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HALL IS NEEDED

Municipality Wide Awake to Great Need of a Properly Constructed Council Chamber.

There is a strong feeling in the town, and municipality in general, backed fully by the Board of Trade, that the time has come when convenience, safety and dignity demand the erection of a modern council chamber.

The present quarters which might possibly have been all right ten years ago, are anything but suited to the growing needs of today, and prospective candidates for municipal honors are being quizzed searchingly as to their views on the municipal hall subject. If they should chance to be against the proposition, their chance for a seat among the mighty is somewhat slim. The municipality has acquired some excellent lots for the purpose and scarcely a ratepayer in the municipality will oppose the expenditure of the money required for such a building.

The municipal safe is of altogether inadequate size and valuable documents of necessity are left exposed to danger from fire and other eventualities.

Then again, the department of jus- needs attention. The present "pen," which does duty as a lock-up, is such a place as a man would not like to see his worst enemy confined in. It is absolutely unsuited to its use and a menace to the health of the unfortunates who are confined therein.

It is sincerely hoped that spring will see plans for a municipal hall completed and a start madt on the erection of a building suitable to the needs and dignity of the municipality of Delta.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTION.

New Company Offers Relief to Vexed Question in Point Grey—To Visit Council of 1912.

KERRISDALE, Point Grey, Jan. 3.—A solution of the Point Grey transportation question was proposed to the council at its special meeting yesterday afternoon by a deputation, representing a private corporation, which waited on the members with a proposal to construct car lines within the municipality. Nothing definite was done in regard to the matter, as the council refused to take any action until after the B.C. Electric franchise bylaw had been submitted to the people and the members of the deputation were not prepared to submit a written proposal to the council.

The deputation, composed of Mr. William Pascoe Goard, of Vancouver, and Mr. H. T. Thrift, of White Rock, was introduced by Mr. W. Savage (of the firm of Messrs. McLellan, Savage & White), who also acted as spokesman.

Mr. Savage stated that the company they represented had been in existence for a little over two years and represented local and London capital. They were preparing a proposal for submission to the council with a view to building car lines through the municipality and into the city of Vancouver. They had been surprised to receive such an early appointment with the council and had come unprepared to usbmit all the necessary data. He thought the best they could do was to ask for a future appointment when they would submit a written proposal. The authoritized capital of the company at present was $1,000,000, but it was proposed to increase it to $21,000,000.

Mr. Goard stated that although they had not yet begun actual business, they had been preparing for construction and they would be able to carry out the work twelve months and have it well advanced in six. He was not prepared to make any statement in regard to fares. As to the term of the franchise he had been authorized to say that while it might be wise to ask for a long-term agreement the company was prepared to accept such a franchise as would give the municipality the right to buy or to submit, at the end of a period of years, a readjutsment of terms on the basis of arbitration.

Ultimately it was agreed that the deputation would again wait upon the council in a week, and be ready with data upon certain points. This will include the access to be given to Vancouver, the financial ability of the company, the personnel of the directorate, whether the company will be prepared to construct about fifteen miles of line as a commencement within twelve months, and the fares to be charged. It was pointed out that under the present franchise on January 1, 1913, Point Grey would have a ... fare from any place in the municipality to any point in Vancouver.

MORE WAR SUPPLIES GOING TO MEXICO

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 4.—Mexican peace is believed to be again threatened today as a result of continued shipment of munitions of war. Eight carloads of cartridges and powder from points in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been shipped into Mexico within the last 50 days.

ANNUAL MEETING

Farmers' Institute Officers Elected for 1912—Other Business of Importance Discussed.

The annual meeting of the Delta Farmers' Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon in the council chambers. There were a fair number present and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. T. Hume; vice-president, Mr. Jos. Harris; secretary-treasurer, Mr. N. A. McDairmid.

Directors: E. Hutcherson, J. Gilchrist, W. J. Frederick, A. Paterson, C. Davis, R. A. Coleman, Dr. Wilson.

Repreesntatives at Central Institute, H. J. Hutcherson and A. Davey.

Auditors: A. de R. Taylor, D. Simpson.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer presented the following report:

Receipts—	
Balance on hand	$152.15
Government grant	60.75
Membership fees	71.50
Bal. from Plowing Match	28.25
Total	$312.65
Disbursements—	
Ex. Entertainment	33.80
Agricultural Society	70.00
Postage	1.00
Total	$104.80
Balance on hand	$207.85

It was decided that the annual social evening under the auspices of the institute should be held in McNeely Hall on Friday, February 2nd. The preparations for the evening, programme, etc., was left in the hands of the executive committee.

President's Report.

The retiring president, Mr. A. Davey reported verbally on the work of the past year. He considered that the year had been a good one from the standpoint of the work of teh Institute. One thing he regretted, however, was that the meetrngs had not been as well attended as they might have been. There had been a reason for the lack of attendance at the meeting in November, occasioned by the fact that it came the evening before the plowing match, and also on account of there being several other meetings in progress in town on the same evening.

One other reason might be given for lack of attendance and that was because the lecturer's themes were not what was required. The last speakers were billed to speak on poultry and stock, neither of which branches of industry were particularly popular in Delta.

He urged the members to pay more attention to the affairs of the institute and to aid in making it of practical value to the community.

Finances Health.

Dr. Taylor spoke of the favorable condition of the finances of the Institute and suggested that a real good substantial prize should be offered as a means of boosting the plowing match. H. J. Hutcherson considered that the Agricultural Society was in greater need of assistance and a substantial grant would be much appreciated.

It was eventually moved by Dr. Wilson and seconded by W. J. Fredericks: That $100 be granted the Exhibition board for prizes to be competed for by those who are members of the Institute, prior to June 30th. Carried.

The question of increasing the prize list for the plowing match was further witnessed and left over.

In connection with the plowing match, Mr. Gilchrist objected to six furrows being allowed as a start. He considered two furrows ample, according to the plan which he had seen in operation in the East.

The matter was discussed at some length, some speaking for and some against the proposition. It was eventually moved by Dr. Wilson and seconded by J. Gilchrist: That two furrows be considered a start. Carried.

Broaden the Scope.

Mr. E. Hutcherson suggested that it would be wise to broaden the scope of the Institute and thus add to its usefulness. He considered that a number of experiments could profitably be made as to the capability of the Delta along a number of horticultural lines. He mentioned celery and asparagus among other things and considered that Delta land would be admirably suited to both. Development along such lines would result in smaller holdings, and the requirement of more labor.

After some debate the following committee was appointed to develop the idea and report: Mr. E. Hutcherson, A. deR. Taylor, and A. D. Paterson.

Mr. Paterson brought up the matter of abortion of colts in the district and thought the time had come when there should be a proper investigation as to the cause. A number of cases of that character had been reported and he thought the assistance of the government experts should be solicited to arrive at a means of coping with the matter. The following committee was reported to take the matter in hand. Dr. A. deR. Taylor, Dr. Wilson, A. D. Paterson, C. Davis, and A. Davey.

The meeting then adjourned.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Following is the meteorological report for the month of December: Rainfall, 7½ inches; snowfall, 18 inches. Rain fell on 16 days of the month; snow fell on four days.

PUBLIC MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED

Reeve and Councillors Give Account of Their Actions of Past Year's Work

A public meeting for the discussion of municipal matters held in McNeely Hall on Tuesday afternoon. There were over 100 present when Reeve Oliver called the assembly to order and explained in a few words the purpose of the meeting wnich was to give the ratepayers an opportunity of voicing their desires, complaints, etc., before the date of nomination, which he thought a much better plan than formerly employed when all was left until nomination day.

Dr. Wilson was then elected to the chair and Dr. Taylor was named to act as secretary of the assembly.

Dr. Wilson, in taking the chair, reiterated the purpose of the gathering as an opportunity for anyone who wished to discuss municipal politics.

Reeve Oliver was the first speaker and gave a detailed statement of the doings of the council during 1911.

Other inside work during the year, continued Mr. Oliver, was the passing of a number of bylaws and amending others, relating to highways, dykes, drainage, indemnity, road tax, traffic regulation, temporary loans, cemetery, liquor license, water works, and reissue of water works debentures. All this had entailed a great deal of work although not much expense.

Defends Policy.

The Reeve then proceeded to defend the policy of the Council in detail, specializing the trunk roads and the water works, each of which had been the subject of considerable criticism.

Respecting the former, Mr. Oliver maintained that the best possible, taking all the circumstances into consideration, had been done. There had been a promise of $3,000 by the government, but up to the present the municipality had not received a cent and now they disavowed all responsibility. Some had said why did they not use rock instead of beach sand. The answer was that rock was not available and the concensus of opinion in the council was that beach sand should be used.

Good Work Done.

The Reeve argued that, while the roads were by no means perfect, they were improved and the work of the Council in this respect was foundational and that the liberal layer of beach sand would make the best possible bottom to put rock on in the future.

He challenged the meeting to find a man or body of men who could have done better or to tell them a better way of doing.

Speaking on the subject of the water works, the Reeve repudiated all personal responsibility in connection with the conditions as this work was undertaken before he had any control at all. He had taken the Reeveship after the contracts were let. It had been said last year this business was not in good shape now, but he claimed it was better now than then, for they knew now where they were in regard to it, which could hardly be said last year. Looking back over the year he did not see any serious mistakes had been made in that regard.

Electric Lighting.

As to electric lighting he repeated what he had said on former occasions that this question was of local importance and should be a local improvement. As far as he could discover the municipal council had absolutely no power or authority to make a bylaw for this purpose. The contract was utterly illegal and destitute of authority behind it. There was no authority in the Municipal Act for work of that kind. He advised that they should let it run as it was until it went before the legislature. It was for them to point out the remedy. He wanted also to emphasize the fact that expenses had been incurred by the Council of an altogether unexpected character. There was a bill for $1,333 for health, of which over $1,000 was owing to outbreak of smallpox.

