constituency is open, this popular hero of the Lytton dinner given by a baker's dozen of good-natured fellows who would at any time go in for a good jolly dinner without much reference to the claims of the party enjoying a free feed, is quite sure of election! But the public will be apt to prefer the evidence of the ballot-box. Out of a voting power of between seven and eight hundred, one hundred and fifty odd were cast for Mr. Humphreys; and that, too, after a vigorous and thorough canvass, with the whole Executive influence and patronage at his back, and with a secret list of illegal voters manufactured for the occasion.

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Pattern-making done in all its various forms.
All kinds of Brass and Iron Castings.
Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. no11tc

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company to construct and work a line of Railway from some point on English Bay to some point at the town of Port Moody, in the District of New Westminster.

GORDON E. CORBOULD,
Solicitor for Applicants.

New Westminster,
November 1st, 1882. no11

NOTICE.

A MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS to the Royal Columbian Hospital will be held at the Council Chambers, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 15th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the election of a member to the Board of Management, *vice* W. Colbeck, Esq., resigned.

W. H. KEARY,
Hon. Sec.

New West., Nov. 7, 1882. no8

Special Notice!

THE P. C. S. S. CO.'S STEAMSHIP "Victoria," Capt. Reichmann, will sail from San Francisco for New Westminster on TUESDAY, NOV. 14, carrying Freight at a *reduction of 50 per cent.* on the Company's present tariff rates. Returning, will sail from New Westminster on or about Monday, 20th inst.

J. A. R. HOMER,
Agent.

New West., Nov. 7, 1882. no8

A BY-LAW

FOR THE REPEAL OF THE SUNDAY BY-LAW, 1882.

WHEREAS IT IS EXPEDIENT that the Sunday Bylaw, 1882, be repealed—

Be it therefore enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster as follows:

1. That the Sunday Bylaw, 1882, be and is hereby repealed.

This Bylaw may be cited as the Sunday Bylaw Repeal Bylaw, 1882.

Reconsidered and finally passed the Sixth day of November, 1882.

LOFTUS R. McINNES,
Mayor.

SEAL.

JAMES ORR, C. M. C.

no8

Civil Service of Canada!

THE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE Civil Service will be held at VICTORIA, B. C., commencing with the Preliminary, on TUESDAY, the 21st NOVEMBER, at 9.30 a. m., and the Qualifying at the same hour on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd *idem*.

The stationery will be supplied by the Board.

Applications for examination should be sent to the undersigned at Ottawa, as soon as possible.

P. LESUEUR,
Sec. Board Examiners.

Ottawa, 14th Oct., 1882. no4

NOTICE.

LOST, ON THE 4TH OCTOBER last, off the steamer R. P. RITHET, between Hope and Harrison River, a BLACK MARE, branded with a diamond on the near shoulder.

The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing said animal, and anyone found with said animal in his possession without notifying me will be prosecuted according to law.

no1 JNO. IRVING.

1882. 1882.
NEW GOODS
JUST ARRIVED
AND FOR SALE AT
C. G. MAJOR'S
COLUMBIA STREET.
MEN'S TWEED SUITS
DIAGONAL SUITS
OVERCOATS
ULSTERS
CARDIGAN JACKETS
50 PIECES FLANNEL
Grey, Scarlet, Blue, White, Striped, and Fancy Colors; English, American and Canadian.
GENTS' FURNISHINGS
English, American and Canadian Underwear (sewed and knit, wool, shaker and cotton), Wool Overshirts, Gurnseys, Socks, Collars, Scarfs, Ties, Handkerchiefs, &c. WHITE SHIRTS, every style and quality.
SHEETINGS
English and American, Bleached and Unbleached, Plain and Twilled.
Bleached and Unbleached COTTONS, English and American—from 8 cts. to 30 cts.
Duck Canvas, Dennims, Hessians, Tickings, &c.
BLANKETS
All Colors, all sizes and all qualities and prices.
QUILTS & COMFORTS
White and Colored.
LADIES' JACKETS & DOLMANS
Black and Colored.
DRESS GOODS
French Merinos (black and colors), Black Crape Cloth, Black Cashmere (for mantel and dress), Cashmere Twills (different shades), Winceys, Tartans, Serges, &c.
LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING
VELVETEENS
Black Brown and Grey.
GLOVES
Gentlemen's, in Buck, Doe, Antelope, Goat, Tweek, Wool and Kid (lined and unlined); Ladies', in Jersey Wool, Thread and Kid. Kid Gloves for Ladies and Gentlemen, in Black, White and Colored. Canadian Knit Wool Mitts, Gloves and Socks.
FLANNELS
Canadian, home-made.
UMBRELLAS, RUBBER COATS, and OIL CLOTHING.
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.
SILVERWARE
Plated and Solid—a handsome lot.
50 doz. Plated and Silver SPOONS and FORKS, just received from the best manufacturers.
LAMPS, LANTERNS, and LAMP GOODS.
TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY.
GROCERIES & PROVISIONS
Flour, Bacon, Hams, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Beans, Potatoes, Rice, Hominy and Cracked Wheat, Butter, Honey, &c.
In SHELF and CAN GOODS, stock complete.
Various Brands of COAL OIL.
November 3, 1882. no8

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MERCHANT TAILOR
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
New Fall Goods!
NEW FALL FASHIONS!
Over-Coatings and Fine Tweeds!
The Largest Stock of Tailoring Material in the Province.
GOOD FIT GUARANTEED.
Terms strictly cash.
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HASTINGS, B. I.
THIS SPACIOUS NEW HOTEL is admirably situated as a resort for those in search of health, sport or pleasure, being in a central position for sea-bathing, shooting, fishing, boating and sight-seeing.
It combines all the conveniences of hotel with the quiet comforts of home life.
The apartments are lofty, well ventilated and afford a cheerful outlook.
The *cuisine* is presided over by a true *artiste*.
In the
BAR
Will always be found Liquors and Cigars of the choicest brands.
Abundant stabling and shed-room for horses and carriages.
D. WITHROW,
oc28 PROPRIETOR.

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Union India Rubber Co.'s
PURE PARA GUM
CRACK PROOF
RUBBER BOOTS
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS!
Be sure the Boots are stamped *CRACK PROOF* on the heels, and have the *PURE GUM SPRINGS* on the foot and instep, which prevent their cracking or breaking. We are now making them with *RUBBER AND ASBESTOS* Soles which will make them last more than twice as long as any Rubber Boots made.
FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.
ALL KINDS RUBBER BELTING, PACKING HOSE, SPRINGS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, Etc.
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FOR SOUND, USEFUL GOODS, go to
W. RAE
Who has on hand a fine selection of
DRESS GOODS
and a large stock of
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FLANNELS, TWEEDS, BLANKETS, SHEETINGS, COTTONS, TICKINGS, PRINTS and COTTONADES.
Gentlemen, Take Notice!
Fashionable Clothing!
HATS, TIES, BRACES, SHIRTS, Every variety and all kinds of UNDERWEAR.
A complete line of
GROCERIES & PROVISIONS
HAY, POTATOES, & SHINGLES.
W. RAE,
oc11tc COLUMBIA STREET.

New Grocery Store
D. McPHADEN
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE has just opened a
FAMILY GROCERY
And General PROVISION AND FEED STORE, in Deane's Brick Building, next to the Colonial Hotel, where he has in stock a complete and carefully selected assortment of
Plain and Fancy Groceries.
Parties requiring anything in the above line will find it to their advantage to call and examine my Goods and prices before purchasing.
☞ The highest market price paid for Farm and Dairy Produce.
N. B.—Goods delivered free in any part of the City.
D. McPHADEN.
New West., Oct. 10, 1882. oc11

1882.---1882.
NOW OPENING
—AT—
JAS. ELLARD
& CO'S.
22 CASES
—OF—
NEW
Fall Goods!
Being the First Instalment for the Season.
CONSISTING OF
New Dress Goods
(IN ALL THE LATEST SHADES)
Cashmeres, Melange Twills, All Wool Plaids, Dress Serges, Winceys, &c.
BLACK AND COLORED
BROCADED & MOIRE SILKS
Satins in all shades, Velvets, &c., &c.
Black, Colored, Brocaded and Plain Velveteens.
New Brocaded Grenadines for evening wear.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S
Fur-Lined Circular Cloaks and Dolman Ulsters.
Latest Styles in Black and Colored Jackets.
A Fine Line of Ladies' Skirts, for Fall and Winter.
A New Lot of double-width Ulster & Mantle Cloths.
MILLINERY!
Now on view, the finest assortment of Flowers and Feathers ever shown in this City.
New shapes in Hats and Bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed.
A splendid line of Spanish, Maltese, Fan, Valenciennes, Byzantine, and Beaded Laces, in White, Black and Cream.
A nice stock of Beaded Gimps and Fringes, and Fur Trimmings.
Ladies', Gents', Misses' and Children's HOSIERY, in endless variety.
A good stock of Flannels, Sheetings (white and unbleached), Calico, White Linens, Ticks, Towels, Table Cloths, and Covers, Napkins, &c., &c.
A splendid line of Fall and Winter GLOVES.
CLOTHING!
A large lot of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Overalls, and Jumpers, &c.
White and Colored Dress Shirts, Baltic Flannel, Cotton, Merino, and Knitted-Wool Under Clothing, Collars, Cuffs, and Neckties.
Valises, Satchels, and Carpet Bags, in all sizes.
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W. H. KEARY
WISHES TO DISPOSE OF HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF
STATIONERY
—AND—
Fancy Goods!
AT COST PRICE!
(EITHER IN LOTS OR BULK)
FOR CASH!
--ALSO--
2 PIANOS
(Cottage, German Make)
Will be sold on the Instalment Principle.
ALL ACCOUNTS due must be paid on or before 15th September next.
Call, Examine, and Secure a Bargain!