Another large item paid last year was $3,000 on the Wilson law suit. Then there was $900 on East Delta Road, and $800 for a site for a Municipal Hall.

With regard to this last item he had come to see the great need of a proper place in which to take care of the documents of the municipality and he thought it very desirable that there should be a fireproof safe. He would also like to state that application had been duly made for a government wharf to be built at Ladner and also for dredging of the river.

Wants High School.

One other matter he would like a word upon was in relation to schools. There was no high school in the municipality. If parents had a boy or a girl to whom they wished to give advantages of high school teaching, they had to send them to another municipality. If that municipality refused to admit them they had no means at their disposal and were absolutely at the mercy of those municipalities which had high schools.

He thought it high time the school trustees built a room in which to give high school training.

In connection with the civic campaign, he had never sought the Reeveship and did not seek it now. He certainly would not fight for it. He was not a candidate for honors, but wished to place these things before ratepayers honestly and squarely and he would be willing to assist to the utmost of his power any new man whoever he might be, who would take office.

Councillor Pybus.

Councillor Pybus was the next speaker, and while criticising the way the Trunk Road work had been done, admitted the money had been very well spent. The water works were his particular hobby, he said, and he was sorry to say that the water was no good. The pipe line was no good and the reservoir was no good. He claimed they did not have a capable man to do the work.

Councillor Benson.

Councillor Benson was the next He agreed with the Reeve that the work on the road was good foundation work and supported his remarks regarding the light question. He also contended that the water works were not in the bad condition as stated by Councillor Pybus, and that the work had been as well done as possible under the circumstances. Mr. Benson was agreed with Mr. Pybus that there was plenty of good water, but that the system needed development.

Councillor Brown.

Councillor Brown thought these criticisms were all coming at a wrong time. Mistakes had been made and always would be made. The thing to do was to profit by the mistakes of the past in the present and future. He wished to put in a plea for economy and greater efficiency for establishment and maintenence of good roads, and thought what was wanted was a capable master or foreman who would be responsible to the Council for roads in the municipality. He would be willing to give the money which as councillor he received for this purpose, and advocated the appointment of such an officer, whose salary should be made up from the councillor's indemnity.

Councillor Kirkland.

Councillor Wm. Kirkland reminded the meeting that the water works engineer had told the council that before good water could be assured it would be necessary to connect pipes with springs. For the roads he advocated in future a coat of crushed rock.

Reeve Oliver again offered some explanation. It had been said the water was no good, also that the pipe was no good and that the reservoir was no good. He wanted to say emphatically that such was not true. The water was good. The pipe line was good, and he pointed out that in every case where a new system was installed some defects were sure to be seen.

Reservoir All Right.

He claimed this particular work was remarkably free from defects. As regards the reservoir he had with Councillor Brown made a personal inspection of that and found that the largest crack he could find would not admit the blade of his jack-knife more than one inch.

Answering to a question from Dr. Taylor, the Reeve stated emphatically that in his judgment the water works was not a failure.

Ex-Councillor Kittson.

Mr. R. Kittson, an ex-Councillor, said he was not a candidate, but wished to suggest a change in system of administration.

He was strongly of opinion that we should have a municipal road engineer or superintendent of roads, and wished to propose that: "In the opinion of this meeting it is deemed advisable to appoint a capable road foreman and cease to pay councilmen any indemnity."

Some discussion ensued, led by John Oliver, who said doubtless all agreed to the principle, it was unassailable, but was it practicable? Ultimately, the motion was put and declared carried, and the meeting terminated.

GHASTLY FIND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4—Opening an imitation leather suitcase which had been left at the Ferry news stand on December 5, an employee today found crushed into the travelling bag the dead body of a month old baby girl. The little victim's head was smashed. The person who checked the suitcase is as yet unidentified. The police of the harbor station are working on the case.

BLAZE IN THE 'PEG.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 4—Fire starting from a carelessly thrown cigarette destroyed the Excelsior motor works and garage with 20 automobiles and eight houses and two stores. The loss was over $200,000. With the thermometer thirty below the firemen had a terrible time getting control of the flames.

LADS WERE VERY COY

Leap Year Dance Almost Too Much for Ladner Youth—New Year's Dance Much Enjoyed.

The Leap Year ball in McNeely's Hall, on New Year's night, under the joint auspices of the choir and Ladies' Guild of All Saint's church, attracted about 50 couples, and an excellent time was spent.

After supper had been served the leap year element was introduced. The ladies embraced their privileges very promptly and went around with their programmes, filling them up as rapidly as they could corner up the coy youths, who showed decided symntoms of a stampede, and vanished until some of the braver spirits returned to face the music. This delayed matters somewhat and added to the difficulties of the ladies present. Just as soon as these rough edges had been worn off, however, everything went merry as a marriage bell, and the novelty was much enjoyed.

Excellent music was supplies by the Howard Bros.' orchestra, assisted by Miss E. Rich and Miss Gladys Devereaux.

Dancing was continued until the usual late hour, nothing transpiring to mar the enjoyment of the occasion.

HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION.

In connection with the matter of having a high school in Delta as mooted by Mr. John Oliver at the recent ratepayers' meeting, most people are agreed that such an institution is eminently desirable, but the difficulty in the way is that of coming up to the required standard as regards the number of pupils to be enrolled.

At the present time there is a superior school in connection with Ladner school, which admits of pupils taking the first part of the High School curriculum. At the present time, seven or eight pupils are taking advantage of the course.

In order to secure a high school it is necessary to have at least twenty pupils. Towards the expense, which would not be less than $1,500 per annum, the government contributes $500. The balance must be made up by the town or municipality. Often the deficit, if any, is made up by increasing student's fees.

When Delta is ready, without doubt the Provincial Educational Department will measure up to the requirements.

REMARKABLE INVENTION.

An invention, which should greatly minimize the discomfort of duck shooting has been made by one of Ladner's most prominent and capable shots. This device, which consists of a specially constructed stove, the secret of which is kept religiously. It has been tried out on numerous occasions and has given every satisfaction. It is understood that the inventor has applied for letters of patent and that the stove will shortly be placed on the market.

The only drawback so far discovered seems to be that a person may become too intent on warming himself and forget to hide on the appearance of ducks, thereby calling down on his head the maledictions of his shooting partner.—Contributed.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Christmas entertainment in connection with the Anglican church Sunday school at Boundary Bay, took place on Wednesday night at the Boundary Bay schoolhouse, which was filled to the doors.

There was no formal programme, the chief interest centreing around the time-honored arrival of Saint Nicholas and the distribution of Christmas gifts to the members of the Sunday school. The chair was admirably filled by the superintendent of the school, Mr. R. Smith, and after the distribution of gifts, an abundance of refreshments was served.

The event wound up with a dance, for which music was supplied by Messrs. Swan, McCullough and others. The night was exceptionally fine and the number drove out from town greatly enjoyed the trip.

ROYAL CITY WON.

VICTORIA, Jan. 3.—Ice hockey, with all the thrills that the West has heard of, was introduced in grand style to over 2500 people at the Victoria Arena last night, when the New Westminster septette won the opening game of the season with the local team, by a score of 8 to 3. Not that the home team was outclassed by any means, for the matcn was as fast in every respect as the game given in the East. But the local defense was weak, while on the opposite hand the phenomenal work of Ernie Johnson, point, and Lehman in goal, was more than the forwards of Patrick's team could fatnom. The game was fast in every sense of the word, and the ice was in perfect shape. The visitors showed that their training had been more finished than the Victoria team.

WINNING NUMBERS.

The following were the winning numbers at the New Year's drawing at Reagh's shoe store: 1930, 378, 1923, 1759, 1346, 165, 2220, 2637, 2308, 2574.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1612, Elects Office Bearers for the Year of 1912.

The annual meeting of L.O.L. No. 1612, took place on Dec. 28th, 1911. There was a good attendance and satisfactory reports of all committees. The membership is good and the lodge is in its usual flourishing condition. The following officers were elected and installed, Bro. Dennis being in the chair: Worshipful master, W. H. Smith; deputy master, Rudie Kittson; chaplain, W. Brodie; recording secretary, Thos. Todd; financial secretary, L. Dennis; director of ceremonies, Bro. W. Bath.

Lecturers: 1, Bro. Kelly; 2, Bro. W. Ansell.

Committee: Bro. H. J. Hutcherson, chairman, and Bros. R. Stokes and T. Down.

WANT MOTOR BUSSES.

Kerrisdale Ratepayers Discuss B.C.E. Railway Franchise—Propose a Solution of Difficulty.

KERRISDALE, Jan. 4.—The meeting of the ratepayers of Point Grey, held in the municipal building at Kerrisdale, Wednesday evening, to hear the different candidates for office, resolved itself into a discussion of the merits of the B.C. Electric Railway franchise bylaw, there being evinced but little interest in the stand taken by any of the aspirants on other questions. At times the cross-firing of questions between candidates became heated. Reeve Bowser was made the chairman of the meeting.

Mr. F. Andrews, candidate for reeve, was the first speaker. He upheld the agreement with the B.C. Electric Company, and declared that if elected he would make the best possible bargain with the company. He said that the company stood in greater jeopardy than the municipality from the 40-year franchise, as the motor 'bus promised to put the ordinary electric tram out of existence. He was in favor of taking the word "settler" out of the agreement.

Councillor Samuel Churchill, candidate for reeve, gave his story in the council with the many improvements that had been introduced during his three years of office, two of which had been as chairman of the Board of Works. He stated that the agreement with the B.C. Electric Railway was based on the demand for immediate relief. If they did not get transportation building and other industry would not flourish. He stated his unbelief in the probability of the motor 'bus being a factor in transportation. He felt that it was safe to leave the matter in the hands of the voters, and if he was elected he would try and get the best bargain he could. He held that it was no business of the city of Vancouver what arrangement the municipality of Point Grey made with the company.

Mr. A. G. Harvey, candidate for reeve, declared against making a hasty bargain with the company. He said that there was no provision to give the municipality a percentage of the company's earnings, either on a mileage or any other basis. He also was against giving special rates to "settlers" and a charge two or three times as great to outsiders. There should be a uniform fare. Under the agreement they were only sure of the transfer to Vancouver up to the end of the company's present franchise in Vancouver in 1919. There was no provision for building new lines and the only way to get new lines would be to bonus the company, as portions of Vancouver had to do to get the transportation they needed. He urged combining with Vancouver and other municipalities and forcing a bargain with the company which would provide amply for the future.

Candidates for Ward Councillors also spoke. Mr. Thos. Le Messurier in Ward I., urged the passage of the franchise bylaw, with Mr. W. M. Blair in Ward II. favoring it; Councillor C. E. Clugston, Ward IV., Mr. R. Wells, Ward IV., and Mr. J. Allen, Ward V., opposing it; Mr. D. Grant, Ward V., supporting it. All those opposing the bylaw urged that the municipality should wait, join forces with Vancouver and Burnaby, and secure a joint franchise with the company which would work out to the mutual benefit of all.

Ex-Reeve Howe also spoke to the same effect.

KILLED BY GUNPOWDER.

KERRISDALE, Point Grey, Jan. 4.—Another fatal powder accident occurred in this municipality yesterday afternoon, when a man named Nacleur, employed as a powder man at Mr. M. P. Cotton's camp, which is clearing land for the University site, was instantly killed by the explosion. Nacleur had laid a number of charges and, under the impression that all had been fired, ran to investigate the result. One of the charges had held fire evidently and exploded just as he reached it. The unfortunate man was hurled some distance into the air by the force of the explosion. Men in the vicinity immediately rushed to the scene, but Nacleur was dead when they reached him. His face was horribly burnt and one shoulder almost torn from his body. Mr. Shirley, foreman in charge of the work, then telephoned for the local police. The body was removed to one of the city undertaking parlors.

ENJOYED HIS TRIP.

Mr. Asahael Smith Speaks of His Recent Journey in Company With B. C. Potatoes.

Mr. Asahael Smith is once more at home after his lengthy absence in connection with the prize-winning potato exhibit. He professes to have greatly enjoyed the trip, in spite of its strenuous character, but is nevertheless very glad to be home again. He considers that the money it has cost to collect and prepare the exhibit will come back to the province a thousandfold.

The first display was, of course, arranged at the Irrigation Congress, in Madison Square Gardens, New York, November 3 to 11.

At this exhibition some 200,000 people passed through the gates. The first few days were somewhat of a disappointment, possibly on account of a difference between the manager of the exhibition and the newspapers, which led to the papers boycotting the fair. However, the attendance grew daily and the exhibition was considered to be a great success.

This was the first exhibition of its kind to be held in New York, and the arrangements were naturally somewhat crude, and the plan adopted of giving certain contractors exclusive rights for carpenter work, decorations, photography, etc., greatly delayed matters on account of there not being a sufficient number of men available for the expeditious completion of the work. The staging for the potato exhibit was prepared for them, but they had to pay over $200 for work which should have been accomplished for half the money.

British Columbia's potato exhibit attracted very wide spread attention and the judge, Mr. Eugene Grubb, specially appointed by the United States government, stated, in conversation with Mr. Smith, that the British Columbia exhibit was without a peer There were sixty-six competitors in the series, and B.C. was the sixty-first to enter.

The other potato exhibits were short on varieties and more than that they lacked uniformity, running in weight from pounds to as many ounces. The gentlemen in charge of the B.C. exhibit were besieged with enquiries and had to combat a great deal of ignorance and pre-conceived ideas as to Canada, and especially British Columbia, which was generally regarded as a land of mountains, ice and snow.

In Chicago, they found an entirely different state of affairs. The exhibition had been recurring annually for a number of years and arrangements were very complete and comprehensive. The attendance was immense, totalling in the 22 days, 320,000; Mr. Smith spoke of this exhibition as one of the largets, best managed and successful he had ever attended.

For the Chicago exhibition, in addition to the vast amount of stuff brought in by the various railways and other sources, the Great Northern Railway Company brought in ten shiploads of exhibits. Speaking of the G.N.R., Mr. Smith spoke very highly of the unfailing courtesy and consideration received from that company. Anything they could do to facilitate matters was cheerfully and promptly done.

At Chicago, there were no awards, the exhibition being purely educational. All day long, cinematograph lectures were in progress, showing the possibilities, products and scenery of the various states. In that particular British Columbia was handicapped, but look forward to have the trouble remedied before another year.

Mr. Smith made note of the special liens emphasized by the various states of the union, each specializing on their most desirable horticultural and agricultural products.

Another feature of the exhibition was the giving away of carloads of produce by the various states—apples oranges, potatoes, etc., as souvenirs of the exhibitions.

One thing which struck Mr. Smith was the vast attentions being paid to the growing of alfalfa. In certain states it seemed to be a craze and was being used for all kinds of purposes.

The exhibit was then taken to St Paul with a view to exhibiting at the big show there. They were not allowed space, however, on account of the exhibits being confined to seven adjoining states. The managers of the B.C. exhibit, however, were men of resource and nothing daunted rented a suitable building in a public place; fixed up their prize-winning display; deluged the city with dodgers and proceeded to run their own show

Thousands came and saw and asked questions, all of which were cheerfully answered.

A large proportion of the B.C. exhibit was given to the Great Northern Railway to be utilized for exhibition purposes in their travelling exhibition cars, which are travelling backwards and forwards continually, and being visited by thousands from the smaller towns and districts of the various states.

Donations of potatoes were also made to the Salvation Army in St Paul for distributions among the poor and also to the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Mr. Smith believes that as a result of the preparations and presentation of the exhibit, thousands wil lbe led to the gateway province of Canada, and will eventually become citizens of British Columbia.

DEATH OR DIVORCE.

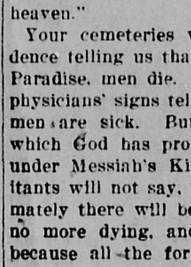
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4—"Shoot" said Mrs. Gertrude de Cortes, baring her breast. Click, click, click. Her husband pulled the trigged. "Foiled" he cried. He's a Filipino. She had taken the cartridges out. Today he's suing for divorce.

Shiloh's Cure
QUICKLY STOPS COUGHS, CURES COLDS, HEALS THE THROAT AND LUNGS. 25 CENTS

PARADISE BETTER THAN HONOLULU

Paradise of the Pacific Not In It With That Promised.

The Nation Born In a Day Does Not Refer to Heathen Conversion, Says Pastor Russell, but to "the Church Which Is the Body of Christ"—"Whose Names Are Written In Heaven."


PASTOR RUSSELL

Honolulu, Hawaii, December 17. —As our ship neared your beautiful island I thought back a century to the time when these islands were uncivilized. It called to my miud the text, "Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Shall a nation be born at once?"—Isaiah lxvi. 8

Then I thought of how your island has been styled the "Paradise of the Pacific." The reality surpasses my expectations Yet as I think of the glorious conditions which the Bible tells us shall prevail throughout the whole earth under Messiah's Kingdom, I perceive that even the "Paradise of the Pacific" falls far short of the "Paradise of God."

God has declared that the earth is His footstool, and that in due time under Messiah's Empire, He will make the place of His feet glorious.

The Last Enemy Death.

It is because God has already dealt bountifully with your island and given you in advance many of those blessings promised to the whole earth that your island is styled a Paradise. Nevertheless, you all need to pray with the remainder of mankind for the coming of the Kingdom of Messiah and its blessings—"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

Your cemeteries were early in evidence telling us that here, too, in this Paradise, men die. Your hospital and physicians' signs tell us that here, too, men are sick. But in the Paradise which God has promised to establish under Messiah's Kingdom, the inhabitants will not say, "I am sick." Ultimately there will be no more sighing, no more dying, and no more crying because all the former things of sin and death will have passed away and He that shall sit upon the throne will make all things new. (Rev. xxi, 4, 5.)

The Holy Nation Born.

Pastor Russell expounded his text, showing by the context that it refers to the resurrection of the Church. He declared that the begetting of the Holy Spirit in the present life constitutes God's people embryo new creatures in Christ; that this begetting and embryo development, according to the Scriptures, concludes in death, and that the resurrection moment, the attainment of glory, honor and immortality as spirit beings beyond the veil will be the birth of this new creation of God—the elect Church—"the Bride, the Lamb's wife."

Pastor Russell pointed to the declaration of the Apostle that Jesus in His resurrection became the "First-born from the dead," "the First-born among many brethren" who attain a similar resurrection, and who are, therefore, said to share in His resurrection.

Our text points us down to the thousand-year day of Messiah's Kingdom—the day so long foretold—the day of earth's blessing, in which the "Sun of Righteousness" will scatter the darkness of sin and bring blessings to all mankind. It is the Psalmist who tells us that the Church will be blessed of the Lord in that glorious day, but in advance of the world. Thus we read, "God will help her right early in the morning." (Psalm xlvi, 5.)

That privileged time in which the Church will be helped, in which she will be passed from earthly conditions to heavenly conditions, is in our text spoken of as her birthday. St. Peter tells us that the Church is the Holy Nation to which God frequently refers in the prophecies (I Peter ii, 9.) The Head of the Church was born from the dead more than eighteen centuries ago; the Body is to come forth now, the Holy Nation complete, perfect and fully equipped by the lessons and experiences passed through in the present life.

To this Holy Nation will be given the control of the world under the supervision of her Lord and Redeemer: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne"—"I will give him power over the nations—he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Through this nation blessing is to proceed to all the families of the earth.