THE
Station Hotel
PORT HANEY.
THIS SPLENDID NEW HOTEL IS now complete and open for the travelling Public. It is finished and furnished for pleasure and comfort.
THE TABLE
Is always supplied with the best in the market.
THE BAR
Is also supplied with the best of Liquors and Cigars.
To those seeking pleasure with the Rod and Gun—the surroundings of Port Haney are a perfect Game Field. The rod fishing of the Lillooet river, the best in British Columbia, is within a mile of the Hotel.
From the balcony of the Hotel is obtained a most magnificent view up and down the Fraser river, six miles each way.
The lofty Mount Baker to the South and the "Golden Ears" to the North are the finest subjects for the artist on the Mainland.
The "Great Land Slide" of '79 that sunk 40 acres of the Howison Farm to a depth of one hundred feet below the level of the surrounding grounds, and its boiling
SULPHER SPRINGS
stand within a quarter of a mile of the Hotel, and the roaring Falls of the Kanaka are within a mile of the House.
Those seeking a week's holiday can nowhere in B. C. find more interesting surroundings or spend a more pleasant time.
To Invalids, in cases of rheumatism and all nervous diseases the Sulpher Springs Sponging Baths act in a most miraculous way. Invalids will bless the day they threw drugs to the dogs and tried the magic Baths of the famous Springs of Port Haney.
WILLIAM ROSS,
PROPRIETOR.
Port Haney, Sept. 5, 1882. se6

The British Columbian.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 11, 1882.

Paul, Chief of the Saanich Indians, has suicided.

The Dominion building is now roofed and closed in.

Admiral Seymour has been made a peer with the title of Baron Alcester.

A valued communication from Granville came to hand too late for this issue.

Custom House Blanks—"For Duty" and "Free"—a full supply, at T. R. Pearson & Co.'s

The steamer Wm. Irving, Capt. Insley returned from Yale last night with freight and passengers.

☞ New arrivals of Slates, Pencils, and all kinds of Books, &c., for school use, at T. R. Pearson & Co.'s—*Adv.*

☞ T. R. Pearson & Co. are showing over 100,000 Envelopes, of all sizes and grades, from $1.25 to $12 per 1,000.—*Adv.*

The steamer Ada, Capt. Rogers, left for Nanaimo on Wednesday morning, with a number of passengers and 250 sheep.

John Grant, Esq., M. P. P., has arrived at Victoria from Cassiar. He brings encouraging news and a $275-nugget.

On Wednesday the steamer Princess Louise made a special trip to Nanaimo with Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmuir and friends.

The steamer Western Slope, Capt. Myers, arrived from Victoria yesterday afternoon, with freight and passengers.

Thursday was generally observed here as a holiday and thanksgiving services were held in several of the churches.

The *Colonist* mentions a rumor to the effect that the Cooper property at Port Moody has been sold to Winnipeg parties.

On our first page will be found an elegy on the death of "Nora," giving unmistakable evidence of the presence of the Muses.

The steamer Western Slope, Capt. Moore, arrived from Victoria on Thursday morning, bringing some freight and a few passengers.

The steamer R. P. Rithet, Capt. Jno. Irving, arrived from Victoria at 4 p. m. yesterday, with the mails and freight and passengers.

Did you ever! The name of the North-West capital has been changed from "Regina" to "Wascana," the Indian for "Pile-o'-Bones."

☞ Over 50 pairs of Vases, a beautiful assortment, from 50 cts. to $10 per pair, now on view at T. R. Pearson & Co's. Also, 30 different patterns of Toilet Sets. —*Adv.*

The great Eddy sawmill and match and pail factory at Hull, Ottawa, were recently destroyed by fire. Loss about half a million. Said to have been fully insured.

The French Government has clues to a vast revolutionary organization under which the Republic is divided into local federations governed by a central committee in Geneva.

On the night of the 7th inst. a fire broke out in the Halifax Poor Asylum. There were between four and five hundred inmates, some fifty of whom are believed to have perished.

Complaint was made about a dead horse lying on the road with its head on the sidewalk, on the way to the Camp. Surely it should be the duty of some one to remove such nuisances.

A special dispatch from Yale dated yesterday, says:—"W. H. Jones, injured by late powder accident, is recovering as rapidly as can be expected. Weather fine; slight frosts during night."

One feels at a loss for language in which to describe the glorious weather we have been enjoying lately. The gorgeous sunshine and placid waters of the Fraser have tempted boating parties out.

An enterprising Torontonian has packed eight barrels of apples, two of which he proposes sending to the Queen, two to Mr. Gladstone, two to Sir Garnet Wolseley, and two to Lord Dufferin.

The "Marmion" war still rages in Ontario. The rats fight fiercer as the time for the general provincial elections draws nearer. There is every indication of the coming struggle being the hottest yet.

Helper, who proposed constructing the "Great Backbone Railway" from the northern shores of British America through Central and Southern America to Patagonia, is again agitating his scheme.

On Monday evening, Robert Dunsmuir, Esq., M. P. P., and Mrs. Dunsmuir had the honor of dining with the Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise at Government House.