Look Now at Our Text.

Verse seven pictures the Church as a mother, and pictures Messiah as a man—the Head of the Church which is His Body. This is the great Deliverer referred to by St. Paul in Romans xi, 26. He it is that, coming out of Zion, shall be the Deliverer of Israel, who shall "turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Verse 9 connects the resurrection birth of the Head with the resurrection birth of the Body. Would God bring forth the Head, Jesus, and then fail to bring forth the Church, His Body? Nay, verily! His faithful shall share in "His resurrection" as promised.—Philippians iii, 10.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW!

"RING out the old year, ring in the new!"

In every country of the world where civilization has taught mankind the importance of celebrating his holidays brazen throated bells will obey this injunction at the midnight moment which marks the passing of 1911 into 1912.

Every bell, every chime, every peal, come it from brass or steel or glass, sounding in mellifluous beauty in the silence of night, marks the observance of a custom that goes back not less than fifteen centuries.

Ring out the old year, ring in the new, is not an impulse to celebrate with mere noise another swing of Father Time's scythe. The custom has a significance, a beauty of meaning identified with some of the earliest observances of the church.

From remotest antiquity bells played a part in religious worship. In Egypt the feast of Osiris was announced by the ringing of bells. Aaron and other Jewish high priests wore bells attached to their vestments. In Athens the priests of Cybele used bells in their rites; the Greeks employed them in camps and garrisons, and the most solemn moment in the ritual of the Catholic church is preceded by the ringing of silver chimed bells.

Paulinus, bishop of Nola, introduced the bell into the Christian worship in the year 400 A. D.

The first bells were made in Campania, hence the term campanile or bell tower.

The adoption of the bell into the services of the church soon gave the chimes the comforter's office in the minds of the devout. In their simple faith the worshipers believed that consecrated bells had the power to prevent storms, to drive away evil spirits and to bring repose to the sufferer.

The direct forerunner of the New Year bell is what was known as the "passing bell." This was rung at the death of a believer. In theory devils troubled the expiring patient.

But the peals of a consecrated bell were believed to possess a potency that the most malignant of devils could not withstand; hence with every death the ringing of the holy bells exorcised the evil spirits and assured the soul a happy passing into a future untroubled peace.

From this ancient custom developed easily and naturally the habit of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

Centuries have passed, a thousand years, and still 500 more have been numbered since the first New Year was hailed by the music of tuned brass, but man still finds the custom beautiful and comforting, and 1911 will be saluted by more peals than any of its predecessors.

The bell most favored is made of tin and copper. In the reign of Henry II. experts decreed that a bell should have two parts of copper and one of tin. When Mr. Layard made his famous investigation of the ruins of Nineveh he found beautifully toned bells where the proportion was ten parts of copper against one of tin. Later experts have decided that four to one is about the right proportion. Experiments have also been made with bells of brass, German silver, real silver and gold. Some made of steel were shown to have a beautiful tone, but deficient from the fact that it could not be sustained. Glass bells of great thickness give out an exquisite melody, but the material is too brittle to withstand the constant impact of the clapper.

So most of the bells that greet 1912 will be made according to the formula of four parts copper to one part tin.

The most famous of the bells that have greeted New Year are now silenced for all time. One is a prized relic of the world's greatest autocracy; the other is a worshiped memento of the struggle for liberty that launched into existence the world's mightiest republic.

The great bell of Moscow, now located in the Kremlin, was cast in 1734. It was the design of its makers that it should fill the air with a volume of melody that should make it world famous. In both height and diameter this colossus of bells is twenty-one feet. It weighs 193 tons.

But how vain is the planning of mankind is proved by the tragic career of this monster of sound. Only for three years did it toll forth the beginning of the new year. Cast in 1734, it remained in its place till 1737. Then it fell during a fire and from its great weight sank deeply into the earth.

For exactly one century it was permitted to remain buried.

Then it was raised, but the excavators found in its side a gaping hole, where a great piece had been broken out. No more should the bell ring. But they raised it, placed it on a solid foundation, and it now forms the dome of a small chapel made by excavating the space beneath it. Now, though it may no longer ring in the new year, it can be the sanctuary for the New Year prayers of the faithful.

Every New Year eve citizens of Philadelphia gather around the shrine of liberty, Independence hall, to hear the new year rung in. Formerly this service was performed by the bell now known as the Liberty bell.

Before that memorable day in 1776 when the nation's fathers gave forth to the world their Declaration of Independence, whose signing was heralded by the ringing of Liberty bell, the old bell had been used to ring in the new year.

HAPPY AT STRAWBERRY.

School Entertainment Highly Successful—Teacher of School Remembered.

STRAWBERRY HILL, Dec. 30—The school closing and Christmas entertainment was held in the Institute Hall on Friday, 22nd inst at 8 p. m. Long before the hour arrived the hall was filled to its utmost capacity to see the children go through their programme which they did in a most creditable manner under the direction of the teacher Miss B. M. Cook, assisted by R. J. Anton, the hall was beautifully decorated and the Christmas tree, shone in a thousand different lights.

The following was the programme:

Address of Welcome—Alfred Food.
Song—Strawberry Hill .... Scholars
Recitation—The Bad Little Boys .. .. Bob Mason
Dialogue—Calendar Land, Mistletoe, Holly, New Year, Old Year, Molly, Santa Claus and Spirit of Noel.
Song—The Snow Brigade .... School Boys
Recitation—Always Trouble Sunday Morn ..... Lily Rearsley
Dialogue—Dotty Damming and girls.
Song—race Darling ....Mary Hagen
Recitation—The Gamblers Wife .. .. Hilda Mantyla
Song—Cherry Blossom
Laura Kirk, Cymbline Standbridge, and Chorus.
Recitation—Johnnie's Letter .... Oroal Gibson
Dialogue—A Country Aunt's Visit to Town ..... School Girls
Recitation—Christmas Day Has Come at Last ..... Bessie McClay

Santa Claus made his appearance amid a good deal of noise and bells, and the tooting of horns, and after a struggle through the crowd he proceeded to wish the children joy. The school children responded to his greeting by singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Then came the dismantling of the tree, all the children being remembered. Great was the surprise of Mr. Pennycook when he found that he had been included with the children and was made the recipient of a rememberance from Santa Claus which took the form of a memorial, which was signed by 33 children attending the school. The gift took the form of a Waterman fountain pen. The teacher of the school Miss Cook was made the recipient of an illuminated address and a satchel which purported to come from the parents of the children attending the school. Miss Cook expressed her appreciation of the gift in an appropriate manner. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Cook for the able manner in which she had trained the children for the entertainment and for the capable manner in which she had conducted the affairs of the school.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

Enjoyable Dance.

On Saturday the 23rd inst, an informal dance took place under the auspices of the Farmer's Institute. There was a goodly crowd in attendance and a more sociable gathering could not be very well found. The music was provided by Messrs. L. Wildgrube, E. Wildgrube, C. Slee and Mrs. Wildgrube which was of the highest order.

Thanks to the management of the institute who have been able to settle the difficulty about the ball to the satisfaction of the majority of the people of the hill. Refreshments were served about 11 p.m. and the dance broke up before 12 p.m. so that quietness would prevail before Sunday morning.

Walker—Jack.

A marriage took place here, a few days ago, the contracting parties being Miss M. M. Jack and Mr. Adam Walker, Vancouver. Miss Jack was the recipient of many gifts and compliments and a large crowd gathered in the Institute hall to celebrate the occasion with a supper and dance.

Farmer's Institute.

The annual meeting of the Farmer's Institute will be held on Saturday, January 6 at 8 p.m. It is to be expected that there will be a large turnout of members and others interested. Ladies are specially invited to attend. At this meeting, notice of a series of meetings under the horticultural branch of the department of agriculture will be discussed. The department has seen fit to hold a short course here and six lectures will be given in connection with this course. Now it is up to the membership to be enthusiastic and turn out and assist the management to make a success of the institute and the district and leave a favorable impression on the lecturers that come to address them.

DIES OF BURNS.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 3.—Unable to survive the terrible burns she received when her clothes caught fire on Sunday afternoon, Mrs W. Watt, of 1012 Twelfth avenue west, died in the General Hospital this morning.

YOUNG LAWYER.

OAKLAND, Jan. 4—Frank Ogden, son of a superior court judge, has appealed to that tribunal for a writ of mandate compelling the Board of Education to reinstate him in the high school from which he was expelled.

MONTE CARLO'S LATEST.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—So popular has the fight game become in Europe that the Monte Carlo authorities have decided to turn promoters and stage open air bouts between champions of the squared circle. M. Cocquelle, with full powers to ac is negotiating with Geo. Carpentier, French champion welter and middleweight, and Jim Sullivan, middleweight champion of England, for a match on March 1. Cocquelle believes the introduction of boxing will add to the popularity of the famed gambling resort.

COURSE OF LECTURES.

Department of Agriculture Arranges Series of Horticultural Meetings.

(From The British Columbian.)

Under the management of Deputy Minister of Agriculture W. E. Scott and Provincial Archardist R. M. Winslow, a series of lectures and demonstrations in fruit and vegetable growing will be held throughout the district. This particular course will be under the direction of the horticultural branch of the department of agriculture. Dates and places have been arranged as follows:

Aldergrove, Monday, January 15, 1912, 2 p.m.

Strawberry Hill, Monday, January 15, 2 p. m.

Langley, Tuesday, January 16, 2 p. m.

Sardis (Eden Bank Hall), Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17, 1.30 p. m. Tuesday.

Abbotsford, Thursday, January 18, 2 p. m.

Not only fruit and vegetable growers, but all agriculturists will find the lectures on soils, cultivation and plant growth, of value to them.

Short Courses.

Short course in fruit and vegetable growing to be held under the direction of the horticultural branch of the department of agriculture at:

Aldergrove, Monday, January 15, 1912.

Strawberry Hill, Monday, January 15.

Langley, Tuesday, January 16.

Sardis, Eden ank Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17.

Abbotsford, Thursday, January 18.

Themes and Speakers.

At Aldergrove, on January 15, the programme will be: Pruning demonstraton, M. S. Middleton; soil cultivation and fertility, J. F. Carpenter. Evening—7.30, small fruit culture, J. F. Carpenter; 8.30, renovation of neglected orchards, M. S. Middleton; 9.30, illustrated lecture.

At Strawberry Hill, January 15—Pruning demonstration, H. Thornber; soil cultivation and fertility, B. Hoy; fruit growers' vegetable garden, P. E. French. Evening: 7.30, commercial vegetable growing, P. E. French; 8.30, small fruit culture, H. Thornber; 9.30, orchard pests and their control, B. Hoy.

At Langley, January 16—Pruning demonstration, M. S. Middleton; soil cultivation and fertility, J. F. Carpenter. Evening: 7.30, orchard pests and their control, J. F. Carpenter; 8.30, renovation of old orchards, M. S. Middleton; 9.30, illustrated lecture.

Sardis, Eden Bank Hall, Jonuary 16 and 17—Types of soils, B. Hoy; soil cultivation and fertility, H. Thornber; commercial vegetable growing, P. E. French. Evening: 7.30, fruitgrower's vegetable garden, P. E. French; 8.30, orchard pests and their control, B. Hoy; 9.30, grafting and budding demonstration, H. Thornber. Wednesday: Pruning demonstration, M. S. Middleton; plant growth, J. F. Carpenter. Evening: 7.30, sprays and spraying, J. F. Carpenter; 8.30, selection of nursery stock, orchard plants and planting, M. S. Middleton; 9.30, illustrated lecture.

Abbotsford, on January 18—Pruning demonstration, H. Thornber; soil cultivation and fertility, B. Hoy; fruitgrowers vegetable garden, P. E. French. Evening: 7.30, commercial growing, P. E. French; 8.30, culture of small fruits, B. Hoy; 9.30, grafting and budding demonstration, H. Thornber.

LANGLEY'S CHORAL SOCIETY.

FORT LANGLEY, Dec. 30.—Christmas festivities were commenced at the fort on Wednesday, Dec. 20, when the Langley Choral Society gave their annual concert in the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The building was well filled by an appreciative audience, and the programme which was lengthy and varied, was well rendered throughout. The concerted numbers were: "Christmas Bells," "Believe me if all those endearing young charms," "Hail to the Chief," "All Among the Barley," "Cherry Ripe," "Three Fishers," "Hey, Diddle, Diddle," "Departure," and "O! Canada."

The quartettes: "Ye Banks and Braes," Drink to Me Only," and "Stars of the Summer Night," earned well merited applause, as did also the duet "Isle of Beauty," which was sung by Misses A. and D. Hine. The fine tenor voice of Mr. Primrose gave full value to Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory," and Mr. Provan was heard to advantage in "Mary of Argyle." But perhaps the greatest pleasure was evinced at the songs rendered by the Misses V. and E. Coulter and Drew MacIntosh. These young ladies, in the numbers "Beautiful Flowers," "Banks of Allan Water," and "Blue Bells of Scotland," respectively, sang so tunefully and confidently, that the result came as a great surprise to their numerous friends in the audience.

After the concert, the members of the choir and their friends were delightfully entertained and feasted at the home of Mrs. J. M. Johnstone, who with Miss Laing and Mrs. W. J. McIntosh, made everyone feel happy and comfortable until a late hour.

The choir will re-assemble for the practice of new music on the first Wednesday in February, and all interested in part singing are cordially invited to join the society.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been Gazetted:

Benjamin Butler Marr, of Langley, in the County of Westminster, M.D., to be a coroner within and for the province of British Columbia.

Frank A. McKinnon, of Goose Bay, to be a Notary Public.

John Spouse, of the City of Victoria to be an assistant teacher in the provincial Normal School from the 1st day of January, 1912.

Herbert Wainwright Edwardson, of the city of Victoria, to be a clerk in the Department of Public Works, from the 1st day of September, 1911.

SALMON PACK GOOD.

1911 Results of Salmon Canning Operations Turn Out Far Better Than Anticipated.

With the exception of 1905 the British Columbia salmon pack for 1911 shows the best results since 1902, and even in 1905 the total for the past twelve months is only exceeded by a very small margin. The case count for the 1911 pack shows the gratifying total of 948,965, against 762,201 for 1910. Every district included in this total shows the most remarkable increase, particularly from the Fraser river, where the total has jumped to 301,344 cases in 1911, against 223,148 in 1910.

The following table of comparative periods by years will prove of general interest, as not having been made public heretofore:

	1911.	1910.	1909.
Fraser River .. .	301,344	223,148	567,396
Skeena River . .	254,410	222,035	146,739
Naas River	65,684	39,720	46,990
Rivers Inlet .. .	101,066	129,398	91,314
Outlying	226,461	147,900	127,971
Totals	948,965	762,201	967,220
	1908.	1907.	1906.
Fraser River .. .	89,184	163,116	240,486
Skeena River . .	209,177	159,355	162,420
Naas River	46,908	31,822	22,534
Rivers Inlet .. .	75,090	94,064	122,278
Outlying	122,330	99,192	71,142
Totals	542,689	547,459	629,460

These figures are best proof that British Columbia's salmon industry is in no danger of going back, and all statements made earlier in the year of a shortage in pack must needs be discredited in view of this final showing.

While the pack of 1911 shows an increase of 186,764 cases over 1910, there is a decrease of 182,406 in the total of Sockeyes in favor of 1910, which is made up, however, by an increase of more than a hundred per cent in red Springs, a considerable gain in Chunis and white Springs and more than 800 per cent in Cohoes, though the 1911 pack shows a total disappearance of Steelheads, which however, is no serious loss by any means as it amounted to only 140 cases in 1910.

Taken by districts the Fraser river shows a considerable revival in 1911 over 1910, as does also the Skeena river, Naas river, Rivers inlet and outlying districts in general. Although the Naas river district was the only one in 1910 furnishing Steelheads, it has nevertheless pulled up from a grand total of 39,720 cases in 1910 to 65,684 cases in 1911, notwithstanding the total disappearance of that particular species.

The following table of brands will prove of interest, as showing the respective increases and decreases:

Names	1911	1910
Sockeyes 383,509		565,915
Red Springs 38,751		19,313
White Springs 9,705		9,476
Chunis 91,951		58,362
Pinks 305,247		34,613
Steelheads		140
Grand total 948,965		762,201

NEW YEAR'S FATALITY.

Falling Tree Crashes Through Roof on Family Seated at Their New Year's Dinner.

(From The British Columbian.)

EDMONDS, B.C., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Artnur H. Smith was fatally injured and Mr. Smith was badly bruised and their four children had narrow escapes from injury when their home at Royal Oak, "Alta Vista," subdivision, district lot 158, was wrecked by a falling tree while the Smith family were enjoying their New Year's dinner. The accident occurred at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Smith and three of their children were seated at the table eating, while the fourth child was sick in bed at one end of the room. Two men named Dickson and Mintie, loggers, were cutting down trees in the vicinity of the Smith home and one of the big trees, in falling, crashed through the roof of the Smith home, badly wrecking the house and smashing all of the furniture in the place with the single exception of the bed in which the sick child was lying. When the family heard the great tree crash against the roof of their little home, Mr. Smith and the children sprang from the table to one side of the room. Mrs. Smith instinctively turned to protect her sick child and was struck by the tree and fatally injured, while Mr. Smith was badly scratched and bruised, but none of the children were hurt.

Neighbors at once went to the assistance of the family and took them all to the home of Mr. Pierre Lambert, nearby, where Mrs. Smith died of her injuries last evening. She was conscious when taken from the wrecked house and the first thing she did was to ask if the sick child was safe. Chief of Police Parkinson was notified of the accident this morning and is now on the scene making an investigation.

HONOR FOR BORDEN.

Right Hon. Robert Laird Borden Now—Canada's Premier Elevated to Empire's Council.

(From the British Columbian.)

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The New Year's honor list this year is unusually short. Premier Borden is made a member of the Imperial Privy Council. In addition five other Canadians are honored by King George.

The recipients are Right Hon. Robert Laird Borden, member of the Privy Council, Premier of Canada.

Sir John Morrison Gibson, K.C., M. G., Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

Sir Joseph Pope, K.C., M.G., Under Secretary of External Affairs.

Sir Edmund B. Osler, K.C., member of the Canadian Parliament.

Sir Rudolphe Forget, K.C., member of the Canadian Parliament.

Thomas Cooper Boville, C.B., Deputy Minister of Finance.

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Holy Communion, first and third Sundays at 11 a.m., second and fourth Sundays at 8 a.m.; matins, 11 a.m.; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.; Friday evening, Litany at 8.30. Rev. C. C. Hoyle, Vicar.

Catholic.

Church services will be held every other Sunday, beginning with Sunday, November 14, 1909: Parochial mass at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 2 p.m.; evening devotion, 3 p.m.; low mass the following Monday, 8 a.m. F. Kientz, D.L., parish priest.

Methodist.

Services next Lord's Day at 11 a.m and 7:30 p.m.; class meeting, after the morning service every Sunday; Sabbath school at 2:30 p.m. every Sunday; prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Rev. J. H. Wright, pastor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

Services next Lord's Day at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; week night services on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Rev J. J. Hastie, minister.

Baptist.

Sabbath services.—Crescent Island, 3 p.m.; Sundayschool, 2 p.m.. Ladner, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school at 11 a.m.; prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Rev. C. R. Blunden, pastor.