The steamer Princess Louise is laid up for repairs. It is expected that next week she will be ready for service, when she will go on the route for the winter. The R. P. Rithet is meanwhile doing the work.

VanVolkenburgh & Co. recently shipped 100 barrels of British Columbia corn beef and thirty head of cattle to Puget Sound. This is turning the tables on our neighbours. They need to be turned a good deal more.

Yesterday the Hon. J. W. Trutch arrived in this city *via* Burrard Inlet. To-day Mr. Trutch and Mr. Marcus Smith will proceed up country for the purpose of inspecting a portion of the railway line now under contract.

The Winnipeg *Free Press* estimates that Manitoba and the North-West have received an accession of more than fifty thousand *bona fide* settlers during the year, and it anticipates a very much larger immigration next year.

The people of Burrard Inlet complain, and with much show of reason, about the Government ordering Mr. Miller away to other parts of the province on duty and leaving an important shipping port without any officer to enforce the law.

Mr. John Forsythe, who met with such a serious accident at Chilliwhack last week, was brought down yesterday and placed in the Royal Columbian Hospital. We are rejoiced to think that his recovery is not regarded as altogether hopeless.

It is said that J. A. Grahame, Esq., for many years at the head of H. B. Co. affairs in this Province and more recently in charge in Manitoba, will reside permanently at Victoria, where he is now on a visit. That speaks volumes for the superiority of our climate.

Last week in an attempt to rescue and lynch two murderers in Ashland, Ky., some 58 persons were killed and 30 more or less seriously wounded. The military fired into the crowd in the most unjustifiable manner. The attempt was unsuccessful; but amongst the killed and wounded were many perfectly innocent and highly respectable persons.

According to latest advices, Sir Chas. Tupper had returned to Ottawa from a visit to the North-West—having proceeded as far west as the C. P. R. track is laid. Sir Charles speaks in glowing terms of that country and of the wondrous speed with which the railway work is being carried westward. He also speaks very highly of the character of the road.

FURTHER POSTPONED.—The sailing of the steamship Victoria from San Francisco for this port has been further postponed till the 14th. This will afford additional opportunity for our merchants to avail themselves of half-rates for freight.

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. E. Robson, pastor. Revival services to-morrow as follows: 10 a. m., converts and enquirers prayer meeting; 11 a. m., public preaching; 2.30 p. m., Sunday school and adult Bible class, followed by a childrens' prayer meeting; 7 p.m., public preaching and revival prayer meeting. Service at Port Moody, 2.30 p. m. *

A MAMMOTH FARM.—A good deal of our space this morning is given up to a very interesting description of the justly celebrated "Bell Farm" (the name has a singular aptness) of the North-West. Just imagine a freshly ploughed field the aggregate furrow of which would encircle the earth nearly one and a-half times! Major Bell is a brother of Mrs. E. Robson of this city.

NEW WESTMINSTER FOUNDRY.—Attention is directed to Mr. Law's advertisement in another column. There is no longer the slightest excuse for going from home for anything in that line, as Mr. Law is prepared to execute all such work in the best style and at very reasonable prices. Besides there are the duty and advantage of encouraging home industry, which ought to go for something.

PERSONAL.—Miss Kendall leaves for Nicola Valley this morning to take charge of school work in that district in connection with the Church of England. During the past two years Miss Kendall has been Lady Principal of Columbia College in this city, which position she has very ably and patiently filled. On Wednesday afternoon the pupils of the College presented Miss Kendall with an address and a handsome album as a memento of her stay in New Westminster.

THE COMING ENTERTAINMENT.—It was announced that another musical and literary entertainment under the auspices and for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institute would be given on Monday next. We have now to state that, for various reasons, the entertainment will not take place till next Monday week, and we are in a position to say that the managers feel confident of being able to present such a programme upon that occasion as will both gratify and surprise the public. More particulars will be made known in due time.

PERSONAL.—Two anonymous letters appeared in the last issue of the *Guardian* containing statements about Mr. Robson and the revival services now going on at the Methodist church in this city. These statements are not only very contemptible, but they are absolutely false, as could be very easily proved by the large congregation present on the occasion referred to. We had not intended to take any notice of them; but since they have been copied into the Victoria *Standard*, under a sensational heading, and are being used by that journal for the purpose of endeavoring to injure Mr. Robson's character, it may be as well to say once for all that the language attributed to him was not made use of at all. While thanking the *Colonist* for its manly defence against a contemptible slander, it must permit us to point out an error into which it has fallen. Mr. Robson has not joined the Methodist church, nor has he any intention of doing so. At the same time he claims the privilege of attending any church he sees fit, without having words put into his mouth which he never uttered. The journalist who could be guilty of invading the sanctuary and publishing deliberate falsehoods about the most sacred things for the purpose of gratifying his malice against a political opponent cannot go much lower.

Roads and Road-mending.

The road between here and Hastings is just about impassable now. In one or two places a few shovelsfull of dirt were taken out of the ditch and thrown upon the road, thus making the mud so much the deeper. Between the depth of mud, the steepness of grades and the jolting over big stones and roots, the travelling over this road is something terrible. But if the road to Hastings is bad, the one down the shore of the Inlet to Granville is even worse. Just before the rainy season set in, the Government had men set to work on it. And what did they do? They dug large quantities of aluvial soil out of the ditches and threw it upon the road, and when the rains set in the fresh soil soon turned to mud, and we are assured that now the road is in a fearful condition. It is very little the Government do at road work on the Mainland, but it often happens that the little they do is done in such a time and manner as to be actually worse than nothing at all. The way the interests of the people are trifled with is disgraceful!

Ingratitude.

Recently the chief organ of the Government has taken to denouncing the *Inland Sentinel* as an Oppositionist. It is perfectly certain that if the *Sentinel* is in accord with popular sentiment it must be on the side of the Opposition, because the Opposition is on the side of the people. But every attentive reader of that paper must be aware that it has been sailing very close to the wind, so to speak, coming as near supporting the Government as it could without arousing popular indignation. Whether the Government patronage with which it has been favored has exerted any influence upon its political policy or not we would not pretend to say; but, under all the circumstances, we have no hesitation in saying that the attack of the leading organ savors of ingratitude. Our Yale contemporary professes to be independent. He may be discovering that independence is scarcely compatible with the public interests while the most vital principles of the constitution are being wantonly trampled upon by three men calling themselves ministers. Journalistic independence is all very well when a legitimate Government exists. But when men so far forget what is due to the constitution and to common self-respect as to persist in holding on to office for the mere sake of salary for months after the popular verdict of condemnation has been passed upon them, there can be only one side for any respectable journal to espouse.

The Conservatives in Manitoba

At a convention which closed at Winnipeg on the 20th ult., a regular party organization took place. The principal planks in the Conservative platform are the creation of a vast British Canadian empire; more complete self-government for the province; public lands vested in the provincial government; lands set apart for education immediately applied to that purpose; the absolute right to charter local railways; extension of provincial boundaries in order to secure ports on Lake Superior and Hudson Bay; the province to have a voice in the privy council of the Dominion; the introduction of municipal institutions; a redistribution of the electoral divisions with a view to equalization of representation; equal rights to all classes. The next plank is very emphatic, and we give it verbatim: "The Conservatives of Manitoba insist upon filling offices created and offices vacant with qualified persons selected from the province." The platform is comprehensive enough and, one would think liberal enough for any community to begin with. But the Liberal party organs contend that it is all stolen from them with the exception of what they denominate the Gerrymandering plank. That is an admirable for them to settle among themselves. The people are to be congratulated upon the prospect of possessing liberal, progressive institutions and measures, no matter which party may be in power.

The Fort McLeod Gazette.

A copy of this little sheet—four pages, 9x12 inches—is before us. It is published three times a month, at Fort McLeod, on the other side of the Rocky mountains. The following paragraph, which we take from its columns, will be interesting to some of our readers:—

"Rev. J. H. Turner, Methodist minister; Joseph Christie, brother of Mr. Christie at Pincher Creek; John Sanderson, from Barkerville; Alex. Rodgers, of Nicola; Wm. Postle, of Okanagon; Thos. Saul, brother of Wm. Saul, M. P. P., of Clinton, Lillooet; David Vader, Neil McMillan, James Johnson, E. M. Brown, Jas. Glass and William Fuing, of Lytton, arrived from British Columbia lately. The former of these gentlemen is *en route* to Ireland to visit his friends. He has been nine years in British Columbia, six of which were spent on the Clinton circuit, two at Barrard's Inlet, and one at Barkerville. The two latter have gone on a land survey for the winter, and the others will look about them for a suitable location to settle on."

The Big Bell Farm.

(From the Toronto Globe.)

The mammoth farm of the North-west is owned and operated by the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Company. It comprises a tract ten miles square, which, after deducting the Hudson Bay Company's sections and the sections allotted for school purposes, leaves

A FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ACRE FARM,

the largest farm in the world, owned by one company in one block. The land is situated on the old trail from Winnipeg to Fort Qu'Appelle, and the main buildings are just twenty-two miles in an almost direct line south of the Fort. The C. P. R. runs through the centre of this valuable tract, which is in reality one of the "gilt-edged" pieces of the North-west, and a station to be known by the name of Indian Head is located near the centre. Here an interesting village is springing up. In taking up this land the Company entered into an agreement with the Government which it is presumed they intend and will be required to adhere to faithfully. They agreed to pay the Government $1.25 per acre and to break 4,000 acres every year for five years—or in all twenty thousand acres. In addition to this the Company binds itself under penalty of forfeiture of the purchase money to place each year within the tract as tenants at least fifty families, and to spend within the five years $600,000 in improvements and in working the farm. So far the work has been pushed vigorously; the Company evidently mean business, and having been generously dealt with by the Government, will avail themselves of all the advantages to make the undertaking a profitable one. Major Bell, who has sole management of the farm, originally came from Brockville. He was one of the proprietors of the noted Bell-Kelso farm in Minnesota, where he obtained the experience he possesses, and which fits him to operate an enterprise so vast. Having sold his Minnesota interest, he will devote his entire attention to the farm at Qu'Appelle, which, by the way, is a scheme of his own suggestion.