DELTA DIRECTORY

Delta municipality is situated at the mouth of the Fraser river in the finest agricultural district in Canada. The chief interests in the Delta are farming, dairying, fruit culture, market gardening and horse breeding. The shipping facilities by rail and boat to the markets of British Columbia and the States are unrivalled. The crop yield is the largest per acre in Canada, in the year 1909 between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of produce were raised in the Delta district. Along the south bank of the Fraser river there are sites for all industries.

Board of Trade — President, A. Davie; Secretary, W. H. Wilson.

Justices of the Peace—R. E. Kittson H. D. Benson, H. J. Kirkland, Wm. E. Curtis, J. B. Burr, J. McKee.

Coroner and Health Inspector—Dr. A. A. King.

School Board—Chairman, S. Wright Secretary, N. A. McDiarmid.

Farmers' Institute—President, T. Hume; Secretary, N. A. McDiarmid.

Delta Farmers' Game Protective Association—President, John McKee; Secretary, H. J. Hutcherson.

Delta Agricultural Society—President, H. J. Hutcherson; Secretary, A. de R. Taylor.

Member of Parliament—J. D. Taylor, New Westminster.

Member of Local Legislature—F. J. MacKenzie, New Westminster.

Boat Sailings—S.S New Delta, leaves Ladner every day for Steveston at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., connecting with the B.C.E.R. for Vancouver. Returning leaves Steveston at 9:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. S.S. Transfer leaves for New Westminster daily, except Sundays, at 7 a.m., and returning leaves New Westminster at 2 p.m., reaching Ladner at 5:30 p.m.

Railways—Great Northern leaves Port Guichon daily for New Westminster and Vancouver at 7 a.m.; returning leaves Vancouver at 2:30 p.m. reaching Port Guichon about 7.30 p.m.

Lulu Island Branch, G. H. Franklin, Local Manager; Vancouver to Eburne and Steveston—Cars leave Granville Street Depot (at north end of bridge over False Creek) at 6:30 a.m. and hourly until 10:30 p.m. Special car for Eburne at 6:00 a.m. Cars leave Steveston at 6:30 a.m. and hourly until 10:30 p.m. Sunday Service—First cars leave either terminus at 8:30 a.m. Hourly service thereafter until 10:30 p. m.

Post Office—Hours 8 a.m., to 7 p.m. Mail for Vancouver close at 3 p. m. For New Westminster and up river points at 6.30 a.m. Closed all day Sundays.

Municipal Council meets Municipal Hall, Ladner, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 2 p. m.

Following are the members of the Council:

Reeve—John Oliver.

Councillors—C. Brown, H. D. Benson, W. A. Kirkland, W. Pybus, P. Swanson.

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Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 1912

at 2 o'clock.

TERMS CASH.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Armory, Fernie, B.C.," will be received at this office until 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday January 24, 1912, for the work mentioned.

Plans, specificatoins and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department on application to the Caretaker of Dominion Public Building, Fernie, B.C., and at the office of Mr. Wm. Henderson, Resident Architect, Victoria, B.C.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 28, 1911.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

MUNICIPALITY OF DELTA.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Delta, that I require the presence of the said electors at the McNeely Hall, Ladner, on the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors, also three School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, at the McNeely Hall, Ladner; School House, East Delta; School House, Anneville, and the Institute Hall, Strawberry Hill, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for a Reeve or Councillor shall be his being a male British subject, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of nomination, the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property situate within the Municipality, of the assessed value, on the last Municipal Assessment Roll, in the case of Reeve, of Five Hundred Dollars or more, and in case of a Councillor, of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

The qualification for a School Trustee shall be any person being a householder in the Municipality and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified to vote at an election of School Trustees.

Given under my hand at Ladner, this 28th day of December, 1911.

N. A. McDIARMID,
Returning Officer.

Stock-Taking Sale

Keep your eyes open for big bargains in Boots and Shoes. Sale will start Jan. 15 and continue till the end of month. This will be a good chance to fit out the family at a low figure.

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Boots *Shoes* *Rubbers*

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WINTER SCHEDULE

Daily—In Effect October 1.

Leave Steveston—9.30 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.
Leave Ladner—8.30 a.m.; 3.30 p.m.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

The time for receiving tenders for the construction of a jetty at mouth of the Fraser river at Steveston, B.C., is hereby extended to Friday, January 19, 1912.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 20, 1911.

SOLICITS SUPPORT.

Ladner, B.C., Dec. 26, 1911.

To the Electors of Delta Municipality.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a number of the electors I have consented to accept a nomination for councillor next year and would respectfully solicit your support. If elected I will help conduct, to the best of my ability, the business of the municipality with economy and efficiency, and it will be my aim to see that each part of the municipality gets a square deal.

W. J. FREDERICK.

LANGLEY INSTITUTE.

LANGLEY, B.C., Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Langley Farmers' Institute was held in the town hall on Dec. 16th, and was presided over by Mr. G. E. Taylor. The minutes of the last annual meeting were adopted.

The president's report showed that the affairs of the Institute was in a flourishing condition. The total membership for the year is 117, and the treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of $135.74. During the year, nine meetings have been held, at six of which papers were read by Institute members, and the remaining three were conducted by Government lecturers. A set of veterinary instruments for use of members, has been acquired by the Institute, and have already proved useful, and the spraying outfits were kept busy during the season.

It was decided that the annual plowing match should be held at an early date, and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. McDonald, G. Towle, W. Morrison, and H. Foster, were appointed to arrange details.

The annual social and dance will be held on Jan. 19, 1912. Messrs. G. E. Taylor, T. W. Ormrod and J. Allen were re-elected to the offices of president, vice-president and secretary, respectively and Messrs. G. Simpson, J. J. Mead, C. Provan, W. F. Hine and G. Allen were appointed directors for the year 1912.

A short course of lectures on fruit and vegetable growing will be given on Tuesday, Jan. 16, by Messrs. Carpenter and Middleton.

VICTORIA VICTORIOUS.

VICTORIA, Jan. 1.—By taking the third game by a score of eight points to nil, the Victoria rugby team today triumphed over the visiting University of California students and crowned themselves champions of the Pacific Coast and holders for one year of the Cooper-Keith trophy.

SENT SILKWORMS.

Curious Christmas Box to Premier Shows Results of Experiments at Trail.

VICTORIA, Dec. 28—One of the most curious and highly original Christmas boxes received this year by any British Columbian, it is safe to say, was that which arrived at the legislative building yesterday, literally plastered over with label warnings of the necessity of extra careful handling, and addressed to the prime minister, Hon. Richard McBride. The package, upon being cautiously opened, was found to contain two ornamental frames—the one of samples illustrative of spun British Columbia silk as taken from the cocoon and the other a living colony of Italian silkworms busily engaged in the production of the raw material for my lady's gown.

The unique Christmas gift came from Trail, in the Kootenay, where Vannucchi di Giusti & Co. are the pioneers in the establishment of the silkworm industry, already giving promise of the attainment of profitable proportions in this province. Climatic and food conditions are stated to be all that could be asked in the district in which operations have now safely passed the experimentation stage, and the silkworms of Trail are thriving famously. Premier McBride's Christmas present from the pioneers of the new provincial industry will probably find a place in the botanical museum of the department of agriculture, where it is certain to attract wide and appreciative interest.

PROVINCE'S FIRST SCHOOL.

VICTORIA, Dec. 30—Now that the handsome new public school at Craigflower provided by the Provincial government to meet the growing demands of that particular section is rapidly advancing toward completion, considerable speculation is rife as to the action to be taken by the minister of education with respect to the old building, a familiar landmark on the most travelled suburban thoroughfare of British Columbia and which has recently been outgrown by the educational necessities of the district. This particular building possesses historical importance entitling it to careful preservation as one of the landmarks in British Columbia's progressive development. It is the first public school of Vancouver Island or of British Columbia; the pioneer school of all, of which Robert Barr was headmaster, having been established within the Hudson's Bay Company fort enclosure and disappearing with the demolition of the company's original stockade and pioneer log buildings along the inner harborfront. The Craigflower school has been in continuous use since earliest crown colony days on Vancouver Island and is in fact the original public school of this westernmost Canadian province. It is therefore held to be only fit and proper that it should be preserved for posterity, and one suggestion offered for the consideration of Hon. Dr. Young is that it be maintained as it stands, in its attractive location on upper Vicoria Arm, provided with a suitable historical memorial plate, and utilized as a gymnasium and for manual training classes in connection with the work of the modern school now building. The suggestion at least is worthy of ministerial consideration.

Shiloh's Cure

STOPS COUGHS HEALS THE LUNGS PRICE. 25 CENTS

...LOCAL ITEMS...

Miss M. L. Weare left on Sunday last on a visit to San Francisco.

Mr. J. Johnston left for Vancouver on Wednesday.

W. Fredericks was a passenger to Vancouver on Thursday morning.

For Sale—Mason & Risch piano; also baby buggy. Mrs. Cross. **

Mr. Eric Taylor left on New Year's Day to take a position in Knowlton's drug store, Vancouver.

B. H. Weare and V. Taylor were visitors in Vancouver on New Year's Day.

Miss Kate Plewes, of Vancouver, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Calvert, during the past week.

Mr. A. B. Kennedy, of Merritt, spent New Year's with his sister, Mrs. S. W. Fisher.

Miss Kate Foster returned home this week from a visit to friends at Point Roberts.

A large number of new seats have arrived and are being installed in the Ladner public school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Paterson spent New Year's Day with friends in Vancouver.

Miss M. N. Fisher, of Dundas, Ont., spent a few days this week with her brother, Mr. S. W. Fisher.

The annual meeting of the Delta Agricultural Society will be held today (Saturday) at 2:30 p.m. in the council chamber. A full attendance of members is requested.

Mr. McCormack, a new arrival from Alberta, has accepted the principalship of the Canoe Pass school. Mr. McCormack proposes buying a farm and making his home permanently in the Delta district.

The Misses Brewster, of Vancouver, visited Mrs. A. Roberts, on Thursday.

It is rumored that a library will shortly be added to the Anglican Sunday school at Boundary Bay.

B. H. Harris, of the car traffic department of the C.P.R., spent New Year's Day with friends in Ladner.

Mrs. W. H. Smith has returned to her home from New Westminster, much improved in health.

A. Davey returned on Tuesday from Vancouver, where he spent New Year's Day.

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J. Johnson returned on Wednesday with his auto, which was injured in a slight collision in Vancouver, last week.

Capt. J. Herling has accepted the position of first officer of the S.S. New Delta, in the place of Capt. Cross who has resigned.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on Monday night at eight o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms.

An amateur dramatic club has been organized in town and work has commenced. The company is practising on a comedy entitled "The Squire's Daughter."

Bargains in Groceries, Clothing, Shoes, all lines of Dry Goods, Underwear, etc., etc., at the Big January Sale. Lanning, Fawcett & Wilson, Limited. **

JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Big Annual Stock Taking Sale Commences Monday, January 8th. Genuine bargains in all departments. See posters. Lanning, Fawcett & Wilson, Limited. **

OBITUARY.

The death of Mrs. B. Eyton took place on New Year's Day and the funeral was held on Thursday, the service taking place at the house at 12:30 noon, Rev. C. R. Blunden, officiating. The deceased lady died very suddenly and unexpectedly from heart failure, and was only ailing a few days prior to her death, with la grippe. She leaves behind her a husband and young son and daughter, who are the recipients of heartfelt sympathy of the community.

The deceased was 48 years of age and came from Rocklands, Ont., thirteen years ago, since which time she has resided in Ladner. She was a member of the Ladner church and a valued teacher in the Sunday school.

The funeral service at the home was large attended and the casket containing the remains was covered with floral tributes.

The pallbearers were Messrs. H. Lewis, W. Pybus, T. Lassiter, Roberts, E. Chiddel,and G. McCloskey.

Among those who sent flowers were noticed the folllowing: Wreaths, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grant, Mrs. and Miss McNeill, Rev. and Mrs. Blunden, Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter. Clusters, sprays, anchors and crosses, Rev. H. G. Estabrook, Superintendent of Baptist Missions; Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Sproat, Baptist Sunday School; Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, H. J. Hutcherson and others.

OBITUARY.

The death of Miss M. Gilmour, a stepdaughter of Mr. H. Trim, took place at Mr. Trim's home, Westham Island, on Wednesday night.

The deceased young lady was a nurse by profession, working in Vancouver, and had been ailing for some time. Seh was brought home only a few days before her demise.

Thomas W. Forrest.

(From The British Columbian.)

The death occurred today of Mr. Thomas W. Forrest, in his 78th year. Deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, and came to Delta twenty-seven years ago, where he farmed for about twenty years, when he took up his abode in this city. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. D. H. Bent and Miss Theresa Forrest. Funeral will take place on Saturday from the family reside to the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, arrangements being in the hands of Messrs. Center & Hanna.

NEW POWER TURNED ON.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 2.—At noon on Saturday electricity generated at Stave Falls, 32 miles distant from Vancouver, in an air line, touched into incandescence the filaments of a battery of lamps in the temporary substation of the Western Canada Power Company on Albert street, a short distance east of Campbell avenue. The illumination was the first visible stgn of the entrance of Stave Lake power into the city of Vancouver.

NANAIMO STATISTICS.

Coal Output Shows Record Increase for Year—Customs and Inland Revenue.

NANAIMO, Dec. 30.—For the year ending Saturday the output of the local mines was 587,000 tons, a record increase of 64,000 tons over the previous year. Out of a possible three hundred and five working days the mines worked two hundred and ninety-five. The company employs sixteen hundred men and contemplates improvements to the extent of half a million dollars.

The customs collections for the year were $130,000. For December they were $10,600. Inland revenue collections for the year, $23,736.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT.

Tree Fallers Exonerated at Inquiry Into Shocking Tragedy on New Year's Day.

From Wednesday's British Columbian.

That Mrs. Arthur H. Smith came to her death as a result of injuries sustained by being hit by a fallen tree while sitting in her home at Ravine Park, Alta Vista, on New Year's Day; that proper precautions had been taken by those falling the tree; that the unfortunate accident was due to the great tree striking upon a dead and down tree, and thus deviating from the line of its intended fall, and that no blame attached to anyone as a result of the accident, was in effect the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury empanelled by Captain Coroner Pittendrigh to enquire into the demise of the woman who met such a tragic death in her home in Burnaby municipality on New Year's afternoon.

From the evidence presented at the inquest it was shown that the tree was on the side of a hill and that it was cut so that it would fall uphill in order that Mr. Dickson, one of the men who was assisting in the work of felling the tree, might save some of the timber for firewood. There was plenty of room between the houses of Mr. Smith and Mr. Dickson for the tree to fall without causing any damage, except possibly to Mr. Dickson's chicken coop, but the tree was so undercut that its line of projected fall was between the chicken coop and the Smith house. As the tree fell its upper branches caught in the top branches of another tree, and this swung the tree a trifle from the line of its intended fall. When it struck the dead and down tree, however, it slid on the snow-covered trunk, and when in a direct line with the Smith home the trunk of the falling tree broke and the top part crashed through the roof of the Smith home, smashing the structure and falling across Mrs. Smith, who was seated at the table eating her New Year's dinner. She was pinioned beneath the tree, which crushed the table, turned over the stove and wrecked all of the furniture in the house with the exception of the bed in which a sick child was lying.

Neighbors at once hurried to the assistance of the family when they heard the crash of the tree and the cries for help that emanated from the ruins of the little house. By the time they arrived there the house was on fire from the overturned stove, but the flames were quickly extinguished and the work of rescuing the inmates was begun. Mr. Smith was unconscious, but was soon revived. Mrs. Smith was taken from the ruins and carried on an improvised stretcher to the home of a neighbor, Mr. Pierre Lambert. Dr. W. S. Baird, of Collingwood, was at once summoned and he arrived upon the scene at about five-thirty o'clock. He found that the face, limbs and extremities of the injured woman were cold and that the ribs on the left side had been fractured. She also had bruises on her face and legs. She was in pain and was breathing fast. Dr. Baird did all that he could to alleviate the woman's suffering. She died about half an hour after the arrival of the doctor.

Dr. Baird, Mr. A. H. Smith, the bereaved husband, Mr. Albert Dickson, and Mr. William J. Mintie, the men who cut down the tree that wrecked the Smith home, and Mr. Tuisco Wiedemann, a neighbor who assisted in removing Mrs. Smith from the wreckage, were the witnesses before the jury. After the jury had returned its verdict, the foreman, Mr. P. B. Brown, on behalf of the jury, extended to Mr. Smith their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

WASHINGTON STATE

Asserts Ignorance.

SEATTLE, Jan. 4—Mrs. Katherine Harrison, a practitioner in osteopathy, was arrested yesterday at her apartment, 1707 Bellevue avenue, by the city detective department on an order issued by Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy, pending an investigation of charges of manslaughter. The arrest of Mrs. Harrison followed advices received from Vancouver, B. C., where Augusta Boon made a dying statement to the authorities there to the effect, it is alleged, that Mrs. Harrison treated her a few days previous to her death, December 4 last.

Mrs. Harrison denies all knowledge of the case, and says that the charge is a mystery to her. She says she is a graduate of the Minneapolis Institute of Osteopathy.

Drydock Gate Floated.

SEATTLE, Jan. 4—A massive steel caisson, which will serve as the gate to the new dry dock being constructed at the Puget Sound Navy yard, is afloat today, after a spectacular and successful launching. A crew of nine men who remained on top of the structure had an exciting ride down the ways. Great danger was encountered when the big plunge was taken and the caisson rocked from side to side like a ship in a heavy gale.

The caisson cost $2,000,000 and is the biggest one ever built for the government. Over 1000 tons of steel was used in its construction.

Gives Up Chase.

HOUIAM, Jan. 4—After four months spent in the wilds hunting for John Tornow, a mountain hermit, wanted in connection with the murder of his two nephews, Will and John Bauer, whom it is explained, he shot in front of his cabin, Deputy Sheriff Colin MacKenzie has returned to civiliation, temporarily giving up the search on account of the extreme cold and heavy snows in the mountains.

The Bauer boys were killed while hunting last September. Tornow, it is charged, buried the bodies in a shallow grave near the cabin, then took his gun and dog and plunged into the deep forest. He was seen several times afterward btu two posses were unable to overtake him. Finally MacKenzie alone took up the chase.

The hunt will be resumed in the spring.

Seattle Market.

SEATTLE, Jan. 4—Butter: Washington creamer firsts 37c; eastern fresh 30c to 35c; do storage 28c to 32c.

Eggs: Local ranch 40c to 42c; Eastern fresh 33c to 35c; do storage 25c to 27c.

Onions: Yellow $1.50 per sack; red $1.50; Walla Walla $1.25 to $1.50.

Potatoes $23 to $28 per ton.

Hay: Timothy, Eastern Washington $19 to $20; do Puget Sound $15 to $18; straw $9 to $10; alfalfa $15 to $16.

Oats: Eastern Washington $33 to $34; Puget Sound $30 to $32.

Fire Loss Reduced.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 4—That the City of Bellingham is a good district for fire insurance companies is indica.ted by the annual report issued by Chief John J. Marsh ,of the fire department. Not only has the number of fires during the past year been materially reduced as compared with former years, but the losses and the amounts paid by various companies has also undergone a handsome reduction. The total amount of insurance carried on property within the City of Bellingham is estimated by Mr. Marsh at no less than $12,000,000.