THE WORK BEGUN.

The plan Major Bell intends to pursue to bring this extensive area of prairie land under cultivation, and the success of his work so far, show that he has thoroughly grasped the difficulties of the project and has no anticipation of failure. The Emerson *International* furnishes an interesting description of the operations up to the present time. Some extracts therefrom will doubtless be perused with interest by our readers. When the breaking outfit started for the big farm the Canada Pacific Railway was in operation only as far as Flat Creek, a point 200 miles east of its destination. The outfit, consisting of 120 yoke of oxen, 35 mules, and 16 teams of horses, attached to gang ploughs and waggons, and forming a train three miles in length, left Flat Creek in May, and, after encountering many obstacles and enduring many hardships in the way of fording and swimming swollen streams and floundering through almost impassable sloughs, the caravan finally reached the farm and commenced breaking about the 15th of June. At the time of the reporter's visit three thousand acres were under plough and the breakers were on their fourth thousand acres, which was expected to be under plough before the close of the season.

THE SOIL

is a rich sandy loam, eighteen inches to two feet in depth, with clay subsoil, and is easily broken. Once broken, it does not require "backsetting," as does the soil of the Red River Valley, but simply requires harrowing to be in shape for the reception of seed. The sight of the vast stretches of rich mellow loam turned up to the pulverizing rays of the sun would make the eyes of the average Ontario farmer bulge out with amazement. The simple statement "four thousand acres" gives little idea of the extent of the ploughed fields, but when one imagines a field two miles wide by three and one half miles long, then some idea is obtained of the size of the fields on the Bell Farm, by which title the place is now generally known. Take another comparison. Were the furrows in these four thousand acres stretched out in one continuous furrow it would reach a distance of 36,000 miles, or encircle the earth nearly one and a half times. Or were the land ploughed into a stretch twenty feet wide it would reach from Winnipeg to Montreal, *via* St. Paul and Chicago, a distance of 1,800 miles. The company proposes to break 7,000 acres next summer, and will have a force capable of breaking

ONE THOUSAND ACRES PER WEEK.

Oxen are chiefly employed in breaking, because they are most easily kept. Early in the season three yoke pulled a gang plough of two ploughs, cutting each a furrow fifteen inches wide. The season having been very dry, the sod has become tough, and five yoke are now required to pull a gang of two ploughs. It is a novel and interesting sight to see a number of the ploughs in line, five yoke of oxen to a plough, and the whole forming quite a caravan, converting the brown prairie into a sea of black wavelets, turning up a rod or more or sod at a "swath." The breaking force commence work at daylight and work till 11 oclock a.m., when the oxen are turned out to grass and allowed to feed till 3 o'clock p.m., when the oxen are again put to work and kept at it [illegible] dark, the calculation being to cover

FOURTEEN MILES EACH DAY.

The oxen get no other feed except what they pick up on the prairie. Eighty yoke of oxen are employed in breaking at present, and in addition to these 35 mules and 34 horses are used in ploughing and other work. Next year only mules and horses will be employed, as a good supply of hay (400 tons) has been put up, and now that the railway is in operation oats can be obtained at a comparatively low rate until next season's crop can be harvested. Major Bell's plans are comprehensive, and everything is done systematically. Besides himself there is a general superintendent of the farm, Mr. T. Routledge, an Englishman, and a number of foremen. At present 100 men are employed in erecting buildings, breaking, &c. Handsome and substantial stone buildings are being erected. In the erection of his buildings Major Bell has struck an idea that can be adopted with profit by a great many settlers in the North-west. Scattered over the farm, always on the surface, are to be found a considerable number of hardheads, lime and sandstone. These stones supply the building material for the

NUMEROUS HOUSES AND STABLES

that are being erected on the farm, and "thus two birds are killed with one stone," so to speak—the farm is cleared of stones, and cheap building material is secured at the same time. The main buildings on the farm are located about a mile and a half north of the railway station. A large and substantial stable has been erected, and a handsome and substantial house is nearly completed. The stable is a model of strength and comfort. It is circular in shape and looks something like the round elevators one sees along the St. P., M., & M. Railway, only it is not so high and is more substantial, the stone walls being two feet thick. It contains 36 stalls and two box stalls. The floor is paved with cobble stone. Overhead is a loft with capacity for 150 tons of hay. In the centre of the upper story is a bin for oats, with storage capacity of 4,000 bushels. Major Bell has hit upon a

NOVEL AND ECONOMICAL PLAN

for roofing his buildings. He first sheets the rafters with common lumber and then paints the boards. Before the paint dries heavy ducking is stretched over the boards and tacked down, and this is then painted and sanded, making a tight and at the same time cheap roof. All the building material, except lumber, is obtained on the farm. The company have their own lime kiln and have this year burned 1,500 bushels. Next year they will commence the manufacture of brick. The

MAIN FARM RESIDENCE

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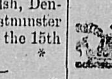

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CHAPTER VI.

THE FIRST SIGHT OF HER.

(Continued.)

Muriel was so accustomed to refined society, to courteous manners and well-bred speech, that these things had become as much a part of her daily life as the food she ate and the clothes she wore. The man who should win her love must never offend in one dainty particular against the habitual good-taste of her life and its surroundings. This being so, it was simply impossible that Ronald's name should ever be breathed in that delicate inner chamber of her fancy where some day love might inhabit.

There was no touch of pride in this unconscious setting apart of her old playmate; she was merely obeying her fine instincts, which had been trained to greater sensitiveness. In her friendships she was as frank and sincere as she was shy and reserved at any mention of a warmer feeling; and neither her aunt's shrewd wisdom, nor the influences carefully brought to bear upon her, had caused her to forget her dear mamsie's early teaching, or rendered her insensible to the beauty of her father's quiet, unworldly life. Perhaps, on the contrary, they had had an opposite effect; for she was not without native shrewdness and could see through her aunt's shallow maxims as well as she could appreciate her kindness, which, born of good policy, had now grown into a real affection for her niece.

Whether she would quickly discover that her friendship could only be to Ronald a deadly snare, or whether she would go on unwittingly poisoning his life, would depend on the speed with which her own heart might be roused to understand itself. As yet she was merely a blithe and frank girl.

Two days after the skating, Ronald from his father's study, heard the front door open and a clear young voice calling "Mamsie!"

"Here, my pet!" answered his mother, quickly, and a light step passed into the sitting-room and the door closed. He sat on, motionless, with strained ears and a throbbing heart, doubting whether to go in or stay away. If he were to go in, into that room where she was sitting—was she on the low stool, as of old, at mamsie's feet? —what should he do, where should he place himself, how comport himself before her? What had become of the secret pride with which he had told himself in his noisiest moods that he could play the gentleman as easily as the "rough?" At this moment he felt himself a clown, a shy, awkward fool. A ripple of laughter touched his ear, and the faint, silvery sound brought a hot flush to his face. Hark! the door opened; had he waited too long and lost his chance? was she actually going? No; it was his mother's quiet footfall in the passage; she was coming to him, and he leaned his head on his hands over the open book before him.

"Ronald, Muriel's here; come and see her."

"Is she? Did she ask for me, mother?" he answered, as indifferently as he could.

"Ask for you! Are you to be asked for before you come and see her, laddie? She did ask whether you were at home."

"Very well; I'll be there in a minute, mother," and as Mrs. Bennett, with a muttered "Well, to be sure!" went away, Ronald sprung up, and darting into his father's dressing-room by another door, looked at his hair and his tie, wished that his clothes, his face, his hands, were all other than they were, and hurried back into the parlor.

Muriel rose from her seat—it was the old, faded stool—as he entered, and again her cordial greeting thrilled and flattered him. For some minutes they chatted of the ice, of the party, of Miss Leslie, whose name brought a furtive smile to Muriel's lips; then the talk flagged unaccountably, and she rose to leave somewhat abruptly.

"And when will you come back, dearie?" said Mrs. Bennett, fondly; "I grow young again whenever I see your face."

"Indeed I'll come when I can, mamsie dear; but you've no notion what a lot I have to do. What between Mrs. Simpson, who wants me to learn house-keeping, and Aunt Alicia, and father's dear old study tempting one into it, and my own reading, and visitors, and fifty other things, I am always busy."

"Pleasant business, my dear, isn't it?"

"Very pleasant, mamsie. Sometimes I think my life is just too pleasant; but then, again, I think it is good for me to enjoy happiness when it comes, is it not?"

"Of course it is; and our happiness runs over into other lives, my dear, like the waters of a bright, wee burn—into my quiet life, for example."

"Ah! that is very pleasant to hear. I should like it to be so always," said the girl, gravely. "Good-bye, Ronald. Mamsie says you are working hard; I hope you will succeed," she added; but the lad did not echo her wish. He only said good-bye as he shook hands, and accompanied her in silence to the garden-gate. She glanced at him curiously as she passed out, and repeated her good-bye with a shade less warmth of tone.

"Are ye always as grim when ye talk to a young girl, Ronald? They must think you but poor company," said Mrs. Bennett, as he re-entered the house.

"I have little experience of any company, as you know, mother; but was I, am I, very grim?"

"You were just as if you'd seen a ghost. The lassie was chattering to me like a bairn again till you came in."

"I am very sorry I spoiled your talk, then, mother, but you fetched me yourself—I'm off to the study again, now." He could not say to his books, for he knew that he would not read another syllable that day.

CHAPTER VII.

UNDER THE SPELL.