State Collects Royalties.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 4—The state of Washington has received its first royalty from mines. F. M. Scheble, of Entiat, Chelan county, has turned over to the state between $500 and $600 in royalties due on gold taken from state property along the Columbia river, which he is working under a mineral lease.

An Elaborate Joke.

SPOKANE, Jan. 4—"There's a fellow walking down the street who has a crying baby in his suit case," shouted an excited woman over the telephone to officers at the police station. A couple of policemen were hurried out and Duncan, a vaudeville ventriloquist was arrested and taken to the police station. Duncan's suit case was opened and a wooden dummy which he used in his theatrical performances was found inside with the following note attached: "I think this may be the murderer of Anna Weber." The note was signed "Capt. Burns." Burns was chief detective when Anna Weber was murdered here early in December and was unable to find any trace of the perpetrator. Burns is in California at present.

Public Service Rumors.

SPOKANE, Jan. 4—That no Spokane man, or in fact, any Eastern Washington man will be named to the state public service commission is the statement reported to have been made by Gov. Hay here a few days ago while discussing the matter with a personal friend. According to the story going the rounds, Hay said that he would not consider an Eastern Washington man unless he was unable to find a suitable man on the coast. It is believed here that E. C. Miller of Aberdeen has the best chance of being appointed to the position vacated by J. C. Lawrence, whose resignation became effective Monday.

Found in Frisco Hospital.

SEATTLE, Dec. 2—A. C. Harrison, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in Seattle December 11, has been located in a hospital in San Francisco by his father-in-law, M. V. Kellogg. After three weeks of con-

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His Christmas Caller

By Anna S. Richardson

THE store fairly radiated the Christmas spirit. Crimson bells swung from every chandelier. Ropes of evergreen draped all the shelving. The counters were strewn with Christmas cards, booklets and favors.

The man who had dropped in to buy lead points for his pocket pencil remained to pore over a stack of gift books bound in rare leather. Then he heard the voice. After that only his gaze was on the books. His interest was concentrated on the possessor of the voice.

"But you said such things were in great demand around the holidays, and

"I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE CARDS."

I have taken infinite pains with these. Please, please tell me what is wrong with them."

There was a note of tragedy in the rich contralto tones which, together with a beseeching glance from wonderful violet eyes, put to rout the rules and regulations of the astute buyer of Christmas novelties. His was a smart shop, and he had never vouchsafed explanation to struggling young artists whose work he declined to sell on commission, but now he picked up the little packets of plate and score cards, gay with holly, Santa Claus heads, etc.

"Let me explain," he said. "These are not novelties. They are the same style of cards used in the past twenty years, with the same decorations. Women who can afford to pay the prices demanded for hand painted novelties want something new. See this poinsettia blossom—not painted on a card, but cut in the shape of the blossom itself—and this funny, bulging stocking, overflowing with faces of pretty girls, for a bachelor. They are catchy, the sort of things my customers want. Your work is neat, but not novel."

"Thank you," the girl said bravely. "I understand now, and it is too late for me to try my hand at novelties. But perhaps you will keep my cards, and I—well, your novelties might not go around, and then perhaps some late customer might buy mine after all."

"Certainly. I will be glad to keep them in reserve. Your name and address—oh, yes, I remember—Miss Sylvia Leigh, the Grant studios. I will do my best for you."

Nevertheless as the girl slipped through the door he opened a deep drawer under the counter and dropped the cards out of sight. It would never do to display those old fashioned bits of pasteboard among the novelties which appealed to his fashionable trade. And then very suddenly the man who had been engrossed in leather bound gift books stepped up to the counter.

"One minute, please. I should like to take a look at those cards you just bought from the young lady."

The astonished manager of the store glanced from the well groomed man with fine brown eyes and iron gray hair to the more expensive novelties in the showcase.

"The ones you just bought from the young lady," repeated the customer serenely.

"Certainly," responded the manager hastily, and he spread forth the despised bits of pasteboard. The work was dainty, but utterly commonplace.

"Just what my sister would like—conservative sort of woman my sister is—don't go in for newfangled ideas. I'll take those—three dozen. Not enough! Do you suppose the girl could do two dozen more by the day before Christmas? If she can, send 'em to me, James Macy, at Marquette. I'll take these with me."

And almost before he could realize what had happened the manager was actually gaping, open mouthed, after this eccentric customer whose sister was to give a dinner party of sixty covers on Christmas day and intrusted the buying of such important articles as dinner favors to an obviously inexperienced bachelor brother.

Christmas eve was frosty and starlit. James Macy, coming home from his office, smiled somewhat grimly at the holiday preparations made.

Holly and evergreens there were in plenty, great wreaths with massive bows of satin ribbon, a bowl filled with scarlet poinsettia blooms, and on one table an orderly stack of parcels evidently sent by express, mail and messenger to the popular but elusive bachelor, for elusive he was dubbed by matchmaking mothers.

"A young lady to see you, sir," remarked his man impassively.

James Macy took the card.

"Miss Sylvia Leigh," ran its legend.

She came to him, looking taller than the day in the shop, for her head was held high.

"You will pardon my coming here on Christmas eve and unchaperoned. I could not leave town without seeing you." The violet eyes had turned almost black; the contralto voice was a bit too even in its tones.

"I am honored," replied James Macy gravely, and he offered her a chair, which she declined with a wave of her gloved hand.

"It was hard enough to know that the man who bought my foolish little paintings did it through a sense of pity, but to learn that he was also the man who wrecked my mother's life—that—that was too much. I have come to return your money and ask the return of my cards if you have not already destroyed them."

"My dear girl," expostulated the man, who had turned strangely white.

"Please do not interrupt me," continued the girl passionately. "My mother's brother—perhaps you remember him—Henry Johnson, is here. He went to the shop and found out where my cards had gone and— Oh, it is such a miserable little farce to you, a successful man! I thought I could be an artist. They told me so at home. Against uncle's wishes I came here to make my little fight and failed. When you bought those things I thought perhaps—but uncle, who wanted me to go home, sifted the story to the bottom and found—you. I am going home with him tonight."

"Miss Leigh, I want to beg a favor of you. This is Christmas eve, and I am a lonely, desolate man. If ever the Christmas message of peace and good will means anything it is tonight, and I want your good will. Those little Christmas cards you painted are the only touch of real Christmas that has come into my life—and I want to keep them—and tell you why I want to keep them. Will you be seated?

"You say I wrecked your mother's life. Well, then, know that hers was not long. My season of regret and penitence has lasted longer than you have lived. I loved your mother, but I did not understand her. I went out into the world to make a fortune, not for myself, but for her, and I thought that the fortune must come first and love's dream afterward. With women it is different. The dream must come first—the fortune is a secondary consideration. Your mother (God bless her memory) thought I had forgotten—that I did not care—and so she passed out of my life and into your father's.

"But she had you. I had nothing, nothing but money and the memory of one happy summer of her life. I never expected to know what peace and happiness meant again until that day in the store, when your eyes, your voice—I thought it was the other Sylvia, my Sylvia, come to life. And I bought those cards because you painted them.

"And now you come to me in anger and take from me my one Christmas

"I AM HONORED," REPLIED JAMES MACY

happiness—the work of your hands Sylvia, Sylvia, haven't I paid my debt of repentance? Can you not extend forgiveness—Christmas forgiveness—in your mother's name?"

Sylvia turned toward the door.

"I must go now. We are leaving on the 9 o'clock train. Uncle is waiting for me downstairs in a cab. We are going home."

"Home!" The man echoed the word mechanically, dully.

The girl hesitated, then held out her hand.

"Yes, back to dear old Hestonville. Why don't you come too? Why don't you run out tomorrow—for dinner?"

"Sylvia, child, do you mean it? Do you understand that if I come it will be—to see you?"

Bravely the violet eyes were raised to meet the searching look in the brown ones.

"Is it peace and good will for me, Sylvia?"

"Yes—and merry Christmas if you come tomorrow."

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PROVINCIAL NEWS NOTES.

The sum of $41,643.04 was the estate of the late Charles Francis Douglas, of 10 Maynard avenue, a traveller, whose death occurred on the 16th of November, at Penticton, in the Okanagan valley, B. C. Commissions earned and unpaid by the deceased are estimated at $5000; land sale agreement in Victoria, B. C., and Moosejaw, at $7250; stocks, $8520; cash on hand, $208.25; cash in the bank, $414.79; two shares in Prentice Train Control syndicate, $200; automobile, $300; equity in Brandon property, $4500; equity in Fort William business block, $13,250; and equity in Vancouver real estate $2000. The will leaves everything to deceased's widow, Mrs. Margaret Jane Douglas.

Plans for the substantial new steel bridge which is to span the South Thompson river at the city of Kamloops are now being completed in the public works office, Victoria, and it is expected that tenders for the erection of this important structure will be invited about ten days hence. The provision of this new bridge for Kamloops has been considerably delayed by local difference of opinion as to whether the old site or a new one at the foot of Third avenue

COMING TO VANCOUVER.

VICTORIA, Dec. 29—Mr. John Spouse, well known in local educational circles, has received appointment by the government to a position on the teaching staff of the provincial Normal School at Vancouver, his duties at that institution beginning with the new year. Another just announced Victoria appointment to the provincial civil service is that of Mr. Herbert Wainwright Edwardson, as a clerk in the department of public works, from the 1st of September last.

Dr. B. B. Marr of Langley is now a coroner in and for the province, and Frank A. McKinnon of Goose Bay is the latest recruit to the force of British Columbia notaries.

Death of Judge Yoder.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 2—Judge Moses V. Yoder died on Sunday night at the Western Washington hospital for the insane at Stillacoom, after being confined there two weeks. Judge Yoder in the early nineties was a prominent member of the Lewis county bar. He lived in Lewis county twenty-five years. He was 75 years old. Two daughters survive.

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