Ronald was always given to long rambles, but now he began to parcel out his time day after day in the same fashion. During the whole morning he would stay at home, or at least within sight of the house, for he had found out that Muriel's visits had always been paid before her luncheon-time. In the afternoon he went out, and would return at various hours. Sometimes he came home soon, and with a glad face, for he had seen or perhaps spoken to her; on other days, in spite of cold or wet, he would remain out till long after dark, nursing his disappointment and his dreams.

Thaw had set in, and there was no more skating; the air was full of moisture that gathered on the boughs, and hung there till the slowly formed drops dripped softly to the ground. There was a chill smell in the woods, the fog-wreaths lay along the hill-side, and the sun sunk daily behind masses of fiery-edged cloud. Their upper misty spears were just gathering color on an afternoon when Ronald, with a sigh, stepped out from the tree-trunk against which he had long been leaning, near the little water-fall. As he came forward into the light, Muriel, on her way home from the village, reached the bridge, and recognizing him, paused.

He sprung to her side. "It is growing late," he said; "let me come with you to the lodge."

"It is far later than I thought," she answered. "I was talking to Nannie Burton, and I did not notice how the light was fading. What an age it seems since you and I used to play down there by the fall!"

"It is an age. Do you remember the day you fell in?"

"I should think so! and how cleverly you pulled me out again, and how angry Mrs. Simpson was," said Muriel, with her silver laugh.

"She said I was not fit company for you, I remember, which is just my own feeling now."

"How foolish of you!" said the girl, half surprised, half sorry that he should express the feeling, even if he were conscious of it.

"I cannot help it, though," he answered, "everything is so changed; it seemed incredible that you should still come and sit at my mother's feet, as you used to do when you were a little child."

"You mean that you expected me to forget my old friends. Was it kind or generous of you, Ronald, to take that for granted?"

"No, it was neither, but it was human."

"Was it? I think if I were ever to forget what your mother was to me, I should be a base woman; and if it were only that you are her son, I could not feel otherwise than kindly toward you."

"I am grateful for kindness, even if it is only given to my mother's son, and not to me," replied Ronald, with a touch of humor.

Muriel laughed. "That is just your old, demure way of speaking; you are not changed a bit! But now tell me, for I want to know, how do you get on with your studies?"

"Well—so my superiors say. Old Professor Kirke always takes snuff when he has anything to do with me, and that is a favorable symptom."

"Of his state, or of yours?"

"Both—his serenity being the effect of my labors, or any one's else whose work pleases him."

"Well, that is satisfactory; I am very glad of it," said the girl, kindly.

"Are you? You would like to see me settled as a country minister. I beg your pardon—it does not matter to you. I mean, you think it would be a good thing for me?"

"Do you not think so yourself? It is a grand profession; and, besides, your father and mother long for it so."

"Ah! that is another matter. But you admire the profession, then?"

"I do. Churchmen, of any denomination, have such a power of doing good, of helping others, of combating doubt and evil," replied Muriel, earnestly, anxious to fulfil a promise given to Mrs. Bennett, that if she had an opportunity she would urge Ronald to keener exertions, and endeavor to arouse in him a greater interest in his future lot.

"Strange," said he; "I thought you would have admired a soldier's trade."

There was a second's pause before Muriel answered, but in the dusk he could not see whether her face betrayed any emotion.

"I admire soldiers too, but one's sympathies are not all given to one profession. Each has its own nobleness—that is, for a noble man."

"Are you as great a hero-worshipper as ever?"

"Quite; though I have altered my idea of a hero a little."

"And your idea is—"

"Ah! I can't put it all into words without thinking of them carefully; but the hero I admire would find room for noble action in any work or any rank. I would sing of him that

'The man's the gowd for a' that.'"

"And so singing, you would teach a man to be noble," said Ronald, in a very low voice. "I must call on Sir Duncan some day before I go," he added; "it is a long time since I saw him."

"Yes; he has had a bad cold, and been out very little of late. Come in now, it is just afternoon tea-time."

"Oh no, not to-day," said Ronald, with a sudden rush of shyness. He could not go into the drawing-room at Muriel's side; he would betray himself. Out here in the dusky afternoon he need not fear lest she should see the longing in his eyes.

"To-morrow, then, if you like. We are always in at this hour. Next day the house will be filled for the county ball."

"Indeed! You are going to it?"

"Yes. It is my first ball here, and I am looking forward to it immensely."

"You are sure to enjoy it. Here we are at the lodge. This has been a very pleasant walk. Good-night, Miss Forbes."

"Good-night. I will tell papa that you are coming to tea to-morrow."

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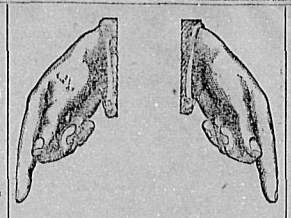

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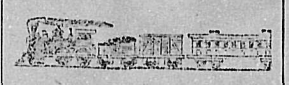

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Balance of Profit and Loss Account	54,367	7 1
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Accumulated Fund of the Life Branch	£3,112,590	7 8
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	£3,508,105	11 0

IV. Revenue for the Year 1881—

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